

# TONNY CALDERWOOD'S DIARY

## January 1 to December 31, 1968

*transcribed by Elizabeth MacLean*

Given to me Christmas 1967 by Alta M. Burgess

Jan. 1, Monday	<p>Happy New Year to All. A real winter morning and a white one. 28° at 7:00 A.M. The rain of last evening must have changed to snow, probably an inch. Wind, now NW up to 10 M. Sun will shine. Supposed to be very cold tonight. 45° below zero in N. Dakota this morning. Did bookkeeping, made ham and eggs for breakfast. Didn't attempt to do much this A.M. except to shave and clean up to go up to Sampson's at 10:00 to watch Tournament of Roses on colored T.V. Also saw the Cotton Bowl Parade. Color T.V. is really something, some different than black and white. Had roast duck for dinner. Home about 2:30 after going to town to mail letters. Growing cold rapidly down to 10° above before dark. Wind blowing over 40M NW. No mail tonight. I walked home from Fisher's. Played a couple games cribbage. Had delicious warmed up clam chowder for supper. Called the Fishers tonight. Spent evening resting and reading.</p>
Jan. 2, Tuesday	<p>A real winter morning. Wind has dropped out and the thermometer stands at +2°. Sun should shine. Already the sun has worked north at night. Is now behind spruces in night pasture when it sets. Hurrah. Has been a nice day but cold. Did bookkeeping. Nan fried clam cakes for breakfast. Very good. The last of Don's gift. Nan spent most of A.M. ironing. I spent it going through the cards and letters I received while in the hospital in 1966 and clipping the stamps off them for the S.S. Those with our Christmas season stamps make quite a number. Lunched. Wrote letter to Abercrombie &amp; Fitch about exchanging my R.M. gift shirts for smaller ones. Mailed the package when we went to town at 2:00. Saw boat come. Down to Alta's to have coffee. She invited the Ames over as their company left this morning. Then we went over to see their bathroom that Milton had done over. A beautiful job. Home, chored, played a game of cribbage. Mail consisted of 3 papers, a letter from the Buddy Whipples, one from the W. Hopkins, and a bill from E. Spear for the window in Tumbledown. Watched some T.V. after supper.</p>
Jan. 3, Wednesday	<p>The Don Witherspools became grandparents -a grandson. Looks like a pretty fair day coming up. A bank in south. Clear. Calm. Has warmed up to 20°. Must get ready to go to Rockland if Dr. Morse can check me. Called Mrs. Brown and got okay. Thrashed to clean up and get uptown at 8:10. Nice trip over, only Toots, Mary, Oscar and Tomers aboard. Rode onto main street with the Watermans and had coffee with them at coffee shop. Then walked up to Everett Spears Inc. to pay bill for Tumbledown window. Then up Summer St. to Hospital Annex. There at 10:15 and waited to 12:45 before Dr. Morse could see me. Well pleased and gave me the go-ahead within reason. Walked from hospital right to A&amp;P. Did shopping and to boat. Boy, was it rough coming on. Oscar's car got to sliding around on deck and nearly crashed into the side of the ferry. Had to cut speed down for a ways. Started snowing about 11:00 and snowed till after I got home. Nan met me at boat. Check from Abbie for 1/2 mowing job. Read paper, suppered and watched T.V. Going to Rockland makes me weary.</p>

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<p>Jan. 4, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like a beautiful day in the making. Sky clear and just an air NE. Temp back down 20°. Was 34° at bedtime. Has been a beautiful day but didn't warm up much. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Spent A.M. making out season's vegetable bills, rotoring bills, hay bills, etc. Think I now have bills all out. Nan finished her ironing. After lunch I walked over to R.M.s to check house, starting pump on way. Walked out road, hard to walk on, crust at it keeps breaking through. Shoveled off our porch. Shut off pump. Started for town about 2:30. I drove for first time since Nov. 29. Saw boat come. Left bills with Dick Shields (HM's manure bill), Milton Ames (horse rake - Crocker), Adams (vegetables). Came home by way of NS road. Calderwood lugged in all the wood tonight and dumped ashes. Started to snow a little about dark. Had macaroni &amp; cheese for supper. Had a thank you note from Edna B. and a note from Mrs. Cobb. Mr. C slowly getting stranger at present. Watched some TV this evening.</p>
<p>Jan. 5, Friday</p>	<p>Man is it blowing through the dooryard this morning - 40 mi. or more NW and taking the snow with it. 18° temp. Will be cold tonight. Calderwood sure overslept. 7:30 when I came to after being awake for hrs. from 4:00 on. Has been a disagreeable day all day even though the sun has shone. Wind has blown 30 or more all day and snow had drifted badly. Have accomplished very little this day except tend fires. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast - ham and eggs - helped with dishes. Read on the book Jennie B. gave us at Christmas - Christy - by Katherine Marshall - very good. Played 3 games Scrabble - Mrs. C. won all of them. My third game I had only 154. Lugged in the wood this P.M. Is getting low on porch. Put out 3 bales hay for L. Beverage and he plowed to barn to get it. Had letter from Mercedes. Watched T.V. some this evening. Had a nice supper of broiled steak, yellow beans and boiled potatoes.</p>
<p>Jan. 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Looks like another cold windy one. Very cloudy now at 7:00 with wind 15 to 20 and airing up. Almost 25 that puff. Tem. 14°. Wind W. Cleared and sun came out. Made a pretty one but cool. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Did a little reading, then went through the 2 racks of letters on desk, discarding most of them. A little late having lunch, nearly 1:30. Nan made ginger snap cookies this A.M. Just ready to go out to shovel snow out of driveway before going to town when Val Young called on telephone. They finally have telephone clear to that part of Calderwood's Neck. Had quite a chat with him. Saw boat come. Down to Alta's to do wash and have coffee. The Ames over. At boat time FWS had asked us to stop in and have supper and watch television. We stopped from Alta's at 4:30 and they were just finishing supper. Stopped anyway. Watched several programs but all not in color. Lawrence Welk was especially good in color but oh so much fussing over everything. Terrible.</p>

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<p>Jan. 7, Sunday</p>	<p>Doggone. It was the prettiest evening when we came home. Moon and stars out and frosty and here it is a tough NE snow storm and has been sometime. The porch was covered when I was up at 3:00. Temp. 24°. Reckon we won't get the church this morning. No chains on. A real tough snowstorm lasting in to P.M. Probably 9 or 10 inches. Wind backed in NW and blowed hard this P.M. late. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes. Rigged up in hooded sweatshirt, shoveled off porch - 7 inches at that time, and filled both woodboxes, one more day of Ashley wood left on porch. Has lasted since Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Must try to get some more down from above barn. Read some this A.M. and played a couple games Scrabble. This A.M. worked checking checkbook figures a little while, then out and shoveled off porch again, and path out to road after little King plowed up by driveway. Invited the Ames down to supper. Had hulled corn, etc. Watched Ed Sullivan and Smothers Brothers Shows. Ames went home about 9:00. Snow blowing considerable and down to +6°.</p>
<p>Jan. 8, Monday</p>	<p>What a morning - 8° and wind howling down across here at 40° to 45 mi. an hour. What a day for one to have to go across the bay. A rare sight to see the most high vapor moving from west to east. Usually it moves from east to west. Looks like sun might shine but cold again tonight. This has been a bitter cold winter day. WNW up to 50M per hour several times and the temp not up to zero any time during day. Sun did shine some but snow going through dooryard was mast high. It was 15° below at H.S.B.'s this morning. One wonders where so much snow comes from to blow. They tell us the snow plow was stuck and broken down up above B. Joyce's all P.M. Have sent the day working through our checkbooks, playing Scrabble, won my first game in seven, and reading. O yes and trying to keep the house reasonably warm. Hard to with wind blowing so. Talked on phone tonight with Val Young at Murch's, Pleasant River. Plenty cold and snow down there too. Still plenty cold tonight -4° and wind still blowing. Supposed to drop out.</p>
<p>Jan. 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>Elmer Carver passed away tonight. Still 4° below and wind still blowing 15 mi. or so. Believe it or not, there's a solid bridge across to Stimpson's. So much snow in water it froze quickly. Big thoroughfare must really be thick. Neither boat made Rockland run yesterday and I'll bet the NH has trouble getting out today. The Libby had to come up around with the engineer and deckhand. Has stayed damn cold all day and wind stayed brisk. Did get up to +10 first of afternoon. Snowshoed over to R.M.'s this A.M. to check furnace. Okay. Finished working through checkbook and it came out okay within \$.02. Played a game of Scrabble. Came out a tie today. Had 2 days mail tonight. 2 papers, Courier, a letter from Mrs. Fay and one from the Fishers. Also my personalized pen sets from Farmer Seed. A set for Jim Oldroyd, a set for Little Mike, and a set for Mamma. This evening about 8:00 Arthur Hopkins came over to tell us that Elmer Carver had just passed away sitting in his chair. Has been very miserable lately.</p>

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<p>Jan. 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>Jimmie Dyer down in Frank's Jeep to plow out our door yard and road to barn this morning. This is indeed a beautiful sunny winter morning and the wind has dropped out considerable. Temp 02° above. Still frozen across to Stimpson's. How nice that Carver passed away at home instead of being taken to Togus as planned. Has been a beautiful day except cold. Did finally get up to 10°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped wash dishes. Called the RMs to inform them about Carver. Then called the C.G. base to advise them about Carver, as he and I tend Goose Rock Light together. I did this at the request of Mrs. Carver. Nan over to call on her this A.M. Elsie B. there. I polished runners on my wood sled, and we hauled several loads of Ashley wood down from above barn to pile on porch. Jim and Claire B. and 2 small children down about 10:30. to get bottle caps and to pay me for heifer he bought last spring. Had coffee with us. The Lincolns brought R.M.'s wash back. Uptown and down to Alta's to coffee. Ameses over. We took her 3 boxes round wood for kitchen stove. Did not see boat come. Due to so much ice in Thoroughfare they had to take Carver's body to Rockland today to be prepared. Was supposed to be brought back on P.M. boat but I don't know. Suppered, then up to call on the Thorntons. Plenty cold up there. Home at 9:45 - 2° above zero. A beautiful night though.</p>
<p>Jan. 11, Thursday</p>	<p>Lena Dickey passed away in Nursing Home. A cold white winter morning. Exactly 0° and promises to be very cold tonight. Thankfully not much wind. Tide opened a path through Little Thoroughfare yesterday but big Thoroughfare full. Took the NH to 8:45 to reach the Sugar Loaves yesterday morning. Has been a nice sunny day but cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, bacon and baked beans - and then spent most of A.M. trying to make telephone calls or waiting for them regarding Carver's funeral. L.C. Thompson called from S.W. Harbor base wanting to know about the funeral and about Carver, and it took me till noon to find out and let him know. McFee had to fly up from VH and he and Harvey came here after being at Carver's. Lunched about 1:15 and started to town about 2:00 checking on Ernie Boy on way. Saw boat come. Plenty of ice in Thoroughfare. Home, had supper a little earlier and up to B. Joyce's at 6:45 to have Nan's hair set. Martin Stillman and I played pool on Stillman's new little pool table, then Bertha treated us to lunch - coconut cream pie with graham cracker crust and chocolate pie with whipped cream. The coconut cream was delicious. Also served coffee. Home about 9:30. Watched Dean Martin show.</p>
<p>Jan. 12, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful sunny clear cold morning. Has warmed from 0° at 9:30 last night to 6° above at 6:30 this morning. Air NW or WNW. Has been a beautiful day and actually warmed up to 26° this P.M. Quite a change but didn't accomplish much. Spent part of A.M. making telephone calls to Budget Com. members calling a meeting for tonight with Selectmen. Played a couple games Scrabble - Mamma won. Lunched. Left for town a little early. Went by way of dump to dump our container and R.M.'s containers from Christmas. Have been in Jeep all this time. Called on Ben Ames about an hour. Nan took him some biscuits and I took him a picture of Canadian Geese. Saw boat come. Home. Chored. Read mail. Suppered early and back uptown to meeting with Selectmen at office. All planning (Budget) board members present except Joel W. (Florida). Nan spent evening with Alta. Home 11:30.</p>

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<p>Jan. 13, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful sunny not so cold, calm morning. 17°. Not a cloud in the sky. Must try to get a little more wood down this A.M. A beautiful day and it really warmed up. Nearly 30° this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, ham and eggs, and helped with dishes. Nan did housework and I made stakes for my hand sled and hauled 4 loads Ashley wood down from above barn to porch. Hauled part 2 ft. wood and part foot lengths. Lunched, cleaned up and uptown at 1:30 to pick up Alta. To funeral at 2:00. About forty there besides maybe a dozen mourners. We were seated with the mourners. The immediate family in Memorial Room. Took Alta home after going to Sea View Cem. Saw boat come, then came home. Lugged in wood etc. Back up to the Ameses at 5:30 after taking R.M.'s cultch cans over. Had delicious supper - ham, green, etc. and a nice evening watching T.V. A beautiful moonlit evening when we came home. 20° at 11:00. The Coast Guard representative didn't get the Carver's funeral.</p>
<p>Jan. 14, Sunday</p>	<p>Another beautiful morning. Sunny and calm. 16°. Has been a nice one but smeared up this P.M. Glass very high and has started back a little. Did bookkeeping, bathed and made breakfast. As I didn't get up till 8:00 we didn't have time for much except to get ready for church. Had the service in the Memorial Room as the transformer on motor of main furnace let go last night, and even though Bill Hurd repaired it this A.M. the main room was less than 60°. About 40 present. Came home by way of north shore road. Rested a half hour or so and had just finished lunch when Mable and Leon Crockett blew in. Had a nice visit with them. Stayed till nearly six. After they left we played a couple games Scrabble, had bacon and scrambled eggs for supper. Watched a little T.V. - Smothers Brothers. Starting to rain or sleet as we go to bed at 10:30.</p>
<p>Jan. 15, Monday</p>	<p>Lazy getting up. 7:15. Very foggy, wind ENE 10 mi. or so and very icy on road. Schools all around cancelled. Temp. now at 8:00 +42°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. We were just getting squared around to lay a game of Scrabble when Milton Dyer blew in to get some information about the Fuller Cem. and visited about 3 hours. Had coffee with us. Very, very slippery walking and driving this A.M. but had softened up this P.M. when I lugged in wood and other chores. Got our year's garage bill from Frank Sampson tonight - from January 1 '67 to January 10 '68 \$178.00. Had a credit of 2 years vegetable account bringing the bill down to \$125.12. It being a nice warm night we invited the Sampsons down for the evening, and paid the bill. Enjoyed the visit. Nan served coffee, crackers and cheese, fruit cake and apple sauce cake. 34° when they went home at 10:00.</p>

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<p>Jan. 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>Burrrrrr - it's cooled down. 10° above now at 7:30. Clear and sunny. Some clouds. Wind WNW. Bell on Goose Rock stopped ringing yesterday. Notified C.G. Base. Has been one of those cold days that grow colder all day. Crept down to zero by dark even though the sun shone. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, fried the very last of the ham the Oldroyds brought over when they visited with us New Year's week-end. Had fried eggs with it. Has been delicious all the way. Helped with dishes. Spent A.M. going through Sampson's and J.O. Brown's bills, breaking them down into the various repair jobs - Chevelle, Jeep, tractor, mower, rotary or regular, or other implements, also gas and oil. Lunched. About 2:00 took the 4 packages over to R.M.'s that came last night and checked the furnace. Uptown to see boat come. Had coffee at the Jack Brown's on way home. Home, lugged in wood. Received a letter from the Fishers tonight with check enclosed for the rotoring I've only partly done. Watch a little T.V.</p>
<p>Jan. 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a beaut of a winter morning. Sunny and flat calm. Pretty well skimmed across here, and cold. 0°. Has been a beauty all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Spent all A.M. writing letters. One to Alden's Inc. (this is my second one) about the revolver I ordered Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and haven't received yet; one to C.K. Cobb, and one to the Fishers. Casey, the C.G. personnel man, over to Mrs. Carver's swearing her in for Goose Rock Light duty this A.M. Thought he might come here with instructions too but he didn't have time. Cleaned up shortly after a late lunch and to town. Saw boat come, then down to Alta's to do wash. Had coffee, the Ameses over. Home and lugged in wood. Read mail. A letter from Ada, a Knapp letter, and o yes a letter from Minot with check enclosed for manure \$15.00. Played a couple games Scrabble this evening.</p>
<p>Jan. 18, Thursday</p>	<p>Well it's warmer this morning. 20° and calm. How nice not to have the wind blow. Glass is high and looks pretty snowy. Didn't snow, has been a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Calderwood has finally started working. This forenoon I split 2 sled loads of wood coarse for the kitchen stove, hauled it down and piled it on porch. Then split another 3 loads and put in Chevelle to take up to Alta's. Uptown at 1:30 so Nan could help Dorothy B. in Thrift Shop. Took wood down to Alta's and lugged it into entry. Took Alta up to Rosanne's, then I went back to parking lot to watch the tug and scow work in through ice with material for wharf (bow loading). Then back up to call on Ben Ames a little while. Back down to see boat come. Nan out of shop at 3:30. Came home by way of Merry Jane's to leave him some small pieces of plywood from J.F. Adams. Chored. Invited the P. Lincolns down to play Scrabble this evening. Played 2 games and had nice lunch of apple pie, cheese and coffee.</p>

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<p>Jan. 19, Friday</p>	<p>Worked on woodpile nearly 2 hours. Another Grumpy morning. Flat calm. No clouds in the sky and looks like a sunny beauty. Warm, 28°. Wind will be SW this P.M. A heavy frost last night. One of the prettiest forenoons but aired up SW this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Had quite a busy forenoon. Started up the tractor, first time since I returned from hospital. Started good but cold. Ran it about a half hour to warm it up. Put in 2 panes of glass on south side of shop. Hauled my 2 pieces off round oak down from woodpile to shop after working back off them. There were the butts of two oaks I cut out by big oak last winter. Spent about 2 hours splitting wood. Nan worked over to R.M.'s most of A.M. To town to see boat come this P.M. Home by way of NS road. Stopped at E. Beveridge's to see if we could get some eggs. None but invited to visit a little while. Just home and getting supper when Frank S. called to invite us up to watch colored T.V. Very good. Watched a picture on horses and Three Guns of Will Sonnett. Home about 10:00.</p>
<p>Jan. 20, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy morning. Calm with sun coming up beautifully. No clouds. Temp. 30°. Snow should give again today. Has been a beauty all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked on woodpile from 9:15 to 11:15. Nan did several washings in her little washer. After lunch we towed the Jeep out into the road with the Chevelle from being parked below powerhouse and then towed it down road to start. Put Chevelle back into garage and started for town in Jeep. Stopped at Abbie's to check her house and was going to Jimmie Brown's to get eggs when we ran out of gas by Watson's driveway. Borrowed 5 gal. of Jimmie by going in to Dalon's after it. Jimmie also gave me the legs from his bull - Bull's Heels. Hurrah! Down town to boat and shop. Stopped at Mary Waterman's to pay excise taxes on Chevelle, Jeep, tractor and Land Rover. Home, chored, back up to Grange Hall to Public Supper - baked beans, Franco-American spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, coconut cream pie, etc. Home and Don and Cynthia came down. Brought some colored slides I projected.</p>
<p>Jan. 21, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice quiet, calm morning but not a sunny one. Tiny air SW. Temp. 36°. Considerable high cloudiness. Has been a beauty. Slow getting up, nearly eight. Did bookkeeping, bathed, breakfasted, helped with dishes and made ready to go to church. 28 in congregation - 5 in choir. Came right home. Started to sprinkle and then cleared to a beautiful sunny P.M. and a beautiful sunset. Washed up the bull legs Jimmie gave me yesterday and put them on to cook. Lunched. Garnet and Clara down a visited with us all P.M. to 4:30. The Beveridges down to supper and evening. We served sliced ham, pineapple-lettuce salad, muffins, cheese, etc with apple pie for dessert. Had a nice time. Stayed till after 10:00.</p>

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<p>Jan. 22, Monday</p>	<p>What a beautiful quiet mornings. Sun coming up pretty. Just an air westerly. Temp. 20°. Has been one of the best. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Was a little slow getting going on woodpile but made quite a showing in the two hours I worked before lunch. Then as soon as lunch it being sunny and mild and the sun having gotten around on the garage, I started collecting tools together to put asphalt roofing paper on the part of the roof which blew off in the Thanksgiving wind storm 2 years ago. Have just looked back in diaries and it was 4 years ago the roof blew off. Does[n't] seem possible. Warmed roofing up in house and by Golly I got the 2 strips of roofing on and battened down. Used parts of 2 rolls of roofing left form Turner House roof three or 4 years ago - 20 ft to be exact. Finished at 4:30. Lugged in wood. Read mail. Suppered - smothered meat. Watched a little T.V. and played a game of Scrabble.</p>
<p>Jan. 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>What has happened to Calderwood. Up at 4:30 to replenish fire, and didn't come to again until 7:40. Will be behind all day. Plenty of high cloudiness, no sun. Wind NW - 20 to 25 M. Temp. 40°. Cloudy all A.M., starting to rain about mid-afternoon and raining real hard all evening. Didn't accomplish anything this A.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. When Nan was ready to go to Guild dinner at 11:00 I rode over to Tumbledown with her and checked on things over there, picking up the roofing paper scraps etc at end of barn. Walked home, did some house chores, shop chores, weighed up 8 bales hay for little King, pumped, split a little wood while pumping and lugged wood into house off porch before it rained hard. Nan returned just as I was lugging in wood. Played a game of Scrabble, read mail, a letter from Charlie Cobb, had supper - turnip greens and potatoes boiled in ham water plus ham. Played Scrabble and watched Red Skelton on T.V. Called Mercedes on phone this evening.</p>
<p>Jan. 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Rained hard during first part of night. Just a dusting of snow on porch this morning. Air must be just a touch east of north. Temp. 30°. Has been a nice day. Sun came out along about 11:00 A.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped wash dishes. Brought step-ladder up from shanty and put our Christmas trimmings, etc up overhead. Split wood till 12:15. Lunched, rested a half hour or so. Over to R.M.'s to check house and get registration number off Land Rover. Stopped at Tumbledown double garage to put in pane of glass but had wrong size. Was going to see boat come but she was late due to a Basketball trip to Vinalhaven so we went down to Alta's to do wash and missed the boat shortly after 4:00. Home by way of Jimmie Brown's to leave him the parts repair list of the Ward's rotor-tiller Elliot and I used to have. Home, lugged in wood, played a game of Scrabble, suppered. Mail late. Only the paper other than a check from F. Adams for 1967 vegetables. To bed to read at 9:30. Growing colder tonight.</p>



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<p>Jan. 25, Thursday</p>	<p>Burr - it's cooled down. 14 degrees above, very overcast, and wind breezing up NE. About 15 M now at 7:00. Perfect for a smashing snowstorm. We didn't sleep worth a darn last night for some reason. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Up to Hiram's in Jeep after some eating potatoes while Nan made a rhubarb pie and a blueberry pie. Visited with HS a half hour or so. Home, and played a game of Scrabble while Nan was resting from her morning's work. Lunched. Lugged in kitchen and living room wood. Uptown with Nan so she could go to help tend Thrift Shop at 2:00. Watched waterfront activities till boat came. The Bow loading addition is being built now. Home and cleaned up ready to have the Ames arrive at 5:30. Had started to snow mealy snow by that time. Maybe made an inch or so. Had a very nice supper of cold sliced ham with dandelion greens and potatoes cooked in the ham water. Delicious. Rhubarb and blueberry pie for dessert. M &amp; I played cribbage, the girls knitted and talked. Home about 10:00. Hadn't snowed bad.</p>
<p>Jan. 26, Friday</p>	<p>Was tardy getting up, 7:30. A dull morning. Air appears to be N. Considerable high cloudiness but appears to be breaking up. Temp. 24°. Became a beautiful sunny day and a warm one too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Shoveled snow off porch between two and three inches - very mealy. Hauled the rest of my 2 ft. Ashley wood on sled down to porch from above barn, also 1 load foot Ashley junks, and 3 loads kitchen coarse wood. Lunched about 1:00, rested a half hour, then split on pile above barn until Twiggs (Jimmie Pendleton) came to call. Visited with us until 4:45. Had a nice visit. Thrashed around, lugged in wood and cleaned up to be ready for Garnet and Clara at 5:30. Had invited them down to Bull's heels supper. Very good. Enjoyed the Thorntons. Stayed till 9:00. To bed about 9:45.</p>
<p>Jan. 27, Saturday</p>	<p>Brother Arthur's birthday, born 1918. A beautiful, beautiful, cloudless, clam morning. Temp. 24°. Looks like the sun was coming up beautifully. Has been an exceptionally nice day. Sun is beginning to have some warmth in it now. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on woodpile this A.M. and am making quite a showing now. Boy, are the sticks ever frozen down though. A job to get them clear. Lunched about 1:00. Shaved and uptown to shop and see boat come. Home about 4:00. Lugged in wood. Mail man getting here almost before dark now. Only papers and cultch tonight. Still no reply from Alden's Inc. about my revolver ordered Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> even though I got my cancelled check back two weeks after. Had baked beans for supper. Watched T.V. all evening. To bed about 10:30.</p>
<p>Jan. 28, Sunday</p>	<p>A dully cloudy morning. Air NE. Complete high cloud coverage. No sign of sun yet. Temp. 24°. The Thoroughfare's all empty of ice now except Zion. Some different then 50 years ago yesterday when Dr. Lyford drove from VH with a horse and sleigh right across from Zion to NH and down here to Dean Place and back. And we think the winters are hard now. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast. Went to church. 30 of us in congregation. Came right home. Lunched. Nan spent part of P.M. getting supper prepared as she invited the Witherspoons down. Had roast pork, mashed potatoes, yellow beans, hot biscuits etc. Strawberry shortcake for dessert. Just sat and talked this evening. To bed about 10:30.</p>

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Jan. 29, Monday	Well, here it is Monday again, and we've got a snowstorm making up. Already the first few flakes are falling. Air NE. Temp. 24°. Sifty flakes all day, very fine but amounted to nothing. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Up to barn, pumped, and weighed up balance of a half ton of hay for the Little King. He had a plus 200# a few nights ago. Played a couple games Scrabble. Walked to brow of hill above barn here to R.M.'s boundary looking things over. Must soon start to get surveyor's line across pasture to shore. Lunched. Copied Ernie Boy's account for '66 and '67 onto back of my '67 calendar, drew him a check for what I owed him in full to date, \$70.43. and we took it to him when we returned from town after boat time. Brought home 4 turnips. Had one of his turnips Sunday and it was delicious. Played a couple games cribbage. Nan won, read mail, paper and Farm Journal, talked with the Oldroyds and Bill Hopkins, suppered and watched some T.V. To bed at 10:00.
Jan. 30, Tuesday	Still dull and gloomy at 7:00. Wind to 10 miles E or ENE. A spatter of soft snow on porch during night. Temp. 30°. Drizzly most of day and snow softened considerable. Didn't really accomplish a great deal this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and did dishes. Made out my trailer registration blanks, and drew check for them and the Chevelle, Jeep, and Tractor \$38.00. Played a couple games Scrabble. Lunched, shaved and went to town at 1:45 as Nan wanted to go to Guild. I went over to Hallowell's Point and visited with Milton and Spinney in boathouse. Picked Nan up at 4:00 and home by way of middle road. Lugged in wood. Only papers for mail except a \$29.00 telephone bill - Christmas calls. Had delicious pea soup for supper. Uptown to spend evening with Jennie and Etta. Played 3 games Rook. Nan and Etta won all 3.
Jan. 31, Wednesday	Looks like a nice one coming up, although the wind appears to be ENE. Clear and the sun should shine. Temp. 30°. The sun did shine and was a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Really started on Income Tax paper work taking all material off calendar. Nan over to R.M.'s this A.M. to clean stove, and to do a wash. Shaved and made ready to go to town at boat time. Frank S. visited with us on parking lot. Came home by way of NS road. Lugged in wood and took in clothes. For all the sun shone so nicely, the snow didn't soften today. Received check from Mrs. T.S. Lamont for rotoring last fall. \$26.25. Believe it or not, my 22 cal. Colt Buntline revolver finally came by express from Alden's. Has taken since Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> . Is a nice looking outfit. Had a light supper and watched some T.V. Both seem to be weary tonight. Took ashes out of both stoves before going to town.
Feb. 1, Thursday	Another heavy overcast morning. No sign of sun. Flat clam. Temp. 32°. A nice chance for the NP Hallowell III to return to mainland. Sun did come out and make a nice day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Let the Lady Ashley go out this morning, took stovepipe down and cleaned it out, also bottom of chimney. Pipe was really bad, had more than 2 12 qt. pails full in all. Made a good stride on my Income [tax] paperwork today. Have items all off calendar, deposit book and checkbook. Nan uptown to help in Thrift Shop this P.M. Lugged in wood and emptied chimney cultch from this A.M. Had a short letter from Arthur Emerson in Florida tonight. Over to call on Emery and Marion H. this evening. Took her some ice cream and jelly. She's feeling better from her kidney stone passing. Home about 9:00 and watched Dean Martin show.

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<p>Feb. 2, Friday</p>	<p>Drizzled during night. Foggy and calm this morning. Very dark and gloomy. Ground Hog shouldn't see his shadow. Temp. 40°. He didn't, not here anyway. Rained hard about noon or just before noon, and then about 5:00 P.M. it really poured by spells. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Wrote a letter to Mr. Cobb and worked on Income Tax Material this A.M. For some reason we used \$256.00 more of electricity in 1967 than in 1966. Tried to take a nap this P.M. We aren't resting good nights. I think we're the world's worst sleepers. Was just shaving at 3:15 when Alta called to invite us up to coffee it being E. Ames birthday. Went. Came home by way of middle road to leave Ern the boot socks Nan had knit him. He gave her a bird house for Pat. Swung over to Jimmie Brown's to get eggs. Boy, how it rained. Home, lugged in wood. Read mail. My exchange shirts finally came from Abercrombie and Fitch, and they fit some more neatly. Watched the "Great Imposter" on T.V. How many more times are they going to make a "big shot" out of him?</p>
<p>Feb. 3, Saturday</p>	<p>Man oh man, what a storm. How it has rained and blown during night. Wind SE up over 40 at times. Still pouring now at 7:45. The NH had to go down to Swan's Island last night as the Silsby broken down. How it has rained by spells this A.M. Practically all the snow has gone. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Went right to work on my Income Tax material and am coming along pretty good, getting through the Chevelle, Jeep and tractor expenses today, and the gas and oil figured up. Ready to start on equipment repair now. Over to shop after lunch. Started tractor and warmed it up. Uptown to see boat come. Didn't until 4:00. Frank Sampson visited with us in parking lot. Home, lugged in wood, cleaned up and back up to Audrey &amp; Preston's to supper and evening. The Witherspoons and Ameses there. Doris and Edith's birthdays yesterday and today. Had a delicious roast turkey supper. Played some Scrabble this evening. Home at 11:45.</p>
<p>Feb. 4, Sunday</p>	<p>How nice to see the sun shine. A beautiful morning. Overslept after finally getting to sleep. 7:30 when I rolled out. SW air. Temp. 28°. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Cleaned up and went to church. Only 29 with choir. Lewis Haskell helped Albert with communion. Home by way of north shore road. As we came by NE schoolhouse, John Pasha was out thumbing a ride to town, said he was sick "like the devil," so we took him down to Mike Williams. Home, had bull tail stew for dinner. Carrots, taters, turnips and peas in the stew, tail from Jimmie Brown's bull. Very good. Rested a little while, then we walked out to Cobb's - slippery through wooded section, and back through swamp to birch tree corner. Home, chored, had hot biscuits and raspberry sauce for supper. Biscuits made in Nan's new Signature electric oven I just bought her. Worked well. Watched Ed Sullivan and Smothers Brothers.</p>

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<p>Feb. 5, Monday</p>	<p>Well, the sun came up beautifully, like yesterday but now there's considerable high cloudiness. It's cooled off quite some 20° and the air is NNE. A smart little snow squall this forenoon, then cleared to a nice day but penetrating chill. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Started right in on my Income Tax work but had hardly worked a half hour when the "King" called waiting a half ton of hay. Weighed it up, pumped while doing so and helped him load it - 2 loads - 1966 cut. 1967 cut all gone. Hauled in 2 tires in Jeep of Ashley wood from Little Island pine. Wanted some round to leave in stove when we started uptown for VH at 3:00. Also brought down 3 boxes split kitchen wood from above barns. Made ready and uptown to take Libby to VH at 4:00. Pat met us at 5:00. After supper I rode out Dog Town way with Mike, Pat and Michael and William to check a heater. Visited Goose Arey a half hour or so when we came back. He's laid up with a broken shin bone. Mike made homemade ice cream this evening. Very good. To bed about 10:00. Slept poorly as the room was so hot and the heating system was so noisy.</p>
<p>Feb. 6, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice morning. Temp. about 18° in VH. Up about 7:15. Mike had gone to work. Pat, Nan and I had breakfast together along with Loren and Willie. Michael had his breakfast about 7:45 to catch the bus. Visited with Ned Kittredge awhile this A.M., then walked downtown. Nan and Pat already having driven down. Visited E. Bunker in store a few minutes, and talked with Joe Headley on street. Loren home from Nursery School about 12:00. Lunched, and he and I visited together until Pat brought us to ferry landing at 3:30. Pat Brown kept house for her as Little Grumpy was still sleeping. Saw boat come after we came across ferry, then came right home, except for dodging to Sleepyville to leave crochet cotton to Mrs. B and to leave M. Ames a corn cobb pipe. Home to find the wood hung up in Ashley stove so that the fire burned out before the wood had all burned. Soon had the place feeling some warmer. Lugged in wood, read mail, a note from Bud and Loretta, fried scallops for supper, watched a little T.V. and to bed weary.</p>
<p>Feb. 7, Wednesday</p>	<p>Here's a beauty coming up. Sun shining with scarce a cloud in sky. Air NW. Temp 20°. Has been a nice one all day but pretty sharp. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked on my Income Tax material all A.M. and until most 3:00 after lunch. Shaved, and rode uptown to see boat come. Raymond Thayer had a brand new Chevelle Sedan come. Shorty and Greta visited with us a few minutes. Home by way of NS road. Lugged in wood. Worked on my papers most an hour. Read mail - no letters. Suppered on bull-tail stew. Watched a little Olympic skiing, then had to watch part of Fred Astaire special. No damn good. To bed 10:00.</p>

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<p>Feb. 8, Thursday</p>	<p>Well, it sure looks like a snowstorm. Heavy bank yesterday P.M., all along SW horizon, wind NE all night, blowing now at 10 to 15 mi. Temp. 16°. Tried hard to snow all day and did a little but nothing to amount to anything. Stayed cold, hardly getting up to 20°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work on Income Tax Material and by Golly, even with interruptions I succeeded in getting it all totaled up ready to make first copy and it's going to cost me plenty. Working out so much for Frank Sampson really put up, along with S.S. payment. Along about 1:00 P.M. or so, Ken Mills blew in to get some drinking water and I'll be darned if about 15 minutes later if Mildred didn't have Frank bring her down. They visited till about 3:00. Worked more on Income Tax papers getting them ready to copy. Helped get vegetables for supper. No mail tonight as Libby didn't make P.M. trip. Too rough. Watched some TV and played a couple games Scrabble. Hard to keep house comfortably warm with this NE wind. To bed at 11:00.</p>
<p>Feb. 9, Friday</p>	<p>Wind has dropped out a little but is still about NNE and cold. 16°. Considerable high overcast. Became a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Well by golly, I finally did it. I finished my Income Tax job and had it in the mailbox before Colon came. And it cost me plenty or us plenty. What with Nan working out and me working so much for F.S. my SS tax was \$197.12 and my income tax was 358.00. Total was 555.12 but \$21.98 was withheld by C.G. - and I thought we were doing pretty good the last of our farming. Left off on copying long enough to go to town to see boat come. Libby back on again. NH had to go to Islesboro. Down to Ameses to coffee. Home, finished copying in. Papers and mailed. To barn to get out a couple bales hay for L. Beverage. Suppered on lamb chops, potatoes and yellow beans. Harvey and Shirley down this evening. Brought Fuller brushes. Played 2 games 83.</p>
<p>Feb. 10, Saturday</p>	<p>Flat calm and sun has come up beautifully. Amazing how rapidly the sun is working back. Now rises so she shines into bedroom by woodshed. Must get ready to go to Rockland to do several chores. Temp. 16°. Well we made ready to go to Rockland and made the boat okay at 8:30. The Libby still coming up around. had a nice trip across. Had coffee at "coffee shop," then called the Oldroyds, inviting them to go to Camden to lunch as I wanted to look at skis on sale at Ski Barn. Got me a haircut at Seth's, did some other chores. Nan brought her a jacket, met the Oldroyds at 10:30 by Thorndike, and on to Camden. The package skis were Japanese made, and priced at \$50.00 with bindings and poles. Boots started at another \$25.00. Too much for me after just paying Income Tax. Had a delicious dinner at Yorkie's. Jim and I had native fried shrimp, the girls broiled ham slice. Back to Rockland to a tough NE snowstorm and wind increasing every moment. Nan decided to stay with Oldroyds with her fear of roughness, but it really was nice coming on. Wind out east enough to be directly head on. Home, built kitchen fire, lugged in wood etc. Read mail. Suppered on ox-tail stew. Tried to watch Lawrence Welk show but slept through part of it. To bed at 9:30.</p>

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<p>Feb. 11, Sunday</p>	<p>Maynard Greenlaw passed away this A.M. What a windy night. Pulled out around SW shortly after dark and at 11:30 woke me up slamming the screen door. Had to get up and fix that. A thick looking world with the wind about west and cold. 10° above this morning and very heavy overcast. Spitting snow. Cleared to a nice day about 10:30 then thickened in and snowed and then cleared again. Stayed cold all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed the dishes. Also made the bed and swept the floor. Had written a letter to Arthur Emerson, and started one to J.F. Dyer when Nan called to say she was having Harjula fly her over. Thrashed around to get up to Watson's to meet her. Came in about 11:30. Nice to have her home. About 1:30 Nan made a batch of biscuits in her new electric oven and we had them with broiled T-steak. Very good. Wrote some Valentines and we took them and the letters up to mail about 4:30. Home by way of NS road. Played a game of Scrabble. Popped corn for supper. Watched some Olympic skiing and the Ed Sullivan Show. To bed weary at 9:15. This cussed cold is miserable.</p>
<p>Feb. 12, Monday</p>	<p>This is certainly a dull, heavy overcast morning. It's only 10° above and looks like we were well skimmed across to Stimpsons. Flat calm. Looks very snowy. Was amazed when we went to Rockland Sat. morning to see skim ice clear across the bay. Two flat calm nights below zero and we'd be frozen in solid. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped and walked over to R.M.'s to check while doing so. They hauled down 2 sled loads Ashley wood from above barn and split and hauled down on load kitchen wood. Not very good sledding. Lunched. Filed XL-12. Sawed up the remains of the A.W.B. big tree that split too coarse to go into Ashley. Uptown by way of dump to dump trash. Frank S. visited with us on parking lot. Arlene's new Impala Station wagon arrived. Mr. Overman's buying a new Chevy II. Came right home from boat. VLB came to borrow milking tube. His cow calved yesterday. Lugged in wood. played a game of Scrabble. Read mail and a Valentine card from A.W.B. and Emma. Roast lamp shoulder for supper. Watched Bob Hope's opening of New Madison Square Garden this evening.</p>
<p>Feb. 13, Tuesday</p>	<p>Here's another morning it's only 12° above, and we're nearly frozen across out beyond Stimpson's as far as I can see. It's calm and overcast looking like snow. Has been a beautiful cold winter day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Kind of thrashed around this morning so Nan could be ready for Bertha Joyce at 8:15. Came to give Nan a Permanent. I put on coveralls etc. and went up to dump to get the spring clips off a platform rocker we saw dumped there yesterday. Got them, then over to Fuller Cemetery to see how the grave was coming for Maynard, then up middle road to H.S.B.'s to get 2 bags potatoes, and home. Weighed up a peck for Bertha. Made a start at getting dinner until Nan's hair was done. Had potatoes, peas, cold roast lamb etc. Apple pie for dessert. B. left about 1:15. Lawrence Beverage came to pay for hay; then to town by way of dump to get the seat padding out of same platform rocker, down to boat right home to get Lawrence's hay out for VL. Played a game of Scrabble, suppered, read mail and watched Red Skeleton show. Valentines from Etta, Jennie and the Oldroyds</p>

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<p>Feb. 14, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice one coming up but it's cold. 06° above. Air westerly. Sky clear. Sun should shine. Has been a beauty but real cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Uptown at 8:30 when Libby came up around to meet MacFee to get valentine cake Pat was sending up. Also a record for Garnet's and Clara's anniversary tomorrow. A pretty cake in shape of heart with pink frosting. Home by way of dump to get platform off the chair I've been stripping only to find it wouldn't fit our chair when we got it home. Spent the A.M. working on chairs. Nan stripped her chair and I helped her put the spring clips and springs in place and I repaired the rocker on the platform rocker chair. Emery H. came to get Mrs. P's gate key. Cleaned up and went to Maynard Greenlaw's funeral. Quite a fair number there. Down to Alta's to do two washes. Had coffee and hot rolls. Home. Played a game of Scrabble, lugged in wood first, suppered, read mail and watched a little T.V. Pat sent her mother a beautiful red rose bud in a glass.</p>
<p>Feb. 15, Thursday</p>	<p>A dull grey overcast, calm morning. 20°. Sure making ice every night. Looks to be skimmed across to Stimpsons. A cold day with a couple or three heavy snow squalls. Didn't get above 20° any time. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then helped hang out clothes we washed yesterday. Nan finished chair she worked on yesterday A.M. I weighed up and put down into barn floor a ton of hay for Elliott Brown. Split on woodpile a few minutes while waiting for he and Stan Q. to come after it. Out above butchering place gate to cut three lining poles for sighting surveying strip across pasture. Trimmed and dragged them in. Lunched. Nan went to tend Thrift Shop. I built fire in shop and draw shaved the bark off the three poles. Will make good clothes poles for Mercedes when I'm through with them. Then while fire was slowing down I put handles into hammers. Started to do some pruning but too cold. Pruned the large pear tree, the Mac apple and the flaming crab by rhubarb. Took in Nan's clothes. She home about 4:00. Cleaned up and up to Chick Stones' to a delicious supper, roast turkey with all the fixings. The Lewis Haskells and G. Thorntons present. The Thornton's 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary.</p>
<p>Feb. 16, Friday</p>	<p>How beautiful before daylight. A full moon in western sky over big oak. A nice morning but cold. 6° above. Air west. Making ice every night. Has been a beaut of a day, and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Went up above barn about 10:00 after it had warmed up to 12° and worked on woodpile till 21:15. Even got warmed up enough so I put up my ear flaps. Back up after lunch and split 1 1/2 hours. To town by way of Jimmie Brown's to get eggs, and by dump to get back padding off the platform rocker chair we've been stripping. Need it for padding on our footstool. Saw boat come. Home by way of Mary Jane's to leave him his 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of knit socks. He gave Nan another birdhouse. He's made six so far. Home, lugged in wood, played a game of Scrabble, read paper, suppered on lamb chops etc and then up to call on Frank &amp; Orilla. Watched the Winter Olympics in color. Home at 11:00. 17° above at 11:00.</p>

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<p>Feb. 17, Saturday</p>	<p>A nice morning and the sun came up beautifully. She sure is working back north fast now. Is nearly up to end of Stimpson's and will be before Mar. 1. Strange - it's 4° above at Rockland and 30° here. A SW breeze 15 to 20 M now at 7:30. Warmed up to 40° and blew hard all day. Then about 2:30 it swung in more westerly and we had a heck of a snow squall and from 5:00 to later in evening it blew a gale NW and grew cold. Blew over 50 at least once. Nan padded and covered my foot stool and I put weather stripping all along our back wall on the floor in both bedrooms and bathroom. The wall has pulled away from the floor for some reason letting a pile of wind up through. After lunch started Jeep. Hauled down 2 loads wood to porch for kitchen stove and 2 for Ashley. Then 3 boxes kitchen wood to take to Alta. Nan did a wash and we had coffee with Alta and Rosanne. Home, cleaned up and back up to Ames to supper. Delicious roast lamb with all the fixings. Watched T.V. this evening. 8° above when we came home at 10:45.</p>
<p>Feb. 18, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful, sunny morning but cold. 6° above with breeze WNW. A real bridge across to Stimpson's this morning and clear out to the eastern end of same. The big thoroughfare will be tight come tomorrow morning if this cold holds. Has been a nice day but stayed cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Cleaned up and went to church. Only 24 of us in congregation. Came home by way of NS road. Did accomplish much this P.M. Read a little and played a couple games of Scrabble. Harvey and Shirley down about 4:30 as I finished lugging in my wood, to get some jugs of drinking water. Town water pretty disgusting. Visited 3/4 hour or so. Had boiled potatoes, green peas and broiled T-bone steak for supper. Watched Lassie, Gentle Ben, Ed Sullivan Show and Smothers Brothers. To bed at 10:00. Quite a cold spell. Back to 10° above at 10:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Feb. 19, Monday</p>	<p>I'll bet the Thoroughfare is tight this morning. It's only 5° above now at 7:00, and no boat in yesterday. Wind westerly up to 25°. Looks like it would be a sunny day. Has been a nice day but cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Did a nice chore this A.M. I scraped the corners of the cupboard doors where they were stained, the board under them and varnish-stained them. Came out very good. After lunch Nan helped me line out the survey line across pasture from top of hill. It's going to take considerable cutting to get a line through. Limbed up and junked up the tree as N.W. corner of Carver lot that broke off and fell into pasture a week or so ago. Junked it into stove lengths. Uptown to see boat come. Plenty of ice to bother now. Home. Lugged in wood. Nan made a batch of biscuits and we had boiled potatoes, hamburg and Bull's Heels for supper. My new electric driven grindstone came from Ward's tonight. Looks very good. Should be very handy. My birthday present from Nan, a little early. Filed XL-12 and tightened chain before supper.</p>



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<p>Feb. 20, Tuesday</p>	<p>A dull sort of morning although the half moon was bright over lighthouse when I got up at 6:00. Air NW. Temp 14°. Plenty of ice now. The Libby didn't get into Thoroughfare until 9:00 yesterday morning. We have a real solid bridge across to Stimpsons too. Has been a beautiful day but stayed cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Finally at long last I've made a start. Repaired my leather chaps I wore last winter when chain sawing and started cutting the line across pasture. Worked from 9:00 to 11:00. Came in then as Nan was leaving at 11:30 for dinner at the Guild. 21 present. Back out to woods at 12:30 after checking R.M.'s house. Worked to 3:45 and cut it and trimmed up to where I had placed the 3<sup>rd</sup> lining pole yesterday. Used 3 tanks gas. Left some of my 3<sup>rd</sup> tank cutting untrimmed. Mostly alders this day. Nan arrived home same time I came in. Lugged in wood. Played a game of Scrabble. Had hamburg and spaghetti for supper. Watched a little T.V. 5 1/4 hours cutting survey line 3 hours XL-12.</p>
<p>Feb. 21, Wednesday</p>	<p>Man, it sure looks winterish this morning. Solid bridge across to Stimpson's and it's 2° below zero. Has been calm during night but is airing up now, 15M or more NNW. Golly, it's cold. Clear. Didn't get to 10° above all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Didn't attempt to go out very early this A.M. Fooled around, played a couple games of Scrabble and finally rigged up about 10:30. Mighty cold on face walking in but not bad in woods except for keeping hands and feet warm. Cleaned up what I left yesterday P.M., came back to house, sharpened my Swedish axe, mixed up a batch of gas, gassed XL-12, had coffee and back out. Used up a tank of gas and trimmed up what I cut. Mostly small spruce today. Made over 50 feet this day. Not much compared to yesterday's distance. Unbelievable how the trees have grown in since Calderwood moved to Little Thorofare 30 years ago. The Witherspoons down this P.M. taking pictures. Also Edwin Thayer to bring Town Reports. Had a nice supper of hamburg and spaghetti, cucumber, tomato salad etc. Watched The Virginia and played Scrabble. 3 1/4 hours on survey line, 1 hour XL-12.</p>
<p>Feb. 22, Thursday</p>	<p>Still damn winterish. 6° above and very heavy overcast. Looking out it appears to be frozen out beyond Little Green Ledge. Wind up to 15M right now from the W. No sign of sun yet at 6:45. Became a nice day but stayed cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. This being Washington's birthday we decided to celebrate so went to town to see Libby come in this morning with C.G. boat Survival ahead of her. Didn't get in till nine. Then we rode down to Lombard's to see her go out through and it was 10:05 when she broke out through ice quite a distance beyond the Sugar Loaves. The Wharf Job tug and scow were just entering the ice to come into the Thoroughfare. The C.G. boat fastened onto them to help tow. Home and inspected R.M.'s house. Pumped too. Lunched and into woods at 11:45. Burned 2 tanks gas. Gained about 60 feet. All spruce cutting today. Lots of trimming. Nan went up to help at Thrift Shop this P.M. No mail tonight, boat didn't come back in. Suppered and up to Sampson's to watch T.V. Color very good tonight. Home at 11:15. 3 3/4 hours on survey line - 2 hours to XL-12.</p>

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<p>Feb. 23, Friday</p>	<p>It's still winter and still cold. 14° with wind 15M or better WNW. Sky very clear should be a sunny day. Has been a beautiful day but sharp cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Out to woods at 9:00. Nan helped me burn all the brush from yesterday and day before. Then went to cutting again. Used 3 tanks gas, and cleaned up from same. All spruce again today except 1 clump large alders. Gained over 50 feet. Shifted my sighting pole ahead. Nan in again at 3:00 and we set today's brush going. Too much wind to enjoy burning. Out at 3:30 and uptown to see North Haven return on run tonight. Home by way NS road. Lugged in wood. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Suppered on frozen haddock fillets, boiled potatoes, cucumber, tomato lettuce salad, etc. Very good. Received letters from Ruth Beveridge and Mary Pease Stone. Mary writes that she plans to spend summer here and wants the foundation of house repaired and tells me to rotor mow the field part of farm. Quite a job to mow the whole of it. To bed at 9:00. Quite weary.</p>
<p>Feb. 24, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful winter morning. Nearly calm. Just an air westerly. Temp. 12° above. Not a cloud in sky. Sun coming up beautifully. Very nearly end of Stimpson's. Has been a most beautiful one, warming up to nearly 40° this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. In the woods at 9:00. Nan in about 11:30 with bouillon cubes, hot water, coffee and crackers. Had a nice lunch on brush pile in sun. Nan stayed in and burned brush this P.M. Used 2 1/2 tanks gas. Have cut through far enough to I can see I'm running too far to eastard. Must crowd line over some. After burning today's brush we came out to field fence and burned brush where I started last Tuesday. Out of woods at 2:30 to go to town. Saw boat come. Neal an hour getting out through ice this morning. Came right home, cleaned up and back up to Sampson's to baked bean supper and to watch colored T.V. Supposed to have had Cinderella in color but didn't. Watched several programs and then Lawrence Welk. Home before 10:00. Pretty weary. Right to bed. Mr. R.M. called. 5 1/2 hours on survey line - 3 hours XL-12</p>
<p>Feb. 25, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice morning coming up but air NE. The sun left the point of Stimpson's Island behind this morning. Is now working Calderwood's Island. Will set behind spruces on Tim's ledge tonight. Temp. 18°. Has been a beautiful day all day and warmed up to this P.M. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had planned to go to church, but I wanted badly to try to get a sight through on survey line that we worked all A.M. on that. Put Nan's red jacket on pole by boundary at top of hill, then went up in on Mullen's Park road in Jeep to my stonewall pasture piece, walked in to Cattail Pond ridge and sighted back across with binoculars. Could line up Nan's coat okay. On way back stopped at Grumpy's old pace and walked across ice on cove to our boundary line to identify trees. Home, sawed down a tree back of our house here on edge of bank, and the damn thing jumped the stump and went down bank. Can now see nicely across Cobb's bar from bedroom window. Rested. About 3:00 P.M. hauled down 2 loads Ashley junk and 1 load kitchen wood to porch from above barn. Had smothered chicken for supper. Up to call on the Witherspoons this evening. Had a nice visit. Treated to Banana Split. Home at 10:00.</p>

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<p>Feb. 26, Monday</p>	<p>Up at 5:45. A beautiful flat calm cloudless morning. Almost spring like to what we've had, 20°. Should be a nice day. Faintest air N. Has been one of the prettiest so far. Up at 5:45. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast, also filed XL-12 and adjusted clearers. Was ready to start work when Danny came. Went right to work tree that went down bank yesterday. Limbed it, junked it into stove lengths, trimmed the limbs and tossed all up bank. Then burned the brush. Tide nearly got us. Had coffee, then out onto survey line about 10:00. Burned 4 tanks of gas and started 5<sup>th</sup> one. Came into lunch about 12:15. Then out again till 4:30. Nan out about 3:15 with coffee and burned the brush. Made about 120 feet today. Nearly down to the across pasture fence. Lugged in wood. Mail here at 5:10 tonight. Well before dark. Suppered - same as last night. Rested and watched the Danny Thomas show - very good. Also the Carol Burnett show - Gerry Moore and Durwood Kirby on with her. To bed at 11:00. 6 1/2 hours Danny 1 1/2 hours to me. 5 hours on survey line, 4 hours XL-12.</p>
<p>Feb. 27, Tuesday</p>	<p>First unloading by bow landing in NH. Another beauty coming up. Cloudless - flat calm. Temp. 20°. Has been a nice day. Air just a little raw NE. Got a nice chore done too. Danny had to go to Rockland so I decided I should haul out the alders I cut below the big oak last winter. Started up tractor, took off grader blade, coupled onto pulp wood trailer and hauled out 2 loads this A.M. Nan did a wash at R.M.'s. This P.M. succeeded in getting 2 more loads with Nan's help. Left off at 3:30 to clean up and shave as we wanted to do a wash at Alta's, have coffee with the Ames and call on Edith Mills. Alta went to Helen Baird's this morning. Had an enjoyable coffee visit with the Ames and also at Mills. Found Edith feeling good and with a splendid appetite. Nan took her a date cake. Home at 5:30. Took in morning wash, hung out P.M. wash and lugged in wood. Looked at mail. Suppered - ham hock and dandelion greens. Watched a Red Skelton Special tonight. Good. Piled my 4 load alders by oak tree at end of house. 1 more load will clean up those by big oak.</p>
<p>Feb. 28, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another calm clear beauty. Not a cloud in sky. A white frost. Wind will be SW this P.M. Temp. 20°. Didn't. Came easterly but a good working day. Daniel came about 8:00. We went right to work on survey line. Cutting across swamp now, all alder. First tank of gas reached the cross pasture fence, burned 3 more tanks, gained about 175 feet or so this day. Lots of trimming. Nan out with coffee this P.M. but forgot the coffee - had just hot water. Never mind, it was wet and I was thirsty. Nan succeeded in burning one pile of brush but there's not enough spruce now. Out at 4:30. Lugged in wood. Read mail - paper. Had boiled rice with stewed chicken for supper. Spent most of evening trying to draw out the enlargement I'd like to make to this house when I put the wall under this spring. Looks stormy as we go to bed weary at 10:00. 4 hours XL-12. 7 1/2 hours on survey line for Daniel and self.</p>

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Feb. 29, Thursday	Very dull and overcast this last day of Feb. Good weather spell gone. Wind easterly and there's an occasional snowflake falling now at 7:00. Temp. 32°. By golly it didn't storm and we worked all day. Dan arrived about 8:00. Had to walk from head of Stinky's Cove - engine stopped. Worked right on across swamp. Must have made another 175 feet. Coming to spruce now. In fact made enough brush the last cutting so we burned our last two piles. Used 5 tanks gas. Out at 4:45. Took Daniel over to his car. Started okay. Only papers for mail tonight. Had corned beef, potatoes and string beans tonight for supper. Watched Shorty Thomas show. Carol Channing Show and Dean Martin. To bed at 10:00 weary. Has started snowing. Wind out ENE. Temp. 32°. Called the Oldroyds after supper. Emery Wooster passed away this morning.
March 1, Friday	Good morning, March. It's unbelievable but ice is cleared clean out of Little Thoroughfare. Last night it was ice out to end of Stimpson's. About an inch of snow has fallen and wind is still ENE. 10 miles or so. Temp. 32°. Glass has dropped from 29.9 yesterday noon to 28.75 now at 7:15 A.M. Continued to drop to 28.5 even lower than for one of the hurricanes we had. Snowed considerable most of day making probably 6 inches. Shoveled off porch twice. Put new plates on Jeep and Chevelle. Filled XL-12 and mixed up a new batch of gas. Wrote a letter to Mary Pease Stone. Played a game of Scrabble. Nan made a score of 347. Uptown to do shopping and to get bar and chain oil. Home by way of NS road. Hard driving. Lugged in wood. Read mail - the paper and a note from the T.S. Whipples. Suppered on leftovers. Watched T.V. - 2 jamborees. Worked on my plans for remodeling this house. Played a game of Scrabble. H.S.B. called on telephone -a half hour chat. To bed.
March 2, Saturday	Well the glass has started back up about 4 tenths and yet we didn't get any terrific blow. Wind is westerly now up to 30M. Temp. 30°. Sun has come up nicely. Has been a nice day and snow melted off roads considerably but trees are loaded. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. The ice cleaned out of Goose Cove down here so I went clamming below dump piece. Got a nice mess of steamers before tide drove me. Nan did a wash in small washer. Played a game of Scrabble. Had an early lunch to be up to B. Joyce's at 1:00 so Nan could get hair set. Downtown to shop and see boat come. Unloaded now almost before one's aware of it, what with bow loading. Home, lugged in wood, cleaned up and up to the Beveridges to a halibut chowder supper at 5:30. Very good. A nice supper and a pleasant evening. Played one game of Scrabble. Mr. B. won.
March 3, Sunday	A nice Sunday morning but cooled off. 20°. Looks like the sun might shine. Just an air about N. Has been a nice day but plenty sharp. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Cleaned up and went to church. Helped Albert with Communion. Only 18 of us in congregation plus 6 in choir, plus Etta and Mr. Overman. Came home, had lunch and back up to Emery Wooster's funeral. A small group present considering a man had lived a lifetime in town. Down to the Ames after to coffee. Invited them down to have steamed clams for supper with us, and darned if they didn't come at 5:30. Had a nice supper and a pleasant evening. Nan made a salad and muffins to go with the clams. Milton quite carried away with the drawing I'd made of enlarging the house. Spent evening chatting. To bed 10:30.

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<p>March 4, Monday</p>	<p>Well it's clear and cool. Some cloudiness over Stimpson's. 14°. Just an air westerly. This is Town Meeting Day. Has been a nice day but staying cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, cleaned up and went to Town Meeting at Com. Bldg. The cussidest build to hear anything in I ever saw. Nan stayed home as the cough from her cold is so irritating. F. Adams, Edwin Thayer, Bill Hurd, Lawrence Beverage re-elected road commissioner. Biggest item voted was to buy a new 4 wheel drive truck with snow plow and sander. Came home to lunch, then back. The Grange served dinner at the Grange Hall. Stayed to meeting till 4:00. Came home, changed clothes and walked out across pasture to check cutting conditions tomorrow. Continued on through and followed line home over school house hill. Quite a walk. Lugged in wood, read paper, and suppered - smothered meat. Played a game of Scrabble and rested. To bed as weary as though I'd worked.</p>
<p>March 5, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another town meeting has come and gone. Now back to work. Looks like a nice day coming up. Temp. 28°. Some clouds. Sun should shine. Air N. Has been a nice day. Snow softened a little. Trees messy with snow, also hard to tell how close I'm sawing to the ground. Danny arrived before 8:00. Got sled from barn and hauled our saw, gas can, etc. into woods. Quite a walk in there now. Have come to a heavy growth of young growth now. Slows us down. Succeeded in burning all our day's brush before we came out at 5:00. Took Danny up to Wayside Service as he left his Volkswagen there this morning to have new points, coil, etc put in. Home by way of NS road. Met Frank &amp; Orilla by Staples' Farm. Invited up for evening, but didn't go. I'm weary and Nan's cold not improved enough. Suppered on hulled corn tonight. Rested this evening. To bed to read a little while at 9:00. A birthday card from Olive G. tonight.</p>
<p>March 6, Wednesday</p>	<p>Some heavy cloudiness but looks like a nice day likely. Temp. 20°. Air NNE. Has been a beautiful day but hasn't thawed much and growing cooler tonight. Danny's Volkswagen only brought home to Crabtree Hill this morning. Came the rest of way with Frank S. Started where we left off yesterday and nearly made it to the fence at top of bank. Am coming out about as good as I could, I think. Burned all our brush except late P.M. pile. Took down one large spruce that I junked into Ashley wood. Two more big ones to come down. Checked RMs after lunch. Nan walked into woods with us. Took Danny home at 5:00. Home, lugged in wood. Read mail. A check from Crocker for rake, a check and letter from Abbie, a letter from A. Emerson and a birthday card from AW and Emma. VLB called just before supper a few minutes. An item in 1965 town report that confuses him. I wasn't able to help him with it. Suppered on scallops out of freezer. Very good. Rested and watched Mardi Gras. 8 hours Daniel P. and self on survey line, 5 hours XL-12.</p>

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<p>March 7, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning but cold. 12°. Air N or NNW. Sun coming up nicely. Has been a beautiful one but staying cold all day. Didn't accomplish our usual amount today. Mixed up new batch of gas, lugged saw etc clear over across pasture and XL wouldn't start. Out and took it to garage Jimmie blew it all out and found it full of dirt around flywheel and magneto. Home, back across pasture and tackled the big trees we left yesterday. Wind just right. Had nice luck. Down and cleaned up in just over an hour. Then to noon time cleaned completely back to fence along bank. Still some more outside of fence. Back after lunch and took down 2 more large ones. Got one all cleaned up and started on second when recoil winder refused to work. Out at 3:00. Cynthia visiting Nan. Took Daniel to garage and Steve took winder apart and cleaned it. Home at 4:00. Lugged in wood. Mail here before 5:00 now. Had 6 cards this night - the Witherspoons, Aunt Mellie G., Thorntons, Thelma B., the Joyces, and Jennie B. Baked beans for supper. Rested and watched the Shorty Thomas Snow and Dean Martin Show. 6 hours Daniel P. and self on survey line. 4 hours XL-12</p>
<p>March 8, Friday <i>Tonny's birthday</i></p>	<p>Well Happy Birthday to us born this day and it's a beauty. Clear and cold. Flat calm. Made considerable ice. Only 12° above. Spent last birthday clearing out from a bad snowstorm according to diary. Has been a beautiful one. Danny went across to check cottages this A.M. so I took wedges and maul across pasture, and clifted all the Ashley wood we've made so far. Took me to 12:00. Called Paysons to order chain for XL-12 this morning. Had just finished lunch of Bull's Heels and hot biscuits when Danny blew in. Spent P.M. working just inside frog pond field fence cutting a group of witches brooms trees and widening the swatch across swamp. Nan to town this P.M. Had everything all ready to make ice cream when we came out of woods. Had cards from H.S.B., Ken Mills, the Ames, Alta, Harvey, Pat and Boys, and the Oldroyds. Danny gave me a package of H&amp;H. Pat sent up 2 packages H&amp;H, 2 pair white work gloves, and a shirt, H&amp;S a bar of shower soap. Alta - a tobacco pouch. Nan invited H&amp;S, Alta and the Sampsons down this evening. Had a nice time visiting. The Oldroyds called on phone. 4 hours Daniel P and self on survey line. 2 hours XL-12</p>
<p>March 9, Saturday</p>	<p>First wild geese - 17. A beautiful flat calm March morning. Sun is up. Temp. 26°. As I sit here 17 wild geese have just flown over. Beautiful. Has been the nicest of the nice. Snow really gave some. Reported Goose Rock bell not ringing since last night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Nan went to garage after Danny. Believe it or not, Danny and I finished the swatch across the pasture even getting the trees outside the fence along bank. Also cleaned out back line from shore to bound as much as I could until I know exactly where line runs. Really used the XL-12 - eight or nine fillings. This P.M. we cleaned up the big tree we left down Thursday when the saw stopped. All done now except for part of it not clifted. Out at 4:45. Lugged in wood. Steve brought Dan's V-Wagon down this A.M. 2 more Birthday cards, the Jack Browns and Frank &amp; Orilla. Also a letter from Mrs. Fay. Suppered. Watched Buck Owens, Dating Game, Newlywed Game and Lawrence Welk. To bed weary but a job well finished. New chain and sprocket arrived from Paysons tonight. Was surprised the old chain lasted to finish. Plenty of teeth broken out. 8 hours Daniel and self on survey line, 7 hours XL-12</p>

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<p>March 10, Sunday</p>	<p>Foggy for a change. 32°. Air Easterly. Can just see outline of Stimpson's. Has remained a dull foggy day all day. Has eaten into snow. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. No I didn't make breakfast. Nan fried the bacon while I talked on telephone with Val Young - he called. Rested and read this A.M. Didn't go to church as I was very weary from yesterday and Nan's cough is still very irritating. Worked some this P.M. on my plans for enlarging the house trying to make a front drawing. Not much luck. Lugged in wood. Fog and easterly wind very raw. Cleaned up and up to the Ames at 5:45. Had a nice supper of cold roast turkey, cranberry jelly, salad, etc. pineapple sherbet for dessert. Very damn delicious. Spent evening chatting. Had a nice time.</p>
<p>March 11, Monday</p>	<p>A second morning of fog. Air still easterly on water. Snow is settling and ledges are coming out. Temp. 34°. Has been a beautiful day and really warm. Water running down R.M.'s road like a river. One of those days when I've worked hard to accomplish nothing. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Up to barn to get tractor and trailer out and started pump. No pump. Called Edwin G. He came down to check out wiring and found relay frozen in cistern. I'm thankful it was only that. While he was here he wired up my new electric grind stove motor. Oh yes Don W. and Leon C. came to see if I'd help over to R.M.'s in woods, stowed me up half hour or so. Went into woods with tractor and trailer. Back out and put on chains, back over clear to Stone's Cove and brought out load of spruce limbs. Lunched. Back in, loaded with alders and couldn't get back up over hump off swamp. Had to get XL-12 and cut _____ around same and then nearly didn't [get] out [until] 3:30. Am making pile on Frog Pond ridge by fence. Nan to town for gas and groceries. Came in at 4:00 and we cleaned out living room stove pipe. Very nearly filled up. Read mail - a birthday card from Rosanne, suppered, rested and watched a little T.V.</p>
<p>March 12, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful March morning. 20°. Air North. Should be out hauling alders right now. 6:45. Guess I'll get breakfast first. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Has been a very raw overcast day but I worked all day at hauling out alders. Got them all cleaned off long swamp beyond little spring place. Still have round wood and Ashley wood over beyond swamp. Had good luck and worked out 4 loads this day. Dan, Leon and Preston worked at R.M.'s. Nan went to Guild dinner session. About 24 there. Spitting snow as I finished unloading last load. Put tractor and trailer into barn floor. Closed doors on shop. Now let it snow. A bad one down through Penna. Suppered after reading mail. A letter from A.W.B. and a birthday card from Clara w. Played a game of Scrabble and watched Red Skelton. House is cold with wind NE 30 to 40 M and snowing.</p>

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<p>March 13, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a noisy night. Heavy wind with snow, rain and sleet beating against windows. Less than an inch of snow but slippery now. Temp. 30°. Has snow, rained and sleeted most of day and into evening making dangerous walking. Snowplow down during day. Haven't accomplished a great deal this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, etc. Was resting from not sleeping last night when Danny, Harriet and little girl blew in. Danny brought his bill for helping cut survey line. Paid him by check \$111.00, \$3.00 of this 111.00 was working for me. Over to shop after they left, built fire, used stove clay on stove and mountain grinder and motor on mother's old washing bench. Nan over with coffee and utensils and fried hamburgs on the stove. Had a nice lunch. Back to house and used stove-clay on living room stove pipe. Cleaned up and uptown to see boat come. Then down to the James Haskell's to their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception. A shame such a miserable day but had a fair group. Home without falling down. Invited to Sampsons to clam chowder but weather too dangerous. Garnet T. called to say he had fallen down twice. Suppered on hamburg and spaghetti. Played Scrabble and watched Kraft Music Hall.</p>
<p>March 14, Thursday</p>	<p>A winter morning again. Strong NW wind 20 M or so, snow blowing. Temp. 20° but seems much colder. Sunny. Trees frozen solid with ice. May damage buds. Trees beautiful this P.M. with sun on them. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on my drawing plans for the new piece on house this A.M. I regret that I'm not an artist. Played a game of Scrabble. Over to shop a little while. Built fire, put drain tube in grindstone base, and then started trying to clean up my work bench some. Quite an undertaking (Bill Hurd made me up a drain tube yesterday for grindstone so water from base will come off over edge of bench). Started for town just after 2:00 by way of dump. Saw boat come, home, lugged in wood. Came home by Ern's to check on him. Cleaned up and back up to Sampson's at 5:45 to clam chowder supper. Good,. Spent evening watching color T.V. Dean Martin very good. Home 11:15. White frost over everything. Southerly tomorrow. A letter from the Jr. Whipplles tonight.</p>
<p>March 15, Friday</p>	<p>The glass very high this day. 30.9. 4 loads wood out making 10 so far. What a Christmas card morning. Sun just coming over Calderwood's and the full moon just setting over the big oak. Snow all asparkle. Flat calm. Cool. 14°. Breezed up heavy SW but how the snow softened up and melted. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over to check R.M.'s and I walked into woods across to Stone's Cove side of strip to check conditions. Clifted the rest of Ashley junks - 1 1/4 hours - came out to get tractor and trailer, and hauled out all the Ashley wood - 2 full loads and then 2 loads of 4 foot wood with Nan's help. Took us to 4:45. Visited with Don and Cynthia a half hour or so in R.M.'s woods. I now have all wood cleaned up and out across long swamp to Stone's Cove shore. With luck another day should finish this side of swamp. Had a nice letter from Mercedes tonight. Suppered on potatoes and dandelion greens along with hamburg and spaghetti. Tried to watch a little T.V. but both too weary. To bed before 9:00.</p>



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<p>March 16, Saturday</p>	<p>A fair morning so far but plenty of high cloudiness. Wind west or WSW. 15 to 20 right now. Temp. 36°. Called Danny this morning to see if he might be able to help me haul out today and darned if he didn't come. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Dan came at 8:00 and we started right to hauling. 5 loads cleaned everything right up, even what I cut the other day to bring my road out around ledge. Made me at least 9 loads alders, 2 loads Ashley, and 4 loads 4 ft. kitchen wood - will be quite a pile. Finished about 3:30. Changed trailers and hauled a load of split junks for Ashley down from above barn. Piled it on porch. Lugged in wood. Had a belated birthday card and note from the Bucklins. Baked beans and brown bread for supper. Very good. Tried to watch television this evening but slept more than watched. L. Welk had a nice Irish program. Danny P. helped me about 7 hours hauling out wood.</p>
<p>March 17, Sunday</p>	<p>A Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all. We have a foggy morning and has the snow gone. Fields about bare except where snow banked. Temp. 42°. Air westerly or WSW. Stayed foggy until about 2:00 when it started drizzling then changed to rain and rained hard during evening and night. Did bookkeeping, shaved, took a complete bath, went clamming here in Goose Cove, had breakfast, cleaned up and went to church. Only 19 of us in congregation. Gave Alta a ride home, dropped Winnie off, came home by NS road. Cut us some pussy willows up by B. Joyce's. Lunched, rested, played a game of Scrabble. So hot in this house we went on a ride around island in drizzle. Just back home when Mr. Overman called. Had tea. Invited Lawrence and Alice down to steamed clam supper, had potato salad and hot biscuits with them. Apple pie for dessert. Alice and Nan went to a special choir rehearsal at Memorial room. Squire and I rehashed old times. Had ice cream during evening. To bed about 11:00. Raining hard.</p>
<p>March 18, Monday</p>	<p>Rain has toped and snow is about gone. Got that wood from across swamp and off swamp at right time. Everything soaking wet. Temp. 40°. Wind appears to be coming right up ENE 15 M or more now at 7:00. Rained and drizzled all day and evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Wrote two letters this A.M. A long one to Mercedes, stopping in the middle to go to town to get some groceries. Nan ready to make a birthday cake for B. Joyce and found she had no Spry. Also a letter to Jack Bauer about getting 20 yards gravel off his beach for concrete. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched. Nan went to garden club meeting at Memorial Room. I rested awhile, then over in shop. Tried out my new grindstone. Seems to cut good but must find some way of keeping drip water off floor. Lugged in wood, read mail, - only paper and suppered. Finished last night's steamed clams. Up to Joyce's at 7y:00. Bertha set Nan's hair. I played pool with Stillman and Martin, the Martin and Nan and Bertha and I played cribbage. Nan &amp; Martin beat. Had a nice refreshment. Bertha had made herself a cake and Betty Brown had made her one. Also had ice cream &amp; coffee.</p>

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<p>March 19, Tuesday</p>	<p>Well it's still wet and drizzly. Everything soaking wet. Wind still NNE. Temp 40°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. This has been a broken up day without accomplishing much. Up to Hiram's this A.M. to check my potatoes and to get some. Sprouted my 2 boxes of Early Norland. Rest okay. Stopped at sawmill on way home and ordered 12 4 x 8 16 and 12 4 x 8 12. Home about 10:30. Played a game of Scrabble while it drizzled Over to R.M.'s on tractor to get Landrover out. Towed it over here down field road, then pushed it out along road. Finally started out beyond Merryconeag. wouldn't start on battery after we'd driven it over to Rum and back so we pushed it again, drove it over to R.M.'s, nearly getting stuck and put spare battery into it. Had planned to call on Mellie Gillis this P.M. but was so worked up by this time, we didn't. Came out field road to town in Land Rover, saw boat come. The Irvn Stones returned from Florida. Home by way of N. Shore. Lugged in wood. Weighed up hay for L. Beverage. Raked a little in front of porch where wood chips have been shoveled over. Suppered on potatoes, corn and bull's heels. Watched Red Skelton and to bed weary.</p>
<p>March 20, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog and wetter than old furyation. Temp. 40°. air NE or NNE. spread some of the baled hay on shop piece onto it before supper last night and nearly bogged down. Piece washing awfully. This hay was some I baled last summer around Fay's and didn't put into barn. Wet and drizzling by spells all day. Got two nice chores done though. Nan worked over to R.M.'s all A.M. and I pruned our apple trees, the Cortland, Astracou, Northern Spy, my little 5 in. the peach tree and then my grafted tree up by OP piece and the peach tree by pasture fence. Had coffee with Nan at R.M.'s. As soon as lunch I gathered my working material together and went over to Tumbledown with tractor and trailer. Started the big pile of cultch burning that I poked in eastern pasture by snow fence several years ago and then started hauling cultch from around the barn to the fire. Hauled 3 trailer loads and also pulled the calf shed off back side of barn. Didn't get it burned though. Over to check fire after supper and continued around pond in Landrover. As thick a fog as I've seen in a long time. L. Beverage after rest of his hay before supper. Only Bangor paper for mail tonight. Nan talked with Min on phone this evening.</p>
<p>March 21, Thursday</p>	<p>By golly the fog has lifted some and it looks like we might have a better day. Must thrash to get rest of cultch burned over to Tumbledown this A.M. Practically flat clam. Temp. 34°. Stayed a nice burning day all day. Made breakfast after writing diary. All ready to start for Tumbledown at 8:00 and was sharpening XL-12 when I discovered oil tube was pulled out of connection. Went to garage in Landrover. Steve repaired oil tube but pump won't pump oil. Inner oil tube my be plugged. Over to Tumbledown with tractor and trailer taking my apple tree trimmings and hedge trimmings. Nan took tarred paper off along porch this A.M. Started cultch fire again, threw on prunings, dragged rest of calf barn to fire, junked it with XL-12 – stripping nails – to get it small enough to put on fire, then started cleaning up shingles in front of barn. Nan over with coffee and helped me pick up two loads. Brought me over a sandwich when she went to Thrift Shop. Had a load of just elderberry brush to burn from around barn. Also stripped the old Lester Sherer hay rack, what I could get of old sill pieces, a load of cultch out of carriage house and stable part of barn, and the windrow of hay back of barn from last year. Really did a very fine clean up job. Home 4:45. Suppered on tongue and cheeks boiled. Tried to watch T.V. but sleepy, Played a game of Scrabble.</p>

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<p>March 22, Friday</p>	<p>Started raining last evening and rained all night. Wind NE. Still raining and partly foggy this morning. Temp. 32°. What a spell of wet weather but what a nice job I have accomplished. Rained most of this day easing off tonight but almost raining. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked over in shop all A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Nan over with coffee at 11:00. Worked at my bench cleaning it off and clearing it up. Made quite a showing. Finally picked through the various boxes and bags of nails, screws etc. and started through the cans of paint, varnish etc. Nan cleaned out my two carpenter tool boxes. Walked over to R.M.'s after 1:00 with groceries, packages etc. Lighted stove and water heater. Shaved, cleaned up &amp; uptown in land rover to see boat come. Down to Alta's to coffee. The Ames over. Home, lugged in wood, read our paper and a note from Penn H. with check enclosed for '67 vegetables. Up to Selectmen's office to planning board meeting with Selectmen. Colon W., Benny Brown and Marjorie Fernald. Home after 11:00.</p>
<p>March 23, Saturday</p>	<p>Not raining but thick-a-fog. Air still NE or ENE. Temp. 40°. Stayed foggy all day. This has been a day when I've accomplished nothing but been busy all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and then peeled apples so Nan could make two pies - one of them for the RMs. Lugged several pails of rocks to put in the two drop-outs in our culvert and picked up the strapping and hold-down plans along front of porch where Nan took off banking a couple days ago. Then took Land Rover uptown to met the RMs at 1:00 from Vinalhaven by ferry. Mrs. M rode back with us in Chevelle. Stopped Land Rover at our barn and used tractor and trailer to haul over the luggage. Got back and put tractor away to discover they'd left a big box of groceries in the Rover so I had to tote them over. Lunched and had just built a fire in shop when Don W. came to show me his new XL-103 Homelite 5 HP. visited to 3:30, then we had to go uptown on errand for Mrs. M. Home, chored, read paper, suppered and watched T.V. too sleepy from last night to enjoy T.V. The Ms gave Nan about 2 doz. beautiful glasses. Mr. M. brought me a beautiful Indian Arrowhead neckpiece.</p>
<p>March 24, Sunday</p>	<p>Well I'll be dog-gone. Then sun has finally broken through. Looks like it might be a good day but blowing a gale SW and has since last night swung from S. Up to 30 to 35 M right now at 7:00 A.M. Temp. 34°. Damn I've spilled coffee and onto my bathrobe too. A fine way to start off Sunday. Stayed windy all day with a heck of a snow squall this P.M. Enough so I swept off the porch. Did bookkeeping, shaved, took a nice bath, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Wrote a letter to Lyford Beverage and rested this A.M. Nan worked over to R.M.'s a couple hours so we didn't get to church. I made a poverty stew for lunch - very good - had apple pie for desert. Went on a ride about 3:00. Stopped at JS Brown's to get eggs, down west district as far as Ricker's during snow squall, downtown to mail letter, had coffee with Alta, the Ames over, home, lugged in wood, changed clothes and then back up to the Lawrence Grants to supper. A nice one - meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, string beans, etc. Then they invited the Peters and Witherspoons in for the evening to homemade ice cream. Very nice time. Lawrence played his old Edison phonograph for us. Had forgotten how good the old records were. Home 10:30.</p>

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<p>March 25, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning. Cool. Ground appears to be frozen hard. Temp. 26° air SW Ground was frozen hard. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and then made ready to go right up to Mrs. Pease's after rotary mower. Back down to Fishers and ready to rotor at 8:45. A pleasant day but cold all day. As I stopped in Fishers garage driveway from Mrs. Pease's, I looked up on Cattail pond hill and there were 2 deer crossing it. Rotored the flat around garage building, the flat between the 2 brooks and what I could of the western triangle at head of cove. Nan over with coffee and lunch. Finished 1:15. Then rotored lower part of my Tumbledown little pasture east of barn. Put mower back into Mrs. Pease's barn and home about 3:30. Lugged in wood etc. Marion and children here with Girl Scout cookies. Had a card from Mrs. Fay in Arizona tonight. Suppered on baked finnan haddie. Up to call on Lloyd W. at Garnet's this evening. He's really miserable and the Thorntons are taking him to hospital tomorrow morning. Home 9:30. Mr. M in at 5:00 to say he was being called back to NY tomorrow. 4 hours rotoring Fisher property.</p>
<p>March 26, Tuesday</p>	<p>Home is beautiful this flat calm sunny morning. Sun up at 5:30 and has now left end of Calderwood's Island. Air easterly. Ground frozen a little. Temp. 27°. Another day without accomplishing much, over to R.M.'s at 7:30 in Chevelle through field road to get their baggage and them. Supposed to meet Frank S. out here and transfer but after getting baggage aboard Mr. M., wanted to be taken right to boat, so did. Stopped at Crabtree Place on way home to talk to Jack Brown about hauling me some beach gravel. Home. Over to R.M.'s with Nan in Land Rover. Nan did a wash while closing house. I changed the battery back in Land Rover and helped turn mattress and shake rug. Home at noon. Hung out washes, lunched. About 1:30 started for town in Land Rover by way of dump; stopped at Audrey's with RM's wash, at garage with XL-12 and hyd jack. XL wouldn't pump oil to saw blade and I wanted a plate made to go on jack about using under sill. Down to shop and see boat come. Home, picking up LX-12 on way. Lugged in wood. Read paper, suppered. Called the Oldroyds after. May try to go over this week-end. Read and played a game of Scrabble. Wind breezed up terribly raw SW today.</p>
<p>March 27, Wednesday</p>	<p>Very heavy overcast. Wind SW 15 to 20. Temp. 40° Cleared to a beautiful day by noon, then clouded up and rained hard from 3:30 to 4:00. Knocked us off. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Called HS to see if Wilson could help me saw wood. Could after 9:30, then couldn't come till after lunch. Put saw rig onto tractor and was out by woodpile on frog pond ridge by 8:45. Tiered up my tier of Ashley wood that had fallen over. Started sawing 4 foot wood. Worked awhile alone, then Nan out a half hour or so, then I finished up the A.M. alone. Lunched. Nan went after Wilson. I started along again. Had 2/3 of spruce wood sawed when Willie came. Finished that and made quite a start on alder pile when rain knocked us off at 3:45. Took Wilson home and continued downtown to get gas. Home, lugged in wood, read paper, suppered on R.M. leftover, then up to Alta's to do 3 washes. visited with her. She felt pretty good tonight. Her first check from SS came - fourteen hundred plus. Now she'll get about \$95.00 per month. Home after 10:00. Weary. Wilson B. - 3 hour helping saw wood.</p>

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<p>March 28, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful spring morning. Sunny and flat calm. 33°. Has been a spring-like day all day and a nice one. Made breakfast after doing bookkeeping. Washed dishes while Nan hung out the wash we did at Alta's last evening. Nan went after Wilson while I rigged up, put Land Rover up by barn out of doors-yard and gassed up tractor. Went right to work on alder pile and nearly finished inside pile this A.M. 1 hour on that this P.M. and then about half of outside pile. Is going to be some pile of alders to barn. Nan had a telephone call this A.M. that Mr. Bailey, Matt and Mark will be arriving for a few days tomorrow. Up and opened windows in house before going to Thrift Shop. Stopped sawing at 4:00. Nan took Wilson home and I lugged in wood and took in wash. Only papers for mail. Suppered on ham hocks and dandelion greens. Tried to watch some T.V. but both slept some. Both pretty weary. Had been thinking of going to Owl's head tomorrow for week-end but now won't go. Would have been too long a week-end anyway. 7 hours for Wilson B. helping saw alders.</p>
<p>March 29, Friday</p>	<p>Here it is thick-a-fog again and air NE. Temp 38°. Supposed to have a lovely week-end. Not much of a day staying foggy, drizzling at times. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Nan went after Wilson about 7:40 while I gassed up tractor etc Started in at 8:00 where we left off yesterday and finished at 11:15. We really have some pile of limbs and alders. Shifted in here to house and started on last years cutting as soon as lunch. These are the alders, chokecherries etc. I cut out by big oak last spring. Sawed to 2:30 when drizzle got too wetting. Took Wilson home, then went down to see boat come. A full boat load. Mr. Bailey, Matt and Mark and two dogs arrived in their Cadillac Hearse. Couldn't get any water when they turned it on. No worthwhile mail tonight. A sad report about Lloyd W. when Garnet and Clara returned from Rockland today. Not much hope for him according to doctors, X-rays etc. Life is getting sadder every day. Watched a little TV and played a game of Scrabble. Wilson B. helped me sawing alders - 5 1/2 hours.</p>
<p>March 30, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny morning but SW wind or breeze rather. Temp. 36°. wind supposed to be westerly at least the fog has cleared. Has been a beautiful day but terribly windy NW this P.M. Up to 50 M at times. I've done it - I truly have. I've finally finished sawing our firewood after 4 days at it. This A.M. with Nan's help I wore out the pile under our oak tree here that Wilson and I left off on yesterday P.M. Danny P. arrived the last half hour. Then as soon as lunch, we sawed the limbs off the tree on bank that I took down awhile ago, the cherries and alders I cut at end of hog pen piece last spring, the pile up by OP piece by grafted tree, and the limbs and fence material above barn. Finished and took off rig at 2:30. Then spread all the bales of hay that weren't frozen down by shop piece and the same on OP piece. Coffeed at 4:00, then Danny and I went clamming down here in cove. Both got a good mess. Invited up to the Ames for evening. Watched T.V. Had a nice time. Home 11:30. The Bailey's water frozen under house. Ran an overland line from draw off in barn. Weighed up 250# hay for L. Beverage this morning. Danny P. 4 hours helping me saw limbs and spread hay.</p> <p>30 years ago March 30<sup>th</sup> we moved here to Indian Point Farm. Considerable water has flowed through Little Thoroughfare in that time.</p>

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<p>March 31, Sunday</p>	<p>Mellie Gillis passed away tonight. Man, is this one beautiful March morning. Can feel spring in the air. Bright sunshine and just an air westerly. Surprising how it dried up yesterday. Temp. 40°. a nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed and made breakfast. Went to church by way of north shore road. About 28 there. Came right home. Changed clothes, took clams to shore and washed them good, it being high water; just washed them in the brook stream last night. Had steamed clams for lunch. Tried to rest a little while, but had just dropped to sleep when Danny and Harriet came with their 2 gannets. Wild ones they are. Stayed till 3:30. Then we took a ride around island as I wanted to see Jimmie Brown about buying some concrete gravel of Watson. He's going to find out for me. Home, lugged in wood and shucked out some clams. Suppered, then back up town. I visited with Squire Grant while Nan and Alice went to choir rehearsal. Squire tells me Gil Foltz is taking Lloyd's place up on hill. Went up with Squire when he went to tend lambs. Home about 10:00.</p>
<p>April 1, Monday</p>	<p>Doggone, a thunder shower before day-light, and now it's a SW rain storm, also thick-a-fog. Temp. 42°. A fine way for April to start. Rained about all the A.M., hard by spells. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked over in shop all A.M. Nan over with coffee about 11:00. Finished clearing off my bench and replaced the tools, paints, etc. Made chimneys for the two birdhouses Ern gave Nan - two for ours, one for Pat's. Took up the pieces of floorboards that had rotted out under sky-light and replaced them with new pieces. Nan over this P.M. and painted the two birdhouses. I'm now ready to try to finish painting the window sashes I bought years ago to replace these in the house. Uptown at 4:00 to shop. Libby on run this P.M. as overhaul period has started. Came at regular time so missed her. Home by way of Mary Jane's. Got a turnip. The Bailey boys called a few minutes. Invited us up to supper Wednesday night. Had a nice letter from Mr. Cobb tonight, wants Frank &amp; I to plan on rotoring Shaw's Island this spring; also wants me to take charge of Mullen's Crick. Invited the Sampsons down this evening to tell him about Shaw's Island. Treated them to ice cream, cake, and raspberries.</p>
<p>April 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear sunny morning, but cool. 30°. Wind SW 10 M or so. A bill last night from Dr. Morse owing him a balance of \$25.00 not covered by Health Ins. Well pleased. A cold day. Wind pulled in NW but raw like SW. Thrashed around to make ready to go to PH to haul wood. Had to take off saw pulley, put on drawbar, connect to trailer, pumped, over to R.M.'s in Chevelle to get Begonia pots etc. Up to Garnet's finally at 9:45. Hauled two loads apple tree wood before lunch. invited Nan up to lunch too. Got telephone call during lunch that Lloyd W. had been operated on this A.M. and no hopes of him recovering. Hauled another load after lunch but Garnet felt he should be with Clara, so I came home. Stopped at Ern's a moment. To town in Chevelle. Stopped at AWB's on way home and sawed down and junked up a maple tree for him, also an old stub in night pasture. Home, suppered, read mail, and up to B. Joyce's to get hair set and hair cut. Had a nice evening. Home about 10:00. 1 hour with XL-12 - AW Beverage (paid June 25), 4 hours hauling apple tree wood Gerry Norton.</p>

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<p>April 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful beautiful Grumpy morning. Picture book type. 32°. Almost a white frost. A beautiful day all day but one of those in which I accomplish little. The Little King worked on the bad place in our road here by the mailboxes which bothered me some. Took off our kitchen storm windows and rest of banking paper. Threw up around our big new alder pile and wood pile on frog pond ridge. Lunched. Rested. Cleaned up and went to Mellie Gillis' funeral. Alta and Edith Ames went with us. Back down to Alta's to have coffee. Home, lugged in wood, read paper, and up to Bailey's to supper. Had a delicious one - roast beef with potato, baked with them, green beans, blueberry muffins, pickles etc. with salad for dessert. Visited awhile, then home about 9:00. The Baileys leave Friday morning. A beautiful starlit night when we came from Baileys.</p>
<p>April 4, Thursday</p>	<p>How the weather has changed. A disagreeable overcast Northeaster. Breezing up too. 15 M now at 6:45. Temp. 40°. Started raining about 10:00 and rained hard until 1:00 P.M. or so and then blew hard SW. Started cleaning up fence in front of barn. Got it junked and piled to gate in night pasture when rain stopped me. Worked on window over in shop till lunch. Rested after lunch. Uptown to shop and see boat come. Barbara Adams arrived with a brand new Pontiac Station [wagon]. Home and was lugging in wood when Ed Coffin and Nash drove in. They'd been surveying at Bartlett's Harbor. Out and looked on my back line over, then back here and discussed the situation. Stayed to supper with us, then as we'd invited the Baileys down to dessert with us we had quite an evening gathering. Served ice cream and frosted chocolate cake with thawed up strawberries and raspberries. Very good. Crowd dispersed about 9:00. To bed as weary as though we'd worked.</p>
<p>April 5, Friday</p>	<p>Man oh many, how it's blown all night SW. Another tree snapped off back of house here. This time one of Nan's clothesline trees. Still blowing 30 to 40. Temp. 40°. The Baileys sure will have a nice trip across bay this morning. Libby didn't go. Baileys appeared back. Libby went at 1:00 P.M. Baileys went. Jim B. went across in <i>Two Sons</i> this morning taking Coffin, Nash and two or three others. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Spent A.M. cleaning up the tree that broke off last night. Burned the brush below high water mark. Lunched, cut and cleared a line from C.K. Cobb's mailbox to shore against Alexander line in case Coffin gets back and has time to run my back line. Took battery out of Jeep to have charged. Dr. Raleigh down after water and Abbie's keys. To town 3:45 to see boat come after leaving battery at Wayside. Stopped at the Jack Browns on way home to leave Bailey wash. Had coffee with them. Home, lugged in wood. Only paper for mail. Suppered. Rested this evening. Played a game of Scrabble. Wind died out considerable this P.M. and came NW.</p>

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<p>April 6, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear sunny morning but wind seems to want to hold up NW. Cool. 28°. Must make haste as we may go to mainland. Did go to the mainland. A beautiful day. Took the Chevelle. Drove out to the Oldroyds. Had coffee with them. Then as soon as they got ready we drove back into Rockland, dropped Jane, and out to Shepard Chevrolet. Had new points and condenser put in. Much better. Then Jim took the wheel and went to Union. Had a nice lunch at Elmer's - tenderloin sandwich, then on out through to Augusta, going into Sears new store; saw one of the 7 horse rotor-tillers I'm interested in - round about and back through Warren etc to Owl's Head about 5:00. Rested an hour or so, then the Oldroyds took us to the Red Jacket Trade Winds restaurant to supper. A nice supper and very good service, but prices high. This was my birthday supper they'd promised me. From the Red Jacket to the Bill H. to find them in a mess - Bill painting out a room etc. Had coffee and back to Owl's Head weary and to bed. Put about 130 miles on Chevelle.</p>
<p>April 7, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful Palm Sunday day. Up before 8:00. A leisurely breakfast. Cleaned up and attended the service at Father Kenyon's church, interesting but very complicated. Visited Lloyd W. in hospital. Sad and sad. Had coffee in Father Kenyon's church dining room. Back to Owl's Head, had sandwiches, then went riding in Jane's Chevelle. Out through Rockville, up over Dodge Mt. road, through Warren, down to Friendship to call on Helen and Sherm - not home - back through Thomaston - visited prison showroom - beautiful carpenter work and whittling - on back through to Owl's Head. Suppered on fried chicken etc. After Jim did his paperwork we called on Jim and Sada an hour. Had coffee Back to Owl's Head and to be weary. Not used to do much riding.</p>
<p>April 8, Monday</p>	<p>Not so pretty a day, airing up SW and cloudy this P.M. Jim back to work. We had a leisurely breakfast with Mercedes, coming into Rockland about 9:30, dropping Mercedes and Winnie at Sears. Put Chevelle in A&amp;P parking lot, then walked around doing errands. Up to Everett Spears. In to cleaners, to First Nat. Bank, to Conservation Office, to A&amp;P Store - \$68 on groceries, loaded Chevelle, put her down in line - just in time if Bill Hurd had gotten ahead of me we'd have been left. Had hamburgers at Coffee shop, down to Sears to see if they had a 7 horsepower rotor - didn't, down to boat and ready to come home. 8 trucks and cars aboard NH - loaded. Home by way of VH. A little uneasy to VH. Okay rest of way. Saw Pat at wharf. Home at 5:00 to a cold house but soon had it comfortable. Lugged in groceries etc. a card from J.F Dyer in mail. Suppered on cold baked lamb, boiled potatoes etc. To bed at 8:00 - both plenty weary and very glad to be home. Saw a big flock of geese going over at Owl's Head this morning and heard another flock.</p>



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<p>April 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>A good breeze SW or WSE this morning 20 M or so. Sunny. Temp. 42°. Think it may have sprinkled a bit during night. Has been a beautiful day. Strong wind NW but warm. Did bookkeeping, 3 days - made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Momma stowed away groceries, went over to R.M.'s to check and clean some; also did a wash. I took chains off tractor and went to PH to finish Garnet's wood - two small loads. Finished about 11:00 and watched some of Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral service. What crowds around church - but orderly, thankfully. Stopped at Ern's on way home to see if Ern wanted to haul his alders - still thinks it's too wet. Home, lunched at 2:00. Shifted trailer and hauled in the alders etc that Danny helped me saw at end of hog pen piece. Had nearly a load. Put one limb pile under oak tree. Uptown to see boat come at 4:30 and to get rental battery for Jeep. Ours evidently isn't going to take charge. Only 1 car and B and R tonight. Last night was loaded. Home, lugged in wood, read mail, suppered and rested. Called the Oldroyds.</p>
<p>April 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>A nice NW morning but not as bright sunny as some. Temp. 40°. Must thrash around to get ready to go to VH. Have battery put in Jeep, wood to load etc. And boy, what a job I had. Put battery in and cable wouldn't reach. Went to garage, got cable, connected up and not a murmur. Reversed battery, connected up, started motor okay after priming but discharged instead of charged. Had to reverse battery again. Out in field and loaded with fireplace wood. Finally got to town and too much wind. Engberg wouldn't take Jeep across. Pat had to come after us. Visited Goose Arey and Ned Kittredge. Played ball with children. Saw Brud Carver's house. Very nice when done. Pat brought us to Ferry so we came across when Engberg brought the ferry men across. Home by 5:00. Addressed some Easter cards. Had a note from Mr. Cobb and one from the Fishers in mail. Suppered and rested. To bed weary. Had an Easter card from AW and Emma last night.</p>
<p>April 11, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like we light have rain today. Very heavy overcast. Air NNE and airing up. Temp. 38°. After having a tough snow storm for an hour or so this A.M., it cleared to a beautiful P.M. and evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Weighed and put out 12 bales hay for Lawrence Beverage. Went right to work raking garden in front of house. Started fire on it to burn dahlias stalks etc. Lugged the corn stalks over from shop piece. Succeeded in burning most of what I raked. Dug our parsnips. Had a clam rocker full. Some had started to rot on top end. Took down pea fences on triangle garden, and raked up all of it. Had a SB trailer heaping full. Hauled it out to eastern end of hog pen piece and dumped it. Lunched 1:30. Nan went to Thrift Shop. I split the Ashley wood down back from the two trees, one on bank and the snapped off one. Repaired runway into shop. Painted Nan's bird house second coat. Finished spreading hay on shop piece, covered now. Easter cards from the Tom Whipples and Sam Gilchrists. Suppered. Went to communion Service at Memorial room this evening. 21 present. Then visited with Lawrence and Alice an hour. Home 9:45. Little King - 264# hay - \$5.28 pd by check.</p>

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<p>April 12, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunny, clam spring morning, but wind will be raw SW this P.M. Gardens white with frost. Temp. 32°. Has been a beautiful day even the SW wind didn't get too raw. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Took off the rest of storm windows, had taken off of kitchen awhile back -and took over to shop. Cleaned out our 5 birdhouses, some of them nearly full. Hauled the rest of limbs here to house that Danny helped me saw up by grafted tree and above barn. Had 1 1/4 loads. Coupled onto grader blade and graded on R.M.'s road this P.M. from mailboxes to brow of hill for Little King. So much material in places, it's hard to work. Over to Abbie's about 5:00 to help her unload her station wagon. Home and made supper ready. An Easter card from Jennie D. and one from the Oldroyds. House Ins. bill from W.C. Ladd. Rested after supper. Am letting myself get weary these nights.</p>
<p>April 13, Saturday</p>	<p>Another pretty Grumpy morning. What beautiful weather. Calm. Air SW. Temp. 40°. Really the best so far. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove, Ashley stove and cleaned Ashley stove pipe. Pretty much filled up. Graded 3 hours on R.M.'s road again this A.M. - as good as I can get it now until rocks are picked. Lunched. Nan went walking with Abbie this P.M. into Turner place, then on to town in Jeep to get work gas. I took fireplace wood out of Jeep before she went. This wood I was taking down to Pat had we got the Jeep across last Wednesday. Put plows on tractor and plowed upper side of OP piece - 75 feet or so. Plowed good but had a heck of a job with the Silver Queen corn stalks. Finally had to use a pitch fork to work them into furrows. Had Abbie over to baked bean supper. Apple pie and Blueberry pie for dessert. Stayed till 9:00 P.M. Watched Dating Game, Newlywed Game and Lawrence Welk. Nan receive an Orchid Corsage from Pat tonight. 2 Martins appeared. 3 hours grading R.M.'s road.</p>
<p>April 14, Sunday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy morning. 32°. Flat calm. Happy Easter Day. Fully as good as yesterday. Did bookkeeping, helped with dishes, shaved, bathed and made breakfast. Made ready to go to church by NS road. A good group this day. Close to 85 - I'd guess. Had Garnet and Clara down to dinner from church. Boiled ham, mashed potato, mashed parsnip, etc. Very good. Walked over around Montgomery's this P.M. Thorntons went home about 4:00. Rested an hour, then we did dishes. Just finished when Geo. Beverage blew in. Had called on Jessie C. and she didn't appear to be home. As Nan was singing in choir to night and we had to be at church by seven, Geo. decided to go too. Picked up the Lawrence Grants, then had coffee and cake here after. a sizeable crowd tonight too. 54 or 55 besides three choirs. The Lions moved their den from the Fresh Pond down around to Ketchum Lot on Southern Road this P.M.</p>

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<p>April 15, Monday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know - it's a quiet drizzle this morning and a beautiful starlit evening last evening. Air NNE. Temp 40°. Rain and drizzle most of day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan over to help Abbie clean kitchen this forenoon. I went uptown to get burning permit from John W. as I thought I'd burn the old fence above barn, but as wind had started to air up when I got back, I decided against it. Up to H.S.B.'s and brought home 4 boxes seed potatoes - spread them in top of shop - and a basket of eating potatoes. Weighed up a peck for the Ames. Lunched, rested an hour. Uptown at boat time. Took Alta to cemetery with flowers after having coffee with she and the Ames. Home. Not much mail. Abbie over to use telephone while we were eating supper. Not friendly. (Called Eleanor). Both seem to be weary - to bed shortly after 9:00.</p>
<p>April 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another morning like yesterday, only not drizzling right now. Air still NNE. Temp. 42°. Rained and drizzled by spells all day. A busy day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Started fire in shop for potatoes. Over to Abbie's to put up her four birdhouses, then over to R.M.'s to remove burlap from box bushes, etc. Nan made ready to go to Guild dinner. Helped serve. I worked on barn pasture fence. Junked and piled up from night pasture gate down around to turn across gate to corner and started toward barn. Had considerable wire to cut before I could junk. Salvaged a 10 rod roll. Nan home about 4:00. Jack B. came about 5:30 to get load of fencing for Ern for firewood. Miserable stuff to try to load. Betty and Randy with Jack. Read mail, suppered, rested and watched T.V. "The Life of the Lonely Doryman," a fishing documentary.</p>
<p>April 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>A pretty sunny morning but wind NE 5 to 10 M now at 6:15. Temp. 40°. cooler than that during the night. A beautiful day and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop for potatoes. Started up rotor - tiller first time of season - started fine, and rotored 2/3 house garden. Then plowed rest of last years plowing on OP field except that part I'd spread with hay - can't do a thing with that. Will have to clean hay up. Also broke up the rest of OP piece, plowing it east and west. Nan worked over to R.M.'s awhile this A.M. and went up to Cynthia's with Abbie this P.M. I worked on fence again this P.M. Junked and piled up from turn through gate corner to back of barn and then from big pasture gate west to woodpile on Frog Pond Ridge. Finished about 5:00. Sure making quite a change after 30 years of seeing it up. Marion H. called a few minutes at noontime. Lugged in wood, read paper and suppered. First new delicious dandelion greens for supper. Tried to watch a little T.V. but too sleepy and weary. Nan called Ada and thanked her for the Easter box of Butter Crunch candy.</p>

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<p>April 18, Thursday</p>	<p>The Fishers arrived. Very dull with heavy overcast. Air on shore almost NNE. Temp 44°. Drizzled hard this morning, then finally cleared to a nice day. Boy, do plans change quick. Was going to do a little planting, came drizzly so decided at 7:00 to go to Rockland to see Lloyd W. and do errands. Had a nice trip both ways. Squire G. and Frank S. aboard. Nan had hair done at Al's. Squire and I took taxi to Camden to call at Rankin Grain. Ordered 1/2 ton 8-16-16, bought new drive belts for Rotor-Cul, saw the new higher horsepower Roto-Culs, got onion sets, and back to Rockland. Visited Lloyd, Frank &amp; Squire also visited. I called at Dr. Morse's office. Saw Mrs. Brown. After locating Nan on Main Street, we four had a nice dinner at the Coffee Shoppe. Shopped and home. The Libby loaded. The senior Fishers came. Over to call on us about six. visited until nearly 8:00. Abbie blew in for a moment to use telephone. Mrs. Fisher brought Nan a beautiful china cup and saucer and Mr. F. brought me a fifth of Imported Scotch. Had a note from Mr. Cobb with retainer check and a thank you letter, at long last, from Kathy G.</p>
<p>April 19, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat calm Grumpy morning. Can't tell which side is up. Temp. 42°. Must get that row of peas, onion sets and maybe potatoes planted today. Built potato fire in shop. Has been a beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Made ten furrows on upper side of house garden, fertilized 8, planted row next to rhubarb - 1/2 row mixed lettuce, 1/2 row parsnips, next a whole row of onion sets, a row of Greater Progress peas, and 5 rows Earl Norland potatoes. Took me to noon time. Also pumped. Finished plowing OP piece. Finally plowed the hay in by filling each furrow with fork, then back over it. Should know better another time. Up to Mrs. Pease's to bring home Bush &amp; Bog harrow. Nan up in Jeep. Checked buildings. Home. Filed XL-12 and junked up some Merry Jane junks of Ashley wood. Helped Jack B. load another load of junked fence for Ern. Read paper and suppered. Up to Sampsons to spend evening, it being Frank's birthday. The H. Calderwoods and Alta also present. Had ice cream and cake. Home after 11:00.</p>
<p>April 20, Saturday</p>	<p>How this weather has changed. Built potato fire in shop. a quiet rain storm. Air NNE. Temp. 42°. Didn't come to till 7:00 so I'm behind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Up to AWB's in Jeep to get rest of my seed potatoes - 3 boxes. Visited a half hour or so. Hiram not feeling good and goes into hospital next week. Also called on Ernie Boy a minute. Home, spread potatoes in top of shop. Nan dug a big mess of greens this A.M. between the worst rain drops. Lunched on rhubarb pie - out of freezer. Started to make out a seed order to Harris Seed Co. Cleaned up and uptown before boat came. Took Alta some parsnips, saw boat come and then we went to Seaview Cemetery to a committal service for Lena Dickey. Alta went with us. Came home, lugged in wood etc. Nan made ready to have the Ames down to supper. Boiled shoulder and dandelion greens, plus salad. Very good. Arrived about 5:00. Enjoyed them. Watched some T.V. To bed about 11:00.</p>

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<p>April 21, Sunday</p>	<p>Another morning with smoke coming down in front of house. Air NE. Plenty of heavy cloudiness. Temp. 42°. Looks like it may have rained during night. Not a nice day - rained and drizzled by spells. Built potato fire in shop. Did bookkeeping, took bath, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Was going to church, but decided to go tonight instead. Collected tools together and went out to Cobb estate. Reset the right-hand gate post that someone had broken off flush with concrete. Walked out through woodlot. Home and completed our seed orders to Harris Seed, Farmers and Vesey's. Reported bell not going on Goose Rock to SW Harbor to Coast Guard. Called Mrs. Cobb. The D. Witherspoons blew in about 3:00 and visited with us a couple hours. Kept fire going in shop to help potatoes sprout today. Cleaned up and went to church tonight. The "Cuddy" Curtis Choir sang. Very good. Over 50 in congregation. Came right home and watched rest of Ed Sullivan Show and Smothers Brothers.</p>
<p>April 22, Monday</p>	<p>A sunny, clear morning but wind airing up NE about 10M now at 6:30. Wind appears to be stuck in that quarter. Temp. 42°. Has been a most beautiful day eve though wind stayed NE. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Built potato fire in shop. Spent all of A.M. cleaning up and hauling the hay off of shop piece that I worked so had to spread on. Thought I could plow it under but found I couldn't on OP piece. Spread 3 loads among Nan's raspberries, and dumped remaining 3 out at farther end of hog pen piece. Put Nan's new birdhouse on a bracket and mounted it on tree by clothes yard. Lunched. Nan spent A.M. raking yard, working flower garden and trimming her raspberries. After lunch cleaned Mrs. Fay's garden off. Helped Nan dig some dandelion greens. Tried to harrow upper side of OP piece with Bush &amp; Bog. Too wet. Dirt built between two center discs making a roller. To town to see boat come. Home and made two cleaners for harrow. Invited the Beveridges down for enjoyable hour. Forgot to write that H.D. brought my 1/3 ton fertilizer this morning. Backed it down to panel truck. Suppered on dandelion greens, potatoes and ham. Very good. Rested.</p>
<p>April 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>First eave swallow arrived. Very early, usually May 2 or 5. A beautiful clam Grumpy morning but cool. 32° at 4:45. A white frost. Wind will be SW this P.M. Amazing how green everything is getting to be. Looks like an early spring. Built potato fire in shop. Several people already have jonquils. A nice day but unusually raw this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Sharpened a few posts and rails and repaired the fence along Mrs. Carver's western property line, also my fence from her corner back along R.M.'s road to turn through gate by watering trough. Changed oil in Rotor-Cul and put both belts on new. Rotored rest of house garden. Mrs. Fay's garden - much too wet but grassing in - and about 2/3 of triangle garden below power house. Nan worked with Garden Club on main street uptown this A.M. and raked apples off Cobb's lawn this P.M. Read over mail and suppered on chuck steak. Watched the races, not a horse ran that was on our cards and rested. Nan heard uptown that Isa Ames had passed away in Boston. That leaves Dorothy all alone.</p>

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<p>April 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Very overcast and dull. Almost drizzling now at 5:00. Temp. 40°. Air NE. Did drizzle by spells and very raw. Turned out to be a busy day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Built potato fire in shop. Drilled Bush and Bog harrow and bolted cleaner in place. Cleaned putty off milk room window and had to have Franklin cut a pane - odd size 9 x 11 5/87. Succeeded in breaking that before I got it pressed in place. Nan worked all A.M. on living room. Washed half of ceiling and half of walls. Ceiling much dirtier than appeared. Little King called at noon to say he'd like to haul my 5 loads rotten rock gravel. Stripped it from mailbox corner to barn. I spread it with grader blade on tractor. Had to have 7 loads. Left the 7<sup>th</sup> unspread. Worked till after 5:00. Had a note from Mr. Cobb in mail tonight. Suppered on potatoes, corn and warmed up boiled chuck steak. Watched the Eddie Arnold "Kraft Music Hall" show tonight. Weary enough to go to bed at 10:00. Wind breezing up SSE and looking very stormy tonight. Has been about as raw as yesterday.</p>
<p>April 25, Thursday</p>	<p>Well, here it is the last Thursday of the month. Has blown hard SSE all night and rained hard by spells. Blowing 30 to 40 now at 6:30 A.M. with rain driving across dooryard. Temp. 45°. Rained hard during A.M. by spells - garden all afloat. Stopped raining before noon and sun came out. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Helped Nan clean living room this A.M. Washed that half of ceiling she didn't get done yesterday. Nan washed the walls, woodwork etc. Built potato fire in shop. Addressed all the Fuller Cemetery cards and wrote out Notice to be posted. Lunched. Sun came out so I finished last night's unfinished job. Worked the last load around - damned tail gate stuck so it dumped in a pile - and graded the whole road. Came out very good. Uptown at boat time. Helped take Isa Ames' body to church and box to cemetery. Preston helped too. Down to Alta's to coffee. Nan washed living room curtains. Home. Hung out curtains and lugged in wood. A letter from Fishers with balance of rotoring check enclosed. Suppered - a picked up one. Rested and watched Shorty Thomas Show.</p>
<p>April 26, Friday</p>	<p>First rhubarb sauce of season - delicious. A beautiful sunny morning but wind already south-west now at 5:30 - 5 mi. hour or so. Temp. 42° A nice day all day but ground really soaked with water. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Before writing diary I picked rhubarb from patch back of woodshed and cooked it in double boiler. Stalks about 5 inches long. Never seen it come along so fast so early. Dug a mess of greens for Pat, Mrs. P to VH today. Pat came after her. I built potato fire in shop. Wheeled down a load of wood shop from above barn. Piled over my 4 x 8's to lay singly so they would dry out. Dug up Nan's sweet pea trench. Very wet. Took grade blade off tractor, coupled onto scoop. Picked up the rocks I'd gathered off road, then off into pasture beyond Carver's and picked up the rocks I'd dug out with grader blade last fall. Cleaned up and uptown at 1:45 to pick up Alta to go to Isa Ames funeral. Asked to be bearer after I got there. Bearers rode with me. Came right home. Faced Nan's long flower garden with birch. Had it done before she returned at 5:30. Had a picked up supper after reading mail. Had a Readers Digest Sweepstake prize of a World Almanac, and a game from the Fishers. Up to call on the Thorntons this evening.</p>

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<p>April 27, Saturday</p>	<p>Looks like it might be a nice day but kind of hazy right now. Almost calm, air southerly. Temp. 42°. Was good this A.M. but clouded up this P.M. and rained hard from 2:30 on. Ground is soaked again tonight. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Built potato fire in shop and wheeled down a load of wood from above barn. Gathered together some braces and braced up the section of fence along road across from hog pen piece. Also from corner of Carver's property to their barn. Nan helped me on that section as it was so heavy. Just finished when Don and Cynthia blew in. Stayed over an hour. Had coffee and brownies. Loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and up to H.S.B.'s at 12:15. Rotored the piece back of his barn and made a start on the north side of his house garden. Rain came at 2:15 and drove me home. Uptown to shop and see boat come. Home by way of north shore road. Lugged in wood, tended shop fire, read mail, suppered and watched T.V. To bed 9:30. 2 hours rotor-tilling for H.S.B. \$7.00.</p>
<p>April 28, Sunday</p>	<p>Saw my first fish hawk at Crabtree's Point. Clicks set ahead last night. Damn the fast time. A beautiful sunny calm morning, but cool. 37°. Everything soaking wet. Brought into house yesterday 3 beautiful Jonquils all open. About 3 weeks early. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, and made breakfast. Helped with dishes, then built potato fire in shop. Went to church. It being grange Sunday - there were 20 Grangers and about 30 congregation. Posted Cemetery Notice after, also talked with Forrest Adams as we came along home about helping me put a cellar wall under this house. Also rode to Crabtree's Point to look at road that "Little King" spoke of having me grade, and in around Morrison's back way. Home, lunching quick when the Thorntons called to invite us to go walking with them. Came for us. Down to young Nicolas Bullards, Burke's Old Cemetery, and Lombard's Ridge Home. The Thorntons visited on her. Had a quick hamburg supper, and went up to call on Martin and Bertha. She's just back from a few days in hospital. Home about 9:00. To bed weary.</p>
<p>April 29, Monday</p>	<p>What a beautiful calm sunny Grumpy morning this second morning of daylight saving time. Supposed to grade Montgomery road today. Temp. 40°. Air N. a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and made ready to go grading. Gassed up and ready to start before 7:30. Lawrence hauled with his truck and F. Sprague picked rocks and roots. Kept me busy trying to level loads and shape road. Had 1/2 hour nooning and finished after 4:30. Neck, arms and shoulders sure tired tonight. Rested, read paper and suppered. Salt fish and potatoes, good but too salty. Just finished when Forrest Adams came to look over the cellar wall job on this house. Thinks concrete blocks on concrete footings would be the sensible solution instead of solid concrete wall and I expect he's right. Up to Jimmie Brown's after Forrest left to get eggs. Also learned that Watson wouldn't sell any beach gravel. Must see Elliott Brown now. Home and to bed at 9:30. This fast time is tiring. 8 1/2 hours grading R.M. road for L. Beverage - \$51.00.</p>

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<p>April 30, Tuesday</p>	<p>Up at 5:30 to a beautiful Grumpy morning. Flat calm and cool. Only 38°. Jimmie Brown said last night that ice made night before last so probably did again last night. White frost when I got up. Has been a beauty and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Thrashed around and up to H.S.B.'s at 7:30. Rotored the rest of that part of house piece he wanted done, furrowed it, his garage piece, and 4 furrows on barn piece. Had Steve up there to get tiller running right but only an hour or so before engine was acting up again. Home at 10:45. Coffeed, then graded on R.M.'s road finishing that. A very quick lunch, gassed and started on Mullen Park road at 1:00. Made 3 1/2 round trips to site of Mullen house to 5:00. Home, cleaned up and had the Ames in to a social hour. Enjoyed them. Suppered 7:00. Salt fish, taters and dandelion greens. Very good. R.M.'s called to say they wouldn't be coming right away. Spent most of evening on telephone. Have finally succeeded in locating some concrete gravel. Elliott Brown is letting me get some off Bauer's beach. Now I must start on this house job. Farewell April, you've been a good month on the whole. Can't remember if our jonquils ever blooming this early before. 3 hours rotor-tilling H.S.B. \$10.50, 2 hours grading R.M.'s road L. Beverage 12.00, 4 hours grading Mullens Park road L. Beverage 24.00.</p>
<p>May 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Good morning - May Day. A rather dull, lousy one. Looks and feels rainy. Temp. 42°. Air NNE. Should be right up on OP piece harrowing right now before it rains. I'll be darned, cleaned to a beautiful P.M. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Over to Tumbledown first thing to put out a bale of dry straw for Stan Quinn. Then shifted to Bush &amp; Bog harrow and worked on OP piece 3 hours. all over it once and of course more times over considerable of it OK for roto-tiller now. Shifted back to grade and over to Mullen's park at 11:00. Worked on western half this day except for in and out trip. Little King in with a man running from Rockland for Senate - Mr. Laurence. Nan brought lunch up to park entrance and we ate in Chevelle at 1:00. She had been uptown this A.M. to do wash and get gas. Left off early today - at 4:00. Neck got to lame and tired. Coffeed, then weighed up a half ton of hay for the King and helped him load first load. Read mail and suppered. Bill from Elliott Brown for 4 x 8's to use under house - about \$140.00. Also Sampson's bill with a new battery for Jeep on it. There's times when a man can't get ahead. 4 1/2 hours grading Mullen Park road for Little King - \$ 26.00.</p>
<p>May 2, Thursday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy morning and warm too. 48°. Air westerly. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Tightened belts on Rototiller and washed air filter before going grading. Over to Mullin's Park exit at 9:00. Graded whole distance to entrance and worked right through to 4:30 with just time out to doge home to get a sandwich at 12:30. Little King ditching on low area beyond exit and before coming to Stone House foundation. I finished at 4:30 but didn't do a job I was happy with. Too much material most of the way, and too much rock and sod. Big King after his second load of hay about 4:45. Started our 2 lawn mowers after supper. Frank and Orilla down to have dessert with us this evening. Ice cream, strawberries, coffee and cakes. Nan worked at Guild Sale this P.M. My seed orders from Harris Co. and Vesey Co. came today.</p>



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<p>May 3, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning. Temp. 42°. air westerly or SW. Beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. To garage first thing with Rotor-Cul to have Steve clean carburetor and tank, etc. but did no good, the outfit ran rotten all forenoon. Rotored upper side of OP piece and made 14 furrows. Nan up with coffee about 11:30. Lunched 1:30, cut up a peach basket of potatoes, and with Nan's help fertilized 13 rows. Worked it in, dropped 3 rows potatoes, covered them with hand plow. Nan dropped the outside row to sparkle peas and I covered them with hand hoe. Uptown to shop and see boat come and to get Nan's ironing at Aunt Ruth's. Home, cut up another peach basket of Norland Early Red and a 14 qt. pail of Snowflake potatoes. Suppered. Up to the Jack Brown's after as I wanted to tell Jack I could get gravel off Bauer's beach - Ellie H's permission. A pooch of a call - television wasn't shut off any of the time we were there. Home about 9:30 and to bed. Mowed lawn first time today.</p>
<p>May 4, Saturday</p>	<p>Gol darn it. Might have known if I cut up potatoes last night, it would rain today. Sure enough, it started sprinkling just as I got up at 5:30 and came foggy so I started bell at 5:50. Air NE. Temp. 46°. Rained to about 9:00, then slowly cleared to a beautiful P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Weighed up a half-ton hay for Elliott Brown and Georgia came for it later in A.M. Up to H.S.B.'s to get potatoes for E Ames, JOB and some Russets for Betty Brown for planting. Sprouted what of my potatoes are left while there. Nan worked on cross-word puzzle in Jeep while waiting. Home and went to planting potatoes. Oh yes, called on Merry Jane on way to H.S.B.'s to see if he was going to cemetery meeting. Planted what I cut up last night, then cut 2 more 14 qt. pails Snowflake and planted them. Now have six full rows Norland Early Red and 5 1/2 rows Snowflake Early White. Made a trip to dump with cultch from top and bottom of shop, the garage and house. Home just after 4:00. Shaved, bathed and up to the Ames to a pot roast supper. Delicious and also a nice evening. Check from Town - this week's grading \$162.00.</p>
<p>May 5, Sunday</p>	<p>Planted in house garden - see chart. A nice morning but kind of overcast. Air NE. Temp. 46°. Our Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> row of peas is showing through ground, also lettuce showing. Didn't rain but felt like it at times, coming in foggy towards night. Cheated, didn't go to church. Nan weary and I wanted to get some planting done ahead of rain. Made 10 furrows on house garden with hand cultivator, fertilized them, worked it in, and planted peas, lettuce, bets, Swiss Chard, Carrots, Radish, green beans, yellow beans and 4 rows corn. Nan made a delicious rhubarb pie from our spring growth this A.M., also out to Cobb's to check the place. Uptown to see boat leave as telephone is out and H.S.B. is going to hospital - saw Sammy. Also took Ben Ames to hospital - he's having abdominal pains. Home and finished the planting. Rested a couple hours. Up to Martin's to tell him Cobb's lawn needs mowing, and over to Thorntons to get our dahlias. Visited nearly an hour, then they came down and had supper with us. Fried chicken, beans, taters, etc. Very good. To bed weary about 9:45. Mrs. Carver turned bell on about 4:50 this P.M.</p>

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<p>May 6, Monday</p>	<p>Ben Ames passed away this morning. Vote on new school project - 91 in favor - 35 against. Well, it's a nice clear morning and looks like sun would shine. Turned bell off 4:00 A.M. Air NNE. Temp. 47° but feels coolest. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Planted a packet of New Zealand Spinach on house garden ( soaked overnight). Re-rotored Mrs. Fay's garden, furrowed it with hand cultivator, fertilized it and planted it as per calendar chart shows - peas (2 kinds), carrots, onion sets, lettuce, bets 2 kind beans and shell peas. One row and a half left for later beans. Took Bush &amp; Bog harrow back to Mrs. Pease's and brought home my double harrow. Harrowed all of OP piece not planted. Lunched about 1:30. Nan helped plant Mrs. Fay's and dug a big bunch of greens this A.M. Froze 7 packages. Made 22 furrows on OP piece with rotorcul and got one pail of Norgold Russet potatoes cut. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to shop, see boat come, vote on new school building project, check cemetery etc. Home, suppered and back up to Cemetery meeting at Memorial room. 15 members present. Had a nice meeting and nice time. Eliot Beveridge conducted meeting - GT and Clara not there. Home about 10:30. Clean-up day next Friday P.M.</p>
<p>May 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful but fall morning. Only 40° and air North. Must really thrash today to get Russet potatoes planted. Did and accomplished considerable. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to RMs to turn on gas and start hot water heater. Eliot Beveridge came for Rotor-Cul. Cut up 2 more pails Russet potatoes, put fertilizer in Jeep and tore into OP piece. Fertilized 20 rows - 3 bags- worked it in, dropped 13 pails potatoes, covered them with haul plow. Cut about 3 more pails, dropped and covered them, one pail being A.W.B. big red, then tarred, dropped and covered nearly 11 rows Silver Queen (white) corn - about 1 1/4 lbs. Weighed up 665# hay for L. Beverage; he came about 6:00 for it. Had coffee with Nan and Edith Ames at RMs at 10:00 this A.M. Suppered on fried chicken legs etc. Went to Alumni meeting at Memorial room this evening. Nan stayed home. 9 of us there. Home about 9:30 and to bed weary. The telephone men repaired our telephone service this P.M. Line out since Saturday morning.</p>
<p>May 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning, like a picture book but cool. 34°. Rather cool on the Jonquils in full bloom now. Warmed to a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and did dishes. Nan and Edith worked and cleaned at RMs After dishes took ashes out of kitchen stove, cleaned out woodbox and filled it. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn first time. Cut up remaining 2 pails potatoes. Over to coffee with girls, back, made 20 furrows with hand cultivator on triangle garden, fertilized them 1 1/2 bags - worked it in, dropped the potatoes - 8 rows - and 12 rows Earlicking corn, and covered them with hand plow. Cleaned up top of shop where I'd had potatoes spread out. Uptown with Nan at boat time. Home, prepared rhubarb for sauce. Nan made supper - taters and boiled frozen haddock. Just calling the Oldroyds after when the Beveridges blew in. Came to discuss the Rotor-tiller. Back at Wayside Garage gain - still running rotten. To bed about 10:00 after watching a special no account show.</p>

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<p>May 9, Thursday</p>	<p>Gee, what a raw chilly morning. Wind SW 15 to 20 now at 6:00 A.M. Sun coming up nicely but won't be a pleasant day. 46°. A very disagreeable wind all day but good otherwise. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan and Edith worked at RMs. I thrashed around, changed from harrow to grader blade and up to Eliot Beveridge's at 8:00. Graded on his road to 1:45. Chained a big rock out of middle of his road with his help. Had planned to get finished in time to go to Ben Ames' funeral but road just wouldn't finish up. 2:00 when I got home. Lunched, put plows on, and plowed power house piece and almost all of shop piece. To town with Nan at boat time. Home, made supper, read mail - a letter from Loretta - and rested. Watched Shorty Thomas Show. 5 1/2 hours grading Eliot Beveridge road for L. Beverage.</p>
<p>May 10, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning and warm. 50°. Just an air WSW. Saw my first wild pear blossom yesterday. Didn't turn out to be such a nice day, showered this A.M. and 2 or 3 times this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan did wash at RMs. I planted Orilla's Purple Shanango potatoes on below power house triangle, 60+ cabbage plants on house garden and a row of dahlias along lower side. Ern appeared and shower came. Coffeed. Put tools into Jeep, coupled onto scoop and went to cemetery by way of garage to have points put in tractor. At cemetery at 11:00. Nan came at 11:30, lunched, the mowed our lots. At 1:00 Francis R., Ern and I started grading the roads and worked to 4:00 till 2<sup>nd</sup> shower drove us. Others painted fence posts and cleaned the cemetery. Only 8 of us there. Home. Changed wet outer clothes, then Nan &amp; I went clamming over in front of Fisher's. Never saw such clamming. We got a rocker full in no time. Home, suppered, dug a mess of dandelion greens. Our telephone line out again. Lewis Haskell down about 9:00 to tell me Ed Coffin was trying to get me.</p>
<p>May 11, Saturday</p>	<p>This is a real Grumpy morning. Beautiful. Faintest air NE. Temp. 42°. Has been a very nice one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. By calling through operator succeeded in talking to Coffin, and also Francis Raymond about working at cemetery this A.M. Francis could so he and I did, took us all the A.M. though. Finished stripping the bad parts of the avenues and cleaned up the rocks. Used nearly all the road material. Home at 12:00. Shaved, cleaned up and we caught the 1:00 boat to Rockland. Only Merle Mills and his wife on for passengers. Nan shopped while I thrashed up to hospital to see Lloyd W. and Hiram SB. Darned if I didn't meet Dr. Morse and Mrs. Brown as they were coming out of hospital as I was going in. Found Lloyd very low but HS apparently coming okay. Thrashed back down in time to lug groceries from A&amp;P for Nan. Home to find that Pat and children had been up. Thrashed around some more to get out to castle at 5:30 to a broiled chicken supper with the Beveridges. Nan took along dandelion greens. Everything delicious. Had to leave at 8:00 on account of tide. Home to sleep through L. Welk.</p>

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<p>May 12, Sunday</p>	<p>Lloyd Whitmore passed away this morning. Happy Mother's Day and it's starting to drizzle very quietly now at 7:00 A.M. Air NE. Rained quietly nearly all day and it seems like we've been stretched right out. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Wrote a birthday note to H.S.B. Went to church by way of north shore road. A goodly group there along with Girl Scouts and mothers. Saw boat leave after - came home and steamed clams for lunch. Delicious. Had just finished when Mr. Overman dropped in with a message from Garnet. Wants me to be pallbearer. Great, not to have a telephone. Up to call on the Thorntons a half hour or so. Took them a mess of clams and a bouquet of jonquils. Home, then back up to town Landing at 6:30 to pick up Bell Ringers from Camden, but plenty of cars ahead of us. To church to Bell Ringers program. Good. Alta and us invited to Sampsons after. Went on ride around island while waiting for Sampsons to get back from hauling bell Ringers. Took Alta home about 9:30, home, changed clothes, and back over to look in Frank Waterman's brook for smelts. Tide was to bridge seemed like. No smelts. Home and to bed weary.</p>
<p>May 13, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear morning. Sun coming up nicely. Appears to have rained more during night. Air NNE. Temp. 46°. Has been a beautiful day but on cool side. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Shifted from scoop to grader blade and down to narrow place beach at end of tar at 8:00. Worked on that strip to foot of Lombard's Hill till 2:15, then shifted up to newly built strip on Morrison's back road south of Martell's and graded on that to 4:30. F. Sprague showed up shortly after 8:00 and picked rocks as I graded. Nan came down with lunch and we ate where tar tanks used to set. Home at 5:00. Rested on porch a few minutes, then mowed some on law, and worked some witch grass out of dump piece. Dry enough to plow now. Suppered on dandelion greens and potatoes, cooked in shoulder liquor plus the shoulder of course. Delicious. Val Young called on phone this evening. At last our telephone has been repaired again. Rested and to bed at 9:00. Graded Crabtree Point Road for L. Beverage - 8 1/2 hours.</p>
<p>May 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning. Sure are getting a lot of them this spring. Full moon Saturdays setting over lighthouse as I got up. Cool - 42°. air SW or W. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and thrashed to get down to Morrow's at 7:45. Worked all alone all A.M. on new piece finishing it just at noon. Lawrence and Forrest busy digging Lloyd's grave. Forrest down this P.M. to pick rocks. Very rocky from Morrow's turn to woods. Nan brought lunch down at 12:00. Ate in Jeep. Beautiful there at Morrow's. Did finish road. Home just before 5:00. Lugged in wood and read mail. A card from A.W.B. Invited the Witherspoons down to supper - cold boiled ham, dandelion greens and boiled potatoes. Rhubarb sauce &amp; hot biscuits for dessert. Nan and Cynthia made a flower arrangement for Lloyd's funeral after supper. To bed weary. Had Nan order a 5 HP rotor cul and 1/2 18-16-16 of Rankin for me this morning. 8 1/2 hours grading back Morrow road for LB - 51.00.</p>

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<p>May 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning. Beautiful. Air NNE. Temp. 54°. The best day yet. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Nan worked with girls at Williamson's. I washed dishes, pumped, planted 2 rows Greater Progress peas on triangle garden below power house, harrowed power house piece and shop piece, put plows on, plowed lower edge of shop piece that was too wet the other day, plowed the long well piece, the dump piece, and part of hog pen piece. Lunched, cleaned up and served as pall bearer to Lloyd Whitmore's funeral. Came right home and finished the hog pen piece except the short part next to shore. Helped Nan plant a row of gladioli on house garden. H. Demmons came with my second 1/2 ton of 8-16-16 and my new 5 HP Rotor-Cul. Suppered and went to PH church by way of H.S.B.'s to pick up Nettie Crockett to a repair committee meeting. Nan and I are both on it. Home about 8:45 and to bed weary. A letter from Mrs. Fay today.</p>
<p>May 16, Thursday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning. Can't tell which side is up but cool. 41°. Air NNE. A beautiful A.M. but just after lunch breezed up SE right off an iceberg. Thrashed to get away to Morrow's at 8:00. F. Sprague there. Graded on that junk through to new piece till 1:00 P.M. with half hour out for lunch. Nan worked this A.M. with girls at Williamson's. Finished at 11:30 so came down to have lunch with me. Ate in Jeep. Breezed up hard SE Nan had her lawn mower checked up at garage on way home. I got home about 1:30. Spent P.M. uncrating and assembling my new Simplicity Rotor-Cul (5 hp). Succeeded and had it running before 5:00. Disagreeably cold over by shop this P.M. Read mail and suppered on broiled steak, taters, peas and beans. Walked up to inspect OP garden after supper. Sparkle peas breaking through. Planted May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Harvey C. called with Shirley this evening. Shirley selling Fuller Brush products. To bed weary at 9:30. Foggy so turned bell on at 9:30. 5 hours grading back Morrow's road for L. Beverage \$30.00.</p>
<p>May 17, Friday</p>	<p>Rained some during night. A raw disagreeable S. Easter. Wind 15 to 20 now at 6:30. Cold only 42°. Sprinkling again now. Rained hard and blew hard all forenoon. A cold one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Our telephone out again this morning so Nan over to RMs to try to call from there. Found furnace out, switch had been snapped off somehow, maybe sweeping stairs for what? Shaved while Nan was gone, then went over to shop after tying my Crimson King maple to the Norway Maple. Foliage so heavy, the Crimson King is stooping sideways - built fire and painted three window sashes, both sides. Lunched, read paper and rested an hour. Shucked out a quantity of clams to fry for supper. Uptown to see boat come. H.S.B. returned. Still drizzling so we used wipers. Home, lugged in wood. Clam fritters for supper. Very good. Up to the Thorntons this evening a little while. Seem to be quite well controlled. Home at 9:30. Phone still out.</p>

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<p>May 18, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat calm morning, but considerable high cloudiness. Cool. 42°. Stayed cloudy and raw all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Gathered Buffie rhubarb so Nan could make a pie. Up to Elliott Brown's and plowed his garden, then down to Ern's and plowed his, also filed his chainsaw. Home, tried out new Simplicity Rotor-Cul on rest of triangle garden, finished it. Loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep, lunched on rhubarb pie and pineapple muffins, then up to the King's. Spent 3 1/2 hours trying to rotor-cultivate his raspberry patch. What a mess. Home about 4:00. Nan had mowed nearly all our lawn. uptown to see boat come and shop. Home, lugged in wood, and finished mowing our law. Suppered - potatoes, corn and sliced ham. Watched Buck Owens Show, then rode up to B. Joyce's to get hair-cut but she wasn't home. Home, and watched L. Welk Show. Started raining in night. Plowed Elliott Brown's garden \$6.00. Plowed Ern Whitmore's garden \$6.00. Rotor-cultivated V.L.B.'s raspberries \$12.25.</p>
<p>May 19, Sunday</p>	<p>Another rainy Sunday. Wind Easterly. Temp. 42°. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Had delicious fried trout (the Bairds) and hot biscuits. Went to church. Mr. Overman's brother Ralph delivered the sermon. Very good. Thrashed right home, closed buildings, gathered together what we needed, and caught 1:00 P.M. boat to Rockland in Chevelle. Followed the Bairds from Rockland to Hope to their beautiful camp and had a delicious chicken dinner with them. Called on Aunt Barbs and Orrie. Then back through Camden and Rockland to Owl's Head to the Oldroyds about 6:30. Back into Rockland later to have a dairy joy and to call on Jimmie and Sada. Home and to bed in Owl's Head at 11:00. Still rainy and drizzling. This is the first time we've been around on the mainland when the trees are leafing out etc. Very beautiful. A lovely time of year.</p>
<p>May 20, Monday</p>	<p>Still rainy and drizzly. Up at 7:30. Jim went to work at 6:30. Breakfasted. After Nan and Lottie cleared away, we went down around Owl's Head to Ed Coffin's. He had gone into Rockland. Back to Oldroyd's and then to Rockland. Nan and Lottie did errands while I got a hair cut, called on Coffin in courthouse, met Ron Russell by chance and called on Bailey in Conservation Office. Drove to Camden to Rankin Grain Co. Paid for 5 HP Rotor-Cul by cash, also my second 1/2 ton of fertilizer. Got Pat 25# of sunflower seeds. Mr. Rankin gave Nan a bird feeder and me some pencils and ballpoint pens. We lunched at the Village Restaurant. Back to Rockland and took Mercedes home. Back to Rockland to shop at A&amp;P and to ferry. Rainy coming home but not rough. Found house cold. Only 42° outside. Warmed house up quickly, lugged in wood, checked gardens in rain. Went through some colored slides for Nan to show at Garden Club meeting tonight. I rested on couch and tried to read paper. Too weary. Driving on mainland tells on me.</p>

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<p>May 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>Very heavy overcast bur clearing. Wind is in westerly quarter. Sun should get out. Temp. 44°. Nan working with girls to-day. I must try to make up for yesterday. Not much luck. Didn't accomplish much. Made breakfast, did dishes and then did my 2 days bookkeeping. Nan worked with girls at Snow's. I went over to Tumbledown on tractor, towed John Deere rake down out of field, repaired it and towed it to Hallowell's Point. Visited with Milton and Spinney a few minutes. Home about 12:45. Lunched, then tried to mow Mrs. Fay's lawn, but grass too thick, too tall, and too wet. Changed oil in Rotor Cul and rotered green sward part of OP piece. Was just ready to furrow out when shower came and I had to take to cover. Cleared, so I planted Nan's lilies for her after she came home. Just making supper when Ernie Boy blew in. Stayed and had supper with us and watched the horse races on T.V. Talked on telephone with Val Young over an hour tonight. To bed weary.</p>
<p>May 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>Dog-gone it. This is another heavy overcast cloudy morning. Sun tried to rise and shine but is presently discouraged. Calm. Air NNE. Temp. 48°. Stayed wet and cloudy mot of A.M. clearing some this P.M. but wind out SE. Furrowed out rest of old part of OP piece and then green sward part with Rotor-Cul. Up to Fuller Cemetery in Jeep to clean up some beach gravel left on D. Pendleton lot. Brought it home and used it in front of our garage doors. Lunched. Fertilized, worked in, planted and covered 1 more rows Silver Queen White corn, 2 2/3 rows Earliking corn and 2 1/3 rows Greater Progress Peas. Completed old part of OP piece. Fertilized the rows on Greensward part but didn't get it worked in. After supper went up to Cemetery and mowed Calderwood lot, Uncle Rye's and Aunt Viola's. Home about 8:00. To bed about 9:30. Watched part of Eddie Arnold Show. Nan worked with girls at Snow's.</p>
<p>May 23, Thursday</p>	<p>Nice quiet Grumpy morning but plenty of overcast. Temp. 43°. Everything about as wet as though it had rained. Nan working with girls at Snow's. Overcast this A.M. mostly a little shower about noon, and fairly good this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked in fertilizer on greensward part of OP piece, dropped it to Northern Belle corn and covered it - about 18 rows. Planted 6 hills Butternut Squash along road side. Rotored Powerhouse piece. Lunched. Mowed Mrs. Fay's law - what a job and what a mess - too wet, too tall, too etc. Furrowed power house piece, fertilized it, worked it in, dropped it to Spring Gold corn, and covered it. 10 rows. Finished about 5:00. Suppered on fried tongues and cheeks etc. Very good. Up to Alta's this evening to do 2 washes. Invited the Ames over to coffee. Home about 10:00 and to bed weary. Appears to be foggy outside so am running bell tonight.</p>

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<p>May 24, Friday</p>	<p>What a grumpy morning this is. Although some cloudiness, it looks like sun might shine good. It's got to to dry things up. Cold. Temp. 40°. Calm. Has been a nice day and a full one. Nan worked at Snow's this A.M. and mowed our lawn this P.M. Looks lovely. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Rotored the upper 2/3 of shop piece nearly bogged the Rotor doing it. Up to H.S.B.'s in Jeep. Furrowed rest of piece beyond barn, little piece back of house and rotored lightly most of big piece at end of house so he could smooth it out. Furrowed Ern's garden on way home. Home at 1:00. put new muffler on Nan's mower. Lunched. Rested. Rotored the whole of dump piece; drier than the shop piece. Uptown to see boat come and to shop. Home, lugged in wood and suppered. Discovered my beans were finally breaking ground - planted May 5. Things coming very slowly. The Thorntons dropped in this evening. Were quite sociable. Stayed to 10:00. Rotored H.S.B. - furrowed Merry Jane.</p>
<p>May 25, Saturday</p>	<p>Thought this was going to be a beautiful Grumpy morning, but it's all smeared up now at 6:15. Air North though. Temp. 50°. Has been a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Rotored Nan's last year's gladioli bed above shop piece for 25 strawberry plants. Up to Elliott Brown's to harrow his garden. Home through Mullen's Park. Made 14 furrows on dump piece with hand cultivator, fertilized 12 of them from road side in, three bags 8-16-16 worked it in, dropped nearly 3 lb. of Butter and Sugar corn and covered it with hand plow. Finished just after 4:00. To town to see boat come. Frank S. visited with us. Already hepped up on mowing jobs. Home. Suppered. Watched Buck Owens Show, Dating Game, Newly-Wed Game, and L. Welk. Potatoes on house piece now show whole length of row. Pear and onions are looking good too. Small stuff coming slowly. Eliot Beveridge paid me today for my share in 4 HP Rotor-Cul \$25.00.</p>
<p>May 26, Sunday</p>	<p>Nice calm morning but very overcast. Looks rainy. Air westerly. Maybe will clear like yesterday. Temp. 48°. Did rain during forenoon, wind breezed up ENE and then cleared to a beautiful late P.M. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Made a walking inspection of my gardens and Mrs. Fay's. Potatoes on OP piece showing considerable. Hand cultivated first planting on house garden, peas and potatoes and set out Nan's 25 strawberry (Sparkle) plants on garden above shop piece. Pat, Mike and children arrived about 11:00. Children had to play indoors until about 2:00 when it cleared and I took them down to bait house beach to play with their boats. Had to leave for home 3:30. Had our first lobsters of season for lunch, also hamburgers. Was resting on porch enjoying sunshine when Frank and Orilla blew in. Stayed and had hamburgers and vegetable salad with us. Left at 5:30 as Orilla was going to church. Watched the Ed Sullivan show what I didn't sleep through. While walking gardens this morning discovered 7 clusters bloom on my yellow transparent graft in grafted tree on OP ridge.</p>



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<p>May 27, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning but cool. Only 41°. Should be a beautiful day. has been and a full one. Nan worked at RMs and Mrs. Fay's. Mrs. Ames helped her. I did bookkeeping, made rhubarb sauce, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Furrowed balance of dump piece with hand cultivator - 15 rows, fertilized them, worked it in, planted them to "Wonderful" corn, and covered with hand plow. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn - a good job today. Re-rotored balance of triangle piece. Furrowed with hand rig. Fertilized it and worked it in. Planted 89 rows of beans - 4 kinds - Tendercrop, Vesey's Pure gold, Prondez and Kinghorn. Also a package of Princess Cucumber. Furrowed upper part of shop piece with Rotor-Cul - 15 rows - re-rotored and rotored balance of piece. Very wet and soft in one place. Finished just as girls finished at Fay's. Uptown to see boat come and shop for RMs. The Lyford Beveridges arrived in their Caddy. Home, lugged in wood, Nan hung out wash. Suppered. Rested this evening and watched an Hawaiian Program.</p>
<p>May 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>A nice clear morning but wind easterly. Temp. 42°. Breeze about 5M now at 6:15. Has been a beautiful day except for easterly wind. Nan worked with Mrs. Ames at Saltonstall's to 1:30 or so. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Over to RMs with trash basket and rhubarb sauce. Planted 9 hills Young's Beauty Pumpkins on side of powerhouse piece and a row of beans, Tendercrop and Puregold on Mrs. Fay's garden. Planted the 14 upper rows on shop piece to Vesey's North Star corn; over to Marion Hopkins' to rotor a garden for her but piece so bad nothing but a plow would care for it. Home, furrowed rest of shop piece, fertilized and planted it, 11 rows to Vesey's Market Beauty corn. Finished at 3:00. Harrowed an hour on hog pen piece. Uptown to see boat come. Home and finished harrowing hog pen piece. Suppered. Emery H. over the evening to get Mrs. Pease's gate key. More gravel off beach. Don't understand what Mary can be thinking of. The RMs arrived on A.M. boat. Fog in thick tonight. Started bell 9:10.</p>
<p>May 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog. Just see Bull Rock. Air easterly of course. Temp. 44°. Potatoes really showing whole length of house garden now A really raw day with fog most of time. Nan and Edith cleaned at Mrs. Fay's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made out order to Sears, then went to work on hog pen piece. Made 20 furrows with Rotor-Cul, stopping to have coffee with girls and to pump while doing so. Fertilized the 20 rows - 4 1/2 bags of 8-16-16, worked it in with hand cultivator, dropped 2 lbs. corn - two kinds of Faribo corn - 4 1/2 rows eastern side Faribo Golden Nugget, next 5 rows Faribo golden Bouquet and covered them with hand plow. Finished just in time for us to rush to boat. Then took Alta to cemeteries with flowers. Nan put a bouquet on Uncle Will's. Home at 6:00. Suppered, rested a few minutes, cleaned up and up to Lawrence Grant's for evening. His and Alice's 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary. The Witherspoons and Peters also present. Treated to regular supper - lobster salad, stuffed eggs, rolls, potato chips etc. Ice cream for dessert. Home about 11:00. Had been raining hard.</p>

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<p>May 30, Thursday</p>	<p>Still foggy and rainy. A poor Memorial Day. Not much for parades etc. Temp. 48°. Air SW now. Fooled this time. Cleared to a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping. Walked my gardens in the fog. Enjoyed it. Potatoes doing nicely on OP piece. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Cleaned up and uptown by way of NS and dump by 9:30 to Memorial Observances. Very good and very impressive. Rev. Peacock gave the address - Mr. Overman to wife's sister's funeral - and David Cooper read the Gettysburg address. Stayed to see boat come. Home after getting mail. Stopped at Jack Brown's to get some dahlia bulbs. They were very friendly in fact everyone was. Many summer people here. Home and had our first fire of season out back. Cooked hot dogs. Rested an hour or so in hammocks. Back uptown to see boat come again. Loaded. Home and cleaned up and over to the RMs to a steak supper at 6:30. Very good and a nice evening. Of course they're both on a diet. Home 9:30. Still thick-a-fog.</p>
<p>May 31, Friday</p>	<p>Very foggy. Just see Fay's house outline Air SW. Temp. 50°. Stayed foggy most of day, showering a little late P.M., then clearing to a beautiful evening. Did bookkeeping, made a double boiler full of rhubarb sauce, made breakfast and helped with dishes. The Oldroyds called at 7:00 to say they'd be on P.M. boat. Over to Fisher's first thing to dig a roller of clams. Then spent A.M. on Hog Pen piece finishing it. Dropped ten and 1/23 rows of Wonderful, Butter and Sugar and Spring Gold corn and covered them with hand plow. Finished at 1:00 finishing piece. Lunched on fiddlehead greens - very good. Nan helped me put up Mrs. Fay's pea fences, then we both turned to and mowed all our lawn except out back. Uptown to meet boat and the Oldroyds. Home. Steamed and ate clams out back. Delicious. Then had salad in house. Just finished when the RMs dropped in a few minutes. Spent evening just visiting and comparing guns. Jim brought his new second hand Ruger 22 cal. revolver with him. A single action like my Colt Buntline.</p>
<p>June 1, Saturday</p>	<p>Dog-gone here it is the first day of June already. Year nearly half gone and nothing done. A beautiful morning it is too, calm and sunny but foggy back of Stimpson's. Warmest morning yet - 55°. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved and helped at breakfast. Then Jim and I walked around inspecting gardens, and enjoying the beauty. Our Cortland tree and flowering crabs in full bloom right now. Spent large part of A.M. down on Bull Rock using our new revolvers. Had a grand time. Fired 3 boxes or so of shells. Then had a steak dinner on our bait house beach. Delicious. About 2:00 the Oldroyds went up to Alta's in Chevelle and I made two trips to Mrs. Pease's with tractor to bring home rotary mower and regular mower. At 4:00 Mr. M. called to invite us on a sail in Papoose. Around Stimpson's, over into Polly's Cove, etc. Home to town to get lobsters of Denny Brown, home, cooked more steamed clams and then lobsters out back. A nice supper. Watched L. Welk and slept what evening we had. Every one weary. Had just finished breakfast this morning when Mr. &amp; Mrs. G. Norton came to pay me for hauling out his apple tree wood.</p>

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<p>June 2, Sunday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Michael. A quiet Grumpy morning but looks rainy. Quite overcast. Air SW. Temp. 54°. Stayed mostly foggy, starting to rain about 4:30 P.M. and rained hard during evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved and worked in house garden to breakfast time. Hilled up the first two plantings of peas and the 5 rows potatoes. spent most of A.M. just visiting. Jim and I spent most an hour cleaning revolvers. Had a nice fried chicken dinner, then took the Oldroyds to boat. Also gave Dorothy Ames a ride down. Home by way of NS road. Nan set out some Mrs. M. plants and 2 tomatoes. I mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn. Visited the Lyford Beveridges an hour or so, then called on Ernie Boy to see if he'd help me pick rocks tomorrow P.M. Home, suppered and watched T.V. Rained hard this evening and is foggy. Turned bell on at 6:05.</p>
<p>June 3, Monday</p>	<p>Mr. Overlock - pond man here A.M. Still foggy. Air SE. Temp. 52°. Stayed very wet and foggy nearly all day. Very muggy part of P.M. Nan worked with girls at Crocker's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up to H.S.B.'s first thing. Sprouted our remaining potatoes and brought home a peck, leaving maybe half bushel of A.W.B. brand. Cleaned up the yellow Rocket along the new road from Tumbledown barn to Fisher's spring as I came home. Picked and lugged the rocks off triangle piece, rotor-cultivated the potatoes on it and had started on corn rows when Mr. Overlock came to look over our pond situation and then looked over R.M.'s location. found both quite hopeful. Overlock just leaving to catch 1:00 P.M. boat when Ern blew in. I ate a quick lunch and we spent entire P.M. picking and wheeling rocks off OP piece. Finished at 4:45. Read paper and suppered. Invited over to R.M.'s for an hour this evening. Had a nice fire in fireplace. Home 9:30 and to bed weary. They leave for NY tomorrow morning. Ern - 4 hours picking rocks.</p>
<p>June 4, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog, calm and has rained considerable during night. Cortland tree in full bloom now. Red Astracou resting this year. Temp. 50°. Stayed foggy all day and sprinkled occasionally. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Uptown with Nan when she went to work at Crocker's to bring Land Rover home. Got a gal. of SW Outside White and some sandpaper at Brown's. Just gotten home when the Little King blew in to see if I'd drive the new town truck for him on road construction work. Due to arrive any time. Can't the way I'm situated this year. Frank S. expecting me to help him mow etc. Also too many gardens. Ground hand scythe. Mowed around house garden, Nan's strawberry bed, around triangle garden, along Mrs. Fay's fence, back of house and along road, in front of barn, and along SW end of OP piece and across side by grated apple tree. Lunched, rested and rotor cultivated 12 or 13 rows of potatoes on western side of OP piece. Worked till 5:00. Nan cleared away and did a wash at R.M.'s after work. Made a double boiler of rhubarb sauce before supper. Garnet and Clara dropped in this evening. To bed weary. RMs left on morning boat.</p>

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<p>June 5, Wednesday</p>	<p>Senator Kennedy mortally wounded in Calif. this morning. Died tomorrow morning. Thick-a-fog still, but sun is already breaking through. Will be a nice day. Temp. 50°. Calm but air westerly. Has been a nice warm one. Nan worked with girls at Crocker's. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hung Nan's last night wash out. Raked up and cleaned up all of yesterday's hand scything. Had a heaping SB trailer load. Dumped it with other hay out at eastern end of Hog Pen piece. Cleaned up the sawdust piles by woodpile above barn and spread it on Nan's new strawberry bed. Worked up and cleaned the weeds out of Nan's gladioli bed. Chopped the witchgrass from between the rows of corn on triangle piece. Planted a row of Greater Progress peas, two rows of Sparkle peas and a short row of Princess Cucumber on triangle piece. Lunched. Coupled onto mower this P.M. and mowed out between Fay's back gate and beach to get ahead of Adam's crew, the Baileys etc. Maybe they won't be able to drive through the hay this year. Took in clothes and lugged in wood. Uptown at boat time to get work gas in Jeep. Home. Suppered and rested. Nan set out a few flower plants after supper. Both plenty weary tonight.</p>
<p>June 6, Thursday</p>	<p>Gee, what a nice warm Grumpy morning. 64°. Air westerly. Has been a very hot one - 90° in shade at 2:00 P.M. Nan worked with girls at Crocker's portable. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Took out ashes. Hand raked all my yesterday's mowing, straightened and repaired Mrs. Fay's fence along road and along back of house. Cleaned up pile of cultch at end of wood shed, trimmed carrot and lettuce row in garden. Jimmie Brown came with John Deere wagon at 12:30 to pick up grass. Used my tractor on it below Fay's about turning round etc. Elliott Brown came with load of sawed slabs for Bailey's. Lunched about 2:00. Worked remainder of P.M. in our house garden thinning lettuce and working lettuce and parsnip row. Oh yes I also put grader blade on tractor and leveled the pile of cellar diggings on my side of fence back of Fay's that Emery's crew dumped there when Mr. M. had his new rooms built. Over to R.M.'s after Nan came home to strip beds. Took wash to Audrey's this evening by way of dump, then downtown to watch people come out of graduation exercises. How it poured while we came home and after. Marcia graduated tonight. Sent her \$3.00.</p>
<p>June 7, Friday</p>	<p>A glassy flat calm morning. But overcast. Everything soaking from last night's showers. Temp. 62°. Has been a nice day. Quite warm. Nan worked with girls at Bowditch's. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and did dishes. Made order to Sears and other chores. Coupled onto pulp trailer and up to Ern's at 9:15 to haul out the alders he cut last year. Plenty soft but got them out. 2 1/2 loads. Finished at 2:15. Cut mooring pole on way home out W. Woodlot. Just lunching when Ern came to help me. Spent what time we had with tractor in bait house beach dragging the big rocks away from where I want my hauling line. Succeeded but took lots of persistence. Uptown at 4:00 in Landrover. Thought it needed an inspection but didn't. Saw boat come. FWS visited with us. Home. Read mail. Had a letter from Mrs. Fay. Suppered on stuffed pork chops. Cleaned up and back uptown to visit with Alta and Mercedes. Lottie over to Graduation Exercises. Home at 10:00 and to bed weary. These showers are bringing the gardens along but also the weeds. Some things are coming through the ground awfully slow though. Some of the first beans I planted still aren't up. Hauled alders for Ern W. 12.00. Ern helped me on beach - 3 hours.</p>

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<p>June 8, Saturday</p>	<p>Talk about your Grumpy mornings. What a beauty. Can't tell which side is up. Temp. 46°. Nice all day. Did bookkeeping, then went handscything. Mowed between shop and shop garden, around Mrs. Fay's garden and across both ends of Power House piece. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over to R.M.'s till 1:00 P.M. I bunched this morning's mowings, then worked in Mrs. Fay's garden till 10:30 hand cultivating and hoeing. Have it looking pretty good. Over to have coffee with Nan, putting Land Rover away too. Home, and rotor cultivated potatoes and corn on OP piece till Nan came home. Lunched. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn, then helped Nan mow all this one. Finished cultivating Silver Queen part of OP piece. Uptown to see boat come and to shop. Home by way of North Shore road. FWS has been rotoring at Sargent Lewis'. Saw several Cedar Waxwings by Charlie Brown pond. Suppered on baked beans. Rested this evening. Was going to watch Lawrence Welk Show etc. but all stations taking up with Robert Kennedy's funeral service. Funeral train didn't get into Washington till after dark.</p>
<p>June 9, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, here's another rainy Sunday morning. Started during night. Calm. Temp. 50°. All these rains sure keep the weeds growing. Rainy by spells during A.M., clearing some during P.M., then raining hard from 5:00 P.M. or so away into night. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Back slid again today. Didn't go to church. Put in Mrs. Fay's screens and hung screen doors. A mean job having to change screws. Finished too late to go see boat go as we worked down on our hauling line beach a while. Lunched and rested an hour. Uptown to mail letters and see boat come. Met the Thorntons there and they invited us to ride to Crabtree's Point and Bartlett's Harbor with them, then back to Pulpit Harbor. Visited and had toasted ham sandwiches with them. Very good. Raining hard when we came home at 8:15 and rained a good part of night.</p>
<p>June 10, Monday</p>	<p>Has stopped raining but everything soaking wet. How am I going to get my gardens in shape. Weeds will be knee high. Plenty of high overcast. 50°. Cleared to just a fair day. Nan worked with girls at P. Barnes. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Set out three tomato plants and 20 lettuce plants for Mrs. Fay, 3 tomato plants for us, 2 Paulsen dahlias in glad garden and 4 small beech trees in spite grove. Spent a half hour with spade on bait house beach trying to level the ruts I made Friday with tractor. Spent rest of A.M. 9:15 to 11:30 hand clipping around Mrs. Fay's house and woodshed. Dr. Raleigh called just as I came down and visited a half hour. He's been working at Abbie's. Lunched. Handscythed a path to bait house from shop. Loaded grass and Sunday's mowing into Jeep. Hilled up 14 1/2 rows potatoes on OP piece with hand plow. Helped Nan put dust ruffles on R.M.'s beds. Took grass up to Jimmie Brown's and got eggs. Home and broiled a chuck steak out back but ate in kitchen. Harvey and Shirley here with Fuller Brush order this evening. Plenty cool tonight. Full moon and only 45°.</p>

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<p>June 11, Tuesday</p>	<p>Winter weather. Only 40°. Looks like white frost over lowland. A nice Grumpy morning though. Threatened rain all day but didn't. Nan worked at P. Barnes with girls. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Double hilled my potatoes on house garden and triangle piece with hand plow. Also finished hilling potatoes on OP piece first time. Also hilled peas on the pieces. Hand-scythed and cleaned up in front of shanty and around Bernice. Put grass in pile below shanty. Hand hoed house garden below peas and lugged weeds off. Lunched. spent remainder of P.M. hand-chopping witch grass on green sward part of OP piece until time to meet Nan at Abbie's to turn on deep freeze and light green refrigerator. Had a heck of a time getting flame to draw into chamber. Home, made supper and read mail - a four page letter from Mr. Cobb. Nettie Crockett and Freda Smith visited a half hour or so when they brought alumni tickets. To bed 9:45. Mr. Bailey arrived A.M. boat.</p>
<p>June 12, Wednesday</p>	<p>Rained some during night and foggy. Turned bell on at 1:30 A.M. Off again at 5:50 A.M. Things sure look wet. And rained more too. Temp. 52°. Just one step ahead of rain all day till it finally started shortly after 4:00 P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at 3 different cottages today. Polished 3 pairs shoes and other chores before I spent most of A.M. building a slab bird house for Mrs. C. More of a job than one would imagine. Lighted hot water heater for Mr. Bailey. Read mail - paper, lunched and rested a half hour. Spent P.M. chopping witch grass out of second half of green sward part of OP piece, weeded worst places in silver Queen corn on OP piece (corn hasn't come good) and hoed the outside row of peas on OP piece. These didn't come good either. On a ride after supper - took garage check to FW Sampson, then on down to Ames to take Milton a book. He's laid up with his back again. Visited an hour. Home 9:30. Stars out so I shut off bell. Thick-a-fog again when we woke up at 12:00. Started bell.</p>
<p>June 13, Thursday</p>	<p>Thicker than mud. Hardly see barn. Calm. Temp. 50°. Rained nearly al day, clearing just before dark but staying foggy out around. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. As soon as I got squared around, I drove to PH in Jeep, met Overlock, the surveyor - Jimmie Brown and young Watson brought he and Joe Bailey from Camden. Brought Overlock down here. Had coffee while waiting for rain to let up. Didn't so we went to surveying anyway. Surveyed out our pond, then over to Montgomery's and surveyed out theirs. Plenty wet by the time we finished at 11:15. Had another cup of coffee while drying out some, then took Overlock up to Watson's where young Watson and Jimmie took he and Bailey back to Camden. Bailey over to see about Watson practicing conservation measures. Home, lunched, another short letter from Mr. Cobb in mail. spent P.M. pumping, checking Cobb's place for height of hay etc and painted three more window sash - 2 more to go to get them all once coated. Uptown to see boat come with Nan but missed her. Home, suppered, over to pump out Papoose. Jazzed her over most to Fay's on Stimpson's Island and back to liven up battery. Home and rested.</p>

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<p>June 14, Friday</p>	<p>Turned bell off at 3:00 A.M. Now at 6:00 it's clear and calm, but plenty heavy cloudiness. Temp. 60°. Stayed overcast and damp. Nearly rained in P.M. once. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at NP Hallowell Jr.'s After I got squared around, I primed the two remaining new windows while waiting for gardens to dry up. Had just finished when FWS came and visited in top of shop a while. Wanted me to help him do some mowing next week. Got a big kick out of my old Sears catalog - 1902. After he left I worked on weeds in first planting of Silver Queen corn on OP piece. Lunched, then back to Silver Queen. Finished the weeding and replanted the skip in the 12 rows to Northern Belle. Picked the rocks off shop piece. Just finishing when Nan arrived at 4:30. Read mail - only paper - suppered. Went on ride this evening, around north shore, down around Morrow's back drive, downtown and home. Maybe met a half dozen cars the whole trip. Sold my old hand force pump I used to use in milk room to get water from well to Bailey to take over to Aunt Sarah's.</p>
<p>June 15, Saturday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and everything wet. Temp. 54°. Cleared a little during day but thicker than mud tonight again. Nan worked with girls at NPH Jr's again, finishing before 3:00. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. made a hauling float and put it and the outpost off this morning. A nice tide to do it. Coupled onto regular mower and was up to Sargent Lewis' at 9:45. Mowed with Frank S. to 1:30 finishing the job. Mowed the two fields by barn, the lane, out beyond house, and around the trees infield where Frank couldn't get under with rotary. He had already spent considerable time on the big field and had that all done. Home before two. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn front and back and most of ours out front here. To town after 4:00 to shop, see boat come to get lobsters of Benny Brown and to ask Jim Brown to make me an oak swath board. Finished breaking mine today. Home by way of NS road. Cooked the lobsters out back in fog, but had baked beans and salad for supper. Watched T.V. programs this evening. 4 hours mowing at Sargent Lewis for FWS.</p>
<p>June 16, Sunday</p>	<p>Happy Father's Day. By golly, the sun has come up clear, and it looks like we might have a nice day. I can even see VH beyond Widow's Island. Flat calm. Temp. 54°. Has been a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast and did dishes. Looked gardens over. Cheated again by not going to church service. Both so body weary we put the hammocks out back and rested all A.M. except for Nan going to town to get Father's Day present from Pat - a frosted cake, 2 packages of Half &amp; Half, and photographs of the three boys. All very good. Had lobster lunch out back. Invited the Thorntons to go on sail in Papoose at 3:00. Over in to Polly's Cove, out through Calderwood's and Shaw's, up to Bald Island - saw many mamma ducks towing their little ones - across by Hay Rock to Oak Island, to and down between Oak Hill and Chandler's to Marsh Cove and home about 5:30. The Thorntons stayed to lobster and vegetable salad supper with us. Had a nice day and nice time. To bed weary shortly after 9:00. Dog-gone, if I doesn't look rainy again tonight.</p>

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<p>June 17, Monday</p>	<p>Well, it started raining sometime during night. Wet this morning. Calm. Temp. 52°. Rained some during A.M. clearing some during P.M. and then raining hard during night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Parsons. I wrote a letter to Mr. Cobb regarding hay situation, then toured gardens in rain so wet weeds are coming like old furyation, and corn isn't coming good on greensward part of OP piece. Pumped while inspecting. Sharpened the mower knife I dulled Saturday. Cleaned up and made ready to go to Rockland on 12:00 boat, stopping at JO Browns to get new swatch board Merle had just finished. Only Jim Haskell, Mark Curtis and self are passengers and a PP Service truck. Did several errands but some I couldn't do because it was election day. Up to Conservation Office and signed application for farm pond help, called at Coffin's Office - not in, called at Dr. Stratton's Office - busy - got haircut, shopped at A&amp;P. Saw Von Godfrey, Jimmie's Sada - Jimmie has broken his arm again - Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Bucklin, and Alton Lewis. Alton gave me a ride to ferry from A&amp;P store. Home before 6:00. After supper we rowed over to Aunt Sarah's from RMs with mail for Bailey. Visited a half hour or so.</p>
<p>June 18, Tuesday</p>	<p>Very wet and almost foggy, but looks like wind was striking northerly. Temp. 52°. Punctured right rear tractor tire. Has been a beautiful day, wind actually NW, a full day and rather a hard luck day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Cardoza's. I put new swatch board on mower, hand scythed across end of greensward part of OP piece, cleaned it up, pumped, rotor-cultivated power house piece, rotored all of greensward part of OP piece, re-furrowed it with hand plow, and had 8 rows dropped to Northern Belle corn when FWS came at 12:45 to get me to help him mow at A.W.B.'s. This piece was planted May 23<sup>rd</sup> and didn't come up good at all. Covered the 8 rows with hand plow, lunched and up to A.W.B.'s at 1:45. Frank already there. Mowed below barn, in front of barn, between house &amp; road and the old orchard area. Broke my new swatch board and punctured my right rear tire just as I finished. I suppose I ran over a board with a nail in it. Frank brought me home. Suppered, then over to Tumbledown carriage house to check my spare mounted tire. Loaded it onto Jeep, and then we visited with Abbie &amp; Eleanor an hour. This is Eleanor's birthday. 4 hours mowing for FWS at A.W.B.'s.</p>
<p>June 19, Wednesday</p>	<p>A nice morning, almost calm but air SW. Cloudy some. Temp. 52°. Foggy and cold SW wind all day. Nan worked with girls at Bigelow's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Thrashed around gathering things up about changing tractor wheels etc. Down to Brown's first with pattern so Merle could saw me out another swatch board. Then stopped at Wayside to pick up Raymond Haskell with jack etc. UP to A.W.B.'s. Had very good luck changing wheels. Raymond drove Jeep back to garage. I took tractor down to garage, then had to thrash home to get a can of gas - no gas in town. Down to Bowditch's at 9:45. FWS just ahead of me. Mowed at Bowditch's to 2:15, then to John Crocker's till 4:30. Had lunch with girls and Milton at Bigelow's. Home on tractor about 5:00. Read mail, suppered - hamburg, cold potato salad etc. Up to garage after to bring home Jeep. Visited with the Sampson's an hour or so. Took them some lettuce. Home and to bed at 9:30. Foggy and rained a good part of night. Road crew has started construction on road by Fisher's.</p>



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<p>June 20, Thursday</p>	<p>Still foggy some and very wet. Must have rained most of night. Wind SW 10 M or so. Temp. 54°. Stayed foggy most of A.M., raining hard at noontime. A very ugly sky about that time but we didn't get much of that shower. Nan worked with girls at Bigelow's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and washed dishes. Spent all A.M. to 12:30 working on mowing equipment. Repaired and sharpened 3 mower knives, repaired the new swath board I cracked mowing at A.W.B.'s, straightened and filed guards etc. After lunch I replanted the remainder of greensward part of OP piece to Northern Belle corn. Dropped 8 kernels in a hill and if it doesn't come good this time then throw rest of seed away. Also hilled two rows of OP potatoes with hand plow. uptown as soon as Nan came home to get to work gas and new swath board. Merle M. had sawed out for me. Saw last boat come. Just eating supper when Jimmie Brown came to get bottle caps. Nan went to garden Club picture program at church this evening. I watched a little television. To bed shortly after 10:00. (July 25 - Northern Belle corn came up OK this time).</p>
<p>June 21, Friday</p>	<p>I'll be switched. Summer started today and it's only 50° and wind NW. Should ____ the next 3 months. Quite cloudy. Cleared to a beautiful NH day, and a full one. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes; also took up ashes. Hilled up dahlias and glads, then rotor-hilled all my potatoes on OP piece. Looking very good and saw blossoms opening on at least two. At 10:15 started mowing Mrs. Fay's lawn, at 12:50 finished all of ours. The first time this season I've mowed when lawn weren't wet some. Look very good. Mrs. Fay and Arthur due any day now. This P.M. I weeded the 12 rows Earliking corn on triangle piece and then rotor-cultivated them. Nan home by that time. Rested on porch a half hour, then cleaned up to go to the 30<sup>th</sup> alumni Banquet at the Grange Hall. a nice group, 90 at least, and a dandy time. Five of the class of '25 present - Emma Beverage, Nellie Robinson, Thelma Burgess, Clara Thornton and yours truly. To think that Irvn S., Owen G and Joel W. were all in town and didn't go. Jimmie Pendleton was speaker and did a nice job. Mr. and Mrs. Presley, also present. Home at 10:00 and don't believe I slept an hour all night. Grange coffee too strong.</p>
<p>June 22, Saturday</p>	<p>Foy Brown brought R.M.'s mooring down to put out from here this morning for Papoose. Two mornings in a row without fog. A beautiful Grumpy one. Temp. 55°. Didn't last, clouded up and rained hard for a while about 10:30 then cleared this P.M. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast, washed dishes. Worked in house garden after going to town to gas Jeep and get oil. Planted the last full row in house garden to Greater Progress peas, and the last part row to Ruby beets. Thinned the spinach, hoed it, the cabbage, the early planted beets, Swiss Chard etc. On triangle garden planted the last three short rows 2 to Provider Green beans and the last to Jersey Wakefield cabbage. Out to Cobb's about 10:30 with oil skins for Frank Sampson at it rained so hard and he was mowing out there. This P.M. after it cleared I went up to Mrs. Pease's farm to mow out her fenced area, but too wet underneath. Succeeded in making one trip around and part way a second time. Gave up in disgust. Home and cut the bushes back on mailbox corner across from Cobb's driveway. Getting a pretty blind out there. Uptown to see late boat come. Edna and Bob came for a week. Home. Suppered on fried chicken potato and frozen green peas. Tried to watched T.V. but too weary. Didn't sleep good at all last night.</p>

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<p>June 23, Sunday</p>	<p>Another dull half-assed morning. Very overcast and hazy. Looks like it rained during night. Temp. 52°. Air SW I think. Just a fair day finally, nothing extra. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, toured gardens, made breakfast, and did dishes. Rested a little while then Pat called to see if we wouldn't come to VH. Picked a mess of beet greens and lettuce out of Mrs. Fay's garden - needed thinning - gathered rhubarb and loaded the Jeep with the fireplace wood I was going to take down once before. Enburg took us across at 12:45. Mike was back from golfing and we had a real nice P.M. Called on Goose Arey a minute. Helped Mike make a picnic table and we had broiled hamburgers and hot dogs outdoors. Very good except for the damned mosquitoes and little flies. Back up to ferry at 6:40 and across at seven. Tonight Min called and said how badly she'd like to come up for a visit. Last night Ada called to say she and Sandy would like to come up about July 12<sup>th</sup>. Looks like we might have company after all. Possibly Min may come with them.</p>
<p>June 24, Monday</p>	<p>Mrs. Fay and Arthur arrived late P.M. boat. This is a Grumpy morning, but some cloudiness. Temp. 54°. Air westerly. Overcast, damp and rained hard about noon time for a half hour or so. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's. I hand cultivated all of shop piece, then hoed, weeded and hand cultivated Mrs. Fay's garden. About mid-forenoon the King came over with a load of fence bolt rocks from across road by Fisher's where they're widening road. Dumped them inside butchering place gate. This noontime during rain I made a big batch of rhubarb sauce. Took a sauce pan of it up to Mrs. Fay's for their supper present. Spent P.M. hoeing power house piece. Finished about 5:00. Corn didn't come good. Nan made Mrs. Fay's and Arthur's beds after coming home. Had a fire out back and cooked a mess of crabs from Austin Grant before supper. A first mess of beet greens for supper. Delicious. Over to call on Abbie and Eleanor after. Visited an hour or so.</p>
<p>June 25, Tuesday</p>	<p>Rained hard during night. Foggy this morning. Air NE. Temp. 52°. Gradually cleared to a muggy clear P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's. I replanted skips in Spring Gold corn on power house piece to Spring Gold. Hand scythed and piled up the hay across both ends of shore side of dump piece and across shore end of hog pen piece. Rotor-cultivated all the corn on old part of OP piece. Replanted Northern Belle seems to be coming fairly good. Hand plow hilled the corn, beans etc. on triangle piece. Nan over to R.M.'s to make a couple beds after work. I finished hilling as she came back. Was just finishing supper when the A.W.B.'s drove in. Toured our gardens. Visited to 9:30.</p>

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<p>June 26, Wednesday</p>	<p>Beautiful Sunrise but looks rainy now. Air nearly N. Temp. 60°. While looking out bedroom window Nan saw a deer walk across clam flats to our shore from little islands as I write here. Sprinkled by spells all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's. I was supposed to help FWS mow out Mullen's Park but rained too much. Changed from regular mower to rotary, gassed up etc. Started raining so didn't go. Weeded and scratched up Nan's sweet pea garden, hoed cucumber end of triangle piece. Ground hand scythe. Lunched early thinking weather was going to clear but didn't. Tractor rotored center of field row between shop and shop piece NE end of hog pen piece and shore side of same, then out and rotored Merryconeag for Nora W. Also Cobb's corner. Came in damp and disgusted with weather. Spent remainder of P.M. in shop painting windows. Nan over to RMs and made two beds after coming from work. Invited up to Mrs. Fay's at 6:00 for an hour's visit. Alta, Edna and Bob here when we came down. Visited to 9:45. The Beveridges here during evening to tell me that because of the bad hay weather, he didn't want any of Cobb's hay. Rotored Merryconeag \$7.00.</p>
<p>June 27, Thursday</p>	<p>Breeze NE but clear and sunny now at 6:30. Temp. 50°. Became cloudy and very cool. Air NE and sprinkled some P.M. Wore my blanket lined frock all day rotoring. Nan worked with girls at Cheston's. I did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Ready to start rotoring at "Old Stone Place" on Mullen's Park at 8:00. Before leaving home called Payson's Farm Mach. to order another fender toolbox but they were out of stock. Ordered a new cartridge grease gun, some cartridges of grease and rotor belt. Frank mowing around old Mullen House foundation when I got up there. Rotored on Park to 3:00 P.M. with fifteen minute nooning. Would have finished a little sooner but Frank had to meet Mrs. Brinley at Watson's airport. Went from park to Pingree's Cabins. rotored the road in and out, some between cabins, the lower field opening and some along sides of road. FWS mowed larger field and sides of road. Finished at 5:00. Home and gathered Swiss Chard for supper. First mess and delicious. Just I did round [?] after supper, reading paper, etc. Tried to rest some. Both pretty weary tonight. To bed at 9:00. Potatoes are touching each other between rows in house garden. 6 3/4 hours rotor-mowing for FWS at Mullen's Park for AWS; 2 hours rotor mowing Pingree Cabins for FWS.</p>
<p>June 28, Friday</p>	<p>Well, here's another NE rainstorm. Raining hard now at 6:15 A.M. and air up to 10 M at present. Rain started just after I got up at 5:20. Became a tough southeast rainstorm during middle of day with 40 hour winds. Smashed my potatoes &amp; peas, also hay. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Cheston's. I house chored, wrote a letter to C.K. Cobb about his hay etc. During that time the sales manager of the Oliver Stores in New Gloucester, Me. called to quote me prices on Bush Hog Rotaries. Pumped and inspected OP garden. Replanted corn just coming up. Began to rain hard so built fire in shop and painted windows. Rained so hard I couldn't come to house till 2:15. Lunched and spent rest of P.M. getting house warmed up for Nan when she came from work. Very chilly with wind SE. Built fire in both stoves. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to see last boat come. Home by way of NS road. Foggy when we got home but wind had dropped out and rain had let up. Suppered. Talked with the Oldroyds this evening. May be over the 4<sup>th</sup>.</p>

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<p>June 29, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful fall NW air morning. Considerable high cloudiness. Cool. Temp. 50°. Everything soaking wet. Wind stayed NW this A.M. shifting to SW about noon. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with Lena S. at Cheston's this A.M. Stopped at Ern's on way to work to ask him to come down to help me pick rocks. Came at 8:00. I had pumped and was unpacking my new grease gun from Payson's. Picked rocks on dump piece and hog pen piece. Had to lug all the rocks off in buckets as the pieces were too soft to use wheelbarrow on. Nearly bogged down walking on hog pen piece Finished picking about 10:30, then Ern weeded on corn on hog pen piece while I rotor-cultivated dump piece corn. Plenty soft too. Didn't even use drag iron. Nan came home at 1:30. We lunched. Ern wouldn't come in as he wanted to get home. About 1:00 I had to leave off to go out to Merryconeag on tractor to pull the Great Danes car out of ditch. After lunch I finished dump piece, mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn and the road side part of ours. To town to see last boat come. Home and suppered. Had another delicious mess of Swiss Chard, also potato and fried haddock. Watched Buck Owens, Dating Game, Newlyweds, and Lawrence Welk Show. To bed 9:45. Ern helped me pick rocks &amp; weed - 5 1/2 hours.</p>
<p>June 30, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, the wind is westerly at 15M hour now this Sunday morning at 6:45. Sun is shining but still foggy enough for bell. Temp. 60°. A beautiful NW day and a full one. Up at 5:30, did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and walked gardens while Nan bathed. Made breakfast, then went clamming over in front of Fisher's while Nan did dishes. Got a nice rocker full. Found upper glass in Fisher's new storm door on garage smashed. Home and mowed lawn in front of house while Nan finished a wash. Out to Cobb's and took off and stored in cellar all the window shutters. Home and finished rest of lawn except across road. Up to Bailey's to lobster dinner at 12:30. Then at 3:00 took Mr. Bailey, his sister, and two granddaughters sailing in Papoose. About the same sail as two weeks ago with the Thorntons but didn't see any little ducks around Bald. Home at 5:00 and had a fire going out back ready to cook off clams when Abbie and Eleanor came at 6:00. Had a delicious supper of steamed clams, potato vegetable salad and rice pudding. Stayed till after Ed Sullivan.</p>
<p>July 1, Monday</p>	<p>Howdy July and a red Grumpy morning it is. Like a picture book. Smoke drifts from NNE. Temp. 55°. Looks like a real NH day. A beautiful day all day until about 5:30 P.M. when the heavens opened for 5 minutes or so and it pours. Also thunder shower. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Pratt's and a hell of a mess they found too by carpenters, plumbers, etc. I changed mowers, gassed etc and ready to start for Staples Farm at 7:45. A doe deer crossed the road ahead of me on Turner Hill. At farm a little ahead of Frank. Started on north side of road. Finished down next to swamp at 2:15. Just taken last swatch when drive wheel end of pitman rod split and let go. Home by way of garage to have right hand hind tire put back on. Boys said tire had a cut in it rather than a puncture. While there I let calcium out of other hind tire. Home 4:45. Thrashed back uptown to get tractor gas. Saw last boat come. A 10 minute downpour and thunder shower right then. Lights went out so ramp wouldn't work for 10 minutes or so. Home and suppered. Mrs. Fay and Mark came tonight. A letter from Mary Pease saying she was arriving about the 12<sup>th</sup>. More trouble. 6 1/4 hours mowing for FWS at Staples Farm.</p>

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<p>July 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning but thick-a-fog at 3:30 A.M. Started bell. Clearing now at 5:45. A beautiful day all day and evening. Up at 5:00. Did bookkeeping. Changed plugs put in new set in tractor (2996 hours) finished pumping up tire I let calcium out of yesterday, changed from regular mower to rotary, etc before breakfast. Nan worked with girls at Pratt's. I [was] ready to roll for Crabtree's Point at 7:45. Had to call Payson's before leaving to order new pitman rod. At Parson's at 8:30. rotor mowed for him to 12:15. Mrs. Parsons showed me through house. Ate lunch on brow of hill across from Lombard's. Rotored around Lombard's house 1 1/2 hours, then finished P.M. to 4:30 rotoring field across brook at Dick Bloom's. Frank regular mowed at Parsons this A.M. and at Dick Bloom's this P.M. Home about 5:15. Read mail - the paper - and suppered. Nan had a nice mess of beet greens all picked. Pumped after supper and visited with Mrs. Fay and Mark nearly an hour. Mark brought me a beautiful windmill design neck-brooch from Penna. Very thoughtful of him. Rotor mowing at Crabtree's Point and Dick Bloom's - 8 hours. R.M.s arrived in Signet. Mrs. M and Breta by car. Rotary Lombard's 1 1/2 hours.</p>
<p>July 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning but looks rainy even though air W. Warm 64° at 5:00. Did rain gently all A.M. nearly clearing to a beautiful late P.M. Up at 5:00. Did bookkeeping, then over to shop and put my old taped up pitman rod back onto mower. Changed from rotary to regular mower and ready to go as soon as breakfast but rain came. Nan worked over to RMs a while this A.M., then with girls at Pratt's. I sharpened two mower knives, made an order to MW for a sickle grinder, gathered a mess of mustard greens off hog pen piece. About 10:30 changed back to rotary and went up to Mrs. Pease's to mow out yard I gave up on a few days ago with regular mower. Had good luck but mowed hard being so wet. Mowed the whole enclosure, 2 trips to shore, and out to pump house. Home about 2:15. Rested a half hour or so, then hand scythed out back around fireplace, clothesline area, etc. Nearly finished to shanty. Shaved, cleaned up, and we went to town about 5:00 to get tractor gas and see last boat come. Thought the Fishers might arrive but didn't. Home by way of H.S.B.'s to get the last of our potatoes, about 1/2 bu. to last till new ones come in. Suppered, then to dump and to call on the Thorntons. Strange, but they were down here at same time to call on us. To bed weary at 9:15.</p>
<p>July 4, Thursday</p>	<p>Hurrah for the Fourth. A flat clam Grumpy morning but very overcast. Looks rainy. Air westerly. Temp. 58°. Cleared to a nice day although not a bright sunny one. Up at 5:00. Did bookkeeping. Finished hand scything what I started yesterday P.M. Made breakfast. While Nan did housework and made a cake, I rotor-cultivated on hog pen piece. Very, very soft and weeds are going to take over. Got through the four rows that Ern pulled the weeds from around corn on last Saturday. Left off at 9:45 to clean up to go meet boat. The Sr. and Jr. Oldroyds came over. Came home, then up to Mullin's Park to the Community Picnic. A very large crowd, estimated 300 and a very enjoyable time. The Fishers shared our lunch with us. Met the Steven Ives there. Called on the Fishers on way home so the Oldroyds could see their fireplace. Home, a fire out back to steam clams on. Pumped while doing same. The Fishers over just as we finished supper. Brought his microscope and the Oldroyds enjoyed it. Uptown at 9:00 to parking lot to watch fireworks. Big crowd there too. Home and to bed weary at 11:00.</p>

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<p>July 5, Friday</p>	<p>A very dull, heavy overcast morning. A gentle breeze SW. Temp. about 60°. Can't get in to see, Young Oldroyds sleeping in living room. Almost rained for a spell then cleared to a nice P.M. but thick-a-fog at west district. Up at 5:15, did bookkeeping. Changed from rotary to regular mower to be ready to go to Dick Bloom's as soon as I took the Oldroyds to boat. Nan worked over to R.M.'s, then with girls at Pratt's. Came right home from boat, too wet to go mow so went to hoeing weeds out of corn on hog pen piece. Had done just one row when FWS came to say Cora Moora was here and wanted the enclosure rotored out at Gillis Farm. Finished A.M. on corn (6 rows), lunched, changed back to rotary and at Gillis Farm at 12:30. First time I've seen Cora Webster since she graduated in 1922. Wouldn't have known her, but her boy sure looks like her brother Harry. Rotored out all inside fence, what a mess. Got tangled in new wire up around woodshed and also in hog wire. Then rotored 4 trips around what was field - eastard of house to brook. Wants some done west of house to Turner line too. Home at 5:00. Read mail - a letter from C.K.C. Wants hay cleaned up at Mullin's Crick. Suppered, pumped and on a ride in Fisher's Cadillac. 4 1/2 hours rotor mowing enclosure at Gillis Farm for FWS.</p>
<p>July 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog. Air SW. Temp. 55°. Up at 5:30. Started bell last night at 9:30. Stayed thick nearly all day almost raining at times. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Pratt's to noon. As soon as I finished house chores, I went right to work on hog pen corn. Wet and nasty. Did 4 more rows. Left off 10:45, took rotary blades off rotor and went to Wayside to get them sharpened. Only Raymond Haskell there and so busy I sharpened them myself. Home at 11:45 and lunched. Put blades back on and up to Gillis Farm at 1:00. Finished the junk I struck out yesterday P.M., mowed another junk westward of house to and from Turner line and a wide road up to cemetery. Home shortly after 4:00. Nan mowing some of the lawn. Too tall and too wet. Messy. Mrs. Fay called and had coffee with us. Cleaned up and over to Abbie and Eleanor's to corned hake, broiled potato and squash supper. Delicious. A nice fire in fireplace. Home about 9:00. Watched last half of Lawrence Welk program and to bed weary. Still thick-a-fog. 3 hours rotor mowing at Gillis Farm for FWS.</p>
<p>July 7, Sunday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog now at 6:00 but going to burn out quickly. A real Grumpy morning. Air westerly. Temp. 54°. A beautiful NH day. Another Sunday we cheated and haven't been to church. Did bookkeeping, out before breakfast and cleaned up all the hand scything back of house to shanty. Put hay in depressions in clothes yard, above bank, etc. Pumped after breakfast while putting hay spreader boards on wood trailer. Out to Cobbs at 9:15 with rotary. Rotored all the heavy sections in front of house, around well and back of house. Ern came as I finished at 10:30 and we hand raked and bunched all I'd loosened with rotor. Frank had regular mowed the place June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the grass had come up through. Time out at 12:30 to cook and eat a lobster lunch out back here. Back to work at 2:00. Finished raking and bunching and then loaded it onto trailer. Had 2 loads - about 45 bunches. put first load amongst their Balm Gileads and 2<sup>nd</sup> load on my hay dump. Finished at 5:00. Cleaned up and over to supper at 5:30 with the Fishers. Called it a picked up supper but I called it quite a feast. On a ride in their Cadillac after. A beautiful fire in their fireplace. Home at 9:30 and to bed after a full day. Rotoring and cleaning up hay at Cobb's - tractor and self \$25.00, Ern W. \$10.00.</p>

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<p>July 8, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning with some high cloudiness. WSW air. Temp. 58°. What a beautiful day this has been. Up at 5:30. Did bookkeeping, pumped and coupled onto rotary mower. Up to Mrs. Pease's to see if gate was open about Ronny Curtis getting in to take skylight and chimney shutters off. Breakfasted. Ready to go rotoring at 7:30 Nan worked over to RMs this A.M. and she, Edith and Lena cleaned at Mrs. Pease's this P.M. What a mess. I rotored the old Stan Quinn place at PH (Walker's now) and some easier job than last year too, as there was no lumber and cultch to pick up, and the lower side of the law where the dump had been graded down. Finished there at 9:45, then double rotored the center of the road from Cunningham's cottage out to NS road. Swung down to Ern's on way home to get him to help me on hog piece corn this P.M. Hoed the remaining 5 rows finishing about 3:15. Rotor-cultivated on it to 5:00. Think now I may be able to get it under control. Fried our supper chicken out back. A letter from Ada saying they'd be arriving tomorrow. Took a load of junk to dump this evening. Nan went to work at Mrs. Pease's in Jeep and loaded it with cultch as they worked. Called at Thorntons but not home. Home and to bed weary. Had our first two new potatoes and a green pea.</p>
<p>July 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful day like yesterday coming up. A Grumpy morning at 5:15 but airing up a little now SW at 6:00. Temp. 60°. A beautiful, beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked at Mrs. Pease's again this A.M. with Edith and Lena. Finished at noon. Started rotoring on hog pen piece before seven. Finished from when I left off last night to road. At 8:30 coupled onto regular mower and up to Loring's at 9:00. Started at end of house, Frank had swung in just ahead of me and we mowed out the whole section to top of hill. Frank had mowed from end of house to town road yesterday P.M. At 11:45 was just mowing sides of western driveway when the old pitman rod I put together a few days ago fell apart. Home in Green Brier to put new one together. Back at 1:30. Mowed junk inside road west of old garage, then all of field to outlet against Dyer property. Finished at 5:00. Home to find Ada and Sandy had arrived on second boat at 2:30. Visited, suppered, then walked up into field to see potatoes on OP piece. Beautiful. One solid mass, no row distinction. To bed shortly after 9:00. 6 1/2 hours mowing for FWS at Loring's.</p>
<p>July 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>A nice morning at 5:15 but not real pretty. A smoky SWer. Breeze 10 to 15 now at 6:00. Have done bookkeeping and shaved. Out to rotor corn before breakfast. A funny day. Quite nice this A.M. but strong SW breeze. Thick-a-fog at PH at noon, cleared some, then blackened down and rained considerable about 4:30, and a nice sunset. Rotored power house piece while pumping before breakfast. Started for Cheston's 8:45. Frank just ahead of me. I mowed all of big field. Frank mowed Lester Sherer side, then after lunch we both mowed little field where the damned water pipes are. Ada and Sandy up with gas while I ate lunch on Cheston's boathouse runway. Finished Cheston's 1:15. Mowed out Collis Lamont's gunk-hole, and then Rockefeller's, finishing at 4:30. Started sprinkling just as I started for home. Legs quite damp when I got here. Gathered Swiss Chard for supper. Took folks riding NS and Morrow's to see sunset after supper. Home and to bed shortly after 9:00. Nan had permanent at Bertha's. 4 hours mowing for FWS at Cheston's; 1 1/2 hours mowing for FWS at C. Lamont's; 2 hours mowing for FWS at Rockefeller's.</p>

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<p>July 11, Thursday</p>	<p>A very overcast heavy-clouded morning. Cool. About 50° and breeze N. Up at 5:15. Two mower knives to sharpen before breakfast. Here I go at 6:10. Did bookkeeping and sharpened the knives before breakfast. After breakfast worked on mower awhile filing guards, adjusting cutter bar, etc. Rotor-cultivated five rows on upper side of shop piece. Up to Loring's at 9:30. Struck out pond field before Frank got there. Nearly gave up in disgust so damn wet underneath and having been rotored last year. But dried rapidly and mowed okay this P.M. Nan, Ada and Sandy up to have lunch with me. Ate in Chevelle where Lion's Den set. Finished field just after 3:00. Home and mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn, then part of ours. Uptown in Sandy's Falcon to see late boat come. Home. Brengles after a can of manure. Suppered. Over to Tumbledown after to put spare tire on Jeep, left forward - went flat going on Nan going to Mrs. Pease's the other morning. Had to make a second trip home to get engineer pump as spare was almost flat. Had strawberry shortcake for dessert and to bed. 5 hours mowing for FWS at Loring's.</p>
<p>July 12, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful, beautiful Grumpy morning. Can't tell which side is up. Cool. About 50°. air about N. Must sharpen another knife before breakfast soon as I have. Did. Made breakfast and was ready to roll at 7:45. A nice start but had two setbacks. Just below Old Church when right hand tire went flat again. Got back to church. Martin Joyce gave me ride to garage. David took my spare up and we changed it. At Giselle's at 9:15. Had orchard field well struck out when Frank came and struck out big field. finished these fields and the barn field at 4:15. Lost another half hour at noontime replacing a broken section in head of knife. The family down to have lunch with me in big field. Stuck tractor into woods and came home in Green Brier. Had milk and brownies at the Sampson's. A very tiring day for some reason, mowing out the orchard and all. Have done nothing tonight except to see how fast the weeds are coming in garden. Sandy mowed lawn for Nan this P.M. She worked in flower garden. Had first mess of spinach for supper. Delicious. To bed weary at 9:15. Came in foggy. I started bell at 1:30 tomorrow morning. 6 1/2 hours mowing at Giselle's for FWS.</p>
<p>July 13, Saturday</p>	<p>What a flat calm Grumpy morning. So smooth with the fog that it looks like skim ice. Fog has lifted so I'm stopping bell at 5:50. Out now to sharpen mower knife at 6:10. Temp. about 55 or so. Faintest air appears to be N. The most beautiful warm day we've had. Sharpened knife. Started to rotor-cultivate lower side of house garden. Breakfasted. Finished lower side of garden. Started for Giselle's at 9:00 in Green Brier. Nan worked at R.M.'s this A.M. About 10:15 Mike, Pat and children blew in. Picked up FWS at garage and started mowing at Giselle's at 9:30. Finished back and around house and field toward shore, then shifted out to Everett Beverage field and two fields between roads. Mike and Sandy brought gas and my lunch down and ate with me. We finished fields at 2:00, transferred tractors to Arlene's and had her wiped out at 4:30. Home, washed up, rested, suppered on newly baked beans and cabbage salad from our this year's Jersey Wakefield's. Garden really producing now. Walked garden after supper and pulled a few weeds. Watched L. Welk Show. 4 hour mowing at Giselle's for FWS, 2 1/2 hours mowing at Arlene's for FWS.</p>



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<p>July 14, Sunday</p>	<p>This is Sister Lottie's birthday. Another Grumpy morning, what a week of hay weather this has been. Looks like another hot one like yesterday, a most beautiful day and quite a full one. Up at 5:30. Did bookkeeping, shaved and bathed. Hoed 3 1/2 rows corn on Hog Pen piece before breakfast. Took the Hunters clamming over in front of Fishers after. Got a nice rocker full. Pumped and finished mowing the parts of lawn I didn't have time to do last Thursday P.M. Rested out back in hammocks to 12:00. Started fire in fireplace and cooked off clams. Very damn delicious. Laid around to 3:00, then up to Mrs. Pease's in Chevelle to get three boxes papers and thrash. Took them to shore and burned them. High water and beautiful. Had a grand time wading and soaking feet and legs and the Hunters collected shells. To town and home by way of NS road. Had cold baked beans and potato lettuce salad for supper. Visited and watched a little T.V. To bed at 10:00.</p>
<p>July 15, Monday</p>	<p>The Hunters left on noon boat. Woke at 3:00 to find it thick-a-fog. Started bell. Still foggy now at 6:00. Can just see Bull Rock. Calm. A squirrel getting very friendly since I got up. Hottest day thus far and a full one. Did bookkeeping. Over on shop piece weeding corn shortly after six. Time out for breakfast, then back weeding. Finished piece 10:00. Pulled and topped rhubarb for the Hunters to take home. Finished hoeing weeds on the remaining 1 1/2 rows on hog pen piece. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to see Hunters off. Met the Ives and the Hoffmans at the boat. The two couples who bought Calderwoods Island. Came right home, changed oil in Rotor-Cul and spent entire afternoon from 1:15 to 4:30 rotor-cultivating corn for greensward part of OP piece. Really discouraged some witchgrass. Had time before 5:00 to do three rows corn on old part of OP piece. Suppered on hamburger, Swiss Chard and new red potatoes. Pulled an end hill against Nan's flower garden - had 13 or 14 potatoes in it. Largest not quite tennis ball size. Uptown to do 2 washes at Alta's. Took she and Edith vegetables. Home after 10:00. Gus Tomer gave us 4 mackerel. Biting good at PH now.</p>
<p>July 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy one at 5:15. Will be another hot one. Air West. Temp. 70° right now at 6:00 A.M. The hottest day I can remember in a long time, 92° here in shade at 2:00 and over 100° when the sun worked around. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to Rockland on 8:00 boat. I hoed cucumbers and row of cabbage seedlings while pumping, then struck in on corn on OP piece. Weeded it, then rotor-cultivated it. Took me to 1:45 and don't know when I've been any hotter. If there'd been one more row to weed, don't know if I could have driven myself to do it. Cooled off and lunched. Had just one row rotor-cultivated on hog pen piece when Nan returned. Had five rows done when it was still so hot we took to water below dump piece. Cold but refreshing. Both got wet all over. Then R.M. came and visited nearly an hour. Is worked up over not getting surveying done, pond started and so forth. Steamed clams out back for supper. Had just gone back out to rotor and done 3 rows when the Ames arrived. Time to leave off anyway. Had a nice 1 1/2 hour visit. Called Coffin to stir him up a little. Promises next week now. Hottest day in years. Nan to Rockland to dentist.</p>

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<p>July 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy one. Each one more beautiful than the last. Can't tell which side is up. Temp. now at 6:00 at 70°. Air N. A beautiful day and not as hot as yesterday. An easterly air. Did bookkeeping and shaved. Sharpened 2 mower knives before breakfast. Ready to roll for Bauer's (Jessie Brown) farm at 8:00. Struck out big front field. Was on second trip around when FW arrived. He struck into big orchard back of house. Field mowed terribly hard first hour being damp, then better. Had mowed hardly an hour when all the knife head rivets sheared off in my knife. Put in second knife and at 3:45 as I went to help Frank finished orchard the rivets in two of the head sections on second knife sheared off. Came home and repaired both of them, and also replaced swath stick. Frank finished orchard and left off at 4:00. I finished front field at 1:45, then mowed around old barn site and the area back of barn and at end of house. Nan up to have lunch with me. Invited up to Fay's to cocktail hour and as Nan was suddenly called to RMs to wait on table, Mrs. Fay insisted I stay to supper with she, Mark and Mr. Bailey. Mark down a few minutes after. Nan home about 9:00. 7 1/4 hours mowing for FWS as Jessie Brown's farm.</p>
<p>July 18, Thursday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning. Air east N-east. Temp. 60°. A beautiful day and another hard luck one. Up at 5:30. Did bookkeeping and sharpened 3 mower knives before breakfast. Also pumped. Picked first 2 pails peas after breakfast. Started for Jessie Brown's 8:50. FWS ahead of my 3/4 hour. Struck out big north field. Mowed nicely to 11:30 when lefthand corner of mower frame came unwelded. Frank helped me get it apart and as soon as Nan and I ate lunch, she took me to garage where Steve welded it back together. Had machine back together and started to mow again at 2:00. Finished J. Brown place at 3:00. Had shifted to Bill Loble Farm, and I'd just struck out the largest of the three fields on south side of road when I backed into a damned alder stump and snapped my new pitman rod in two. Home and put in my second new one by 5:30. Rested and helped shell our first mess of peas for supper to go with broiled mackerel. Also helped Nan slice three quarts of B. Joyce strawberries fore freezer. Johnny W. in dooryard after supper to get peas; they had just left when Frank and Orilla blew in. Visited to 9:15. to bed to try to read a few minutes. Came in thick-a-fog and J. Carver started belle about 5:00 P.M. 4 1/4 hours mowing for FWS at Jessie Brown Farm (Bauer's).</p>
<p>July 19, Friday</p>	<p>Very thick this morning. Can't see Fay's house. Strong SW wind up to twenty or so now at 6:30. Temp. 64°. This is a depressing fog but maybe I can ease off a little today. A foggy windy day and a very full one. Did bookkeeping, sharpened mower knife, and weeded in power house corn to breakfast. Back into corn and finished piece about 10:15, then Nan and I went up to Mary Pease's and hung 2 screen doors etc. Mary arrives on 2:30 boat. Home and tore into weeds on dump piece. Had that done at 3:30 with time out for lunch. Victor Beverage and family visited in dooryard during that time. Mowed Mrs. Fay's law and helped Nan a little on ours, then picked the row of sparkle peas on OP piece. Had about a half bushel. Dug a hill of Snowflake potatoes - 6 in hill, dug a hill of Norgold Russets - 14 in hill, but too many small ones. Ruth Beveridge in dooryard to invite us to go sailing Sunday. Can't if we go to Oldroyd's tomorrow P.M. Mary Pease Stone dropped in for water just as supper was ready. Visited a half hour. Outward Bound boys had a heck of a time re-trying to beat through Little Thoroughfare against the heavy SW wind this P.M. Called the Oldroyds tonight to see about Jim taking me up to Payson's in Union tomorrow P.M. 2 hours labor at Pease's farm.</p>

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<p>July 20, Saturday</p>	<p>Mercedes taken to hospital last night with a supposedly gall bladder attack. A beautiful Grumpy morning. Air is easterly. Some high cloudiness. Temp. 60°. Looks like it showered during night. Shut bell off at 4:30 A.M. A beautiful day and a full one. Pumped and did bookkeeping. Picked Nan's raspberries for her before breakfast, a good three quarts. Ripening fast now. Ready to start for Bauer's before 8:00. FWS just behind me. Mowed out the field I broke pitman rod on Thursday, then swung in with FW on big field. Mowed to nearly 10:45, then thrashed home. Was nearly cleaned up and ready to catch 12:00 boat when Nan came from R.M.'s and said he wanted us to go to Camden with him in the Cygnet II. Called Jim to meet me there. Left here at 12:30, in Camden at 1:30. Nan shopped, Jim and Eber took me out to Payson's. Closed Sat. P.M. of course but Payson himself there. Called Luther on phone and between the two did business. Ordered a new 501 mower - \$540.00. Allowed \$200 trade-in on my 14-92 mower. To be delivered next Wednesday. Started home from Camden at 4:00. A beautiful trip. To town in time to see last boat come and deliver peas. Home, stopping at Mary P. Stone's to open padlock for her. Suppered, read paper and watched L. Welk program. To bed as weary as though we'd worked. 2 1/4 hours mowing for FWS at Bauer's.</p>
<p>July 21, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful fall Grumpy morning. Air westerly. Temp. 60°. Up at 5:30. Have done bookkeeping and made out R.M.'s bill for cutting surveying line last March - \$259.00 including Danny's part. Made breakfast. Washed air filter on Rotor-Cul and made ready to rotor-cultivate the rest of hog pen piece. How those damn weeds do come back overnight. Finished that piece about 11:00, then tackled dump piece. That ground pretty crusty. Finished about 1:00. Rested and lunched on egg sandwiches under swing tree. Rested another half hour or so, then went clamming here in Goose Cove. Tide didn't go anywhere and starting coming when I started clamming. The Joyce's visited an hour or so out back. Invited the Ames down to have steamed clams and salad with us. Arrived about 6:15 as he had to make a last trip to Point. Had a nice supper and a nice evening. Has been a beautiful day. A good two weeks of the nicest haying weather and I haven't done a bit yet, but I am not getting hit up about it like when I had the cattle. Not much sale for hay anymore.</p>
<p>July 22, Monday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy morning. Temp. 60°. Air westerly. A little cloudy and sprinkled once but cleared. Did bookkeeping, pumped and picked 2 12 quart pails peas off first planting. Breakfasted. Ready to leave for Bauer's at 8:15. Started back of barn to shore. FWS arrived nearly 10:00. Worked well to 11:30 when pitman rod snapped off knife head, few up onto frame and nearly broke the knife head lock. Dismantled it and when Nan came with lunch, we went to garage. Had to wait till 1:00 for Steve to return from lunch. ____ the broken piece and back to mowing at 2:15. Finished Bauer's at 3:00. Moved tractors to Pettit's and mowed to 5:00. Couldn't do a thing mowing that light hay. During the 1 1/2 hours at Pettit's I mowed into a small stump hidden in grass breaking one guard and bending another. Replaced one there, the other after coming home. Nan dug over a peck of potatoes on house piece for B. Joyce and they're quite nice ones. Picked Swiss Chard for supper to go with salt fish. Shaved and up to B. Joyce's to get hair cut. Nan had hers set. Treated to coffee and banana cream pie. Home about 10:00. A card tonight from the Sam Gilchrists in Ireland. 3 3/4 hours mowing for FWS at Bauer's (Lobley's); 1 1/2 hours mowing for FWS at Pettit's.</p>

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<p>July 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>Thunder showers before daylight. Very overcast and smeary now at 6:15. Temp. 62°. Wind 10 to 15 M SW Was told yesterday at garage that Neal Burgess was through driving town truck, and was going yachting. Must get out now to repair and sharpen 2 mower knives. Almost finished them before breakfast. Picked 4 peas and a hill of potatoes to send to Mr. Cobb by T. Thatcher. Ready to start for Mrs. Pettit's at 9:00. Mowed nicely to 11:00 when tension rod that goes through big spring under mower snapped in two in threads. Brought machine home, changed to rotary, lunched and ready to start back at 1:00. rotored Mrs. Pettit's road to cabin at shore, among the trees by and around house and little field by pump house. Home, stopping at Abbie's on way to mow road to shore for Eleanor. Had new cabbage and new potatoes for supper. The A.W.B.'s arrived during supper, then the Thorntons came with some mackerel for us, and FWS came with a check for me. Paid me for mowing at AW Beverage's, Mere Bowditch's, John Crocker Jr's, Mullin's Park and Staples Farm - \$184.00. 2 hours mowing for FWS at Pettit's; 3 1/4 hours rotor mowing for FWS at Pettit's.</p>
<p>July 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful calm Grumpy morning. Air appears southerly. Temp. about 60°. Very muggy this A.M., growing more cloudy as day wore on, starting to sprinkle about 5:00 P.M. and raining some this evening. Up at 5:15. Did bookkeeping, worked on mowing accounts some, made out order for a new canvas for baler, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan working ever A.M. over to R.M.'s now - grandchildren here. Pumped. Changed from rotary mower to double harrow and spent most of A.M. harrowing weeds on long well piece and the part of hog pen piece I didn't plant. Discouraged some mustard and weeds. Luther G. came with new 501 mower at 11:00. Unloaded up on ledge by barn but loaded the 14-92 where it sat by Mac tree. Had quite a little job but succeeded. Ruth Beveridge here after peas and beets. Went right to weeding beans, peas and corn in triangle garden. Had a short period for lunch and worked through to quarter of 5:00 getting beans and peas done, and 5 rows of Earlicking corn. Never have I seen weeds come back in so fast. Cleaned up and uptown to get Jeep wheel from Brown and see boat come. Brown's closed. Home by way of NS road. New taters, green peas and broiled mackerel for supper. Just finished when Steve W. came to order peas, and Frank and Orilla blew in. FW brought me a spline reducer for new mower. Had ice cream and new raspberries with us.</p>

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<p>July 25, Thursday</p>	<p>Up at 5:10 to start bell - foggy. Up to stay at 5:25. Calm. Temp. 60°. Days are shortening now and sun working southward. Cleared this A.M. but very muggy to a nice day. Did booking, made breakfast and picked 4# spinach for the R.M.'s. Made out order to Sears for several punches to use on mower knives etc. Nan worked over to R.M.'s this A.M. I picked 2 pails peas off second planting on house garden and skim picked first planting, then picked to pail full off second planting on OP piece. Next through potatoes on triangle piece and OP piece with Bug Death. Young bugs suddenly hatched out and bad. Spent remainder of A.M. cleaning weeds out rest of corn on triangle piece. Never have I seen the weeds come back in so badly after being thoroughly cleaned out of gardens as this year. FWS called at noon to get me to go rotor mow Nancy Lamont's back road, and among Loring's pine trees. Stopped at garage to have rear right ____ put back on. Have been using spare since it went flat when I was going to the Giselle's. Home about 4:30. Put top on a saw horse for Nan to use as table outdoors. Mr. Fisher here for vegetables. Just finished supper and watching Shorty Thomas show when Mary P. Stone came with a pail of clams for us. Up to Alta's to do two washes. Edith Ames over to coffee. Mr. A. gone to bed. Home to bed 10:30. Called Jim to see how Mercedes was coming along. Apparently Okay. 1 hour rotor-mowing at Nancy Lamont's for FWS; 1 hour rotor mowing at Loring's pine grove for FWS.</p>
<p>July 26, Friday</p>	<p>Holy Cow. What a beautiful fall Union Fair morning. First NWester in a long time. Temp. 60°. Didn't last long, came SW this P.M. but a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes and shaved. Nan worked over to RMs this A.M. I put wheel back on left forward of Jeep (the last off the old Chevy), pumped and picked peas on second planting on OP piece; also skim picked first row planting on same piece, leaving off to gather and weigh up S. Chard, potatoes, etc for Shirley C. Picked a bushel of peas. Nan home at 11:00. We cleaned up and took 12:00 boat to Rockland. Brought a book for Mercedes at State news, then up to hospital to see her. Looking good and appears to be coming along okay but terribly sore. Also called on Merle Mills - he's in with a heart attack. Back downtown and was having an ice cream when James luffed up along side us. Shopped and came home on 4:20 boat. Went right out to pick our raspberries. Had over 6 quarts. Before I'd eaten Mr. Fisher came to take us mackereling off Indian Point. Caught total of 18. Twice I caught five on his multiple hook rig. Finally had a lunch about 9:00. Abbie over to borrow Sears catalog. To bed weary.</p>
<p>July 27, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning but as wet as it was dry yesterday morning. Porch wet from dew, and looks like frost hanging over lowland. Temp. 55°. A beautiful day and a full one but not much money made. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Put a little more Bug Death on potatoes, on triangle piece but bugs seem to be quite well cleaned up. Rotor mowed field road, first row of peas on outside edge of OP piece and around the piece including western corner. Rotor-cultivated the whole of shop piece weeding as I cultivated. Then ran rotor through corn on house piece - shoulder high. Cleaned the mackerel we caught last night. Gave the Fays some. Dick and family arrived P.M. Lunched. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn and some of ours. Nan mowed rest. Over to Tumbledown and rotor mowed in back of barn, across eastern end, corn yard, outside of gate and around wellhouse some. Home. Uptown to see boat come. Home, shucked 2 pecks peas for freezer, had steamed clams for supper, and watched a little T.V. During evening young Edwin Thayer blew in with some mackerel for us.</p>

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<p>July 28, Sunday</p>	<p>A very overcast cloudy SW morning. Wind 25 to thirty. Temp. 65°. Stayed mostly overcast all day finally sprinkling a little tonight. Strong, disagreeable, SW wind up to 30 at times. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast, and did dishes. Nan worked over to RMs a while this A.M. I weighed up peas for Bob Cobb, dug four pounds potatoes (three hills) for him, also a pound of spinach. Gathered S. Chard, cabbage, onions, etc to make a bag of vegetables for Pat B. Helped Nan pick her raspberries - 5 quarts at least. Pumped. Uptown with vegetables to send across by Enburg. Home by way of NS road. Tried to rest out back in hammock but wind drove us in. Lunched. Tried to rest and nap on couch. First Jack Cobb and son Matthew made a porch call; back on couch, Bob Cobb came after vegetables, visited a half hour or so. Thus ended the napping. To dump with porch can hoping to see Watson's plane take off - didn't. Home, dressed Edwin's mackerel, had them boiled along with new potatoes, onions and cabbage for supper. Talked with Val Young on phone this evening. Still planning to come up some day. To bed soon after 9:00. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Cobb before supper in reply to one I received yesterday. They were quite pleased with vegetables I sent them by Thatcher. Nan had 8 or so boxes of peas for freezer this morning.</p>
<p>July 29, Monday</p>	<p>A perfect Grumpy morning. Temp. 55°. Air WNW. Must make a start haying along with everything else this day. Didn't, got fooled. A most gorgeous beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked over to RMs this A.M. I picked about 30 peas off the 2 rows on triangle garden, being interrupted twice - once to gather other vegetables for Shirley C. and once for Ruth Beveridge. Ready to start for Crabtree's Point at 10:00. A most beautiful drive this day. Rotor mowed around building at wharf for Lombard. Took me 1 1/4 hours. Stopped at garage on way home to have right wheel brake checked, but too busy. Brake seems to be completely gone. Home, lunched. Picked enough more peas for Mrs. Parsons. Dug 100# potatoes on house garden for W &amp; Co. About 1 1/2 rows. Ground terribly dry. Some different than last year when I had to wash every potato. About 3:30 started to couple up to new mower and at 4:45 still wasn't coupled up. Had to leave off to go to town with potatoes and vegetables. Ern blew in with eggs for Nan. The Great Dane, Aunt Kath and Alta here after vegetables when we got home. Visited a while. Then Mrs. M. called with grandchildren. Finally ate supper at 9:00. First mess of green string beans - delicious. Rotor mowing for FWS at Lombard's - 2 hours.</p>

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<p>July 30, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy. Don't recall ever such a spell of perfect weather. Temp. 54°. Air westerly. Sold nearly \$25 worth of potatoes &amp; vegetables yesterday. Has been truly a beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan worked over to RMs this A.M.; took Greta on a ride this P.M. Mr. M. left for NY Sunday P.M. Mrs. M. left with children this A.M. except Scooter to take them back to NY. Returns Thursday. I talked with Don at Payson's about mower. Picked about 18# peas, cleaning the 2 rows on OP piece and the 2 rows on house garden, weighed up 9# for Bob Cobb and dug 10# potatoes for Colon Winslow. About 10:00 went to work on mower and just after 12:00 had it coupled up and adjusted in. Mowed one swath up field road and back. Mowed beautifully and very quiet. Lunched, then mowed the upper field, the roads including cow yard. Thistles tall as tractor. Machine worked like a charm. Mows nicely and tractor can go so slowly. Finished 4:30, then over and brought side delivery home from Tumbledown. Cleaned up to take Nan, Greta, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, and Scooter mackereling in Pappoose. Didn't get any. Just home when Leon and Mable C. came. Visited an hour. Finally had our supper at 9:30. To bed weary.</p>
<p>July 31, Wednesday</p>	<p>By Golly, here it is the last day of July and I haven't made my first million yet. A nice morning but not a Grumpy one. Air SSW. Temp. 60°. A good day but not a good hay day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Waited to go right to garage with tractor to check brake trouble but couldn't be worked on. Picked 5 or 6 # peas finishing the 2 longer rows on triangle garden, and dug a pail of potatoes. Nan over to RMs this A.M. Raked yesterday's mowing except cow yard. About 10:30 went up to Mrs. Pease's after baler. No trouble. Spent from then to 12:30 starting engine, doing a good grease job, and replacing sweep teeth - 3. Pat and children arrived just before noon. Little Mike helped me replacing the teeth. Lunched, rolled hay and swept up and threw out the head scaffold window, then chaff, hayseed etc. on scaffold floors. Baled the hay and Nan helped me haul in two loads - 113 bales - 19 left in field. Over to Eleanor's for nearly an hour, then she came over to have supper with us. Visited to 8:45. To bed shortly after 9:00. Looks and sounds like a storm making up. Thus endeth July. First hay into barn - 113 bales - 19 left out.</p>
<p>August 1, Thursday</p>	<p>Up at 5:00. Started bell shortly after. Must go up and unload 2<sup>nd</sup> load of hay and get the 19 bales out of field before it rains. Wind SSW 15 M or so and very heavy overcast and cloudy. Here I got at quarter to 6:00. Succeeded. ready to start for garage at 7:05. David H. worked on wheel. Pulled it and found outer oil seal leaking. Ordered one from Payson's, had them get it down to Rockland and on the 9:30 Pen Bay truck By golly, they did, and we had the seal in, wheel back on, and I came home at 11:30. Nan picked vegetables and delivered them. After lunch I picked about 12# Sparkle peas on triangle piece, our next to last planting. Shall freeze these. Couple onto new mower - adjusted it a little more, and over to Abbie's to mow between house and brook, former orchard and between road and broken pieces. Worked beautifully. Finished at 5:30. Nan over to have coffee with Eleanor. Came home and we shucked the 12# peas for the freezer. Suppered on Swiss Chard, peas, and ham. Up to Thornton's this evening leaving pea pods and small potatoes for cows at Jimmie Brown's. Thorntons just in from mackereling. Gave us four. Home 9:45. Supposed to be a beautiful day tomorrow. 2 1/2 hours mowing at Abbie's.</p>

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<p>August 2, Friday</p>	<p>1 1/4 hours mowing at Abbie's. By Golly, raining hard 5:00 A.M. and still raining hard now at 6:45 but looks like clearing. Air on water appears to be easterly. Can't tell. Temp. 60°. Rained quietly to 10:00 A.M. or so. Did bookkeeping, shaved made breakfast, and did dishes. Nan worked over to RMs this A.M. I stowed away Wednesday's hay and pumped. Then handscythed around bull barn, the manure pile area, and the weeds and thistles around barn. Changed oil in tractor and washed oil and air breathers. Lunched. Dug nearly a bushel of potatoes on house garden, and then helped Nan set out about 75 Jersey Wakefield cabbages plants where we'd already dug potatoes. Over to Abbie's at 3:30 to start mowing her western flat. Didn't mow as good as yesterday. Last year's rotoring wad damp underneath and bothered badly! Gave up at 5:15, came home and ground knife with new sickle grinder and drill. Worked well. cleaned up and up to Fay's an hour. Came down to find Sheila, Little Bucky and Alta here after peas. Then Mr. R.M. blew in. Just back from NY. Brought me a lock open knife - Sheffield steel. Suppered about 8:30 - fried chicken legs, potatoes and Sparkle peas plus raspberry pie. My order from Sears came - Punches and Nan's Merry Mocs plain vamps.</p>
<p>August 3, Saturday</p>	<p>Woke at 5:15 to find the fog coming in thick. Started bell. Air appears to be SW. Can't see Fay's house now at 6:15. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Ground hand scythe on my new powered stone in top of shop, and started to mow out our spite fence corner. Scythe didn't cut good so ground it again on my old big stone. Scythe clamp broke when hanging scythe together so had to over to Tumbledown to get one of F. Waterman's scythes out of carriage house. Finished mowing before lunch and helped Nan pick some raspberries. Sun very hot through fog. Lunched. Dug over a half bushel potatoes on house piece, then picked over a half bushel of green bean son house garden and triangle garden. Nan weighed up the orders. Over to Abbie's at 2:30 to mow on western flat to 4:30. Mowed much better today. Finished yesterday's piece including back swaths along brook and struck out balance of western side to shore. Several trips around that. Uptown to deliver orders and see boat come. Home, suppered on potatoes, string beans and ham. Invited the Sampsons down this evening to have ice cream and raspberries with us. To bed about 9:45.</p>
<p>August 4, Sunday</p>	<p>Fog still hanging around and bell has gone all night. Can now see the outline of VH at 6:00 A.M. but fog on water. Temp. 60° and flat calm. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed. Pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Dug 2 boxes Norland Red Potatoes on OP piece for W &amp; Co. Turned out fairly good but too many small ones. Nan picked raspberries and made sandwiches &amp; brownies. A+. 10:30 up to Lyford Beveridges to go on sail with them. Went up to Gilkey's Harbor, Islesboro and through to Ferry Terminal. Tied up to a dolphin east of terminal and ate our lunch aboard boat. Landed at town dock, went ashore, and visited town museum and lighthouse. Home same way through Gilkey's Harbor. Amazed at beautiful and large cottages. Breezed up SW and was quite choppy for a way above Egg Rock, then swung and went up back shore. Home at Beveridges about 5:00. Came right home as shower was coming up. Started to rain as we were coming home in Chevelle &amp; rained an hour or more. Suppered, then invited up to Alta's. AW and Emma there. They're going to mainland for 3 or 4 days to celebrate their anniversary. Nan washed 3 blankets while at Alta's. To Islesboro with the Lyford Beveridges. Didn't get to reception for Neil Burgess at Comm. Bldg.</p>



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<p>August 5, Monday</p>	<p>Shut off bell at 5:00 A.M. Air N., clear and feeling like fall. 60° Temp. This is going to be a busy day if I did more potatoes, mow, weed strawberries, pick beans etc as I have to. A beautiful day and has been a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Took the two boxes potatoes to W &amp; Co. I dug yesterday. Nan worked over to R.M.'s this A.M. I pumped and weeded Nan's new strawberry bed. Picked 10 or 11# peas &amp; 3# beans. At 10:30 went to Abbie's, finished mowing her western flat and the thistle junk I usually mow below the house to cranberry flat. Home 1:30, lunched, sharpened knife and started on western field 2:30. Struck out whole field including in front of RMs. Mowed around whole field in to lily ledge - then mowed toilet field. An immense amount of hay this year. Home at 5:00. Nan had let Mrs. Bailey have the Chevelle to go meet boat, and when she came back, Mrs. B. drove into our garage so close to left side I had to jack hind end up and jump it over - bent chrome on left side forward end aft. The first dents after 4 years. An example of being a kind neighbor. Frenched beans to go with steak and new white potatoes for supper. Should have cooked out back but too weary. The Lincolns down to get some cabbage plants. Had ice cream and raspberries with us. 2 1/2 hours mowing Abbie's, 2 1/2 hours mowing R.M.'s.</p>
<p>August 6, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning. Only a little dew. Calm. Temp. 60°. Up at 5:10. Have lugged in wood, pumped and done bookkeeping. Now 6:10. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over to R.M.'s a short time this A.M. I had coupled to rotary mower and was ready to start for Dr. Poole's at 7:45. Had good luck - only mowed the light cable to boat house in two - they told me it had been buried since last year - and was home before 12:00. Lunched, hand raked a long bank etc below R.M.'s, then side delivery raked big piece. Was sprinkling considerable by then so didn't do toilet field. Rested a half hour during sprinkles, then picked 10# or so of yellow beans on triangle piece. Clara W. in from Merryconeag to pay me for rotoring out there. Nan worked all of our lawn and picked raspberries. Up town to see last boat come. Took the Sampson's our second cuke of season and two purple Shanango potatoes. Home, and frenched 5# or so of yellow beans for freezing. Suppered on purple Shanango potatoes - very good - had 4 out of 1 hill - spinach and lobster bodies from RMs. Rested to bed time. 3 3/4 hours rotor mowing Dr. Poole's for FWS. Fay Jones and children arrived from west coast to Mrs. Fay's.</p>
<p>August 7, Wednesday</p>	<p>Woke at 3:00 to find it foggy. Started bell. A Grumpy morning otherwise. Air WSE. Temp. 60°. Pumped, did bookkeeping, made breakfast &amp; helped with dishes. Nan worked at R.M.'s this A.M. I finished mowing western field, then mowed side hill in pasture Have rotored it other years. Rolled yesterday's raking and raked toilet field. Went through outside windrow on big piece by hand shaping wet spots. Lunched about 1:00 under swing tree. Started bailer about 2:00. Was on third trip around field when right tie started missing. Tied off new, and went okay two more trips and started skipping again. Tied off again and engine idled out. Wouldn't start for me so I have up in disgust and started hauling in. It was after 4:00 the. Had 4 loads - 201 bales and had the 4<sup>th</sup> one in barn shortly after 6:00. Rested a half hour and suppered. Was setting on porch after when Leon and Mable C. came for vegetables. Visited to 9:30. Strange how when I was farming I couldn't get the fields to cut enough hay, now they seem to produce so much more. Of course they aren't for they're beginning to run out. Another year will see a big difference. 1/2 hour finishing western field, 1 hour mowing pasture and hill at R.M.'s.</p>

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<p>August 8, Thursday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning but already beginning to feel fallish. Air westerly. Temp. 60°. Have done bookkeeping and shaved. Now must pick peas before breakfast. Did finished picking Sparkle on triangle garden - peas gone now except a row by dahlias on house piece. Picked 12 or more pounds green beans for B. Joyce as soon as breakfast, then pumped, stowed away yesterday's hay and unloaded yesterday's last load. Rolled what was left of yesterday's hay and toilet field. Raked yesterday's mowing in western field. Was mowing frog pond center and ridge when Little Mike appeared. Pat and children had come up. Lunched on bait house beach. Started baler after lunch and it didn't miss a tie this P.M. Baled rest of western field and toilet field - 1512 bales. Hauled it in in 3 loads. Jim Joe helped on the last two and in barn. Thanks very much. visited with us a half hour or so. Suppered. Just finished when the Fishers, the Margret of last year and a couple from Sherman Mills called - most an hour. To bed about 9:30. These are beautiful full moon nights.</p>
<p>August 9, Friday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy one. Up at 5:15. Have done bookkeeping, now to pick beans before breakfast, also pump. Air SW. Temp. 58°. Picked 2 rows yellow on triangle piece and pumped. Picked the other 2 and the 2 half yellow on house piece after. Up to Watson's as soon as breakfast to get a bale of bales twine. FWS down to get my spare hyd oil seal ring - his leaking. Raked frog pond ridge mowing, changed to mower and ready to start for H.S.B.'s at 10:50. Mowed area between driveways and road, the part of his house garden that he smoothed down this spring and the regular from woodshed to back of barn. Home just after 2:00. Changed to rake and rolled hay. Clouded up by this time and looked rainy. Stowed away in barn, connected onto baler and started baling. worked fine until the knot starting Jimmie Brown's twine fouled up in tension clip - then the right tie started missing. Then with one windrow to go, the shear pin in sweep arm sheared off. Was raining by this time so knocked off. Continued to rain into evening. Mr. Fisher over to help me haul in, but couldn't of course. Over a hundred bales out in rain of the nicest hay. Garnet and Clara down this evening after vegetables. Visited to 9:30. Bob Smith here with festival book. Nan run ragged gathering vegetables this day. Mowing HS Beverage - \$22.00 by check today.</p>
<p>August 10, Saturday</p>	<p>Rained some during night - clearing to a beautiful morning now at 6:00. Air North, temp. 62°. Everything wet. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Coupled onto rotary mower and started for SW Beverage's before 9:00. FWS already there. Rotored the cleared area between state road and Mill Stream. Very rough and rocky. Last one blade off - fortunately found the blade collar and as I had a spare bolt was able to put blade back. Then sheared off a shaft bolt. FW got stuck in ravine once. Had to haul him. Finished AW about 11:30 and shifted down to Bricks Mills. Nan worked at RMs this A.M. Brought my lunch to me and we ate in school yard. Frank back after 1:00 and we finished Bricks at 3:00. Swamp grass the hardest mowing I've come across yet - rotors were dull of course. Was going to mow lower side of Crabtree Cemetery but FW discovered he'd broken the welding on his dolly wheel so we decided to quit. Home before 4:00. Had doughnuts and milk, then edged up yesterday's bales so bottoms would dry - 135 bales. Uptown to see last boat come - saw Max Conway and wife on parking lot. Home and suppered. Over to the Fishers this evening. Treated to chocolate cake. They now have a colored T.V. here. Home 10:30.</p>

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<p>August 11, Sunday</p>	<p>New Ferry - Gov. Curtis christened at Rockland - Goes onto VH run this week. Libby to Swan's Island. What a beautiful fall norther. Air N. and temp. 54°. Really overslept this morning - 6:30 when I rolled out. Have done bookkeeping, pumped, and made breakfast. Just through when Mr. Fisher and Mac came to go clamming at Gillis' place. Mr. Fisher clammed way out in water, Mac &amp; I dug in shore. Got a good amount. Home and put out my hauling line so he could lay his boat to it. Already had outer float in place, so only had to drive 2 posts up bank. Went mackereling a little while with the Fishers. Nan worked at RMs this A.M. As soon as I came in from fishing - caught one - I coupled onto mower and mowed center out of oak tree field from little island to point on oak tree side. Lunched and rested under swing tree. About 3:00 up onto OP piece and dug 2 boxes Norland Red and 1 box Snowflake White for W &amp; Co. also 20# more. Was just starting fire in fireplace to steam clams when the Sampsons blew in. Stayed and had steamed clams with us. Delicious. As they left to go to church. Mr. Fisher and Mac blew in to take us out mackereling. Caught 2. Dark when we got home. This was the day we were supposed to go to Stimpson's Island Picnic. Dick Fay leaves tomorrow.</p>
<p>August 12, Monday</p>	<p>Another beauty except for considerable high cloudiness. Will be a nice one I think. Cool - Temp. 52°. Air WSW. Was a nice one except for strong SW wind during P.M. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and bathed before breakfast. No time yesterday morning. To town first thing with W &amp; Co. potatoes, coming home by way of Jimmie Brown's to leave small potatoes for his animals, and replacement twine at Watson's for bales. Took Nan over to RMs. Raked yesterday's mowing, then coupled onto trailer and hauled in the hay off frog pond ridge baled Friday P.M. and then rained on. Put 90 bales into bull barn - filled it, balance of 43 bales into big barn. Lunched - rolled mornings raking, put new bolt into sweep arm on baler and baled yesterday's mowing. Would guess 200 bales and didn't miss on a bale. Hauled in one load leaving on wagon - lost a rear corner coming to barn - made barn with 48 bales. Shucked out yesterday's big clams while waiting for supper. Showed colored slides to Mrs. Fay, Fay, John Bailey, Deidre and Timothy Jones this evening. To bed about 10:00. 4 ears of Vesey's North Star for breakfast - well filled and very good.</p>
<p>August 13, Tuesday</p>	<p>Well, here's another beautiful Grumpy morning - calm as a picture. Air S.W. Temp. 52°. Has been a beauty. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to Fishers to see if he'd help me haul and stow away hay. Came right over and at 11:00 we had unloaded and stowed away yesterday's load and 3 more cleaning up Sunday's mowing. Didn't stow last load as I wanted to get to mowing. Pumped twice while working at barn. Fay family really using water. Sharpened mower knife, filed bent guards, etc. and mowed both edges of oak tree field - around little island etc - all to westward of barn now finished. Lunched about 2:00, rested to 3:00, then mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn. Nan gathered vegetables, picked raspberries etc. Raspberries about gone. Uptown with vegetables and to see boat come. Aunt Kath, Aunt Hulga and Alta here for vegetables when we came home. Made a dooryard call. Aunt Kath had fallen on her doorstep and hurt her back - couldn't get out of car easily. As they left Mr. Fisher blew in to see if I was going to haul I more hay. Had four ears of delicious Vesey corn for supper. Also gave Mr. F. 3 ears. The Fay Jones leave tomorrow. From now on the place will be emptying out. Mr. Fisher helped me 2 hours.</p>

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<p>August 14, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like it might be a good one but not a Grumpy. Breeze SW. Temp. 62°. a beautiful day but not a real hay day. Strong SW wind P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked our very last row of peas by dahlias, about 5# and about same amount of yellow beans. Must get into freezer. Raked yesterday's mowings, mowed corner above shop piece, around shop below house garden to shanty and between power house and barn. Mr. F. over to see when I'd be hauling in and slowed me a half hour. Lunched, rolled morning's rakings and baled it. Right hand knotter bothering again - had to thread needle 3 times. Finished at 5:00 and Mr. Fisher helped me stow away yesterday's and haul in 3 loads - 141 bales. Finished about 6:30. Had supper with us. Now have all to westard of barn cleaned up. Nan sold our first corn of season to Prissy Hallowell - eight ears - a big order. This evening Jimmie and Clare Brown dropped in. Jimmie looking for someone to help him 3 months building a horse barn for Watson's. Would be good experience for me, but how can I do that and put foundation under house. Fall already. Unbelievable.</p>
<p>August 15, Thursday</p>	<p>A Grumpy morning and no mistake. Just an air norther. No dew and temp. 60°. Shall try to finish mowing Indian Point Farm today but doubtful. Did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hand raked edges and around obstacles in yesterday's mowings. Was stowing away in barn when R.M. stopped and helped me discharge last load from last night. Raked yesterday's mowings, changed to mower, sharpened knife and mowed below Fay's and between barn and Fay's. Lunched. Went through hay by hand shaking out wabbed up corners etc. Hay drying beautifully. Mowed out well piece and pasture piece finishing mowing on Indian Point Farm except for little piece between garage and raspberry patch. Coupled onto baler and baled almost all of yesterday's mowing. Right hand tier bothered so I didn't quite finish below garden when we had to leave off at 5:30 with two windrows to finish. Over to Abbie's and Eleanor's to meet the two men staying in their small house. Home at 7:00. Just eating Earliking corn for supper when Leon and Mable came for vegetables. Stayed till after 9:00. Nan spent her day picking vegetables and cleaning house. A perfect hay day.</p>
<p>August 16, Friday</p>	<p>Another gorgeous morning. Unbelievable. Air still NW. Temp 60° and there's a the tractor and baler sitting right where I stopped disgusted last night by Cortland tree. Must find out what is causing that right bale tier to act up. Did bookkeeping, washed dishes and made breakfast. Up on OP digging taters before 7:00. Dug 2 boxes Norland and 1 box Snowflake and took right up to W &amp; Co. Inc. Mr. Fisher rode up with me. Nan worked at R.M.'s. Came right home. worked on baler awhile and baled what was left from last night. Talked with Don at Payson's - thinks either a poor ball of twine or stripper not close enough to push knot off bill hook. Changed right hand ball of twine to left tier to try. Hand raked edges etc of piece between barn and Fay's and below Fay's then side-delivered them. Lunched. Hauled in yesterday's baling - 789 bales and stowed them away. Nan helped me. Baled between barn and Fay's and Fay's property - 54 buildings. Right hand tier still acting up. Hauled this hay in, unloading just enough to shut doors. Frenched beans and shelled our last peas before supper. On ride with Fishers in their Cadillac. Pulpit Harbor, West District etc. Visited on their ranch an hour or so on way home. Finished haying Indian Point Farm - hurrah.</p>

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<p>August 17, Saturday</p>	<p>A Grumpy morning on water but otherwise very heavy overcast, looking very rainy. Temp. 62°. Air SW. We're hoping the Oldroyds will come over this morning. Didn't. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Came in foggy with a very wet drizzle. Picked 6 dozen of Vesey's and Earliking corn and about 7# green beans. Then up on OP piece to dig about a bushel of potatoes. Towed away hay in barn, unloaded yesterday's last load and stowed that. Barn comfortably full to eave girts. Now what will I do with it. Sharpened mower knife. Shaved, bathed, and ready to start for town at 1:00 to deliver vegetables and watch Legion Parade. Left a big bag of small potatoes at the King's for his pigs. Uptown to find parade had been cancelled due to drizzle. Visited with Witherspoons on parking lot till boat came at 2:30. Home, read mail, rested, picked corn for Ivaloo. Up to visit with Mrs. Fay and Arthur at 6:00 - then later in evening they came down to see colored slides. I'm amazed at the way Mrs. Fay has slipped mentally - asking the same questions right over and over. Rained during early evening but clearing at 9:30. Stopped bell at 10:00.</p>
<p>August 18, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, here's a gorgeous Oct. morning. wind N at 10 M. Temp. 55°. Didn't get up till 6:00. A beautiful real NH day - a real norther and I came the nearest to resting all day I have at all this summer. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked a couple dozen corn for orders, then we put hammocks out at end of house and by keeping in sun most of time were very comfortable. L. Crockett came for his corn. About noon Nan rode out to Cobb's to check and brought in a basket of nice Red Astracous. About 2:00 Sammy Beverage blew in with a Dr. Cannon of U. of M. wanting to see site of Little Thoroughfare schoolhouse. Showed them. Then Nan and I rode uptown to have a dairy joy and to watch crowd at boat leaving time. Boat appeared to be loaded. Home, picked and frenched green beans for supper to go with baked russet potato and fried chicken. Only finished a short time when Edith and Milton Ames blew in. First time in a long time. Then the RMs came out a few moments with last moment instructions. They leave for Scotland tomorrow for a week of Grouse Shooting. The Gov. Curtis brought the fleet of State Tar Machinery today. Now watch the tar fly.</p>
<p>August 19, Monday</p>	<p>Mr. Cobb passed away about noontime. The RMs leave NH for Scotland. Mowing at Frank Gates for FWS - 6 3/4 hours. What a beautiful fall morning. Only 52°. Air still N. A Grumpy one. This is Union Fair Week. Hope to attend Friday. A beautiful day and a full one. Pumped while bookkeeping and making breakfast. Picked 9# plus of green beans off the two half rows of house garden. How those Spartan Arrow beans have borne. Coupled onto 501 mower and ready to start for Franklin Gates at 8:30. Frank arrived shortly after with rotary. He worked a large part of his time in alder and swamp section of north field. Finished together about 3:30. Drove Frank's tractor to garage, then back after mine. Frenched beans for freezing before supper, also had some for supper. Aunt Kath and Aunt Hulga came after vegetables before we finished supper. As they left Mr. &amp; Mrs. Fisher came in boat to take us mackereling. We caught a dozen or so. Nan caught 4 twice. Had coffee and toast with the Fishers and rode up to Watson's to see Watson land with landing lights, etc. Home about 9:30.</p>

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<p>August 20, Tuesday</p>	<p>Weather looks different this morning. Very heavy overcast, air easterly and feeling rainy. Temp. 56°. Did rain along about noon - hard for a time - let up and rained again this evening. Events at Union Fair called off this P.M. A busy day though I didn't accomplish much. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan did wash at RMs this morning. I sharpened mower knife, filed guards, replaced one etc on mower, getting ready to go to R. Thayer's but too threatening. Gathered vegetables - picking over a peck of beans for one thing. Frenched these for Nan to put in freezer. Discovered that the 2 rows of Earliking on OP piece was ready to pick. Picked 5 dozen. This P.M. after rain let up, I went through potatoes on OP piece, cutting down the stalks of hog weed. Some were four or 5 feet tall and all came in since last cultivation. Just can't win. Should go through corn too. To town with vegetables and to see last boat come. Home and peeled Mac apple windfalls for sauce and a pie. Suppered on Russet potato, Vesey's corn and fried mackerel. Oh yes, I found time after frenching beans to dress last night's catch. Gave the Fay family some. Pie delicious this evening. Called Coffin about surveying. Then talked with Mercedes.</p>
<p>August 21, Wednesday</p>	<p>A nice pretty morning after the showers last night. Warm too. 65°. Air appears to be SW. Sun is coming up nicely. A beautiful day and evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Also shaved. Worked a couple hours or so on baler, trying to get right hand tying system to work properly. Unbolted tyer unit from frame, tipped it up over and bent stripper arm closer to bill hook. Started engine up and fed five or six bales of hay through and it tied okay under these conditions. Picked over a peck of yellow beans on triangle piece. Never had I seen green or yellow beans bear like these have this year. Lunched on delicious Mac apple pie with bread and butter. About one P.M. started for Ray Thayer's. Frank just ahead of me with rotary mower. Main drag all newly mulched tar. Had to drive pretty slowly. Mowed out Ray then up to Nettie Crockett's and mowed out her house lot. On way home I mowed out Abbie's western road to brook piece. finished 5:30. Home, cleaned up, and up to Witherspoons to supper - steamed clams, boiled lobster, boiled corn, potato salad etc. Delicious. On sail out through harbor after. A nice evening. Home at 10:00. 2 1/4 hours mowing at Raymond Thayer's for FWS, 1/2 hour mowing Nettie Crockett for FWS. 1 hour mowing Abbie's western road to brook piece.</p>

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<p>August 22, Thursday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy beauty. What a season of Grumpy mornings. Temp. 55°. Air N. Sun coming up lovely. A beautiful day although it smeared up this P.M. a while. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan up to Bertha Joyce's at 9:00 to have her hair set. I spent all of A.M. working in house garden and OP piece, cleaning pea vines and weeds. Never had I seen weeds come back time after time as badly as this year. Nan scoured the corn on house garden and triangle garden after coming from B. J.'s and darned if we didn't sell 12 or 13 dozen this day. People just about driving us nuts for corn right now. Give us luck and another week and we'll have plenty for everyone. Lunched about 1:00. Just before 2:00 started for L. Beverage's with mower. Mowed the section between house and road and field pasture fence, and the Cubby Hole Field. Had surprising good luck and it mowed good considering how lodged and trampled it was. Only mowed into one batch of barbed wire and into one sink drain. Left off at 5:00 to go to town with Nan, finishing CH field on way home. Home before 7:00. Suppered, dis-coupled machine from tractor, put tractor into shop and closed doors. Want to go to Union Fair tomorrow. Rested this evening. 3 1/2 hours mowing house section and Cubby Hole field for Lawrence Beverage.</p>
<p>August 23, Friday</p>	<p>To Union Fair with FWS. Another Grumpy. What a morning. 60°. Air N. Up at 5:00. Have pumped, did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed and getting ready to take 8:00 A.M. boat. Did after gathering vegetables for the Oldroyds - Nan also took the apple pie she made last night. A nice trip over. Jimmie Eber met Nan, Carl Cornish met Frank. took us to Camden where Cornish let Frank have a car, and we drove to Union Fair, stopping at Payson's Farm Mach. on way. bought some side delivery rake teeth, then to Fair and a very good one it was. Beautiful exhibits in Hall, Matthews Building - very good, horse and oxen pulling excellent. Beautiful horses. Saw Aunt Barbs and Orrie. Saw a big Brown Swiss ox - weight 3520#, claimed to have weighed 4100# last winter, girth 11 ft. and stood 6 feet tall - a brute of an animal. Left for Rockland after 6 feet pull - a weight of 5 ton and 400#. Had supper at Coffee Pot, then Frank took me to Oldroyds. He back to Camden to stay with Carl Cornish. visited to 10:30 and to bed weary. A hard day's work but enjoyed it.</p>
<p>August 24, Saturday</p>	<p>Fog came in sometime before daylight. Up about 7:30. Had a leisurely breakfast with the Oldroyds. Then after things were cleared away, and Jim and I had shaved, we came into Rockland. Jim coming right along on bathroom now - has toilet working, partitions all up and ready to set up hot water boiled etc. Nan shopped, I got hair cut at Seth's barber shop. Then we had crab-meat rolls etc at Coffee Pot with the Oldroyds. Shopped at A&amp;P and the Oldroyds took us to ferry. Home at 2:35 to meet the Fishers leaving on 3:00 boat. Came right home, changed clothes and went right to gathering corn, beans etc. Picked about 10 dozen on power house garden - Spring gold. Back uptown to deliver vegetables and see last boat come. One car had to be left on second trip. Home, suppered, read mail and watched L. Welk when we weren't sleeping. Seems like a long time since yesterday morning at 5:00.</p>

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<p>August 25, Sunday</p>	<p>Here it is quite foggy with wind S.W. Came in early this morning. Started bell at 3:00 A.M. Not a pretty day. Have pumped, and done bookkeeping - 2 days. Spring gold corn for breakfast. Picked two or three orders of corn - cleaned up and to church at PH church - a memorial prayer service for Mr. Cobb, also anniversary service. A small group considering. Sammy Beverage's wife sang - excellent. Came right home to gather a couple orders corn. Nan over hill to do a watering job. Lunched. Rested an hour. Up to Ern's to skim pick his strawberry patch - about 2 quarts. Home, picked more corn, uptown to Arts and Crafts Show but a little late - the paintings were being taken down. On parking lot a little while, then at 6:30 down to the Ames to a pizza supper. Very good - my first time. Had apple pie and coffee during evening. Home about ten - fifteen. Plenty of ground fog.</p>
<p>August 26, Monday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog low down, but beautiful overhead. will be a nice day soon. Slipped this morning. Slept to 6:00. Have pumped and done bookkeeping now ready for breakfast. Breakfasted on new sweet corn and fried potato, then helped with dishes. Dug two boxes potatoes on OP piece for W &amp; Co. Inc. - one Norland and one Snowflake. Nan took them uptown when she went about 10:00 to get her sweaters from Arts and Crafts which didn't sell. Also picked up R.M.'s laundry. I spent rest of A.M. picking green and yellow beans on triangle gardens - 2 baskets green - 1 basket yellow. In all my years of raising beans it doesn't seem I've ever seen beans ear like these have borne this year. During noon hour helped Nan french the box of yellows for freezing. Geo. Beverage came after corn and visited nearly an hour. Picked 6 dozen corn off power house garden for Lions Supper plus 3 more dozen for others and delivered to Almon Ames. Home before 5:00 and cleaned up for Eleanor and Abbie and men friends to come at 5:45 for an hour. Enjoyed them. Broiled a piece of A&amp;P steak and had just eaten when Dave Cooper and Stan Smith came to see my Indian Relics. Stayed nearly an hour. Then Miles Grant brought my box of rake teeth I'd left at the Oldroyds.</p>
<p>August 27, Tuesday</p>	<p>Once again, a beautiful Grumpy morning. Cool though. 54°. Air west. A beautiful day but fallish again tonight. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nice fresh corn for breakfast. Took Chevelle to Wayside Service before 8:00 to have new water pump and new rear shock absorbers put on. From there we went down to Bun Smith's to look at this dead horse field that Paul Cabot asked me to rotor. Came home and dug nearly a bushel of Norland Red so Bertha and Martin could have some. They visited nearly an hour. Over to shop to couple tractor to rotor and found battery dead. To garage to get rental and to ask Frank if he wanted to help me rotor at Cabot's. He was already rotoring at Edna Dyer's so I helped him finish up up there this P.M. after putting in rental battery and sharpening blades. took to 5:30. He got out of gas as we were rotoring out the sides of the roads. Home about 6:00. peeled enough Cortland windfalls for two pies while supper was making. Jimmie Brown down after first cornstalks tonight. doesn't seem possible. After supper FWS blew in to see if we wanted to ride up to get the Chevelle. Did and visited at house still most 10:00. FW built a nice fire in fireplace. Treated to cake and chocolate sauce. 4 hours rotoring at Edna Dyer's for FWS.</p>



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<p>August 28, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy. Unbelievable. Clouds beautiful before sunrise. Cool. Only 48°. Corn slowing up. a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, and made breakfast. Ready to start for Cabot Farm at 8:00. Ahead of FW by a half hour or so. Rotored both halves of "dead horse field" - a fence through middle - then all of field in front of John Crockett house to town road inside of their road to town road. Took us to 3:30. Frank taking time out to grind rotor blades. Nan, Pat, Loren and little Grumpy brought lunch down to me and we ate in "dead horse field" where we could look out on the water of PH Little Mike playing golf with Mike and Woodrow. Nearly dumped the tractor this day as I rotored the opening swath along the raspberry bushes on the western side of the brook from driveway to head of cove. Bank of brook swung into field instead of going straight. Front wheels went down over but managed to back. On way home rotored a half hour in peak of Abbie's western brook piece next to town road. Repaired several boards in porch floors after getting home. Frank and Orilla down to have Cortland Apple pie with us this evening. 1/2 hour rotoring on Abbie's western brook piece.</p>
<p>August 29, Thursday</p>	<p>A fall NWester. Temp. 54°. Just a light breeze. Another beautiful beauty. Clouded up some this P.M. and wind on shore NE but still beautiful. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started day by skim picking 2# yellow beans for Mrs. Cabot, also corn. She bought Nan's two sweaters that didn't sell in Arts and Crafts. Scraped, sanded and painted Bernice between corn picking interruptions. Left off 5 or 6 times. Nan's over to water R.M.'s gardens about noontime. Mrs. Cobb called on Nan this P.M. Finished Bernice about 3:30 and ground mower knife. Uptown to see last boat come. Mary Pease Stone had a brand new Jeep (4 wheel drive) come tonight. Offered it to us to keep for winter use. Home by way of Geo. Beverage's to look over mowing his field. Doesn't want to exceed \$60.00. Gave Nan some Red Astracous. Home and suppered on potato, green beans and hamburg. No interruptions tonight and no company. Nan called Min, but Fred answered. All the rest of family at their new summer home in Rhode Island. Ha.</p>
<p>August 30, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy. Temp. 54°. Air N. Sun nearly back to end of Burnt Island. Has been a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Changed from rotary mower to regular mower, and ready to start for Geo. Beverage's at 8:20. Started mowing at 8:45. Struck from barn straight down through center of field to road from Alexander field then out to town road and half way back to house. Did that section first, as there was enough dew to bother on the heavy hay in front of buildings. Finished that section by 11:00, struck out to house and orchard next. Nan brought up lunch and we ate on brow where Alexander road came to main road. Took half hour nooning and had section finished 1:30. Struck out whole south half of field from barn to Alexander road, two trips around and was taking back swath when I backed into a rock by his spring hole and snapped the pitman rod in two. Home, replaced rod - had a spare on hand - sharpened knife and filed the bent ends of guards. Picked some corn orders, and uptown to get gas and see last boat come. Home, picked more corn. Danny and Harriet here, suppered and rested. Summer season rapidly coming to a close. 4 3/4 hours mowing for George Beverage.</p>

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<p>August 31, Saturday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Pat - 30 years today. Just half your pappy's. Another beautiful Grumpy. Unbelievable how they keep coming. Cool though. Our lawns are full of white frost before sunup. Temp. 50°. Air N. Has been a beautiful day but a very heavy dew. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, but didn't help with dishes. Went right to work on Bernice caulking and puttying the seams I cleaned out Thursday before I painted. Dew awful slow about drying off. Up to Geo. Beverage's at 9:15 and still so sweet. I had to mow the light southern end first. Mowed steadily to 1:30 and finished. A big 9 hour mowing field. Home at 2:00. Helped Nan pick and sort fifteen or so doz. corn. Worms are bothering a lot. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to deliver. Saw last boat come. Thrashed home to get up to Fay's at 6:00. Mr. Arthur arrived yesterday. Ended up by staying to supper. Had a nice time. Home after 9:00. Farewell August. Sorry to see you go. You've been a nice month. Had hoped the Oldroyds might have come over today but didn't. 4 1/4 hours mowing on Geo. Beverage field.</p>
<p>Sept. 1, Sunday</p>	<p>Good morning Sept., and a beautiful one it is too. Calm and sunny. Air w. Temp. 58°. A nice day to go on a sail but probably won't. Didn't. has been a beautiful day though. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, made breakfast, etc. A little behind as I didn't roll out till 6:30. Picked a few dozen corn on hog pen piece, rested till dew dried off, then painted Bernice's bottom a second coat. Now ready to put afloat. Rested in hammocks an hour or some, lunched about 1:30, picked a couple orders of corn. Austin and family came with our lobsters and visited nearly an hour. Took our lobsters over to put in R.M.'s floating crate, then uptown to watch river traffic. Saw boat leave loaded to capacity. On ride with Thorntons in VW. Back in time to meet boat. Jim and Mercedes came. Home, visited, suppered and visited. Can only stay till tomorrow P.M. so haven't much time to do anything.</p>
<p>Sept. 2, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful calm morning but very heavy overcast. Looks rainy. Temp. 50. Air maybe westerly. Became a most beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, gathered corn for breakfast, shaved and did last night's dishes. After breakfast Jim helped me get Bernice overboard and I rowed her around to hauling line. Surprising how little she leaks considering. Went for a nice sail in Papoose, to westward through Thoroughfare, out around Sugar Loaves and back through Thoroughfare to in close to Turner Farm beach, then slowly followed the shore along into Kent's Cove and Stone's Cove home. Cooked our lobsters out back and had a very nice lunch. Uptown in time for the Oldroyds to call on Alta a few minutes. Saw boat leave, then home. Rested a half hour in hammocks. The Thorntons after corn and visited a short time. Had just finished supper after they left when Geo. Beverage blew in to pay me for mowing. Showed a couple books of his colored slides for him. Alta, Sheila and Penn IV down after drinking water. From Geo. Beverage for mowing field \$63.00.</p>

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<p>Sept. 3, Tuesday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know, woke at 4:00 to hear sprinkles on roof. Porch now wet at 7:15 and air southerly but guess it won't really rain. Temp. 60°. Didn't, came foggy, most of day, shut down heavy about 4:30 and rained quite smart for an hour or so, but not enough to do any good. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and then peeled a dish of Cortlands for apple sauce. Dug 2 boxes potatoes (1 Snowflake - 1 Norland) for W &amp; Co. Inc. Took them to store after Mrs. Cobb and Harry called with winter instructions. She leaves Thursday. Nan made her an orange cake this A.M. Took along 2 boxes of pig potatoes for "King." Saw noon boat go. On way home by the King's, went back to Watson's to see the wire cages Jimmie and Joe have just built for pheasants and quail. Home, lunched, rested a short hour, then with Nan's help, picked and cleaned about 16 doz. corn off shop piece and road side part of hog pen piece. Damn the corn ear worms. Uptown to deliver. Didn't see last boat come as VH boat broken down making NH late. Home, suppered and watched a little T.V.</p>
<p>Sept. 4, Wednesday</p>	<p>Dog-gone it. Foggy all night. Didn't rain any to do any good. Very, very dry. Still foggy this morning. Temp. 60°. Air appears to be about N. So calm can't really tell. Did bookkeeping and pumped. A funny day threatening rain all day and did sprinkle a little about 1:30 P.M. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Bailed out Bernice. Only one noticeable leak. Picked corn for Pat. Nan down to visit her this day. Also took her onions, potatoes, cukes. I spent all of A.M. to 1:30 hauling in our Ashley wood from where I piled it a year ago out by "little island" oak. Used Jeep but the first 2 loads in woodshed, the rest - 5 loads piled east of our dooryard oak. Rested and lunched. Mowed the area between our garage and raspberry patch, then over to Fisher's and mowed their house flat, also a few swipes west of their driveway. Home, picked 6 doz. corn, spinach for supper and lugged in wood. FWS blew in for corn before our supper. Suppered about 7:30. Didn't even watch any T.V. this evening. Read paper and seemed to be weary.</p>
<p>Sept. 5, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning and sun came up pretty, but already rising nearly back to end of Burnt Island. Air SW. Temp. 54°. White fog over piece in pasture. all signs point to fall. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan had her hair set at B. Joyce's this A.M. I sharpened mower knife, then dug and picked up the 2 outside rows of my Snowflake seed potatoes on triangle garden. Picked up nearly a bushel to save for next year's seed from these and had nearly two bushel besides. Over to Tumbledown field to start mowing at 11:00. Had a heck of a time first two trips around. Took 20 minute first trip, struck whole field except strawberry ridge area. Damp underneath. Lifted cutter bar shoes to second hole and tipped it up some - worked better. Nan worked Thrift Shop this P.M. and took lunch to me. Ate in Chevelle 15 minute nooning and mowed to 5:30. Made quite a start. Had potato salad and hamburg loaf for supper. A beautiful almost full moon evening. Went for ride to get milk at Arlene's. Over to call on Thorntons - not home. Sampsons not home. Called on Ames' a little while. Home before 10:00. Mrs. Fay and Baileys left. 6 hours mowing in Tumbledown field.</p>

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<p>Sept. 6, Friday</p>	<p>A rainy looking morning but a Grumpy on water. High cloudiness. Air NE. Temp. 60°. Hope it doesn't rain before I get another whack at big field. Unbelievable how spruce trees and alders have started up in two years. Not much money in this mowing. Looked rainy all day but did dry off P.M. Aired up cold SE late P.M. and started raining before midnight. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Lugged in wood. Sharpened mower knife and over to Tumbledown at 9:00. Worked 3/4 hour to get around twice and gave up in disgust. Just damp enough underneath to bother like the devil. Backed up more than I went ahead. Home and helped Nan settle Mr. Fay's house. They left leaving chairs out, garage wide open etc. Hauled in a SB trailed load of alders and small spruce from our last winter's pile on frog pond ridge. Tiered into woodshed. Lunched about 1:30. Over to Tumbledown to start mowing again at 2:00. Mowed to 5:00. mowed good. Now have only big crown and strawberry ridge left. Home and thrashed to get cleaned up to be up to the AWBs to supper at 6:00. Five minute slate which wasn't appreciated. Seated at table almost before I could remove cap. The Sampsons and Alta there. A nice roast turkey supper but really lacking in sociability. A real trial for Emma to entertain. 3 3/4 hours mowing on Tumbledown field.</p>
<p>Sept. 7, Saturday</p>	<p>Believe it or not, we are finally getting rain. Started quietly before midnight and is till raining quietly. Air SE. Temp. 60°. Was supposed to help FWS rotor at Lewis Mills' farm this day. Have done bookkeeping, now to make breakfast. Not a very profitable day. Rained part of forenoon, foggy rest of day. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then copied our last two weeks vegetables sales onto calendar sheet. Have sold nearly 200 dozen corn to date. Made out bill to Paul Cabot for rotor-mowing the John Crockett fields. Also Abbie's to date. Uptown to gas up and see 10:30 boat come; also to leave Eleanor Thornton some potatoes. Home, lunched, and tried to rest. Out three times to pick corn. Weeded and side dressed with 8-16-16 Nan's strawberry garden - that cussed sorrel. Cleaned up and over to Eleanor and Abbie's at 5:30 to a delicious lamb stew supper. Fire in fireplace. Home after nine to bed. Still foggy but moon trying to come through.</p>
<p>Sept. 8, Sunday</p>	<p>Val Young up by boat to visit. Shut bell off at 5:55. Clearing this morning. Moon is out nicely and sun coming up bright. Now at end of Burnt Island. Air NE. Temp. 58. Have done bookkeeping. Now to take bath. Did, then breakfast. While Nan did dishes and house chores, I went clamming over to Fisher's. Nice digging - got a rocker full - gave Abbie &amp; Eleanor a mess. Home and picked several dozen corn. Val Young up by boat to visit an hour. First time in 10 years or so. To town to deliver some yesterday's orders. Home, lunched. Invited the Ames to go on a sail with us. Grabbed right on. Left about 2:00 and had a nice one. Up between Sheep and Bald, between Porcupines, around eastern end of Eagle, between Eagle and Butter, back of Fling, between Oak and Sloop island, between NH and Burnt and then home, stopping at Stimpson Island float to look around house. The Ames stayed to steamed clam supper with us. Had several interruptions. Dick Bloom and Hopkins boy came for corn and visited. Forrest Adams came for corn and then Penn Hallowell. Clams delicious. The Ames home about 9:00. A full day. Not much more than home at 4:30 when fog boiled in.</p>

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<p>Sept. 9, Monday</p>	<p>Stars showing when we went to bed last night, but rained during night, and foggy now at 7:10 A.M. Supposed to go to Lewis Mills' Farm to rotor but too wet. Air NNE. Temp. 58°. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Only cereal and applesauce. No taters to fry - no nothing. Too many suppers out. Nan up to the Beveridges this A.M. to exchange some yarn. I bailed out Bernice, pumped out Mrs. Fay's two boats and put them out on hauling line properly. Then rowed Bernice over to Papoose and took out scupper plugs. Home. Put 501 mower into Mrs. Fay's garage - pumped while doing so. coupled onto rotary mower. Lunched. Over to Tumbledown at 1:15. Rotored to nearly 5:30. Finished big crown left from Friday, and made a good start on the Strawberry Ridge area. Franze and Ann Mills came along and visited a few minutes. Franze terribly thin and aging. Home shortly after 5:30. Thrashed out to corn patch to pick several dozen corn. Suppered on pea soup made from ham stump. Very good. Up to the Lyford Beveridges to call a little while this evening. Home shortly after 9:00. 4 hours rotoring on Tumbledown field.</p>
<p>Sept. 10, Tuesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and wet. Air NE. Temp. 58.9°. Glass working up. 30.2. Up at 5:45. Have done bookkeeping. Now to get breakfast. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. cleared to be a beautiful day. About 8:15 FWS called to say he was going rotoring at Mills' Farm. I was all ready to do out to put on shutters at Cobb's. Didn't. Weighed up an order of potatoes and helped Nan pick several dozen corn. Started for Mills Farm at 9:45. Rotored to 11:00 when bolt that holds rotary shaft to power take off sheared off and the reducer spline split in 3 pieces. FW brought me home to get a spare one. Found Nan at Frank's on our way back and she took me down to Mills'. Put outfit back together and then ate our lunch on back. Had a big brown mink run along under our feet. Rotored from 12:30 to 4:15 when Frank drove over an iron fence post bolt, ruining his right hind tire. Helped him take it off tractor, take to garage, repair and take back and put on. Nan to garage to pick me up. She and Orilla rode down to Mills with us. Home after 6:00. Suppered and watched a little T.V. As weary as though I'd rotored all day. To bed 9:30. 5 hours rotoring at Lewis Mills Farm for FWS &amp; Perry Morgan's.</p>
<p>Sept. 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>A nice morning but making up a rain storm fast. Wind right out NE at 15 M now at 6:45 and gaining. Temp. 60°. I have only to leave tractor out to make it storm. Have done bookkeeping, now to make breakfast and get going. Got going all right and down to Mills' Farm at 8:00. Gassed up and started rotoring swamp area below house towards shore. Wind breezing on and disagreeable. FWS arrived just after 9:00. Made quite a showing in swamp area before rain drove us at 10:30. Drove both tractors close to N end of barn and covered them with the new tarps I got this summer for the baler. First time I've used it. Home about 11:00. Forgot to write I drove down in Jeep this morning. Helped Nan make cucumber pickles by slicing the cukes for her. Rested this P.M. until we went uptown to see last boat come, but the boats didn't make their last trip. Plenty rough out there in bay. Home by way of north shore road. Had a nice letter from the Oldroyds today. Suppered on pea soup and sweet corn. Watched a little T.V. this evening. 2 1/2 hours rotor mowing at Mills' Farm for FWS.</p>

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<p>Sept. 12, Thursday</p>	<p>Well this isn't a very pretty morning as yet, even I the wind has swung around nearly west. Still some fog, can just make out VH over Widow's Island. Temp. 60°. Wind about WSE at 10 to 15 now at 6:05. Hasn't been a pretty day - cool and some wind with spatters at times, finally raining just before 4:00 P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Ready to leave for Mills Farm at 7:40. Started rotoring at 8:00 and rotored through to 3:34 with 15 minutes for lunch. Frank started about 9:00 taking from 11:30 to 1:00 for lunch. About 3:30 the clutch on my tractor refused to throw out so we had to take the adjustment in 2 1/2 turns. Rain came so don't know whether it's going to work right or not. Left tractors parked by barn, covered with canvas. Home about 4:30. Read paper and rested to supper - ate early tonight for us - 6:00. My rest period only broken twice by picking corn - once for B. Mills and once for JF Dyer. Smothered meat for supper. Up to Thorntons an hour or so this evening. The Jim Haskells there. A beautiful moonlit starry night when we came home. Big Dipper sitting right on tree tops. To bed about 10:00. 7 1/2 hours rotoring at Mills Farm for FWS.</p>
<p>Sept. 13, Friday</p>	<p>I'll be doggoned if we didn't wake to rain on roof this morning after such a beautiful night. Slept to 6:30 - I'm slipping. Now at 7:15 there's plenty of high cloudiness air is westerly. A cool morning - above 50°. Corn not growing much nights like this. A cool windy fall day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filled woodboxes. Out to Cobb's to put on storm windows, tighten gate post etc. Took us to 10:15. A big hornet's nest in gutter above kitchen door. Very ugly. One finally got me on back of neck. Just home when tar crew arrived to tar a strip of R.M.'s road. Did from Tumbledown over here yesterday. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn and helped Nan finish ours. Looks nice. Both were covered with Arnicy. Bailed out Bernice. Uptown at noontime to watch Prock Scow unload sand for town roads. Home and between corn interruptions, dug the rest of my Snowflake seed potatoes on triangle garden, 1 1/2 rows and 1 row of Norland Red. Nice looking but too many small ones - came dry too early. Edna, Bob, Alta, another lady, Aunt Helga, Aunt Kath and Nora here to call and get vegetables. Cleaned up and drove to Dick Bloom's to supper. Smothered porch chops etc. Delicious. Curly Joe and Betty there. A nice time. 2 1/2 hours putting on shutters etc at the C.K. Cobb estate.</p>
<p>Sept. 14, Saturday</p>	<p>Still winterish - only 49° but a pretty morning. Air NW. Some high clouds. Must thrash now to go rotoring at Lewis Mills' Farm. Have done bookkeeping. Now to make breakfast. Did. Weighed up a bushel of yesterday's digging for June Hopkins. Down to Lewis Mills Farm at 8:00. Rotored to 11:00. FWS arrived about 9:00. Finished the alder areas, then did in front of house and orchard. While pushing orchard fence out of grass with tractor, succeeded in breaking faucet out of pipe line. Had to make wooden plug. Finished and shifted down to Paulsen's. Orilla and Nan came down with hot fish (haddock) chowder, and we ate lunch in Paulsen's log cabin. He had done a splendid job on it, getting a bathroom in, kitchen utensils etc. And what a view. rotored through to 4:30, then up to Mills' Farm to get Jeep and tarp. Covered the tractors on edge of swamp, visited with Capt. Paulsen a minute, then home at 5:00 plus. Cleaned up to have Dick Bloom in to a baked bean and brown bread supper. Delicious. First beans we've had in a long time. Dick leaves for NY tomorrow. Had a nice evening. 3 hours rotor mowing at Mills Farm for FWS, 4 hours rotoring Paulsen's for FWS.</p>

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<p>Sept. 15, Sunday</p>	<p>What a beautiful calm fall morning. Coolest yet. Only 46°. Sunny. Have done bookkeeping. Really laid by. Didn't get up till 7:00. Sun beat me. What a beautiful, beautiful clear fall day. Didn't go out in Papoose, and probably our last chance too. Did bookkeeping, bathed, did dishes, and made breakfast. Chored around, pumped, inspected corn patches, picked some and delivered uptown - orders too late for yesterday. Home by way of NS road. Steamed us a few clams out back for lunch. Also some corn right in husk, rolled in tinfoil, after being soaked in salted water. Rested a couple hours this P.M. - even almost had a nap. Filled woodbox. Put away Mrs. Fay's wash from FS Brown's and over to RMs to borrow a can of work gas for tomorrow. Up to Watson's to see the caged pheasants, partridge and bobwhites. Stopped at Jimmie's a minute to see his animals and to tell him more corn stalks were ready. Home. Had Abbie and Eleanor over to baked beans, brown bread etc supper. Very good like last night. Just finishing when Lyford and Ruth dropped in - first time this season. All left at 9:00.</p>
<p>Sept. 16, Monday</p>	<p>What another beautiful fall morning and plenty cool too. Again 46°. Field valley solid full of white fog. Did I oversleep this morning. 6:15. Air NNW. Must thrash. Did. Did bookkeeping. Made bacon and eggs for breakfast. Down to Paulsen's ready to rotor at 8:45. Bushes very wet. FWS arrived about 9:15. About 10:30 he was rotoring by a cat spruce when a branch ripped his distributor cap off breaking rotor button. He had to go to garage to get new button and didn't get back till after lunch. At twelve this swinging bar that holds the blade on my rotor broke clean in two close to the shaft. Drove tractor to garage and ate lunch while FWS was still resting. There happened to be a hanger bar there at garage belonging to Elmer Hopkins so we mounted my blades on it after sharpening them, and I was back at Paulsen's at 2:00. At 3:00 my clutch let go again, only this time it wouldn't engage where as the other day at Mills' it wouldn't throw out. Had to slack the adjustment way out this time. At work at 3:45. Finished the job at 4:30. The Capt. invited us in to a bottle of beer. Mrs. P. invited us in to coffee this A.M. What a day to work since 6:15 this morning to get in 4 1/2 hours work. Suppered, then later this evening took a bale of hay to Lawrence Beverage and rode around island.</p>
<p>Sept. 17, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another fall beauty. Each one prettier than the last. Temp. 50°. Air N. Over laid again - 6:15, but the sun is later every morning too. Now rising directly over Stonington between Burnt and Stimpson. Has been another beautiful day with the same luck as yesterday. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved and went to garage by way of H.S.B.'s to see what he wanted done for mowing. To Paulsen's with Frank. Drove his tractor to H. Demmons. No sooner started mine than the fan belt let go. Nursed her up to Harvey's while Frank went to garage to get another belt. Rotored Harvey's, then down to F. Dyer's - the worst place we've been in a yet -so many tall, unrated stumps. Nan came with lunch and we ate on Dyer's sun porch. What a beautiful view. At three I was rotoring down the back slope through brush when tractor went over a tall stump banging the base up so shaft counter-balance and pounded on oil tube. Frank towed me to garage where we took base off, straightened it, hanged oil and filter, etc. On the whole, consider myself lucky not to have done worse. Frank bent his exhaust pipe back against generator pulley and sheared off rotor bolt. Not all profit by a long shot. Suppered and rested. Nan out straight with potato and corn orders this P.M. 1/2 hour rotoring Harvey Demmons for FWS, 3 1/2 hours rotoring JF Dyer's for FWS.</p>

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<p>Sept. 18, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like another beauty coming up. Up at 5:15. Must meet Coffin, the surveyor at Watson's at 8:00. At long last we may get Indian Point surveyed for R.M. transfer. Have done bookkeeping and filled woodbox. Now to get breakfast. Did. Up to Watson's airport at 8:00. Went right to work on my back line over schoolhouse hill. At noontime had surveyed back out from bound in from Kent's Cove shore to bound above Schoolhouse Spring. After lunch straightened that bound and we came within 56 inches in length of corner survey. Then back over to bound above Kent Cove shore line to determine where my line came out at high water mark right at base of cliff of Nehinish Stone's property now part of Mullen's Park. Put in a temporary bound on back and then ran line across pasture to R.M.'s bound at peak of OP field by town road - 1150 feet across pasture. Back to airport at 4:00, then downtown to see last boat come - now on 2 trips daily. FWS and Orilla came from Rockland. Brought us a 60 lb. bag of sugar. Home and suppered on ham hocks, boiled cabbage and potatoes. Steve W. in this evening after potatoes. By Golly, I didn't have any tractor breakdowns today but feel like I'd walked 2 miles today. The AWBs left for Conn. At long last Ed Coffin and Ned Nash came over.</p>
<p>Sept. 19, Thursday</p>	<p>This looks like another beauty coming up, but air on water appears NE. Temp. 60°. Have done bookkeeping, now must shave, made breakfast and dig a few potatoes before going to rotor with FWS. Did. At garage at 8:40. Made a trip to Watson's landing field in Green Briar to pick up salesman. Left garage at 9:30 for Stan Quinn's to rotor his lot. Took a strong hour. Then cleans down on Crabtree's Point to the Randolph Burke Place. First time I've seen him in 30 or more years. Rotored an hour before Nan brought my lunch, and an hour after. Hung up once on stump, but got clear by using axe. Worked towards home by way of NS road, rotoring Geo. Beverage's little field on N side of road - took 20 minutes. Then finished Strawberry ridge in my big field - finishing field - a total on field mowing and rotoring of 15 1/2 hours. A probable mowing job of 14 hours if everything went well. Also did little triangle piece east of double garage. Home after 5:30. About 7 1/2 hours in saddle this day but not very big money. Rested, suppered, and watched a little T.V. Jimmie Dean on Daniel Boone Show. Invited the Eliot Beveridges to go to Stonington in Papoose with us tomorrow if good. A total of 15 1/2 hours to mow or rotor Tumbledown field. 1 3/4 hours rotoring Strawberry Ridge Tumbledown. 2 minutes rotoring G. Beverage's field. 1 1/2 hours rotoring Stan Quinn's for FWS. 2 1/2 hours rotoring Randolph Burke's for FWS.</p>



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<p>Sept. 20, Friday</p>	<p>Another beauty. Can't tell which side is up. Temp. 60°. Air appears N. Has been a beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had Papoose into float and ready to go when the Beveridges arrived at 9:00. Struck out through between Little Green and Calderwood's, directly across between the two islands above Mark Island into Stonington harbor. Tied up at Gulf Wharf, walked around through town, did some shopping in Lewis Haskell's cousin's store - IGA - he gave us a ride back to boat - gassed Papoose - \$7.75 - tied up at a mooring and ate lunch. Came home out below Crotch Island, below Scraggy ledge into bay, then swung into towards Widow's Island and Goose Rock light. Coasted into Polly's Cove, across into Turner Cove shore, along by Mrs. Pease's and home at 2:30. What a nice trip but to think I went this far and then off the Turner Shore bumped the Papoose lightly. About 3:00 went up to call on Marie Pease Stone and Dee-Dee. They leave tomorrow noon. Wants considerable work done on house, a gate built, some rotoring done and wants us to bring her new Jeep home here. Uptown to see last boat come. Home, gathered corn for Mrs. Davis. Suppered. Back up to garage to get Jeep. Forgot it when we came from town. Kept on down town and called on the Ames a little while. They have invited us to take a trip to Nova Scotia with them. Cuddy Curtis and Jesse Greenlaw passed away tonight. To Stonington in Papoose. From Cobb Trust for labor to Sept. 1 - \$51.00.</p>
<p>Sept. 21, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beauty. Seems like no end to them. Must get down to business this day as I accomplished very little yesterday. Mary Pease Stone leaves the Farm as noon today. A nice day and real hot about 1:00 P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started out by hoeing transplanted cabbage on house garden, then rotor-tilled around them and to end of garden from them - weeds bad. Dug rest of Norland seed potatoes on triangle piece - 3 1/2 rows - and the 40 or more hills of Purple Shenangos. Picked out over a bushel of best Norland for seed, had nearly a wheelbarrow load, saleable, a peach basket nearly full of smaller size for Jack Brown, and some pig potatoes for the King. Had probably a bushel and a half of Shenangos. Up town to see 1:00 boat go, stopped in to Pease place to shut off gas, pick up leftover goodies, and to bring new Jeep home. Finished picking potatoes after a quick lunch, picked 8 or more dozen corn, Nan delivered, took rotor off tractor and up to M. Pease's to meet Jack Brown to haul boat up from shore to put in carriage house. Also helped me put on storm shutter on North door. Took new battery out of Model T - shall buy to put in tractor - drained radiator on Model T. Home 5:45. Read mail and suppered. Watched T.V. The Witherspoons blew in to 10:00. While picking put the leftovers at Pease's, Nan found a note of instructions with a \$50 bill enclosed, "advanced wages." To bed as weary as though I'd rotored all day. Nan and I closing M.P. house and hauling boat. 1 1/2 hours. Jack Brown on same.</p>

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<p>Sept. 22, Sunday</p>	<p>Here's another beauty coming up. Sun nearly beat me. Slept through to 6:00. Have done bookkeeping now to bathe, shave, breakfast etc. Temp. 60°. Air NW. Did, then spent A.M. visiting and making trips to Hog Pen piece to pick corn - Phip Brown at 7:30, then Paul Cabot, Mrs. George, Clara Waterman, Bob Sprague etc. About 11:30 who should blow in but Al and Jane Rogers offering us the use of their Etta Beverage house for the cost of the utilities for the winter if we'd like to move uptown for those months. Lunched about 1:00, then who should blow in but Lester Sherer - first time to NH in 16 years. Had a nice visit. Scotter - Good and Mrs. Baines with him. Then in came Merry Jane. Visited a little while, then rode to town with us to see boat leave. Home by way of dump. Filled woodbox and suppered. Up to Sampsons this evening a little while as I wanted to talk with Frank about rotoring at Mrs. Pease's Farm, but no chance as the damn television wasn't shut off for even a moment. Alta came with Orilla from church.</p>
<p>Sept. 23, Monday</p>	<p>Another beauty. Air NW to W when sun crossed equator at 6:00 last P.M. Temp. this morning 57° - air N. Must try to get to potato digging this day. Did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and cleaned ashes out of stove. Pumped and started digging at 8:30. Nan worked over to RMs awhile this A.M. Dug 6 1/2 rows before going to 1:00 boat. Lyford and Ruth were leaving. Ate our lunch going up. Home, dug last 1/2 row of Norlands and then Nan helped me pick them all up. Dumped the saleable ones into trailer, had over a large wash tub of too small for sale but too large to pig, and two bushel pig potatoes. A nice crop but too dry for all to grow saleable. Put trailer into barn. Jimmie Brown after corn stalks on shop piece. Discovered that the Silver Queen on OP piece ready to pick. Cleaned up and up to the Al Rogers at 6:00 to steak supper. Delicious and a nice evening. What a beautiful house that Acyrigg-Ferguson house is. Didn't have time to be shown Etta's. Home after ten and ready for bed. Dug Norland Red potatoes on OP piece. Check from Cabot for rotoring at JB Crockett place.</p>
<p>Sept. 24, Tuesday</p>	<p>Tardy getting up - 6:20. Another beauty. Air N. Temp. 60°. Two funerals I should attend today. Cuddy's and Jesse Greenlaw's. Wasn't a beauty. Clouded up and threatened rain all day, and I didn't get to the funerals either. Started digging the Snowflake White about 8:30 after picking corn, bailing Bernice etc. Looked so rainy I stuck to the digging and picking instead of going to the funerals. Sorry to have had to have done so. Dug through to 1:00 P.M., lunched, dug last row of white, then picked up. Nan up to B. Joyce's this A.M. to get hair set. To town after lunch with vegetables, then helped me pick potatoes, they're nice and mealy but misshapen and too many bull hill - (great green stalks with nothing but little potatoes under them). Finished picking after 4:00. Have nearly a trailer load of red and white now. Put trailer into barn. Shaved, cleaned up and over to Abbie and Eleanor's to supper at 5:30. The Beveridges also present. Suppered on boiled smoked beef tongue, boiled white and sweet potatoes, beans etc, plus rhubarb pie. Then a beautiful fire in fireplace. All in all a nice time and evening. Home before 10:00.</p>

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<p>Sept. 25, Wednesday</p>	<p>Not a pretty morning. Didn't rain during night and still looks very rain y now. Not up till 6:30. Slipping. Wind about 10 to 15 miles from South. Temp. 60°. Threatened rain all day but didn't. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to digging Russet potatoes on OP piece at 8:45. Dug through to nearly 2:00 with time out for coffee - 5 full length rows. Turned out the best and looked the best of the three kinds. Lunched, then Nan helped me pick up, dumped them into Jeep. Finished about 4:00. Uptown with a couple delivers of corn and saw last boat come. Home, peeled big cucumbers for pickles, and suppered. Had baked Russet potatoes, baked acorn squash, and some al Roger's sausage. All very good. Flopped out to couch and tried to read Farm Journal. Pooched. Ed Coffin called as I came down to lunch to say the deed transfer would be ready to sign tomorrow. Could we come over? Yes at first, now have decided to go Sunday P.M. to Owl's Head, and do business Monday. Lucy Beverage brought me 10 nice grain bags when they came for pig potatoes tonight.</p>
<p>Sept. 26, Thursday</p>	<p>Up at 5:30. Quite thick-a-fog. Started bell last night during evening. Calm. Temp. 60°. Hurrah. Finished digging potatoes. By Golly, I did it by digging before, during and after rain. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Such a nice morning for same. I piled and burned the weeds and trash on house piece. Had two rows of potatoes dug on OP piece when it started to rain hard. Nan thrashed up to help me pick up, and we were soaked when we finished. Had to change out clothes from inside out. Rested maybe 3/4 hour. Lunched. Rain had stopped so started again so went to work in barn &amp; weighed and bagged 10 bushel out of trailer - Snowflake - all the bags I had. Had stopped raining again so went back to digging and finished last two rows at 4:15. Nan just back from Thrift Shop in time to help me pick up. Brought down to barn in boxes in scoop from tractor. Had made ice in freezer, so made a batch of homemade ice cream - Lucy had brought us some cream last night - and invited Abbie and Eleanor to dessert. Ice cream with strawberry sauce, cake and coffee. To bed weary but a job well done. Now have to sort, weigh up, bag and sell all these potatoes - guessing at 50 bushel. Hurrah! Finished digging potatoes.</p>
<p>Sept. 27, Friday</p>	<p>Still very thick-a-fog and wet. Temp. 55°. Air appears to be about N. Cleared some so fairly good this P.M. A full day but didn't make a hundred. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Intended to go to H.S.B.'s to rotor-mow but too wet. Nan and I cleaned out and cleaned up milk room, topping and cleaning onions etc. Had a large bushel and haven't gathered what was left in Mrs. Fay's garden yet. Picked 25 dozen corn off OP piece - Northern Belle and Silver Queen - all coming in at once. Lunched about 12:00, then uptown by way of middle road. Left H.S.B. a bushel basket of small potatoes and a mess of corn. Picked up ironing at Aunt Ruth's, paid Jack for helping me at Mary Pease's, delivered corn along way, went to Rummage Sale, had tea uptown with the Thorntons, sold corn on parking lot, all of it - saw boat come. Phyllis Sappington and daughter came for Aunt Kath. Home and suppered. Called the Oldroyds. Plan to go to mainland now tomorrow morning instead of at noon time so must thrash. to dump after supper, then stopped at Jimmie Brown's to get some burlap bags for potatoes. To bed shortly after nine.</p>

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<p>Sept. 28, Saturday</p>	<p>Up just before 5:00. Have done bookkeeping. Now to shave, bathe, cover potatoes in barn and Jeep, put out hay for Little King etc. Get hot Calderwood. Did all these things and even brought Bernice around to Goose Cove. Made boat. A nice trip across. Oldroyds met us. To Owl's Head to breakfast. Back into Rockland to get hair cut and other errands. Left Rockland about 12:00 out Route 1 to Yarmouth and out through to New Gloucester to Oliver Stores. Of course they were closed being Sat. afternoon, but we did look over the Bush Hog rotaries out back in shed. Kept on west between Sebago Lake and Long Lake through Bridgton to Fryeburg across line into North Conway about 5:00. Found us a cabin at Old Red Inn, washed up and out to a steak supper at one of the nice restaurants there. Can't remember name. Back to cabin to talk, to rest, and to bed. Sometime during night heard a train whistling its way up the valley. A very nice day's ride. 6 bales hay - Lawrence Beverage.</p>
<p>Sept. 29, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful day but cool and windy on mountains. 28° on Mt. Washington. Up at 7:00, shaved and showered. About 8:30 checked out and went to breakfast at Merlino's Steak House - nice place. Drove to base of Mt. Cranmore and rode to summit on skimobile cars - quite a thrill and what a view - windy too. As we came from there we called at Neal Carver's house but not home - gone picking apples. From there out through Bartlett through Crawford Notch, through Twin Mountains and down through Franconia Notch. Saw the "Old Man of the Mountains" and "Indian Head." Had us hamburgers at Clark's Trading Post and saw the trained bears. Then onto the New Kancamangus Highway, back to Conway to Fryeburg, between Long Lake and Sebago to Yarmouth onto Route One and back to Owl's Head just as car lights were coming on. Traveled about 430 miles since yesterday noon. Ate supper at Oldroyd's and spent evening resting and talking. A very nice trip and very interesting, although foliage not as colorful as some falls. 2 years ago this date I returned from nearly 6 weeks in Knox Hospital.</p>
<p>Sept. 30, Monday</p>	<p>Another nice day but clouded up during P.M. and became chilly. Ate breakfast with Mercedes about 8:00. Ed Coffin picked us up about 9:00 and brought us into Rockland. took our things to Ferry Terminal, then to Sulides Office where we discussed and prepared deed. While I went to Ladd and Sons to discuss Mari Pease Stone's property Insurance, Nan went shopping. I also discussed increasing our house insurance and a liability clause. Appraiser coming over Wednesday to look at both places. Mary's and ours. Then to Conservation Office about pond but no one in. Ate lunch - hamburgers at Coffee Shop, after which back to Sulides to sign deed. Then Nan took me to Coffin's to have me fitted to a suit. Shopped at A&amp;P, and got 5 gal. of creosote preservative at spear's. Don Enburg kindly put all our shopping, bags, etc aboard his Jeep. Don is pulling up stakes and leaving NH due mainly to poor health. Home about 5:00 - nice trip across bay. A. Emerson aboard with a new 1969 Plymouth Station Wagon. House cool. Started both fires and comfy in no time. Read collected mail and rested. Nice to be home.</p>

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<p>Oct. 1, Tuesday</p>	<p>Howdy October and ay you be as good as September. A beautiful morning. Temp. 55° and calm. Have done bookkeeping - considerable to write after three days and made breakfast. Started day by shaking out the 23 grain bags I got of Jimmie Brown. Weighed and bagged up 11 bushel of Russets to take some weight out of Jeep. Coupled onto rotary mower and started for HS Beverage's just before 11:00. Mowed all of North field from Doug Stone line east to hump by old spring hole - about 3 1/2 hours - very rough and uneven. Nan came around with lunch on way to town and we ate in Chevelle. Shifted to south side of road and mowed a strip from west of barn to A.W.B.'s line along road, and then a strip from woodshed east along road into pasture. made quite an improvement. Had coffee after and stopped at Elliott Brown's on way home to get my timber bolts Spear and Co. had sent over last July 1. Home before 6:00. Had a nice supper. The Thorntons down this evening to see about plowing his garden. To bed about 10:00. Rotor-mowing for HS Beverage \$38.50 pd by check same date.</p>
<p>Oct. 2, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beauty - one after another. Calm, sunny, temp. 55°. Have caught up on bookkeeping, now to shave and made breakfast. Did. Changed from rotary mower to plow and started for PH 8:45. Went by NS in by Cunningham's. Plowing gardens only took about 30 minutes - rest was running time. Home by S. Shore road to Mrs. Pease's to meet Insurance Appraiser. Also came over home to look this house over plus other buildings. Put the new Delco 6 Volt battery out of Mary's Model T into tractor while over there. Home, lunched, changed back to rotary and started for Lamont Estate at 1:00. Rotored down by sunken garden, old garden by rhubarb, and quite an area of alders in pasture back of barn. Home shortly after 5:00. Rea paper, suppered on smothered meat, boiled onion, potato and mashed turnip. Mary Jane brought us down a couple turnips this P.M. read, rested and watched Kraft Music Hall. Mr. R.M. called tonight to say they wouldn't be coming Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> as Mr. Brewster Jennings had passed away today. Credit Mary Pease Stone with price of new Delco 6 volt battery. Plowing garden Gary Norton - 10.00. 3 3/4 hours rotor-mowing Mrs. T.S. Lamont \$30.</p>
<p>Oct. 3, Thursday</p>	<p>Doggone, quite foggy and amp this morning. Temp. 60°. Wind SW - 15M or so. Have done bookkeeping, now to make breakfast and get hot. Did. also helped with dishes. Started out by picking 8 dozen corn for Arlene Brown and a dozen for Florence Thayer. Coupled onto double harrow and harrowed line well piece again - weeds coming in and a large part of triangle piece. Then harrowed the shore side of hog pen piece again that I didn't get planted last spring. Weighed and bagged the rest of Russet potatoes in Jeep, and put them in tie up - 7 bushel. Swept out Jeep and loaded 11 bushel whites into it, also corn orders. Lunched, then out to deliver the corn and potatoes while Nan was in Thrift Shop. Finished deliveries about 3:30 and parked on parking lot. Nan from thrift shop about 4:00 and we saw boat come. Marjorie Huse Coffin came tonight to visit Phyllis Sappington - first time to island in 28 years. Home, gathered corn for Mable Crockett and suppered on lobster (4 that Don Witherspoon gave us this afternoon for use of my concrete mixer). Very good. Watched Porter Waggoner Show, read and rested. Started to rain late in evening.</p>

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<p>Oct. 4, Friday</p>	<p>A very heavy overcast, dull morning. Rained some and blew hard during night. Temp. 58°. Wind SW to W 5 to 10M now at 7:0 A.M. Cleared to a beautiful day but coming chilly late P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over to check RMs first thing as it blew so during night. All OK. Went right to work on potatoes again, weighing and bagging. Finished about 2:30 losing a half hour or so to pick corn for the Gary Nortons, and to visit with them. Have about 40 bushel bagged now and have delivered 11 bushel to date. Hope I'll sell them all before putting in cellar. Lunched and rested a scant half hour. The Thorntons came for 5 doz corn, also Mrs. Davis. After Thorntons left Nan went up to Mary Pease's to pick up and roll up rugs and sweep up and I took baler up to put away for winter. Cleared out hay chambers, cleaned off top, drained gas, put oil in spark plug openings etc. Changed oil before using next season. Took off screws and put on storm doors with Nan. ready for winter now except skylight cap and chimney caps. Home and made supper. Read and rested this evening. 3 hours Mrs. C and Calderwood closing M. Pease home.</p>
<p>Oct. 5, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning but winter has arrived. 45° and air NW. Have done bookkeeping, now must shave, make breakfast and get hot. did. Also helped with breakfast. Bagged up three bushel of small and cull potatoes, gathered on, tomatoes, pumpkins etc for the Bunkers and hauled them down to Fay's beach in Jeep. rowed over from R.M.'s, loaded the vegetables into tender, rowed back to Papoose, and Nan and I took them up to ferry landing where Mike met us in truck. Visited a minute - back to RMs about 11:00. Nan hung out the wash she'd done over there. I coupled onto rotary mower and as soon as lunch struck out for HS Beverage's. Got there at 1:00. A miserable cold windy P.M. with showers. Rained hard enough shortly after I started rotoring so I got my legs good and wet. Burrowed a pair of coveralls of HS and still wasn't too warm with them under my blanket lined frock. Finished all of field west of pasture lane including old orchard area. Home just after 5:30. Suppered on baked fowl, squash, potatoes etc. Had a nice fire in Ashley and watched T.V. but mid-evening before I got comfortable warm. Had cleared to a beautiful evening when we went to bed at 9:45. 4 hours rotor mowing HS Beverage - \$28.</p>
<p>Oct. 6, Sunday</p>	<p>By Golly, this full moon is cooling things off. Only 42°. A beautiful sunny morning. Air NW. Has been a nice one all day, but on cool side. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, and made breakfast. did dishes while Nan made first squash pie of season. HCC and Tomer here for corn. By Golly, we finally made it back to church. Haven't done well at all this summer. About 30 there. Stayed to Communion. Home and had lobster stew for lunch out of the tails of the lobsters Don W. gave us the other day. Made out my mowing and rotoring account with FW Sampson after lunch. Uptown to see boat return from Rockland - one trip Sundays now. Had coffee with Alta. Stopped at Sampson's on way home about 5:00 to leave mowing account and ended up spending evening. Frank &amp; I came down after the squash pie and Nan's knitting. Had hulled corn and milk plus squash pie after Nan &amp; Orilla came from church. Colored television good and a lovely fire in fireplace. Account settled to date in full for season's mowing and rotoring. Also Frank helping me at Cabot's Farm - \$906.</p>

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<p>Oct. 7, Monday</p>	<p>Rained during night, now heavy overcast and NE wind about 5 to 10 M at 6:45. a dull looking Monday morning. Temp. 48°. Started sprinkling about 9:30 and kept spitting until about noon when it became continual and kept up most of night. did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then we took living room stove pipe down, tipped stove to take rug from under it, cleaned stove pipe, chimney bottom and cleaned out ashes, and put pipe back. Built fire. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove too. Put my new rotor blades into my new rotor hanger to take to HSBs as spare. Now when hanger drops off I can put on new one and sharpen old one. Re-hung handle in fencing maul. Was just ready to start for H.S.B.'s when it started sprinkling. Lunched, read paper and copies vegetables sale to date on calendar. Now ready to start billing. Uptown to see boat come. jack Brown had a new second hand truck come "Red." Home, suppered on baked ham slide, potatoes, onions etc. Rested and read. Came to at 9:30 that I couldn't remember of having taken scupper plugs out of Papoose, so over we went, launched tender and I rowed off. Lucky I did for I hadn't removed them. Being responsible for other people's property is a headache.</p>
<p>Oct. 8, Tuesday</p>	<p>Gol-darn. Rained most of night and now wind has backed in nearly N. Temp. 48°. I'm thinking Emery H. is giving us the ring-a-round. I don't believe he plans to try to dig our pond at all. If rain keeps up it's going to be too we anyway. Became a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Lugged my seed potatoes down out of shop in Jeep, boxed up 2 bushel Norland Red out of wheelbarrow for eating and took all up to H.S.B.'s cellar. Home by way of Sampson's to leave them a few Shenangos, loaded a 16 bushel potatoes and took them uptown to Austin Grant and Corydon Brown. both paid. Home, had a quick lunch and back up to HS Beverage's with tractor and rotor at 1:30. Finished everything on north side of road - the field to spring hump west of bridge road, the field last of bridge road and the little field up next to Hyle's line. A line about 5:00 by way of Mullen's Road. Cleaned up and had the Ames to supper. They came down after drinking water. Had boiled corn brisket - potatoes, cabbage, onion, carrots etc. They are just back from a trip to New Hampshire. 3 hours rotor mowing for HS Beverage.</p>
<p>Oct. 9, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful fall morning. air N. Temp. 42°. Have done bookkeeping, now to do dishes and make breakfast. Fire in Ashley feels good these cool mornings. Must try to get HS finished up today. Didn't because he decided to have a strip rotored along road from east of woodshed fence line clear to Hyle's line through what was his hen yard area. But I did wipe out his entire big field area in front of house from old well over hill to pasture fence toward pond. Started mowing at 9:45. Nan brought up lunch - I took fifteen minute nooning and finished just before 3:45. Had coffee with HS after. Then looked over area in pasture where hen house used to be. Quite a number of stumps to bother. Home about 5:00. Read mail and suppered on boiled potatoes, boiled Silver Queen corn, and remainder o baked ham slice. Silver Queen still delicious. Up to Thorntons to call on them this evening as Edna W. Gowen is here helping Clara &amp; Garnet clean out Aunt Eda's house. Had coffee, cake &amp; cookies. Home about 10:00. Plenty cool all day rotoring even with coveralls and frock.</p>

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<p>Oct. 10, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like it's coming up a nice day but air has been NE to N since day before yesterday. 5 to 10M now at 6:30. Temp. 48°. Again I must try to finish up HS Beverage. Had done bookkeeping - now to make breakfast. etc. Did on both accounts. Up to HS's at 8:45. Started at ash tree on Hyle's line and lined right across to a spruce tree in pasture west of barn, then swung to run for old well when 2/3rds across. Made a piece nearly parallel with road. after making a few full trips I shortened up and worked on western section where hen houses had set. Quite a number of stumps too and well rough. Finished that part at noontime. Had a nice fish and potato dinner with Nettie Wilson and HS. This P.M. finished struck out junk to road, then took 3 or 4 more round trips full length below where I struck through this morning. finished after 3:30. Swung up to Ern's a minute on way home. Had to shoot a squirrel after I got home that somehow has been getting into our attic. Over and pumped out Papoose. Olive G. called on us a few minutes. Nan at Thrift Shop this P.M. Suppered. rested and watched "Samantha." rotor mowing for HS Beverage - a plus 5 hours \$35.50, making a total of \$130.</p>
<p>Oct. 11, Friday</p>	<p>How it rained for a few minutes about 6:15 this morning. Very heavy overcast and still looks rainy. Temp. 52°. Air SW. Did sprinkle some by spells this A.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked 4 dozen corn, loaded 13 bushel potatoes into Jeep and delivered them to Gus Tomer, Ted Adams, Phip Brown, HCC and Milton Ames. Saw boat come. Home and lunched. Nan up to B. Joyce's this P.M. to get toni. About 2:00 I gassed up the tractor and started for Mrs. Pease's Farm. rotored a few swaths in field back of house along fence so I could fasten onto fence and pull it out of raspberry bushes. FWS came just as I was ready to pull. Got fence out of the way and then made quite a showing rotoring to nearly 5:00. Struck out the corner back of house to well house straight across last to pasture wall from well at east of house. Slow rotoring through so many junipers. Hard to believe they're coming in to place so fast. Just ready to leave off before when I hit a rock and snapped the end off one blade. FW left his tractor in barn. Orilla came for him. Home, suppered on fried chicken etc. Watched a little T.V. this evening. 2 hours FWS rotoring Pease Farm, 1 1/2 hours rotoring at Pease Farm, 1 hour labor on fence at Pease Farm (taking down).</p>
<p>Oct. 12, Saturday</p>	<p>Hi Columbus. Not a very pretty morning. Still dark and foggy now at 6:15. Have done bookkeeping, now must thrash to get breakfast, put new bar and blades on rotor and be up to Pease Farm at 8:00. Did, also loaded last 7 bushel potatoes into Jeep. Had to turn right around and come back as I'd forgotten a can of oil. Frank &amp; I both there and ready to mow at 8:30. Finished junk we struck out yesterday, then I struck out down along eastern field line and straight across above beach bank to shore road from house. Finished the whole section out at 4:30. So thick-a-fog this morning that it built up in my eyebrows. Cleared before noon. Unbelievable how the juniper has come into the field since I stopped keeping cattle up there and do they ever mow hard. Orilla and Nan up at noontime, and we had lunch in the Green Briar in front of house. Nan took baked beans and apple pie, Orilla brought hamburg and spaghetti or macaroni mixture. A nice lunch. Home before 5:00. The RMs arrived on R.M.'s boat. Haven't seen them yet. Suppered on fried chicken, new cabbages, potato. Cleaned up and up to Ames this evening. Talked about Nova Scotia trip. Home after 11:00. 7 hours rotoring Mrs. Pease Farm 56.00. 7 hours FWS rotoring Mrs. Pease Farm 56.00.</p>



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<p>Oct. 13, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat calm mild morning. Clear. Temp. 58°. Air straight up. Has been a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Did some more copying onto calendar from vegetable pad. RMs out to call about 10:30. Brought us a jar of honey and preserves. After they left Nan and I rode up to Mrs. Pease's Farm to get a length of fence bolt rod. While there we walked out onto mountain in western part of field and took pictures of unrotored sections of farm to send to Mary. Will take comparison pictures after mowing. Home. Around into Stone's Cove with R.M. in his tender to replace wooden stake with iron rod as our corner bound against N. Stone property now Mullen's Park. Home. Lunched (late). Picked some corn, and gathered our pumpkins and squashes. Had maybe 15 squashes (Butternut and small at that), and between 25 and 30 pumpkins, no large ones like last year. Shaved, cleaned up and made ready to be down to Dick Bloom's to supper at 7:30. The Curly Joes, JF Dyer were also present along with two ladies and a gentleman who came with Dick. A delicious supper - hot boiled lobster, salad, Calderwood sweet corn, green beans and biscuits. Cherry pie for desert. A nice fire in fireplace. Home after 11:00. Had a nice time.</p>
<p>Oct. 14, Monday</p>	<p>What a beautiful Grumpy morning. Don't know how the Lord keeps making them so one after another. Air up and down. Temp. 44°. Have done bookkeeping. Now to make breakfast and thrash to aide "Iron Horse." Did. Up to Mrs. Pease at 8:15. Started right in on section between road going into buildings and the Gillis line full length and when we stopped at 5:00 tonight, had the junk rotored out from stone wall along town road to old gravel pits, and a few trips full width above gravel pits. Slow work today as we had solid sheets of junipers to maul up, fence wire to contend with and trees to take down. Would about a hundred feet of barbed wire around my shaft this P.M. What a job to get that out. Nan brought my lunch up and she and I ate by ox-bow gate. Frank brought his Homelite Zip back with him after lunch and we took down several spruces too large to rotor over. Worked till five. FW took my dolly wheel to garage to have Steve weld strap tomorrow morning. Home weary. Suppered on mashed potato, hamburger and spinach. Just finishing when the Sampsons blew in. Frank wanted to look at my Bog &amp; Hog literature. To bed at 9:00. 8 hours rotor mowing at Pease Farm. 6 hours rotor mowing for FW Sampson.</p>

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<p>Oct. 15, Tuesday</p>	<p>This doesn't appear to be as pretty a morning. Dark still at 6:15. Wind sounds SW at 10 to 15 M. Temp. 52°. Have done bookkeeping now to shave and make breakfast. Did. Also filled, woodboxes. Looks pretty rainy but didn't. A chilly day to work. Gassed up XL-12 and ready to start at 8:00. Nan picked me up at Pease's gate and I went to Wayside with her to get the rotor wheel that Steve had welded. Back, had wheel on just as FW arrived. Used XL-1q2 taking down and junking tree scattered through rotored area nearly an hour. Finished area we left off on last night, then took another full width junk that cleaned up the old barn site and a distance in front of it. Nan brought up hotted baked beans and she and I ate in Chevelle in front of red barn. About 3:00 Frank &amp; I shifted from the finished old barn site area southward to the next east and west flat land. Made quite a showing there to 4:30. Home at 5:00. Up in the OP corn patch to see a truly "redheaded" woodpecker that Nan found feeding there. also she saw two pheasant and numberless red-winged blackbirds. They're all having a ball. Suppered on hamburger, potato and sweet corn. Pretty nearly the last of it. Watched a little T.V. 1 hour with XL-12 at Pease Farm. 6 1/2 hours rotoring Pease Farm, 6 1/2 hours FW Sampson Pease Farm rotoring.</p>
<p>Oct. 16, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another dull, almost foggy morning. Air appears to be NW. Temp. 52°. Became a beautiful warm one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made a telephone call to Waterman, sales manager of Oliver Stores to get information and prices of Bush Hog rotaries. Best offer was to deliver two here for \$125 freight allowing us each 200 trade-in. Rotors themselves \$507 and \$532. Guess we'll have to forget it. At work at 8:30. Guess we'll have to forget it. At work at 8:30. F.W about same time. Finished the east and west section we started yesterday P.M., did the mountain area between that and old barn site, did the triangle piece left last Saturday above sea wall, and made quite a start on the area between house to shore road and base of ash tree mountain. Worked to 4:45. Nan brought hot mushroom soup up to share with me this noon. Home about 5:00. Read mail, suppered on baked stuffed pork chops, boiled potato, boiled onion, Harvard beets etc. Rested. The Sampsons down to have ice cream and brownies with us. Watched Eddie Arnold on Kraft Music Hall. Background music too noisy. 7 1/2 hours rotoring Mrs. Pease Farm. FWS 6 1/2 hours rotoring Mrs. Pease Farm.</p>

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<p>Oct. 17, Thursday</p>	<p>Looks like we might have another day like yesterday. A Grumpy one now at 6:45. Air appears to be SW. Temp. 52°. It has been beautiful and warm too until 3:30 hen breeze struck SW. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Mixed up gas for XL-12 and up to Pease Farm at 9:15. Rotored on east to west section by Ash Tree Mt. until FW came, then shifted onto north and south section we started on yesterday P.M. Took down and junked up several spruces with XL-12. Finished that section about 2:00 and struck out on east and west junk south of ash tree mt. Nan brought up lunch and we ate in Chevelle on hump west of apple tree. While FW was home to lunch, he called Payson's Farm Machinery to see what kind of deal they'd give us on 2 rotaries, trading in our 2. Said they'd allow us each \$200 with a balance of \$360 pay which included sales tax on each of about \$25. FW called the again this P.M. to have two ordered as none on hand. Left off at 4:00 as FW had a 5:00 supper date. Home and field XL-12. Nan worked at R.M.'s this A.M. at Thrift Shop this P.M. Over to the RMs to a steak supper tonight, after which he paid us for Indian Point. Now ready to have deed recorded. Farewell Indian Point. 7 hours rotoring at Pease Farm, 5 3/4 hours FW Sampson rotoring at Pease Farm.</p>
<p>Oct. 18, Friday</p>	<p>Here it is so thick-a-fog I can just see the outline of Fay's house. Not a very pretty day to try to finish the Pease Place. air appears to be SE. Temp. 52°. Plans are really shaping up now for a trip to Nova Scotia with the Ames starting Monday. The RMs leave his Saturday non. Seems like a million things to be done this weekend. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Very foggy and wet this A.M. clearing to a nice P.M. Up to Pease Farm at 8:15. Used XL-12 nearly an hour cutting and junking trees beyond Ash Tree Mt. FWS arrived at 9:00. At 11:30 we completed the job finishing up clear over to the oaks. What a chance we've made in a week and what a feeling of satisfaction it gives me as I hated to see the place grown up to junipers and cat spruce. Nan brought lunch u and we ate in Chevelle. Then I took my rotary mower down to Wayside Garage to be picked up when Payson brings over the new ones. Home. Spent P.M. doing chores. To dump, pumpkins to Cynthia, potatoes to H.S.B.'s cellar, 1 bushel, a call on Jimmie Brown at Watson's, back down to town to boat and to close Mrs. Pease gate, home, put pumpkins in trailer in barn, worked mower barn in Mrs. Fay's garage so Mary's Jeep would roll in far enough to close door and lock up etc. Suppered and rested.</p>

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<p>Oct. 19, Saturday</p>	<p>This sure looks like a beautiful one coming up. Temp. about 52°. Air W. Should be nice and sunny. How wrong I was. Stayed overcast through warm and started to sprinkle occasionally about 3:30. By 4:30 it settled down to an all night rainstorm. Haven't made much money but have been busy. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Started in as soon as breakfast taking care of apples, potatoes etc in milkroom. Also shut off Servel. Coupled onto side delivery rake and put it away over in Tumbledown double garage. Home and took double harrow up to Mrs. Pease's barn cellar. Ern had come and went up with me. While up there I showed "Curly Joe" around and through house as he's going to do the repair work for Mary. Home and Curly had lunch with us. He and Ern helped me haul up Bernice. After late lunch took my grader blade up to Mrs. Pease's barn. Now have most of machinery under cover. Spent rest of P.M. putting creosote preservative on my 4 x 8 pieces. Used nearly 2 gal. and got the top of top layer covered but 2. Uptown to see boat come. Home, suppered, and spent a large part of evening trying to get Mary Pease Stone on telephone in Arizona. No luck. 3 hour time change. RMs left on noon boat. 2 hours Tonny with Curly Joe at Pease's. Nan worked over to RMs this A.M.</p>
<p>Oct. 20, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, it evidently rained all night and blew some. Not very pretty day to start from Indian Point on a trip. Still raining now at 7:30 with ENE breeze of 10M. Have done bookkeeping, now must bathe, shave and made breakfast. Did. Also helped with dishes. Rain continued but changed to drizzle about noon, and more or less all P.M. Over to pump Papoose out. found tender half swung in under flat partly filled. Left by R.M. yesterday. Nan checked house. Gathered all our green and partly ripe tomatoes when I came home. Also closed up bottom of shop. Made our final preparations to start trip and uptown in Jeep at 12:30. Transferred our luggage to Ames car at their house and left Jeep under Alta's spruce trees. A little choppy crossing bay but not bad. Rode up around through Union, Hope, Lincolnville, Camden etc. Came by the Belted Galloway Farm - Striking looking animals. Back to Rockland and ha nice supper at Newbert's. Oh yes, got our rooms at Tradewinds first. Out to visit the Oldroyds this evening. Back to room 11:00.</p>
<p>Oct. 21, Monday</p>	<p>Cloudy with light rain during most of day. Fire whistle blew at 56:00 so Calderwood started off with a shower, shave and a coffee for Mrs. C and self from Newbert's. Did bookkeeping, then had breakfast at Newbert's with the Ames. Down to terminal to watch Gov. Curtis come in while waiting for stores to open. Met Jimmie Eber at Thorndike at 9:45 and he took we Calderwoods to Camden where I deposited money in Camden Nat. Bank. Milton put his Plymouth in garage this A.M. for check over. Back to Rockland where I did errands at Sulides, Registrar of Deeds, Ladd's Inc etc. Nan did some shopping. Last thing before leaving Rockland was to have final fitting of my suit. Stopped at Diary Joy at Maverick Square to have hamburger lunch, then up to Camden, and on our way to Nova Scotia by Route 1 and 1A to Machias. Have a nice room at Seal Gull Motel and a very nice supper of fried stuff shrimp and crab meat. Nan had roast turkey. The Congregational Church in this town is one of the most beautiful I've seen. Tower and steeple lighted at night. Back to room after supper.</p>

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<p>Oct. 22, Tuesday</p>	<p>Cool and windy but a nice sunny day till it clouded up late in P.M. Showered, shaved, had breakfast in room and ready to leave at 8:00. Stopped first to take pictures of the Congregational Church mentioned last night, and the custodian showed us the inside, even up into the clock tower - 1000 feet from ground. From there to weathervane at peak another sixty feet. Left Machias at 8:45 on Route 1 to Calais across the border into St. Stephens, continuing on Route 1 to St. Johns - a big sprawling city to Sussex to Moncton, around Amherst to Cape Tormentine at 4:00. Ate lunch in car along way. Took ferry from Cape Tormentine - the Abegneit - only 360 some feet long and landed at Borden PEI - 50 min. later. This ferry carries not only cars, trucks and trailer trucks, but railway cars as well. (16 railway cars, 125 to 150 cars, trucks etc). Found a double room - two double beds at the Carlton Motel within outskirts of Borden and had a hamburger lunch supper at a nearby restaurant. Saw some of the most beautiful farms and castle through New Brunswick but many are being destroyed and slashed by tremendous highway construction projects, just as they're being destroyed in the United States. Sleeping on foreign soil tonight.</p>
<p>Oct. 23, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful day and a warm one riding. As PEI is one hour ahead of us in time we were awake at 4:30 this morning. Took bath, ate our breakfast in room, and checked out at 8:00. Drove a large part of day, over western part of island, from Borden up to Kensington to Sherbrooke along Route 2 to Portage to Tignish - tremendous amount of road construction so we had to detour a lot. From Tignish down to Alberton following Lady Slipper Drive back down along Oyster Farm Section of coast along Route 12 through Tyne Valley onto Route 2 again back to Kensington down Route 2 to Charlotte Town, across bridge to Southport to get a room at Southport Motel. I thought I saw some beautiful farming country yesterday, but nothing like today - unbelievable. PEI is a farmer's dream. The soil is very red and a fine loam. Haven't seen a stone pile or wall. Ate over lunch along way and had a very nice fried chicken supper at a restaurant just back across bridge a mile or so. Back to our room and ready for bed at 9:00. It breaks my heart to see such beautiful farm land go into highways, such an utter waste.</p>
<p>Oct. 24, Thursday</p>	<p>Another beautiful day and warm too. All slept to 6:00 A.M. Bathed, shaved and had breakfast in room. Left Southport shortly after 8:00 on through highway to ferry at Port Wood at 10:00 A.M. Took ferry "Lord Selkirk" at 12:00 across to Pictou NS 14 miles - 1 1/2 hours. Had bought a lunch board. From Pictou to Truro, then back tracked by New Glasgow to Antigonish at 4:00 P.M. Ladies went shopping here and we men folks looks hardware stores etc over. Continued on just outside and have a beautiful double split level room in Dingle Motel. Then across street to a delicious supper of grilled haddock fillet with trimmings in a Scottish atmosphere restaurant - the Goshen. It was here I bought a souvenir cup and saucer for Alta and a souvenir plate of NS for Nan. Bought her one of PEI aboard ferry today. One cannot imagine the change 14 miles makes in the physical appearances of the two places. Nova Scotia very hilly and much more like Maine. Loam ceases to be read. Foliage much prettier than we saw in New Hampshire Oct. 1.</p>

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<p>Oct. 25, Friday</p>	<p>Pretty cloudy and overcast but not cold. Sun out part of day at times but not a good picture taking day. Ran into fog coming down one mountain for a ways. Bathed and shaved, then had breakfast in our room. Left Antigonish about 8:00 on Maple Leaf road to bridge onto Cape Breton Island at Port Hastings. Bought 36 exposure film for Argus 135 camera and an old time fiddling record. From Hastings north along west side of Cape Breton Island onto Cabot trail across top of National Park and down east coast Cabot trail to Baddeck, at 4:30. Got us a double room at the Silver Dart Motel. Had a nice supper - fried halibut with fixings at the Thistledown Restaurant in town. This has been a beautiful ride even though the day wasn't best for taking pictures. While probably a week ago the colors around trail were overwhelming, even now they far surpass anything we saw in New Hampshire. This has been an unforgettable experience for the Calderwoods. Like in New Hampshire, I can't conceive of so many mountains in one locality. A very bad woods fire last June destroyed 5000 acres of their beautiful scenery on the eastern half of Cabot Trail. Crews with chain saws now working to take down the gaunt trunks and debris. \$360 plus \$2000 trade in - paid in full Oct. 29. Luther Glidden brought my new rotary mower this day.</p>
<p>Oct. 26, Saturday</p>	<p>Apparently rained all night. Very overcast and hazy looking this morning. Now thinking of working towards home. We have a long way to go to. Shaved, bathed and had our breakfast in Motel Restaurant. What a chance in their weather. First fog, then into a very heavy rain most of A.M. Hard driving for Milton. Left Baddeck about 9:00, then down to Port Hasting over Route 5, across Canso Causeway to New Glasgow, to Truro, to Wentworth, to Amherst, across border into New Brunswick to Sussex. Have a nice double room at Snow's Lodge - a motel and had supper in their restaurant, and a good one it was too. A very poor day for sightseeing, but a large amount of distance through wilderness country. We all seem to be getting weary now and anxious to be nearer home. Also probably wearing on the Ames' nerves too. Covered a distance of 330 miles today, and have a total mileage tonight of 1412 miles, and still a long way to go. I didn't expect we'd make New Brunswick tonight when we left Baddeck this morning. Cooler tonight and looks like it might be good tomorrow.</p>
<p>Oct. 27, Sunday</p>	<p>Quite cool, and windy most of day, but sunny all P.M. Bathed, shaved and had breakfast at the Snow's Lodge restaurant. Left at 8:30. As the eastern seaboard went back onto standard time last night, and we're on Atlantic time, we have 2 hours to set back on watches today. Came from Sussex through to St. Croix on Route 4 - Trans. Canadian Highway - crossing border about 10:30. Then down through to Lincoln where we ate dinner at the Rose Bowl Restaurant. Can't remember Route No. as I haven't map here. From Lincoln down along Penobscot River to Bucksport to Orland, across Waldo-Hancock bridge onto Route 1 to Rockland and Owl's Head about 4:30. Found the Oldroyds home and unloaded our dunnage here. The Ames taking a room in Glen Cove likely as Milton said he has some catching up to do. Ames visited the Oldroyds a half hour or so, then Jim and I drove back to Mazzeo's to get some steak for supper. Steak was good as was rest of supper. Just visited this evening. Both pretty weary. Over 300 miles today making over 1700 miles total. Quite a trip for 1 week.</p>

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<p>Oct. 28, Monday</p>	<p>What a beautiful sunrise here at Owl's Head. Some good to be so much nearer home. Can't get home quick enough now. Have had a leisurely breakfast with Lottie and now waiting for Jimmie to come so I can go in to pick up Land Rover. Nan suddenly decided we should try to make morning boat in case wind breezed up, and we did by thrashing. Had Miller's Garage put Land Rover in line, and Jimmie transferred our luggage while I picked up my new suit at Coffin's etc. Wind had breezed up SW and quite roly coming on. Home 11:00 to find everything okay and new rotary mower over by shop. House cold but we soon warmed it up. Flo in a few minutes during his noon hour. He's working on Jessie Carver's water ditch. Gave him some tomatoes. FWS called in a few minutes during P.M. Pumped during P.M., lugged in wood and threw up what remains of our alder pile. Too weary to be very ambitious. Uptown at boat time to exercise Chevelle. Home, suppered and read our week's papers etc. To bed weary. What do you know. Found enough Silver Queen for supper. Crows and birds really working on remains of corn now. Going through my figures for trip kept on Oct. 1 page total \$162 probably what I didn't keep track of would bring it to \$175 for 8 days.</p>
<p>Oct. 29, Tuesday</p>	<p>By Golly. We had a nice night's sleep in our own bed, and I say again it's nice to be home. A beautiful morning, flat clam and sunny. Temp. 40°. A nice forenoon but breezed up very raw WSW this P.M. A million things to be done now, and are we ever pooched. Nan over to R.M.'s to do a wash this A.M. while she cleaned their stove etc. They called this A.M. to say they'd be coming the 7<sup>th</sup> of Nov. I took the ashes out of our kitchen stove, repaired the steps on the north end of our porch and put a new exhaust pipe on the tractor. Old one pretty much mauled up and closed together from rotoring over stumps, rocks and trees. Lunched. Coupled onto new rotor and over to Abbie's at 1:30. Rotored over her cranberry flat. Went off without my coveralls and was getting pretty chilly when Frank &amp; Orilla drove down in field to see Rotor work. He came over here and brought my coveralls over to me. Made quite a difference, but still plenty cool when I got home at 4:40. Lugged in wood and up in corn patch to look for pheasants - saw none. Suppered. Watched a little TV. Just beginning to be really weary from riding so much. To bed at 9:00. Mowing Abbie's cranberry flat nearly 3 hours - 20.00.</p>
<p>Oct. 30, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice morning but a lot of high cloudiness. Wind 5 to 10 M - NNW. Temp. 40°. Has been a nice day except for north west wind. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. Helped with dishes. Nan went after Wilson while I raked up last spring's sawdust under oak tree where I threw up remains of limb pile Monday P.M. Had rotary mower uncoupled, drawbar on, and ready to get SB trailer out of barn when Nan came with Wilson. We hauled down 4 big loads kitchen and living room from Uncle Will's ledge above barn and put it on there between woodshed and oak tree. Cleaned the pile up. Riley Strout here this A.M. selling accident insurance - bothered me a half hour or so. bought an accident insurance of him. Wilson nearly hurt first load when a limb on the swing tree pushed him off toolbox on fender where he was setting. Skinned his shin a little. This P.M. we hauled in 2 loads limbs and round wood fro new pile on frog pond ridge and tiered into woodshed. Didn't quite get second load unloaded. Nan had hair set at Bertha's this P.M. took Wilson home at 4:00 and down to see boat come. Home, put chairs etc back in shed, tractor away etc. Suppered on steamed clams. Thought we'd have some trick or treaters tonight but didn't. Farewell Oct. You've been an excellent month.</p>

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<p>Oct. 31, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning but brisk wind still NW - 10 to 15 now at 7:15. Temp. 40°. A beautiful sunny but cool day and a real full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Finished unloading and tiering into shed what was left of last load yesterday P.M. Brought in another load, finished filling shed and put remainder on woodpile outside. Helped Nan dig out our dahlias and glads. Then we cleaned up Mrs. Fay's garden of weeds, pea vines etc. ready to haul off. Also dug a pail of beets and a few carrots. Handscythed the late weeds on our house garden. Lunched. Cleaned up the hay into piles on spite piece. Has laid there since handscythed. Started up lawn mower and mowed second crop on same piece. too much chance for field mice to work otherwise. Nan topped and picked up glad bulbs - probably 1 1/2 bushel. Uptown and to Audrey's to get R.M.'s wash. Alta returned tonight and we dodged down there to get a jar of fiddlehead greens Wanita sent down. Home. Topped what dahlias we wanted to save and put in shanty - 2 tubs full. Suppered. Marion H. here with 2 children, Jack &amp; Betty with their two, and Jimmie and Clare with their 6 trick or treaters.</p>
<p>Nov. 1, Friday</p>	<p>Howdy November. Hope you'll be kind to us, weatherwise. Coldest of season thus far. 36°. Strong NW breeze still 10 to 15 now at 6:30. Considerable high cloudiness. Have done bookkeeping and shaved. Now to make breakfast and helped with dishes. Helped Nan transfer contents of upright freezer to chest freezer so we could defrost Up to Mrs. Fay's with tractor and SB trailer. Tiered up in woodshed what was left of Elliott Brown slab wood - a heaping trailer load. Drove Mary's Jeep over to Tumbledown and back for exercise. Nan helped me put on Mrs. Fay's storm doors. Now have only cellar windows to put in. Started creosoting 4 x 8's. Nan helped me an hour or so. Lunched. Marion H. here selling Avon. Had a sandwich with us. Back to creosoting. Worked to 4:30. Have 6 left to do and only a quart left of 5 gal. of creosote to do some with. The lower lay of 4 x 8's have laid long enough in one place - 4 x 8's softening where they laid on plank holding them off ground. Nan over to R.M.'s this A.M. putting wash away. Cleaned up and up to Garnet and Clara's to a delicious supper and evening. Boiled lobster, green peas, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls etc, apple pie for dessert. Home shortly after 9:00. Mail started coming late P.M. today.</p>
<p>Nov. 2, Saturday</p>	<p>Awoke to find it raining this morning. What a change. Calm. Temp. 44°. Not raining now at 7:00. Nearly rained several times this A.M. but held off till about 2:00 P.M. when it rained quietly till dark. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Also helped with dishes. Walked up around corn patches with "Over and Under" looking for pheasants. Saw none, but a _____ and blackbirds and crackles. Helped Nan plant nearly 200 Narcissus bulbs in Chinese Elm hedge and on spite plot. Cleaned up a heaping SB trailer load of dahlias, gladioli tops etc off house garden, triangle garden and sweet pea garden, and unloaded it on cultch pile at end of hog pen piece. Then another full load off Mrs. Fay's and the two woodpiles on Uncle Will's ledge above barn. Hauled up enough rock weed from our western beach to cover our rhubarb patch. Ernie boy blew in a few minutes. Brought us a turnip. Lunched about 2:00 then uptown by way of dump, also picked up ironing at Aunt Ruth's and delivered vegetables to _____. Saw boat come and home. Out to Beveridges Castle to a delicious Baked Bean Supper at 5:00. Came ashore by boat about 7:30. Visited at house a half hour or so. Inspected the new 11 x 15 building he's been putting up. A letter form Mark Bailey. He's getting married next April. Invited to wedding.</p>



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<p>Nov. 3, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice calm Grumpy morning. Air appears SW. Temp. 44°. Overslept to 7:15. Shaved, bathed, breakfasted, did dishes, cleaned up and went to church, and communion. Only about 30 there. Calderwood wore his new suit first time. Stopped on parking lot to see boat go at 1:00. Home, lunched. Had nice lettuce out of G. Thornton's garden this late in season. Rested a couple hours this P.M., then rode to Crabtree's Point to see the wood chipper the Tel Co. is using cleaning under lines. Didn't see it. To town to mail letters. Stopped at Curley Joe's on way home to get Marie Stone's keys as I want to clean up carriage house. Had coffee with Curly Joe. They have 5 of the cutest puppies their little dog had about 2 weeks ago. Just getting their eyes open. Home, suppered on hulled corn and milk. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Smothers Brothers. Thought the H Calderwoods and Ray Guppy might drop in but they didn't. Ray was at church today.</p>
<p>Nov. 4, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy morning. Air appears NNW. Cool. Temp. 38°. Has been a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had been planning to go down to Pat's this day before ferry service ends completely and felt I should go along too. Gathered up vegetables etc and went. Jim Brown took us across and Pat met us. Helped Pat plants a lot of narcissi bulbs around the big boulder in her lawn and Nan planted some along front of house and chimney. Saw Big Mike at noon time. visited Net Kittredge a half hour or so. then down town with family during afternoon. Bought Nan a bulb planter - one that can be forced into ground with the foot. Also bought us some porterhouse steak and some brisket corned beef at Carver's. Home on this side about 5:00. Took a birthday cake up to VL Beverage's for Pat Brown. Home. Made supper. The porterhouse steak along with potatoes and washed squash was delicious. Read paper and rested this evening. Nothing on T.V. but political speeches.</p>
<p>Nov. 5, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful full moon evening last night, but this morning very heavy cloudiness. Air appears on water to be ENE. Temp. 42°. This is the day the big politicians have been waiting for. May the best man win, if there is a best. A nice day and a warm one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Made ready to go up to Mrs. Pease's with tractor, trailer, XL-12 etc. just after 8:00. Nan up shortly after. Dismantled and rolled up the fence back of house that we took down when rotoring. This wire goes to dump. Then took down section in front of house to beyond gate to shore. rolled this up to save. Cleaned out and swept up carriage house. Put junk outdoors to have to dump. Sweeping etc into gravel pit. Junked up old fallen apple tree by carriage house and another stub. Put into carriage house along with 2 loads fence, material and what wood I made of the trees I took down around the field when rotoring. Had our lunch in Chevelle and finished job about 3:00. Home, cleaned up and up to vote. Went in Land Rover. Home, suppered on cabbage fresh out of garden, potatoes, carrots etc all cooked in daisy roll water. Delicious. Evening full of election coverage figures. Talk, talk, talk. Humphrey no doubt will get in. 6 hours for both of us at Marie P. Stone's plus 5.00 use of tractor and 1.50 XL-12.</p>

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<p>Nov. 6, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful fall morning. Air appear just E of N. Temp. 38°. This is the morning after election. At 4:30 A.M. Humphrey and Nixon each had 44,000,000 votes. Probably end up being settled in House of Rep. Humphrey will get it of course. By Golly, he didn't. Nixon succeeded in carrying Illinois, which just gave him the required number of electoral votes but a shame for a man to go into office with only 40% of popular vote. Did bookkeeping , made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over to R.M.'s this A.M. and also did wash. They arrive with Watson's Friday. I coupled onto rotary mower and rotored piece in pasture back of Carver's barn, then over to R.M.'s and rotored Mrs. M.'s lupine bed etc., then back here and rotored the junipers and weeds on the long ledge between my shop and Mrs. Fay's house. A bad fire hazard. Changed to plows. Lunched. Up to Jack Brown's before 12:30. Plowed his and Uncle Herb's garden. Home about 2:30 and started plowing the piece back of Carver's barn I rotored this A.M. I think it will make a beautiful corn piece. Up to Mrs. Pease's at 4:00 to meet Jack B. to haul the old wire and cultch out of carriage house to dump - 2 loads. Home after 5:00. read mail, suppered and watched a little TV. Plowing Jack Brown 10.00; 1 hour labor at Marie P. Stone's 2.00; Jack B and truck at MP Stone's 8.00.</p>
<p>Nov. 7, Thursday</p>	<p>Today Lawrence Beverage is supposed to bulldoze out our pond, and here it is very overcast heavy clouds and looking rainy. Air appears NE on water. Temp. 40°. Didn't rain until early in evening, but sure was raw and disagreeable. The worst this fall so far. Did bookkeeping , made breakfast and helped with dishes. At 8:00 Lawrence Beverage arrived with bulldozer to start digging our pond across road here between well and spite piece. Took all forenoon pushing the topsoil back both ways to edges - even pushed considerable onto long well piece to built it up trough the sag. [?] This P.M. made a start in removing the bottom. Between times of watching the operation and telling Lawrence how I thought the surveyor wanted it done I plowed maybe an hour and a half or so on the piece I started yesterday. It's plowing better than I expected with really less rocks. Nan tended Thrift Shop this P.M. Didn't sell a penny's worth and Dorothy B. only sold \$.25 worth last week. Had fried potato, hamburgs and string beans for supper. Read paper and watched a little TV. Must get hot and get some bills (vegetables etc). made out. Started to rain about 8:45. Blew hard during night. Lawrence Beverage bulldozing on pond - 7 hours.</p>
<p>Nov. 8, Friday</p>	<p>Guess it rained all night. Can see water in our new pond. This pond will create some talk. Still sprinkling now at 6:45 and wind is NE - 15 to 20 M. Temp. 40°. A miserable, cold, windy rainstorm all day. Didn't get up to 40°. Did my daily bookkeeping , made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then Nan went over to R.M.'s to do last minute things - they're supposed to fly in with Watson today - didn't and I went to work on Marie P. Stone's account. Brought it up to date, made out the bill, including rotoring and wrote her a letter of explanation etc. VLB here just before dinner to get 4 bales hay. Brought us a jar of cream. This P.M. I took all my daily vegetable charges off calendar sheet and bunched them together ready to make out and send. The group added to about \$130. FWS' was one of this so Il billed his up and was able to take him a check uptown to balance my garage account to Oct. 15. Home after boat came and worked some more as vegetable accounts. Suppered and read mail. A disagreeable chill in house. Must to get storm windows on doors.</p>

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<p>Nov. 9, Saturday</p>	<p>Rain has stopped. Very heavy cloudiness, and wind on water appears to be NE still. Thought it had backed in to N. Cool. Temp. 36°. Very raw and disagreeable all day. Camden Mountains show white. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Spent about 2 hours digging through bulldozed material by culvert so to drain the pond site. Sure collected water last night. Finished plowing the piece beyond Carver's barn on side nearest road, but western side I had to leave because I couldn't get traction to plow. Sure miss weight in tires on a heavy job like that. worked some more on pond site helping water along then weighed up 500# plus hay for VLB. Lunched, then rotored a while in pasture by bedding down trees after helping Nan plant tulips around the twin maples in yard, and along side of house garden. Uptown at boat time in Jeep to get work gas. Home, lugged in wood, made out Montgomery's account to date - vegetables, mowing, surveying etc. Suppered on baked beans out of freezer. Sherm and Helen came this P.M. and brought us a peck of Jacob's Cattle from Aunt Barb's. Watched T.V. this evening. The RMs flew in with Watsons this A.M.</p>
<p>Nov. 10, Sunday</p>	<p>Rained some during night, and is sprinkling now at 6:45. Very gloomy and dull. Wind appears easterly on water 10 to 15 M. Temp. 40°. Rained nearly all day and snowed during evening. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, and made breakfast. After helping with dishes, I made out the rest of my vegetable charge accounts, and Mrs. T.S. Lamont's rotoring bill. Took R.M.'s account and his new deed over to him. As they couldn't fly away, so stormy and couldn't go till the P.M. boat, they came out and visited a half hour or so when we should have been getting ready for church. Rested, lunched and up to see boat go. Called on the Rogers an hour or so. Brought Land Rover home with us and put it away. Invited the Rogers down to have supper with us. Hamburg loaf, baked potatoes, green peas, etc. Raining and snowing hard when they went home at 9:00. R.M. called during evening to say they got home okay. Lights went out at 10:00 P.M. O yes, I wrote a letter to Mark Bailey this A.M. too.</p>
<p>Nov. 11, Monday</p>	<p>Ground all white this morning. Temp. 36° and wind has come in NW. Radio said Millinocket had 17 inches during night. They're welcome to it. Couldn't do bookkeeping this morning, only candles to work by. Did dishes and made breakfast. Lights came on about 8:45. Over to shop about that time, started fire, and worked there all day. Nan brought coffee and sandwiches over at noontime. She closed R.M.'s house this A.M. and did a wash while doing it. I cleaned the putty off 3 storm windows, taking out 4 panes broken glass. Shellacked the puttied areas, and now ready to set glass and reputty. Also cleaned putty off one of the old storm windows from Uncle Will's that I use on milk room. Painted it both sides. Quite a job - like painting 2 9 x 12's fastened together. Nan took laundry up to A. Lincoln's and downtown after mail this P.M. Over from shop about 3:30. Lugged in wood out of woodshed already second time, made supper of potatoes, squash, porterhouse steak from VH etc. Up to Alta's this evening. Took her her cup &amp; saucer from Nova Scotia.</p>

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<p>Nov. 12, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another dull overcast morning. November all right. Plenty of high cloudiness. Wind appears to be NE on water. A beautiful moonlit night when we came home last night. Temp. 34°. Wind 10 to 15 right now. Wind kept breezing on easterly, starting to snow heavy about 10:30, then changing to rain. Wind kept increasing to well over sixty many times during P.M. Waves going over Bull Rock while tide was up around 4:00 P.M. Did bookkeeping , made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked in shop all A.M. Cleaned putty off and painted both sides the other milk room on entry storm window. A lot of painting as sash was bare. Replaced 2 panes glass in one of the sash I cleaned yesterday. Glass just too long so I had to take a little wood out of bottom of sash. Came to house for lunch and wind breezed on so I decided I'd better remain in house this P.M. Read a Reader's Digest Condensed novel, lugged in wood (woodshed handy this weather) and played Scrabble. First time this fall. Suppered on fried chicken etc. Watched a little T.V. this evening. No mail to read. Worst storm of season thus far. Heavy snow and rain. Easterly wind up over 60 several times this P.M.</p>
<p>Nov. 13, Wednesday</p>	<p>By Golly, that cussed wind has dropped out some. About 15M now at 6:15 and looks to be still easterly. Temp. 48°. Plenty of high cloudiness. Must thrash to make up what I didn't do yesterday. Will be wanting to get those storm windows on any day now. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Over in shop by 8:00. Puttied in the glass I set yesterday, and reputtied the rest of sash. Then reputtied another one completely. Went through rest of storm sash cleaning off old putty. Found last one wet where rain had driven through end wall. Nan over at noon with lunch. More comfortable than yesterday with wind dropped out. Rained a good part of day thought. Uptown at boat time. Boat didn't come back from Rockland this morning. Bought 3 more panes 14 x 24 glass - Franklin had to cut them, and 3 panes 8 x 10 and 4# can of glazing compound. Home, lugged in wood. No mail tonight except papers after waiting 2 days. Suppered on Roast lamb leg from freezer, potatoes and green peas. Our freezer is a wonderful help. Rested and watched a little T.V. Saw our one and only flock of geese about this day.</p>
<p>Nov. 14, Thursday</p>	<p>Wind is WNW this morning at 6:15 20 to 25M. Plenty of heavy high cloudiness. Temp. 36°. Everything sure looks swept clean. A beautiful sunny day but strong WNW wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Over in shop just after 8:00, and worked there all day except coming to house for lunch as I had to call Lawrence Beverage. I replaced an 8 x 10 panel and puttied it in our bathroom storm sash, replaced a 14 x 24 pane in another sash and by golly, succeeded in finishing the reputtying about 3:00. Painted one storm sash inside and 2 of our new house windows inside. Was just rekindling house fire when Nan came home from Audrey's. She and Cynthia helping cut out stuffed animals. On ride to meet H. Demmons. Met him at Watson's roadway. Home, read mail. Plenty of begging letters now and will continue to Christmas. Also a check to date from R.M. (bill). I have him last Sun. morning \$241.15. Just eating supper when Orilla called invited us up to watch colored T.V. Saw Porter Waggoner, Daniel Boone, ____ Insiders, Jack Webb. Color sure makes a difference.</p>

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<p>Nov. 15, Friday</p>	<p>This sure is a Grumpy morning for this time of year, but cool. 28°. Looks like an excellent day in the making. Did make a nice day, sunny and quite comfortable. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over in shop shortly after 8:00. Built fire, but was expecting the "Little King" down to work on pond, so was slow to start painting, sawing up junk wood for stove instead. first the Little King called to say he had flat tires, dead batteries and what not, then a little later he blew in to say he had to go to mainland on second boat on horse training business so no pond work today. Then FWS called on me after lunch when he finished rotoring Old Swipes, so all in all I only got five windows painted inside. Uptown at boat time taking our two tubs of dahlias along to H.S.B.'s on our way home. Also stopped at Ern's to get a few turnips for Alta. Only paper for mail. Suppered and up to B. Joyce's to get hair cut and Nan's set at 7:30. Then Lincolns there during our visit. A tough snowstorm when we came home at 9:00. Nan took Bertha up 1 of 2 pumpkin pies she made then A.M.</p>
<p>Nov. 16, Saturday</p>	<p>A pretty wintry looking morning. Very dull and overcast. Air appears to be still NE with last night's snowstorm still on ground. Temp. 32°. Has been a nice sunny day but very wet outside. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over in shop shortly after 8:00. Primed all the puttied windows with shellac the puttied part that is. Spent rest of day mostly painting insides of windows. Now ready to give them all a coat outside. Nan uptown this P.M. to do chores and pick up R.M.'s wash at Audrey's. Had the Ames down to baked bean supper - soldier and yellow eye good, but don't compare with Jacob's Cattle. Watched L. Welk, a Tennessee Ernie ford special and part of Jack Benny Special. Some of our slides from our trip came tonight but didn't have a chance to project them. Looking at them through my eye scope doesn't impress me much.</p>
<p>Nov. 17, Sunday</p>	<p>Considerable heavy overcast but looks like it might make a nice day. Boy and I am behind. Didn't get up till 7:45. Now to thrash. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, shaved and bathed. All dressed up and ready to go out the door for church when Etta called to say Mr. Overman had the up and down disease so no church. Changed clothes, built fire in shop to help paint dry, wrote a letter to Lester Sherer thanking him for the charts he sent me, uptown to mail letters and see boat go. Down to Alta's, had coffee, and took her on a ride. Up middle road, over to Watson's, saw his 6 wild turkeys, around north shore down west district, around Morrow's road and back downtown. Home, lugged in wood, and replenished shop fire. Projected our two films of slides that came last night. All but two which were too dark were quite passable. Suppered on potato and squash very good. Was watching "Heidi" on T.V. when Marion Hopkins came delivering Avon. While she was here the Fishers called on phone. To bed 9:30.</p>

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<p>Nov. 18, Monday</p>	<p>Air NE and sure looks like a snowstorm. Plenty of high cloudiness and dull. Temp. 30° Started raining about 9:00 A.M., rained rest of day and way into night. Breezed on to well over 40 late P.M. and evening. Did bookkeeping, started fire in shop, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop about 8:00. Shellacked 3 puttied windows, and was just starting to paint the first of the 8 largest storm windows on outside when LB came to work on pond. Got stuck up by ledge by barn before he could unload dozer. Tried to pull truck out with my tractor - couldn't. Took him up to get his dump truck to pull with. Pulled truck ahead but still stuck. Down low enough so he backed dozer out, pushed truck out with same. Raining too hard then to work. Back to painting and at 4:00 P.M. finished the 8<sup>th</sup> window. Nan helped the Garden club decorate church this P.M. Had just relighted kitchen fire and was lugging in wood when Nan returned. Read mail - a card from Elizabeth &amp; Carl Bunker saying Carl was gaining from his operation and Nan had a letter from Mrs. Paul Cabot with check enclosed for sweater. Preston and Audrey down this evening in rain and wind. The girls worked on making Teddy Bears to stuff for toys. Still raining and blowing hard when they went home near 10:00.</p>
<p>Nov. 19, Tuesday</p>	<p>Wind has dropped out to very nearly calm, and rain has topped but what a dull November morning. Air appears to be around SW and warm. Temp. 50°. Rained by spells this A.M., run out some this P.M. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop, then made a tour of summer homes. Out to Cobb's - a limb broken off an apple tree; over to Abbie's, all snug and tight, but millions of dead flies especially in top of mud room. Then up to Pease Farm, and how that old house is leaking, every skylight along back side had water wet down through ceilings under them. Mopped up floors. Rain also drove into eastern end above windows. Home, painted in storm window that goes on end of Pat's room and the window that goes in front screen door before lunch. L. Beverage came about 1:00 to bulldoze in pond and had good luck. The clay had softened enough so it cut beautifully. Made quite a showing. Worked in shop between spells of watching - repaired a sash to go in eastern peak of Tumbledown barn. Lugged in wood. Read mail - a check from Bob Cobb - suppered. watched Wilburn Bros. show and Red Skelton. To bed 9:45. Lawrence Beverage bulldozing 3 hours P.M.</p>

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<p>Nov. 20, Wednesday</p>	<p>Man on man, how it breezed up before daylight. Over 40M SW at 4:00 A.M. and blowing the same now or harder at 6:45. Really blowing into house. Temp. 36°. Looks like a fair day otherwise. Got word last night that Alta apparently came through her operation okay. What a disagreeably windy day, well over 40 at times. Doubted if Coffin and Joe would fly on but they did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and met men walking from landing field at 8:15. Down here to look at pond, then uptown to Casino tennis court property. How cold, windy and disagreeable it was there. Doug Stone's Brengle boat had broken from Lermond's wharf and swung around on ledges. Taking a pounding. Worked on lines between Casino court, Vaughn's, Choate's, Platt's, etc. Home to lunch then back up to finish up. Took Coffin on Joe to Watson's Strip at 2:15. Plenty of wind. Home and spent some time with Little King. He's doing a lot of work but isn't or doesn't carry his material far enough first time so he's doing a lot of work over and over. A beautiful low _____ tide so I waded out and took in my pulley line float and line, also Fay's. Last spring I waded out in water as far as I dared in hip boots to put my post down. tonight the tide was 20 or more feet out beyond post. Darned near fell down in wind. Boot nearly sucked off. Lugged in wood. Cool in house - storm windows _____.</p>
<p>Nov. 21, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful, clear, almost cloudless morning, but wind still hanging on. 15 to 20 right now at 6:45. Temp. 30°. Became a beautiful, sunny day and wind dropped out some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. "Little King" arrived before 8:00 and worked to noon time to get bulldozer broken free from mud and gunk it was left filled up with last night. Took it home to hose it down to clean it out. Probably won't get any more done this fall. I worked all day in shop painting windows, and by golly, I waded clear through the storm windows, front and back of house, getting a second coat on puttied side. Also finished new house sash on inside coat. Little King and Larry helped me turn Bernice over when they came for bulldozer. About 3:30 I went clamming over in front of Fisher's. Someone had found my favorite spot and riddled it, but I got a mess. Home, lugged in wood, read mail, and suppered on fried chicken. Watched the Thursday evening T.V. programs what I didn't sleep through. Nan tended Thrift Shop this P.M. Not much business now.</p>
<p>Nov. 22, Friday</p>	<p>Flat calm for a change. Air appears to be westerly and almost drizzling sleet. Temp. 34°. Must use this day to catch up a lot of those little frigging jobs that irritate so. Did and feel good about it. A nice day after it stopped drizzling. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Pumped, started fire in shop, put trailer and rotary mower in barn floor. Closed bird window in barn. FWS had coffee with us. Set and puttied in window in milk room. Over to RMs. Put our glads, etc down cellar, put on a blown off storm window, checked pipe wiring under house, started Land Rover. Home, lunched, took end windows sash out of our bedroom, took it over to shop. Such hard shape I had to take all the glass out before I could lighten sash up. Of course putty was so hard in places. I succeeded in breaking three panes before I finished. Had sash cleaned up, glass reset, and puttied in shortly before 4:00. Was lugging in wood when Nan returned from town. Invited the Sampsons down to steamed clam supper. Had squash pie for dessert. Both delicious. visited to 8:30. Tonight we didn't even have a begging letter. Just the Bangor paper. How far down the line can one get. Hardly a night we don't have at least one request for money.</p>

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<p>Nov. 23, Saturday</p>	<p>A nice clear, clean morning. Air west 10 to 15 right now at 6:45. Sun should shine. Temp. 24°. A year ago today was Thanksgiving and the Bunkers were up awhile, and the RMs were here. Has been nice day and warmed up nicely. Nan did a cold water wash at RMs this A.M. and they dried first rate. Did bookkeeping, washed dishes, made breakfast and washed dishes. Uptown first thing to get shellac, and putty at Brown's. I have now used 5# putty and 2 quarts paint on windows. Home, built fire in shop, weighed up hay for King, shellacked the bedroom sash I puttied yesterday P.M., and after it dried, painted it both sides. Also painted several of the new house sash on outside. Lunched, then scraped and painted the mullion casing and stool in milk room and entry. Stool especially bare. Uptown to see boat come by way of dump. Alta returned today. Home, replenished wood in shed, lugged in house wood, shaved and cleaned up. Invited the Lawrence Grants and Don Witherspoons down to baked bean supper. A nice supper and evening. Watched some television and showed our Nova Scotia slides. 50# hay for L. Beverage.</p>
<p>Nov. 24, Sunday</p>	<p>Considerable high cloudiness, wind southerly 10 to 15 now at 7:30. Temp. 44°. Quite a nice mild day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready to go to church and did. At least 40 present. took Alta home, came right home, changed clothes and lunched. About 1:30 Edwin Thayer came in Bun Smith's truck to get some old hay for banking. Over to Tumbledown with them and they took 650 bales of the rye straw off tie-up scaffold. Had to retie many of the bales as the twine had rotted and also been chewed by mice. Many of the bales had been wet by snow and rain beating in before I had the end covered with paper last year. While over there I replaced the window in peak with one Abbie gave me last summer. Old sash pooched and 3 panes missing. Home to find the L. Grants here. Came to look at pond by daylight. Took us on ride in their John Lermond Buick. Visited at their house and supped with them - tomato soup and crabmeat sandwiches. About 8:30 brought us home and had ice cream with us. Played them our Nova Scotia fiddling record.</p>
<p>Nov. 25, Monday</p>	<p>Appears to have sprinkled during night. Light now at 6:30. It's flat calm and warm. 44°. Ought to be out putting on banking paper. Breezed up enough so I didn't attempt it. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hardly through when John and Joe Brown blew in, bringing me the legs and tail off the heifer Jack and I sold Jim. Then started thrashing. Filled both woodboxes - didn't get done yesterday. Put weather stripping around outside of front door and put storm window in screen door. Took Ashley stove pipe down, cleaned it, put rug under Ashley, to town to get new pipe elbow, put pipe back up, cemented it on stove and built new fire. Took ashes out of both stoves. Lunched. Nan to Audrey's this P.M. to work on Teddy bears. I polished footwear during lunch your, then built fire in shop and painted our bedroom window a second coat both sides, and one of our new house windows on outside. At 3:15 up to Lawrence Grant's to dress out a lamb I spoke for last spring. Didn't dress out very good for an early lamb, only 30#, but I did okay dressing for having been year since I did. Home 4:45. Letters from Mark Bailey and Mr. Bailey, a Thanksgiving card from the AW Beverages and checks from Mary P. Stone and Mrs. R.M. Broiled steak for supper. Watched little T.V. this evening. Called the Oldroyds tonight.</p>



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<p>Nov. 26, Tuesday</p>	<p>Gracious, how it blew during night. Blowing 25 to 30 right now at 6:45 - NW to W. Temp. 32°. Looks like sun might shine. Sun did shine, but how the window blew. Very disagreeable. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Went right to work on 4 x 8's with the 5 gal. preservative that Curly Joe got me at Sutton's. Had 6 16 footers to do first coat, and all the rest to second coat. With time out for lunch at 2:40 I had two more to do. Thrashed to town to see boat come. Stopped at Squire G.'s on way home to get lamb carcass. Also at Merry Jane's to get turnips for Jennie OB. Didn't have time to finish 4 x 8's when I got home. Lugged in wood, read mail, other than papers only a Thanksgiving card from the Oldroyds and a bill from JO Brown &amp; Sons - gas and oil for July, Aug., Sept. and Oct. - \$176.00 plus, so you see rotoring isn't all profit. Suppered on potato, turnip, peas and last night's leftover steak. Watched a little T.V. Both seem to be weary.</p>
<p>Nov. 27, Wednesday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know, a beautiful, quit snowstorm has started before daylight. Just an air on water - appears easterly. Temp. 32°. Glass 29.8 and rising. Suddenly decided I'd better go to Rockland to do some errands so thrashed. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and cleaned up. Just made boat, slow, slippery driving. Nice trip over. Met Ames on wharf (Rockland) they went over yesterday - and had coffee with them. Did shopping errands, and got my Harris Tweed Jacket from Coffins \$5.40. Left it there when we came from Nova Scotia trips to be altered. Always has been just too big. Called Lottie and she came in to have lunch with me at Newbert's. Had braised hamburg steak etc. Very good. Bought Nan a book on Maine at Huston-Tuttle, and a nice pair of pajamas at Senter Crane's, her birthday is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Another nice trip back. Nan met me at wharf to help lug up bags. Boat loaded. At least 2 cars left in Rockland. Lots of passengers and baggage. Both home to find I'd brought home somebody's grocery bag instead of mine. Telephone rang. Marjorie Stone had gotten mine but had taken my Senter Crane package off top and left in cabin. Finally located that through Bud Curtis by telephone, after we got back from taking groceries back up to Stone's. Suppered. Watched Porter Waggoner show. Up to Alta's to do wash and spend evening.</p>
<p>Nov. 28, Thursday</p>	<p>What a Grumpy morning this is. Calm as a kitty's ear. Glass 30.3. Temp. 28°. A Happy Thanksgiving Day to all. This is a white Thanksgiving as the snow hasn't gone from yesterday. Discovered a deer track right up our driveway by the mungo pines when I went out this morning. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan readied her turkey and started it baking this morning. I tried to cut and burn corn stalks on dump piece, but no luck. Will have to have considerable fire under them before they'll burn. Built fire in shop and put new felt around 3 storm windows. Ran out of felt and tacks. Shaved, cleaned up and up to Jennie's and Etta's at 12:00. Treated to a delicious roast duck dinner with all the trimmings. Very good. Took the girls on ride around island and down to boat. Started to rain about that time. Waited down for mail. Home. Lugged in wood. Invited the Thorntons down to Turkey sandwiches supper. Came. Had a nice visit. Raining hard when they went home at 8:30 and rained a good part of night. Farewell, Thanksgiving and we are indeed thankful for our countless blessings.</p>

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<p>Nov. 29, Friday</p>	<p>While it seemed to blow some during night, it's quiet now at 7:00 and has topped raining. It looks now as though nothing more could be done on our pond this fall, so I think I'll close drain and fill the hole some. Warm. temp. 48°. Glass - 29.4. Air appears NW. Nice until about noontime when it breezed up raw. Did we get a nice chore done this day. To town first thing to mail letters and get some more felt and tacks. Then while I finished felting storm windows, Mrs. C. cleaned them. Lugged them all over from shop (13), hung them and put in side screw eyes. Lunched before finishing. Uptown just in time to see boat come and get freezer paper. Home, brought our end bedroom sash over from shop all painted and repaired, and put it back in place; taking the storms sash off same window, over to shop to repair. Lugged in wood. Read mail, a check from Mrs. TS Lamont for rotoring and the paper. Suppered on roast turkey, potato, squash, cranberry sauce etc. Watched a little T.V. and rested some. House uncomfortably warm tonight, but cooling off outdoors. The Irven Stones left for Florida this morning. A long winter ahead.</p>
<p>Nov. 30, Saturday</p>	<p>Enough snow on porch to track a cat this morning. Cool. 26°. Light breeze NNE. Glass started back up. 30.2. A nice day and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made bacon and lamb's liver for breakfast, helped with dishes. Over to Tumbledown first thing to get 12 bales old hay for Geo. Beverage for banking purposes. Home and weighed up 5 bales 132# for Tonny Bok. Cut up and wrapped up our Squire Grant lamb. Hunted around and found an Abbie window sash that fitted on outside of milk room window opening so I could take that sash over to shop to repair. Put a dam in drain of pond area by culvert. Should have done it before the rain of Thanksgiving night. Dug a trench across top of shop garden hoping to stop it from washing so. Nan did two washed in her little washer along with cleaning windows and house. Uptown to see boat come and shop. Home by NS road. Lugged in wood. Read mail a - bill from L Beverage (\$160) and paper. Suppered on baked beans out of freezer. Watched a little T.V. Called SW Coast Guard Base to report Goose rock Light steady instead of flashing.</p>
<p>Dec. 1, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning for December 1. Was down to 20° when we went to bed at 10:00 but back up to 28° this morning. Sunny and almost calm. air about W. Glass 30.4. Has been a beautiful mild day, too warm in this house. Did bookkeeping and made out Lawrence Beverage bill. He owed me \$25 for mowing and 5.0 for hay, so I owe him a balance of \$130. Have drawn check for same. Shaved, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went to church and Communion - 25 plus 3 choir. Came right home. Made out my order to Sears for Nan's and Pat's presents. Lunched. To town to mail order and see boat come. Stopped at Pease Farm on way to take some more pictures of rotoring to send to Mary. Home by way of NS road. Lugged in wood, and brought banking paper over from shop to warm up for tomorrow. Should have put it on this P.M. Had some of our new lamb chops for supper. Watched some T.V. specials this evening and they're getting poorer all the time- even Perry Como. To bed disgusted at 10:30.</p>

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<p>Dec. 2, Monday</p>	<p>Temp., 40°. Glass 30. Started raining gently before daylight. Now 6:30 and still dark. These are gray, dreary days. Flat clam. Can just begin to see Stimpson's Island. Drizzled practically all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started pump and started fire in shop. Bill H. blew in to borrow Mari P's gate key and to discuss Mari's water works. Pump ready to shut off when he left. Worked all day to 3:15 on the mil room sash and our end bedroom sash. Took practically all putty off both, completely reset 3 panes in one, shellacked and reputtied both. When Nan went out at 3:15 to put letters in mail box she discovered water leaking by way damn, so I repaired that. Lugged in wood. Read mail - only paper and Farm Journal. Suppered on fried taters, cold turkey etc. Martin and Bertha down this evening. Bertha set Nan's hair, Martin and I visited. Nan had made a custard pie and a pumpkin pie this A.M. so we had that for a treat. To bed about 10:30.</p>
<p>Dec. 3, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a beautiful December morning this is. Should be out putting on baking paper right now 6:30. flat calm. Mild. 34°. Glass 29.9. Has been a beautiful mild calm day all day, and what a nice chore we completed. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop to help dry new putty, then went right to work on banking. By 11:00 we had paper on clear around house, porch and all weighed down. Used last year's or year before last paper. Lunched, shellacked yesterday's puttied sash, took rotary mower out of barn so to get SB trailer, started up XL-12, and brought in a big load of brush from beyond new wood piles on frog pond ridge. Had almost enough to go clear around. To town to see boat come and shop. Came right home. Cut another load (small) inside butchering place gate, brought it in and put it around. Made a nice complete job, but dark when I finished. Lugged in wood, read mail. Anniversary and birthday cards from Etta B., the A.W.B.'s, Nora W, the Owen Grants, and regular monthly letter from Abbie. Suppered on turkey casserole. Up to the Preston Lincolns tonight. Nan and Audrey worked on stuffing animals. Home after 11:00.</p>
<p>Dec. 4, Wednesday</p> <p><i>Annie's birthday and their wedding anniversary</i></p>	<p>This is Calderwoods 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary. An easterly or S. Easterly storm making up. Wind now 7:00 A.M. over 25 by gusts. Plenty of high cloudiness and stormy looking. Temp. 42°. glass 29.95. Looks like our pond damn broke again last night. Did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop, repaired damn, put trailer and rotary mower under cover. Had started to rain by then. Painted the 2 sash both sides that I've been repairing, also several of the new windows for house. After decorating a couple wraths she made yesterday, Nan over and painted her new second hand bridge lamp. Lunched about 2:00 and went to town. No boat so down to Alta's to tea. She invited the Ames over. Home in pouring, driving rain. Came right at us in sheets along road. Damn is going to break again. Over the top this time. Had broiled porterhouse steak, peas and taters for supper. Mercedes called this evening. Says they've finally gotten their new sink in, and started putting up their cabinets. Played a couple games Scrabble this evening. Nan won both. Still raining and blowing. Down to look at damn at 9:00 and water ready to break over. Will have to put in an outflow if anything left by tomorrow morning. No P.M. boat. SE gale and heavy rain.</p>

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<p>Dec. 5, Thursday</p>	<p>A gale all day, over 50 at times. NW, W and SW. Glass is really down 28.8. Has started up so was even lower probably. Blowing now at 6:30 over 25 and appears to be westerly. Temp. 40°. Pond pretty well drained again. Wrong. Only down to top of dam. Must have overflowed badly during night. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Lugged in wood and fastened banking along milkroom and entry a little more securely. rotored the little pine across road from hog pen piece to fence, then inside butchering place gate until tractor skipped so badly I gave up. Nan did wash at RMs, then we went to Wayside Garage to have a bolt put in the frame of XL-12, and breather blown out. Home, lunched and back up on tractor. Nearly didn't make it, tractor skipped so. Steve put in new points and condenser, cleaned generator, blew gas tank, blew radiator and put on a new bar across bottom of bumper. Home and rotored inside butchering place gate toward Merryconeag until rain drove me. Nan up to Cynthia's this P.M. I had supper vegetables started when she came home. Had cards from the Jack Browns, the Rogers, and Joyces. Played a game of Scrabble this evening, read mail and watched some T.V. Nan gave me a pair of LL Bean 14" hunting boots. I gave her a pajama set and a book of Maine.</p>
<p>Dec. 6, Friday</p>	<p>Sun coming up pretty but still blowing. Over 20 M's now at 7:30 and about W. Temp. 36°. Glass 29.4. Sun now looks right in through kitchen door window, and sets back of cliff trees. How it's blown all day. Very disagreeable working out in it. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Weighed up 550# plus hay and put it out for VL Beverage. Rotored rest of opening across from Merryconeag; in big pasture by bedding down trees, ___ Silver Queen corn stalks on OP piece. Lunched. Built fire in shop, painted second coat both sides the 2 sash I painted Wednesday. also painted four or five of the new house windows another outside coat. Nan made 2 apple sauce cakes this A.M. and went to Guild Sale this P.M. Finished in shop about 4:00. Lugged in wood, read mail - a nice long letter from Mari P. Stone, a short note and check from Mrs. Fay, and papers. Suppered on cold turkey, potatoes and cooked celery. Up to the Sampson this evening to deliver some cards Orilla ordered with Nan and to watch "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" on T.V. Home about 11:00.</p>
<p>Dec. 7, Saturday</p>	<p>A nice clear morning. Western moon looked nice shining on pond at 6:00. Will be a good day but wind still strong westerly to SW 20 or over now at 6:30. Temp. 32°. Glass 29.7. Blew strong to late P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Discovered why belt kept coming off Nan's sewing machine and remedied it. Rotored corn stalks on dump piece nearly bogged down, and on hog pen piece. On way up to Pease Place to put rotor in barn, I rotored eastern end of Fisher property; and then between the fence bolt irons in front of Pease house, and the raspberry bushes in corner or orchard. Home coupled onto scoop and moved considerable of the bulldozed soil from across road by our mungo pines up onto end of triangle garden, so flood water from pond wouldn't come out into road. Worked to 2:15 on that. Uptown to see boat come. Home, lugged in wood, cleaned up and back up to Ames to supper and evening. A delicious supper of boiled ham, potatoes, peas, squash rolls etc. Watched Lawrence Welk, then Milton showed his N. Scotia slides, and then ours. Think our slides showed better through his projector than through ours.</p>

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<p>Dec. 8, Sunday</p>	<p>Pretty dull heavy overcast this morning. Air appears to be NNE. Temp. 28°. glass 29.75. Cleared to a sunny day part time but chilly. Held at 30°. all day. Spitting snow late this P.M. Up about 5:00 after neither of us sleeping good. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast and did chores. Called CG Base SW Harbor first thing for Mrs. Carver as bell wasn't ringing. Had been planning to go to church, but was too weary from tractor work yesterday and day before. Made out a Christmas order to Breck's and rested. Nan did some bookkeeping and rested. Uptown at time boat returned from Rockland to mail letters. Down to Alta's to have coffee. Home. spitting snow. Lugged in wood. Wrote a Christmas card letter to Mrs. Cobb, to the Dicky Fays and the Don Dow's. Suppered on turkey sandwiches and hulled corn and milk. Watched a little TV. Boy, the programs are some poor this winter. What they sing for songs makes one sick to the stomach. To bed after Ed Sullivan - even his program is nearly a total pooch - to read a little while.</p>
<p>Dec. 9, Monday</p>	<p>Plenty of high heavy cloudiness and dull. Cold too. 19°. Coldest we've had thus far. Wind now NW at 20 to 30 at 6:30. Glass 29.8. A very windy disagreeable one, growing cold all day, getting down to 10° at 4:00 P.M. H.S.B. said tonight at 7:00 it was 2° above at his farm. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then peeled enough apples so Nan made two pies for freezer, and a dish of apple sauce. Brought XL-12 into kitchen, cleaned it up and filled it. Out by Cobb's mailbox turn, and used a tank of gas cutting young growth between town road and my pasture fence. One tank took me from corner to abreast of Merryconeag. Then trimmed anything big enough for firewood and piled brush. Lunched. Up to Alta's this P.M. by way of Betty Brown's to leave Jack a check for Mari P. cultch hauling. Used nearly 3 tanks gas at Alta's cutting small maples, wild cherries etc, and part of her big apple tree that were shutting off her view. Nan did a wash. Had coffee and home 4:30. Had meant to have Jack haul brush off but too cold and disagreeable. Lugged in wood, read mail - Christmas cards from the AWBs and the Edna W. Gowens. Suppered and played a couple games of Scrabble. Seems like this damn wind has blown forever. The worst part of winter.</p>
<p>Dec. 10, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still blowing hard NNW 15 M or so and disagreeably cold. 10° above now at 6:00 A.M. Glass slowly rising. 30.1. Stayed cold all day, not getting up to 20°. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Brought milk room sash and bedroom storm sash over from shop and put them in and on. Look some different repaired and painted. Brought XL-12 into house to put on new sprocket and chain. New sprocket wouldn't fit so up to Wayside and Steve put a different size bearing into sprocket. Home, lunched, and out by Merryconeag to continue yesterday's job. New chain cut nicely but kept turning while idling. Cut nearly 2/3rds way across swamp to our corner bound. One thank gas. Limbed on this cutting until Nan came out to go to town. The Ames arrived with Hallowell Point's new truck. Nan got me a new pair of lined leather work gloves at W &amp; Co. Can't seem to keep my hands warm. Home, lugged in wood, read mail - a card from Burrs, suppered. Up to the Witherspoons this evening. Nan and Cynthia worked one Christmas arrangement. They have their new furnace going as of this P.M.</p>

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<p>Dec. 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still cold but at least calm. 10° above. Sun coming up nicely. Glass 30.45. Our pond now frozen hard enough for an elephant. Warmed up to a comfortable day until wind aired up SW this P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes and some other chores. Nan to town to do a couple errands. I sharpened my R.M. limbing ax and went out to Merryconeag. Finished trimming yesterday's cutting, then used a full tank of gas to cut rest of way across swamp to our corner bound. All good firewood alders. In to lunch. Then back out and got that cutting trimmed just in time to go to town at boat time. Needn't have hurried as boat late. About 4:00 when she arrived. Home, lugged in wood, wrote on Christmas cards to supper time. Read mail after supper. A couple more Christmas cards. Nan heard from Greta Beck. Rested and watched some T.V. Nan called Mrs. R.M. today. They plan to come to NH after Christmas.</p>
<p>Dec. 12, Thursday</p>	<p>Gracious how it's blown SW during the night. Now at 6:00 it's blowing 20 to 30. Not so cold by thermometer though. 35°. Glass 30.2. Has blown all day SW hard, but thermometer over 40°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filed XL-12. Sawing down alders along road and pieces of discard telephone wire doesn't make for good cutting. Finished creosoting my timbers a second coat except last one, ran out of my 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 gal. with 2 sides of last one to go. Sawed down, junked into Ashley wood, trimmed the limbs and piled the brush of the next to last of our bedding down trees in bog pasture. Died a couple winters ago. Lunched after 1:00 P.M. Used tractor and scoop to bring up from down back the fitted wood from the tree that snapped off in storm last winter. Piled Ashley junks on porch. Played 3 games Cribbage. Nan won 2, cleaned up, read mail, and up to Sampsons to a delicious fresh haddock chowder. Watched T.V. all evening ending with Dean Martin Show. Nearly five hours of watching. Too much at one time.</p>
<p>Dec. 13, Friday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice one coming up but that cussed wind still blows. WSW now at 7:00 20 to 30. Temp. 42°. Glass 30. Has been a nice day but how that damn SW has blown. Well, over 30 most of time. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Coupled onto SB trailer and hauled in three loads of fitted limbs from pile on Frog Pond ridge. Put part of first load into woodshed to replace what we've burned already. put rest in pile by shed. Lunched about 1:00. About 2:00 made ready to go uptown with Pat's Christmas wreaths, packages etc. Phip Brown took me across in. Doug Stone's boat. Pat was waiting. Didn't charge me, so corn for him next season. Saw boat come. took Alta home and had coffee with her. Home. Lugged in wood. Mail late because boat was late, so had supper first. Cards coming very slowly. Read mail and rested. To bed about 9:00.</p>

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<p>Dec. 14, Saturday</p>	<p>This sure is a dull morning, don't know as it's coming daylight at all. Warm though 48°. Wind appears SW about 20 M. Glass 29.9. Looks very rainy. Did start drizzling about 1:00 P.M. Very wetting, changed to rain and rained hard all P.M. and evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Weighed up 34 bales hay for the King. Sharpened XL-12. Out to Birch Tree corner, brought in 2 6 foot firs. Helped Nan set them each side porch steps and put lights on them. Out in this corner of big pasture and cut the spruce tree that died a couple years ago. Junked it into Ashley wood, trimmed limbs and piled brush. Started cutting between fence and R.M. road when rain drove me. Helped VL load his hay. Uptown at boat time. Nan left a gift of biscuits and jelly at Carl Bunkers on way home but we didn't stop as Carl has a bad cold. Prepared supper - potatoes, turnip and lamb chops. Read mail - several cards and package from the RMs. Watched a little TV. Next week due to two boats a day to Christmas, the mail will come at noontime. Darn, no mail to open at night. 900# plus hay VLB.</p>
<p>Dec. 15, Sunday</p>	<p>This sure is a dark gloomy morning. No sign of daylight yet at 6:15. Sprinkles are now on bedroom window so wind must have backed in NE. Temp. 38. Glass 29.4. How it did rain all A.M. but sun nearly broke through a couple times this P.M. Everything afloat. Up at 5:30. Did bookkeeping, worked on Christmas cards, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. At cards again till time to go to church. How it did pour. 21 of us there. Took Alta home, though rain had let up by then. Home and lunched on tomato soup. Just home when the RMs telephoned. A bad storm in New York with 5 inches of snow. Plan to come to Maine New Years. Worked on cards awhile, rested an hour, uptown to mail cards and see boat come. All the big shots returned from shopping - the Fernalds, the Doug Stones, and the Elliott Browns - cars loaded. Home by way of the Thorntons. Not home. Made us a supper of fried chicken wings, potatoes and peas. Worked on cards again. Most of out of towners done now except a few Vinalhaveners. The Witherspoons dropped in this evening visiting to 10:00.</p>
<p>Dec. 16, Monday</p>	<p>Another dark gloomy morning with a snow squall now at 7:10. Wind has swung out SW at 10 to 20. Temp. 28° Glass down to 29.1. Overlaid this morning to 6:30. A raw day and breezy enough so no boat went from either island until P.M. Started to snow about 3:00 P.M. and temp. started dropping. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Nan took Chevelle to Wayside and had new points, condenser and plugs put in, also new filter and oil change. Then down to Alta's to do wash, and to take her to cemetery. I polished several pairs shoes, then out to finish the job I started Sat. P.M. when rain drove me. Finished cutting and trimming along fence between my gate and this corner of fence along R.M.'s road. Should be lots less snow stop along there now. This P.M. I took Mari's outboard up to the Pease barn, then started cleaning off the grove of alders in side her gate where my cattle pen used to be. Put a tank of gas and trimmed that cutting. took to 4:00. About half done. Snowing quite hard then. Home. Lugged in wood. Nan took in clothes. Had our supper - roast lamb before mail came. A package from Ada, and several cards. Read mail and rested.</p>

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<p>Dec. 17, Tuesday</p>	<p>Gracious- cooled down. Only 14° and still very dark at 6:30. Can't tell how wind is. Just an air, less than 10M. glass 29.35. Looks like about an inch or so of snow on porch. Has been a sunny day but cold and quite windy. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Then spent nearly all A.M. writing and addressing Christmas cards. Now have all done except VH and NH. Also peeled enough apples - mrs. Cobb's, Baldwins - for apple sauce. Nan has made biscuits and apple buns. Lunched on hot biscuits and jelly, then out in pasture and burned the brush from the bedding down trees and the one I cleaned up this side of gates. A nice chance with this snow on grass. Then burned the alder brush etc outside pasture fence along R.M.'s road. A nice job well done. Uptown to mail packages and see boat come. Mail came on first boat today. Home calling on Ernie Boy on way. Lugged in wood, read our cards and Courier. No Bangor paper. Suppered. Watched some T.V.</p>
<p>Dec. 18, Wednesday</p>	<p>Looks like a nice day coming up. Coo.. 20°. Glass 29.6. NW wind, 10 to 15 now at 6:45. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Nan decided I should go to Rockland without her. Afraid wind would breeze up . Thrashed. Shaved etc. Nice trip both ways. Sampson at Rockland Terminal - he and Orilla over yesterday. Gave me a ride uptown. We had coffee at Coffee Shop. Had haircut at Seth's Shop. Up to Court House to see about deed. Met Ron Russell. Down to Coffee Shop to have coffee with him. After all the other hard luck - home burning etc - his wife is suing for divorce in Feb. In to Lafayette to look at sewing machines. Up to A and P to do shopping - \$38 worth. Alton Lewis appeared just right to take groceries to terminal for me. Took me around so I could see the house where the retired school teacher had smothered in her house fire two days ago. Police and firemen for house full of one hundred cats alive and dead, and ten or a dozen dogs. Most had to be shot, they were so wild. Lunched with Elmer Hopkins. Transferred groceries to Sampson's station wagon. Nan met me at boat. Stopped at Sampsons to transfer groceries again, and had coffee there. Home, stowed away groceries, receive cards, suppered and watched T.V. My order from Breck's came today.</p>
<p>Dec. 19, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful starlit morning. Big Dipper right over Old Swipes house. Just an air now at 6:30 appears west. Did blow all night. Temp. 26°. Glass 29.9. Must thrash now. Have to help Ed Coffin and Nash today. Has been a nice day but on cold side this A.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up to airstrip at 9:00. Went right down to Casino property in back of Choates. Worked till about 1:00 on lines in back of C. Lermond and Al Ames' houses. Put on several bounds - pipes and rods. Home to lunch about 1:00. Took them to airport at 2:30. Met Nan at Merryconeag coming from helping decorate church. She went up with us. Home and up to Fay's to put away wash from B. Brown's and to put in cellar windows. Loaded up XL-12 and over to head of Stinky Cove to cut the bunches of alders that were too large to rotor. Trimmed same for firewood. Home about 4:30. Opened up corner considerable. The Thorntons down while I was over there. Just home when the Sampson s came to get drinking water. Visited a half hour. Read our cards - had a dozen or so today, suppered, watched some T.V. Special Christmas programs, a total pooch this year. From Ed Coffin for assistance on Casino property line \$15.00.</p>



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<p>Dec. 20, Friday</p>	<p>A half inch or more of snow during night. Another one of those dark mornings. Temp. 28°. Glass 29.65. I think air is NE Above guess of half inch was nearer 3 and probably another inch during day. Snow plow down about 10:30, even in to R.M.'s. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and then called Bridge Comm. members for meeting tonight. Wrote and addressed Christmas cards to 10:00. Now all taken care of except local. Over to shop - built fire cold after so many days of not working in there - and painted third and final coat on new house window - did 4 sash on inside and 10 inside and out. Left off at 3:00 as we were going to town to mail letters and package, but too hard going. Also left off after lunch to weigh up 6 bales hay for Tonny Bok. Nan had a package from the R.M.'s this day. Lugged in wood, read paper and suppered. Potatoes, cabbage, and hamburg. Those last small heads of cabbage we salvaged out of the garden before the heavy freeze are delicious. cleaned up and up to Selectmen's Office to Planning Board meeting. All present but Marjorie Fernald. Nan spent evening at Alta's. Tomorrow is her birthday. Had coffee there before coming home. 173# hay for Tonny Bok.</p>
<p>Dec. 21, Saturday</p>	<p>The shortest day of year and a dull, cloudy morning now at 6:30. Temp. 30° and I think air is NE. A white looking world. Glass 29.9. Became a nice day, melting some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch, first time of season. Took out ashes from kitchen stove Built fire in shop stove. brought window sash down from barn that I plan to put in back side of barn floor when I shingle. painted that both sides along with the two sash I plan to put in ground mow, and also the last two new house sash. Finished before 12:00. Lunched, rest an hour. Uptown by way of H.S.B.'s to get a bag of potatoes, stopped at B. Brown's to pick up some groceries she had come with her order and to pick up milk at Arlene's. Saw boat come. Came right home. Lugged in wood. Looked at mail - a few cards. Suppered on baked beans out of freezer. Up to Bertha Joyce's at 7:00 so Nan could get her hair set. I visited with Martin and Stillman. Treated to ice cream and angel cake and coffee. Home about 10:15.</p>
<p>Dec. 22, Sunday</p>	<p>A warm Grumpy morning. Looks snowy. Temp. 34°. Glass 30.2 Has been a good fair day though raw. Did bookkeeping, looking out bedroom window, saw what a nice clam tide it was here in Goose Cove, so went clamming here. Got a good mess before tide drove me. Nan made breakfast, after which I bathed, shaved, changed clothes etc. and went to Church. Nan wore her Christmas present pumps - brown patent first time. A small gathering for a Christmas Sunday, maybe 35. Down to Alta's after and had coffee while waiting for boat time, so we could send our gift box over to the Oldroyds. Back down to Alta's to a delicious clam chowder dinner. Home after three. Rockered clams, lugged in wood etc. Invited the Beveridges down to have a steamed clam supper with us. Nan made muffins and took an apple pie out of freezer. Supper delicious. Visited to 9:00. To bed weary, even though it is Sunday and then that cussed squirrel that's gotten in upstairs bothered us during the night. Hate to have to shoot him but guess I'll have to. Shot one awhile back for doing the same thing.</p>

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<p>Dec. 23, Monday</p>	<p>Tough SE rain and gale. No boat from Rockland. A rainy morning. Hardly started to come daylight yet at 6:30. Wind appears to be easterly or thereabouts at 15 to 20. Temp. 36°. Glass 29.8. Up at 5:30 to find living room stove very nearly out, as wood hung up. Very careful too when I put it in last night, but these knotty junks are miserable to use. What an uncomfortable day this has proved to be. Wind SE up to 50M at times with driving rain. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and then called CG Base at SW Harbor again to report no bell on Goose Rock. Took one window out of big barn door replacing it temporarily with another so to repair same. Too wet to paint today though. also repaired back tie-up door. painted screens in shop to noontime but disagreeable as wind blew in so. After lunch we played a couple games Scrabble, read and rested. About 3:30 lugged in wood and got what local mail came - 6 cards - all 6 from people we hadn't sent to, so wrote out 6 more cards. Counted up and these make 125 we've sent out. Suppered on potato, squash, and hamburg. At 7:30 wind and rain had slacked off so we rode uptown by NS road to see lights in houses and mail cards. Some lightning beautiful. Saw one rabbit and two human beings on trip.</p>
<p>Dec. 24, Tuesday</p>	<p>Good Heavens, the glass read 29.8 yesterday morning, and last night when we went to bed it had dropped to 29. this morning at 6:00 it had started up to 29.1. Wind is now west blowing up to 20 at 6:30. Looks like a fair day but how it's going to blow again. Temp. 32°. Was well up over 40° yesterday. Came all the way home last night on a nearly flat tire - right forward, so have a chore to do first thing this morning. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put up our new stick-on thermometer on western living room window. Took off right forward wheel on Chevelle and put on one of our mounted ear wheels. Over to R.M.'s with Nan taking brush to put around rose bushes. Nan stayed over and cleaned refrigerator while doing wash. I walked back and readied XL-12 to go up to Mari Pease's to finish cutting the alder patch I started cutting the 16<sup>th</sup>. Stopped at Fisher's and cut and trimmed the alders on first swamp beyond head of cove that made the corner blind. Up to Mari's at 11:00. Finished the cutting - 2 tanks gas - but didn't trim any. Home, lunched, opened our two days cards - about a dozen, then started out delivering. Stopped at the E. Beveridges, Ernie Boy's, F. Sampsons, Jennie's, H. Calderwood's, Alta's and Olive G. Had coffee at Alta's with Ames. Saw boat come. 2 more local cards in last mail. Home. Suppered on lamb chops. Watched some T.V. Growing cold. Down to 10° at 9:30.</p>

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<p>Dec. 25, Wednesday</p>	<p>A Merry Christmas to All. What a cold Christmas. 3° above and WNW wind about 20M now at 7:00. Vapor flying mast high and going from W to #. Unusual. Looks like snow going through dooryard so much vapor. Up at 6:00. Opened our stockings. Have done bookkeeping, now to make breakfast. Had 2 pair cotton gloves, candy, gum, etc in stocking. I gave Nan a Christmas apron, set of 4 horse-head mugs, a crossword puzzle lap board, a pair of terry cloth slippers, a pair of brown vinyl [he spells it 'vinal'] pumps, and a pair of leather snow boots which haven't come yet. Have a Singer sewing machine (portable) engaged for her when we get to Rockland to pick it out. Had breakfast and cleared away, then opened presents. Mrs. M. gave Nan a beautiful fur hat, and Mr. M. gave me the usual 3 Viyella shirts, making me 15 or so plus a leather enclosed glass humidor - and 2 English briar pipes. Had several other nice gifts but mostly Mr. &amp; Mrs. Pat &amp; Mike gave us an electric blanket and the boys gave me a nylon under jacket. The RMs, Abbie, and Bill H's called on phone this A.M. Other than seeing the Hopkins family come out of Mrs. C.'s this A.M., we haven't seen a living soul this day. Had a picked up lunch, but a very nice supper. Broiled porterhouse steak, green peas, and mashed potatoes. Blueberry pie for dessert. Played several games Scrabble during day. Nan made a score of 340 once.</p>
<p>Dec. 26, Thursday</p>	<p>What a cold after Christmas morning. 2° to 4° below zero. Wind NNW. Up to 25M now at 7:00. Promises to be even colder tonight. Glass 29.95. Has blown hard all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast. Washed dishes while Nan talked with Pat. Then while Nan ironed I brought down a box from overhead of old papers and accounts etc. which we'd brought down from Uncle Will's when we sold to Fay's. some of the papers were Great-Grandfather Ezra's at Calderwood's Neck, Vinalhaven. Found a petition by that group preying the legislature to annex Calderwood's Neck onto Town of North Haven as all their business was done on HH side of Thoroughfare. Played several games Scrabble, and read some on the Edward Rowe Snow book Nan gave me. About 3:00 I walked over to R.M.'s and back to check furnace. Okay. Plenty cold. Hardly above zero all day. Lugged in wood. Mail at night again now. 3 more cards making about 105. We sent out 125. Read papers, suppered on last night's steak, watched some T.V. and played another game of Scrabble. We're to sleep under our new electric blanket tonight. Nan's new fur top boots (black) came in mail tonight. Fit okay.</p>
<p>Dec. 27, Friday</p>	<p>Electric blanket OK. Up at 2:30 to replenish fires. Wind still 30M or so with temp. about 2° above. Up again at 5:30 to replenish. Wind has dropped out after about 72 hours. Still 2° above. Glass read at 30. Has been a beautiful day, sunny with temp. finally getting up to 15° and wind dropped out some. Did bookkeeping, added up some vegetable accounts, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Mended two pair of my old milk route wool gloves while watching the Astronauts splash down from trip around moon, and be picked up. All worked like clockwork. Lunched. Started up Chevelle - started lovely after lying idle since Tues. P.M. Up to Mari Pease Stone's and trimmed on the alders I took down last Tues. P.M. Worked to 2:15, then home to go uptown. Saw boat come, then home by way of Jack Brown's to get a piece of 3/4 inch. plywood for our old couch. Had coffee with them. Home, lugged in wood. Nan invited the Sampsons down to fried chicken supper. They came and we had a nice supper at nice evening. Home about 10:00. Electric blanket quite comfortable last night. Only used it when we first went to bed.</p>

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<p>Dec. 28, Saturday</p>	<p>Sure is a dark dull morning now at 6:30. Can see it's snowed enough to track a cat across porch. Almost calm. Think air has swung out NE. Temp. 15°. glass 29.8. Has snowed hard all day, making snow fast. Snowplow has been down at least twice. Have swept off porch a half dozen times, probably five or six inches. Warming up slowly all day to nearly 30 tonight. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and washed dishes. Spent most of A.M. adding up vegetable accounts. If added correctly we sold about \$50 worth more this year than last - this includes potatoes - \$758.00. Weighed up 8 bales hay for Tonny Bok, after which he had coffee and cookies with us. Let our Ashley go out this A.M., and about 1:00 P.M. took stove pipe down, cleaned it out and took out ashes, also cleaned out bottom of chimney. Played a couple games Scrabble. Stormy and windy enough today so ferry went over this morning and came right back. Got our mail at noontime. Our asbestos safety box came from Meredith - Separator. 1/2 half the size we ordered. Pooch. Suppered on baked beans. Watched Saturday Night programs. Nan made 346 score playing Scrabble today. 8 bales hay Tonny Bok - 134#?</p>
<p>Dec. 29, Sunday</p>	<p>It's warmed up to 26° and is calm. What a change after all the wind. Is still snowing quite steadily. Glass back to 29.1. Almost icing, in fact, when we came home north shore road from church. The bushes were really iced. So calm just before dark today it was scary after 6 weeks or so of wind. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and did dishes. Went to church. Quite right going, snow frozen. Only 22 of us there this last Sunday of the year, including Mr. Overman and Etta. Came home by way of P. Lincoln's to pick up eggs. Didn't visit. Home, played a couple games of Scrabble. I finally made a 300 plus score. Made Montgomery sandwiches for lunch. Wrote a letter to Meredith Separator about asbestos safety box that came yesterday, rested a half hour or so, lugged in wood. Uptown to mail letters; Nan had written a couple thank yous. Many Christmas decorations already taken down. Home, changed clothes again, and up to the Beveridges at 7:00 to dessert and coffee. Nestlerod pie and plum pudding. Mr. B. showed his slides on his Nova Scotia trip last year. Didn't recognize any of the places. Home about 9:30. Meant to mention that Charlie is home for a few days.</p>
<p>Dec. 30, Monday</p>	<p>A pretty morning coming up, out cold and windy still. Has breezed again since last night. NW about 15 to 20 now at 7:00. Temp. 16°. glass 29.85. Very hard walking - snow is crusty. Has been a beautiful day all day, but cool. 20°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Then spent nearly two hours up overhead putting a tin shield around our vent stack to try to keep squirrels or some varmint down from the attic. Yesterday morning I shot the second squirrel out of bird feeder in a short time and I'll be darned if last night there was still some animals thrashing round up there. Nan worked over to RMs all A.M. to 1:30 getting ready for them to come Thursday, to have them call this P.M. that they aren't coming now. I also wrote a letter to Mari P. Stone this A.M. Over to R.M.'s to have soup and coffee with Nan. Spent a couple hours this P.M. clifting the Ashley junks I made of bedding down tree and the one this side of gate. Just back to house when Curly Joe dropped in and had coffee with us. Going by in boat. Says he'll build our bay window here in kitchen for us while waiting for weather to settle about starting Mari's shingling. Uptown about 4:00 to mail bed wedge back to Breck's. Visited with Nora and Clara W. nearly an hour. Home, read mail, a thank you letter from June H., and paper, suppered on frozen fried haddock and spent evening playing Scrabble. To bed 9:30.</p>

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Dec. 31, Tuesday	<p>What we do this year must be done this day. Pretty red in east, very nearly calm. Some high cloudiness. Temp. 20°. Glass 30.3. A dull day with air going all around compass during day. The last day of year and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Fitted and cornered the piece of 3/4 inch plywood we got of Jack Brown to fit our living room couch. Hoisted the platform scales up onto head scaffold and weighed up a half ton of hay for Elliott Brown. At about 11:00 started burning the piles of junked up fence around barn pasture left from last spring. Had four big fires lugging piles from both ways. Took me to 4:00 P.M. to burn it all, with time out for weighing and put out a half ton hay for VL after Elliott's had hauled his off. I said I burned it all (the fence) of course excluding the two loads Ern had last spring. Nan out and helped an hour or so, then Jim Haskell visited an hour or so while his women folks visited Old Swipes. About 4:30 lugged in wood, rested and read mail when it came, had a light supper, cleaned up and up to the Witherspoons at 8:00. The Lawrence Grants and Elliott Beveridges also present. The Television not turned off from the time we went in until we came home after twelve. Even left going while we had a nice supper about 10:30. Sliced ham, fried chicken, several salads etc. A very nice repast. Raining and slippery when we came home. To bed at 12:45. Farewell 1968.</p>
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