

# TONNY and ANNIE CALDERWOOD'S DIARY

## January 1 to December 31, 1964

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Note: Tonny wrote all of the entries in 1964

From Prudy and Sal Christmas 1963

Jan. 1, Wednesday	Happy New Year. 10° above. Glass still riding high but has dropped back to 30.4. We're supposed to get heavy snowfall starting this P.M. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan in Chevy. Came right home. I rested about an hour. Was just getting ready to go out to pump when the Hopkins came in for a half-hour. Pumped, watered up and chored. Invited the Hopkins down this evening. Nan made a Plum Duff steamed in a bag. Very good. Started raining and sleeting tonight.
Jan. 2, Thursday	Really warm. Up to 22° S.W. wind. Looks like a fair day. Aren't we lucky - much of the snow rained off. Boy, is it ever icy on the roads. Just a glare between here and Tumbledown. Emery's kids skating on the road when I came from other barn. Put chains on Chevy before going with milk. Was late getting started because of same. Rested a half hour after coming home. Much of the ice gave up on roads except through wooded sections. Chored. We had a letter from Abbie tonight and also one from Stephen Ives. He expressed sorrow at not meeting us when he came to Rockland to close the Calderwood Island deal. I'll bet he had tears in his eyes, I'll bet.
Jan. 3, Friday	Really, really warm. Up to about 30°. Still very dark at 6:40 A.M. Stayed a lovely warm calm day all day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and yes sir, I've finally done it. I've finally done it. I put the banking paper around the house. Had about decided the we'd have go to through the winter unbanked, but I've done it at last. Now to get some brush cut and on the paper. Also onto Nan's tulip bed. Nan did a wash at Burgesses, came home and entertained Nora and Clara Waterman at tea. Pumped and chored and am pooched. Nan over to Tumbledown with me.
Jan. 4, Saturday	Another warm morning. 32° S.W. wind. A lovely January day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk I took grader blade off tractor, hitched onto Sherm Baird trailer, went out onto Indian Point, cut and hauled in two loads of banking brush and put it around house on banking paper I put on yesterday. Was just coming in with second load when Nan came home. She went out onto point with me to get part of a third load to put for her tulip beds. Am very pleased with our yesterday's and today's work. Have done what I can now to make the house warm. Made second trip over to Tumbledown to bred Lawrence Beverage's cow to Everett Wall bull - no good. After eight when I came from this barn. As Bill H. had called and insisted we come up this evening, we went up at 9:15. Settled up the milk & ferry acct to first of year and gave me a Christmas present - a tetch. Bred Lawrence Beverage's cow for him \$5.00.

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<p>Jan. 5, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice clear morning but cooler. 16° above. Westerly wind. Has been a sun shiny day but cool and windy. Chored both barns. We went on milk route in Jeep and had dinner (baked ham and dandelion greens) with the Burgesses. Had a nice two hours with them. Home at 3:30. Have pumped and chored. Ready to do milking chores at 6:30. Was watching Ed Sullivan show when Eliot Beveridge dropped in to see if I'd show some of my slides at the Grange program the last Saturday night in March. Had coffee and lunch with us. Changed to last Saturday night in April.</p>
<p>Jan. 6, Monday</p>	<p>Looks like another pretty morning. Calm on water 10° above and looks like the sun might shine. Has been a nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk I watered up and then repaired the floor in front of Liz Grey's first granddaughter which has been rotted out for some time. Then I put up a partition between this cow and her mother to keep them from getting each other's grain boxes. Chored. Watched Wagon Train. Started raining as I was choring here tonight.</p>
<p>Jan. 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>Has stopped raining and wind appears to be westerly. Dull and overcast. 28°. Has been a nice milk day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and did a wash at Burgesses. As soon as Nan left I watered up, turned the cows outdoors for the first time since tying them up for winter, and replaced the upper chain on Liz Grey's first granddaughter's stanchion - all but worn through. While the cows were out I swept down the tie-up ceiling and walls and filled grain barrels. Down to the house at 2:15 and rested an hour. Pumped and chored. The Witherspoons down this evening.</p>
<p>Jan. 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>Colder this morning - 18° above. Wind S.W. Not a cloud in sky at 6:45. Glass getting up again. 30.2 # load slabs in Jeep for Ern \$6.00. Another nice January day. Chored both barns. Called Everett Wall to see about getting a new milk cow as we're getting short of milk and first animal calving not before Feb. 15 or so. Supposed to be four calving by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Nan delivered milk. I watered up and then went up to Ern's in Jeep to haul him some dry slabs from sawmill. We got three Jeep loads. Used Ern's saw to junk them. Did Tumbledown chores on way home. Was just coming from the barn as the Thorntons drove in to spend the evening. The Montgomerys called this evening to say they plan to come to spend a week next Monday. Down to 14° tonight.</p>
<p>Jan. 9, Thursday</p>	<p>Warmed up to 25°. Wind off water about south. Glass 30.45. Snow and rain on the way. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. As soon as I watered up I split wood and threw it into wood shed until Nan came back from milk. Rested an hour and then pumped and chored. Had steamed clams for supper that Don W. gave us. Very good. Watched the Jimmie Dean show. Snowing and raining hard tonight with strong S.E. wind. Got our box of crisp mountain apples from Fruit of Month Club tonight. Very beautiful fruit. Cost about fifty cents apiece.</p>
<p>Jan. 10, Friday</p>	<p>Must have stormed all night. Wind has pulled out S.W. Glass has dropped way back to 28.9 and wind will be coming off shore. Chored both barns. Watered up after lunch and went on milk route with Mrs. C. Stopped at Bertha Joyce's on way home to get hair cut. Came home, had coffee and then chored. Growing colder tonight and breezing up N.W. Mr. Wall called tonight to say he'd found a nice Guernsey cow for me but she doesn't calve until Jan. 27 so she'd do me very little good. Owner only asking \$225.00 besides fgt. and corn making about \$260.00 - about what my whole fleet would bring.</p>

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<p>Jan. 11, Saturday</p>	<p>Brrrr - 12° above and blowing hard westerly. A nice day but cold and windy all day. Chored both barns. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home to housework. Worked on milk tax figures what time I had after I came home. Pumped and chored. Enough ice in hose in barn so I overloaded motor and blew a fuse when I started to water up here. I had to water by hand. Nan went over to other barn with me. Pretty cold tonight. 6° above while doing chores. Lawrence Welk program very good tonight.</p>
<p>Jan. 12, Sunday</p>	<p>Clear, cold and windy. Not a cloud in sky. An even 0° and blowing hard westerly. Cold, clear and sunny all day. Chored both barns. We went on milk route in Jeep. Took Turner Farm gate key along and drove in there on our way home. What a beautiful view from above the old house. Everything appeared okay except for a small piece of roofing paper blown off main part of house and a large piece blown off western side of boat house roof. Wrote to Mr. Fay after we came home as it is his birthday tomorrow. Bothered watering up tonight as my torch wouldn't work good, had to water in the nozzle. Invited the Beveridges down to supper. Had a nice evening. They had twin lambs come Friday night. One died. It isn't all profit.</p>
<p>Jan. 13, Monday</p>	<p>Montgomerys arrived for a week tonight. Wind out N.N.E. - glass 30.15 and 2° above zero. The weather report is frightening. Heavy snowstorm with gale warnings nearly blizzard etc. Sweeping across central states right now. Cold, windy and disagreeable all day. Chored both barns. We delivered milk in Jeep. Came right home and I tiered up the wood I split and threw into the wood shed the other day and then put in what was split outdoors. Pumped and chored. First snow flakes as I was coming from shutting off pump and going to other barn. Really snowing when I came from this barn last trip. These winter storms are getting to be too much for Calderwood. Boat back in Rockland with relief crew, no doctor, no minister, no nothing. What is North Haven coming to. Mr. Merriam in New York hospital operated on for gland trouble, etc.</p>
<p>Jan. 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>Cold wind N.W. blowing a gale but snow has stopped. Fortunately the worst part of the storm went out by us. Had it very bad in N.Y. and even Mass. Think we probably had five inches here but roads mostly swept clean except where it banked. Snowplow down while I was at other barn. Chored. We went on milk route in Jeep. Came right home and wrote thank you letter to Jim and Mercedes to go in Nan's letter. Rested a few minutes forgetting I'd have to shovel snow at Tumbledown before I could lug water, so I made myself late. Then when I went to this barn I found the Agnes cow had broken the upper chain to her stanchion which didn't shorten chores any. Cold still tonight. Almost zero with some wind. Cold in bed _____.</p>
<p>Jan. 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>8° above. Looks like wind might be out to W.S.W. Has been a nice day and not quite so disagreeably cold, although wind has blown quite hard. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished chores and then split on woodpile until Nan returned. Rested 15 minutes and then pumped and chored. Carver here to show us his hooked rug when I came from shutting off pump which slowed us up going to Tumbledown. Down from this barn at 8:15.</p>

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<p>Jan. 16, Thursday</p>	<p>This is a beautiful still morning. Just an air W.S.W. 13° above. Looks like the sun might shine. Has been a nice day but wind aired up late this P.M. Very raw. Chored both barns. Turned the cows out here until after Nan left with milk. They had a grand time rubbing around and exercising. Repaired or rather replaced the crowding pole the Flora heifer broke yesterday. Put forward wheel back onto Jeep. Spent rest of time splitting wood. Shortly after Nan returned from delivering milk, Mrs. Montgomery called to invite us over to supper. Started chores early and succeeded in getting over there shortly after seven. Had broiled T-bone steaks. Very good. Also a nice evening.</p>
<p>Jan. 17, Friday</p>	<p>A calm, quiet morning - real warm - 23° above. Looks snowy or rainy. Stayed a nice day all day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. After I finished chores I split on woodpile until Nan returned. Rested a half hour and then pumped and chored. Nan made an angel cake and ice cream this P.M. and we invited the Montgomerys out this evening to dessert. They left for home about 9:00 as they're taking the boat for New York tomorrow morning. Has grown real cold tonight. Down to 13° at bedtime.</p>
<p>Jan. 18, Saturday</p>	<p>Warmed back up to 20°. Wind E.N.E. Overcast. Started light snow this A.M. chored both barns. We went on milk route in Jeep. Came right home and rested an hour or so. Chored. Up to the Milton Ames to spend the evening. The Burgesses there. We had a nice time. Home and to bed just after 12:00. North Haven made a special trip to Rockland tonight to take Mary Ella Gove to Rockland as she was having expectancy pains. Her first baby one a year old the third of this month.</p>
<p>Jan. 19, Sunday</p>	<p>Calm as a kitty's ear or should say smooth as a kitty's ear this morning. Not a ripple on the water. Looks like the sun might shine. Above 20°. As beautiful a January day as I can ever remember seeing. Warm enough to feel like spring. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk so I could work in barn. Had to put up a little stanchion for the heifer calf back of the cows as one cow was backing up so the calf was sucking her out. Turned the cows out for a couple hours this A.M. Had finished the barn job and had the wood boxes filled when Nan came home. Rested an hour. Pumped and chored. Up to Garnet and Clara's this evening. The Witherspoons there. Had a nice evening. Clara served hamburgers apple pie and ice cream. Downtown to mail letters on our way home.</p>
<p>Jan. 20, Monday</p>	<p>Quite a wind N.E. Looks storm 30°. Chored both barns. Started raining by the time I was finishing home chores. We went on milk route in Jeep. Nan stopped at church to help take down Christmas decorations and attend a garden club meeting. I went up to Elliott Brown's to watch his sawmill work. His first day of sawing this winter so he has kinks to iron out. He says he has 60 thousand on the brow. Back downtown to meet boat as Franklin had ordered some Hood's milk for us. We decided to Hood's milk to take us along until our cows calve instead of buying a cow now. First cow to calve Feb. 15, then 3 more by Mar. 5. Chored. What a storm all night. Gale of wind easterly and rain if it had been snow we'd been hidden all winter.</p>
<p>Jan. 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still a gale of wind and rain. About 35°. Glass has dropped back to 29. Stopped raining except for a spatter now and then. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I hauled "Sherm" trailer loads of sawdust from E.B. sawmill and put it on eastern scaffold. Should take me through into March. Pumped and chored. Am pooched tonight. Raining again tonight when I came from barn.</p>

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<p>Jan. 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>Wind came off shore during night and blew hard. Still mild. Above 30°. A nice day but soft underfoot and a chill in the air. Chored both barns. As Elliott Brown has filled Ernie Boy's dooryard up with slabs (4 truck loads), I decided to go up and saw them before snow came. Called Eliot Beveridge to help. Nan delivered milk. I put cows in, feed up, put saw rig on tractor and was up to Ern's at 12:30 just as Jack was dumping the 4<sup>th</sup> load. Started sawing at 12:45 and sawed steadily until 4:45. Finished everything he had in dooryard including what was left of what he and I hauled in Jeep a while back. Did Tumbledown chores on way home. Pooched tonight. Sawing wood for Ern W. 4 1/2 hrs \$18.00.</p>
<p>Jan. 23, Thursday</p>	<p>Another nice mild day and sunny. Chored both barns. As Bertha J. was coming down at 1:00 to give Nan a permanent, I delivered milk. Was just getting ready to leave when Jack Brown and Phip Brown arrived with 2 truck loads of slabs for me. Dumped them on dump field. Didn't accomplish much after I came from delivering milk except to clean the frozen pumpkins and squash out of the top of the shop and dump them over the bank. Also put 3 panes of glass back into western side of shop windows. Pumped and chored. Watched the Jimmie Dean show tonight.</p>
<p>Jan. 24, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful, calm morning 25°. Not a ripple on the water. Looks a little like snow. Has been a lovely day. Chored both barns. Discovered the black and white Liz Grey cow was racing when I turned the cows out so called Squire Grant to come help me as I wanted to use the young Liz Grey bull. Nan delivered milk. Squire came down as soon as lunch but we had no luck with the young bull. Took saw rig off tractor, put on spreader rig and towed the cow over to Tumbledown. Bred her to Everett Wall bull. Squire stayed down and helped me haul in a load of limbs from Cobb's Park. Had a lunch of ice cream, and then I hauled in a second load cleaning up everything on Cobb's Park except a few fence posts and a few short birch limbs. Was late starting chores. Two more truck loads slabs from saw mill.</p>
<p>Jan. 25, Saturday</p>	<p>35°. S.E. air. Looks very rainy. Did rain all day. Started before I started chores this morning and kept up until I came from barn last trip tonight. Boy has it blown as the wind was coming out around S.W. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. Waited uptown a little while until 2:00 and went to a reception at the Legion Hall for Edith Mills - as she's retiring on rather retired from teaching last fall. Came home about three, changed clothes and went right to choring. Pumped and chored. Rained hard all the time I was doing it. Nan went over to other barn with me. Down from this barn 7:30. Bill H. called to say he'd like to come down this evening. Got here after 8:00 and had just had a lunch with us when he had a call to make a ferry trip. Another load of slabs today.</p>
<p>Jan. 26, Sunday</p>	<p>Rain has stopped. Looks like a good day coming up. 25°. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. We came right home so we could rested an hour or so before starting chores. Audrey Lincoln dropped in with Nan's plant from Edith Mills reception just as we were having coffee. Started chores at 4:00. Down from barn last trip 6:55. Shaved, washed up and we were up to the Witherspoons before 7:30 to a buffet supper. The Peters and Beveridges were there. We had a nice evening.</p>

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<p>Jan. 27, Monday</p>	<p>Arthur Calderwood's birthday. He would have been 46 if he's lived to now. Strong W.S.W. wind. Looks like a nice day coming up. It has been a nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I put the cows back into barn, finished chores after she left, filling grain barrels, etc. and then started work on Ern's acc't, taking the rest of my Income Tax data off of Calendar and diary at the same time. Got as far as Sept. before starting P.M. chores. Filled wood boxes, was half way through Tumbledown chores when H.D. came with grain. Came over to help him back over to Tumbledown, back here to pump and chore. When Nan saw Bill H. uptown today he suggested coming down to supper, boiled ham and cabbage and potato and finally arrived at 8:30. Never can tell about him.</p>
<p>Jan. 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>Wind N.E. 22°. Very overcast looking a perfect setup for snowstorm but radio only says much colder. I was right, radio was wrong about snow. Started snowing while I was doing morning chores and snowed all day and into evening and growing colder with strong wind so snow is blowing badly tonight. Went on milk route with Nan. Had trouble getting back up over Calderwood Hall hill without chains. Came right home and worked on Ern's time acc't what time I had. Nan went over to Tumbledown with me. Down from this barn last trip just before 8:00. Saw in Bangor paper where Marjorie Huse Coffin's mother had just died - 87 yrs old.</p>
<p>Jan. 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>Strong north wind - clear and cold - 6° above. What a change from what we've had. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. She did a wash at Burgesses while I delivered the lower end of milk route. Had Jeep tire repaired at Pat's. Finished up Ern's S.S. papers and pay and got them in mail after coming home. Bill H. and Lloyd Whitmore called on their way out from Montgomery's. Bill had put the chimney cap on. Pumped and chored. Pumped and watered up here before doing Tumbledown chores. Nan made a trip uptown to get 2 cases Hood's milk at Waterman's while I was pumping and watering up.</p>
<p>Jan. 30, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful warm day. Almost shirt sleeve warm. Chored both barns. Turned cows out to rub this A.M. This makes eight or ten times already this winter. Was reading my 1963 diary Wednesday, and I didn't have the cows outdoors from the time I tied them up in the first of Dec. until some time in April. A long hitch. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, lugged in grain, brought the trailer load of limbs over from shop that I hauled in last Friday P.M., unloaded them, and cut on them until Nan came home. We had let the living room fire go out so we could take stove pipe off and clean it out. It was quite well filled up but not as bad as once last year. Cleaned out bottom of chimney also and took ashes out of both stoves. A real cleaning job. Then Nan vacuumed around both outfits. Chored. Had a Smith-Corona typewriter come from Sears which we hadn't ordered or paid for.</p>

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<p>Jan. 31, Friday</p>	<p>A real beautiful, beautiful, calm sunny fine winter morning. 10° above. Warmed up nicely and then became very raw this P.M. Wind out S.W.. Chored both barns. Shoved chores a little faster this morning - Nan started for uptown and Vinalhaven at 10:45. Harvey C. took her across and Pat and young Mike met her. I finished chores and delivered milk. Came home by way of Ernie Boy's as I wanted to see how Elliott Brown's men were doing in Ern's woodlot as they're cutting some lumber. Didn't suppose he'd ever let anybody in there but so much had blown up he had no choice. Came home, pumped and chored. Nan back from V.H. while I was choring at Tumbledown. Her portable typewriter arrived from Sears tonight. Came bent in case so we sent it back Monday nite.</p>
<p>Feb. 1, Saturday</p>	<p>Grumpy's birthday. Dark, dismal rainy morning. About 30°. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan in Jeep. Bought a couple packs cigars and took them in to Grumpy after delivering milk. Visited a few minutes with him. Came home and started chores early so we could go to Grange card party, but I got fouled up enough so I was late getting through so we didn't go. It is a wet nasty night. Started feeding young stock at Tumbledown from western side of barn floor. To date have been feeding from eastern scaffold.</p>
<p>Feb. 2, Sunday</p>	<p>Rained all night and snowed a little this morning. Just below freezing. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. Had fish chowder dinner with the Burgesses. Stopped to look as Jerry Fernald's new house on our way home. He was finishing putting on sheet rock today. It's going to be a lovely house. Said to cost in neighborhood of \$30,000. Came home by way of middle road and Mullens Head. They've opened up quite a vista out into Mullen Cove. Pumped and chored. How it does blow tonight. Nearly blew me off porch. Very very windy. N.W. and growing cold tonight. 10° above at 11:00 o'clock.</p>
<p>Feb. 3, Monday</p>	<p>Cold and clear and very windy. 8° above. Jeep almost frozen up with slush from yesterday. Chored both barns. We went on milk route in Jeep. Quite slippery in places. Blew hard enough so the Jeep would start sideways sometimes. Worked what little time I had this P.M. about an hour on Income Tax Material. When I started to water up here tonight my hose was frozen up even though I drained it last night, blew a fuse of course. Watered up by hand. Down from barn last time after eight. We seem to be weary tonight, going to bed about 9:30. Still blowing like furyation tonight and the cold is really blowing in. 10° above tonight.</p>
<p>Feb. 4, Tuesday</p>	<p>10° above this morning. Clear and sunny it looks like and wind has dropped out some. Up at 5:30 to work on Income Tax Material. Warmed up to a beautiful day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and I worked on my Income Tax Material. Stared choring at 3:30. Started the pump and went up to water up only to find the Agnes cow loose raising hell in the barn floor and the Black Hiram heifer having labor pains. Cleaned up the Agnes mess, put Hiram heifer in calving pen, and then watered up while the cistern ran over. Then chored at Tumbledown. When I went to milk at 6:00 the Hiram heifer had calved - the calf was on her feet, and all cleaned up. A beautiful almost all white heifer. Weary and poched tonight.</p>

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Feb. 5, Wednesday	Overcast and dull, about 28°. Wind out S.W. Up at 5:00 to work on Income tax material. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. Met Ronny Curtis' man - Wes Crockett at Turner Gate at 1:00 to go in to patch the roofing on Turner Farm house for Mrs. Ames. Put on two patches one on front dormer and one on North ell. Finished just after 3:00 . Walked into her cedar swamp on way out. What a dandy chance to cut fence posts if she'd only allow me to. Came home, lunched and started chores. Nan uptown to get case of milk while I did Tumbledown chores. 2/12 hrs. labor at Turner Far. Helping patch roof \$4.00. Material bought at Brown's and charged to Isa Ames.
Feb. 6, Thursday	A beautiful calm sunny morning but her radio says gale wind warning are up and snow tonight. I don't see it now. Smearing up all P.M. and wind freezing up easterly. Chored both barns Turned cows out again. 2 <sup>nd</sup> black and white Liz Grey heifer racing. Nan delivered milk so I could work on Income Tax material. Pumped and chored. Started storming tonight, about all rain with strong wind.
Feb. 7, Friday	Rain has stopped. Looks like wind was coming off shore. About 30°. A damp day all day. Everything soaking wet. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan in Jeep. What an upsetting morning this proved to be. Went to barn to find Black & White Liz Grey loose back of cows, and calf had nearly sucked her out. Also she'd horned the cow next to her so she didn't give her regular amount of milk. Liz Grey's first granddaughter was red hot and only gave half her usual quota so all in all we were short regular amount about 12 qts. Had to get enough Hood's of Frank to run the route. Started from town and worked backward. Called at Ern's a few minutes and also at sawmill. Worked at barn this P.M. putting more partition between 2 of the cows. Chored.
Feb. 8, Saturday	Overcast about 30°. Looks like an air S.W. Snowed enough last evening to almost track a cat. Chored both barns. Started snowing beautiful big flakes quietly while I was choring and has it ever made snow today. Very hard going when we came home from delivering milk. Worked on Income material what little time I had. Pumped and chored. Nan over to Tumbledown with me. Had trouble getting into garage when we came home. Chored. Hootenanny all over when I came from this barn. Wind breezed up, snow banking and growing colder, 18° at eleven.
Feb. 9, Sunday	Clear, cold and windy W.S.W. 15° at 7:00 A.M. Chored both barns. Had a little trouble getting in and out of dooryard. Put Black Hiram black into lineup this morning, and was going to save her milk but she succeeded in slamming her foot into milk pail just before I was through, so that went out the window. Nearly drowned me. We went on milk route in Jeep. Came right home and I worked on Income [tax] material what time I had. Chored. Growing cold tonight. 6° above at 11:00.

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<p>Feb. 10, Monday</p>	<p>Cold, clear and looks [like it] might be sunny, 4° below zero. Little Thoroughfare nearly skimmed across. A lovely day but stayed cold. Chored both barns. Had to do some shoveling in dooryard before Nan started with milk. I worked on Income Tax Material. Minzey here this P.M. to get my old fashioned wall telephone out of the barn for an antique. Replaced it with a more modern set. The Little King brought him down in Frank's taxi. They visited most a half-hour. Minzey is supposed to bring me down new wire to run between house and barn. Pumped and chored. Started the Black Hiram heifer's calf drinking out of a bucket, and I think she is taking hold the easiest of any calf I ever taught.</p>
<p>Feb. 11, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm sunny morning. Just 0°. Has been a very nice day especially in the sun. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk I worked on Income Tax Material until 2:45 when Garnet Thornton came down to put up the wind gauge Nan bought me at Christmas. Took us over an hour. Lloyd W. came with him. Chored both barns. Changed the new calf to Kaffa this morning.</p>
<p>Feb. 12, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm morning. Looks to be a sunny day and warmer coming up. Wind will be S.W. this P.M. likely. White frost this morning. I was wrong. Wind didn't come southwest. Air was mostly N.N.E. Nice and warm in sun. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and I spent all the time I had working on Income Tax Material. Nearly ready to copy now. Gross Income was a couple hundred more than last year but expenses nearly \$500 more. Dorothy Beveridge down after a couple qts. of milk this P.M. Didn't stop. Pumped and chored. My chores are draggy right now.</p>
<p>Feb. 13, Thursday</p>	<p>A nice morning but looks like smearing up. 20°. Less than 5 miles off air N.N.E. a nice day but smeared up this P.M. and snowed a small bit shortly after dark. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and I worked my entire time on Income Tax papers. Went over to other barn in Jeep tonight and had a right hand forward flat tire when I came out of barn. Stowed me up. Chored and weary.</p>
<p>Feb. 14, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful winter day and here I have been sitting around the house working on Income Tax papers. All finished tonight except last bit of copying and writing check. Nan delivered milk again today. Went over to Tumbledown in Chevy tonight, and when ready to come home, the engine started but no go-ahead. Axle, universal joint or something twisted off. Walked home. Didn't make my chores get done any earlier. Going to bed at 9:45.</p>
<p>Feb. 15, Saturday</p>	<p>Still beautiful morning but cool, 12°. Up at 5:00 and fixed my Income tax papers. Cost us plenty with Cap. Gains of Calderwood's Island and S.S. part too. S.S. - 124.00, Income \$557. Chored both barns. As I was to go on the milk route because Chevy was broken down and as Bill H. is home running the ferry, we decided to thrash to V.H. this P.M. I wanted to get an X-Ray of my hand which is puffed up and bothering me all the time. Got across just after two. Went right to Pat's after leaving a tire at Carl Williams to be repaired. Nan stayed at Pat's and I went right down to the new medical center. What a beautiful place for a small town. Had to wait until 3:30 to get waited on. X-rays showed nothing whatever wrong with the bone structure of the hand. Whatever is wrong is in the flesh part. Boy, did Dr. Earle ever put the questions to me. Past medical history, self and family. Had me really in a dither but guess he was looking for signs and symptoms. Supposed to go down next week so he can send some blood to Rockland. Up to ferry landing just after 5:00 and Bill was waiting for us. Late chores tonight.</p>

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<p>Feb. 16, Sunday</p>	<p>Didn't get up so early this morning. A relief to have Income Tax behind me. And now here it is snowing, wind N.E. 10 to 12 miles per hr. 22° and how it has snowed all day and blowing like furyation tonight. Got around on milk route okay in Jeep without getting stuck. Snow plow not out until we were doing night chores at Tumbledown. Came right home from delivering milk. Rested most an hour and then wallowed over to start pump. Watered up here and then we went over to Tumbledown. No trouble except getting back into dooryard. Finally worked the Jeep clear by shoveling and put it in garage. Cancelled our supper date at the Beveridge's. Much too bad to go out tonight. Snow blowing so I could hardly see coming from barn. Had enough surplus milk so we separated about twenty qts. this morning.</p>
<p>Feb. 17, Monday</p>	<p>Last load of slabs from sawmill making 7 big loads. Clear, cold and windy this morning. 4° above. Much of the snow that was in banks between here and barn last night has blown overboard. What a shame, Harris. [?] Chored both barns. Got out of driveway without trouble this morning but had trouble getting back in. Nan heard the snowplow at 4:30 this morning. We went on milk route in Jeep. Didn't have any trouble getting around except to walk into Albert Beverage's. Stopped at Pat's garage and had the Jeep chains lengthened out to fit the big tires I got of Eleanor and had them put on. Came into dooryard without trouble when we came home. Shoveled off porch, had coffee, and then over to other barn to shovel the bank in front of barn in order to lug water from well house. Did chores and then back here to shovel out grain truck. Chored and to bed at 9:30. Fruit of month - 5 mammoth grapefruit arrived tonight. Also Nan's portable typewriter finally came.</p>
<p>Feb. 18, Tuesday</p>	<p>This sure is a lovely winter morning. Calm, sunny and cold - 10° above. Warmed up quite nicely into a dandy day. Chored both barns. While I was choring here Spinney was down with Jeep and cleaned out Montgomery's road. He very kindly of his own accord cleaned out our driveway on his way out so now I can take the chains off. Thank you, Spinney. Nan delivered milk alone in Jeep. After putting cows back in and finishing chores I ground two axes and then worked on limb pile and wood pile what time I had. Nearly 3 when Nan got home as she did wash at Burgesses. We lunched, rested 1/2 hr. and then pumped and chored. Not the best walking I've seen going out to spring. Invited up to Beveridge's to pecan pie dessert tonight. Pie excellent but evening a pooch. Acted like we might have offended them somehow. Oh dear, oh hum.</p>
<p>Feb. 19, Wednesday</p>	<p>Wind N.E. or E.N.E. 10 to 15 miles right now. Quite heavy clouds. Supposed to be a tough snowstorm today. 18° above. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan in Jeep. She stopped at Bertha Joyce's to have her hair set and I delivered down as far as Maynard Greenlaw's before going back after her. Finished delivering downtown and then home to rest a half hour before starting chore roundup. Started snowing hard before we got home from milk. Still snowing and blowing hard when I came from barn last trip.</p>
<p>Feb. 20, Thursday</p>	<p>A pretty nice day after the storm. We were very fortunate not to get a lot more snow like they did away from here. Chored both barns. Didn't have any trouble getting over to Tumbledown. Went on milk route alone as Nan stayed home to do housework. Had to have a rear tire taken off and patched at Brown's before coming home. Shoveled off porch and path to wood shed after coming home. Pumped and chored. Watched the Jimmie Dean Show tonight. Over to spring two trips on snowshoes this P.M.</p>

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Feb. 21, Friday	Kind of a cloudy dull morning. Just an air of wind N.N.E. 22°. Chored both barns. Went on milk route in Jeep. Rested 3/4 hr. after getting home. Separated our surplus milk again this morning. Chored and to bed at 9:30. Received a package from Min tonight containing two jars of comb honey and some pantone bread.
Feb. 22, Saturday	Happy birthday, George [Washington]. Cold this morning. 12° above. N.N.E. air. Chored both barns. We went on milk route in Jeep. Nan did a wash at Burgesses. Came right home - nearly 2:30, had a bite to eat, changed clothes, pumped and chored. Watched Hootenanny, Lawrence Welk, and Gunsmoke tonight. Quite cold tonight - 10° above at 11:00.
Feb. 23, Sunday	A beautiful, sunny morning. Air N.W. 10° above. Chored both barns. Delivered milk on Jeep. We came right home and Nan worked all P.M. getting ready to entertain at a buffet supper this evening. I started chores early and was down from barn last trip just before seven. Our guests were just arriving when Foster, Elsie and Enna Gillis dropped in for milk. First time we've seen Enna in fifteen years or more. Don, Cynthia, Erma, Pete, Eliot and Dorothy here to supper and evening. We enjoyed the time. Everyone calm and collected. This has been a beautiful winter's day.
Feb. 24, Monday	A kind of cloudy morning but westerly air. May clear up as the day progresses. Up at six and have washed up the dishes from last evening and put them away. Now to chores. Chored both barns. Made arrangements to go to V.H. to have a sample of blood drawn to send to hospital for testing. Dr. Earle thinks uremic poisoning may be causing all my lameness, and aches. And pains. Nan took me right to town before she started delivering milk. H.C.C. took me across, Bill's on mainland and Pat came up after me and brought me back. Got haircut and did some shopping in A&P before coming home. Watched North Haven boat come in before we left uptown here. The Burgesses returned from Rockland and the Oldroyd family came in their car (Volkswagen) for 3 or 4 days. H.D. Brought grain. Pumped and chored.
Feb. 25, Tuesday	A beautiful sunny morning but cold. Almost 0° about 4° above [?]. Air N.W. Warmed up pretty nice but a very penetrating chill this P.M. chored both barns. Turned cows out again it being so sunny. Nan delivered the milk. I put the cows back in, finished chores, put the barn and chain on to my XL-12 (the chain has been soaking in oil since back in Jan.), gassed and oiled it up, and tried it out on small stuff out inside butchering place gate. I worked like a charm on that type cutting and I hope it will work equally well on bigger wood. Started chores a little early as we went up to the Burgesses to the annual Christmas tree party. Jim O., Young Jim, Prudy, Sambo and Milton Ames there for men. Didn't get home until after 12:00.
Feb. 26, Wednesday	Looks like another nice day. Some high clouds. Wind W.S.W. puffing to 20 miles right now. 20° above. Made a nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. Dan P. came after my McCulloch chainsaw to use above Tumbledown barn in eastern pasture. Blown ups while I was doing chores. Had him come back after it after Nan left as I had to gas and oil it up. Ground my machete and worked out inside butchering place gate where I worked yesterday what time I had. Nan and I had just come in when Jim and Jimmie drove in. They had cruised the Mullen Place. Had coffee and ice cream with us. Made me late starting pump. Pumped and chored. To bed at 9:30 and weary.

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<p>Feb. 27, Thursday</p>	<p>A nice sunny morning but cold. 10° above. Just an air going, looks northeast on the water. Has been a nice day. Got going a half-hour early as the Oldroyd family was coming down to have breakfast lunch with us. They arrived just as I came down with first trip of milk. Young Jim went back up to barn with me. Daniel came after McCulloch again. Had a nice breakfast of baked beans, bacon and hot dogs. Having company slowed us up so as soon as they left, I thrashed the rest of barn chores through and went on milk route with Nan, it being around the island. Made good time, got home about 1:45. I changed clothes, split some living room wood until 2:30 and then we worked inside butchering place gate until most 4:00. Had our fist brush smoke of season. Daniel came back with saw. Had coffee and ice cream with us. Chored. Cold but clear and calm tonight. About 4° above at 10:00.</p>
<p>Feb. 28, Friday</p>	<p>Bred two cows to Everett Wall bull. 8° above. Heavy high clouds. About calm. Sun came up bright but is hidden now. 6:45 - has been raw and cold with heavy snow squalls part of time. Didn't do much of anything I'd planned for today. Chored both barns. Turned cows out as usual after milking and had two desirous ones. After Nan left with milk I called Squire Grant to help me with the cows and was trying to interest my young bull here in one of them when Squire came - this bull was a year old last week but would show no interest whatever. We put spreader beam on tractor, towed the animals over to Tumbledown and used the Everett Wall bull on them. Was cold by the time we got home in the snow squalls. Nan arrived shortly after and we had coffee and ice cream. Pumped and chored. Seems to be weary tonight. To bed before 10:00.</p>
<p>Feb. 28, Saturday</p>	<p>Raw, disagreeable looking morning. N.E. wind puffing to over 20. About 22°. A very, very nice day except for wind keeping it cool. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. After finishing barn chores, I spent what time I had cutting small stuff inside butchering place gate. Danny came for McCulloch again this P.M. Nan in woods a little while with me after she came back from milk. Our registration tags didn't come tonight even though we sent last Monday for them. Will have to try to borrow a pair of somebody. Chored. Called Squire Grant tonight to see if I might borrow his tractor tags until mine come and he is agreeable.</p>
<p>March 1, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning. 10 mile air W.S.W. Tem. About 25°. Well, we've reached March. It's been a nice winter so far. Chored both barns. Squire Grant blew in with tags for us just as I came from barn first trip of milk. Very kind deed. Put tags on Jeep and went with Nan on milk route. Took ride down west district as far as Bartlett's Harbor on our way home. Rested an hour. Had just come in from starting pump when Pat, Mike and Little Mike blew in. Had to keep moving on watering chores so didn't have much time to visit. They had waited a half-hour at ferry landing before Bill came for them. Mike went over to Tumbledown with me and helped water up.</p>

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<p>March 2, Monday</p>	<p>Town meeting and a beautiful thawing sunny day. Stayed calm all day. Up at 5:45. Thrashed chores right through and was up to town meeting just after second selectman had been elected (Buddy Curtis). Lewis Haskell first selectman, about 67 votes against the King - 3 some. Shorty Beverage crowded out Bill Hopkins for third - 57 out of 107. Doug Stone also ran and had a few of the 107 votes. Bill Hurd served as moderator and did very well. Meeting very quiet and well handled. Gerald Fernald in as traffic officer and constable. Much larger crowd than last year. Delivered milk as far up as Grange Hall. Had baked bean dinner there, finished delivering around island and then back to town meeting. Finished in time to see boat come. Home and chored and weary. Has been a long day. Tags came tonight. Also my wristwatch which has been in repair since Christmas.</p>
<p>March 3, Tuesday</p>	<p>Sun rose pretty this morning. About 26° - air S.W. House cool as I let both fires go out last night, it being so warm yesterday. It has been a nice day. The snow has melted a lot, yet there still is too much to be nice in the small growth in woods. Top of ground soft. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and then worked inside butchering place gate. Trimmed up what I left down Sat. P.M. and then made at least 3 more cuttings and trimmings. Slow work as nearly every tree is big enough to trim for firewood. Nan in a little while. Burned the brush. Pumped and chored. To bed at 10:00. Weary. This is the nicest weather - day after day.</p>
<p>March 4, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like we're going to have 34° another beautiful spring day. Sunny with just an air N.E. Did have except for coming in foggy and cold - very penetrating this P.M. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and then worked cutting young growth inside butchering place gate. Got opening cut through to cleared area back of Carver's barn. Nan in a little while, cut small stuff with cutters and burned brush. Over to Tumbledown with me. Towed Chevy home with Jeep when we came back. Just ready to go do milking chores when Owen Grant blew in after milk. Went to barn with me and then had supper with us. Visited until 10:00.</p>
<p>March 5, Thursday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know, it's raining. Started sometime during night. Calm right now, and sprinkling. Stayed wet all but didn't rain a great deal considering. But it sure has blown plenty. Up over 50 per hr. at times. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Came right home and rested an hour or so. Pumped and chored.</p>
<p>March 6, Friday</p>	<p>A fine looking morning. Strong W.S.W. wind about 20 mi. at 7:00 A.M. Sunny - 30°. Did make a nice day other than being very windy N.W. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I had changed my clothes and was just getting ready to go to woods when Daniel came to get McCulloch. Invited him to help me this P.M. and he grabbed right on. We made quite a showing inside of butchering place gate. Could get ahead so much faster if nearly every tree wasn't just big enough to be trimmed for firewood. When I checked this barn before going to Tumbledown I found the Lorny cow getting ready to calve. Time on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Before I got Black Hiram heifer's calf out of the calving pen so to put Lorny cow in, one of the heifers in ground mow broke her neck rope, and I had to corral her. Finally had arrangements made and when I did chores at 6:30 the Lorny cow had calved. A very small one. Finally received word from Dr. Earle through Pat after nearly two weeks that blood tested out okay so no uremic acid poisoning showing. Daniel worked 3 hrs for me in woods.</p>

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<p>March 7, Saturday</p>	<p>Clear, calm and frosty. Cold - 15 above. Has been a nice day except for being very windy. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, milking some out of Lorny cow, etc. Filed XL-12 and worked inside butchering place gate what time I had. Came in just after three, lunched, and then pumped and chored. Nan over to Tumbledown with me, but this is the first day she hasn't been in woods a little while. Had cards from Olive G., Thelma B., Helen M. and Jennie O. Also a pair of socks from Grumpy and Mother Hubbard.</p>
<p>March 8, Sunday <i>Tonny's birthday</i></p>	<p>Happy Birthday to us born this day. Going to be a nice day. Some breeze 10 to 15 due North - 30°. A nice day. Chored both barns. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home and worked. Rested an hour this P.M. Then chored early. Down from this barn last trip at 7:30. Nan made a batch of ice cream late this P.M. Had invited the Burgesses, Calderwoods, and Milton Ames down for evening. Just the Burgesses and Shirley showed. Harvey had too much cold, and the Ames were having the Irven Stones to supper. Harvey sent me a mess of scallops just caught today. Mrs. B. brought me a custard pie and Prudy 3 containers of light bulbs.</p>
<p>March 9, Monday</p>	<p>Wind about E.N.E. 15 m. and snowing. Temp + 30°. Not a very pretty uplifting day. Chored both barns. Delivered milk. Nan stayed home. I came right home and rested an hour before pumping and choring. Nan over to Tumbledown with me. Received a birthday card from W.B. and Emma, also one from Etta. Cousin Jennie gave me a nicely framed picture of our Lord. To bed at 9:30. Grain didn't come tonight and I need it so badly. Only a half portion for cattle this feeding.</p>
<p>March 10, Tuesday</p>	<p>Here it is snowing again and the weatherman says it's going to be a bad one with gale winds. Temp. 18°. Wind less than 10 right now at 7:00. Maybe 3 inches of snow on porch. A hard day all day. Snowed and blowed all day with winds up to 40 miles at times. Chored both barns. Delivered milk. Nan went with me. Had trouble getting back into dooryard and more trouble getting back in when we came from Tumbledown tonight. Still making a lot of snow when I came from barn last trip. H.D. down with grain tonight. Cold tonight - 12° above at 10:00. Found the Lorny cow's calf dead when I went to barn this morning. These calves coming ahead of time have very little gimp.</p>
<p>March 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still snowing and blowing. Cold too - 10° above. Lots of snow around. Looks like a tough day for the Calderwood. It has been and also a full one. Shoveled path across porch, put chains on Jeep before trying to go to other barn. Snow plow had been down early this morning so I had no trouble on town road. Plenty of snow in dooryard and barn yards. Chored and went on milk route. Had to wallow some dooryards. Nan did a wash at Burgesses. We came right home. I put scraper blade on tractor and cleaned out the dooryard and road to barn. Could really do quite a chore if I had shoes under the blade to keep it from cutting. Went right from moving snow to pumping, snowshoed over, and choring. Nan over Tumbledown with me. Had to shovel path from barn to well house before watering. Poached tonight.</p>

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<p>March 12, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning but cold. 10° above. Just an air N.E. Plenty of snow around. Chored both barns. Had warmed up to nearly 30 by the time we started out with milk. By the time we got home it had thickened up and started to snow again. Snowed quite hard while I was choring. Maybe an inch or so. During my rest period this P.M. I wrote a letter to Isa Ames enclosing R. Curtis' bill for repairing roof at Turner Farm, also Brown's bill for material. Received a pair of argyle socks and a tube of Chap-Ans from the Oldroyds in mail tonight. Harvey C. called last night to say Floyd's baby was very sick in hospital.</p>
<p>March 13, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful, sunny morning. 5 mi. air just south of W. Temp. 18°. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan after putting cows back into barn and finishing barn chores. Visited with Mr. Merriam on his porch a few minutes while Nan went down to Burgesses to get our wash. He certainly looks good for man who has been through such a tough operation. Visited with Bill H. in parking lot a minute and watched the boat come. Only vehicle was B and R. Thrashed home, pumped and chored. Bill H. down to broiled pork chop supper. Stayed till after 12:30.</p>
<p>March 14, Saturday</p>	<p>A nice calm day but a little raw. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan after putting cows back in and finishing chores. Came right home and rested an hour before starting chores. Invited up to Ames to watch television this evening. Burgesses there. Had a nice time. 12:30 to bed. Snowed a little tonight while choring last chores.</p>
<p>March 15, Sunday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog - 32° - 10 mile air S.W. This fog sure has eaten into the snow today. Very sloppy going. Some of the fields beginning to show again. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. We came right home and rested an hour. Then pumped and chored. Shirley C. called tonight to say Floyd's baby was off danger list but still very sick. To bed early.</p>
<p>March 16, Monday</p>	<p>Clear, cold, 12°, and windy. Gusting to over 40 per hr. this morning. Danny showed up just before 7:30 to get McCullough. Said he could help me this P.M. if I wanted him to. I had thought I'd be going with milk but didn't so Daniel and I worked on the blowups in my corner against Cobb's Park beyond Merryconeag. Had good luck and made quite a showing. Piled up a good cord in the 3 hrs. It's a mess though. Elliott Brown and Ronny Curtis met me at Tumbledown tonight to look at Everett Wall bull. They bought him - \$110.00. I have to keep him till a week from coming Sunday. He girths 5 ft. 5. Late getting chores done tonight and pooched. XL-12 works very good in big stuff. One drawback - gas tank too small.</p>
<p>March 17, Tuesday</p>	<p>Clear, sunny and cold. 10° above. Wind N.E. about 10 mi. Started fine snow quite thick before I finished milking chores. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Stopped at Nettie Crockett's on our way home to help her make out capital gains part of her Income Tax on sale of Calderwood's Island. Had coffee and cookies. Came right home, changed clothes, pumped and chored. Down from barn last time - 8:20. Our fruit of month arrive tonight. Oranges. Good, but not superlative.</p>

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<p>March 18, Wednesday</p>	<p>Dull, wintery looking morning. Air N.N.E. Temp. 18°. Promises to be cold today and tomorrow. Not so nice this A.M. but quite comfortable this P.M. Chored both barns for a long time. I've wanted to bring my acc't with the "King" up to date so I could settle with him if I owed him anything so I tackled the job today. Nan delivered the milk. Well, sir I didn't get anywhere except to spill me big containers of colored slides into the bottom of the living room closet. What a mess. Now they're all mixed up and dusty. To get back to the "King," I couldn't find the date of our last settlement, although I know we settled during the time I was in the office with him. Finally called the "King." And he couldn't remember either but said he'd felt right along we were so near even he'd gladly call the acc't square. So now what? Maybe I'll have another day at it sometime. Chored.</p>
<p>March 19, Thursday</p>	<p>Clear, lots of high clouds and windy. Westerly - 15 to 30. Temp. 20°. Blew hard all day. Stayed cold too. Chored both barns. After Nan left with milk I finished barn chores putting cows in, etc., then went out beyond Merryconeag and worked on blownups and trees Prudy and Edwin helped me fall away from light line last spring. Came in with Nan when she came from milk, nearly 3:30. She did a wash at Burgesses. Lunched, pumped and chored. Watched Jimmie Dean Show tonight.</p>
<p>March 20, Friday</p>	<p>Kind of a pretty morning. Not quite so cold. Air north. Temp 26°. Spring arrives today. Wind to the north when the sun crossed he equator. Has been a beautiful day. Chored both barns. Thrashed around and was ready to go to Vinalhaven at 1:30 in Jeep. Took Nina's crib and several boxes of Pat's collections down to Pat. These were things she'd saved from childhood and through her school years. Didn't appear very pleased to have them brought down. Guess we should have burned the <u>whole</u> mess up without question. I do hope Pat changes and gets hold of herself after the baby comes. Back at ferry landing at 5:00. Late getting chores done. Both barns to do. 9:00 P.M. when finished.</p>
<p>March 21, Saturday</p>	<p>26° above. Air N.N.E. Sunny. What a day this turned out to be. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I put 1964 tags on tractor and three trailers, took grader blade off tractor, hooked onto F. Waterman trailer, and had the two larger calves back of cows loaded to take over to Tumbledown around noon when Milton and Brian Ames came to look at my XL-12. Demonstrated the saw on some slabs, then took the calves over. Was just backing into cow yard when Emery and Jim stopped there. The moment we took the first calf into barn floor the Everett Wall bull started thrashing around, broke his stanchion and jumped out into the barn floor. I finally got a rope onto him, snubbed him up short to a manger standard and then put in a new stanchion pole, which I'd taken over some time ago. Emery stayed until I got him back into new stanchion and secured. Went after load of sawdust. Pumped and chored. Pooched.</p>
<p>March 22, Sunday</p>	<p>Up early and thrashing. Dull and raw for Palm Sunday. Was making good time getting chores started, had already been over to Tumbledown when Emery called to say he could hear a lot of noise coming from Tumbledown barn. I thrashed back over, but everything was okay. Got home chores done in time to get to church. Small crowd out. Delivered milk backwards. Home at 1:50. Had fried cubed steak for lunch. Rested an hour, then chored. The Burgesses and Ames down this evening.</p>

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<p>March 23, Monday</p>	<p>Dull, grey N.E. air. 28° Snow flakes falling. Wilson's birthday. Has been a beautiful day northly wind and cool. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I cleaned out calving pen - a heaping F.W. trailer load, piled it on garden below power house. Pitched over the whole top of the manure pile - down to bottom of windrows. Rested 1/2 hr. Pumped and chored.</p>
<p>March 24, Tuesday</p>	<p>Clear, sunny and cold. 17°. Air N.E. Warmed up to a nice day. Wind swung out to southard and then S.W. Chored both barns. Separated this morning again. Makes about four times lately that milk has built up on us. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, split a little living room wood, cut a small bit of limbs and then worked out beyond Merryconeag in that mess. Milton and Brian down to see XL-12 work under work conditions. Nan out a little while after she came back from milk. Had two big brush fires. Started chores early to go up to Jennie O.B.'s to play Rook. Got there at 8:30. We played 5 games, Jennie and I won 3. Treated to apple pie with whipped cream. Very good.</p>
<p>March 25, Wednesday</p>	<p>Dull and rainy looking. Air S.W. Temp. 30°. Found Black Flora heifer had calved when I went up to this barn this morning. Put she and calf into calving pen. Her calf - a black bull with just a little white on him. Went just the 9 months - no day added on. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I worked out beyond Merryconeag until rain drove me just as Nan came home. Rested 3/4 hr. Pumped and chored. Called the Oldroyds on telephone tonight. They've just had the service put in. Bill and June had just dropped in there to spend the evening. Rain stopped before I started barn chores. Fox sparrows arrived yesterday - cow birds today.</p>
<p>March 26, Thursday</p>	<p>Dull, grey morning. E.N.E. wind - 10 to 12 miles - 32°. A very raw disagreeable one. Wind breezed right up and looked more rainy all the time. Chored both barns. I delivered milk, and Nan stayed home to clean house. Daniel down this morning to work in bunch of woods above Tumbledown barn. Rain started just as I left Frank Sampson's milk. Rained pretty hard rest of way around. Came right home, set up my projector to run some of my slides through as I want to pick out a special group to show at grange, and the bulb burned out as I snapped it on. Ended that. Looked at some through hand viewer. Started chores at 4:00. Took Black Flora and calf out of calving pen, and put Liz Grey in. Chores are a drag right now. No end to them. Watched Jimmie Dean show tonight.</p>
<p>March 27, Friday</p>	<p>A sunny morning but windy S.W. Blowing over 30 miles right now before 7:00. A spattering of snow sometime during night. 26°. Chored both barns. Became a nice day, other than windy. Nan delivered milk and did wash at Burgesses. I worked out beyond Merryconeag and finished the mess of blowups and saw-downs we made last spring by light line. Pumped and chored. Found one of the heifers in Tumbledown had broken the floor in front of her sometime today. A job for tomorrow. Lights went out for 10 minutes while I was over there. Big flocks of sea ducks and drakes off Bull Rock the last two or three days.</p>
<p>March 28, Saturday</p>	<p>A sunny cold morning 22°. Westerly wind about 10 miles. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Came right home and finished up the chores I didn't get done before I went on route. Also made a grain box for calves in Tumbledown ground mow before starting night chores. Late getting through. Has been a very raw day as though the wind was N.E.</p>

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<p>March 29, Sunday</p>	<p>A very disagreeable Easter Day. Rained this A.M. Overcast and raw this P.M. Chored early and made it to church on time. A fair crowd there considering the day. Delivered milk as soon as church and then had ham and dandelion greens dinner with the Burgesses. Came home at 3:15. Pumped and chored. Down from barn in time to watch the last half of Ed Sullivan. I have a miserable tooth and jaw ache tonight. Whole side of my face is sore and swollen.</p>
<p>March 30, Monday</p>	<p>Oh hum. Weary this morning. Neither of us slept worth a darn last night for some reason. Nice looking morning. Air westerly 27°. Danny showed up before I started chores. Worked in woodlot above Tumbledown barn this A.M. then came down this P.M. to help me. Nan delivered milk. Dan and I worked on small stuff inside butchering place gate. One more P.M. should finish that project. Chored. Nan over to Tumbledown with me tonight. Elliott and Ronny supposed to have taken the Everett Wall bull this P.M. but didn't. Daniel helped me 3 hrs. in woods.</p>
<p>March 31, Tuesday</p>	<p>Cold this morning. Westerly wind. 15°. 26 yrs ago today we moved down here. Lots of water gone under the bridge in that time. Has stayed cold and windy all day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. Daniel down this P.M. and we finished the section inside the butchering place gate. Teeth and jaw aches so I'm ready to cry at times. Guess I'll have to go to Rockland but how with the chores I'm doing? Pumped and chored. We tried to watch Gerry Moore show tonight but slept more than we watched. Didn't take bull this P.M. either. Sold Everett Wall bull to Ron Curtis and Elliott Brown \$110.00. Ronny pd his half by check. I'm to take Elliott's up in lumber.</p>
<p>April 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Nice pretty morning but cold. 18°. Westerly breeze - 10 miles. Has been a beautiful day all day, a trifle on the chilly side though. Chored both barns. Teeth and face felt so miserable I decided I'd have to do something other than live on Anacin. Had Harjula come over to Geo. Beverage's after me at 12:30. Nan took me up there when she started out with milk. Went right to Dr. Bruce Stratton's. He couldn't squeeze me in until 2:30, so I got a haircut, my glasses adjusted at Bickmore's, into Burrow's office a moment, and a couple other errands before being worked on. Took nearly two hours to get 3 teeth out. The two lower ones had expanded roots so that the ends were larger than the main root, and the upper eye tooth broke off just as it had loosened the least notch. Thought the dentist wasn't going to win but he did. Had to put a stitch into that opening. Home to Geo. Beverage's just before 5. Nan brought clothes along so we did Tumbledown chores on way home. Sore and weary tonight. A beautiful day for flying.</p>
<p>April 2, Thursday</p>	<p>Cold this morning. 15°. Calm and sunny. Face feels good for what it went through yesterday. Stayed cold and breezed up very raw S.W. this P.M. to 25 or more miles per hr. Dodged up to Ern's when I went to Tumbledown to see if he could help me haul hay today. He could, but hadn't been to breakfast, so I came right back and started choring. Nan went after Ern about 9:00. He took brush and banking paper off front of house and there were the jonquils forcing into the paper. Also chopped some limbs. By the time Nan had left with milk and I'd finished barn chores, the wind had breezed up so raw and strong I gave up the idea of trying to haul hay, so we cut blowups and leaners out beyond Merryconeag. Nan took Ern home while I was doing Tumbledown chores. Pumped and chored here. Was late of course.</p>

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<p>April 3, Friday</p>	<p>Ground and porch completely covered with that white stuff this morning. About calm. Has warmed up to 30 and changed to rain. Chored both barns. Was having lunch before going on milk route when Ronny and Elliott came to tell me they were getting the Everett Wall bull out of the Tumbledown. Shot and bled him out over there, then hauled him up to Ketchum's to skin and dress him out. When we got to Lloyd Whitmore's on milk route right forward tire was going flat so we had that repaired at Brown's before coming home. Rested a few minutes and then started chores. Everett Wall came from Rockland tonight to look at 3 of my cows. Sold him the Lorny cow and Hiram cow - \$65.00 apiece. Would have sold him the Geo. Beverage cow, but truck wouldn't hold three. Chored. Ed Eastman's book "Journey to Day Before Yesterday" came in mail tonight. A present from Mrs. C.</p>
<p>April 4, Saturday</p>	<p>Another damn snowstorm last night. Ground really covered this morning. Quite a breeze northerly. 20°. Up at 5:00 to be at barn at 5:30 when Wall arrived to get animals. Chore both barns. Nan went after Ern while I was finishing milking chores He worked on limb pile until Nan left with milk. Then as soon as I watered up we went over to Tumbledown and after putting a diagonal on western big door, we opened up the barn and hauled home two loads of hay. 155 bales. Thrashed pumping and choring through to get up to Burgesses at 9:00. The Ames there. Home to bed at 12:30.</p>
<p>April 5, Sunday</p>	<p>Beautiful morning but cold. 18°. Has been a nice day but wind on cold side. Chored both barns. Separated our surplus this morning. Have put the Black Flora's calf onto Liz Grey along with her own. Went on milk route with Nan. Parked on parking lot a little while to see Sunday boat come. Arthur Emerson arrived from Florida. Rested 3/4 hr. or so and then started chores. Invited up to the Beveridges to supper. Got there at 7:30. Had a nice evening. Home at 11:00.</p>
<p>April 6, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning but cold. Ground frozen hard. 18°. Wind aired up to southard and clouded up late this P.M. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished up the barn chores, skinned out the bull's head that Ronny and Elliott brought down to me. Saved the cheeks and tongue. They also brought me the tail. Hauled two S.B. trailer loads sawdust from sawmill this P.M. Put it on eastern scaffold. Pumped and chored. Started raining sometime during night.</p>
<p>April 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>Wet, and dismal morning. Air S.W. Spring birds very slow about gathering around this spring. Very wet day to try to do much outdoors. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. Stopped in to Dr. Shields to have him take the stitch out of my jaw but he couldn't find it. Said it must have come out itself. Came home, watered up, and lugged in grain. Had just finished when H.D. came with grain. Made a mess turning around at barn tonight. Split a little wood then chored. Down from barn last trip before 8:00. Raining again tonight.</p>

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<p>April 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>Must have rained considerable during night. Everything soaking wet. Calm - 35°. A dull, grey morning. Chored both barns. Pat called to see if we wouldn't come down this P.M. so here we went. Had our milk out ready to go across at 1:30. Visited with Pat and Little Mike from 2 to 4:15. Mike got home just a few minutes before we had to leave. Pat is pretty uncomfortable now. Baby may come along any time. Had to pump as well as chore tonight. 9:00 when I came from barn. Raining hard tonight. Ice all gone out of spring as of this date. Stopped draining pump this date also.</p>
<p>April 9, Thursday</p>	<p>Heavy overcast and very wet. Must have rained about all night. 35° W.S.W. breeze. Chored both barns. Prudy and Edwin had coffee with us as they were down to connect up the electric line to the shop. It had disconnected itself. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Had coffee with Bill H. Came home, watered up, put up a crowding pole against bull in bull barn, split some wood, and then did chores early to go up to Bill H. to supper. He sure did do a splendid job. Baked potatoes, broiled swordfish, and salad with all the fixings. Excellent. Home just after eleven.</p>
<p>April 10, Friday</p>	<p>Pretty sunshiney morning. S.W. breeze. 34°. Just a little on the cool side. Can see that the higher spots are starting to dry up a small bit. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, then gathered tools together, and went over to Abbie's to trim up and junk up in stone lengths her Balm a Gilead tree which blew up last Thanksgiving gale. Took me 2 hrs. Used McCulloch to junk trunk. Was doing splendidly down to the next to last cut on the stump when I run the saw onto a tall fence iron that was bent over under the trunk. I really took the cut out of the McCulloch. Nan stopped in from delivering milk. Came home shortly after 3:00. Lunched, pumped and chored. Watched Tennessee Ernie program and then to bed.</p>
<p>April 11, Saturday</p>	<p>Kind of a smeary up morning. Wind N.N.E. - an air. 38°. Became a nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and tried to breed Black Hiram to Liz Grey bull but he's still uninterested. Afraid he's going to be a dud. Filed both chain saws, then went out onto Indian Point to clean up the trees I mutilated last fall when I cut banking brush. Don and Leigh working in Montgomery's woodlot. Don quite carried away with my XL-12. Nan out a few minutes before I came in. Montgomery's road in terrible shape and he coming next Wednesday. Chored. Don and Cynthia down this evening. Fruit of Month arrived tonight. 2 large Hawaiian Pineapple.</p>
<p>April 12, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice calm morning. Has been a lovely, lovely day. Chored both barns. Had just come from this barn with last milk when the Beveridges arrived to get the Rototiller. Took the one returned from Montgomery Ward last fall. Then just after they left Franklin Waterman dropped in to see about moving the toilet into place at Merryconeag. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, then went out with tractor and equipment. Cut skids, put them under building and snatch-blocked it into place among the trees. Through about 3:00. Came home, rested long enough to make me late, pumped and chored.</p>

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<p>April 13, Monday</p>	<p>Nan saw a fish hawk. Our first Martin arrived. A nice calm, sunny morning, white frost in everything. 32°. A very good day except for S.W. wind. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and then tore into the wood pile (splitting it). Had it nearly finished when Nan got back. She pitched in, and we finished the job putting the sawdust and chips down into the raspberry patch (11 wheelbarrow loads). Never knew that the eastern dooryard was the same place. This has been an upsetting day. Bill Gregory passed away about 4:00 P.M. About 5:30 Pat started her labor and her second son was born about 8:30 - over 9 lbs. Abbie arrived on P.M. boat. Staying at Jennie's. Sprinkled during chores tonight.</p>
<p>April 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>Heavy overcast morning. Must have rained a little during night. Calm - 40°. Breezed up raw S.West and sprinkled off and on all day. Started raining hard about 5:30 P.M. Chored both barns. Went on milk route. Nan called me when I got to Jennie's to say Pat wanted us to come down, so Nan had a taxi fetch her uptown to meet me when I was through delivering. Bill took us across about 1:45. Pat still pretty groggy. A beautiful baby - about ten pounds - ten and a half with blanket. Named Loren Patrick. I took Little Mike on a walk to release his energy. Home at 5:30. Pumped and chored in rain. Late getting through.</p>
<p>April 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>Rain has cleared but is everything soaking wet, with more rain promised for today. Has been a wet dismal one, sprinkling at times. Chored both barns. Went on milk route. Hurried to get back home as Nan had lots to do before night as Abbie came to supper and brought a steak. I cleaned swallow dropping boards off on end of house, filled wood boxes, and then trimmed up the largest of the banking brush on garden for firewood. Lights off from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00. Was home from doing Tumbledown chores, and ready to thrash to this barn when Montgomerys arrived. They'd had to go to Vinalhaven to unload as the ramp up here wouldn't work without electricity. Loaded his luggage into trailer and hauled it in for him. Road very bad. Was ready to milk with cow when lights came back on. Then had to water up after milking. Had a nice supper and evening.</p>
<p>April 16, Thursday</p>	<p>Bill Gregory's funeral. A very, dull morning but looks like the wind was N.N.W. Has been a nice day even felt like spring until sun. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. Changed my clothes at Burgesses and went to Bill Gregory's funeral as pallbearer. Nan did two washes and helped Mrs. B. wash windows while waiting for me. Funeral conducted by Jordan of Rockland. Lawrence G. Preston L., Capt., Joy, Bill Cooper and Sherman Cooper other bearers. Came home, pumped and chored. The Montgomerys went to Bill's funeral.</p>
<p>April 17, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning but cold. 30°. Wind N.W. 12 to 15 miles. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, then dug ditch around mailbox corner and along by our spite fence. In process of which the mailboxes capsized, and I had to replace them against telephone pole. In the time they've been there they've been knocked off the pole twice. Started considerable water going by digging ditch. Worked out in Cobb's Park starting to clear up the blown over tree over the Ladies' Slippers. Was just going good when the Brown Boys (Foy and Jimmie) arrived with a big load of shavings. By the time we'd unloaded them in barn floor, Nan had returned from milk. She helped me get them onto eastern scaffold. I passed them up in tubs. Chored early as we were invited over to Montgomerys to steak supper at least 3 inches thick. Delicious. We had a nice evening. Walked over and back.</p>

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<p>April 18, Saturday</p>	<p>Ern helped me haul hay. Thunder shower and rain at 5:00 A.M. clearing now at seven. Has been a nice day. Quite warm. Chored both barns. Went up after Ern when I went to Tumbledown. He came right down with me. Finished cutting up limb pile and took rest of banking brush from around house while I was choring. Nan delivered milk. We hauled 2 loads of hay 156 bales from Tumbledown and then I brought 30 more home on S.B. trailer, when I took hay trailer back and did chores. Cut Ern's hair for him before starting chores. What a mess. Not cut since last Thanksgiving and I don't think it had been combed either. Pumped and chored. Late getting through. Lawrence Welk about finished when I came from bar. No such thing as getting through in good season.</p>
<p>April 19, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice morning but cold. About 34°. Wind easterly 10 miles. Chored both barns. Delivered milk. A very nice day. Back before two. Had been invited to go out in the Papoose with the Montgomerys but they had an interview with Elmer H. at 2:00 so it was after 2:30 before they came out. Rode uptown in their beautiful Buick Le Sabre station wagon with them and then down to entrance of Basin and back in Papoose. Back home at 5:00 and had just changed into chore clothes when the Rogers came after milk. Slowed us up over 3/4 hr. Nan went up to Turner woods to get some snow while I did Tumbledown chores. Made homemade ice cream and invited the Montgomerys out to dessert - ice cream with frozen fresh strawberries and angel cake. They leave for New York tomorrow morning. A lot of work for vacation of less than a week.</p>
<p>April 20, Monday</p>	<p>Cold 35° and raw. Wind N.E. 15 miles. Sun out some. Became a nice day. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. so she could get back in time to go to a Garden Club meeting at Dorothy Beveridge's at 2:00 P.M. I did some chores at barn an then spent remainder of P.M. out in Cobb's Park. Succeeded in cleaning up the big blown over tree over the Ladies' Slipper patch. Came in at 4:00. Pumped and chored. Grain supposed to come tonight but didn't. Started going through my colored slides, selecting some to show at Open Grange Saturday night.</p>
<p>April 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful calm morning but Gorry Peters it's cold. 21°. Everything covered with white frost. Up at 5:30. Have gone through some more of my slides. This has been a bothersome day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, then started taking off banking paper and storm windows. To start over. Had just come from barn with milk when Minzie came to fix telephone and had coffee which slowed us up. Then I was just going good on banking when Ronny Curtis came to look over house underpinning and back side of barn roof. Nan home by that time. We took of all storm windows and I put 3 new boards in porch floor. Was just having a sandwich when H.D. came with grain. Heard Old John wanted to see XL-12 work which took a few minutes. The Al Rogers came for milk. Chored. The Thorntons down tonight to address cemetery notices. Had a nice evening. Wind very raw S.W. this P.M.</p>

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<p>April 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>Calm and overcast. Air N.E. 38° - speaks of rain. Glass high. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I watered up, put a wheelbarrow load of rotted manure on my two rhubarb patches and then cleaned up yesterday's unfinished business – put storm windows in top of shop, rolled up banking paper, and put it away. Had just finished filing XL-12 when sprinkles started, but I went over by our spring and started cleaning up the blown ups. Rain drove me at 2:45. Lunched and rested 3/4 hr., then pumped and chored. Rain hard with some hail and snow tonight but no wind. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher arrived at the Stinky cottage this P.M.</p>
<p>April 23, Thursday</p>	<p>Must have rained hard all night. Very wet looking this morning. Calm 38°. A very raw disagreeable day. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Rode down west district as far as H. Demmons on way home. Watered up and then started to burn banking brush on house garden. Jack Brown came with a load of tar chobblings for me which I had him dump up by bull barn. Then Elliott Brown came with state highway man to get papers signed concerning the road built through Bank's swamp. All this made me late starting chores, and later getting through.</p>
<p>April 24, Friday</p>	<p>Almost became a nice day but didn't, staying dreary and damp. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Came right home, spread the chobblings Jack brought me yesterday, then spread 3 80# bags of 8-16-16 in night pasture and a bag of same on Nan's lawn. Pumped and chored. What a run on milk this day. Shorty by seven qts. today and then Jennie and Arthur came for two qts out of tomorrow's run. So be it always when we're short.</p>
<p>April 25, Saturday</p>	<p>Clear but cool. Not much above freezing early. Run through some more of my slides getting them ready for tonight. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and then lugged XL-12 gas, oil, tool box etc over to spring and worked all the time I had on blown ups. Made quite a start. Pumped a half hour before I came out which filled the cistern back up and should save me pumping tomorrow. Was resting a moment before starting chores when Everett Wall blew in. He's on to buy Jack Brown's cow. Thrashed chores through, and we made the Grange at 8:30 just before the meeting closed. Showed our slides nearly an hour. Only a small group present. Young ones pretty noisy. Had refreshments and played cards afterward. This will be a short night. Set clocks ahead. 1:00 now.</p>
<p>April 26, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful day except for wind airing up raw this P.M. cool this morning - 36°. Chored both barns. Thrashed chores through, delivered milk and went to V.H. for a little while. The Bunkers appeared okay. Still having trouble getting baby adjusted to feed formula. Home at 5:30. Met Dorothy Ames as we were leaving town. She's here for weekend. Chored and to bed. Weary.</p>

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<p>April 27, Monday</p>	<p>A sunny morning. Cold - 37°. Some wind S.W. Became a very nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, spliced a piece of cedar onto Sherer birdhouse pole and put it in place by flowering crabtree, changed oil in Simplicity rototiller, started it up (it started the second pull of cord after setting all winter), and rotored a strip nearly 20 ft. wide on piece below powerhouse. Also Nan's little garden. Lunched, rested 1/2 hr. The Beveridges came for 2 qts. milk, the "Little King" brought his cow down to be bred but the bull would pay no attention to her. Consequently I was late with chores and pumping. Nan dug a mess of greens at Abbie's while I chored. First mess of greens of season for supper. Very good. Managed to watch Mitch Miller by falling asleep a couple of times.</p>
<p>April 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice looking cool morning. Air N.N.E. Has been a very good day. Thrashed chores through, cleaned up, had milk aboard, and Nan had me up to Geo. Beverage's at 11:20 to fly to Rockland with Harjula. Have come to the place where we must have a more convenient vehicle for milk delivery than the Jeep - every qt. of milk must be lifted over seat which isn't easy. Went right to Shepard Chevrolet to look at Chevy II Nova 4-door station wagons. Bill Knowlton showed me around and took me to Rockport to see one they had just sold. They expect to have another one in within two weeks. Spoke for it. Would have liked to have had a red one but this will be a very nice shade of green. Nan worked with garden club, cleaning up uptown this P.M. We had coffee at Audrey's when I came back on boat. Chored and weary.</p>
<p>April 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>Overcast dull looking morning. 38°. Air N.E. Ern worked this P.M. Became a nice day. Wind raw this P.M. Chored both barns. Some Coast Guard men arrived from Mass. to run the telephone monitor wires and control wires from pole on bank in western field back here to this house and Carver's. We're supposed to go on duty as bell ringers Friday. Carver has daytime hours - I have nighttime. Nan delivered milk. Ern came to work just as I finished watering up. We made three furrows on garden below powerhouse, fertilized two and planted a row of Blue Bantam peas. Later Ern planted Nan's onion sets and some lettuce. Coast Guard fellows slowed me up some. While waiting for Nan to get home, Ern and I junked up and piled one of the three loads of slabs hauled to me last fall. Nan had clutch pedal trouble and was late getting home. Sherm Baird and Aunt Eda in dooryard a few minutes. Also succeeded in finishing trimming banking brush on garden. Ready to burn now. Pumped and chored.</p>
<p>April 30, Thursday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog but promises to clear. Cold - 32°. Ern worked. Made a very nice day. Chored both barns. Ern burned the brush on garden, cleaned up old garage shingles off strawberry garden, cut rest of limbs, narrowed up raspberry patch and spread the sawdust and raking around amongst the raspberry canes. I watered up, changed oil and filter in tractor, moved implements so I could get to plows, hooked onto them and at 2:15 started plowing oak tree field for an oat piece. Ern greased and oiled up spreader, but beater wouldn't turn for him, appears to be frozen up inside. Just at chore time we were invited to Thornton's for evening so we thrashed around to get there. Bertha and Martin came for milk and had flat tire in dooryard which delayed us. Got there just before 9:00. Had a nice time and what a feed - toasted crabmeat sandwiches and everything else you could mention.</p>

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<p>May 1, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful May morning, but cold. 30°. Air off water. Chored both barns. Ern sharpened what fence posts we had picked out from woodpile material last fall. Sherm Baird's wife and young Stewart in dooryard a few minutes. Nan delivered milk. Ern and I repaired around barn gates and worst places in little pasture fence. Had to leave at 1:30 to go up to Hiram's to plow. Plowed all his piece at end of house, a small piece back of barn, pulled the concrete posts into place on back side of his barn garage, and then furrowed 15 furrows for him. After 5 when I left there. Thrashed through chores. Also had to pump. Invited out to Castle [Rock] to supper and evening by Beveridges. Had broiled hot dogs, potato salad, etc. Very good and had a nice time. Home at 11:00. Disagreeably cold plowing this P.M. Plowed for Hiram 3 1/4 hrs. \$18.00. Ern worked.</p>
<p>May 2, Saturday</p>	<p>Cold and calm. 30°. White frost. Sunny. Chored both barns. Ern tore the old rotten floor out of the S.B. trailer and had it ready to be re-boarded. Nan delivered milk. Before going after hay we hooked out the manure spreader and tried to get the beater to start turning but no soap. Something inside is frozen up. Hauled 2 loads hay from Tumbledown. Had a little trouble with first load as the forward end spilled several bales when we came out of barn. 150 bales in the 2 loads. Took hay trailer back to Tumbledown and chored. Watched Lawrence Welk and Hollywood Palace. Has been a nice day. Wind chilly off water. Fields have really greened up this day. Ern worked.</p>
<p>May 3, Sunday</p>	<p>A sunny morning but stays so cold. Air S.W. - 36°. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. Made a ferry trip with Bill H. Nearly got in trouble leaving slip on this side as his port engine clutch was slipping and we went down against the state ferry slip. After we came back Bill treated us to coffee and hamburgers at the Village Inn restaurant. They really are starting off with a bang and doing quite a business. Used 15 qts. milk yesterday. On our way home we spent a little time at cemetery with Garnet. Chored and pumped. Invited the Beveridges down to supper. Had a nice time. Am afraid the Williams' restaurant will cut in some on the Bunkers at Aunt Ell's. Starts tomorrow.</p>
<p>May 4, Monday</p>	<p>Nice calm sunny morning. Cold - 33°. Some frost. Chored both barns. Ern set and filed fencing saw, burned old bottom of trailer on shore, made a furrow for Nan's sweetpeas and manured it. Turned cows out in little pasture awhile. First time since spring frost came out. After Nan left with milk I worked with Ern awhile putting new bed pieces and bottom in trailer. Not enough boards to finish the job. Rotored the upper third of house garden as grass was coming in badly. After lunch we junked and piled up another load of the slabs here in dooryard. Chored.</p>
<p>May 5, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another cold one. 30°. Calm and sunny. Made a nice day. What a hectic one this has been. Not enough bottles to put our morning's milk into, and of course the grain and bottles didn't come from Rankins on B&amp;R this morning. All we could do was start on downtown end of route and deliver backwards as far as possible, come home and wash some bottles, and finish route. As it worked out we had enough within 3 qts. so only had to go back to Hiram's. Turned cows out after I came home. Then I checked up the lawn mower and mowed part of our lawn first time. Looks much nicer. Cut considerable out of bottom of forsythia bush while pumping water. Thrashed chores through to go to annual Fuller Cemetery meeting. 21 there. Had a nice time. Even Mrs. Quinn was present. 87 yrs. old.</p>

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<p>May 6, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another clear, cold one. 30°. S.E. air. Chored both barns. Yesterday A.M. Ern started cleaning up the mess of wild plum trees below cliff in night pasture. This A.M. he worked on them some more. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores then we replaced the plow cable that broke the night I came home from Hiram's. Had to make one out of guy wire as the cable Payson sent was too big and not long enough. Junked up the third load of slabs in dooryard while waiting for H.D. to come with grain, fertilizer and bottles. Lunched, turned cows out, and then spent rest of P.M. plowing on Oak Tree Field, 3:45 to 4:45. Ern cut small cherry trees at south end of piece. Chored and to bed at 9:15. Very weary.</p>
<p>May 7, Thursday</p>	<p>Overcast. Wind S.W. and raw. Not so cold by thermometer. 40°. Ern worked. Warmed up to a nice day. Chored both barns. Ern piled up the odds and ends of lumber we had thrown out of the slabs, planted a row of Irish Cobblers and a combined row of small seed- Swiss Chard, beets, spinach etc. on garden below power house. Then cleaned up most of wild plum growing outside of night pasture fence above Fay's. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, plowed Fay's garden, and then Ern and I went out to Oak Tree field. He dug around a rock which has stuck up above ground level ever since I laid the piece down years ago and we pulled it out with tractor, then he started digging around one on western end of piece which has always bothered about mowing and raking. I finished plowing N. and S. and got about half of the E. and W. plowing into corner done. Pumped and chored. Bill Knowlton called tonight to say they'd been unable to locate a Chevy II Nova anywhere around for us and didn't know when they would have one in, but that they had a Chevelle just come in yesterday, right color and all which they'd let us have for \$250 more than Chevy II. Told him we'd take it as we need something easier than a Jeep for delivery badly. Going for it tomorrow noon.</p>
<p>May 8, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny calm morning and warm too. About 50. Has been a nice day. Chored both barns. Ern set and filed the saw we keep in barn and then finished cutting wild plum trees about Fay's in night pasture. As soon as Nan left with milk and I had watered up, we went out to Oak Tree field to work. Cut a road through the wild cherry trees etc so I could get the tractor into the western end of field without driving across my plowed ground. Worked on the big rock Ern started on yesterday until about 12:30 before we got it out. Finally had to take plows off tractor and put drawbar on before I could pull lit out. About all the tractor wanted. Plowed until just after 3:00. Lunched. Then Ern and Nan went up to fuller Cemetery to join working bee. I rested a few minutes then started chores. Tried to plow on garden below powerhouse after coming from Tumbledown but ground wouldn't scour at all.</p>
<p>May 9, Saturday</p>	<p>Overcast, looks rainy. About 40°. Wind E.N.E. about 15 miles. Chored both barns. Thrashed chores through, cleaned up and went on milk route with Mrs. C. (around island run) as far as Aunt Eda's then Nan took me to boat so I could go to Rockland. Knowlton met me at wharf, went right out to Sheppard's Chevrolet Inc. Paid for Chevelle, signed papers, and Knowlton brought Chevelle back to boat for me to get it right in line. Only a V.W truck and a Chevy IV lined up. Home before 5:00. Mrs. C not happy with size (too big) or color. She thought the car was going to be a lighter color green rather than a light blue. Pumped and chored. This has been the rawest disagreeable afternoon and evening. While doing Tumbledown chores it hailed stones as big as marbles. (No exaggeration). Saved some in freezer.</p>

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<p>May 10, Sunday</p>	<p>Dull and wet. Foggy. 40°. Air S.W. Became a nice day and a full one. Chored both barns. Summoned up courage enough to make our first milk delivery in the new Chevelle. Will be a nice rig when we get used to it. Drives beautifully and rides like a dream. Nan drove it for first time coming home. Folks along milk route all seemed to like the looks of it and those like Foster who should know says it is much more of a car than the Chevy II. Parked on parking lot a little while. Bill and June looked the Chevelle over, Maynard G. and Mrs. visited too. Maynard has a brand new beautiful blue Ford sedan. Then Don W. and Mrs. drove in. Had quite a party. Bill treated us to ice cream at Aunt Ell's. Had just gotten home at 4:30 when the Thorntons drove in. Brought us a couple peony roots from Frank Waterman's garden. Visited a half hour. Chored and to bed.</p>
<p>May 11, Monday</p>	<p>Calm. Air westerly - much high cloudiness - looks like it might be a nice day. Our first peas are coming though the ground. Chored both barns. Ern opened up a number of Laylor Bust bags we found in Shanty so Nan could wash them and maybe make a milk cover of them. Then he fertilized and planted a row of Paxton's Progress peas in garden below power house. As I went on milk route with Nan - she wanted to get used to Chevelle a little before going alone. Ern worked out by Oak tree piece trimming out the cherry trees etc. we cut Friday. As soon as we returned from milk and lunched, I rotated Fay's garden. Ern and Nan worked the loose witch grass out of it, and then Ern and I went up to Mrs. Pease's to get my barn watering trough. Put it in place at end of home barn. Pumped and chored.</p>
<p>May 12, Tuesday</p>	<p>Calm. A lot of high cloudiness. Blue sky shows through. Had our first lot of our rhubarb this morning. Delicious. Has been a beautiful day really quite warm. Chored both barns. Ern cleaned up the wild plum trees he has been cutting n night pasture. Also baled up empty bags in barn. Went on milk route with Nan in Chevelle. She did all the driving today. Came right home. Ern had finished trimming up the cherry trees etc. in oak tree clump that he worked on yesterday. We tore into Fay's garden, furrowed out five rows, cleaning witch grass as we went along. Then Ern fertilized and planted 2 rows of peas - Blue Bantam and L. Progress, one row of green string beans, and a row of beets and carrots (1/2 row each). I finished plowing the oak tree field. Nan and I dashed up to Gates' when we went to Tumbledown to borrow a wee bit of rhubarb. Chored. 10 yrs. ago today Aunt Viola died.</p>
<p>May 13, Wednesday</p>	<p>A cloudy chilly morning promising showers. Chored both barns. Ern cut up our Early rose potatoes after cleaning out and then scrubbing milk house and helping get grain into barn. Mrs. C. soloed on milk route in Chevelle this day. Had good luck. I watered and chored and after taking plows off tractor went over to Vinalhaven ferry landing to meet Hollis Burgess. He brought Rossie Grey's manure spreader up to me. (H.B. bought it when R.G. went out of business). Has seen considerable use but is well worth \$50.00. I'd say. It's a two wheels David Bradley. Just as I was leaving to go uptown Jimmie &amp; Dalon Brown blew in to see if he could free up my John Deere spreader as he wants to borrow one. Heard Ern worked on it and finally did get it freed up. One drive wheel struck solid. I go home just before 3. Nan came about same time. We had pie and ice cream lunch, then I re-rotated enough of house garden so Ern and I made four furrows, and planted 3 rows of Early Rose potatoes. Pumped and chored. Bill H. down to help me get Ashley stove down to shanty. At barn while I did milking chores. Had supper with us. 10:30 when we finished stove job. To bed and weary. Had our first rhubarb pie - awful good.</p>

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<p>May 14, Thursday</p>	<p>Started a beautiful rain during night. Just that much too late getting manure on. Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. Rained more or less all day. Very hard for an hour or more this P.M. Chored both barns. Jeep wouldn't start for me this morning so Tumbledown animals didn't get fed until I went with milk. Nan stayed home, unloaded freezer and de-frosted it. Was getting caulking material out of shop this P.M. to caulk watering trough when Bun Smith came down to say he talked with H. Cabot again and that I could have their spreader for \$125.00. Brand new except for being used 1 season on Crockett farm. Then while I was doing night chores he called on telephone to say Paul Cabot was here, and that if I'd take the spreader I could have it for \$100.00. Now if I can sell the David Bradley to Watson I might be able to buy Cabot's. Chored and to bed.</p>
<p>May 15, Friday</p>	<p>High cloudiness, just an air about N.W. Everything very well. Chored both barns. Ern worked on "Rossie" spreader. Took extension side boards off, oiled all the drive chains etc. As soon as Nan left with milk I finished barn chores, then pumped up spreader tires, grease gunned it etc. and we were finally ready to try it out at 1:00 P.M. Hauled out and spread 10 loads. 8 on O.P. piece and 2 on sister piece. Works very good. I believe it does a much finer job than the old John Deere as it has two beaters and a spreader on it. Pumped and chored. Just ready to do milking chores when the Thorntons drove in. Brought our dahlia roots down - many of them spoiled this past winter- also brought us some of theirs, and a mess of rhubarb - 9:30 when I came from barn.</p>
<p>May 16, Saturday</p>	<p>Some high cloudiness and raw S.W. wind - 15 m. and breezing on. 40°. Has been a very nice day. Chored both barns after getting up at 5:30, cleaning the ashes out of Ashley stove in shanty - only a wash, boiler full, and then went to town from Tumbledown in Jeep to get 5 cans gas. Ern bunched rocks on Oak Tree piece. As soon as Nan left with milk I finished barn chores and then hauled out manure. Put 12 loads out this day 11 more on sister piece and piece above barn pasture, and last load on frog pond ridge. Chored. Don and Cynthia here when I came from barn last trip. Spent evening.</p>
<p>May 17, Sunday</p>	<p>Very heavy clouds - looks rainy. Nan left the clothes out last night - a beautiful night, and at 4:30 this morning it was raining cats and dogs. Thrashed out to take in some of the clothes. Ruined our night's sleep. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan. The Sampsons visited us in their dooryard when we stopped with milk. How very nice they were. Looked the Chevelle all over. We went to V.H. as soon as we completed milk deliveries. Didn't have 1 qt. left. Took Pat and little Mike on ride to Dog town and then took Mike and Little Mike on ride to Pequot. Mike wasn't home when Pat, Little Mike and I started out. Home at 5:45. Pumped and chored. The Burgesses were down to a late supper. They brought sliced pot roast for sandwiches. To bed and weary.</p>

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<p>May 18, Monday</p>	<p>Sunny morning but air cool. Thermometer up pretty good though - 48°. Made a beautiful day. Chored both barns. Ern split some of the coarse kitchen wood finer, tiered some of it up side of woodshed and then spent rest of chore time bunching rocks on oak tree piece. As soon as Nan left with milk I watered up, and then we went over to Tumbledown after hay. Brought home a 75 bale load. Nan home by then. Lunched. Rotored about a third of house garden, made 7 furrows, fertilized 5, planted 1 row to what was left of Early Rose seed and two Jerry Fernald potatoes, 1/2 row each of yellow wax beans and top Crop beans, and 3 rows of Mason's Golden Midget corn. Took hay wagon back to Tumbledown when I chored. Up in Tumbledown field a moment to look at spring rye on strawberry ridge. A foot and a half high in places.</p>
<p>May 19, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice morning but weather report speaks of showers. An air S.W. 40°. Up at 5:30. Planted Nan's 3 bush blueberry plants in spite fence. Over to Tumbledown at 7:30 to be there when H.S.B. brought Wilson down. Ern and Wilson finished bunching rocks on Oak Tree piece, and spread starter piles of manure on O.P. and sister piece. Ern greased and oiled spreader. As soon as Nan started with milk I watered up, and we then spent remainder of day hauling out manure. 12 loads on westerly field (old cellar piece down to Montgomery line and up along town road. Pumped and chored. Nan had to take Wilson home by way of Nettie Crockett's as Hiram was late getting home from Rockland. He, George, Ronny Curtis, and Elliott Brown had to go to court over "Alexander Place" right of way by Edna Dyer's. Nan went to Garden Club picture showing this evening. H.D. brought grain this P.M.</p>
<p>May 20, Wednesday</p>	<p>Heavy thunder shower and heavy rain before daylight this morning. Looks now as though it may possibly clear - 6:45. Has been a good enough day but rather cool. Chored both barns. Ern ground scythe and cleaned up the witch grass roots we shook out of Fay's garden when planting. Also oiled spreader. Had just finished feeding up after Nan left with milk, when Bill Knowlton, Shepard's salesman drove in (on the island on business). Then just as we were loading our 3<sup>rd</sup> load of manure, Dalon and Jimmy came to borrow spreader. I was perfectly willing to let them have the one I was using and I'd use the old John Deere, but they thought they'd rather borrow Cabot's than bother me so away they went. Oh yes about 10:30 Jack Brown brought me a load of tar chobblings for road above barn, which Ern and I spread while Wilson loaded first load. Then about 3:00 P.M. he brought another load which I spread while boys were loading. All in all, we only got out 10 loads. Finished western field 6 loads and 4 more on frog pond ridge. Chored and [am] pooched.</p>
<p>May 21, Thursday</p>	<p>A pretty morning but cold 36°. Air N.N.W. Has been a good working day but has stayed so cold, and what a shook up time we've had. When I came from barn with first trip of milk the sink drain had plugged up, and clear it we couldn't. Really worked on it after finishing milking chores, but still couldn't get the snake clear into the trap. Got so late that I went with milk and Nan stayed home to clean up and be ready for Bill Hurd. He didn't come till after I got back but did get it clear with a plumber's helper. Had Ern trim up the trees and limbs junked up over by our spring sometime ago. Jack Brown brought me three more loads of chobblings this day. Used my scoop to dug one load around. Ern did spreading while I rotored some on piece below power house. Pumped and chored. Mr. Fay's architect called tonight to get information about Mrs. Pease's place. Interested in it.</p>

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<p>May 22, Friday</p>	<p>No sun this morning. Plenty of high cloudiness. Wind W.S.W. 10 miles. Pretty cool. 42°. Stayed cloudy all day and even showed a few drops this P.M. Ern worked witch grass out of what I rotoed last night and wheeled it to our dump, also cleaned up the rocks, then oiled and greased spreader. As soon as Nan started with milk, we tightened a couple beater bars on the spreader, watered and fed up, and then went to picking rocks on Oak Tree piece. Used scoop. Jimmie Brown down to see about getting lime spreader at Mrs. Pease's. Met he and Dalon up there at 5:00. Just finished picking rocks then. Chored and to bed. The Montgomerys arrived on A.M. boat.</p>
<p>May 23, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful calm warm morning. Nearly up to 50°. Ern lugged in wood, split some and spread the load of chobblings Jack brought late yesterday P.M. I chored both barns. Was already to take scoop off tractor to hook onto spreader when Ern discovered that two of the bars on upper beater were loose so we lost time tightening them. Hiram had just brought Wilson. Managed to get out 12 loads - 3 more on frog pond ridge, 7 on hog pen field and 2 on last year's millet piece. Doubt I have enough manure left to finish that and do oak tree newly plowed junk, let alone any on well, corn piece. Nan had taken Wilson home while I did Tumbledown chores, and I'd just come back from starting pump when Leigh and Nettie blew in after a little flower garden manure. Montgomerys also called a very short howdy while I was at barn. Lawrence Welk program nearly done when I came from barn last trip.</p>
<p>May 24, Sunday</p>	<p>Beautiful morning like yesterday. Nearly 50°. Has been a very, very, nice warm May day. Chored both barns. Watered and fed up as soon as I finished milking. Then as soon as Nan left with milk I went to bed to rest. Slept until 3:00 P.M. Came to find that Nan had returned shortly after 1:00 P.M. and was resting on couch. I guess my spring work is catching up on me. Am very weary. About 3:45 Albert Beverage dropped in and visited about 3/4 hr. Just before he came the Beveridges called on phone to invited us up to look over their spring projects. Went up from 5 to 6. They certainly have their place looking nice. Came home and chored.</p>
<p>May 25, Monday</p>	<p>Another dry warm one. We're going to be licked if we don't get some heavy rain. These dry Mays are nice for working but not good for hay or growing crops We must have rain. 56 loads of manure on grass lands and no rain to wash it in. Chored both barns. Ern filled wood box and then spent rest of chore time finishing wild plums and some juniper in night pasture. As soon as Nan started with milk, watered up and then we hauled a load of hay 76 bales from Tumbledown. Just about cleaned the barn except for what the young stock will eat there this week. Cow tester supposed to come next Monday As soon as lunch I rotoed some more in house garden and made 5 furrows. Ern fertilized and planted 4 rows of Earliking corn. Took hay trailer back to Tumbledown when I chored. Pumped and chored. Helped Nan plant her glads in little garden across road before lunch.</p>

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<p>May 26, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another dry one. Wind still W.S.W. from yesterday. Blew up to 40 mph at times yesterday P.M. Cool 42°. Min called last night to say she's coming up with Tommy, wife and child the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Then Violet is coming up for the last 2 weeks in July. Looks like one of those summers. Chored both barns. Ern planted 3 more rows of Earliking corn. As soon as Nan left with milk I watered up and then rotored and furrowed rest of house garden. Ern planted it to Earliking corn except next to last row which I planted to Lowe's champion beans and the last row planted to dahlias. Put plows on tractor and plowed rest of garden below power house and the long part of same garden from our road to little pasture fence. Widened it enough so I could have 8 rows of corn like last year but farther apart. Chored. Monday under cover tonight. May try to rain.</p>
<p>May 27, Wednesday</p>	<p>Heavy wind S.W. Rained like furyation early this morning. Clearing now at 5:45. Chored both barns. Ern ground scythe, mowed and raked in front of slab piles on dump piece. As soon as Nan started out with milk I took plow off tractor, put saw rig on, and was ready to start sawing when Frank S. brought golden down at 12:45. Sawed through to 4:45 with 1/2 hr. out for a coffee break. Got nearly half the lot sawed. Nan took golden home in Jeep and had our gas supply replenished. Pumped and chored. Weary. This dry weather is getting us down.</p>
<p>May 28, Thursday</p>	<p>Nice clear day. S.W. breeze. Another dry one. Chored both barns. Ern dug a trench by well across road from house here, put in a wheelbarrow load of manure and planted the two roots of "Valentine" rhubarb I bought from W. Attle Burpee Co. This is supposed to be a sweet type. At least it will be where I can water it occasionally. Thrashed chores through and started Nan with milk so I could file my cord wood saw before Don W. arrived at 12:30. Just getting Chevelle out of garage when the Cobbs drove into dooryard. They arrived yesterday P.M. Ern hoed first and second planting of peas while I filed saw. Just finished saw when Don arrived. We sawed slabs until 5:00 with 1/2 hr break for lunch at 3:00 - 4 hrs. One more load to go in that bunch. Thrashed chores through to get to Squire and Alice's 27<sup>th</sup> ann. party. Don, Cynthia, Pete and Erma there. Just ready to do milking chores when I discovered cows had crashed lower gate in little pasture and were in field. Had quite a job getting them back into little pasture and barn. Delayed me.</p>
<p>May 29, Friday</p>	<p>Clear and cold. 40°. Westly air. Became a nice day but cool. Chored both barns. Ern hoed the two rows of peas in Fay's garden and mowed two fodderings of grass for cows. Their second and third feedings. As soon as Nan left with milk, I hauled the grass to cows and then mowed all of the lawn for Nan. Had it nearly finished when she returned. Ern made two furrows in garden below power house and planted a row each of Asgrew 40 and Wyoming Wonder peas. As soon as we had a lunch at 2:30 we went up to cemetery to work. Removed and trimmed Calderwood lot and Uncle Rye's lot. Garnet and Clara there working. Invited us over for a few minutes. Thrashed home to pump and chore Pump engine wouldn't start, carbon under valve. Edwin Thayer came down and did a carbon job on it and got it going but it sure made me late. Nearly 10:00 when I came from barn last trip.</p>

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<p>May 30, Saturday</p>	<p>Looks like it might be a nice day. S.W. air. 44°. It has been, but stayed cool. Chored both barns Nan cleaned out the Jeep and we delivered milk in it as we wanted to go to Vinalhaven this P.M. and the Jeep goes on and off the ferry so much easier. Got down there just as the parade was forming up. Enjoyed a nice boiled lobster lunch with Pat and Mike. Little Mike played outdoors. Loren Patrick is beginning to grow like a weed now. Back at the ferry just as it was starting to back away. Good connections. Home and chored. The D. Stones down to get some dahlia bulbs while I was choring.</p>
<p>May 31, Sunday</p>	<p>Kind of an overcast morning, but no sign of rain. Cool. 40°. Our pear tree is a solid mass of bloom but only two blossoms on our Red Astracou tree. Guess if outboard itself last yr. Has been a nice day. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. parked on parking lot maybe a half hr. Came home, brought our porch couch and porch settee down from Fay's garage, rested a half hour and then mowed a feeling of grass for cows in front of Fay's woodshed and house. Crop short and thin. Pumped and chored. Up to Bertha Joyce's to get haircut this evening. Needed one badly.</p>
<p>June 1, Monday</p>	<p>Cow tester came. Calm, dull and overcast. Looks rainy but no such luck. Made a pretty good day. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows in front of Fay's house. Went on Golden Rocket tour of farm while I conducted the tester up to D. Brown's and L. Beverage's. Only 2 cows on island besides mine. Chored both barns. Had milk put up and ready to go when tester came. Did T.B. and Bangs. Had him put ring in Liz Grey bull's nose when he tested him. Hauled 2 loads (36 bales) hay in Jeep from Mrs. Pease's barn. Nan home by that time. Then after a lunch Ern and I sawed one load of the dooryard slabs. Hauled grass in from in front of Fay's. Chored. Somebody arrived at the Fisher cottage tonight. Sprinkled when I came last trip from barn.</p>
<p>June 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>Rained a little sometime during night. Dull and overcast, also chilly. Made a nice day. Chored both barns. Ern hand scythed over filled in dump and off in front of manure pile enough to make a feeding. Was going to make a couple furrows in garden but needed to be rotored. So dry nothing will grow anyway. Baileys arrived just as we were boxing milk. As soon as Nan left with milk I watered up, then Ern and I sawed the remaining 2 loads of slabs in dooryard. Finished about 4:00 with time out for lunch after Nan returned. Rotored a strip on piece below powerhouse. Ern made 2 furrows. Hauled fodder into barn. Pumped and chored. The activity at Fisher's last night was the "Deacon" and his bride. They're here on their honeymoon.</p>
<p>June 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and cool. Will burn off. Became a nice day although fog hung round outside islands. Chored both barns. Ern ground scythe, mowed grass for cows, and cleaned up the scaffold floors. Expect some nails will come down through when the boys shingle. As soon as Nan left with milk I watered up, dunged out two rows of piece below power house (3 wheelbarrow loads). Ern covered it and we set out 100 Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants. About 125 count. Then junked up and sawed the last load of slabs on dump piece. Can now take off saw rig. Must get to fencing. Hay nearly gone. Chored. Montgomery stopped in this P.M. to invite the Calderwoods to dinner tomorrow night.</p>

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<p>June 4, Thursday</p>	<p>Rained a little early this morning. Clearing now at 6:30. Fog still around. Looks as though wind was till S.E. Fog finally really cleared by middle of P.M. This has been one of those full days. Started chores a bit early because Nan was going to V.H. to country garden club meeting at 9:30. Got over to Tumbledown to find one of the four heifers ready to calve. Had to make a calving pen for her by taking off one of the doors in front of tie-up and using boards too. Started milking chores here, and asked Ern to go back over to check on heifer, and his car wouldn't start. Had to bottle milk and wash utensils before I could check. Heifer OK and had a beautiful heifer calf. Everett Wall's first offspring. Delivered milk. Ern went home at noon. Made one trip on ferry with Bill. He thought he had the ferry sold and it fell through, also a chance to teach school in Rockland next fall and that may fall through. He really was down in the dumps. Came home, pumped and chored. Nan back just after 5:00. Over to Montgomery to a delicious steak supper. Nice evening.</p>
<p>June 5, Friday</p>	<p>Cold this morning. N.W. wind. 42° clear. Has been a nice day other than blowing hard. N.W. until late this P.M. Chored both barns. Put the smallest of the four Tumbledown heifers into calf pen this morning. Made me late getting choring here at home. Ern mowed grass for cows above shop, and made 3 more furrows on piece below power house. As soon as Nan left with milk we watered up. Ern handled up the small maul I took saw rig off tractor, and we hauled in 50 or more fence posts, and fully more frails from inside butchering place gate and sharpened them by the time Nan came home. Spent what time we had after lunch working on little pasture fence. Repaired especially around lower gate where animals got out May 28<sup>th</sup>. Chored. Tests on animals came back clean, both T.B. and Bangs. Cleared for 1 more yr.</p>
<p>June 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful June morning but we need rain so badly, the fun is taken away. Stayed cold. 42°. The lilacs are in full bloom and smell so beautifully. This has been a full day. Chored both barns. Removed the front of calving pen I made Thursday morning. Tied the cow in stanchion, so I could better milk her, and tied the calf behind her. Heifer has so much congestion in bag that teats are very short. Ern went over with me and mowed a feeding of grass for them in cowyard. Then he finished laying floor in my S.B. trailer and mowed grass for cow, so we could have two trailers again. As soon as Nan left with milk we replanted the spinach, carrots and beets. Manured a short row and planted two kinds of cucumbers. Spent the rest of P.M. after lunch repairing little pasture fence. Invited the young Fishers, Bobbie and his wife, over for evening. Enjoyed them. We watched Lawrence Welk and Hollywood Palace. The Montgomerys called in the middle of L. Welk and stayed till Hollywood Palace was nearly over. They leave tomorrow for 3 weeks.</p>
<p>June 7, Sunday</p>	<p>Wind has blown hard S.W. nearly all night. Has almost a rainy look this morning, but of course won't. 50°. Became a nice October day. Stayed chilly except in sun. Chored both barns. Am really bogged down with chores now with heifers calving and hay almost gone so I have to mow grass for all the animals. L. Beverage brought his cow down while I was choring but the bull still wouldn't show any interest. Turned cows into night pasture first time to feed. Went on milk route with Nan. Had ice cream at Aunt Ell's and then took a ride to Crabtrees Point. Rested a half-hour or so in hammocks out back after we came home, but wind was disagreeable. Mowed grass for cows and chored. Coming in foggy tonight.</p>

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<p>June 8, Monday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and cold. Fog let up some but hung around all day. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass at Tumbledown for me then around scythe and mowed here. Milk business picking up. 85 qts. this day. As soon as Nan started with milk we gathered mowing onto trailer, brought cows down out of night pasture, gathered up our fencing material and started repairing fence at Mrs. Pease's. Begun on bank below Abbie's and posted and top railed to corner where stone wall begins. Am going to put on new second hand wire as present wire is completely rusted out beyond patching. Ready to stretch wire tomorrow. Must get these animals out to pasture. Nan brought a lunch down to us when she came from town. Chored. Bucky and Sheila called a few minutes this evening after milk.</p>
<p>June 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>Very thick-a-fog. Scaling a wee bit. Everything wet. Up at 5:30. Over to start pump. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass at Tumbledown while I chored there, and then went up to Mrs. Pease's to follow Gillis line fence from Ox-bow gate to shore. As soon as Nan left with milk, I finished barn chores, brought in some more posts and rails, sharpened them, changed fencing material to S.B. trailer etc. so it was nearly two when we started for yesterday's fencing area. Run and stretched two rolls of wire on the posting and repair we did yesterday. One more roll will take us nearly to the corner where stone wall starts. Found the other heifer in calving pen had calved at Tumbledown this P.M. (a bull). Thrashed chores through to get to graduation dance at Com. Bldg. Just a fair time. Foy Brown and Greta Morrison graduated tonight.</p>
<p>June 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>Very foggy and wet and cold. 15 mi. wind. Southard. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass in cowyard while I did Tumbledown chores. Then mowed here while I did home chores. Really takes some grass for 12 head here at home. As soon as Nan left with milk, we gathered up grass, finished barn chores, and went right over to work on fence. Run the third roll of wire from where we left off yesterday which brought us nearly to the corner where stone wall stops. I have now fulfilled my obligation to F. Waterman made 20 yrs. ago or so. He had two rolls of wire to go on this same strip and let me have them to use here provided I replaced them. I now have done so. Repaired to wall corner and straight toward road. Shall run a couple strands of barbed wire along this section. Chored. Too many chores in too many places. So windy and disagreeable I wore coveralls all day.</p>
<p>June 11, Thursday</p>	<p>Northerly wind 10 mi. Very very overcast and cool. Became a beautiful June norther and the warmest day we've had. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass for animals both places. Then fertilized and planted two more rows of peas on piece below power house. Asgrew 40 and Wyoming Wonder. As soon as Nan started out with milk, we finished barn chores and then went right over to Abbie's to continue work on line fence. Posted from lower end of stone wall up to where we stopped with barbed wire last summer and then run, stretched and fastened one strand of barbed wire over that distance. Left off at 4:30 to thrash chores through so to go up to supper with Mr. Bailey and Matt. Had steamed clams outside (delicious) and then roast lamb and all the fixings in kitchen. Strawberry shortcake for dessert. Talked about Stimpson's Island and Prescott family. Used a tape recorder and do I ever sound like a country hick. Don't suppose we can all be big shot public speakers. Had a nice evening.</p>

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<p>June 12, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful June morning. N.W. wind and warm. Last night the warmest this year so far. About 60° this morning. The warmest day so far too. Boy are things ever drying up. Only mid-June and the ground is tinder dry. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass for cows both farms. Then hoed the first two plantings of peas. Put cows back into barn before starting out fencing as the big June horse flies has struck. Run two more strands of barbed wire where we left off yesterday and continued repair to broad corner. We now have a good fence clear form shore to road. What a mess it was right in the corner where it starts toward shore. The Dickey Fays arrived tonight bag and baggage with guests. Baileys moved to Stimpsons. Water supply will catch furyation now spring lowest I've ever seen it this early.</p>
<p>June 13, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm dry morning. Very warm until about 2:00 P.M. when wind came up S.W. raw. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass both places, and then hoed our five rows of Early Rose potatoes on house garden. As soon as Nan started out with milk I put cows in, put cattle spreader on back of tractor, and we moved animals, all day. Took the black + white heifer out of ground mow here and the Agnes heifer out of bull barn up to Mrs. Pease's, then the two large black and white heifers out of Tumbledown up to Mrs. Pease's, also the Oct. and Nov. bull and heifer out of Tumbledown ground mow up there. Then came home and took the black heifer and Lorny Guernsey heifer from this ground mow over to Tumbledown barn. I want to let them out in the little barn pasture there as they're due to calve soon. Took the ends off the animals barns as I moved them around. Nan and I visited with Abbie and Eleanor a few minutes after doing Tumbledown chores. Have the two calved out heifers to bring home from there.</p>
<p>June 14, Sunday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog. Wind S.W. and cold. 54°. Burned out to be a beautiful hot day. Chored both barns and mowed grass for the animals at Tumbledown. Put cows back in barn here after A.M. in night pasture as the horse flies bothered so. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Sold 91 qts this day. Came right home and rested in hammocks down under the trees back of house until suddenly my hammock let go and ripped right in two under my shoulders. Found a cat birds nest in the floribunda hedge back of trees. Mowed grass for cows here and chored. Had to mow again at Tumbledown too as I'm out of hay. Must get those animals out tomorrow.</p>
<p>June 15, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful cold norther. We're going to dry up and blow away. Over to start pump at 5:50. Ledge almost showing in spring now. This has been a week of nice hay weather if anyone had the hay to cut. Chored both barns. Ern mowed grass both places and watered the cabbages. Only three or four skips so far. Gardens not doing good at all. Have got to plant the corn on house garden over again. Only about a third came up. As soon as Nan left with milk and I put the cows in, we thrashed over to Abbie's, salvaged what we could get of bed pieces &amp; uprights with the tide boring in so, placed them and run two strands of barbed wire about halfway to low water mark. Tide came in like the devil today. Spent rest of time on fence around Tumbledown barn. Brought the two calved out heifers and their calves home late this P.M. a full tie-up here again and too many calves. Have got to make some changes. Over to Tumbledown again at 9:30 to water and feed the two heifers left there.</p>

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<p>June 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice, nice rain came during night. Must have rained nearly all night, and oh how we need it! Sun coming out this morning. Has been a nice day but has blown a gale all day. N.N.W. Up over 40 mi. per hr. part of the time. As hard as I think I've ever seen it blow in June. Over to Tumbledown first thing this morning to turn out the two heifers there. Ern mowed grass for cows here, ground scythe and my sharpening axe. Spent all the time we had today making tide fence bed pieces and uprights, braces, etc. Also sharpened 35 or 40 fence posts and as many rails. Am afraid the materials I cut clearing pasture isn't going to last through fencing. Nan very busy cleaning house all her spare time as we're getting ready for the arrival of some of the Whipples Friday. Watched the last Gerry Moore show tonight. He's been on six years and we've enjoyed his progress. The good die young and the bad live forever.</p>
<p>June 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>Wind still strong N.W. and high cloudiness. Up early this morning. Cleaned out the shanty reading room and swept it out. Over to start pump before starting chores. Also set adrift 93 of my collector's items as the wind and tide just right. Chored here. The "King" called at barn while I was choring. First time in years. Claimed he was interested in a summer cow giving some milk. Finally boiled down he was really interested in seed potatoes. Just as soon as Nan left with milk, Ern and I thrashed around to beat the flood tide by getting over to Abbie's and completing the tide fence. Salvaged the rest of last year's bed pieces and posts, placed them and run the wire. Also cleaned up the old wire laying round. Spent rest of day on Mrs. Pease's road fence beginning at Abbie's field corner. Had to brush part way up the hill and run barbed wire. Chored. Minnie called tonight to say they're arriving on tomorrow morning's boat and we still have a thousand things to do.</p>
<p>June 18, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful almost calm sunny morning. Just an air W.S.W. Up at 5:00. Threw adrift 99 more of my collector's items. Just started from scratch again if I should want to go lobstering and need toggles. Chored. Ern mowed grass for cows, etc. Tom, Mrs. Tom, their child Debra (15 mo.) and Minnie arrived on A.M. boat. I delivered milk so Nan could settle the folks in. Back shortly after 2:00. Visited what little time I had with the folks. Chored. Debra is the most cunning child I've seen in a long time. Beautiful brown eyes and curly hair. Lorny Guernsey heifer calved at Tumbledown this A.M. - a black and white heifer. Ern worked 1/2 day.</p>
<p>June 19, Friday</p>	<p>A nice day except for wind blowing hard S.W. Chored. Nan and Min went on milk route. As soon as I finished barn chores. Tom and I gathered up the tide fence material and struck out for Mrs. Pease's Gillis line fence. Stopped at Tumbledown to bail water and found the black heifer had just calved - a bull. Had to replace the whole tide fence, bed pieces, posts, wire and all. Had good luck except the water was too rough to drive the very outer end post. Nearly filled my hip boots trying. The girls came down and had lunch above the oaks with us. Repaired two or three places in road fence as we came home. Thrashed chores through so we could go to the Village Inn at 7:30 to supper with Bill and June. Their 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Had a delicious lobster supper and a very nice time. Ern didn't work.</p>

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<p>June 20, Saturday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and clam. Chored. Tom started up the old Chevy, jacked it up, and found the left rear axle was twisted off. As soon as Nan and Min started with milk and I finished barn chores, I went up to Elliott Brown's twice for sawdust with tractor and F.W. trailer. Put it on eastern scaffold. Tom and Barbara went with me. The first trip we came home by Mullen Place road. After lunch I started up to Ern's in Jeep to get what baled hay he has left - Nan, Min and baby went along - by the time we got to Ern's driveway it was pouring cats and dogs with hailstones as large as plum seeds. Many of them were more than an inch and a half long. Came right home, rested a half hour, mowed grass for cows, and chored.</p>
<p>June 21, Sunday</p>	<p>Beautiful calm sunny June morning. Up at 5:30. Over to Tumbledown to milk out the two heifers there. Had no trouble getting a rope onto the Guernsey, but couldn't catch the Black one. Up to Mrs. Pease's to check on those, and one of them is ready most any time. Over to start pump. Now 7:00 A.M. Chored. Tom and lady love scraped out and painted inside of Bernice. Nan, Minnie, Debra and I went on milk route. Brought home a mess of lobsters from Austin Grant and had a lobster feed this P.M. A.W. and Emma called late this P.M. Chored.</p>
<p>June 22, Monday</p>	<p>Ern staked up both groups of peonies - very tall and just starting to bloom. Repaired pasture fence from Montgomery's bank to stile in oak tree field. Had to run considerable barbed wire. Ronny's men cleaned barn roof off this P.M.</p>
<p>June 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>Ronny's three men repaired the barn roof and nearly shingled it up today. Ern helped chore and mowed grass for cows on old millet piece. Repaired fence from stile to main gate. Now ready to turn cows into western half of pasture except for running dividing pasture fence. This was Tom's and Barbara's second anniversary. Had champagne with our supper. July - Bill for repair material and shingling of north side of barn roof came to \$246.</p>
<p>June 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and calm. Aired up S.W. later in day. Thunder and rain shower tonight at 7:30. Chored. Ern mowed grass for cows on old millet piece. Ronny's men finished the barn roof about 9:00 A.M. As soon as Nan left with milk Ern and I started cleaning up the old shingles and boards. Had 4 F.W. trailer loads. Burned them on beach below shanty. Had the mess all cleaned up at 3:00 P.M. Ern went home then, and Nan and I cleaned up and went up to Leigh &amp; Nettie's 50<sup>th</sup> ann. open house. Had about 90 callers in all. We gave Nettie a \$3.00 check and Leigh a pint of golden wedding. They had some beautiful presents. Came home, thrashed chores through and went to Alumni Banquet at Grange Hall. Geo. Kitterage speaker. Showed slides on Middle East. Bill H. president. Min went with us. Nearly eighty there.</p>
<p>June 25, Thursday</p>	<p>Must have rained considerable during night. Everything very wet this morning. Over to other barn to milk heifer. Pumped. Family went to V.H. in Jeep this P.M. while tom has been here he has put a new S.H. axle into Chevy for me, so I may be able to make a hay wagon of it now. Also painted Bernice inside and got outboard running. Ern and I spread 56 loads of manure on plowed part of well piece this P.M. First load with John Deere to keep manure from throwing way out into grass, but it went so hard through plowed ground I shifted to the Rossie Grey spreader. Unbelievable the difference in the way they handled. Had the day's dishes washed when the family returned from V.H. Found the Bunker family okay, but not a word did the Whipple family say about Pat's children to me. Didn't let on they'd seen them even. What ails people.</p>

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<p>June 26, Friday</p>	<p>A nice day. Turned cows into western side of big pasture first time of season. Went to turn water on at trough and more water came up around pipe than through it. Towed J. Deere spreader over to Tumbledown this morning. Got double harrow out of sheep pen end of barn and brought it home. Harrowed in the manure I spread yesterday, furrowed it with hand cultivator and Ern and I planted it to four equal divisions of corn. Eastern qtr - Morning Sun; second, Honey and Cream; third, Barbecue; and fourth lochief. Didn't have quite enough of last two so filled in with Golden Bantam. Don't expect to get corn but should have some feed for cows. Didn't use any fertilizer but shall side dress if corn comes up.</p>
<p>June 27, Saturday</p>	<p>Nice June day. Ern mowed fodder. Dug holes and manured them for pumpkins, squashes, and pole beans. We set twenty poles for beans and planted them on corner of piece back of barn. Also planted seven hills of pumpkin, 4 of zucchini squash and seven buttercup squash. Also planted a row of yellow string beans and a row of green string beans. Replanted the corn on house garden, and the row of Lowe's Champion beans. Poorest garden we've ever had. Dug up watering trough, shut off this A.M. and found the plastic adapter had broken. Bill H. down tonight to replace it.</p>
<p>June 28, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice, nice day. Vern and Lucy married at Old Church at 1:00 this P.M. Then a reception at Grange Hall during P.M. chored. Min went on milk route with us. When we returned, Everett Wall the cow dealer was here. Sold him the Agnes cow, Liz Grey cow, and the two calves from the heifers I brought home from Tumbledown last week. \$200 for the 4 animals. Paid cash. Had lunch and then Min, baby, Nan and I went uptown to watch crowd leave on boat. We thought the newlyweds were leaving on a honeymoon but they didn't. Home and chored. Montgomerys returned in their big yacht this P.M.</p>
<p>June 29, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful morning. Up at 5:30. Called tom W. at 5:45 so he could get his car packed. He discovered that something had during the night eaten the clams he'd dug to take home so I went clamming long enough to get a 1/2 peck for him. They left for home on 8:00 A.M. boat. It's not fair to be glad when company leaves, but how can we feel otherwise? Tommy's wife simply would not carry her share of the load. Ern cultivated all but a couple rows in the house garden. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she left Ern mowed fodder and I filled in the hole by pasture shut-off I dug Saturday. Then we went over to Tumbledown, caught the two heifers and calves, brought them home. As soon as we'd lunched, we went up to Mrs. Pease's, caught the big heifer already to calve and the other big one. Brought them down to Tumbledown and turned them loose. Chored. The Montgomerys called this evening. He out this P.M. and gave Nan a beautiful electric broiler for tending Mrs. M.'s plants for her.</p>
<p>June 30, Tuesday</p>	<p>Distant thunder showers and sprinkles up until about 2:00. Chored. Cleaned up and went on milk route with Mrs. C. changed my clothes down in Bill H.'s workshop and went to Elizabeth Waterman's funeral at 2:00 P.M. Church very nearly filled and the floral offerings were unbelievable. What can anyone say to Franklin and his wife to ease their sense of loss? H.D. arrived with grain just as we got home from funeral. Chored. To bed weary. Then days of company is nine days too many.</p>

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<p>July 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and cool. 50°. Cleared to a very hot day. Over to Tumbledown to water heifers, then up to Mrs. Pease's to check on those, but didn't find them. The big heifer we brought down from Mrs. Pease's Monday calved this A.M. - a handsome big bull. As soon as H.S. brought Wilson down at 8:30 I put him to work cleaning out the calving pen. Wheeled it out and dumped it by light pole between barn and Fay's. Then started him loosening up the manure in ground mow. Ern mowed fodder on old millet piece and greased spreader. As soon as Nan left with milk, I backed F.G. spreader into barn floor -was able to back clear in by removing ext. head scaffold and we hauled out 10 loads in the time we had. Spread it on what's to be the oat and pea piece in Oak tree field. Took Wilson home when I went over to check on heifer and calf. Then we called on E. Thornton a minute before coming home. Chored late and weary.</p>
<p>July 2, Thursday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and very wet. Must have rained considerable during night. Up at 5:30. Over to Tumbledown to check animals and milk a little out of heifer. Ern mowed fodder. As soon as Nan left with milk, we finished cleaning manure out of ground mow - 2 big loads with the calf manure Wilson took out of calving pen yesterday. Then two from manure pile up on hill finished the oat and pea piece. Was ready to go to harrowing at 2:45. Harrowed until nearly 5:00. E. Thornton called a little while about 6:30. Slowed me up starting chores. Late getting through. Weary tonight.</p>
<p>July 3, Friday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog. Over to Tumbledown to tend heifers. Chored. Ern mowed fodder along side of oat and pea piece. Chored. As soon as Nan left with milk I took harrow off tractor, hooked on F.W. trailer and Ern and I went over to Tumbledown. Took the uncalved heifer back up to Mrs. Pease's and brought the calved out one with her calf home. Had to re-arrange things here to make room by putting the small black heifer and her calf into bull barn. Ten is too many. Finally at 4:00 P.M. I was ready to harrow on oat and pea patch some more. Harrowed till 5:30. Bob, Edna and Mrs. Burgess down this evening. Then Sheila and Bucky blew in. Had quite a heavy thunder shower and rain while they were here.</p>
<p>July 4, Saturday</p>	<p>Very thick-a-fog. Cool and wet. Must have rained considerable during night. Have pumped. Chored. Sprinkled some while we were delivering milk. Had a nice broiled chicken dinner at Aunt Ell's. Sold 103 qts. milk this day. First time we've topped 100 this summer. Had to come back home to get 5 more qts. for the Bunkers. Parked on parking lot until boat came. Summer people coming by droves now. Came home, mowed fodder, chored and then back up to Burgesses. The AWB's, Ames, and Butmans there. One more mowing will finish weeds and grasses on old millet piece so I can put the manure to that and work it as soon as I finish the oat piece.</p>
<p>July 5, Sunday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog. Calm and cool. Chored. Fog hung around island most of day. Thrashed milk out to get to steak dinner at Eleanor and Abbie's at 1:00. Very good. Home at 3:30 to rest an hour before starting night chores. Mowed fodder out on old millet patch. When I came in Julian Frost and wife were visiting in dooryard. Julian visited at barn while I put cows in and fed them. Chored and to bed at 9:45.</p>

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<p>July 6, Monday</p>	<p>Quite a shower with rain sometime during night. Thick-a-fog again this morning. Calm and cool. Stayed very foggy and sprinkled some at times. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. As soon as we got back home we went up to Ern's in Jeep to take him ten gallons of gas for his car - he's been out of gas since Friday night. Came home. Mowed fodder and most enough for tomorrow, and chored. Had another thunder shower with heavy rain for about 15 minutes just before I did milking chores. Just as I was finishing barn chores, Martin, Bertha, Stillman, Franze and Ann blew in. Stayed till about 9:00.</p>
<p>July 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still foggy and wet. Air S.W. Cleared some so sun nearly came out this P.M. but fog hung around and back in thick as mud again tonight. Ern planted his turnips this A.M. Then mowed fodder on old millet piece. As soon as Nan left with milk we loaded the trailer with the fodder and then I started harrowing and Ern bunched rocks. Lost track of number of harrow loads I lugged off. Before we stopped tonight we went around edge of piece with potato hoes filling in dead furrow etc. Shall use grass seed along with oats &amp; peas. If I get a good catch shall leave seeded down. The Fishers over this evening with their high powered microscope. Another world of beauty looking at flowers and bugs through it. Bugs not so beautiful though.</p>
<p>July 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still more fog. Very thick and calm. Pumped and chored. Ern mowed fodder and smoothed down edges of oat piece for where we left off last night. As soon as Nan left with milk I collected my seed mixtures, oats etc and mixed them. Used 100# of re-cleaned poultry oats, about 8# of Climax Timothy, 3# or so of Birds foot trefoil, and about a pint of alfalfa seed I had given to me. Also what Canada field peas I had left from last year - about 25#. Have been told it's too late to plant oats; that they'll probably rust. We shall see. Over to Tumbledown to bring home Bush &amp; Bog harrow. Used it straight with drag behind to drag in seed. Finished just before 6:00 P.M. Used more oats than recommended but the ground should be very rich to bring them along fast, and I'll be mowing them before they have a chance to lodge and smother.</p>
<p>July 9, Thursday</p>	<p>Still foggy and wet, but cleared some this P.M. Ern ground scythe and mowed fodder. As soon as Nan left with milk, Samantha went with her, I helped finish mowing the growth on old millet piece and hauled two big trailer loads in one into barn and one left on trailer. Ern went over dragged down oat piece shaking out the rolled up sods and manure mats. Piece looks fairly good now. Hooked onto manure spreader after lunch and spread four loads below little island part of millet piece - cleaning up the manure pile by telephone pole rock pile. Chored.</p>
<p>July 10, Friday</p>	<p>Foggy and sprinkles this morning. Rained some during night. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Tried to get around rapidly so to get back to take tractor to garage to have brakes repaired and points put in, but Steve had to work on Bill H.'s ferry. Hand-scythed across end of garden below power house and around Nan's little pine trees. Chored a little early as we were invited up to Julian Frost's for the evening. The Burgesses and A.W. Beverages there. Had a quiet party. Brown boys brought me a load of dry shavings this P.M. I put them in calving pen.</p>

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<p>July 11, Saturday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know? The sun is shining, even though the fog is out around and everything is wet. Chored. Nan delivered milk. Ern ground scythes and greased spreader. As soon as Nan left with milk I took fodder to barn, hooked onto spreader and we completely cleaned up the manure pile. Wilson came to help just as I was backing into pile. Spread nine more loads on the millet piece, completing that and cleaned up manure pile too. Chored. Nan took Wilson home in Jeep while I was getting cows in etc. Watched Lawrence Welk show and Hollywood Palace tonight. H. Demmons brought grain and millet seed this P.M.</p>
<p>July 12, Sunday</p>	<p>Heavy fog again this morning with strong S.W. wind. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Stopped on parking lot a little while. Made a trip across thoroughfare in Prospero with Bill H. The port engine in his car ferry is broken down again. He invited us up to Village Inn to have a dairy joy and coffee. Came home about 3:30, took seats out of Jeep that Tom had put in and went up to Ern's after a load of grass he'd hand scythed back of his house and around his well. Came home through Mullens park. Chored. The Witherspoons came in just as we were eating supper. Stayed till eleven.</p>
<p>July 13, Monday</p>	<p>Another thick-a-fog wet morning. Ern spent a large part of his day hoeing and weeding in the below power house garden. Also repaired little pasture fence etc. As soon as Nan left with milk I put the new ring from Rankins into bull's nose, hooked onto bush and bog harrow and went to work on the millet piece. Harrowed about 5 hrs and have it ready to level with the double harrow. After watching the job the bush and bog did today I see no reason why it wouldn't prepare a piece of old field sod or pasture for seeding. Arthur and Emma visited with us this evening. Ern planted a row of Graders peas for me this A.M.</p>
<p>July 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another thick-a-fog wet morning. Appeared to have rained during night. Started sprinkling middle of forenoon and continued most of day. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Had hamburgers at Aunt Ell's, came right home and rested most two hours. Invited over to Abbie's by Eleanor. About 5:30. Home at 5:30 and chored. Ern mowed out inside Fay's fence along road, weeded my rhubarb bed and fertilized it. Went home when we started out with milk. Called Mercedes tonight and talked with her a while, it being her birthday - forty eighth.</p>
<p>July 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>Well, it's really thick-a-fog this morning. Can't see the barn but guess it's there. Cleared to a steamy hot day. Chored. Ern hand-scythed the garden back of garage, strawberries and all. Am fed up raising strawberries for raccoons. As soon as Nan left with milk we hauled grass to barn, hitched onto double harrow and started harrowing millet piece. Ern picked rocks in buckets and I hauled them off as I harrowed. Finished about 3:00 P.M. Mixed up middle seed. Climax timothy and Birdsfoot trefoil, sowed it and got over it once with harrow and drag by working until after six. Not dragging down good as sods and grass roots ball up. Shall use roller from now on any seeding I do. Chored. First mess of green peas and new potatoes.</p>

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<p>July 16, Thursday</p>	<p>Hard to believe but the sun is shining this morning. Promises to be a nice day. Has been a beautiful lovely one, even warm tonight. Pumped and chored. Spring just holding its own, and that's all. No real rain storm since early last spring. Ern mowed fodder and piled up the material we threw out of the slabs when we sawed them last spring. As soon as Nan left with milk we hauled fodder to the barn, then went to work on millet piece. Cleaned up a full heaping F.W. trailer load of witch grass roots and other root systems, that bothered about dragging. Dragged the piece all over again without harrow in front of drag. Finished about 2:30. Spent what time we had left after lunch cutting fence posts and material out above butchering place gate and sharpened them - about 30. Chored.</p>
<p>July 17, Friday</p>	<p>Looks like another nice day coming up - a warm one. Calm and hazy. Ern ground scythe and mowed fodder. A nice hay day. As soon as Nan left with milk we started repairing pasture fence beginning at main gate and working around little corner pasture towards Carver's. What a mess. Damn the old rail fence anyway. Got as far as Carver's S.W. corner; and shifted the shut off fence by main gate to western side of trough so could turn cows into little corner pasture tomorrow. Worked till 6:00. Eleanor and Abbie over after milk. Only stayed a few minutes.</p>
<p>July 18, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful hay day. Pumped and chored. Ern mowed today's fodder in the little shut off pasture before we turned cows in as it was so stout. As soon as Nan left with milk we hauled grass to barn, then started fencing again. Begun at Carver's S.W. corner and got nearly to butchering place gate. Cussed fence around Carver's always gives me a hard time as they pile everything you could think of against it, which helps push it over. Bill H. called on us a few minutes by Carver's barn. Was half way through chores when Forrest Beverage dropped in. First time he's called since before his mother died. Was very glad to see him. Like the rest of us he has grown old - is quite grey.</p>
<p>July 19, Sunday</p>	<p>Thunder showers and rain this morning. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. The sun almost out nice when we left here but just before we got to Lawrence Grant's it started raining again, and by the time we got to Gus Tomer's it was pouring. Sat in car probably ten minutes waiting for it to slack up some. Continued to sprinkle some, most of the way round. Thrashed right home at 12:15 so we could go over to Stimpson's Island to a lobster feed as guests of the Dickey Fays and the Baileys. Had a nice time. Home at 3:30. Rested an hour. Montgomery dropped in for milk. Chored. Watched Ed Sullivan show and Bonanza this evening.</p>
<p>July 20, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny clam morning, but looks to be smearing up. Pumped and chored. Ern mowed grass for cows and weeded in house garden. As soon as Nan started out with milk I hauled grass to barn. Ern was out making fence posts inside butchering place gate, went out sharpened and gathered up what he'd made and we started repairing from where we left off Sat. night. Believe it or not, we finally reached Stone Cove shore at 6:15. Line along cove bank needs a strand of barbed wire and new posts. Fastened up what there was there and I hope the cows won't molest it for a while. Chored. Used up a tank of gas in XL-12 clearing blown-ups off line fence across school house ridge. Had to patch the barbed wire in a number of places.</p>

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<p>July 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>Very cloudy. Looks like rain. Didn't rain but didn't make a nice day either. Was very raw this P.M. Ern mowed fodder and helped at barn. After Nan left I hauled grass to barn and picked a peck of peas. Ern hoed and weeded or weeded and hoed the house garden. Finished it just after 5:00 P.M. At 12:30 I left to go to garage to have points put in tractor and to have right hind wheel taken off to see why brake wasn't taking. Found the oil seal leaking and grease all over brake. Cleaned it up to last temporarily. Have ordered a new one. Pat and children up from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00. Big Mike blew in after 4:00. Baby Loren growing like weed. Stopped in to Mrs. Pease's on way home from garage. Both heifers there have calved. More trouble. Montgomerys dropped in this evening from walking dogs.</p>
<p>July 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>Heavy thunder shower last evening until after bed time. Also some rain. Overcast this morning. Ern ground scythe and mowed grass for cows. I pumped and chored. As soon as Nan started out with milk, we hauled fodder to barn, put the Lorny heifer's calf and the little black heifer's calf into the F.W. trailer, took the two mammas in tow and went up to Mrs. Pease's. Found the animals easy by pond but couldn't find the big heifer's calf. Had to let her go after getting a rope on her hoping she'd go to her calf. Let the ones go we took up and it was nearly 3:00 before the heifer went to her calf. Had no trouble catching the animals or bringing them home. The two heifers I discovered yesterday had calved. Had them home in barn just after 4:00. Another day gone and not much accomplished. Nan and I shocked out 4 qts. peas for freezer before I started milking chores. Thunder show and rain again tonight.</p>
<p>July 23, Thursday</p>	<p>Very foggy and cool. Clearing some but not a pretty day. Ern ground scythe, mowed grass, and worked in garden. For some reason he cannot get the scythe to cut. Appeared he isn't getting it ground down but don't know. As soon as Nan left with milk I hauled the grass to barn and fed the two heifers we brought from Pease's yesterday. Took tractor to garage at 12:30 to have the oil seals put in right hind wheel. Steve had a heck of a time pulling hub off axle and getting the inner seal out. Took three hours taking out and putting back. Ern weeded and cultivated garden below power house. Mowed more grass for cows after coming home. Then we cleaned up to go up to Shorty's and Greta's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception at their home. Had been quite a group there. Had a nice half-hour there. Home and chored. Violet Whipple called tonight to say she'd be arriving by bus Sunday morning.</p>
<p>July 24, Friday</p>	<p>Cool and cloudy. Wind still N.E. Pumped and chored. Ern mowed fodder and ground scythe. Then picked over a peck of peas. During chores I bred the Black Hiram heifer to the Liz Grey bull. Believe it or not he has finally discovered what I'm keeping him for after 17 months. Was already to give him up as a complete dud. As soon as Nan left with milk I hauled grass to barn then Ern and I loaded posts etc onto wheelbarrow, and worked on the barbed wire fence that runs along bank in night pasture. Had to put in almost all new posts. Finished about 3:00 P.M. Spent rest of P.M. on long corn piece. Ern side dressed nearly half of it, and I picked and wheeled off rocks so I can work the rototiller on it tomorrow.</p>

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<p>July 25, Saturday</p>	<p>A nice evening last evening with full Monday but here it is thick-a-fog again this morning and chilly. Stayed cloudy most of day, almost drizzled one while. Ern mowed fodder and picked some peas to send up to Frank W. I chored. Turned the two new heifers out to pasture with rest of cows. About 1:30 Shirley Fay came in by and said one was out in road beyond Merryconeag. Had to go out catch her and lead her in. Ern hunted for place where she got out but didn't find it. Ern finished side dressing the corn piece, pole beans, beans, squashes, etc. Used 5 bags 8-16-16 yesterday P.M. and today I used rototiller on the piece all the time I had between interruptions - cow getting out and Dalon and Jimmie bringing my lime spreader back from Watson's - finished rotoring at 5:30. Mark Bailey, Matthew's twin, arrived today. First time in 4 yrs. Violet called from Rockland tonight about 10:00.</p>
<p>July 26, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning and stayed beautiful all day. Pumped and chored. Turned the heifer out again today that got out the pasture yesterday, and today she stayed in. Went with Nan to boat to meet Violet. She brought us a beautiful pair of binoculars. Ours have been pooched (out of focus) for a long time. Now we can watch the river traffic and birds again. As soon as we came back from boat we boxed milk up and went on round-the-island milk route. Stopped at Austin's on way home to get our lobsters Nan ordered. Was just cooking them off when Forrest and Shirley B. came. He brought me a new wrist watch strap. They stayed till nearly 4:00. Then we had lobster feed and first raspberry pie of season. Tame raspberries really putting out. Can't keep them picked. Chored.</p>
<p>July 27, Monday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice hay day coming up. Thick haze around like fog. Ern helped in barn some - ground scythe and mowed grass for cows. As soon as Nan and Violet left with milk, we hauled grass in, then gathered our fencing tools together on wheelbarrow and went out into pasture. I redrove all the posts along the north side of new piece. Ern wove baling string into any breaks in the hog wire and then we ran and stretched a new strand of barbed wire along bottom of hog wire to stop the cows from feeding under. Were just finishing when girls returned. As soon as lunch, Ern took up the planks next to back wall in barn floor, and cleaned out along saw mill to get some 4 x 8 and plank. Got 36 feet. Before starting chores Nan and I crested 5 of the 4 x 8. Hope Ken Mills can help us jack the barn tomorrow P.M. Chored. Lyford and Ruth B. called a few minutes just before I came from barn.</p>
<p>July 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another hazy morning but think it'll make a nice day. Pumped and chored. Ern helped chore and mowed grass for cows. As soon as the girls left with milk we started hoeing on the long corn garden. In fact I hoed part of one row before I went over to start pump this morning. Ern hoed the squashes, pumpkins and pole beans before I got out there. Got parts of four rows of corn done before 12:00. Collected things together and was ready at 12:30 when Ken Mills came to go to work with him jacking up the back side of this barn. A slow job but we got it pretty nearly up in place. Looks good along the eaves now. Lunched after Ken left and hauled in the grass for cows. Had our first mess of string beans tonight for supper.</p>

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<p>July 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>Strongest S.W. wind last night we've had this summer. 20 miles or more at times. Also very thick fog during night. Still blowing about 20 this morning. Strong S.W. wind all day, bringing heavy wet fog back in about 4:30. Ern helped chore and mowed grass for cows. Also picked a few peas for Nan to take to Pat. As soon as the girls started out with milk we went to work in the barn digging a trench down to hard pan under the sill and filling it with small rocks. After Ken came we shifted jacks around and got the first 16 feet of sills in place. Must shift a jack to outside of barn tomorrow to push back side back in if we can. Nan and Violet back from V.H. about 5:30. Chored.</p>
<p>July 30, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful morning. Fog all disappeared during night. Ern helped at barn some and then spent rest of A.M. until Ken came at 12:30 hoeing in long corn patch. I pumped and chored. As soon as girls left with milk I started work on the barn. Bored the big carrying post on left hand side of barn floor from outside, put Chevy axle in it, cobbled up blockings underneath and was already to start jacking when Ken arrived. By jacking from outside we were able to clear out and trench for the rest of sill to eastern side of barn floor. Got the rest of sill in place, carrying posts under cross girts as the ends of big posts were all gone, and two braces up on outside of barn to push posts onto sills. The whole barn has settled toward the north. Am leaving the braces in place for a few days hoping the barn will plumb itself up some. Chored and weary. Hope I can start haying now without more interruptions. Have lost a beautiful hay day today.</p>
<p>July 31, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful morning. A fall norther. Cool. 50°. 15 mile air. Ern helped me some with chores and then spent entire day hoeing on corn piece. Finished except for parts of three rows. As soon as girls left with milk I collected together what I need. I sharpened a mower knife before I started chores - put the things in the Rossie Grey manure spreader, took that over to Tumbledown, put it in western end of former sheep pen and then went up to Mrs. Pease's. Took mower out of barn, mowed out Mrs. Pease's - hay very very thin - then shifted to Tumbledown, mowed two round trips the length of field road to strawberry ridge and mowed the spring rye piece. All ripened off, ready to thrash. Then mowed the junk back of barn about getting hay wagon out. Had Abbie and Eleanor over to supper. Enjoyed them. Started haying - think of it. Summer nearly over and no hay in barn.</p>
<p>August 1, Saturday</p>	<p>Ern worked thinning his turnips from 8:00 to 3:00. Helped me rest of time. A beautiful day like yesterday. Pumped and chored. As soon as ladies left with milk, I took mower off tractor, gathered things together into S.B. trailer and went up to Mrs. Pease's. Left trailer, then back down to Tumbledown to take side delivery out of double garage. Raked the rye piece and field road. Then raked Mrs. Pease's. Ern arrived just as I finished. He hand raked the corners while I got the baler out. Had some trouble getting the engine to pick up its gas. Baled Mrs. Pease's and brought it home on S.B. trailer - 23 bales. Just half of last year's count. Chored.</p>

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<p>August 2, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know. It's raining. Who says Calderwood isn't a rain maker? Violet can't fly to Rockland this morning Went on 8:00 o'clock boat. Nan took her up. Rained until we were most through delivering milk Chored and went on milk route with Mrs. C. Parked on parking lot fifteen or twenty minutes and then came home. Wrote a letter to Jan Lund, Augusta, telling him that Luther Glidden would call some day this week to look at the Rotary Mower he has for sale. Asking \$225 for what he says is a good as new machine. The only way I know to hold what little I gain in pasture clearing. Rested 3/4 hr. and then repaired night pasture fence over ledge beyond Fay's house. Cow feeding over it this morning. Broke several posts. Chored and to bed weary. Company strain is too much along with trying to run business. And now I have a mess of wet spring rye to take care of.</p>
<p>August 3, Monday</p>	<p>Wind N.W. Cold - 45°. Ern worked on his turnips. A lot of cloudiness, some sun and some sprinkles this P.M. Sharpened a mower knife before pumping. Pumped and chored. As soon as Nan left with milk, I went up to Mrs. Pease's, hooked onto rake and raked back of Tumbledown barn. Then rolled windrow on field road and then the rye piece. Everything really wet. Home about 2:30. Lunched and then between sprinkles mowed what we hadn't hand scythed of above the power house piece and then the well piece and old hen yard piece. Our very best hay on these pieces. Well piece just laid down last yr. Up to Bertha's to get hair cut after chores tonight. Ern thinned on his turnips all day. Nearly finished them. We had turnip greens, boiled new potatoes and boiled ham for supper. Very good.</p>
<p>August 4, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning. Looks like the wind might be about north. Cold. Only 45°. Ern finished thinning his turnips about 11:00. They hand raked hay off side of road along well piece. Chored. As soon as Nan left with milk I raked above power house, well and hen yard piece. Over to Tumbledown, spread the windrow back of barn, the heavy parts of field row windrow and then had to go clear through the whole rye raking as there were so many heavy wet places. Took us to 3:00. Home to lunch, then up to Mrs. Pease's. Ern raked up the hay on he road in from her gate while I put the new pull-up spring on the baler knotter arm and got the baler ready to two to Tumbledown. Baled the hay back of barn, the field road, and then the whole rye piece. Finished at 6:45. Now what will I do with it. Late getting chores done tonight. Nearly 9:30 from barn last time.</p>
<p>August 5, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day coming up. 50° and calm. No drying day at all. Looked showery all day and did sprinkle a few drops several times. Ern helped in barn and picked the first and second plantings of peas again. Peas hanging on very good. Up early and put in the extension head scaffold in the barn while pumping. Had it all in when Ern came. Also baled up 50 grain bags. Nan delivered milk in Jeep as the tar crew started making a mess today. As soon as she left I rolled the well piece and hen yard piece hay. Ern finished hoeing the corn piece. We went right over to Tumbledown and hauled in all we baled yesterday. Put it on eastern scaffold in Tumbledown barn. About 30 bales of hay and 245 bales of spring rye. Now what'll I use it for. Don't believe the cows will eat it at all. Eleanor T. here for milk a few minutes before I went to barn. Poached tonight.</p>

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<p>August 6, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like a good day in progress. Has been a beautiful one. Ern helped in barn and then he fertilized (side-dressed) his turnips and my last two plantings of peas. As soon as Nan left with milk we swung shot-off part of fence back to eastward and turned cows into western half of pasture. Opened up gate into shut-off corner and into new laid down piece so I could mow it. As soon as we went through the hay on well piece and hen yard piece by hand, Ern sharpened two mower knives while I mowed the new pasture piece, the hog pen piece and dump piece. Baled the well piece and hen yard piece and hauled it in. 113 bales. Luther Glidden called tonight to say he'd seen the Rotary Mower at Lund's in Augusta and considered it a good buy at \$225.00. Now to find some way of getting it to Rockland. He recommended contacting Fox and Ginn.</p>
<p>August 7, Friday</p>	<p>High cloudiness and calm but should be a good day. It has been a very nice day but not a real drying one. Ern dusted bugs on potatoes, peeled the two posts I brought in from woods and weeded in garden a little. I pumped and chored. Sawed down and lugged in when I came from spring two posts - one to go under cistern room scaffold and the other under ground mow scaffold. Raked the pieces I mower yesterday. Then we fitted the posts and put them in place, finished getting the butts of the spliced out carrying beams flush with outside of new sills, took jacks out from in back of barn so that now all weight is on new sills. Had lunch and then went through nearly all the raked hay by hand. A lot of green places as there is so much clover. Couldn't bale any tonight. All the Fays and Mrs. Bailey left this noon.</p>
<p>August 8, Saturday</p>	<p>A smokey S.W. wind up to 20 or over at times this morning. Am in a mess now all this hay down and ready to be baled with an hour's sun and here it is making up to rain. Drizzled two or three times this A.M. and then about 2:30 just after Nan got home it really let go. Rained real hard for a couple hours. Now all the dry hay is a mess. Ern picked rest of row of Lowe's Champion beans, also what few yellow and top Crop beans there were. Picked himself a mess of peas. As soon as Nan started out with milk, we went out into pasture and run a third strand of barbed wire along the western side of fenced out area, raising the top strand and middle strand higher to make a nice fence. The cows had been feeding under and lifting the posts. Sharpened my chain saw and was going out to Cobb's Park to run a strand of barbed wire up over the hill when the rain came. Rested an hour and chored early. Down from barn before 8:00. Damn it. Left water running in pasture trough tonight. Drained cistern and spring is low. We're in for it now.</p>
<p>August 9, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning at 6:00 A.M. Now at 7:00 it's all heavy high clouds. Calm but cold. 45°. Wind was supposed to come in N.W. and be a lovely day but it didn't until mid-afternoon, and then it was cold. Pumped and chored. Took almost double pumping this morning and really brought the ledge out. Went on milk route in Jeep. Nan has gone in it since the road crew started tarring the first of week. Parked on parking lot a little while to watch river traffic and made one trip on ferry with Bill H. Came home. Nan went raspberrying at Mrs. Pease's at top of big field, and I rolled the hay on the pieces we spread Friday. Very wet. Chored early. Down from barn at 8:00.</p>

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<p>August 10, Monday</p>	<p>May be a fair day - wind more S.W. than west though. Has been a beautiful day but cool. Ern helped in barn, then weeded in house garden. As soon as Nan left with milk, we started right in on the hay. Went through it all by hand. It had dried considerable from the time I rolled it yesterday P.M. Nearly 2:00 when we finished. Mowed nearly an hour in upper field around O.P. piece, sister piece, and piece against little pasture fence. Baled the three pieces we spread and hauled it in. Last load on rack. 182 bales. Late with chores. After 9:30 when I came from barn. Nan went raspberrying again at Mrs. Pease's this P.M. Lots of them up there.</p>
<p>August 11, Tuesday</p>	<p>High cloudiness, air south, probably showers. Not a good hay day at all. Thickened right up by spells, and dampish. Ern helped in barn, skim picked the first and second plantings of peas (all done) and tenderly first picked third planting. Also weeded in house garden. Pumped and chored. As soon as Nan left with milk we unloaded yesterday's last load and stowed away all. Repaired ladder and Ern put a plank patch in floor while I mowed between barn and Fay's. After lunch I mowed out Fay's property and then raked what I mowed yesterday. Ern hand raked edges. Drizzled while I did chores tonight.</p>
<p>August 12, Wednesday</p>	<p>Let go and rained hard sometime during night. Everything wet and wet. Looks like more rain today. Drizzled quite heavy at times while I was delivering milk. Chored. Nan stayed home and worked. Made raspberry jam, froze blueberries etc. Delivered the milk in such manner that Frank Waterman would be last stop so I could visit a few minutes with him and I'll be darned if Sarita Beverage wasn't visiting there. As I didn't have to go to Oscar W. with milk (they're at Burr's), I forgot Johnny W. Had to make a trip back up about 5:00 P.M. after we finished picking over the half case of blueberries that came from Sherm Baird. Chored and to bed. Sent check off this morning to Jan Lund, Augusta, for S.H. Ford Rotary Mower.</p>
<p>August 13, Thursday</p>	<p>Must have rained some more during night. Everything really wet this morning. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route again today so Nan could have Bertha come down to do her hair. Ern's car wouldn't start this morning. Had to have Pat come up. Ern hand scythed fences between barn, Fay's, hand raked ledges of same, and below Fay's, sharpened couple mower knives, etc. As soon as I got back from milk I rolled Tuesday's raking and raked Tuesday's mowings. Mowed our first mowing of oats and peas for cows. Planted July 8<sup>th</sup> - about a foot or fourteen inches high. Another week they'll be very good, but I need them badly as the cows are dropping in their milk. Chored early so we could go to festival program at Community Bldg. Nothing to brag about. Lunched at Aunt Ell's afterward. Set with the Sampson's.</p>
<p>August 14, Friday</p>	<p>A nice morning and cold - 46° again. Ern helped in barn and then started spreading hay below Fay's and between Fay's and barn. As soon as Nan left with milk we went right to spreading in upper field. Spread all I rolled yesterday, mowed oat fodder, then turned the hay below Fay's and between Fay's and barn, and then turned outside windrow in upper field and all the lowland windrows. Baled all we'd worked and hauled it all in. 3 loads or three trips rather - 170 bales. Everything cleaned up ready to get some more wet. Chored and weary. Nan worked on Festival food sale this P.M. The only member not busy making money.</p>

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<p>August 15, Saturday</p>	<p>Clear and cold. Good November weather - 45°. Has been a nice day until about 3:00 P.M. When it aired up so chilly uptown it was uncomfortably cold. Ern picked nearly a half bu. peas off third planting this morning. As soon as Nan left with milk I cut Ern's hair. Then we put mower onto tractor and mowed frog pond ridge and rest of upper field - O.P. piece, sister piece and above pasture fence. Changed our clothes and went uptown to Legion festival parade. A nice parade - better than last year I'd think but not many summer people around, or maybe the group has changed so I don't know the summer people. Pat, Mike and children up. Drum and Bugle Corp. did a work out on playground afterward. Set around in Jeep till boat came (Dorothy Ames came with new Chevy II station wagon). Disagreeably cold uptown. Came home., mowed oats for cows, and had just got them in barn when a sudden thunder shower came up, and the very last flash of lightning put out light line out back to L. Beverage's. Out over 2 hrs. Did part of barn chores by Jeep light. Eleanor and Abbie over to call in midst of blackout. Down from barn last time 10:30 During shower it rained like the devil for a half hour or so.</p>
<p>August 16, Sunday</p>	<p>A very nice day except for airing up a little chilly. S.W. late this P.M. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Came home by way to north shore as Nan had to stop to Bertha Joyce's (she had some chuck steak for us from the IGA store in Rockland), then we swung into dump to look at some milk bottles Helen Marden said was there, but they were all large and small mouthed ones. Came home by Mullen Place road. Had rested about a half-hour when Shirley Brown came to say some of the cows were out by Grumpy's old camp driveway. We found the four that were out out by Merryconeag. Worked them home and hunted for other six. By the time we got home second time the six showed up in pasture. The four evidently fed the shore and came across Stone's Cove onto Old Stone Place. Will have to build a tide fence tomorrow. Raked both pieces of hay I mowed yesterday. Mowed oats and chored. Weary, weary, weary.</p>
<p>August 17, Monday</p>	<p>Smoky S.W. 15 m. and cool. Pumped. After starting pump, went over across pasture to study fence situation on shore. Cows apparently went down over fence to shore instead of our around bluff. Ern helped at barn and then went out in pasture to trim fence line about lugging tools and wire cross to cove. As soon as Nan left with milk we closed off western half of pasture, opened eastern half, turned cows out, hauled our tools and material to north end of pasture, laid down piece, and lugged them to Stone's Cove. Trimmed line along bank, cut fence posts, built tide fence - two strands barbed wire and then built a two strand fence along bank from dividing fence to tide fence. Came in at 4:00. If hay had been worked it would have been okay to [be] baled, but too much green. Rolled it all, and Ern shook out outside windrow on frog pond ridge. Now it almost rains. I just can't win.</p>

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<p>August 18, Tuesday</p>	<p>Here it is thick-a-fog and wetter than H-----. Another batch of hay pooched, and I really pulled another boo-boo. Drained the water tank again last night. Now I know will never catch up again on water until we have some pouring rain. Pumped cistern half-full this morning. Ern helped at barn and then cleaned weeds out of the gardens where first pegs were planted. A.G. men arrived to do a little more wiring for monitor phones just after Nan left with milk. Ern and I went right over to Stone's Cove, brushed out line along fence along bank from dividing fence back eastward to where we built fence across head of cove last year. Cut new posts, tore down remains of old fence, stretched the strand of barbed wire that was there and run a second strand. Now if cows get out in that section, they will deliberately break out. Showered a couple times this P.M. Hay would have been okay today with a half hours' sun. Came from Stone Cove at 4:30. Nan raspberrying at Mrs. Pease's. Mowed oats for cows. Chored.</p>
<p>August 19, Wednesday</p>	<p>Started raining hard at 3:00 A.M. Still raining at 7:30. Pumped. Chored. Stopped raining shortly after 7:30. Prudy down reading meter. Had coffee and blueberry cake with us. Went on milk route with Nan. Came right home. Changed oil and filter in tractor, rolled the hay I rolled Monday P.M. Very wet and losing its goodness fast now. Mowed oats and peas for cows. Jimmie Brown came to get two of the three calves about 5:30 to dress out. One for Colon W. and Al Rogers, and one for Mr. Burr. Picked and fixed a mess of Lowe's Champion beans for supper. Made me late starting chores of course. Late, Late, Late. A slight shower about 6:00 P.M. with a beautiful rainbow from Stimpson's Island to Burnt Island.</p>
<p>August 20, Thursday</p>	<p>Supposed to be a beautiful N.W. day after a beautiful night, but here it is all smearing up. Damn, how's a man going to win? Has been a nice day, but threatened showers all P.M. Ern helped in barn, then picked over a half bu. of peas. As soon as Nan left with milk, we started spreading hay. Spread Frog Pond ridge and rest of upper field, then went through double windrows on frog ridge again. Ern mowed oats while I mowed six swaths around western field. Baled and hauled in what we spread. 64 bales on frog ridge and 59 on rest of upper field. Only been out since last Saturday. Harvey Demmons brought my S.H. Rotary Mower today from Jan Lund, Augusta. Appears to be in very good shape and a good buy at \$225.00. Cost \$14.50 to get it here from Augusta. Nan went to Rockland on noon boat to do some shopping. Second load of hay in barn at 7:00 P.M. Late again tonight. 10:00 when I came from barn. Milking 10 cows now. Jimmie Brown came for 3<sup>rd</sup> veal tonight. This one for Mrs. Felton through Ernest Brown.</p>
<p>August 21, Friday</p>	<p>46° again. A nice morning but cold. Smearing up again. Made a beautiful day as nice as any we've had. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and then skim picked and pulled second planting of peas. As soon as Nan left with milk I hauled 5 bags of 8-16-16 out onto laid down piece in pasture, and Ern spread it while I mowed out the rest of western field, toilet field and Montgomery's. Lunched, stowed away hay in barn with Mark Bailey and Ern's help, then Ern hand raked around banks, etc. in western field while I raked with side delivery. Raked the entire mowing, yesterday's and today's. Had just got the fodder in barn, and was putting the cows in when Arthur and Emma came. He lugged the milk down from barn for me, and Emma helped Nan with dishes and clothes off line. Very good. Violet called tonight to say she's starting for North Haven tomorrow morning.</p>

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<p>August 22, Saturday</p>	<p>Well, I've done it again. After a beautiful day was promised for today here it is sprinkling at 7:00 A.M. with rain coming all along the coast. Calderwood just can't win, but maybe I can too for this is going to be good on the 5 bags fertilizer Ern spread yesterday. Has rained all day and evening. Chored and delivered milk. Nan stayed home to do housework. Gave a mess of peas to Fisher, Frank Waterman, Isa Ames and Burgesses. Nan just starting out in Chevelle to work at Arts and Crafts show this P.M. as I was getting home. Rested an hour, then went out to mow fodder and put cows in. Violet arrived in her new Ford Mustang on P.M. boat. Chored early to get over to Eleanor and Abbie's to supper. Had a nice evening.</p>
<p>August 23, Sunday</p>	<p>Still raining this morning. Wind airing up S.E. This rain should put some water back into the ground. What a mess my hay is going to be. Oh dear, Oh hum. Pumped and chored. Rained until after we started on milk route. Then drizzled by spells all day. Used Chevelle on route first time since tar job started. Came home from milk, turned cows out to pasture as I'd left them in barn after milking because it was raining so hard. Mowed oats for cows and then rested 3/4 hr. before doing barn chores. Violet worked at Arts and Crafts this P.M. Finished chores just after 8:00 tonight.</p>
<p>August 24, Monday</p>	<p>Must have rained some more in the night. Everything soaking wet this morning. Looks like it might make a fair day. Became a nice day but not a drying day. Western bay full of fog. Ern helped in barn, mowed around manure pile and ground scythe. Just before the girls left with milk, Stephen Ives called to make himself known. He visited until H.D. brought grain. Then Ern and I finished choring at barn, put saw rig on tractor and went up to saw Isa Ames wood. Took us an hour and a half from the time we left home. Kept on up to Leigh Witherspoon's and sawed his. Home at 5:30. Mowed oats fed the cows, then rolled the hay in western field except Montgomery's and toilet field. Bailey boys having a party tonight. Steady stream of cars in and out. A most beautiful full moon evening. We set on porch awhile watching the goings on.</p>
<p>August 25, Tuesday</p>	<p>Looks like we might have a good day but is everything soaking wet with dew. Might just have well rained. Pumped and chored. This weekend rain may have ruined my field of hay but it really brought the spring up. Ledge still covered after I pumped. Another item - the Baileys are really using water right now. Ern picked two more pails of peas. Went right to work spreading hay as soon as girls left with milk and we'd stowed away the load of nice shavings Arthur Patrick brought down this A.M. Spread hay from 11:45 to 6:00 with just time out for lunch. Got through all of it and it's a mess. Mowed oats and chored. Eleanor and Abbie over to boiled supper with us. Very good. Now if we can get good day tomorrow we may get that mess of hay cleaned up.</p>

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<p>August 26, Wednesday</p>	<p>Sun coming up very red. Maybe the day'll be good. Wind S.W. Boy, are we down in the doldrums tonight. Hadn't finished chores this morning when the fog started pouring in from the S.W. As soon as girls started with milk, I rolled the windrows together with side delivery excepting the three wetter outside ones. The fog kept getting thicker and thicker. Suddenly the wind struck N.W. and in moments the fog had disappeared. Everything looked so much better. We went through the three outside rows by hand including Montgomery's and toilet filed, and was within twenty feet of finishing and ready to bale when the heavens opened, and it rained like the devil for a half hour or so. All these two days' works for nothing. Ern went home at 3:30 to get out of his wet clothes. Brought in fodder and chored. Steve W. here to call on Violet this evening. Ern planted a row of Blue Bantam and Laxton's Progress peas this morning where we'd pulled the first planting.</p>
<p>August 27, Thursday</p>	<p>A truly beautiful morning and day. Up to Mrs. Pease's first thing to get tedder out of barn and towed it home. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn, pulled weeds, sharpened mower knife. As soon as girls started with milk, I went through the whole field of hay twice with tedder. Ern worked Montgomery's and toilet field by hand. Dodged over to Abbie's to mow between house and brook piece, and the orchard piece. Came home, side raked all I'd teddered, baled it all, and hauled it in, by Nan and Johnny Bailey helping us. Had two hay trailer loads - 172 bales and 8 in Jeep. Finished at 8:00. Used lights in barn on last load. Finished barn chores at 10:30 and pooched, but a nice feeling to finally have conquered the mess. This finished Indian Point Farm. Hay crop so short of last year western side of not even full. 294 bales short of 1963.</p>
<p>August 28, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm sunny morning. A good day to go to Union Fair. Too far behind this year. This has indeed been a nice day. Chored. Emery Wooster Jr. visited with me while I was doing barn chores this morning. Ern helped at barn, sharpened mower knife etc. He also raked the scatterings left below Montgomery's where we baled last night. Hauled them to barn as soon as girls left with milk. Ern raked Abbie's brook bank while I side-raked yesterday's mowing. Came home, got mower and mowed around my well house corner, and Abbie's eastern road to brook piece along with my double garage corner. Came home, took bales over and baled. Then came home, took hay wagon over and brought hay home - 58 bales. Johnny and Matt Bailey helped me unload. Steve W. down to supper, Violet leaves for Irvington tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>August 29, Saturday</p>	<p>Looks like another fair day coming. First corn of season this morning. Very heavy dew, wet like rain. A very poor hay day, fog completely around us and looking ready to rain anytime. Pumped and chored. Violet left this morning. Ern helped in barn, picked peas, and sharpened mower knife. As soon as Nan left with milk we mowed oats and peas, and then went over to Tumbledown. Ern raked brook bank and around well house while I raked the brook piece. Then he made some repairs on hay wagon while I mowed Abbie's western brook piece and fisher's eastern flat. Baled up Abbie's eastern brook piece even though it wasn't dry enough as I hated to have another about dry junk out in another weekend rain. Harvey Demmons and Frankie came along and helped haul it in. rolled it into Tumbledown barn. 30 bales. Probably will have to haul it back out.</p>

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<p>August 30, Sunday</p>	<p>Very thick-a-fog and wet. Cleared to a nice P.M. here. Chored. Nan delivered milk while I cleaned out Jeep, picked vegetables to take down to Pat. Tomorrow her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Went down in Jeep at 1:00 - back to catch 5:00 ferry. Had a lunch with the Bunkers on way home at Rossie Grey's farm. New owner has set up a lunch room, laundry mat and is going to have bowling alleys. Bill and June H. down this evening.</p>
<p>August 31, Monday</p>	<p>Very, very, very thick-a-fog. Rained very hard up island for half hour or so this A.M. but only a few dry sprinkles here. Pumped and chored. Turned cows into western side of pasture again this morning. Went on milk route with Nan. Helped her peel yellow transparent apples after we came home, and then hooked up to the rotary mower I bought a couple weeks ago and rotored that part of the barn pasture where the cows had been night bedding all the early part of summer. Grass very lush but they wouldn't eat it. Must get at the alders now on the places in pasture that I had rotored last year. Mowed oats and chored. Montgomerys out to barn a few minutes with grandchildren to watch milking. Down from barn last time just after 8:00.</p>
<p>Sept. 1, Tuesday</p>	<p>Good morning, September. Hope you'll be better hay weather than August. Looks like a good day coming up. Calm and clear. Chored. When Ern turned the cows out to pasture 9 of them went out back of Carver's while the tenth one went in western half and went thrashing around trying to find the others. As Nan started out with milk she counted all 10 cows out across from Merryconeag. In coming back to tell me the wind blew the car door onto her right thumb completely blacking the nail and bursting the face of the thumb. Very painful. Ern spread heavy windrows at Tumbledown and raked along Abbie's brook etc. while I went on milk route with Nan. Came right back, raked brook piece and Fisher's flat, mowed ridge on big field across from barn and a twelve swath strip toward junk between big swamp and Bank's road. Baled raked hay and hauled it home 69 bales on brook piece. Well house corner rest of double garage and Fisher's flat Abbie and Eleanor over a few minutes before I went to barn. Very late tonight. 10:45 when I came from barn.</p>
<p>Sept. 2, Wednesday</p>	<p>A real lovely day. Pumped and chored. 46°. Nan's thumb very sore. Helped her with bottles before going to barn. As soon as Nan left with milk, Ern and I brought in fodder. Then Bailey and Mark helped us stow away hay in barn and unload yesterday's load. Over to Tumbledown. Raked yesterday's mowings, baled it, hauled first load into Tumbledown 71 bales, brought second load home, 38 bales. Thrashed chores through to get up to A.W.'s and Emma's to supper just after 8:00 o'clock. The Burgesses there. Had a nice evening. Didn't have time to mow any this day. Ern picked peas this A.M.</p>
<p>Sept. 3, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful Sept. day. 46°. Ern helped in barn, sharpened mower knife, and weeded garden. As soon as Nan left with milk we unloaded the load I brought home last night, took the trailer out to tree piece so Ern could mow fodder, and then I went over to Tumbledown to mow. Struck out the whole north and west side of big field, over to Mrs. Pease's line, up around back of big ridge and down along field road. Took about 13 minutes first trip, mowed nearly four hour, about twenty trips around. Brought home the 30 bales we baled last Sat., have been airing ever since. Helped Nan shell peas before going to barn. Ern picked the two rows of beans this P.M. on big corn piece nearly a bu. Yellow and green. Planted June 27.</p>

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<p>Sept. 4, Friday</p>	<p>Such a pretty day this morning, and oh how it turned out. 42°. A very heavy dew to start with, then near noon it started thickening up and about three P.M. when I had finished raking the east side of the junk I mowed yesterday and was ready to hook onto the baler the rain came. Rained all the rest of P.M. slowly and then about 9:00 P.M. thunder and lightning and heavy rain. Unloaded the 38 bales this A.M., brought home last night, mowed oats and then went over to Tumbledown to rake. Ern hand raked around obstruction. After rain started we stowed away the load in Tumbledown we unloaded Wednesday P.M. Ern went home and I came home and helped Nan get green string beans ready to freeze. Hadn't finished chores when Lawrence and Alice G. came in to spend evening. Brought a bag of cornhusks and cobs for bull.</p>
<p>Sept. 5, Saturday</p>	<p>Everything is some wet this morning after a night of thunder showers and pouring rains. Ern didn't work. Hay must be soaked clear through. Very heavy thunder shower about 3:30 this morning. Chored and went on milk route with Nan. Made a trip across on ferry with Bill H. and looked at house the Bunker concern is building for young Geo. Lewis. Quite a mansion. Came home. Nan went up to Bertha's to have hair set and I tried out the rotary mower in the pasture an hour or so. Would do a nice job if it wasn't for so many rocks, stumps etc. Ern down after milk about 5:00 P.M. and helped me get fodder. Chored. Talked with well driller on phone tonight to get on his list for a well this fall.</p>
<p>Sept. 6, Sunday</p>	<p>A cool westerly Sept. morn. A very lovely day. Pumped and chored. Had planted to split the run, and each take half but when we were all ready and went to start the Jeep it refused to start so we both went in Chevelle. Really thrashed it around to get back at 1:00 P.M. to go over to Aunt Sarah's to clams and lobsters with the Baileys. The Montgomerys also were guests. Had a very nice time. Back about 3:30 and went over to Tumbledown. Rolled the part of mowing I Raked Friday and raked the other three sides of the mowing. Didn't finish until 6:30. came home, mowed fodder and chored. Eleanor and Abbie over to have crackers and milk with us for supper.</p>
<p>Sept. 7, Monday</p>	<p>A pretty Labor Day morning. Calm and sunny. What a full day. Ern helped in barn and sharpened mower knife. As soon as Nan started with milk, I took trailer out to oak tree piece so Ern could mow fodder and then I went right over to Tumbledown. Rolled again the side of piece I rolled yesterday P.M. and then rolled yesterday's raking. Ern worked the heavy places. Mowed the remainder of strip between Penelope tree lodge and Mrs. Pease's line to top of ridge. Raked to bale just after 3:00. Took nearly two hours baling. Squire Grant showed up and helped us haul the whole batch in. Put all of it except the last 49 bales into Tumbledown. Brought that home and left on wagon. Finished chores 10:45 and then supper. Really weary tonight. 325 bales in all.</p>

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<p>Sept. 8, Tuesday</p>	<p>Pumped and chored. Ern's birthday - 74<sup>th</sup>. Ern helped in barn, sharpened mower knife, and pulled weed in house garden. As soon as Nan left with milk, I took trailer out to oak tree piece so Ern could mow fodder, unloaded the hay I brought home last night, and then went over to Tumbledown. Started to rake yesterday's mowing but the fog came in so and the weather looked bad enough that I stopped after one trip around. Came home just after 3:30 and had a real dinner. Ern had had Nan get some lobsters which she cooked off so we had a lobster feed topped off with frosted chocolate cake she had made for him. Back over to Tumbledown to mow strip along Banks road to strawberry ridge. Montgomery stopped in just before I went to barn to see if we'd make weekly checks for his place during the winter. Nan accepted the job. Finally brought my S.B. trailer home from Mrs. Pease's today. It's been up there since I ...</p>
<p>Sept. 9, Wednesday</p>	<p>Suppose to be a good day, but doesn't look very promising. Rained some during night. Bottom has dropped out of milk business. Separated some yesterday morning and last Sunday morning. Ern helped in barn, sharpened mower knife, worked in garden. Took trailer out to Oak tree piece for Ern, then went over to Tumbledown. Raked the strip I started to rake yesterday, and then raked yesterday's mowing. Baled both strips and hauled them in - 107 bales into Tumbledown - 55 brought home. Brought fodder in and chored. Mr. Fay passed away tonight. Wendall Howard passed away at Togus.</p>
<p>Sept. 10, Thursday</p>	<p>No hay day today. Making up for something. Ern helped in barn and pulled weeds in garden. Pumped and chored. The Baileys received word last night that Mr. Fay had just passed away. Mr. Bailey, his sister, and Matt closed the places up and leave tomorrow morning. We shall miss Mr. Fay here at Indian Point Farm. As soon as Nan left with milk, I took trailer out to oat piece for Ern, then hauled out three loads fireplace wood for Mr. Montgomery. Finished about 2:30. Ern picked the row of yellow beans on corn piece and pulled some weeds on cow piece. I went over to Tumbledown and mowed several trips around Abbie's western flat from brook down to bog area. Very raw and disagreeable mowing. No fun to it. Chored. The Baileys down a moment to bid farewell tonight.</p>
<p>Sept. 11, Friday</p>	<p>Dull and windy S.W. About 25 per hr. and increasing. Hurricane just raised havoc through Florida and headed across state. Almost raining now at 7:00 A.M. Ern didn't work. The Baileys have left bag and baggage and once again the cottages are closed up. A sad time of year. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I repaired back end of S.B. trailer from hauling Montgomery wood - a stump pulled the back cross piece out - mowed oats and hauled it in, and was just getting ready to go over to Tumbledown when Nan came home. Went over about 3:00 P.M. Finished mowing the piece I struck out yesterday, mowed rest of western flat and would have finished the part I mowed below her small cottage if rain had held off 5 minutes more. Got wet coming home. Eleanor and Abbie over a few minutes before chores. Really a very wetting shower. Sprinkling again tonight.</p>

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<p>Sept. 12, Saturday</p>	<p>Ern helped in barn, putting new grain bag window in milk house, baling bags etc and ground had scythe. Pumped and chored. As soon as Nan left with milk we hand scythed and cleaned out the grove of trees by mail boxes, then I took the S.B. trailer out to oat piece so Ern could mow the fodder. Was just getting ready to go over to Abbie's to finish mowing when Nan returned. Mowed out Merryconeag on my way over. Finished below Abbie's in about ten minutes, hooked onto rake and raked all the junk between brook and hob area, and four trips around balance of western flat. Hauled in fodder and chored. Mr. Montgomery out with last minute instructions tonight before leaving for New York in a big yacht tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>Sept. 13, Sunday</p>	<p>Fair but considerable cloudiness and cool. What a full day this turned out to be. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I mowed fodder and hauled it to barn, then went right over to Tumbledown. Finished raking western flat, and below Abbie's house and then started baling. Nan brought over a lunch about 4:00. Finished baling at 4:45 and started hauling in. Eleanor and Abbie went around over field bunching up the bales while Nan drove tractor for me. Finished up the job in three loads into Tumbledown. Left third load on wagon - 191 bales in all. Visited a few minutes with the Gabbies before coming home to do chores. Down from barn last trip 9:15. To bed weary, but feel we have accomplished something.</p>
<p>Sept. 14, Monday</p>	<p>High cloudiness with N.E. air. Hurricane working up coast. Kept clouding up, and finally started to rain about 3:00 P.M. Ern helped in barn, went out inside butchering place gate and got a new crowding pole for bull, and had it smoothed up and ready to put in place when I finished milking chores. As soon as Nan left with milk I put the new poke in. We gathered the pears off tree by garden - a good half bu. - the coons are breaking the limbs to get at them. Took trailer out for Ern to mow fodder and was just coming in to go over to Tumbledown as Nan got home. Started to sprinkle just as I was going over in Jeep. Stowed away all the hay in Tumbledown barn. Ern helped after he'd mowed the fodder. Have the two back bands full to eave girts and a good start for middle one. Home, brought fodder in and chored.</p>
<p>Sept. 15, Tuesday</p>	<p>H.C.C.'s birthday. Finished mowing big field at Tumbledown. A cool fall morning. Clear - wind W.S.W. It has been cool every morning right along as low as 42°. 45° this morning. Pumped and chored. Had to make an extra trip over to spring during chores as engine stopped - water in gas. Ern helped in barn and sharpened two mower knives. Also weeded in corn. Separated again this morning. Nan took H.C.C. a pint of cream as a birthday present. As soon as she left with milk, I took trailer out to oat piece for Ern, put grade blade onto tractor, and dragged the cow droppings around in night pasture where the cows had been bedding down. Also worked loose gravel off tar into bad rut by mail boxes. Just ready to go over to Tumbledown as Nan came home. Over there at 2:45. Finished mowing top of big ridge and all of side hill piece except the swamp itself and the ledges above it. Ern hand raked Merryconeag and then went home shortly after 4:00.</p>

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<p>Sept. 16, Wednesday</p>	<p>Good Heavens, but it's cold. 32° and calm this morning. White frost on lawn, but it looks from the house as though the dahlias survived. Promises to be cold again tonight too. The dahlias did come through but some of my pumpkins and squash vines were ruined. Ern helped in barn and then went out with tractor and trailer to mow oats. Was ready to bring it in by the tie I had the cows milked and turned to pasture. Got a good start and was over to Tumbledown just after eleven. Hauled 6 bags 8-16-16 up onto strawberry ridge for Ern to spread on rye piece while I raked. Raked north half of ridge piece first, then southern half, rolled north half, and then raked the side hill and swamp piece. Baled both halves of ridge piece and cleaned it up. 203 bales. One load into Tumbledown - 76 bales - but second - 80 - and third loads home - third left on wagon. Dark when I got home with last load. Late and weary tonight. Wind S.W. tonight. Not quite so cold.</p>
<p>Sept. 17, Thursday</p>	<p>Beautiful sunrise, then all clouded up and started to rain before I had finished chores. 40°. Pumped. Ern went out with tractor and trailer and brought in fodder. Got back with fodder just in time for me to hook onto hay wagon and drive into barn as rain was coming. Dampened on outside a little. Ern went home after lunch. I went on milk route with Mrs. C. After delivering we visited with Frank Waterman and Etta a little while. I wanted to particularly find out what he wanted done with all of his stuff left in my carriage house that has been there since I bought it in 1946, as the time is coming when I must clean it out try to get sills under it. He told me to make use of anything I could and to throw the rest away. Home about 3:00. Stowed hay away in this barn, unloaded about 50 bales off wagon, and stowed that away. Chored early. Down from barn last trip 7:50. Got ready to eat supper when Don and Cynthia blew in.</p>
<p>Sept. 18, Friday</p>	<p>Another poor looking day. 40°. Cloudy with everything wet. Made a half-assed hay day. Chored. Ern didn't come to work till noon. Nan delivered milk. Was just getting ready to go mow fodder when Ern came. After getting fodder we went over to Tumbledown. I rolled raking on side hill piece and below swamp piece, and Ern hand-raked. Mended on baler canvas cover while hay was airing. Rolled the hay again and then baled it. Not as dry as I'd liked to have had it. Gathered up a load and brought it home. Nearly 7:00 when I left it in front of this barn. 81 bales on wagon. 18 left in field. Chored.</p>
<p>Sept. 19, Saturday</p>	<p>Looked like a nice day coming up. 40°. At least the sun is shining. It has been a nice day. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn some, repaired a rail in little pasture gate, and picked some peas. As soon as Nan left with milk, we unloaded and stowed yesterday's load of hay, mowed fodder and hauled it in. Gathered our fencing material together and went out to Cobb's Park. Cut some fence posts on Cobb, cleaned the wire fence of junipers up over the hill, put in new posts, repaired the fence to school house spring corner and run a strand of barbed wire from the big limbed up spruce to school house spring corner. Finished about 5:15. Then went over with tractor and trailer and brought home the 18 bales of hay left in field last night. Chored. Martin, Bertha and Stillman called a few minutes while I was choring.</p>

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<p>Sept. 20, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunrise this morning. 38°. Glass high - 30.4 A very very pretty day. Starting at Ern's. Chored. Just as I got to the barn this morning the Black Hiram heifer had the fencing hanging around her neck by the milk house, and was feeding on the corn stalks outside the fence that Squire brought me down yesterday P.M. In one more minute the whole bunch would probably been out. Nan delivered milk. I collected mower knives etc. and went up to Ern's to start mowing his place. Mowed 1 swaths from road to house on right hand side of his driveway and that part of his left-hand field that's clear. Home at 3:00. Ken and Mildred Mills making a doorstep call. After they left we repaired the fence at barn, used the corn stalks for fodder tonight and chored early. Managed to get out to Castle [Rock] at 7:45 to supper with the Beveridges. Beautiful moonlight night. Had a nice evening. Broiled lamb chops for supper.</p>
<p>Sept. 21, Monday</p>	<p>Cold this morning. Land fog so thick I can scarce see the barn. 34°. Sun coming up pretty. Calm. Made a very pretty day except the air came S.E. What a busy day this has been. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and mowed fodder. Unloaded the 18 bales of Sherm trailer, put fodder in barn, H.D. came with grain. Coupled the S.B. trailer behind the hay wagon, towed them up to Ern's, stopped at sawmill on way back and got a load of sawdust in S.B. trailer. Left it at Tumbledown, took side delivery up to Ern's, raked yesterday's mowings, Ern hand raked corners. Back down to Tumbledown after baler. Baled all but ends of windrows by "Elsie" - "too green" - and the heavy windrow along ditch on opposite side of road. Had 130 bales Took a load of 80 bales to Tumbledown barn and brought a load of 51 bales home. The Merriams brought up some blackberries tonight.</p>
<p>Sept. 22, Tuesday</p>	<p>Here it is thick-a-fog after as beautiful moonlight night as one ever saw. 44°. Bad storm coming up coast. Fog had cleared well by noon time and has been a beautiful P.M. Ern helped in barn and unloaded sawdust into calving pen. I went over to Tumbledown after it before starting chores this morning. Was just ready to go out to get fodder after Nan left when Owen Grant called to say he was bringing down a load of corn stalks. By the time he arrived, we had stowed away hay in barn and unloaded the 51 bales on hay trailer. Went up to Ern's. Rolled the windrows I left yesterday, mowed a junk in N.W. corner of his field, raked and baled it along with yesterday's left-overs and brought it down to Tumbledown barn. 22 left-overs and 51 off N.W. corner junk. Will probably be sorry as hay was too green to bale. Tried to breed spotted heifer this morning but she wouldn't stand. Discovered the bull had broken his tie-up chain. This is the second one he's broken in a short time.</p>
<p>Sept. 23, Wednesday</p>	<p>Kept cows in last nite. Started to rain last night before I'd finished chores. Rained all night and still raining this morning. Very little wind as yet. Very rough outside. Chored. Went on milk route in Jeep with Nan as we wanted to get gas cans filled. Came home, rested a couple hours, and then worked at barn. Put a new stanchion chain on bull; he had broken his yesterday morning when I tried to breed the spotted heifer with him. It's a strange thing - the heifer stood for the cows but not for bull - no luck. Had to use stanchion chain off Black Flora's pole for bull until new stanchion chains come from Rankin (ordered 2). Put window in place overhead scaffold in back side of barn and stowed away the hay from yesterday's unloading. Chore time by then. Chored. Down from barn at 8:00. Watched a Dean Martin movie tonight - "Career."</p>

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<p>Sept. 24, Thursday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog, but calm. May clear and burn out. Hurricane gone out to sea. Rained very hard again during night. Became a nice day other than airing up chilly S.W. this P.M. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and sharpened mower knife. Mowed fodder and put it in barn as soon as Nan left with milk. Then over to Tumbledown where we rolled load of hay outdoors into sun. Stowed away hay in barn, shoved load back in, took off two top tier (they were dry), stowed them away and then took rest of load outdoors again. Up to Ern's, mowed rest of his upper field down to western end of his house. Raked over half of it hoping it might air faster. Wet and thick underneath in places. Brought load of hay home from Tumbledown on way home and unloaded it. Nan went to Vinalhaven this P.M. to visit family.</p>
<p>Sept. 25, Friday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day coming up. Air S.W. Radio says some cloudiness. Some cloudiness, my fanny. About 2:30 the damndest black cloud came up out of the west and for a bout 3/4 of an hr. it rained like the devil, soaking my hay that I'd just finished rolling and raking. Ern helped in barn this morning and then mowed fodder. Had just helped Nan get started with milk when Gus Tomer came with a truckload of corn stalks for cows. Gassed up etc. and went up to Ern's. Rolled yesterday's raking and raked remainder of mowing Ern went through the double windrow by hand, and then wet one from day before. Was just unhooking off rake to mow when rain came. Nan came after me from rummage sale - bought me a new felt hat - 10 cents - and we came home. Dr. Raleigh called in a few minutes on way home from Minot's Island. Back up after tractor about 5:00. Home and chored. No television tonight. No picture.</p>
<p>Sept. 26, Saturday</p>	<p>A pretty morning, but promises showers before night. Goody, goody, I say. Did make a pretty fair day although there was considerable cloudiness and cool. Ern helped in barn and mowed trailer of oats. As soon as Nan left with milk we unloaded fodder, then Ern started picking the yellow and green string beans back of barn and I went along up to Ern's. Rolled all the hay that we worked on yesterday. Ern had come by that time. He sharpened a mower knife while hay was drying, and I mowed the junk below his stable and orchard to alder swamp. Quite thick. While I was finishing, Ern went through some of the heaviest of yesterday's wetting by hand. Back on to rake and make one windrow of every two, baled it all - 155 bales and was ready to start hauling at 5:25. Nan arrived when we had first load most picked up. Put first load - 81 bales - into Tumbledown and left the second load 74 bales in wagon in Tumbledown to bring home later. After seven and dark. Loaded a load of corn stalks onto trailer after coming home that L. Grant brought me today.</p>
<p>Sept. 27, Sunday</p>	<p>Milk really dropped today - sold 59 qts. a smoky S.W. Sunrise red and hazy. 40°. A fairly good day but how the wind has blown this P.M. and evening - well over 40 mi. per hr. at times, very disagreeable doing chores tonight. Pumped and chored. And who can say we don't have company some times. Was just having lunch before starting milk route when Carroll and Janet Gregory came to see if they could get some milk, then we hadn't been home long when Ken Mills came in to say Montgomery's runway was off float. Then Prudy and Sal came down to try to repair television. Vertical tube burned out that he didn't have. Then tonight while I was barn choring in blew H.C.C., Shirley and Marcia and the five Guppy's. Had hamburgers on parking lot after delivering milk. Bill H. visited us there a while after making his 1:00 P.M. trip. Peeled and canned seven pts. pears after coming home.</p>

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<p>Sept. 28, Monday</p>	<p>Wind has died out. Rained a little during night. Maybe a good day. We'll see. Did make a pretty fair kind of day, but cool. Ern helped in barn and hunted up a crowing pole for us to put in bull barn. As soon as Nan left with milk I took trailer out to field so Ern could mow fodder. Then I went over to Tumbledown to get load of hay we run in Sat. night. Brought fodder in, unloaded it, unloaded hay had to stow away some to do it, then up to Ern's. He cleaned up hay at Merryconeag as he went along. Raked at mowing, mowed school bus field back of barn and back of house, rolled part of raked hay to get it down away from stable, baled and brought it down to run into Tumbledown - about 88 bales - had seven tier on rack. Cheated on chores tonight. Just fed up in barn - didn't milk. Lots of milk on hand and no new milk cows to suffer.</p>
<p>Sept. 29, Tuesday</p>	<p>A colorful sunrise but looks rainy. Did get a few, dry sprinkles this A.M. and looked heavy and rainy all day. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn, mowed around manure pile and ground scythe. As soon as Nan left with milk, we hauled L. Grant's corn fodder to barn and unloaded it. Then over to Tumbledown to bring home the load of hay rolled in there last night. Left 11 bales top load over there, and unloaded 77 bales here. Took some stowing to do it. Then up to Ern's not knowing whether to hay or not. Took a chance and raked the school bus field, baled it and brought it down to Tumbledown. Had a super load. Counter on baler said 96 bales. Ern hand raked around obstacles. Home and chored. Didn't get any mowing done. Suppose to be rain storm this P.M.</p>
<p>Sept. 30, Wednesday</p>	<p>Very overcast and looks rainy yet the radio now says fair today with N.W. wind. Has been a fair day but wind didn't come N.W. Ern helped in barn and then cut a feeding of corn stalks on lower side of house garden. Shorty brought me part of a feeding this morning. As soon as Nan left on milk route, we hauled corn fodder to barn, then over to Tumbledown and unloaded the big load from yesterday. Up to Ern's, mowed the little field between alders and main road (mail box field), raked piece back of house, raked mail box field, baled them, both and brought them down to Tumbledown except for 20 bales into Ern's stable. 105 bales total. Had 58 on hay wagon and 27 on S.B. trailer. Rolled hay wagon into Tumbledown, brought S.B. trailer home. Chored. Farewell Sept. Sorry we didn't finish haying while you were with us. Better luck next year, we hope.</p>
<p>Oct. 1, Thursday</p>	<p>Good morning, October. May we get along well together. Has been a nice day - cool towards night. E. Beveridge down after rototiller this P.M. finishing mowing at Ern's and started at Hiram's. Chored. Ern helped in barn and cut some corn on house garden. As soon as Nan left with milk, we unloaded hay, hauled corn into barn, and then I started for Ern's taking the S.B. trailer with me. Ern cut enough more corn to make a feeding and then followed me. Mowed out all of his orchard I could and the old garden plots beyond. This finishes Ern's place. Down to Hiram's at 2:30 and struck out his whole main field - eleven trips around. Then mowed his eastern entrance jib piece for him. Back to Ern's at 5:00 - picked up S.B. trailer and brought home a load of sawdust from sawmill. Just getting ready to go to barn when Owen Grant arrived with load of corn stalks Then A.W. and Emma came and spent evening. Ern canned pears this P.M.</p>

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<p>Oct. 2, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny calm morning. Big pocket of herring off Goose Point this morning. Somebody worked all night. Loaded a carrier while I was doing morning chores. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and unloaded sawdust into calving pen. After chores he mowed a trailer load of oats and pea fodder. After Nan left with milk we brought fodder into barn, stowed away hay in Tumbledown, and unloaded wagon from Wed. night. Up to Ern's - raked all of yesterday's mowing I could with side delivery, and then helped Ern hand rake the orchard. Baled orchard and pieces beyond - 50 bales. Took baler down to Hiram's, back to Ern's and loaded hay, then down to Hiram's and raked yesterday's mowing. Home and chored and here it is raining. Another boo-boo.</p>
<p>Oct. 3, Saturday</p>	<p>Dark and gloomy this morning. Still raining with wind striking N.W. Became as nice a day as we've had in a long time. Chored. As soon as Nan left with milk I mowed oats and peas fodder and hauled it to barn. Was just gassed up, ready to go to Hiram's when Ern blew in. Hew had sharpened my mower knives during the A.M. We stopped at Tumbledown, unloaded the 50 bales on wagon and stowed them away along with what hadn't been. Ern went to town. I went along to Hiram's, rolled yesterday's raking, raked the elm tree corner, mowed nine mower swaths around the field, and then rolled yesterday's raking again. Home and chored.</p>
<p>Oct. 4, Sunday</p>	<p>A pretty pretty morning but wind will be S.W. this P.M. Boy was I ever right about the wind. Blew up a gale almost before I had chores done this morning. Blew so hard I didn't attempt to touch the hay at Hiram's. Went on milk route with Nan. Came home by way of north shore road hoping to get a haircut from Bertha but no one appeared to be home. Rested an hour or so, then mowed oat and pea fodder, hauled it to barn, and put cows in. Bred the strip-faced heifer to Liz Grey bull - number four in barn - before starting chores. Chored and then watched television. Wind up to 45 mi. or more at time this P.M. Has dropped out tonight.</p>
<p>Oct. 5, Monday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day coming up. Wind westerly. Has been a nice day but very chilly riding tractor. Ern helped in barn, picked peas and mowed fodder. As soon as Nan left with milk we hauled fodder to barn, and then went right up to Hiram's. Ern spread the windrows between house and elm tree while I rolled the first mowing, then he spread the heavy ends of the rolled hay while I raked what I mowed Sat. P.M. rolled the first mowing again, baled it, hauled the first load down to Tumbledown, 74 on wagon 16 on S.B. trailer, loaded the second load - 55 bales, and then mowed 8 more swaths around field. Backed hay into Tumbledown and then home. Chored.</p>
<p>Oct. 6, Tuesday</p>	<p>Quite a chilly night. 35° here. Supposed to be in the 20s tonight. I hope not. High cloudiness this morning but should be fair. Has been fair, a nice day. Ern helped in barn and gathered what zucchini squashes were on our vines as it's supposed to be very cold tonight. No squashes or pumpkins this yr. Too late planting. As soon as Nan left with milk, I took trailer out to oat patch for Ern, then went over to Tumbledown and brought wagon of hay home. Brought fodder in, unloaded wagon and then up to Hiram's. Ern sharpened mower knife, I rolled yesterday's raking and then raked last night's mowing. Mowed rest of big field and the junk between town road and mill stream above Buffington's dam. Baled rolled hay and rolled it into Tumbledown. 78 on wagon and 14 on S.B. trailer. Doug Stone and family blew in just before I went to barn with Montgomery's wash. \$6.00 well drilled finished up to Mink Farm. 120 ft with 12 gals. a minute. H.D brought grain before I got home.</p>

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<p>Oct. 7, Wednesday</p>	<p>Nice calm morning, some high cloudiness. 32°. Air appears to be north. Pumped and chored. Had to make third trip to spring during pumping as engine acted up - water in gas. Ern helped in barn, picked peas, and mowed fodder. Pat and children blew in just as I was finishing chores. They went on milk route with Nan. We put fodder in barn and then I went right up to H.S.B.'s but was late at that. Raked yesterday's mowing, rolled yesterday's raking, rolled today's raking, then down to Tumbledown to unload and stow away. Back to H.S.'s, baled rest of southern field even though the last mowing really wasn't dry enough and hauled it to Tumbledown. 74 and 42 bales. After seven when I rolled second load into barn. Late again with chores. 9:30 from barn last trip. A few more days and I hope I'll be finished haying. H.S.'s southern field short 50 bales of last yr.</p>
<p>Oct. 8, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like an ice day coming up. Of course the wind is N.E. Raw and disagreeable day coming up. Of course the wind is N.E. Raw and disagreeable all day. Ern helped in barn and a few odd chores. Mowed fodder after chores lunch. As soon as Nan left with milk, I went out to help Ern bring in fodder. Cleaned up spark plugs on tractor while out there, hoping they were causing the tractor to skip so in high gear on road, but did very little good. Unloaded hay in Tumbledown, stowed away and then up to Hiram's. Rolled hay on piece between road and mill stream, and then struck out field beyond barn about 2:00 P.M. At 3:30 it looked so rainy, we baled the rolled hay and hauled it home here. Piled it into ground mow to start feeding out mornings. Don't know how the cows can be getting anything to eat in pasture. They've dropped badly on milk and our milk route has dropped worse. Not many over sixty a day now. Aunt Ell's lunch closes Sat.</p>
<p>Oct. 9, Friday</p>	<p>Very dark and heavy overcast. Looks rainy. N.E. wind of course. Turned out to be about as mild a day as we've had for some time but no hay day. Pumped and chored. After Nan left, I mowed fodder and hauled it to barn. Got up to Hiram's about 1:30. Mowed out the rest of junk beyond barn that I worked on yesterday. He is now red-hot to have the rest of farm mowed - offered me \$25.00 to do it, and I use what of the hay I could. After I finished yesterday's junk, I mowed the triangle east of his northern entrance and around his garage. Also took another back swatch along bank on millstream piece. Brought home a load of sawdust in S.B. trailer from sawmill when I came home. Chored early. Down from barn last trip just 8:05.</p>
<p>Oct. 10, Saturday</p>	<p>Very, very heavy overcast and feels rainy. Air S.S.W. Another day when one didn't know what minute it might rain. Several times sun almost out, then thicken down again, sprinkled a few dry drops about 12:30. Chored. As soon as Nan left with milk I unloaded the trailer of sawdust into calving pen. Mowed fodder and hauled it to barn. Up to Hiram's before 1:30 - raked Thursday's and yesterday's mowings. Wilson had worked the hay over and around the ledges and gardens onto the largest of the triangle pieces. After I finished raking, I mowed the mill stream junk on the left of Buffington's road for Hiram. Mostly cultch. Had gasoline line trouble first before I got through. Finally had to blow back into gas tank with tire pump to free gas. Home and chored. Raining tonight as we go to bed.</p>

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<p>Oct. 11, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know. The wind is really N.W. growling by the house about 20 mi. per hr but only after my hay is wet. 32°. Boy, how it has blown today. Up to 40 per hr. at times. Chored and went on milk route with Mrs. C. Had lunch at the Burgesses. P. Lottie over for a few days as Alta has been in hospital to have throat operated on, and also Mercedes has to remove her belongings out of Mother's bldgs. They have sold the property to the Dick Shields. Home at 3:15. Up to Hiram's on tractor by 4:00 and rolled yesterday's rakings. What a mess the wind had made out of my windrows. Home and mowed fodder, put cows in and then out to Cobbs' for an hour's sociability. Home and chored. First time we've been out to Cobb's this year.</p>
<p>Oct. 12, Monday</p>	<p>A nice morning. Wind practically dropped out. 32°. Nan went to Rockland this day - a dentist app't. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and loaded the S.B. trailer with slab wood from pile below Carver's. Unloaded it as soon as we had our breakfast lunch, so he was ready to go out after fodder when I started on milk route. Was just coming back with fodder as I returned from delivering. He went right up to H.S.'s and aired the heavy windrows back of barn. I unloaded fodder and went right up on tractor. Rolled all the windrows - the wind had blown them around badly, baled it all, and got it all down to Tumbledown by working to 7:45. 180 bales - 101 first trip on hay wagon and S.B. trailer. Nan helped us after she returned from Rockland. Weary tonight. Down from barn 10:30.</p>
<p>Oct. 13, Tuesday</p>	<p>A wet dreary morning. Started raining in night. A nice feeling to have gotten the hay in, even though we worked so late. Chored. Delivered milk. Nan stayed home and worked in living room. Hung her new drapes she bought in Rockland yesterday. Rested an hour or so this P.M. Mowed fodder and stowed away what hay I could alone after closing up barn swallow window. Chored. Down from barn last trip before 8:00. To bed early. Has been a long spell of haying and we are getting weary of it.</p>
<p>Oct. 14, Wednesday</p>	<p>A lot of high cloudiness but looks like a good day coming up. Air N.W. Everything very wet. Pumped and chored. Ern helped in barn and loaded a S.B. trailer of slabwood. Had it nearly unloaded at woodpile when Nan left with milk. I lugged another batch of excess milk bottles to top of shanty, probably 75 and then we mowed fodder. This finishes our oats and peas. Nine weeks they lasted - a very good crop. Over to Tumbledown, stowed away hay, brought load on wagon home, and then stowed that away. About 3:00 P.M. then. Had ice cream and cake, and then started for Hiram's to mow. Somewhere along road I picked up a small cold chisel in right hand hind tire - the loaded one - the solution was coming out with each turn of the wheels. Left hay wagon at Hiram's and headed for garage. They took wheel off and put it outdoors to drain. Will repair it in the morning. Steve brought me home. Chored.</p>

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<p>Oct. 15, Thursday</p>	<p>Montgomerys arrived tonight for a few days. Overcast but promises to be a good day. Not quite so cold - 42°. A nice day, pleasantly warm for a change. Chored. Ern helped in barn and cut corn for fodder. Chored. Ern helped in barn and cut corn for fodder on house piece. Steve called about 9:00 to say tractor tire was repaired. Bred No. 9 heifer in tie-up after doing milking chores this morning. Went along with Nan to garage when she went with milk. Chevelle stuck in second gear when we left her and Frank let Nan have his Impala to deliver milk in from his place. I went along up to H.S.B.'s on tractor and finished mowing him out. Got through at 4:30. Mowed out his old orchard section beyond barn, and the corner S.W. of swamp, then mowed everything on north side of road from A.W.'s line down to spring ledges. Then mowed little junk up next to Duffy's line on way home. Ern cleaned weeds and pea vines off garden below power house and dug the row of Irish Cobblers. Only two pail fulls and they [weren't] very good. Met him going home as I was coming home. H.S.B. called me tonight to tell me his wife Ruby died in Bangor hospital this A.M.</p>
<p>Oct. 16, Friday</p>	<p>The nicest, warmest day we've had this fall. Chored. Ern helped in barn and cut corn fodder on house garden - finished it. Mr. Montgomery called a few moments this A.M. Is trading his Volkswagen for a Landrover. As soon as Nan left with milk we hauled corn fodder to barn and then went up to Hiram's. Ern hand-raked around gravel pit and over ledges on north side of road while I used side delivery on the piece S.W. of barn and all I could of the north side. Loaded the S.B. trailer with loose hay off the spring piece to cover my water pipe with, baled the north side of road - the counter said 113 bales, and brought a 75 bale load home here - left it on rack in front of barn. Chored. The Burgesses and Lottie down this evening. Enjoyed them but not much hilarity knowing Sal has to go to hospital right away.</p>
<p>Oct. 17, Saturday</p>	<p>Looks like another nice day coming up. It has been a nice day but smearing up all P.M. Well, Hurrah and Hurrah, believe it or not, we've finally finished haying away from home for 1964. Really finished at H.S.B.'s today. Ern helped in barn and ground handscythe. I pumped and chored. As soon as Nan left with milk we brought millet into barn, and then unloaded yesterday's load of hay into ground mow. Then up to Hiram's Ern turned yesterday's bales on north side of road while I rolled the old orchard piece beyond swamp. Also raked this swampy S.W. corner of field into two windrows. Baled the old orchard piece and brought it down to Tumbledown - 63 bales and then brought down the remaining 39 bales from north side of road. Back to Hiram's and loaded the two windrows of swampy material onto hay wagon loose. Ern stowed it. Brought it and S.B. trailer load from yesterday home and left them in little barn pasture for cows to pick over. Don and Cynthia here this evening.</p>
<p>Oct. 18, Sunday</p>	<p>Has started raining during night and has rained a good part of all day. First time since last of July I haven't had hay out getting wet. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Downtown in time to watch boat leave for Rockland. Came home. Tried to rest an hour, but Montgomery came in to borrow Sears catalog so rest was poached. Back uptown at four to meet boat. Pallbearer along with Lloyd Whitmore and Lawrence Grant for Ruby Beverage. Just a committal service at cemetery - funeral had been in Camden. Home. Chored early and up to Don and Cynthia's to supper and evening. Neither the Beveridges or Peters able to get there. Had a nice time. Home at 11:00. Up late 3 nights running. Too much.</p>

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<p>Oct. 19, Monday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day coming up. Calm as a kitty's ear and warm. Has been a nice day. Chored. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home to make cake and cookies for garden club meeting at Eliot Beveridge's this P.M. Slowed down getting around as many people had a talkative day. Home just after two. Nan had gone up to Beveridge's. I pumped, mowed and hauled millet to barn and then went up to H.S.B.'s and brought my rake home. Chored. Down from barn at 7:30. By counting the bales of hay from H.S.B.'s north side of road that I didn't mow last year, I ended within 10 bales of last yr.'s total count. Hope I'll have enough. I should have as I haven't so many large young stock to take through. I had 7 pregnant heifers last winter.</p>
<p>Oct. 20, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another pretty morning. Staying warm. Some different than the week up to Hiram's. Became overcast with air from the eastward looking like rain all day. Started raining as I came from barn last trip tonight. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I dug our potatoes. Had over a bu. from the two Jerry Fernald potatoes we planted, and about nine bu. From the Early Rose seed that Hiram and Leigh let me have. Mowed millet and hauled it to barn. H.D. came with grain. Two Coast Guard fellows arrived just after 5:00 to install monitor phones so Carver and I can check on Goose Rock bell. Were here until after 7:00. Slowed me up about getting to barn. To bed about 9:30.</p>
<p>Oct. 21, Wednesday</p>	<p>A rainy disagreeable morning. Wind N.N.E. Must have rained all night. Very wet today. Chored. Went on milk route. Kept cows in barn until I came back from delivering milk. Visited at Burgesses while Nan did a load of clothes. Then up to mother's barn with Mercedes to get some odds and ends of tools she had picked up and didn't want to take to the mainland with her - two pick-axes, a garden rake, a buck-saw, a couple 2 inch chisels, a big ripping chisel, a bit stalk, and a few other odds and ends. Came home, turned cows out, mowed millet, had coffee with the two C.G. fellows, they're still trying to get the monitor phones right - did chores and then went over to Montgomerys to spend evening. Home about 10:15.</p>
<p>Oct. 22, Thursday</p>	<p>A grey overcast morning. Not much promise of a nice day. Became a pretty fair kind of a day this P.M. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home and tried to rest a little while Charlene Ames gave me a doz. or so lobster bodies so as soon as I got home we had a lunch on them. Then Nan went over to Abbie's flat and picked several qts. of cranberries. Sent Abbie a shoebox full tonight. Well, I've broken my lifetime promise to myself not to sell any manure - I've agreed to sell the Montgomerys 2 yds. For their new flower garden. Mowed millet fodder and hauled it to barn. Brown boys brought me a load of dry shavings this A.M. Chored. Montgomery here a moment when I came from barn last time. Thought we were going to watch Jimmie Dean show tonight but Sen. Barry Goldwater was speaking. Made a good speech.</p>
<p>Oct. 23, Friday</p>	<p>40°. Another cold grey morning. A man can't show much enthusiasm for this kind of weather. Became a fairly good day. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores - replenished grain, etc. Mowed fodder and hauled it to barn. Hooked onto Rotary mower, mowed Fay's or rather Bailey's garden off, weeds taller than tractor, and then restored in pasture back of Carver's and beyond Carver's barn where the "Little King" and Spinney have rotoed for one before. Didn't quite finish beyond Carver's barn. Took our potatoes up to H.S.B.'s and put them in his cellar. Then downtown to get farm gas. Home and chored. Down from barn last time at 7:30. Pretty good for Calderwood.</p>

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<p>Oct. 24, Saturday</p>	<p>30° - air N.W. Looks like a fair day coming up. Has been a good working day. Chored. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she started out, I turned cows out to pasture and finished barn chores. Put a couple qts. of hydraulic oil into hydraulic system and then rotored in pasture. Worked over the strip north of seeded down piece in pasture, a little more over by spring finishing the piece beyond Carver's barn, and a little across from Merryconeag. Discouraging work where there are so many stumps and rocks. Oh, yes I dug the dahlia bulbs this A.M. that we plan to save and Nan dug her glads this P.M. Mowed fodder and hauled it to barn. Up to Burgesses this evening. The Amesese were there. Went to town by way of north shore road just in time to see a plane take off from Watson's strip. Strip lighted by flares. Bent the hanger of the trailer wheel on rotary mower so it doesn't trial straight.</p>
<p>Oct. 25, Sunday</p>	<p>Another dull grey morning. 40°. Air S.W. Time goes back to standard this morning. Has been a nice day. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. Stopped uptown to watch the boat go at 1:00. Saw the Montgomerys before they left. They said they called on us after we'd left with milk. He told me I might use the Papoose anytime I care to as she'll be off until they return in November. Came home, rested a couple hrs., had a lunch, mowed fodder, and chored. Down from barn last trip 7:00 o'clock. Standard time - milk put up, and containers washed by 7:30 - How well we did. Watched television this evening.</p>
<p>Oct. 26, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful calm sunny Oct. morning. Sad though to see the sun working to the southard so fast. Rising well down behind Stimpson's Island now from end of bedroom window and setting behind the barn from kitchen window. In eight weeks the sun will be starting back. Hurrah! A very nice day. Pumped and chored. Was just finishing barn work when the Little King drove in to say that Elliott Brown and Ronny Curtis had brought a 2 yr. Angus bull to the island yesterday and that he was running loose on this end of the island someplace. Had meant to take 3 dry cows over to Tumbledown today but gave up the idea after hearing about the bull. Went on milk route with Nan. Turned cows out to pasture as soon as we got back, cleaned up barn, took in grain, etc. Mowed millet and hauled it to barn. Fertilized all of our trees on mailbox corner, and the little pines by power house ledge, over a half bag of 8-16-16. Chored. Have dahlias all beheaded and ready to take to Hiram's. They boys caught their bull tonight. He showed up out of the woods and went into the barn with the King's cow.</p>
<p>Oct. 27, Tuesday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day approaching. Air westerly. 44°. This has been a perfectly lovely warm Oct. day. Some different than the ones we had while haying up to Hiram's. Chored. Nan went to Rockland with Dorothy Beveridge shopping. Was just washing milk utensils when the King blew in apparently to find out how I liked my XL-12 chainsaw. He stayed until I had finished lunch, then Bill Hurd returned some keys so I really was slowed down. Was after 11:30 standard time when I got going with milk. Sold less than 60 qts. again today. Too many people going on vacations etc. Home about 2:00. Was just grinding hand scythe when Ernie Boy blew in. Brought a sharpened mower knife down and also a box of kiffer pears. Nan arrived just as we were going to mow millet. Also a bunch of C.G. boys to re-run the telephone wire between here and bank pole. Wrong kind of wire used before. Waste, waste, waste. Chored.</p>

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<p>Oct. 28, Wednesday</p>	<p>A pretty morning - air N.E. Sun shining. A pleasant day but very raw this P.M. with wind out S.E. Chored. Nan went on milk route. As soon as she left I finished barn chores, caulked the end of watering trough at barn, and a few other minor chores. Hitched onto mowing machine , mowed around and below shop to shanty, between corn garden and well, and all of hog pen piece. Nan home by that time. Lunched. Then over to Tumbledown and mowed out the central swamp in big field. Took mower up to Mrs. Pease's and left it outside of barn. Home, mowed fodder with darkness catching me. Seemed to come dark very early tonight. Supposed to rain over half the state tonight. Marion H. here when I came from milking chores. Had beef stew supper with us.</p>
<p>Oct. 29, Thursday</p>	<p>Plenty of high cloudiness. 42°. Dull. Wind S.W. Didn't rain during night. Just a fair kind of day. Supposed to be raining over 80% of the state by night. Pumped and chored. As soon as Nan left with milk, I finished barn chores, went over to Montgomerys to take up 3 rhubarb roots she gave us, and mowed millet. Then started to haul the sawed slabs from dump piece to wood shed. Had the trailer nearly loaded when Nan returned from milk. She helped me unload the load and to load and unload the second. Made quite a showing in wood shed all tiered in. Now have 2 full tiers to peak and two nearly to plate. Coming dark when I finishing tiering. Chored. Milk route really shot. Down to 50 qts. sold today. Some different than 110 once or twice this summer.</p>
<p>Oct. 30, Friday</p>	<p>Hiram and I saw six wild geese flying over pond. Rainy morning. 42°. Started sometime during night. Got our wood in just in time but my second crop is going to be ruined. Didn't take it yesterday for fear it would rain. Cleared to become a good day but very wet under foot. Chored. Nan delivered milk I finished barn chores, put my old lamb hauling side boards onto S.B. trailer and hauled two more "thrown in" loads of slabs to woodpile by woodshed. Took dahlia roots up to H.S.B.'s on tractor - saved less than a tub full - and towed baler home. Thrashed to mow millet, but darkness caught me, didn't get scatterings raked. Prudy down to have beef stew supper with us, so went to barn a little early. Marion H. over with her four youngest children trick or treating while I was at barn. Then after we'd finished supper Betty and Jack came with Mike and Randy. Chilly cold tonight.</p>
<p>Oct. 31, Saturday</p>	<p>Cold morning. 30°. Westerly wind. Heavy high cloudiness. Becoming a nice day but cold. Separated most of this morning's milk so much on hand. Chored. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she started out I put towing joist across tractor drawbar and towed the three expectant momma cows over to Tumbledown - Liz Grey's first daughter, her third daughter, and her first granddaughter. Came home, turned cows out here, took spreader piece off tractor, hooked onto side delivery and raked the pieces of second crop I mowed Wednesday. Then over to Tumbledown to put cows into tie-up. Put Liz Grey's first daughter into calving pen. Put in a new gate post at entrance to big field so I could close gate hoping to keep people from driving up into field. Then up to Mrs. Pease's to take my old lime spreader in by barn from out by road where Jimmie Brown left it. Home, mowed fodder and chored. Tie-up quite empty with three out.</p>

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<p>Nov. 1, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful calm sunny morning - 24°. Over to Tumbledown first thing. Found Liz Grey's first daughter had calved, and was all cleaned up - an almost all white heifer from the Everett Wall bull. Has been a nice day. Pumped and chored. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. took ride down to Iron Point to Felton's and Pingree's and in to the Ketchum Place (Charlie Waterman's) on our way home. Rested an hour, then cleaned up a load of the second crop by the shop that I raked yesterday to feed out tonight. Put these cows in, then went over to Tumbledown to take care of the calved cow and to let the other two out. Home and chored. Down from barn at 7:00. The Eliot Beveridges down to supper and evening.</p>
<p>Nov. 2, Monday</p>	<p>Nice sunny morning - 34°. Has been a goody day. A pretty one. Wind died out so it's been nice this P.M. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and rearranged things in barn floor so I could back the S.B. trailer in with hay. Spread the pieces of second crop I raked Saturday and then while they were airing I changed the oil in the baler engine. After Nan came home she helped me haul the second crop into barn. We hauled it loose and put it into ground mow to feed right out. Didn't care to bale it for ear it would heat and mold. Too much clover. Finished before 4:00. Had three well tramped loads. Over to Tumbledown to do chores and then chored here. Down from barn at 7:30 and to bed at 8:30. Seem to be weary when night comes. Growing lazy too.</p>
<p>Nov. 3, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another pretty morning. Sun coming up nice. 34°. Election Day. What a shame the Republican Party hasn't a strong well-liked man. Don't figure Goldwater stands a show at all - and if he did his running mate Miller wouldn't pooch his chances. Has been a nice day but didn't accomplish much. Was just starting first chores at this barn when J.F. Dyer blew in to say he was ready for manure on Montgomery's garden. Chored here, and at Tumbledown. Nan delivered milk. After finishing barn chores and turning cows out I loaded F.W. trailer with manure from pick up piles at western end of barn. Just started from pile when pole snapped in two. With Flo's help I managed to get a chain around the pole and fasten it up to drawbar so I could take the load over. Talked with Elmer H. a little while - he's building a terrace over there. Did chores early at Tumbledown so we could go up to vote as soon as H.D. brought grain. Home from voting, chored and to bed. Democrats winning at every level.</p>
<p>Nov. 4, Wednesday</p>	<p>A landslide for the Democrats at every level - national - state and local. All these give away programs go over big. Spend, spend, spend. Another nice day coming up. 30°. Must accomplish more than yesterday. Well I don't know as I have accomplished much more today. Pumped. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, turned cows out, had hooked onto side delivery rake, and was gassing up when Nan returned. She made a flying trip this day. While lugging the bottles in, Frank Sampson drove into dooryard with Luther Glidden. Talked with him about sending tractor to Union next week for clutch job etc. Over to Tumbledown and raked the central swamp I mowed last Wednesday. Put side delivery into double garage, came home, took the hay wagon over and loaded the swamp hay loose. Brought it home for water pipe banking. Chored. Down from barn 7:05. Pretty good for Calderwood. Beer voted out of town this time - 122 to 100.</p>

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<p>Nov. 5, Thursday</p>	<p>A pretty calm morning. 28°. Very heavy white frost. Wind will be S.W. this P.M. Had been a nice day for working outdoors. Chored both barns. Ern blew in before I'd finished chores to get a few turnips. Stayed to help me put away machinery. As soon as Nan left wit milk, we finished mending the baler canvas, then he cleaned the baler out and up while I finished barn chores and unloaded yesterday's hay off wagon. Put it over water pipe at end of barn. Took wagon over to Tumbledown barn floor. Came home, took tedder up to Mrs. Pease's. Nan stopped in. We rearranged implements in barn floor so to leave more room. Put McCormick mower into ground mow along with two lime spreaders, took John Deere mower right out of barn to tow away to woods. Put tedder into ground, came home, drained baler of gasoline, also drained carburetor and sediment bulb, put bolts into fly wheel clutch, etc. and too baler over to Mrs. Pease's barn floor. Then put Ford mower in and then roller. Still have room for both harrows or my rotary. Chored at Tumbledown, then home and chored. Watched Jimmie Dean show tonight.</p>
<p>Nov. 6, Friday</p>	<p>A quiet clear morning. 34°. Air N.E. Has been a nice mild day. The kind of days I should be working on the back side of the barn. Chored both barns. Decided we should try to go to Vinalhaven this day so thrashed around to get milk delivered in time to take the 1:00 P.M. ferry. Separated a large part of our morning's milk. Down to Pat's about 1:30. Visited a while, then down town to shop and meet boat as Mike went to Rockland to get his glasses. Back up to ferry landing at 4:50 and believe it or not, the ferryman had forgotten all about us and gone home for the night. Had to go back to Reel Calderwood's to call and then it was another half hour before he showed up. Some service. After six when we got home. Cows still out and nothing done. Chored and to bed weary. Baby Loren changing rapidly now. Quite a chap.</p>
<p>Nov. 7, Saturday</p>	<p>Nice calm mild morning - 36°. Has been another nice working day. Don't know as I've accomplished a great deal but have been busy all day. Chored both barns. Pumped. Well driller finished at the Beveridges yesterday morning - 110 ft - 25 gal. per minute. Should be doing Abbie's next. As soon as Nan left wit milk, I finished barn chores, and turned cows out. Then dug a circular garden around pine oak tree for tulips for Nan, planted the three rhubarb roots from Montgomerys on edge of house garden abreast of flowering crabtree, cleaned up all the cultch, potato tops, dahlia stalks, weeds, etc. off both gardens - had a big trailer load and used it for fill in the low place back of shanty. Then raked oak leaves and other debris onto it. Over to Tumbledown just before dark and brought Liz Grey black and white heifer and calf home. Chored. Watched television this evening. Bill H. in hospital - hernia operation.</p>
<p>Nov. 8, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice morning - air S.W. Heavy white frost. 32°. Chored both barns. Has been a very nice day. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Took a little picnic lunch along with us as we intended to drive in to Helen Barclay's and cruise the Marsh Cove beach, but Eliot had a gate across the road so we went in to Mullen Place, walked out to the head, and followed the shore back around to Pingree's beach. Home, rested a few minutes. Cut corn for cows and chored. Watched Ed Sullivan and Bonanza. Separated all of our night's milk as we're having another slack spell. Abbie called by phone this morning, and Mr. Montgomery called while I was at barn this evening.</p>

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<p>Nov. 9, Monday</p>	<p>Looks like another nice one coming up. 35°. Has been a dandy. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I was just turning cows out and finishing barn chores when well driller drove in. Discussed our situation here and then went over to Abbie's with him. Looked her selected area over and then went up to Eliot B.'s with him to drive his light truck back down to Abbie's while he drove the drilling outfit. Brought me home. I finished chores, went up to Elliott Brown's to get 114 boards and 3-2x6 - 8 ft. long and one 246 x 12 ft long - 150 ft in all to use on back of barn. Cut two fodderings of corn and hauled it to barn. Cleaned tools out of toolbox on tractor and drove it uptown to ship to Union in the morning to have a clutch job and other repairs and paint job. Left it in Brown's garage. Nan came after me. Chored. Had a nice letter from Mark Bailey tonight.</p>
<p>Nov. 10, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice calm, pretty morning. 32°. Uptown first thing to get tractor onto Rockland ferry. Nan went with me. Should have had the ambition to have done my chores early and gone to Union with tractor, but didn't. Came home, chored. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she left I started pump, turned cows out, cleaned up barn, hauled a feeding of corn fodder to barn in Jeep, and cut nearly a second foddering before shutting pump off. Was on my third cutting when Nan returned. Cleaned up along back side of barn, taking down the two 4 x 8 braces we put up when we were trying to work the back side back into pace. Ready now to tear off old shingles, so I can splice out boarding to sills. I want to put in some windows too while I've got to replace shingles anyway. Very dark side of barn. Betty, Jack and the boys down after skim milk for pigs tonight. To bed early - 8:45.</p>
<p>Nov. 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like another nice one coming up. 26°. These days are surely some milder than while I was haying at Hiram's. What a day this turned out to be weather-wise and otherwise. Became disagreeable and started to snow and rain about 4:00 P.M. Rained most of night. Up at 5:50 and got a dandy start to this barn to start milking chores just after seven so I was down with second batch of milk just after nine. Nan left with milk about 10:30 and I finished barn chores, turned cows out and went right to work on back side of barn tearing off shingles. Tore off from western end back to nearly middle of barn floor up to scaffold beams and then needing shingle hook went over to Tumbledown carriage house after it. Discovered that one of the two cows was missing. Cruised Mrs. Pease's place and couldn't find her. Came home, got some fence posts to repair eastern side of little pasture where I think she got out, went back and repaired it. Nan went up to Mrs. Pease's and fond she wasn't with the young stock while I went in across eastern pasture to look in the two big openings in there. Met the cow by Merryconeag as we were coming home. Towed her back to Tumbledown behind Jeep. Home. Cleaned up torn off shingles, and chored Down from barn at 7:05. To bed early and weary. So goes my day.</p>

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<p>Nov. 12, Thursday</p>	<p>Wet, miserable and disagreeable. 40°. Rained a large part of night. Wind S. or S.E. Has been a pretty mild day about working on barn. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she started out, I finished barn chores and then went right to work tearing off more shingles, but trying to salvage some as I've worked to the eastward far enough to come into the shingles I put on when I first came down here. Slow work tearing out the bottom six or seven courses about butting the boards down. After Nan got home she helped me take off nails out of boards, then we squared off the bottoms of boards in western span, put 2 x 6 butt cross piece inside and re-boarded that section. Over to grain Tumbledown cows. Home and chored. As weary as though I'd farmed!</p>
<p>Nov. 13, Friday</p>	<p>Not a very pretty morning. Looks as though it may have rained in night. Wind S.W. 42°. Has been a nice mild day. Chored both barns. Separated most of our morning milk. Nan delivered milk. I went right to work on barn as soon as I finished barn chores. Started XL-12 and used it saw my 4 x 8 butt pieces I used under the sawed off big posts - I didn't get them filled in last summer when we put the sills in - also used it to square off the boards in back wall above rot. Had just finished that part and was getting ready to put butt planks inside when Nan returned. Then Ernie Boy blew in and helped me the rest of P.M. Succeeded in getting back side all boarded in. Now ready for shingles. Chored both barns. Bill Hopkins called on telephone tonight to thank Nan for roses we sent him yesterday it being his birthday, and also recovering from his hernia operation.</p>
<p>Nov. 14, Saturday</p>	<p>Clear and cooler. 34°. Strong northerly wind. Has been a nice day to work outdoors if anyone could work hard enough. Chored both barns. Was just getting milk aboard Chevelle for Nan when Ernie Boy blew in to get a bu. or so of turnips. Started pump as soon as Nan left, turned cows out and cut two feedings of corn. Ern helped me with corn and then helped me put the bottom course of shingles along back side of barn. Had a lunch after Nan came home and then I managed to fight the wind enough to get a strip of paper on the barn and clear across except for three _____. Chored both barns. Talked with Everett Wall tonight about buying Liz Grey bull and big spotted heifer, and he says the government has stepped in and is inspecting carcasses so that meant isn't moving good at all. Always something to keep the rabbit's tail short.</p>
<p>Nov. 15, Sunday</p>	<p>Cold and windy N.W. 26°. A nice day for cold weather lovers. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. Was planning to call on the Burgesses a few minutes after milk delivery but met them going on a ride with the Chick Stones. Took a ride over the new Hallowell road and walked down to Southern Harbor shore to look at the Eleanor Jackson log cabin. Quite an attractive building. Then called on Ben and Lottie Ames about an hour and a half. Had a nice visit. Ben confined to wheelchair, and Mrs. Ames so lame she can scarcely get around. Home and chored. Put on the two storm windows for kitchen before starting chores. Down from barn 7:00 P.M. Watched Ed Sullivan and Bonanza.</p>

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<p>Nov. 16, Monday</p>	<p>Very heavy overcast. Appears to be an air easterly. 25°. Speaks of snow late today - the radio that is. Has been a pretty mild day but very snowy looking all day. Started to rain just after I came from other barn tonight - put the cows in over there - and rained hard well into the night. Chored both barns. Separated probably thirty qts. of this morning's milk. Nan made four or five lbs. of butter this morning while we were choring. As soon as she left with milk I finished barn chores and then put another strip of paper across back of barn where I have the shingles torn off. Really made the back quite tight except for blowing under the sill. A nice chance to shingle but didn't have any nails or chalk till Nan came home. Cleaned starling nest out of shop chimney and built fire in shop. Replaced four panes of glass in tie-up windows, and Nan sanded on Pat's wire-reel table. Jack, Betty and boys down after skim milk about 5:30. Offered to help get stove in tomorrow nite.</p>
<p>Nov. 17, Tuesday</p>	<p>Clear, cool and windy. N.W. up to 30 mi. or so. 30°. A nice day but very disagreeable wind. Has blown hard all day. Chored both barns. Went on milk route with Nan as wind was so disagreeable and cold. Came right home. Williams came along over with us to have coffee. Very unpleasant at end of Abbie's house. He's down sixty ft. now and just water enough coming in to wet his drill. Cut two feedings on corn and hauled it to barn after turning cows out. Over to other barn and put cows in. Home just as H.D. came with grain and 3 sq. cedar shingles (clear wall) for back of barn. Jack Brown arrived at 5:30 to help me get Ashley up from shanty. Had it set up and working by six. What a difference in the feel of the house tonight. To bed just after 9:00. Etta B. taken to hospital this morning with digestive trouble.</p>
<p>Nov. 18, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another clear, cool and windy. About west and blowing 25 mi. or more. Has been really windy. Up around 50 per hr. at times. Pumped and chored both barns. When I went over to start pump I discovered that the cows or something had torn at least 5 of the asphalt shingles off pump house roof. The one bldg. on place that had a nice new watertight roof on it. Ern down to get a few turnips this A.M. As soon as Nan left with milk, I finished barn chores, then collected tools together and went back to spring to build a new fence around spring house. Cut the material, drove the posts, and run a strand of barbed wire around. As I had the XL-12 over there, I worked on the blown-ups above the spring until the saw ran out of gas. About 3:00 when I came home. Lunched. Chored. Watched "Bewitched" and "The Virginian."</p>
<p>Nov. 19, Thursday</p>	<p>Strange as it may seem the wind has dropped out. A sunny calm morning. Coldest of season - 22°. Stayed pretty cool but nearly calm all day. Chored both barns. Ernie Boy and Leigh blew in to gather turnips about 8:30. I'm afraid there is frost in them, the turnips I mean. As soon as Nan left with milk, I finished barn chores and then went to work shingling. Nan helped a little while after she returned, and Ern finished cutting the corn patch for me after finishing the turnips. Left off shingling at 3:00. Ern had to tow the Jeep before it would start. Run out of gas by Stinky Fisher's spring. When we were coming home from hauling first load of turnips to Ern's. Walked home and got a can of gas. Then Ern had to tow me again to start me. Hauled cow stalks to barn and put cows in. Then hauled rest of his turnips home. Chored at Tumbledown and home here. 6:15 when we came from Ern's last trip. A nice letter from Mercedes and Jim tonight.</p>

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<p>Nov. 20, Friday</p>	<p>Raining and snowing last night before we Ern's last load of turnips picked up. Rained all evening and most of night I guess. Heavy S.S.W. wind this morning and very wet. Wet all day raining at times. Chored both barns. Stopped up to see well driller. Now down 100 ft. and getting maybe 1 1/2 gal. per minute. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home. Came right home. Turned cows out, finished barn chores, and put on about 1 1/2 courses of shingles before starting P.M. chores. About as high now as I can go before cutting window opening through. Watched a little television tonight but pretty weary from yesterday. Corn piece last about 2 weeks. Takes a lot of it for 9 or ten head.</p>
<p>Nov. 21, Saturday</p>	<p>Montgomery came tonight. Looks like a fair day coming up. Heavy white frost last night. 28°. Supposed to be much colder tonight. Another full day. Chored both barns. Ern blew in just as we were having our pre-milk delivery lunch. Came to get the few turnips on house piece, they came up from his seed turnips last yr; and what came up themselves on piece back of garage. Put them in Jeep a couple bu. and then loaded it with tops. I finished barn chores, too his turnips and tops home for him; we cleaned out Jeep, came home by way of Mullens Place road, mowed a load of millet for cows and hauled it to barn and then cleaned up the hay at end of barn cows had wasted that I hauled down from Hiram's and banked the western end of barn and across the back side. Should stop some wind from coming under the sills some. Also banked water pipe at end of barn. Everett Wall came tonight to look at animals. Chored both barns. Watched L. Welk, Hollywood Palace and Gunsmoke.</p>
<p>Nov. 22, Sunday</p>	<p>22° - W.N.W. wind. Clear These days are getting to be to full for me. Chored both barns. Hadn't finished chores at this barn when Wall came, then Mr. Montgomery appeared at barn and stayed with us until after we came to house. Then Montgomery had no sooner gone than Rex Crockett blew in to talk about our 1949 Chevy and a flat bed trailer he had got from Frank. Didn't have time to talk business with him as I had to help Wall load a couple animals. Sold him my Liz Grey bull by Charlie Holstein Jr. and the heifer by Charlie Holstein from the Elliott Brown cow. \$15.00 for the two. If I were to buy them back or replace them would cost \$350.00. Such is life and the difference between buying and selling. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and mowed millet for cows. We rested an hour and a half or so and then I started chores a little early as we were invited over to Montgomerys to steak supper. Very good and had a nice time. Home at 10:00.</p>
<p>Nov. 23, Monday</p>	<p>Cold this morning. Coldest of season so far. 15°. Air N.N.E. Clear and sunny. Has been disagreeably cold all day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she left I started pump, filled wood boxes, turned cows out, finished barn chores, mowed millet and hauled it to barn. Still without a tractor and do I miss it. Worked on barn windows in shop what little time I had left. Chored both barns. To bed early 8:45 and weary. Order from Beans Inc. came tonight. My leather topped rubbers and Nan's winter boots. Supposed to be waterproof. She gave the ones I bought her last Christmas to Betty Brown as they were too narrow and too tight.</p>

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<p>Nov. 24, Tuesday</p>	<p>Looks like a pretty day coming up. Just an air on water. Looks easterly . Warmer - 30°. It has been a very nice mild day with practically no wind. Chored both barns. When I was coming back from Tumbledown the Jeep ran out of gas just this side of Emery's so I had to walk home. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores and then spent what time I had repairing a pair for windows to put in back side of barn for tie-up windows. Thought I was all set when I discovered bottom of one window was all rotten across bottom so had to hunt up another. Back over after Jeep after Nan brought gas, and then mowed fodder. Our basket of grapefruit we ordered for ourselves arrived from Alamo, Texas tonight. Tried to do some television watching tonight but both very weary.</p>
<p>Nov. 25, Wednesday</p>	<p>A fair quit day but promising a storm. Wind swung out S.E. tonight and starting to drizzle. Checked with well driller this morning when I did Tumbledown chores. Now down 125 ft. and getting a 1/2 gal. a minute. Abbie called tonight and is quite discouraged. Chored here and then went on milk route so Nan could stay home and cook. Has to make a cake for Don's and Cynthia's anniversary party tonight, and also cook for tomorrow. Came home from milk, changed clothes, ate lunch, and then Nan took me back uptown to meet boat and bring home tractor. Has been away from home since Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. As they shipped back the rear tire mounted on a rim that the new Firestone field and road replaced, I had Shorty haul it down for me in his Jeep. He and Greta visited with us a few minutes. Chored and up to the Witherspoons for evening. Had a nice time. They had several presents and probably \$100 on money tree. Quite a crowd there all told. Tractor looks like a new one all painted up pretty grey and red.</p>
<p>Nov. 26, Thursday</p>	<p>A very storm Thanksgiving Day. Wind S.E. 30 mi. or more and raining. Looks like no family from V.H. today - especially with ferry broken down. A wet day. Rained hard and blew harder all forenoon and continued to blow into the P.M. Chored both barns. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home to do housework. Rested an hour or so this P.M. Visited a few minutes with Etta B. while on milk run. She's just back from hospital. Supposed to have had gallbladder trouble, also had her remaining teeth out while over there. Kept cows in this day except for turning out to water. Chored at Tumbledown at 3:30 and met Abbie over there. Then did pre-milking chores here and went up to the Beveridges to Thanksgiving supper. The Lyford Beveridges and Abbie also there. Had a very nice supper and nice visit. Home and chored. Watched Jimmie Dean show.</p>
<p>Nov. 27, Friday</p>	<p>Looks like a fair day coming up. Warm - 40°. Air S.W. Has been a nice day but didn't accomplish very much. Chored both barns. As soon as Nan left with milk I started pump and finished barn chores. While cistern was filling I wheeled some of the dirt out of ground mow that has been piled in there since we put the new sill along back side. Worked in shop after pumping trying to make a frame for a window to use in back side of barn floor. About 2:00 Lyford and Ruth came calling and had coffee with us. After they left I mowed a feeding of millet for cows, and started chores. Abbie dropped in a few minutes on her way to Montgomerys to supper. Brought us a nice rubber stamp and pad. Stamp has my name, farm name and town and state. Very good for marking packages etc. Had our turkey for supper tonight. Just 2 old people eating alone.</p>

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<p>Nov. 28, Saturday</p>	<p>20°. Wind N.E. - 10 mi. Clear. A pretty nice day. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I finished barn chores, turned cows out, and mowed a very large trailer load of millet. Pretty well flattened down and aired out but cows still eat it good. Would like to get it all mowed as I'm afraid it might smother the new seeding. The land is getting pretty wet though about driving onto. Worked what little time I had in shop. Nearly got the window frame made. Chored both barns. Abbie over to supper with us. Watched Lawrence Welk and Hollywood Palace. Started raining some time in night.</p>
<p>Nov. 29, Sunday</p>	<p>Rained hard and considerable S.S.E. wind all forenoon. Abbie left on noon boat, also Montgomery's company. Must have rained a lot in night. Chored both barns, and went on milk route with Nan. Went form Chester Dyer's down to see people go on boat and then delivered from town back to Chester Dyer's. Home and rested an hour or so. Then started chores. Put Liz Grey's second Back &amp; White heifer into calving pen at Tumbledown when I did chores tonight. Foggy some and warm. Don and Cynthia came in about 8:00 and spent evening with us. Dec. 1 - Prudy and Edwin brought Prudy's old blue panel truck down this morning for me to use as a grain shed. Old red one well rusted out. Had coffee before starting back.</p>
<p>Nov. 30, Monday</p>	<p>20° - fair but look snowy. Glass very high. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I had just finished filling wood boxes before doing rest of barn chores when Mr. Montgomery came in. Visited most a half hour. They are supposed to leave tomorrow. Spent what time I had finishing the barn floor window frame and getting ready in the barn to cut the window opening through. Mowed a feeding of millet for cows. May well be the last one what with a snowstorm coming. Chored both barns. Growing cold tonight - 20° and wind breezing up from the North. Dec. 1 - when I went over to Tumbledown I found the calving pen heifer out in barn floor with a calf. Had gotten gate open somehow. Snow blowing half the length of barn floor over big barn doors. Just one more thing to go with everything else the first cold snap and storm.</p>
<p>Dec. 1, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a gale of wind all night and cold 18° this morning. Snow tearing down across the dooryard mast high. Caught with our pants down as usual. Young stock still up to Mrs. Pease's house not banked down, storm windows not on. Calderwood - you are really slipping. Not just slipping, have slipped. What a trying, trying day. Gale of wind just about north with plenty of snow tearing across roads. Chored both barns, tried to water cows in barn but pump was caught. Went on milk route with Nan. By trying to take groceries into Montgomery's as we came home we got stuck in snow banks on Montgomery's road. Had to get tractor to pull Chevelle out. Then took groceries over on tractor. Went over and started pump, but by the time I'd filled wood boxes and changed clothes to go water up, the engine had stopped so I had just water enough to water by hand. Then back over to drain spring pump. Over to Tumbledown to chore and then back here to chore. Just grained up and fed up here tonight. A lot of milk on hand.</p>

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<p>Dec. 2, Wednesday</p>	<p>Damned cold this morning. Westerly wind 30 to 40 mi. and has been all night. Temp. 10° above. Looks like the sun might shine. Not a cloud in sky. Another full day. In fact they're all full. Chored both barns. Montgomerys flew away this morning. Ken Mills came after Montgomery's keys. He's painting over there. Nan delivered milk I worked on pump engine and pumped. Had to water by hand as hose was frozen up. Just back from shutting off pump and ready to go up to Pease's to get animals when Farm Census taker blew in. Lost a half hr. with her. Jack Brown and his brother-in-law helped me get animals. Had good luck. Towed three down to Tumbledown, two home here, and Jack took the heifer calf and bull calf home. He gets the bull calf for wintering them and I'll pasture the bull next summer. Glad to get the animals under cover. It's been a long day. Well after dark when I got the last animals home, and then chores in two barns.</p>
<p>Dec. 3, Thursday</p>	<p>Snowing again this morning but quiet, just an air N.E. +20°. Snowed probably 4 inches. Another full day but not much accomplished. Chored both barns. Well drilled arrived with his rig just as I finished watering up. Watering up still by hand as the damned hose apparently has ice in it. Went on milk route with Nan in Chevelle. No snow tires and no chains. Managed to get around without much difficulty. Stopped at Brown's and had Chevy chains shortened and put on. Came home to find well driller stuck between Fay's and barn in his pick up truck. Pulled him out with tractor. Then took him over to Abbie's to get a can of gas as he was out of gas too. Managed by thrashing and working by flashlight to get the rest of storm windows on except two back bedroom ones. Chored both barns. Almost nine when I came from this one.</p>
<p>Dec. 4, Friday</p> <p><i>Annie's birthday and their wedding anniversary</i></p>	<p>Happy Birthday Mrs. Calderwood. Very overcast. Air N.E. More snow cooing probably Temp +20. Has snowed and sleeted all day and well into night. Snowplow down this morning. Chored both barns. Watered up and then went on milk route. Nan stayed home. Pretty mean going but had no trouble. Well driller got his outfit set up and started drilling about 1:30. As soon as I got home I started pump, filled wood boxes, watered up and kept choring. Pretty near a full day of chores. When I go on milk route. Hope to get things more convenient if we can get a few decent days. Still storming hard tonight. Snow very mealy. Hard walking. Gave Nan a pair of L.L. Bean waterproof snow boots and three pr. nylons. Pat and Mike sent up a little orange tree with several oranges on it. Mercedes called us from Owl's Head.</p>
<p>Dec. 5, Saturday</p>	<p>Very dull high cloudiness, wind looks to the still N.E. About +20°. Stayed within a couple degrees of twenty all day. Chored both barns. Had to break a road over to Tumbledown. Snowplow not down until after I'd gone to this barn. Very hard going and harder walking - mealy. Driller arrived about 8:00. Went on milk route and mighty few places shoveled out. People are getting very, very lazy. Came right home as soon as we gassed up. Changed my clothes, went right over to Tumbledown with tractor and trailer and brought cow and calf home (Liz Grey's second black &amp; white heifer and her calf). Was dark when I got home. Watered up here, back over and chored, and put the other cow in calving pen. Her time out same time as one I brought home. Home, chored and wary. Snow walking hard on Calderwood.</p>

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<p>Dec. 6, Sunday</p>	<p>Here it is another snowstorm at 6:30. Must have started quite early. It looks now like we're going to have one of those winters that tries the hearts and souls of man and beast. +22°. These days are getting fuller and fuller, good English. Didn't get over to Tumbledown first this morning, too much snow. Had to put grader blade on tractor and clean out dooryard and driveway before I could take Chevelle out. Doug Stone and Jack Brown arrived with my Christmas aluminum extension ladder from Mrs. C. When I stopped at Tumbledown on way out with milk, I found the black heifer down in tie-up with both hind feet stretched out behind her. Got her feet back under her but couldn't get her up. Thrashed home from delivering, cleaned out rest of driveway to barn, pumped and watered up. Over to Tumbledown to find heifer still down as I crawled into feed manger. Came home, called Jack Brown and back over. We finally got her out of manger and onto her feet. Pretty wobbly. Home and chored. After 9:00 when I finished. Had to snowshoe to spring. A lot of snow. Milton Ames down after grain this P.M. We saw a large flock of wild geese flying over S.W.</p>
<p>Dec. 7, Monday</p>	<p>This is a pretty Monday morning, but cold. 10° above. Almost calm and it looks like the sun might shine after days of storm. This has been a nice winter day with Christmas card beauty, but not beautiful to walk and work in. Over to Tumbledown first thing. Black heifer laying down, but in a normal position. Tried to get her up but couldn't. Chored and watered up here. Williams had coffee with us while we had out pre-delivery lunch. Say he's down 40 ft. now and has a 2 gal. a minute flow at the 20 ft. depth. May have to cement that one out depending on whether it's surface flow. Thrashed milk around. Still lots of paths not shoveled. Heifer still down when we came home but shifted sides. Thrashed over to Montgomery's on tractor to check furnace and house - road not plowed. Home and repaired doors in bottom of shop so I could close that up. Had Jack B. meet me at Tumbledown but what do you know, black heifer had gotten up under her own power. Hurrah. Home and chored and weary. Salt fish and potatoes for supper tonight. Very good. Cold tonight. Down to 6° above at chore time but calm.</p>
<p>Dec. 8, Tuesday</p>	<p>Isn't it wonderful? It's snowing again, and paths just cleaned out. Cold both barns. Well driller gone to mainland. Found the heifer had calved during night. Up and smart. A mostly white heifer. Went on milk route. Snowing most of day. We stopped in to Memorial Room to church sale after delivering milk. Had tea, coffee and sandwiches. Thrashed home, shoveled off porch, pumped, lugged in wood, watered up, over to Tumbledown. Carl Bunker got stuck when he came by us by carriage house, helped him get out, home and chored. To bed fairly early and weary. Received bill from Payson on tractor repair two or three nites ago - \$357.00. Clutch job, complete oil change engine, trans, hydro, rear and filter, sparkplugs, points, con, distributor housing, rotor, 2 new fow'd tires, new hind tire, tires loaded, radiator repair and winterized, and paint job besides other little things. 23.17 hrs.</p>

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<p>Dec. 9, Wednesday</p>	<p>Cold - +15° and very overcast. Looks like more snow. Air appears to be N.N.E. Chored both barns. Day fair enough so Nan took milk to give me a chance to catch up some. Watered up, built fire in shop, hunted up a bird feeder pole, used what was once a shaft for a wagon, drilled an iron rod, and had the bird feeder from Zimmerman Estate ready to put on pole when Nan came home. Crowbarred a hole in ground by porch railing and put the affair in place. This feeder swings in wind so feeder opening is always on lee side. Very good except for pole being about 1 1/2 feet too short. Spent rest of time we had staining the telephone reel table for Pat. Now have it ready to varnish. Chored both barns. Snow blowing in badly and more light now has come this P.M.</p>
<p>Dec. 10, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning, calm and cold - 10°. But how am I going to get anything done with all this snow around. Nearly two feet on level. Has been a very nice day but stayed cold. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk and did a wash at Burgesses. Edwin and Rex down after Jeep last night to see if they can get it in running shape. As soon as Nan left with milk, I watered up and finished barn chores. Then worked till about three plowing out the road from mail boxes to barn and widening it out for next storm. Snow blew in badly last nite. Over to Tumbledown on tractor with bag of grain. Plowed road to stable door. Nan over in Chevelle and helped me close opening over big barn doors. Chored both barns. Watched television tonight.</p>
<p>Dec. 11, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm morning. Very red sunrise. +18°. A nice mild day warming all day, starting to rain about 4:00 P.M. Nice to see the snow setting. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk As soon as she started out I started pump - snowshoed over - and finished barn chores. Put cows back in - first time they've been out since I started keeping them in Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Watered up filled grain barrels etc. Had just started fire in shop and was trying to get a broken handle out of a hammer when Nan returned. She varnished Pat's table and I went right over to Tumbledown to work. Put three panes glass in ground mow windows, closed smaller window in western peak, tightened doors in north side of manure spreader end of barn, closed front of manure spreader opening, repaired window in southern end of barn floor, and repaired three tie-up windows. Now if I can get banking around house I'll have bldgs as good as I can make them for this winter. Chored and weary.</p>
<p>Dec. 12, Saturday</p>	<p>New snow treads on Chevelle at 3300 mi. Started raining last night about 4:00 and continued into nite. Snow has settled a lot and considerable bare ground showing. Warm and nearly calm. About 35°. Kind of foggy. Snow has gone a lot today. Town roads all bare. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk, did a wash at Burgesses, went to Sisterhood Sale and had two new snow treads mounted on hind wheels of Chevelle. First time chains have been off since the third. As soon as Nan left I finished chores and watered up. Then spent an hour or so trying to make the big barn and bull barn a little more snow and wind tight. Took grader blade off tractor, put drawbar on, and hauled in two loads of Dobb's round wood he gave me from in back of Merryconeag. Was just putting tractor away when Nan got home at 4:00. Chored both barns. Watched Lawrence Welk show, Hollywood Palace, and last half of Gunsmoke.</p>

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<p>Dec. 13, Sunday</p>	<p>Clam as a kitty's ear. A lot of high cloudiness and a kind of fog hanging around. 26°. A nice Dec. day. Chored both barns. Finished barn chores so to go on milk route with Nan. Came right home. Finished making out my Christmas order to Montgomery Ward and then rested an hr. or so. Rex Crockett arrived with the Jeep just as I was lugging in wood. He and Edwin could find nothing radically wrong why it has bothered so about starting. They put in new points etc. Also repaired oil gauge and speedometer. Chored. Watched Ed Sullivan and Bonanza.</p>
<p>Dec. 14, Monday</p>	<p>A lovely day. Snow went a lot more. Well driller arrived here just after 7:00. Have written to Mrs. Fay this morning and enclosed Christmas card. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk in Jeep to gas it up and to get a couple cans. Did wash at Burgesses. As soon as she started out I went over to spring, disconnected pipe off pump and hauled up the pipe so I could fasten shut-off rod at shut-off. Started pump, bred No. 2 heifer in tie-up to the yearling Holstein bull I brought home from Mrs. Pease's, watered up etc. Was just starting for Elliott Brown's to get a load of bedding sawdust when Nan returned. H.D. arrived with grain as I was lugging in wood. Chored both barns. Lawrence and Alice down after their sheep salt while I was choring. Spent the evening with us. Nice visit.</p>
<p>Dec. 15, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning. Air S.W. 26°. Unbelievable after a week like we've just come through. Well driller didn't arrive so early this morning. Chored both barns. Nan delivered milk. I watered up and finished barn chores. Then went up to Brown's saw mill and got another load of bedding sawdust. Nan home shortly after I got back. We had coffee and then I went out to Cobb's wood lot beyond Merryconeag and hauled in another load of big stuff that Don W. junked up last winter. Will make good living room heater wood. Chored both barns. Glowing cold tonight. 10° above at 10:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Dec. 16, Wednesday</p>	<p>A cold one this morning. 4° above. Almost calm. Up just after 5:00 this morning. Replenished fires and stayed up. Have written to Mark Bailey and enclosed a Christmas card. Chored both barns. Has stayed clear and a penetrating cold all day, but sunny which helped. Nan delivered milk. As soon as she left, I put casters on the table we're making for Pat and Mike, and then watered up and finished barn chores. Well driller down about 80 ft. now, has pounded away steadily all day. Was just going out to Cobb's after more big junks as Nan came from delivery. Hauled in two more big loads, 5 in all, cleaning it up. Must be over two cords. A good start on winter's burning. Chored both barns. Nan over to Tumbledown with me. To bed weary. Down to 10° above at chore time but warming up to 18° at bedtime.</p>
<p>Dec. 17, Thursday</p>	<p>Heavily overcast and warmed up to 30°. Air about west but looks stormy. Have written to Mr. Bailey and enclosed Christmas card to family. A full day. Over to start pump first thing. Then over to Tumbledown, back and stopped pump, and chored here. Nan left at ten in Jeep to help the Garden Club decorate the church. I finished chores, washed milk containers etc. and delivered milk. Home about 2:15 just ahead of Nan. Sprinkled most of the way down and has rained hard by spells this P.M. We sanded Pat's table down good, and Nan put on a second coat of varnish. Really dressed it up. I split some of Cobb's wood and put a little in woodshed. Chored both barns. Down last time just after 8:00. Watched the Jimmie Dean show. Well driller down about 90 ft. tonight and still wetting his drill.</p>

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<p>Dec. 18, Friday</p>	<p>About 26° and growing colder. Rained some in the night, and then a few flakes of snow. Is pitting now at 7:15. Have written to Frank Waterman and enclosed Christmas card. Chored both barns. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home to wrap packages. Well driller worked until noon, then plugged the hole and ran concrete to plug the side seam flowing in at 22 ft. at about 1/2 gal. per minute as I'm afraid it's surface water. Came right home from milk route, watered up and chored. Nan dodged up to the Beveridges while I did Tumbledown chores. Took their presents up to them. Wrote two pages of Christmas cards tonight. Growing cold tonight. About 8° above at bedtime.</p>
<p>Dec. 19, Saturday</p>	<p>Cold and clear. +6° this morning, but bright sun helps some. Windy. Chored both barns. Watered up and went on milk route with Nan. Watered around uptown a little while to get a haircut of Joel Wooster. Home, thrashed over and started pump, lugged in wood, watered up here, over and shut off pump. Chored Tumbledown and then chored here. Don and Cynthia down to spend evening with us. Stayed till 12:00. Watched Lawrence Welk show and Hollywood Palace.</p>
<p>Dec. 20, Sunday</p>	<p>Calm and overcast. Not so cold as yesterday morning. +20°. Chored both barns. Watered up and finished barn chores. So to go on milk route with Nan. Left the rest of our calendars to our customers. Came right home and worked awhile on out-of-town Christmas cards. Rested 3/4 hr and then chored both barns. Worked the evening on cards. Have them about conquered except for Vinalhaven and local ones we didn't give calendars to. To bed 10:30. Growing cold tonight too. Down to nearly 10°. This is cold for the wind is N.E.</p>
<p>Dec. 21, Monday</p>	<p>Cold and clear this morning +7° with wind N.N.E. Looks like the sun may shine. Stayed real cold all day. Chored both barns. Watered and fed up and went on milk route with Nan. Came right home. Nan went over to Montgomerys to check on house and I went out in pasture to find an outside tree. Found a beautiful one up above the birch grove. Brought it in, set it up, and we put the lights on. Found we had no plug to go into our outside socket so couldn't light it. Split some Cobb wood, filled boxes, and chored. Watched the Andy Williams show tonight. Very good singing. Cold tonight – 8° above at bedtime.</p>
<p>Dec. 22, Tuesday</p>	<p>Quite wet and slippery. 30°. Well driller blew in again this morning but didn't get ahead much. Found there were evidently two seams of water 20 ft. down where he plugged it the other day. Took care of the lower one okay but water still coming in from upper one. Then his cable snapped in two and he spent most of the day getting his drill. Chored both barns. Went on milk route. Nan stayed home and made cookies and other sweets. Wrote the Vinalhaven Christmas cards. Then Pat and Mike and children blew in about 4:00 to bring presents and get theirs. Stayed till six. Chored both barns.</p>
<p>Dec. 23, Wednesday</p>	<p>Cold +8° above, air still N.N.E. and looking very snowy. Chored both barns. Watered up and went on milk route. We parked on parking lot and waited for boat to come. The boat was loaded to capacity I'd guess. At least 5 cars, and the B and R. Came right home, took stove pipe off Ashley, and cleaned it out. Not as bad as I've seen it some times. Also cleaned out ashes. Chored both barns. Finished writing Christmas cards tonight. Well driller here again today. Down about 110 ft. tonight and says he's getting some water besides the 20 ft leak. Put in another cement plug this P.M. Will be gone till next Monday now.</p>

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<p>Dec. 24, Thursday</p>	<p>A very dull foggy morning. 34°. Snow nearly all gone. A nice chance to get wood out of woods before snow comes if one was ready, and the ground was frozen. Chored both barns. Watered up and went on milk route with Nan. Did a wash at Burgesses and a little last minute shopping. Saw boat come and then thrashed home. Right over to start pump, watered up, stopped pump, chored at Tumbledown, and then here. We're just cleaning up to go up tot eh Gordon Peters when Harvey, Shirley and Marcia blew in with presents for us. Stayed about a half hour. Then up to Peters. The Bun Smiths, Squire Grants, Don Witherspoons and Dickey there. Had a nice evening.</p>
<p>Dec. 25, Friday</p>	<p>A very warm and soft Christmas Day. Air full of fog and no frost in the ground. Pretty sloppy going. Opened a few of our presents before doing chores. Then chored both barns and delivered milk. Visited at the H.C.C.'s nearly an hour. He showed some of his home movies. Took a box of fruits down to H. Demmons children on our way home. Finished opening our presents and then chored. Had our Christmas dinner tonight. Rib roast beef with mashed squash and potato. Very good. A very heavy thunder storm tonight about 10:00 and heavier rain. Also blew 40 mi. an hour or so. I didn't have any presents for Nan as my order didn't come from Montgomery. Had some nice presents. Nan gave me a 32 ft. ext. aluminum ladder. Nan also gave me a pair of heavy quilted coveralls for tractor work in cold weather, and a hooded sweatshirt. Montgomerys gave me 3 beautiful Viyella flannel shirts, a beautiful cashmere scarf and a pair of trigger finger leather mittens. Mrs. M. sent Nan a beautiful blue bathrobe and housecoat combined. Had several other nice presents.</p>
<p>Dec. 26, Saturday</p>	<p>Boy, are things wet and soft this morning. Above 40° and very foggy. Meant to say we had no boat and no mail yesterday. Everybody had a vacation. Chored both barns. Had meant to try to do some catch up work here at home but it started to rain about the time I came from barns so I went on milk route with Mrs. C. Did a barn wash at Burgesses. Alta not feeling good. Bad cramps and pain across her abdomen. Was so near to boat time we waited to see boat come. Not much today. Came right home. Pumped and watered up. Chored both barns. Thrashed chores through to get up to Bill Hopkins to supper at 7:30. About 10 min. late. Didn't have much time for our 2 day mail. Did open my package from Montgomery Ward. Mostly presents for Nan - overshoe boots, leather palmed gloves, Morocco pumps (green), her scarf and plaid skirt didn't come. Little Mike's two buckle overshoes and Mike's pump squirt came for stockings. Had a nice supper and a nice time at Bill's and June's. Boy did they buy their children some nice presents - 3 pr. ski outfits - skis, boots, poles, mittens, etc. Well over three hundred dollars.</p>
<p>Dec. 27, Sunday</p>	<p>42 above and foggy. A dull, miserable day. Chored both barns. Finished barn chores, watered up and we went on milk route. Alta felt so sick all night, Prudy had Dr. Shields down at 8:00 this morning and he told Prudy to get her to hospital to find out what was wrong. Boat made special trip. Came home, rested 3/4 hr. and chored both barns. As Mr. Bailey was supposed to arrive this P.M. we built fire in kitchen stove in Uncle Will's house and tended it, but he didn't appear. Watched Bonanza show. Storming and disagreeable tonight Wind N.E. and growing colder. 24°.</p>

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<p>Dec. 28, Monday</p>	<p>Stormed most of night. Ground covered with snow this morning. Wind about E.N.E. Temp 22°. Rosanne called last night to say Alta was operated on yesterday P.M. - ruptured appendix with peritonitis setting in. This hasn't been a very soothing, uplifting day. Damned ice frozen to everything so gates, doors, windshields, everything frozen up. Chored both barns. Well driller arrived this morning. Drilled through the concrete plug he put in before Christmas, found the seam still leaking so ran in two more bags of cement. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home to do housework. When I came home she went over to Montgomerys in Chevelle to check furnace. Got stuck on Montgomery's side of field hill coming back. Road softer than in the spring when frost coming out. Went over in tractor and finally pulled her up through but when we unhooked tractor at top of hill, the Chevelle refused to go either forward or back. Burned out clutch, broken axle or something. Towed it down to dump piece across from Carver's just as H.D. came with grain. Then over to Tumbledown in Jeep after getting some of the ice off windshield. Called Frank S. about Chevelle. He's coming down in morning to tow her to garage to see what's wrong. Weary, weary, weary, and sick at heart. Rosanne called to say Alta appeared to be coming along fairly good.</p>
<p>Dec. 29, Tuesday</p>	<p>Grey and dull, but sun managed to show late in P.M. A nice sunset. The first in days. Stayed cold, about 20 all day. 16° this morning. Steve and Spinney down after Chevelle just after 7:00. Steve told me this noon the clutch was completely burned out. Watered up with what water I had and we went on milk route in Jeep. Had to use gas torch on Jeep this morning to thaw driver's door and windshield. Had new blower switch put on Jeep at Brown's so we could get some heat on to windshield. Nan did a wash at Burgesses. Home, pumped, watered up, and chored both barns. Weary, weary and wary. Bailey called tonight to say he wouldn't be here this vacation as planned. Wants storm windows and doors put on.</p>
<p>Dec. 30, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another dull grey morning. Temp. rising slowly. 20° and calm. Chored both barns. Delivered milk in Jeep. Stopped at garage to find that the wrong size pressure plate or clutch had been sent over from Rockland for the Chevelle. As we came along Jerry Adams was stuck in Fisher's driveway in his father's truck, so I came home, went right back over on tractor and hauled him out. Had started to rain and continued the rest of P.M. and evening, making everything a glare of ice. Awful slippery when I did barn chores. Nan over to other barn with me. In what spare time I had after tractoring this P.M. I made out application for milk license, and wrote to bank to arrange a withdrawal to pay repair bill on tractor at Payson's Farm Mech. Co. June and Bill supposed to come down this evening, but their baby not feeling good.</p>

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<p>Dec. 31, Thursday</p>	<p>Rain ceased during night and changed to snow. 4 or 5 inches. Killed the slippery part anyway. Calm and overcast. Then wind breezed up to over 40 mi. per hour, and snow has blown badly all day. Snowplow had been down before we started with milk. Chored both barns. Well driller pounding away. Only getting about 1 1/2 gal. per min. Delivered milk in Jeep. Stopped at garage to find them still having trouble getting parts to fit. Steve putting her together for third time when we left to come home. I walked over to Montgomery's to check furnace. Was just changing clothes to go to Tumbledown when Frank called to say Chevelle was ready. We went up after it, and as Nan was stopping just this side of Tumbledown carriage house, the Chevelle slid off the edge of the road. Was trying to haul her out with Jeep when Emery came along in truck and did the chore. Nan came home and I did Tumbledown chores. About 8:00 when I came from this barn. The Bill Hopkins down this evening. Stayed till 12:00. Had a nice visit. Thus endeth 1964. Farewell. Growing cold. Down to 15° and blowing hard N.W.</p>
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