TONNY CALDERWOOD'S DIARY January 1 to December 31, 1970

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Given to me by my sister
Alta Burgess - Christmas 1969
Christmas card from Alta stuck in the diary says:
Sorry I couldn't get our regular diaries!

Jan. 1, Thursday

A Happy New Year to All. A beautiful day but on cold side. 16° with considerable NW wind. Glass about 29.7. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Thought I'd work on shop but spent most of forenoon writing Thank You letters to Mrs. Fay and the Dick Fays, and visiting with Curly Joe. He came for water. Put our Christmas wreaths up overhead, cleaned the bird droppings off dropping boards on end of house, bored a hole through kitchen wall and put our wind gauge back up - but it won't work. Hasn't been connected since we put picture window on kitchen last Feb. Put storm window on end window of milkroom. Lunched about 2:00 and up to Alta's to tea at 3:15. Stopped at Fisher's to lock a couple windows. Stopped at HS Beverage's on way home to get some potatoes. Home and lugged in wood. Played a game of Scrabble while supper cooked - potato, freezer peas and fried chicken. Over to Emery Hopkins after supper to visit Marion a little while. Took her \$5.00 to help her on boat fare going over to see her mother in hospital. Jessie now has hepatitis along with everything else. Not much snow.

Jan. 2, Friday

Looks like another beauty. Not a cloud in sky. Temp. 16°. Glass 29.7. Breeze 10 to 15 NW now at 6:45. A nice day but on cool side all day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. George came just as I was ready. Went right to E. Brown's sawmill in Jeep. Elliott was there, and had just sawed a few days go, so we got some nice 12 inch boards to go over sills, some 2 x 8s for staging plank, and 4 two by 6's. Made a second trip to get 200 feet of dry 4 inch board for end of shop, floor patching etc. spent balance of forenoon and part of P.M. getting first and second floors laid back on SW side. Finished except for a few short filler-ins. Spent rest of P.M. putting 12 inch boards along sills and SW side and lower end off NE side. Ground frozen too hard to dig full way. Lugged in wood, read our papers, suppered on baked potatoes, freezer peas and last night's chicken. Watched TV news, then uptown to mail 50th anniversary card to the Geo. L. Barrie, and home by Jimmie Brown's to get a Social Security App. Blank for Nan. Clare had a spare. Jimmie and Clare were out visiting so didn't visit. Home and played a game of Scrabble.

Jan.	3,	Saturday	

Appears to be another beauty. Wind appears to be west on water. Sky cloudless with fingernail moon over Stimpson's. Temp. 16°. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day all day. Sunny and warmed up. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went right to work on shop. Hardly started when George came. Went right to work on SW half of southern end. Took old boards off to carrying beam, set jack post to take strain, took out posts, cut new butts in top sill, reset them plumb, spacing them so I could put in a six light sash. Half of one of Abbie's kitchen windows. Will use other half of window on N side of center of end. Didn't do it when we reboard the other day. Put 12" board over that half end of sill and had reboard up by window opening at lunch time. After lunch finished boarding what we'd taken off, put sill boards on drive end of building, both sides of driveway and while George finished filling in floor, I made stool for window sash and fitted window to opening. Didn't get finish made. Lugged in wood, cleaned up and up to the Ames to supper and evening at 5:15. Milton got our mail for us. Delicious supper of baked ham slice, baked potatoes, salads and all. Invited to go on to Florida with them for month of March. Home after 10:00. A very unrestful night. Shoulder ached, then at 3:00 A.M., the Coast Guard called to report a missing dragger. Don't know whether we got back to sleep or not.

Jan. 4, Sunday

Looks like a nice morning. Air on water appears NE but smoke from chimney about N. Clear. Temp. 16 or 15°. Glass 29.8. A nice sun day but hardly above 20° any time. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went to church and communion. Only about 30 there. Mrs. Williamson gave the sermon. Home by way of the Garnet Thorntons to leave our wind gauge fluid bottle. Didn't visit. Had fried scallops for lunch. Sherm Cooper around yesterday peddling. Very good. Cheated. Crawled away to bed this P.M. and had a nap. Shirley and Marcia here after several jugs of water. Town water poor at their place. About 4:00 we went on ride to Lamont's Pond to watch skaters but mostly gone home. Met the Lawrence Grants and were invited home with them. Visited to 7:00. Had a nice supper lunch. Squire tells me he has traded his old 9N tractor for my NAA after waiting all these months. Has been setting outdoors over there all this time, after I had taken such good care of it. Home and lugged in Ashley wood. Watch Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell hour. Lights in Carver house again after this long time. Guess the Fred Howards are saying there tonight.

Jan. 5, Monday

A real winter morning, 12° with considerable breeze. Appears to be West. Can just see cow on shop now at 6:30. Sky clear. Should be a good day. Glass 29.9. Was a beautiful sunny day on southern end of shop, but a cold win blowing into shop doors. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Had just taken ashes out of kitchen stove when George arrived. He finished patching in second floor in NE corner while I made ready to put up stage across southern end. Got stage up and old paper and nails removed to peak by lunch time with 15 minutes out for coffee. Marion in this P.M. Nan gave her \$7.00 in place of flowers for mother's funeral. Spent P.M. removing floor boards from stage up, tearing out old window frame restudding for new window, and at 3:45 was read to go to reboarding tomorrow and to put window and casing in place. A.M. putting in one I salvaged out of Fay's boathouse on Stimpson's when it collapsed years ago. Lugged in wood. To town to get mail. Home. Looked at mail, suppered on fried lamb chops, potatoes and Merry Jane turnips. Jamie Hopkins in a little while this evening. Guess he and Arthur are getting a belly full of "Squint's" bossing. After Jamie left, Nan and I played a game of Scrabble. 6 hours Geo. Beverage on shop.

Jan. 6, Tuesday

Up shortly after 5:00. Must try to get southern end of shop closed in this A.M. Have to go to funeral as Pall Bearer this P.M. Stars out, but sounds like considerable wind going NW. Temp has held at 24° all night. Glass 29.8. Another nice sunny day and good one end of shop. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and was over to shop before sun broke over Stimpson's. Had fire going, had broken up some old boards for burning, and was working on boarding when George came. By 12:00 we had end all closed except for two tapering boards to shut streak between old and new boarding and putting in wood. Had a quick lunch - George didn't stay, shaved, cleaned up and went to Jessie Carver's funeral. Nan in mourners. Other bearers Ben Brown, Foster Morrison, and Bob Smith. Went in Bob's car. Down to Alta's after. Nan did two washes. Alta uptown to see boat come with us while second batch washed. Took Alta home, picked up clothes, stopped for mail and home by Arlene's Dairy. Lugged in wood. Looked at mail. A package from RM containing 2 large books on African Animals. Suppered on freezer ham hocks, potatoes and dandelion greens. Rested and watched Red Skelton Show. 4 hours George Beverage on shop.

Jan. 7, Wednesday

A dull, heavy, overcast morning. Can just make out cow on shop now at 6:45. Appears to be heading N to NW. Gale winds and snow predicted for today. Temp. 20°. Glass 29.8. Wind swung by N to NE so very raw and disagreeable all day threatening snow. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Over to shop, had smashed up some cultch for firewood and had fire going when George came to help me close in end before snow. Fitted in the last two tapered pieces and fastened window in place. As it was not fitting to put on paper George went home. I cleaned up around shop outside throwing course, cultch into pile and lugging finer stuff upstairs to burn. Took over a couple armfuls of old Pease House clapboards and closed cracks from inside upstairs. A few I couldn't get at I closed from stage outside. Fitted a piece along window casing. Picked over and gathered together a batch of bull-heads. Opened up several cans of tar gunk and dumped them all into one container about heating up. Uptown to see boat come and to get mail. Home and lugged in wood while Nan took in clothes. Read mail - a note plus from Mrs. Fay. Suppered on last night's supper. Watched some TV.

Jan. 8, Thursday

Ha. Cold this morning. 12° by us. HSB's probably 5 or 6°. Very light breeze appears to be N to NNE. Cloudless now at 6:45. Glass 29.7. Became a nice sunny day and nice on southern end of shop. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan decided to go down to visit Pat and family. Jim B. Took her across. Came back with Doug. I started fire in shop, and had paper, tar, etc nicely warming when George came about 9:45. Took end window out and worked from inside. Started in peak and worked this way. by four we had finished to NE corner down to stage and one strip down on SW side of window. Strapped both seams and centers. Should make considerable more showing tomorrow but of course will have stage to take out of way. Scrambled eggs for our lunch. Edith Ames called at noontime to say Mr. Bucklin - my hospital roommate - died suddenly late yesterday P.M. Glad I called and talked with him a few nights ago. Rode to town with George and back with Nan. Lugged in wood. Read our papers. Suppered on fish and potatoes. Nan brought fish from VH. Tried to watch TV this evening but plenty weary. George Beverage on shop - 5 hours.

Jan. 9, Friday

Up at 5:30, appears to be a good morning. Stars out. Must get fire going early in shop to warm paper. Has gone from 20° to 15 or 16° since 3:00 A.M. glass 28.5. What weather we're had on that shop. Only on storm really. Sun slow breaking through but made a nice day on southern end of shop. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had fire going in shop and material warmed up when George came. Finished papering from stage to SW corner - coffeed - Marion H here. Tell us Emery was sworn in vesterday as Lamplighter in J.C.'s place. Had staging down and a strip of paper in place from window to sill at lunch time. By 4:00 had paper on from center and all strapped to SW corner except shutting in strip. Nan up to Audrey's this P.M. and was going to town for mail for getting mail is delivered at noon Fridays. I started to ride to town with George like yesterday. We met Nan in Turner Woods. Didn't see me in car, kept coming home. I started to walk back and Doug Stone gave me a ride. Met Nan by butchering place gate coming for me. Lugged in wood, read papers, suppered on fish hash. Shaved and cleaned up. The Pendletons down to play 83. Harriet and I won 2 out of 3. Treated them to ice cream with strawberries, a new white cake & coffee.

Jan. 10, Saturday

Another cool one 13 or 14°. Light breeze NW. Glass 29.4. Sky looks quite clear. Hope to finish end of shop this day. Did, except for a few short strappings and finish around window openings. Became too cold and disagreeable by 3:00 P.M. . Couldn't keep hands warm. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Had fire going in shop before sun up. Had material warmed up when George came. Went right t work on southern end. Finished to SW corner from where we left off yesterday P.M., then shifted to NE side of center. Cut window opening through, re-studded, put in header and sill, zinced, and had strip of paper on under window at lunch time. This P.M. finished putting on paper, and end is now down except for finishing. Uptown to see boat come. Home. Lugged in wood. Shaved, cleaned up etc to be ready for the Ames at 5:30. Didn't come till 6:00. Brought our mail. Jacob's Cattle baked beans for supper with hot biscuits etc. Watched Lawrence Welk and visited this evening. Lost out on our chance to go to Florida by not saying yes right off. The Doug Stones are going with the Ames. Don't see how we could possibly go and still start on this house _____ in March. George Beverage 6 hours on shop.

Jan. 11, Sunday	A cold winter morning. Wind west probably 15M now at 6:45. A few clouds along horizon. Temp. 12°. Glass 29.6. Should be sunny. Was. A beautiful day but cold. Excuse writing but fingers and thumbs so sore with cracks I could cry easily. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Both so weary we didn't go to church. Rested and read. Played a game of Scrabble before 1:00 P.M. lunch. Tried to nap after but no luck. too much commotion. The Hopkins are moving over. Mrs. Carver's house and lawn will catch hell now. Shirley and Marcia down after water about 3:00. Lugged in wood. To town by way of NS road about 4:00 to mail letters. Called at Danny Pendleton's a few minutes to see new addition on house. Will be nice when done. To the Lawrence Grants at 5:00 to roast pork supper and evening. Very good. Out to garage to see Old Faithful - NAA. Gas still leaking around sediment bulb. Went to church service at 7:00 with the Grants. About 20 of us there. All the pleading and asking for testimony shakes me up. Back to Grants to 10:00. Enjoyed ice cream. Home in 10° above temp.
Jan. 12, Monday	Didn't get up to 6:30. A beautiful almost calm winter morning. Air west. Sky nearly cloudless. Temp. 10°. Glass 29.9. A nice day on southern end of shop with sun shining until wind swung around SE for a while about noon time. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Built fire in shop and warmed things up. Cut some more roofing paper nail but one and fastened roofing to sill along southern end. Put on rest of strapping except under windows. Made window stools, cut finish for around the two I've put in southern end framed them in. Had to go to town at lunch time to get more window zinc. Back to work and at 4:00 had the second window all zinced, framed etc. To town to get mail. My new double emery wheel bench grinder came today - a Christmas present from Nan. Tonight rest of order came from Sears - pants, insulated underwear, hack saw blades, chalk and plumb line and a cat's paw. Home by way of Arlene's Dairy and NS road. Lugged din woods. Read paper, suppered on potato, peas and carrots, fried lamb's liver (freezer) and bacon. Rested and napped this evening. Nothing on TV. Nan defrosted upright freezer this day. George didn't come today.
Jan. 13, Tuesday	A very dull dark morning. Can't see cow on shop yet at 6:30. Think air is NE or ENE. Snowed enough on porch to track a cat. Can't figure out yet which are going to be the most troublesome - the Hopkins children or their 3 dogs and 2 cats. Dogs already leaving their callings cards. Temp. 22°. Glass 29.6. Snowed most of day. Feather-type. Snowplow down about noon. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Val Young called about 8:00 and talked a half hour or so. Getting pretty lonely there on the neck alone. Spent most of A.M. reading a book Jennie B. gave me to reads - The Bronze Bow - Very Good. Played a couple games Scrabble. Lunched. Tried to nap. Didn't. Uptown to see boat come. Waited for mail. Home by N Shore road. Lugged in wood. Read our papers. Suppered on warmed up turkey out of freezer, potato and beans. Jamie and Nancy H. dropped in a half hour or so. Invited Harvey and Shirley down to play 83. Harvey and Nan won all 3 games. Cooling off tonight. 22° all day, now 12°.

Jan. 14, Wednesday	A cold winter morning with this snow on ground. 25M wind NW to W. A few clouds around horizon. Temp. 12°. Glass 29.6. Guess the Hopkins are really going to take over the Carver Estate. Jamie said last night they're going to put in a cellar hot air furnace and have the upstairs wired. A cold windy one all day but sunny. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on Income Tax Material taking if off calendar. finished that part before lunch. Nan over to call on Marion H. a half hour or so. This P.M. Nan went up to Audrey's to help cut out animal characters for Guild, then down town to get mail, made out several bills and brought Ern Whitmore's account up to date. Some different than a few years ago. Garnet Thornton here this P.M. getting signatures to have the RFD mail delivered at night instead of the next morning except in stormy conditions. Took ashes out of kitchen stove, lugged in wood, etc. Shaved, cleaned up and up to Eliot Beveridge's at 5:00 to visit an hour. Cold and windy when we came home. Looked at mail. Suppered on scrambled eggs. Watched a little TV and rested.
Jan. 15, Thursday	Coldest morning yet. 5° above. 25 to 35M NW wind. Considerable heavy clouds along horizon. Glass 29.7. Looks like several days of cold coming yet. Moon doesn't [get] full till next Thursday. Jennie B. called last night to say Rev. Milton G. Perry passed away yesterday in Florida. Has been very sick for years. A cold windy day all day but wind dropped out some this P.M. late. Sunny. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on Income Tax Material this A.M. transferring accounts from tablet into account book. Readied RM's mowing and vegetable bill to mail, also Eliot Beveridge's rotoring and wood sawing account. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch warmed. Rested a half hour or so. Over to RM's to check house. Uptown to mail letter sand down to Alta's to put in a wash. Alta not home. Uptown to see boat come. Back down to Alta's to put in second wash. Uptown to wait for mail. Back down to get washes and home by Arlene's Dairy and middle road. Lugged in wood. Read papers. Suppered on potatoes and Bull's Heels. Rested and watched a little TV.
Jan. 16, Friday	Cold still hanging on, but wind has dropped out some. 10°. Clear. Sky about cloudless. Can just make out cow on shop now at 6:35. Looking right at Carver's or Hopkins, I suppose now. Odd to see the house so lit up. Should be sunny. Glass 30.1. A most beautiful day. Sunny, no wind and warmed up to 30° or more. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Went right to work on papers, transferring accounts to account book. Made out Mullen's Crick account to mail and Ern Whitmore's, making check to him to date of \$33.00 including \$12.00 helped at Mullen's Crick. Worked for FW Sampson mowing and rotoring to the amount of \$280 plus this last season. Not bad. H. Demmons blew in just before lunch with our grocery order of \$50.00 from A&P. Helped Nan put it away. Had an invite to Violet Whipple's wedding in mail for Feb. 14 th . Lunched, then to work on shop. Started fire to hotten tar and finished southern end, getting paper tightened down over window zinc, corner of window opening tarred, rest of strapping on etc. Also one of the sash boxed inside. Uptown to see boat come. Home by way of Ern W. to give him account and check. Lugged in wood, suppered on T-Bone steak etc. Nan washed her hair before supper and about 7:00 we went up to B. Joyce's to get hair set and mine cut.

Jan. 17, Saturday	Some change in weather. 30° but a dark morning. Looked very snowy last night. Can't see cow on shop yet at 6:30, but appears calm. Days have lengthened 30 minutes this day. Can already see the difference at night. Breeze SW. Glass 29.8. A nice working day but not so much sun. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Pumped, built fire in shop and worked on building. Pierced out corner board on lower end of N side of shop, hooked out shingles and nails to the height of strip of paper 10 feet alongside and shingled back in. Can't do the rest along sill till I can dig away come spring. Boxed around other end window inside and repaired one of the tractor doors - had to lengthen it out. Shaved and uptown to see boat come and to get mail. Harvey and Shirley down to get water this A.M. and Harvey visited with me a few minutes. Home by way of HSB's to get potatoes. Lugged in wood, read papers. Suppered on taters, carrots and boiled ham. Watched TV programs this evening. Big circle around moon, looks very snowy.
Jan. 18, Sunday	Still very dark at 6:30. Snow enough on porch to track a cat. Has grown cold all night. At 3:00 A.M. was 21°, now at 6:00 it's 18°. Glass 29.7. Breeze NE. Snowed part of A.M., cleared to a cold P.M., 18° growing cold tonight to 14°. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Read a little while and then made ready to go to church. Only about 30 there, choir and all. Home by NS road. Played a game of Scrabble and lunch. Went clamming here in Goose Cove. Got a fair mess, but nearly froze my right hand even with woolen mittens on. Marion H. had been skating on our pond and called in to show us her new high vinyl boots. Quite neat and she says they are warm. Lugged in wood. Cleaned up and invited the Eliot Beveridges down to steamed clams and hot corn muffins. Both very good. Visited to 9:00. They tell us they'll be away 3 weeks in Feb. with Arlene taking care for them. Also that L. Beverage just dressed out their '69 crop of lambs (3) for them today. Seems like they must have shrunk badly in the past 6 weeks. Would have if they'd been mine.
Jan. 19, Monday	Golly, these mornings are dark after the moon sets, and it's plenty cold. 8° above. Probably nearly zero by Hiram's. Can't see cow yet, but expect air is NW. Glass 29.9. would guess sky is cloudless. A beautiful sunny day and stayed calm but cold. Didn't get up to 20°. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes, then to work on shop and okay too if only I could keep my hands warm. Amazing how much more cheerful the bottom of shop is with two windows in end for sun to shine through. Did a nice chore this day. Put up a new door post and shifted tractor door opening 18 inches this way from runway so when I put up new runway I can put it fully under upper door instead of only half under. Very dangerous as was. Got driveway done, a temporary fill in under upper door, and shingles off between tractor doorway and NW corner up two strips of tarred paper and paper on. Uptown to see boat come and get mail. Home, lugged in wood, read paper, cleaned up and had the H. Calderwoods and Alta down to boiled ham, potatoes, dandelion greens etc. Damned good. the Calderwoods and we then played 3 games of 83. Mrs SC and I won all 3. Alta did fancy work.

Jan. 20, Tuesday

What a picture book morning. Almost full moon over "bedding down tree." Cold though. Coldest yet, 4° above. about calm. Glass 29.19. Another hand suffering day but must make the most of good weather. A cold day but sunny. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Brought XL-12 over from shop to warm up while I mixed up gas etc. Sawed up our pile of small Ashley wood from last year's Ghost Tree cleanup into kitchen holding wood; then out onto Frog Pond Ridge and sawed up 3 tubs full of small Ashley for Alta's kitchen heater. Loaded them into Chevelle. Went to work on shop about 10:45. Framed out an opening for a 6 x 9 six light sash opening in NW end of shop by runway. Couldn't get it into corner like I'd like because of corner diagonally but will lighten end of work bench considerable. Marion H dropped in just as we were lunching and had sandwich with us. Cut window opening through. Weighted up a half ton hay for L. Beverage and boys came for it just as I finished. Back to shop and cut out stool for opening. Nan to Guild this P.M. Lugged in wood, looked at paper, suppered on baked potatoes, peas and fried chicken legs. Was resting and reading a little after supper when the Witherspoons blew in. Had a nice visit to 10:00 or so. Had ice cream with strawberries. "Little King" 1/2 ton hay.

Jan. 21, Wednesday

Martin and Bertha's anniversary. Another cold one. Has gone from 10° to 7° since 5:00 A.M. to 6:15, and really breezing on NNE to NE. Will be a cold snow storm if it comes. Glass has dropped to 29.5, very heavy overcast. Cleared to a sunny day, but cold and windy. Only up to 10° and dropped back to zero after sundown. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So cold and disagreeable I didn't attempt to work on shop. Rested on electric blanket to 10:00 then worked on my Farm Census Report, filling that out. Took to lunch time. Played a couple games of Scrabble. Han hung out yesterday's wash she did at Alta's and I lugged in wood. Uptown to mail Census report, letters and a package to Oldroyds. Saw boat come. Down to Alta's after with yesterday's wood. She not home. Back uptown to wait for mail. Cold waiting in car very long. Stopped at Sampson's to get my watch he brought from Rockland. Broken crystal etc. \$2.50 pd Frank. Home by NS road. Checked RM's. Read paper. Suppered on last night's chicken legs, macaroni and cheese etc. Watched TV this evening. Cold getting in to ledge. Thermometer hanging from 0° to 4° below all evening.

Jan. 22, Thursday

Talk about your picture book moonlit mornings. At 4:00 when I replenished fire as light as day and moon full over pasture woods. Cold - zero to 2° below and wind breezing again now coming daylight NW. Glass 29.7. A very cold day but sunny so house warmed up lovely when sun came around. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was going to split some Ashley wood over in Tumbledown cowyard from Mrs. Pease's hill cut last winter but with board fence fallen down it would have been disagreeably windy. Worked all A.M. on Income Tax Material. Finished entering accounts in account book and finished making out bills. The King's and Little King's and my account with Elliott Brown Jr hay against lumber. Lunched and rested an hour. Lugged in wood. Uptown to mail letters, see boat come and to get mail. Saw Elliott Brown on parking lot and we adjusted our accounts. He has a credit of \$39.00 plus, wishes to take it in hay. Home by way of Dairy and Middle road. Read our papers and a letter from Jim Joe Lannon. Suppered on cold sliced ham, potatoes and peas. Watched TV. Margaret and Paul H. dropped in a half hour.

Jan. 23, Friday

Here's another cold picture book moonlit morning. That old moon is some big. 0°. About calm. Should go to Rockland, but to long a day to go on first boat - 7:00, and too short to go on second - 1:00. Glass 29.9. Better try to get some Ashley wood to house before snow comes instead. A good working day but very raw as wind swung out SW. Warmed up towards 30° in P.M. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Jeep started up good for me after such a cold spell. Hauled 3 double tier loads of Ashley wood home from Tumbledown cowyard this A.M. splitting the bigger junks. Tiered 2 loads on porch and left the third in Jeep. Lunched. Worked over to shop till time to go to boat. Re-cut opening for window I cut through Tuesday P.M. Too plumb, looked bad with window about it so out of plumb. Got it finished around on outside and zinc cut and bent. Saw boat come. Home by Audrey's to pick up eggs and Dairy to get cream. Lugged in wood. The HCC's here a half hour after water. Froze a batch of ice cream while eating supper. Invited the Lawrence Grants and Chick Stones down to play 83. Had a nice time but 5 hands of game not as much fun as 4 handed. Ice cream and raspberries good. Mr. Bailey called at 9:00 P.M. to say he'd be arriving tomorrow P.M. House will be cold.

Jan. 24, Saturday

By Golly, this is a cold looking one, but 10° above by thermometer. Breeze must be about N as Cow is looking right at me. Can just see her now at 6:30. Snowed enough last night to track a cat. Sun has now started back enough mornings so it shines through our oak tree, through entry window and kitchen door to me setting here at table eating breakfast. Very good. Glass 29.9. A nice day and a full one. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Up to Fay's first thing. Opened house and took off kitchen window shutter. Pumped. Back up and started both fires. Took Emerald Queen out of garage and parked in front of barn. Worked on shop when I wasn't running up to Fay's to tend fires. Nan up and swept floors and put down rugs. Boxed in yesterday's window inside, then started cleaning shingles off SW side. Completely gone. Cleaned to top of windows full length, cleaned up shingles, and cleaned off nails. Uptown to see boat come and get mail. Home. Lugged in Watched TV program this evening to 10:30. As I have to replace the two windows already in SW side of shop, I'd like to put in 2 more between them using storm windows in place of 2 piece sashes. I have 3, where can I get a fourth?

Jan. 25, Sunday

Warmer this morning but considerable high cloudiness. 20° Air W. Glass 29.9. A nice summery day and warmed up to 30°. Did bookkeeping, bathed and made breakfast. Read and rested a little while. Went to church. About 35 present. Held in Memorial Room as furnace didn't work in main room last night. Home by way of NS road. Played a game of Scrabble. Nan made over 300 - and then lunched on a can of Campbell's vegetable beef stew. Up to call on Dalon Brown a little while till other company arrived. Benny and Elsie Rae, and Marion H and Arthur. Thought Dalon appeared better than when Garnet and I called on him the day before Christmas. Is able to scuff around by using one crutch. Down town to see boat return from Rockland. Home and lugged in wood. Invited up to Bailey's to visit an hour. Home and had freezer T-Bone steak for supper. Watched some TV programs this evening, what I didn't sleep through. The only 4th storm window of the right size I can find is on outside of upper shop window by runway. May use that and find something to take its place.

Jan. 26, Monday

Snowed more than enough to track a cat (3 inches) during night, and it may still be snowing a little. Still dark and heavy overcast at 6:30. Air appears about N. Must get ready to go to Rockland to do errands. Stand aside please, and make way. Mrs. C. won't go with me. Made boat okay. A nice trip both ways. Snowed lightly most of A.M. Had coffee with Jane Q. Brown at Coffee Shop. to shoe repair shop with Nan's Bass Weejun Loafers to be stretched, to Musicland to have new bracelet put on my watch, to Sulides' office, to both banks to have books brought up to date, and to Sears to look at skis. Just started along street from there when I met Ron Russell. He took me out to Oldroyd's. Jim didn't work today so we all had a nice visit. Lunched with them, and Jim brought me back to Rockland. Helped me do rest of errands bull heads etc at Spears, and groceries at A&P and took all to boat for me. A great help. Through shopping in time so Jim took me on a ride up by Chickawakee Lake to see newly built road now completed. Completely bypasses Rockville. Visited with Eric coming home. Home and unloaded purchases. Nan had filled woodboxes. Uptown after mail. Read paper. Suppered on hamburg steak etc. Rested, watched some TV and played a game of Scrabble. As weary as though I'd worked. The H. Demmons sure tending out on Mr. Bailey. Down here again this evening.

Jan. 27, Tuesday

Brother Arthur's Birthday, born 1918. What a beautiful moonlit morning with moon shining on snow. As I came from boat yesterday P.M., Edwin Thayer asked me to be on Budget Committee again. Friday evening. A whale of a circle around moon this morning. Mr. Bailey some lucky to have this kind of weekend this time of year. Leaves this morning. Temp. 22°. Glass 29.9. About calm. Bailey didn't go. Leave extended to Thursday. Did bookkeeping. made breakfast and helped with dishes. A nice job done this morning. Let fire go out in Ashley, cleaned ashes out of same (4 trays), cleaned stove pipe (well filled) and bottom of chimney. Also two plans ashes out of kitchen stove. Went to work on shop. Cleaned off SW sidewall ready to make window opening but so mild I started shingling on NW end. Shingled between doorway and NE corner the eight of 2 strips paper, then started on other side of doorway to SW corner. Had 3 courses on there when Nan returned from Unity Guild Anniversary day dinner etc. I had cracker and milk for my lunch. Hard work to stand on one's head and shingle. Snow wet on knees too. Lugged in wood. Read mail. Spring Ward Catalog came. Suppered on fried hamburger etc. Rested a half hour, then up to Jennie's and Etta's to play rook. Etta and Nan beat Jennie and I 2 out of 3.

Jan. 28, Wednesday

Another beautiful moonlit morning. Calm. Air appears N. Temp 20. Glass 30.2. a beautiful sunny mild warm day to work on NW end of shop. Did bookkeeping,, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop by 8:00. Built fire and started right in where I left off yesterday P.M. Found a piece of finish to go up and down SW side of tractor doorway, then started shingling. No wet knees today s I worked in hip boots. By 3:00 P.M. had shingled as high as I could go under runway - 2 strips of paper. Slow going so many obstacles. George Beverage blew in about 2:45 to visit a few minutes. Will help me again when I'm ready to paper wall and shingle roof. Uptown to chore, see boat come, and get mail. Home, lugged in wood. Nan fixed up a pail of salt water ice, we cleaned up and back up to Alta's to corned hake, dandelion greens, potatoes etc supper. The HCCs also present. Had a nice supper. Froze pineapple sherbet after down cellar. Nan did a wash. Watched some TV programs. Home after 10:00. Looks and feels rainy. The Wailing Woman sure sounds plain.

Jan. 29, Thursday	Wind out SSW 20 to 25M. Started to rain some before daylight. No work on outside of shop this day, it looks like. Temp. 38°. Glass 29.2. Mr. Bailey supposed to depart this morning. Did. Must have rained considerable as SW side of shop wet through well. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Over hill with Nan to light hot water heater and start Landrover. Nan made bed etc for Mrs. West. On way home I put the Emerald Queen back into Fay's garage, took ashes out of both stoves, swept living room floor and put picture window shutter back on. Started fire in shop and worked to 4:30 with a short lunch period on storm windows to go in SW side of shop. Completely cleaned the putty off 4 and took all the glass out of 3 to re-set. Painted on both sides the one with glass in. Nan to boat to meet Mrs. West and get mail. Over to new house with Mrs. West. Brought Nan yellow mum plant. Read papers after lugging in wood. Just finishing supper when all the Hopkins children blew in. Then the HCCs came after water. Played 3 games 83. Mrs. Shirley and I won 2. A mild night as we go to bed.
Jan. 30, Friday	A mild morning. 36°. Air N. Sky mostly clear. Should be sunny. Overslept to 6:40. Now to thrash. Glass 29.5. Called George Beverage about helping me today. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. A very nice mild sunny day with little wind. Chilly after 3:30. Built fire in shop and was ready when George came. Lugged our last roll of red roofing upstairs by stove. Heated tar gunk etc. Started right in on SW side. Cleaned all shingles off frame top of windows to the eaves the length of building. Cleaned nails and renailed boards. By lunch time had 2 strips roofing on full length between NW corner and window opening, nails and strapped. After lunch 2 more full length strips from window opening to Southern corner of building nailed and strapped, and had just enough short pieces to make a 3 foot strip across over windows from eaves down. If I hadn't let Uncle Herb have a roll years ago, I'd had plenty to do whole side. Worked to 4:30. Nan had wood lugged in. Read papers, suppered on fried lamb chops etc. Rested a half hour, shaved, cleaned up and up to Budget Comm. meeting at Selectmen's Office. Don Witherspoon, Forrest Adams, Bob Smith, James S. Brown, Marjorie Fernald and Ivaloo Patrick other members. After 12:00 when I got home, but completed Budget. Nan stayed home. Luther Glidden called this P.M. to say they could put Step-Up Step-Down transmission in my new tractor tomorrow or Monday. 6 hours George Beverage on shop.
Jan. 31, Saturday	A beautiful small moonlit morning. Calm and cloudless. Will be a cold ride though. 14°. Air N to W. Glass 29.99. A nice day, sunny with not much wind, but stayed cold. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Dressed heavy and drove 2000 Ford to Ferry. Not nearly as disagreeable a ride as I've had times past. George Beverage picked me up at terminal. Had coffee, then right to work on NW end of shop. Cleaned all shingles off from top of tractor doorway to peak. Borrowed Mrs. Fay's ladder (wooden extension) and it worked fine along with my two step ladders. Only a 20 footer. Cleaned nails and renailed. Fitted in pieces of boards, put finish across over doorway, cut zincs and at 4:30 had end completely papered back in with tarred paper. On racks I used the diagonal cut off heavy roofing paper used on SE end, so not a bit of that roofing went to waste. Too weary to clean up shingle cultch after work. Lugged in wood. Nan with Audrey and Cynthia this P.M. cutting out Guild animals. Brought mail home. A check from the Eliot Beveridges \$103.00 and a letter and stamp money from Abbie. Suppered on frozen baked beans. Rested and watched TV programs. Margret, Mark and Kenneth H. in a half hour or so. 6 hours George Beverage on shop.

Feb. 1, Sunday	Howdy February. How time does fly. Warm but raw. Quite a breeze W to SW. 30°. Some cloudiness. Glass 29.9. Didn't roll out till nearly 7:00. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast - lamb's liver, the last of it and bacon. Helped with dishes. Time to make ready to go to church then. About 35 present. This the 4 Chaplains Sunday. Only 4 Legionnaires there. Invited to Sampson's to Scallop Chowder Dinner from church. Rode in around Ketchum's Road before stopping at Sampson's. A very nice dinner and afternoon. Watched some TV, then rode down to see boat return from Rockland. Nan had a bundle to send down to Pat. The Sampsons took us on a ride clear to Crabtree's Point, Bartlett's Harbor, and around island. Home nearly 5:30. Pumped and lugged in wood. Was just getting ready to pop some corn for a lunch when the Hopkins children came in. Had popcorn with us and watched some TV. To bed weary about 10:15. Not much relaxation this day.
Feb. 2, Monday	My, what a mild Ground Hog Day. 38° Air must be SW the way the "Wailing Woman" sounds. Should be fairly good about shingling on W end of shop if SW wind isn't too raw. Glass 30. Wasn't bad until about 4:00 P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went right to work on shop. Had the old shingles from Sat. along NW end all picked up, lugged upstairs and fire going when George came. Also primed upstairs window stool in southern end. Started right in on NW end. George took SW corner, I took NE corner. Had to put up staging before lunch. Seemed like something to frig around all day. After lunch I had to make cap for upstairs door and some finish. Then just before 4:00 had to put up second staging. Finished to across top of upper doorway. Spent rest of time from 4:00 shingling cracks inside on SW side between window openings to keep driving rain out. wind really breezing on. To town with Nan to get mail. Started to rain before we got home. Lugged in wood. Read paper. Suppered on fried chicken etc. A gale of wind and driving rain all evening and most of night. No company this night. No doubt the Ground Hog saw his shadow. Did cloud up badly before lunchtime.
Feb. 3, Tuesday	How it blew and rained most of night. Slept much better than night before though. Didn't come to till 5:00. Still strong SW wind but rain has stopped. Very dark still at 6:30. Temp. 48°. Glass 29.6. What a storm and what a gale. Rained hard all A.M., then wind really breezed on during P.M. and evening. Well over 60 M at times. Very driving rain. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Worked over in shop all day except for 10:00 coffee break and short lunch period. Nan went to Guild this P.M. and waited for mail. Boat arrived after 4:00. Very rough crossing. I painted the 3 storm inside and out sash I cleaned one pane of glass in the storm sash I primed the other day, and reputtied the whole sash 12 - 7 x 9 panes - took a pound of glazing compound. Back to house 4:30. Lugged in Ashley wood, kitchen wood out of outside box. Was getting taters ready to cook when Nan came. Read papers, suppered on t-bone steak etc. No company tonight. Golly how it rains and blows. A wonder our trees don't snap off back of house. Lights have dipped several times.

Feb. 4, Wednesday

Holy Cow, how it blew during night and rained considerable too. Still raining and still very dark now at 6:30. Warm 50°. Glass 29.25. Must tear into my Income Tax Material now. What a day. Grew cold rapidly all day to 10° above before dark. Tough snowstorm all A.M. with some sleeting. 3 inches of snow at least. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Marion H. over to visit with Nan and had coffee about 8:30. I worked in shop to 10:00 or so painting on both sides the storm sash I puttied yesterday. Shop roof leaked in several places last night. Up around Fay's to find garage doors had blown open and snow going length of garage. Nan helped me get them closed. Found barn roof had also leaked vesterday and last night, but couldn't tell if more shingles had blown off. Walked over to RMs to find upstairs bedroom ceiling wet again and water on floor. Home, lunched, rested. Uptown by way of dump. Mary Waterman to get driver's license stamped, library, etc. FWS visited on parking lot with us. Down to Alta's to have coffee. Picked up mail and home. Marcia and Clare here after water. Lugged in wood from woodshed. Read papers, suppered on hamburger loaf etc. Watched some TV. Cold. Nearly zero. Uncle Will's bait house collapsed last night. Also Emery Hopkins' barn at Diane Place.

Feb. 5, Thursday

A snow white winter morning and cold. Can't see our N end thermometer but one over freezer in entry window is 4° above. Air N. Sky clear, and sun worked back enough so it shines into bedroom by end of woodshed. Glass 30.65. Became a beautiful sunny day and warmed up to nearly 30° Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went right to work on Income Tax Material. Worked through Deposit Book and CheckBooks. Shaved and uptown just before boat came. Put wash in down to Alta's and took her to boat with us. Had a heck of a time unloading as tide was so low. Had to turn boat around and a couple cars backed off. Finally turned last Station wagon around on deck and drove off. Top of ramp not even shoveled off. Back down to Alta's to have coffee, and pick up clothes. Collected mail and home by dump to pick up chair Nan saw there yesterday. Lugged in wood. Read papers. Suppered on hamburg loaf etc. The 4 younger Hopkins children blew in and visited a while. Watched some TV. Holding nearly 30° tonight.

Feb. 6, Friday

Snowed a little during night, and sure looks snowy now. Glass still very high. 30.6. Temp. 27°. Air on water looks NE. Calm and mild all day. Sunny this A.M. but not this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. To barn, pumped weighed up and tossed down 1000# hay. Completely cleaned tie-up scaffold. Tuffey and Tomer boy after hay. Then over to Tumbledown. Elliott arrived same time, and we had 10 bales down off of scaffold ready to lay out when boys returned. Then Elliott came over and we cruised my pasture from Schoolhouse Hill to Merryconeag to look at pulpwood and log material. Beginning to blow up badly. Home by 10:00 and worked on Tax Material till nearly 2:00. Called Payson's to check on tractor, and it was ready to be shipped on this P.M. Started for town, put rugs into Fisher's garage house, checked Abbie's house - like to never got storm doors open [?], into Tumbledown Barn to put piece of plywood over eastern peak window that blew out during storm. Found sash on ground outside with only one cracked pane. to Alta's with water, and to boat. Thorntons visited with us. Boat loaded. Drove tractor home and put in barn. They did a nice job filing opening in bumper, charging switch, putting in Step up Step down transmissions etc. Read our mail after lugging in wood. Suppered on baked leg of lamb. Rested. Then up to the Pendletons to play 82. The Pendletons new room looks nice and nearly ready to move into, Harriet and I won all 3 games. 1/2 ton hay Elliott Brown 20.00. 10 bales hay Tumbledown for dunnage Elliott Brown.

Feb. 7, Saturday

A beautiful calm frosty morning. Not up till after 6:00. Temp. 27°. Glass still high, 30.45, some clouds along horizon out Sunup way. Air appears N or . Read in paper yesterday that Farmers have to March 1st this year to get Tax Returns in, but I shall try to have mine in as usual by Feb. 15th. What a beautiful sunny March day this became. Melted some. Should have worked on shop. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went right to work on Tax Material and kept at it to nearly 1:00 P.M. Lunched, rested an half hour, and made ready to got to town to do errands. Stopped at Pease Gate, walked into to inspect buildings. All appeared to have come through okay. Continued on down to Alta's with water and to get some excess steamer clams she had given her. The Bucky Hallowells arrived yesterday for a stay. He's finally graduated. Saw boat come and waited for mail. No Bangor paper tonight. Only a Courier and Sears spring catalog. Home by way of Arlene's Dairy and NS road. Took ashes out of kitchen stove, lugged in wood, read Courier and Sears, suppered on freezer baked beans, watched TV. The Hopkins children over this evening. Really make themselves to home, going to toilet etc. Plan to see everything there is to see.

Feb. 8, Sunday	Another flat calm March morning in February. Heavy white frost so expect a raw SW wind this P.M. Trees coated with almost ice. Air now NW. Temp. 20°. Glass 30.2. Sun rose by corner of woodshed so it shone into bedroom and windows this morning. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Also helped with dishes. Went to church and Communion. Only 30 present including choir. Invited to the Sampsons again this day to dinner. Smothered chicken, smashed potato etc. Very damn delicious. Visited to boat time. Nice fire in fireplace. Down to see boat come with Sampsons, then home. Lugged in wood and made ready to have the Thorntons come to supper at 5:45. Worked on tax material a half hour or so. Steamed clams, Bull's Heels, hot biscuits etc. Very good. Visited to 8:30 or so. Must get home early as they go to Rockland tomorrow. Watched Glen Campbell Show. This day about as beautiful as yesterday. Wind didn't even breeze up SW this P.M. Fooled me.
Feb. 9, Monday	Another flat calm warm morning, and again a heavy white frost. Air appears to be west. Temp. 28°. Glass 30.2. Rumor has it that William Hopkins mashed his hand badly Sat. P.M. between his boat trailer and car hitch. Several stitches taken and end of little finger trimmed off. Bad Injury. Has been a beautiful calm sunny warm day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and went right to work on Tax Material. Worked steadily to noontime. Now ready to start lunching up. Finished last night's steamed clams for lunch. Such a beautiful P.M. I shingled bare handed on NW end of shop and nearly finished it. Two more peak courses and all cutting and fitting. Nan to town between 1:00 and 2:00 to shop. Then I rode to town with her at 4:30 to get mail. Sat's Bangor Paper came along with today's. Home, lugged in wood, read papers some and cards from the RMs in Kenya, and the Fays and Mrs. Bailey in Guadeloupe. Suppered on cold roast lamb, dandelion greens, potatoes etc. Rested a half hour. Just ready to go up to Bernard Mills' to play 83 when Marcia and Claire W. came for water. Bernard and Nan won 4 out 5 games.
Feb. 10, Tuesday	A different looking morning. Eastern sky very red now at 6:30. Still mild though. 36°. Air NE. Some high cloudiness. Glass 30.2. Made up and breezed up stormy in P.M. and started raining about 6:00. Blew hard SE and rained all night. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Thrashed right over to shop and finished shingling up peak in NW end. Cleaned up and had staging down before 10:00. Will look quite nice when I get a new ramp. Finished playing the game of Scrabble we started before supper last night. Worked on Tax papers to lunch time. Rested a half hour or so, and was just starting on papers again when George B. Blew in. Tells me he and Georgie are going to Florida for 3 weeks soon. Nan to Guild this P.M. and brought mail home. Worked on papers to after 4:00. Lugged in wood. Read our mail - a Valentine from Jennie O.B. Cleaned up, shaved, and up to the Harvey Calderwoods to a 6:00 seafood supper - fried scallops, clams and shrimp. Delicious. Played 83 during evening. Mrs. Shirley and I won only 1 out of 5 games. Marcia on diet right now. Only steak for supper. Has lost 13# to date. Storming when we came home after 10:00. How it blows here.

Feb. 11,
Wednesday

How it has blown all night, a wonder we don't lose our trees. Wind just about SSE and blowing probably 50 now at 6:30. Mild though. 38°. Glass back to 29.3. Rained all day and evening, but wind dropped out some. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went right to work on Tax Material and except for talking with Sherm Baird and Val Young, I worked steadily to noon. Got figures all bunched in and totals made, first copy of farm sheet filled and tax and SS figured. If I'm right, then I'm paying a plenty. Even more than last year except for capital gains. Must now make a date with Sulides to check out. Worked over in ship this P.M. Nan second coated the storm window I pained the other day, and I set glass in the 8x10 storm window I'm putting in SW side of shop - 12 lights. Had poor luck as glass was second hand hadn't broke easily. Uptown to get mail. Just home when F. Sampson called inviting us up to watch Ice Capades this evening. Not as good as last year. Treated to ice cream with strawberries or raspberries. Nan took the raspberries along. Sampson sure giving us a rush-rush right now. Home 10:30. Still raining. RMs called from NY this morning. Are back from Africa. Plan to come to NH next week.

Feb. 12, Thursday

As dark this morning as it was early yesterday P.M. Plenty of heavy cloudiness but rain has topped. Looks like the last might have been snow flurries. Temp. 34°. Glass 29. Looks like air striking up W. Everything very wet and disagreeable. Wind came NW and cold this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made a copy of my Farm Schedule sheet before making breakfast. Over to shop by 8:00 and worked to 3:00 with just time out for lunch. Puttied the 12 light sash inside and out that I set glass in vesterday and started setting glass into a 12 light 7 x 9 before lunch. Right back and finished setting only breaking one pane, puttied inside and about 1/4 of the outside. To town at boat time and took Valentine presents across to Pat when ferry boat men went and brought her box home. Sent us up some special groceries along with loaf of homemade bread for Valentine's. Home by way of Mary Waterman's to get Chevelle and 2000 Series Excise Taxes paid and registration papers, then by HSB's to get potatoes. Home and lugged in wood after checking RMs. Nan made batches of 2 kinds of cookies this A.M. and did two washes this P.M. Suppered on fried chicken legs, potatoes and turnips. Stayed home for a change tonight. Napped and watched TV Sulides can't go over my papers until Tuesday.

Feb. 13, Friday

More snow last night. Enough to sweep off of porch this morning. Cool 20° and glass has started back up. 29.6. Air is nearly SW. Considerable high cloudiness. A cold raw day. Sun did shine some this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Right over to shop and started where I left off yesterday P.M. Finished putting that sash, repaired another one 12 light 7 x 9, and re-set glass in it. Had just enough putty for resetting and maybe 4 sides of one pane. Over to house for coffee about 10:30, then when I came over the lunch, Mrs. Hopkins was here. Had lunch with us. Back over to shop to 3:00. Uptown to boat, to get a 4 to 2 oz. can of putty at Brown's and to do wash at Alta's. Home by Arlene's Dairy and NS to give Stillman a ride home. Lugged in wood. Read papers - came at noontime. Suppered on fried hake, potatoes and string beans. Hake was some Garnet got us at W&Co. Paul & Kenneth Hopkins over at supper time with a package of government prunes. Up to Thornton's this evening to pay for hake etc. Treated to homemade pineapple sherbet. Watched some TV. Home about 10:00.

Feb. 14, Saturday	This is a cool one. 5° above with breeze west. Sky cloudless and sun should shine. Yesterday was Jack Brown's birthday and last year, he and Curly Joe were working on this kitchen addition, and I'd been to Rockland that day. Glass 29.8. Sun now worked N to where she doesn't shine through kitchen door window to table here, and sets almost out by end of barn. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop, pumped and help[ed] Nan hang out wash. Finished puttying the 12 light sash I run out of putty on yesterday P.M., had coffee, and then painted a 12 light sash both sides before lunch nearly 1:00. Back over and painted another both sides before going uptown. Nan was going to pain the one I puttied this A.M., but Shirley and Marcia came for water so Nan only had a half hour on the sash. To town at boat time. The Thorntons visited with us in parking lot. Got mail and came home. Lugged in wood and Nan took in wash. Dried nicely this day. Suppered on freezer baked beans. Watched TV this evening and napped. Wind NE as we go to bed and 20° above. A nice Snow Storm combination.
Feb. 15, Sunday	Started snowing before daylight, very fine stuff. Enough on porch at 5:30 to track a cat. Swept it when I fed birds before bookkeeping. Temp. still 20°. Glass up to 30.4. Strong NE wind with snow to dark. Wind swung out more SE during day. Bathed, shaved, and made breakfast. Over to shop an hour or so. Finished painting the fourth 12 light sash Nan & I started before going to town yesterday P.M. Now have all four done one coat over putty. Played four games of Scrabble. Didn't attempt to go to church. Lunched. Rested and read once. Played a couple more games of Scrabble. Suppered on corned hake and potatoes. Very damn delicious. Watched some TV. Talked to Mercedes this A.M. and again tonight. Jim drove to Lynn in this storm to see his father. So bad storm he didn't attempt to come back. Jim's father in very poor condition. Snow has slacked off as we go to bed. Snowplow down about noon and then down and in to Montgomery's after dark. Would guess 6 inches or more.
Feb. 16, Monday	Nice to have wind dropped out. Sure enough white world. Plenty of heavy cloudiness around eastern to southern horizon but clear above. Air appears N to NW. Temp. 22°. Glass 29.9. A beautiful sunny day but a mess underfoot. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked over in shop. Set glass into and puttied with 4 light 9 x 12 sash out of western big barn door that I took out to repair nearly a year ago and only got primed. Over to house for coffee. Then cleaned up the 6 light 7x9 sash that I cut into NW end of shop by runway downstairs, reset and puttied it. Over for lunch. Nan did a wash here and made a cake this A.M. To a Garden Club meeting at church this P.M. After lunch I finished the above 7x9x6 and painted a second coat both sides one of the 12 light storm sash I've been redoing. Tied together in pairs and took uptown in Jeep the six kitchen chairs we're used of Uncle Will's - to send over to Thomaston prison to have paint removed and refinished. Saw boat come. FWS and Jimmie Dalon Brown visited with us. Waited for mail. Home and was lugging in wood when Nan came. Read papers and a Valentine from the Oldroyds. Suppered on corned hake hash. Watched TV and napped this evening.

Feb. 17, Tuesday	To Rockland to see Sulides about Tax Papers. Up at 5:30. Had warmed to 20° from 2° at 3:00 A.M. A calm morning but I expect the air is NE. Glass 30.35. Must get ready to go to Rockland Income Taxing. Some high cloudiness. Did go, and Nan went with me, a last minute decision. a nice sunny day and a nice trip, just a short piece of chop coming home. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, and made boat. 2 big loads of pulp etc. Had coffee and donuts at Coffee Shop, then to Sulides. Tied up till 11:00 so to Bank and then to Meredith's. Nan bought me a beautiful recliner rocker as a birthday present - will have to be for several birthdays - our forty-nine-fifty. To Sulides and that cost me plenty too. Where I had used wrong tax schedule a figured my tax and SS at \$700.00 plus, Sulides figured it as a total of one thousand and a few dollars. Maine tax figured \$19.00. Took taxi out to Mercedes for less than hour. Had sandwiches. Back to Rockland to pick up groceries at A&P that Nan had bought while I was in Sulides office, and to boat. An okay trip home. Waited for mail. Home, lugged in wood, read papers, and suppered. Invited to George Beverage's to play 83 this evening with he and Nettie C. George and Georgie living former Etta Beverage house. Nettie and I won 2 out of 3 games.
Feb. 18, Wednesday	A fairly clear morning with some high cloudiness. Breeze NNE. Surprising how it's broad daylight now at 6:30. Not up till 6:20. Will be behind all day now. Temp. 28°. Glass 30. A nice day and mild. Thawed some. Sunny. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Took ashes out of kitchen stove. Over in shop about 8:00. Took out ashes before building fire. Painted second coat both sides 3 of the 4 - 12 light storm sash I'm putting in SW side of shop. All four now ready when dry. First coated both sides the 6 light sash that goes in NW and by runway downstairs. Nancy H. Visited Nan an hour or so after lunch, and then over again this evening a half hour or so. Uptown at boat time to do errands and get mail. Stopped at Mary W. on way home to pick up RM's LandRover excise receipt etc. and at Arlene's to get milk. Lugged in wood and read papers. Suppered on boiled ham, taters and dandelion greens. Not Bad at all. Watched TV this evening. Pat Bunker tells Nan today that Cal - Brud Clayter's widow is marrying again this week - only 3 rd time.
Feb. 19, Thursday	Warm by thermometer morning but very raw. Wind west to SW and breezing. Plenty of heavy cloud cover. Temp. 36°. Glass 29.2. Snowed gently all A.M., sun breaking out this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Just getting fire ready in shop to work when H. Demmons arrived with our recliner chair from Meredith's. My several birthday presents from Nan. Sits very nicely. Painted the 4 light barn sash I puttied last Monday, then went to work on the Stimpson Island window and frame I put in southern end when we papers [?] Frame was in poor shape, especially stool, so took that out and put in a new one, and used Webtex Gunk around top of frame outside by standing in window opening. Cased in around window inside so I could put slide strape against sash. Frame not deep enough otherwise. Replaced and puttied in a pane of glass in lower sash that had been shot through some time or other. Nan uptown to do wash and get mail this P.M. Lugged in wood. Read mail, a letter from Mrs. Fay. She's home now. All the H. children over at suppertime. Annoying some with using the toilet and all. Watched some TV this evening and rested in chair.

Feb. 20, Friday	What a pretty winter morning. Really cooled off during night. 9° above this morning at daylight. Calm. Just an air N. Sun almost leaving Stimpson's Island mornings now, and is all clear from barn at night. Right between barn and trees on Uncle Tim's Ledge. Glass 30.3. A nice sunny day and a full one. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Just finished when Curley Joe blew in. Wanted to put on Mari P. Stone's chimney caps. Up there with him till 9:00. Fireplace place one plenty heavy. Brought me home, filled water jugs, had coffee again, and visited nearly an hour. Wants me to help him shingle down to Dick Bloom's. Nan footed ladder for me while I took SW skylight off of shop roof to repair and paint. Back up to Pease Farm in Jeep to get a couple skylight covers. Very nearly got stuck in snow by barn. Jeep some helpless light. Put cover over skylight opening. Didn't quite fit of course. Lunched, then worked on skylight to boat time. Cleaned putty off, took out glass, had slid down from top, made and replaced the lower bottom board on skylight, and painted both sides of skylight with undercoating. Home from boat by NS road. Don and Cynthia just coming out of B Woods (Mink Farm). Talked with them a few minutes. Lugged in wood, replenished shop fire to dry paint, read our noon papers, and suppered on fried chicken legs, etc. Rested an hour. Had invited the D. Pendletons down to play 83. Harriet and I won 2 out of 3. D. Pendleton's new addition now finished and they've moved into it.
Feb. 21, Saturday	Another beauty but airing up westerly. Cool. 18°. Glass 30. Expect this will be a full one too. A 1/2 ton of hay to weigh up for Little King. Ashley wood to replace on porch besides work on skylight. O. Hum. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started fire in shop. Pumped. Weighed and tossed down 1030 # hay for L.B. Worked on skylight. Put putty onto one pane opening, bedded glass glazier painted it. Puttied it in, and was going around inside cleaning excess when pane cracked clean across about 6 inches from lower end. Just leaving for dump to look at a skylight window thrown away when the Witherspoon blew in. To dump, window wrong size of course, but found 3 window stools. Home by way of Lincoln's to pick up eggs. Back to work on window. Repaired damage by putting an 8x10 pane under break and letting it come down to lower edge of cross board. Had good luck putting in second pane and puttying it in, but put an 8x10 under this one too. to lunch at 2:00. George Beverage blew in and stayed an hour. Settled with him for help on shop. 101 hours at 202.00. He and Georgie fly to Calif. Monday. Hauled in a trailer load of Ashley wood off Frog Pond Ridge to porch. Mark & Paul H. helped me unload some. Franze and Ann M. here visiting to 4:30. Put tractor away cleaned up and up to the Ames to boiled fresh ham, potatoes and chicory greens for supper. Delicious. Watched L. Welk Show and Any Griffith.

Feb. 22, Sunday

Plenty of heavy high cloudiness. Air South. Temp. 20°. Glass 30. Became a nice sunny day with strong westerly winds, and another full one. Did bookkeeping, took baths, made breakfast, lugged in wood, shaved, rested, and went to church. Only about 30 there including choir. As we came out Lawrence Grant invited us to stop in and have lunch with them. Came home to tend living room fire - hadn't put much in when we left with wind so strong - and to get my NAA tractor operator's manual to give Lawrence. Had shrimp stew, a baked clam dish and apple duffy or what? Visited to 3:00, then rode down to Crabtree's Point where Elliott Brown Jr. is cutting pulp. Saw the North Haven ferry come in by Fiddler, then back down town to see her dock. Left the Grants home and came home. Made pineapple sherbet and froze it. Just finishing when Nancy and Paul dropped in. Nan treated them while I talked with Val Young on phone. At 6:00 the Grants came down here. Had ham sandwiches with Sherbet for dessert. Watched the special program - Born Free and Glen Campbell Hour. More sherbet and the Grants left. To bed about 11:00 after watching Perry Como Special. How's this for Washington's Birthday?

Feb. 23, Monday

Looks like a nice day coming, sky clear etc but how that wind has breezed on since before daylight NW to W, probably 40 M or more now at 6:30. About 28° now but I think it's cooled off considerable since last night. Nearly 40° when Grants went home if I remember correctly. Glass 29.5. One of the most disagreeable windy days in a long time. Over 50 M an hour a lot of the time and growing colder all day. Only 12° above when I came from shop at noontime. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop. Spent first hour trying to make door and windows tighter. Skylight even started banging up and down. Painted skylight both sides that I puttied in Saturday, and the 6 light sash a second coat both sides that goes in end under runway. So disagreeable I didn't go back after lunch. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch was warming - made over 300 - unusual for me. Rested and read. Went to boat. No mail today. A Holiday. Home NS road. Lugged in wood. Played Scrabble again. Suppered with the Hopkins children as spectators. Stayed an hour or so. Invited the HCCs down to play 83, and darned if they didn't come. 8° above and windy. Wanted water anyway. Shirley and I won first two games and were in hole when 3rd game ended.

Feb. 24, Tuesday

A beautiful moonlit morning. Wind dropped during early morning hours, but is breezing right on again west. Still cold. 10°. Glass 29.95. Wind swung out SW and dropped out some. A nice P.M. but cold in shop this morning. Did bookkeeping, peeled apples for sauce, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop at 8:00, taking the 7 x 9 122 light window out of bathroom over. Scraped the loose paint, cleaned the loose putty, shellacked same, reputtied both sides. Nan over hill to check this morning. Lunched. Marion H. over at lunch time. Had a sandwich with us. Brought over a 1925 Pilot - the year Calderwood graduated. Quite interesting to look at again. Nan to Guild this P.M. Back to shop, painted the 4 light 9 x 12 sash last coat that goes in barn door, and primed the bare places on bedroom sash. Back to house here, took out the 7 x 9 12 light window in Pat's room, back over to shop, and by 5:00 had that scraped, cleaned, reputited, and bare spots touched up. Not nearly as hard shape at bathroom one. Had wood lugged in when Nan returned. Read 2 days papers. Had fried scallops. Shirley C. sent down. Just finished dishes when Nancy and Mark came over. Watched TV after. House some warmer than last night with that gale of wind.

Feb. 25, Wednesday	A very dull heavy overcast morning. Air out SW. Temp. 36°. Gritty snow during night - enough to sweep porch this morning. Glass 29.5. Some sun this A.M. but heavy snow squall this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to shop and had fire going by 8:00. Painted last coat on outside the 4 12 light storm sash that will go in SW side of shop, also the 7 x9 - 6 light sash that goes in NW end. Lunched, then painted both sides first coat the four 7 x 9 - 5 light sash out of Pat's bedroom and the bathroom. A tough snow squall when we started for town at 3:00. FWS visited with us in parking lot. Waited for mail. Came right home. Lugged in wood and made ready for the Sampsons to come to supper at 5:30. Fried chicken legs, freezer peas, freezer beans and baked potatoes. Watched TV, visited and look at the copies of Old Time Poems and Songs Nettie Crockett let me have a week or so ago. To bed about 10:30. Growing cold. 20°.
Feb. 26, Thursday	Grew colder all night. 5° above now at 7:00 and wind breezing right on NW to W. Sun shining nicely after she got above a bank of clouds. Glass 29.8. Sunny but cold and windy. Windows in drying stage today; should build fire to help but too windy. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested and played 3 games Scrabble this A.M. Thermometer finally worked up to 12° by noontime. Warmed XL-12 up during lunch hour. Out to Cobbs' Estate after lunch. Cleaned and junked into fireplace wood a big spruce that had blown across road 2/3rds way in. Had 27 or 28 cuts. Several small dead ones I junked into foot lengths and Nan tiered them into Chevelle. Burned the brush. Cold out there. No sun and wind NE. Shifted across to N side of road and made start on a big spruce that had snapped off halfway up. Used 2 nd tank of gas by 3:00. to town and down to Alta's. Lugged the foot wood into her entry. Saw boat come. FWs visited with us. Waited for mail. Finally got tax returns back from Sulides. Now to get it in mail tomorrow. Over a \$1,000 with SS payment. Home. Lugged in wood. Read papers, suppered on last night's leftovers. Rested, cleaned up, and up to the Witherspoons to the Lincoln's Ann. party 34 th . Only the six of us. Ice cream and cake for dessert. Last year a tough snowstorm - also 4 years ago. 1 1/2 hours ASC with XL-12 at Cobb Estate; 1 1/2 hours AGC helping at Cobb Estate.

Feb. 27, Friday

Believe it or not - a stitch finally worked out of my operation of 2 years ago last Dec. Just below breastbone. Mailed Income Tax papers. Cost plenty with SS. Over \$1,000. a pretty sunny sunrise morning, but is that NE wind ever cold coming down across Cobb's Bar. Only 10° above. Glass 20.3 and rising. A nice chance for one of those last of Feb. snowstorms. Last night FWS called to saw C. Loring wanted to buy a half cord of my Ashley wood of Mrs. Pease's hill - last year's cutting. May work on that today. A good working day but raw. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Then readied our Tax papers to send, both federal and state. Federal - \$1020 or so with SS - State \$19.00 plus. Will take several 1/2 cords wood to replace that. Started fire in shop about 9:00 to help dry paint. L. Grant came for 1/4 ton of hay, had coffee after, and then helped me split the half cord wood in Tumbledown cowyard. He went home and I came home to lunch. Nan invited over to Marion H. to sewing bee this P.M. I went over to Tumbledown in Grey Jeep and hauled the 1/2 cord wood up to Loring's in 2 loads. FWS there and we tiered it into shed. Helped me get second load. Brought a load home with me to tier onto porch. Junked the smaller pieces into kitchen holding wood with XL-12 and Nan's help. To town just in time to see boat come and do chores. Noon mail today. Home NS road. Lugged in wood. Looked at papers. Nancy H. Visited. Suppered on our last lamb chops, beans and potatoes. Invited the L. Grants down to play 83. Squire and Nan won 3 out of 5. to bed 10:30.

Feb. 28, Saturday

Wind still raw NE 10 M or so. Now and then a snowflake now at 6:45. High cloudiness. Temp. 22°. Glass 30.2. Became a beautiful warm sunny day. Thawed some. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Built fire in shop to warm sashes etc. Warmed up XL-12, gathered chains together and we went up to Tumbledown woodlot in Elsie Grev Jeep to cut some staging poles. Cut 8 up above my entrance across from Pingree's gate. Dragged them hole behind Elsie. No doubt her last public run. Plates done tonight. Painted sashes in shop to 3:00 with just time to have a bite. Painted the barn door window last time both sides, the four bedroom sash a second coat both sides, and the SW skylight last coat outside. Nan helped Nancy H. make and frost a birthday cake this A.M. and after we returned from uptown, a freezer of ice cream for Marion. Jennie B. down to watch boat proceedings with us and to wait for mail. Marcia and Claire here after water at noontime. Home from uptown, lugged in wood and back over to shop to use last of can of paint on opening around NE skylight. Suppered on freezer hamburg. Watched TV programs this evening what we didn't sleep through. Just getting ready for bed without door locked and in walked Bun Smith's girl and John Brown's girl to use telephone. Caught me in long drawers. Not communicative. Didn't find out why they had to telephone.

March 1, Sunday

Good morning March and a Happy Birthday to Sister Shirley, Rosanne, and all those others. A beautiful sunny morning. Air N. Temp. 22°. Glass 30.4. A very beautiful warm sunny first day of March. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and made ready to go to church. Only about 35 there with choir. Stayed to Communion. Down to Alta's to get a few steamer clams she had in excess and to take a present to Shirley. She sick abed with up and down disorder. Came right home, played a game of Scrabble and lunched. Rested. Nan walked over to RM's to find furnace out. Had BH come down - a blown fuse. Uptown to see boat come. Visited with the Witherspoons on parking lot. On way home called on Bertha and Martin and Franze and Ann a half hour or so. Lugged in wood, played another game of Scrabble, Suppered on steamed clams. Quite good. Rested and watch TV. Glen Campbell hour a total pooch this night. Also Ed Sullivan hour. Marion Hopkins over an hour or so. Says she had a nice birthday - 45 years old yesterday. Born in February 1925 before I graduated from High School in June. Considerable water gone under bridge.

March 2, Monday

A very quiet snowstorm right now at 7:15. Air NNE. Temp. 28°. Glass 30.4. Must get ready to go to Town Meeting. Have no desire. Everyone wants to spend, spend, spend. Snow amounted to nothing. Sun came out later in day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, replenished living room wood box off porch and uptown at Com. Bldg. at 9:00. A very small group except for high school children. A rotating plan adopted for selectmen board. Forrest Adams elected for 1 year. Lewis Haskell for 2 years, and Erma Peters for 3 years, P.L. Brown cons, and traffic officer, Elliott Brown Jr crowded out Lawrence Beverage as Road Com. Necessary for choice on a 104 vote was 53 votes and Elliot had just 53, a hard blow to Lawrence with all the equipment payments he must have to make. Took our own sandwiches, and ate in Chevelle, then rode around island. Town voted to buy the town dump of Elmer Hopkins for \$9,000. to contain a minimum of 6 to 7 acres of land. Stayed to 3:45 and only on 41st article. Very wearisome. Got milk and ice cream at Arliene's Dairy on way home. Lugged in wood, gathered ice, and Nan put together a batch of ice cream. Invited Martin and Bertha, and Franze and Ann down for evening, Had a nice visit, and ice cream was good but for some reason didn't freeze hard. Nice with strawberry sauce. To bed weary. 104 votes largest cast. The Ames started for Florida this morning in car for a month. Gave up our invite to go - too much to do.

March 3, Tuesday

A beautiful sunrise morning but cold N wind. Almost NNE. Temp. 22°. Glass 29.7. It is now the day after town meeting. Must get back into saddle again, and get shop finished up. This morning when sun rose it shone into Pat's bedroom window. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Built fire in shop, My supply of Tumbledown Banks road wood of last year finished today. Brought the bathroom sashes and Pat's room sashes over and put them back in. Looks some better. Had to make one new divider. Shifted bathroom storm window to our bedroom window, took sashes out, took them over to shop. Scraped loose paint and putty, and shellacked same. Primed SW skylight casing and put skylight back on. Some better. Took NE skylight off inside, cleaned putty off. What a job. Wouldn't have had to if bottom cross piece hadn't been rotten. Got glass out whole and cleaned under putty off one opening. Primed upstairs window casing on SE end and the stools of the two new lower windows. Nan to Unity Guild this P.M. Home about 4:45 before I came from shop. Mailed now delivered at night. Lugged in wood. Read papers. Just having supper when Ken Hopkins and Victor Cooper came over, bringing me some of Ken's birthday ice cream and cake. Played cribbage while we ate supper. Up to Alta's to do two washes this evening. Had a nice visit. Home and to be after 10:00. A telephone call from Mrs. M. last night. Won't be up right now. Mr. M. not feeling good - having x-rays and tests.

March 4, Wednesday

What a beautiful clear sunny morning. Not a cloud from this window. air N to NW. Temp. 22°. Glass 30.3. A beautiful sunny day. Momma went to VH to visit family. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, and hung out last night's two washes. Lines between house and woodshed, and down among trees nearly full, built fire in shop and worked over there all day. Finished cleaning bedding putty off skylight, took out old bottom cross piece, made and tongued new one and put it in. Made other minor repair, and shellacked putty grooves. Lunched on cracker and milk. Back to shop. Put on bedding putty, set and puttied glass. Had excellent luck. Did as I did on other skylight, using 8 x 10 panes under lower end of big panes to bring glass to lower edge of new cross piece. Putty patched the two bedroom sash both sides and nearly finished priming bare places when the Thorntons blew in at 4:30. Visited a half hour or so. Momma came in time to visit some with them. Read paper after I lugged in wood. Suppered on macaroni, dandelion greens and cold corned beef. Rested and watched some TV. Called the RMs. but only talked with Greta. Mr. RM in hospital having x-rays and tests. Couldn't tell us anything. Always something to keep people upset.

March 5, Thursday

Nearly calm but snowing very fine mealy type snow now at 7:15. Overslept to 6:20. Air S. Temp. 32°. Glass 29.9. Very dull and dark. Snowed lightly some, and almost drizzled at times. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop all A.M. Built fire. Succeeded in getting skylight cover out through skylight opening and over it. Only put cardboard over it inside Tuesday when I took skylight off. Can't get up from outside on ladder as fertilizer truck is in way. afraid it will rain before skylight ready to put back. Painted our 2 7 x 9 bedroom sash both sides first coat. Opened new gallon of S&W outside white for this, then gave skylight a coat of undercoat both sides. Nan over with coffee and donuts about 10:30. finished skylight about 12:30. Lunched, then up to HSB's to sprout our potatoes and to bring home some. Strange, some needed sprouting badly, others not started. Have about 4 bushels left to carry us through. Hiram working down cellar so we had a nice visit. Home in time to go right uptown to boat. Sent a package down to Pat by Tony Bok. Elliott Brown Jr. Visited with us. Home by way NS road. Lugged in wood. Read paper. A birthday card from AWB and Emma. Suppered on Nova Scotia fish and potatoes. Too salty. Rested and watched TV. Marcia and Claire here after water.

March 6, Friday

Very dull and overcast. Wind breezing on NNE. Plenty of heavy cloud cover. Temp. 30. Glass 29.9. Hiram told me a distressing piece of news yesterday. Sammy's youngest boy, about 18, is being held with 3 other young fellows on a charge of armed robbery attempt. Out on \$5,000 bail. Trial comes up in May. Surely not lack of bringing up by Sammy and mother. Has been a beautiful sunny day. Thawed some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hunted up another of our old kitchen chairs and repaired leg. Our Uncle Will chairs haven't come back from prison yet. Called Danny P. about 9:00, it being windy NW to see if he could help me in RM's woods. Could. Filed XL-12 and we were in by 9:30 beyond pond site - blown -ups and broken off ones - big_____. Worked to 4:30 with time out for lunch. Made quite a showing but at least 2 more days. Danny had lunch with us. Nan to town this P.M. to do errands. Took Jennie B. to watch boat come. Lugged in wood and read our paper and a note from Abbie. Due to arrive NH Sat. the 21st. Nancy and Paul in a few minutes before supper. Suppered on baked Shenangoes and a steak Nan bought from VH Wednesday. Up to the Pendletons this evening to play 83. Their new living room is certainly beautiful and some improvement. Harriet and I won 3 out of 4.

March 7, Saturday

Here's another beauty and sun beat me up. Air N. Temp. 28°. Glass 29.8. Has been a most beautiful one, a full one, and an upsetting one. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Thrashed right over to shop to build fire. Thought I'd paint the bedroom sash and skylight a second coat, get some wood off Frog Pond Ridge for shop, and then spend rest of day in RM's wood. Didn't work out that way. First to barn to tend pump, then Lawrence B. wanted 1/2 ton hay - 2 trips to barn on that, just back to painting when Mr. M wanted to talk with me. Just back from hospital, he has had a second operation - the first one before he went on African Safari, and now must have a month of treatments. Life is Hell - one needn't die to go through it. Finally finished painting at 12:30. Lunched. Thought we'd watch Total Eclipse of sun on our TV. Not a sound or picture - nothing. Brought Mrs. Fay's down, and even with our aerial changed to it, it wouldn't work good. By that time no sense to try for woods. Lugged in wood while Nan started a brown bread. To town to see boat come. Jennie OB visited with us. Just home when Rosanne and Austin came with 2 loaves homemade bread - birthday present. Thrashed to be ready when the Thorntons came to supper at 5:30. Baked beans, hot dogs etc. Very good. Stayed to nearly 10:00. Lawrence Beverage - 1/2 ton hay. Credit by check - \$40.00. Had cards from the Joyces. Thelma B., Jennie O., Rosanne G., Witherspoons, Uncle Herb and Aunt Ruth and Alice and Lawrence.

March 8, Sunday

Tonny's 62nd birthday

A Happy Birthday to those of us born this day. Sure enough dull overcast birthday morning. Wind NE to S. 15 to 20 I'd guess. Temp. 35°. Glass 29.5. Have had snow squalls, rain, more snows squalls, high westerly winds and growing colder. A full day too. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had birthday telephone calls from B. Joyce, Alta and Pat. to church only 30 present. Strange, not a Beverage there except Etta. Makes some difference in attendance. To Sampson's to Scallop Chowder dinner. Very Good. Nice fire in fireplace. Home about 2:30. Colon W. came and fixed TV. Burned out tube. Back up to Dairy to get cream. Nan put together a batch of ice cream and made an angel cake (came out beautiful). I lugged in wood and then we frozen the cream. Nancy, Mark and Paul over with some surplus foods as a present for me - 2 lbs. prunes, 1 lb. raisins, jar _____, package scrambled egg mix and a package of mashed potato mix. Quite a present. Nan and I played a game of Scrabble. Had telephone calls from Nora Waterman, Mercedes, the Sherm Bairds and HS Beverage. The H. Calderwoods, Sampsons and Alta down after church. Had a nice visit and the ice cream and cake were delicious. The HCCs gave me a nice pair of socks. Alta a can of assorted nuts and the Sampsons a box of Schfrafft's chocolates. Home after 10:00.

March 9, Monday

Back to winter gain. Cold. 20° and breezing right on NW to W. Should be sunny as sky is nearly cloudless. Glass 29.4. Has been beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with last night's party dishes etc. Built fire in shop and painted skylight final coat both sides and the 2 bedroom sash a final coat over putty. Just finished when Bun Smith called about hay. Had coffee with Nan and Marion H. Marion over getting knitting instructions - treated her to some birthday ice cream and cake, then up to barn, weighed up and threw down a half ton of hay. Bun and Freda came as I was finishing. Swept floor and put tractor back in. Lunched, rested a half hour, then over to RM's woods. Junked and cleaned up a big blown up on upper side of pasture side hill grove. Nan out at 2:30 and helped to 4:30 burning brush etc. Last hour shifted close to road out onto point to clean out and open up a big birch. Home 4:30. Lugged in wood after filing XL-12. Rea dour mail, papers, a letter from Connie W. Nolan, and cards from Edith and Milton, the Sherm Bairds, and the Jack Browns. Suppered on smothered lamb necks, taters etc. Invited up to Thorntons to see their night blooming cereus open. Beautiful. The L. Grants and F. Sampsons there. Treated to pineapple sherbet and cookies. Home at 10:30.

March 10, Tuesday

Here's another winter morning. 20° and really breezing on N to W. Sun has come up nicely, Just a few big white clouds. Glass 29.2. Has been a nice day but cold and windy. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Danny called at 7:00 to say he could come down, being so windy and all. In woods at 8:00 and made quite a showing this day. Finished opening up yesterday's big birch, burned the brush there, damn smoke nearly drove me, then shifted eastward to edge of pond area by old drinking hole. Lots of blown-ups and leaners there. Had one particularly large tree leaning across OP road that we finally got down flat at 5:00. Kept just dropping the 2 foot each time instead of working top down through. Out to lunch at 12:00. Warmed up baked beans. Ready to go back in , backed Chevelle out of garage about mixing gas and oil, to find a flat tire right rear. One of our new snow treads. An 8 penny nail in side wall. Put one of our old snow treads on. Nan went to Guild and left tire at garage. Frank called tonight to say tire was pooched. Johnny found a 5 inch slit on inside of casing. A piece of tin had been vulcanized right into it. Had card from Etta and one from the Oldroyds (3 dollars _). Suppered on fried chicken breasts and baked Shenangoes. Curly Joe blew in this evening to see if I'd help him shingle at Dick Bloom's. Can't get a soul. 5 hours with XL-12 in RMs wood. 3 hours hand labor. 8 hours Danny P

in RMs woods. Mr. Fleischman passed away last night or this morning.

March 11, Wednesday

Mrs. Pauline Quinn finally passed away. Bedridden for months now. I think 93 years old. First run of Emerald Queen - 11,900 miles. A sure enough dull morning. Breeze west. Heavy overcast. Temp. 28°. Glass 29.4. Right now at 6:15 it's snowing hard - fine snow. Were told last night that Mr. Fleishmann finally passed away yesterday morning. Has been sick a considerable time. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Tough snowstorm to 9:00. Don G. called to say it was too tough to go to Dick Bloom's. Very weary from yesterday, so rested under electric blanket to 9:00. Up Fay's garage, brought the Emerald Queen down and put on new plates. Over to shop, built fire, took off skylight cover from inside, primed casing and put finished skylight back on from inside lighter by bench now. Brought our bedroom sash over to house here and put them in place. Had to make one divider. Lunched. Back over to shop and picked up the tools I'll need helping Don G. shingle at Dick's Uptown in Emerald Queen, stopping at Wayside to get Inspection sticker. To Alta's to do wash. To Jim Brown's with the new snow tread that went flat yesterday. When Johnny went to repair it he found a vulcanized break in casing and a 6 inch piece of tin vulcanized right into tire - evidently when made. Saw boat come, picked up wash and home. Lugged in wood, prepare supper, played game of Scrabble, read papers and a belated birthday card from the B. Hopkins. Suppered on broiled porterhouse steak, dandelion greens etc. Watched some TV. Nancy H. over a while.

March 12, Thursday

A beautiful sunny, cloudless morning, but how it wind blows [sic] westerly. Probably 30 to 35M now at 6:30. Sun rising east of Calderwood island mountain now. Temp. 28°. Glass 29.7. Has been a beautiful day, wind dropped out some. Curly called to say he had to go to Rockland wit his "Frecks" dog, and Danny called to say it was too windy to go across so could come down. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Took ashes out of kitchen stove. Danny arrived before 8:00. Cleaned up what we had left of big leaner Tuesday night, and kept on working into corner out into field above oak and maples. Had splendid luck and got corner cleaned out. Sawed one big nail in two just before lunch and had to do a filing job. Nan out a half hour or so before lunch. Lunched on Dinty Moore stew. Even got our brush all burned this P.M. Out of woods after 4:30.1 Nan to town after lunch to get work gas and some things at store. Brought home some flounder and hake. Unloaded gas out Chevelle and lugged in wood. Last of Ashley wood on porch,. Read mail. Papers and a nice letter from AWB. First letter of winter. Suppered on potato, peas and friend flounder. Delicious. Pretty weary tonight. slept through more TV than I saw. Again I say, this has been a beautiful day. 5 hours XL-12 in RMs woods; 2 1/2 hours hand labor; 7 1/2 hours Danny in RMs woods. Danny's total - 21 1/2 hours - paid by personal check this date \$43.00.

March 13, Friday

Sister Nellie's birthday. Would have been 68. A very heavy overcast and wind is now NE 10 to 15 M. Temp. 30° and raw. Glass 29.7. Started a tough snowstorm about 10:30 A.M. and storm well into evening. Snowplow down to corner about 6:00 P.M. and later in night we heard it go into RMs. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Called Curley Joe's house to learn he's already gone down to Dick's. Put my tools aboard new Elsie and down there at 8:00. He had already put up stage on back side of house several days ago and made a start. We tore the shingles off the SW side of little bathroom ell roof and Curly hooked out a strip on main roof from valley to SW corner. Had under shingle course laid back, gutters fastened, and putting on paper when snow came quickly. Quite nasty by the time we had paper fastened and shingles tucked. Had a touchy time on hills coming home without snow treads. Came middle road. Lugged in wood. Must replenish Ashley wood on porch. Lunched out of lunch bag. Rested. Rea mail - paper - and wrote a letter to AWB - 2 sheets both sides. Suppered on ox-tail stew. Rested and watched TV. To bed after 9:00 - read awhile. 3 hours at Dick Bloom's for Curly Joe.

March 14, Saturday

A white winter world, and still the white stuff is falling. Sun should break through later. Temp. 30°. air about N. Glass 29.4. Didn't. Overcast most of day with flurries. Did get slushy on road in P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Finished reading paper, talked with Val Young, and rested. Shoveled off porch. 4 inches I'd guess. Weighed up and passed down 1/4 ton of hav to Beverage boys. Pumped. Took temporary sash out of western big door in barn and put newly painted one back in. Looks considerable better. Hauled in a tier of wood from Frog Pond Ridge to porch in Chevelle. Tires too smooth on both Jeeps, Lunched, Played a game of Scrabble, Mrs. Hopkins over a half hour or so. Her telephone acting up again, and a flat tire on her car out by Merryconeag. She and children started to town with us, but found Arthur and Tomer boy changing tire so disembarked. Took Alta some jugged water and shoveled her path. Saw boat come. Home by way of NS road. Stopped at B. Joyce's to get haircut. Supposed to be pall bearer at Mrs. Quinn's funeral tomorrow morning at 9:00. Home. Wood lugged in at noontime. Read papers and suppered on corned hake & potatoes. Ken Hopkins over a half hour or so. Watched Saturday night programs. Marcia and Claire after water 7:30. Gary Beverage - 1/4 ton hay - paid by check by Dot B. \$10.00.

March 15, Sunday

What a calm guiet white morning. Hardly air enough to carry smoke away from chimney at 5:45. Considerable high cloudiness. Temp. 30°. Glass 29.5. Will be a high boots morning for us Bearers especially if sun comes out. Warmed up during middle of day and roads very slushy along with tough snow squalls this P.M. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Up to church at 8:45. G Thornton, L. Haskell, Edwin Thayer, L. Beverage, and FW Sampson other bearers. Went to cemetery in Sambo's car. Damned if I didn't slide sideways enough backing up when turning around up to church so back bumper of Chevelle banged into Maple tree. No damage thankfully. Home after Nan and to change clothes. About 30 at church. Home. Played a game of Scrabble and lunched. Read and rested. Uptown to see boat come. Home middle road. Lugged in wood. Called the Thorntons at 4:30 to invite them down to have Griddle Cakes with us, and they had already had supper. Can you bend that? Played a couple more games of Scrabble and suppered on Pop Corn. Nan had Franco Spaghetti. Watched TV. Came home from church at noon to find the Hopkins children had made a snowman in our dooryard while we were gone. Collapsed before dark.

March 16, Monday

Sure enough dull heavy overcast morning. Air NNE. Temp. 28°. Glass 29.3. Here this month is half gone already and I was supposed to start on house the first. Glad I haven't opened it up. Stayed overcast most of day. Sun tried to break out several times. Melted some on roof. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Down to Dick Bloom's in Jeep at 8:00. Couldn't get quite to house and had to back down to main road tonight. Not good - no ground grips or snow treads or whatever. Don just ahead of me. Burned some shingles in fireplace this A.M. to take chill off kitchen and to dry chimney. Cleaned off and swept off stagings and roof as far as we could reach. Started shingling on SW side of bathroom ell and main roof to SW corner of house. Had to bring these up together because of valley. Ate lunch in front of fireplace. Come 4:15 had ell within one course o being done and another strip cleaned off main roof, papered and shingled up to nearly line clear across main roof. Stopped at Dairy for milk and Grange Hall to vote no on Highway Bond Issue. Home. Nan back from Garden Club lunch and lugging in wood. Read mail. Suppered on roast lamb forequarter. Jamie Hopkins spent evening with us. 7 hours for Don Greenlaw at Dick Bloom's. First Red-Winged Blackbird at feeder.

March 17, Tuesday

George B and George returned from California. And a Happy Saint Patrick's Day to you. A beautiful clear, cloudless morning, and sun should shine today. Cold west to SW wind though - 15 to 20 right now at 6:15. Temp. 26°. Glass 30. Staved cool all day only melted a little on back of house. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Out to Frog Pond Ridge in Chevelle to get a dozen large Ashley round junks to take down for holding wood in fireplace. Shingles don't last long. Went in Chevelle to get clear to carriage house. There before 8:00. Curly just ahead of me. Continued working on back roof. Shingled up by ell ridge pole, and lined clear across with my new Craftsman's chalk line. Nylon works fine - self chalking. Curly's too short. Up by ell ridge pole so we put up another staging, tore off and renailed another strip, repapered, and nearly shingled that in. Home after 4:30. Nan had woodboxes filled. Had been to Guild dinner. Nancy and Paul in a few minutes form sliding. Washed ands shaved. Read our mail - papers and a card from the Oldroyds. Suppered on boiled tongues and cheeks - freezer-taters and carrots. Rested and watched a nice Irish program, and Red Skelton Show. 7 hours for Don Greenlaw at Dick Bloom's.

March 18, Wednesday

A beautiful clear cloudless sunrise morning but airing right up west to SW. Sun now coming up directly behind wooded hump on Calderwood's. Temp. 30°. Glass 30.2. A beautiful day. Even had to shed hooded sweatshirt this P.M. while ripping off shingles. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Thrashed to barn to weigh and put out 12 bales of hay for Elliott Brown. Pumped. Down to Dick's at 8:00 taking my sled along to have shingles from carriage house on. A long lug. Continued work on back side. Shingled, tore off, renailed, shingled, put on brackets and come 4:15 had shingled cleaned to ridge pole, boards renailed, and papered in good. George B called on us nearly an hour late this P.M. Ready to help me again. Nan had wood boxes filled when I got home at 4:30. She was up to Alta's to do washes this A.M. and went to boat with Jennie B. this P.M. Over to RMs to check furnace from work. Bill H. started Abbie's furnace this day too. She's due Sat., maybe Friday. Read our mail, paper and a note from Mrs. Fay. Suppered on fried chicken, macaroni etc. Rested and watched TV this evening, Ken Hopkins over to visit nearly an hour. 7 hours for Don Greenlaw at Dick Bloom's. Elliott Brown - 12 bales hay 350#?

March 19, Thursday

Uncle Will's birthday. Would have been 98. A beautiful almost cloudless, flat calm sunrise morning. White frost. Temp. 25°. Glass 30.3. A beauty all day. Lovely. Roof and staging pretty slippery and cold first thing this morning. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Curly called to say I could pick up the keys as he had to go to Dyer's Hill to open house this morning. Down to Dick's at 7:30. Had batten shingles off, paper trimmed back, roof lined an d nearly 2 courses on when Curly came just before 9:00. Come 4:15 we had roof finished except for sawing course under saddle board. Momma to Rockland this day shopping. Had a nice trip. To hospital to see Nina H. a few minutes, and out to Mercedes a few minutes with Jimmie O. Home putting groceries away when I got home 4:30. Cleaned up, read our papers, suppered on cubed steak, chicory greens and taters. Rested and watched some TV this evening. Plenty weary these nights and not sleeping good either. 7 hours for Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's.

March 20, Friday

Another beauty in fact a Grumpy morning. Pretty as a picture. Sun poking up about 5:30 now. Air NW. Temp. 30°. Glass 30.2. A most beautiful and warmest day we've had. Down to shirtsleeves at noontime. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Down to Dick's in Green Jeep at 7:30 just ahead of Curly. Finished last course on back side of roof, cleaned down roof and gutters, and brought staging down, then cleaned down wall staging. At 11:45 had front side of house all staged and plank in place. Plenty high too. 2 oft [?] to eaves. Momma down and had lunch with us in front of house. Plenty warm. Curly had brought a fresh shrimp stew and treated us. Delicious. Come 4:15 we'd torn off a strip, renailed, papered and shingled back up to tucking in room. Shingles go up the ladder hard on this side. Home at 4:30 and was going to weigh up hay for Elliott Brown, but he had tractor trouble and didn't want to bother with hay. Alta, Sheila and children here after water. Shaved and cleaned up. Read our paper and a card from Milton Ames. Having a great time in Florida. Invited the D. Pendletons down to play 83. About 9:00 Jimmie Brown blew in with his bull's legs and tail for us. Visited till after Danny and Harriet came. H. and I won first game. We were 5 in hole when Nan and Dan won 2nd. 7 hours Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's. 14 Red-Winged Blackbirds arrived.

March 21, Saturday

Winter has returned. Started a gentle snow storm before daylight. Over an inch now at 6:00 and wind breezing on ENE but snow has slacked a little. Temp. down to 30° from 40° last night at 10:30. Glass 29.7. Snowed hard a good part of day. 4 inches probably and tough at times too. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Fay as she made a mistake and sent March donation twice. Up to barn, weighed up and passed down a half ton hay to the Beverage boys. How they chewed up my barn yard. No chains, backing and filling. Half frozen, bare-handed and bare headed. Readied our bulls heels to cook off and cut tail up to ripen. Just started a game of Scrabble when HCC came for water. Couldn't visit. Played Scrabble to noontime. Lunched. Just started to rest when Val Young called up and we talked over an hour. Stopped at Abbie's on our way to town to pick up papers off floor etc. A nasty night to arrive with a loaded wagon. Saw boat come. Home, lugged in wood out of woodshed. Played a game of cribbage. Read our papers and a letter from R. Bailey. They plan to come for a few days next weekend. Suppered on freezer beans. Watched TV programs. Lawrence Beverage - 1/2 ton hay - 2.00 - credit by check 25.00. Abbie and Charlotte arrived.

March 22, Sunday

Edith Mills passed away about 7:00 this morning. What a beauty this is after the storm. Flat calm sunrise. Hardly enough N air to fall smoke away from chimney. Probably raw SW this P.M. Going to be a full day. Had to weigh and put out hay for T. Bok and Bun Smith wants some finer type. Should get some Ashley wood from Frog Pond Ridge and also go to church. Let's get hot now. Temp. 30° Glass 29.8. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took tractor out of barn and hauled in four scoop loads Ashley wood off FPR. The 3 youngest Hopkins boys helped me. Weighed up and put out 500# for Tony Bok. To church by way of NS road. Only a handful present and on Palm Sunday too. Some different when the Beverage family doesn't go. 29 including choir. Invited to have dinner with the Sampsons. Steamed clams. Very Good. Spent P.M. there, then rode to see boat return, and around island with them. Home to replenish fire at 5:15, then back over to Abbie's to visit an hour. Ellie Lamont Anderson Bell staying with Abbie and Charlotte. She's inspecting her Aunt Eda Leadbetter's house. Home at 6:30. Put tractor away. Bun Smith called after I'd come from barn this morning to say he wouldn't be down today. Popped corn for supper lunch. Watched TV what we didn't nap through.

March 23, Monday

What a change in the weather. A really rugged easterly. Wind making on up to 50 now at 7:00 and with driving rain. Probably no boat. Temp. 34°. Glass 29.6. Right. No boat out all day. Has been a nasty one. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Started right in on my account book and put all my jotting down off calendar into it to this date from Jan. 1. Should help considerable come Income Tax Time again. Curly Joe here after water about 9:30 and had coffee with me. Played a couple games Scrabble. Lunched. Read and rested to about 3:00. Up to HSBs by NS road to get some taters and take Wilson a jar of jelly. His birthday. Visited with HS a half hour or so. He's pretty broken up with Edith's passing, Sammie's boy's troubles and all. Rode to town and home. Might just as well ridden to Calderwood's Island for all the activity we saw. Home. Lugged in wood. Prepared supper. The last of our roast forequarter of lamb in gravy with tater and carrots. Played more Scrabble. Invited the HCCs down to play 83. Shirley and I won 3 out of 5. To bed about 10:30.

March 24, Tuesday

Calm. Very very heavy overcast. Looks like it could rain anytime. Temp. 30. Glass 29.3. Air about south. Sun gradually worked out through to dry things some and made a good working day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Down to Dick's in Jeep at 7:30. Walked up from road to house. Ahead of Don as he had to pump his boat. Had roof untucked and a paper width strip of shingles torn off when Curly came. Cleaned nails, renailed, papered, shingled in, bracketed, tore off another strip, cleaned, papered and shingles in, another set of brackets and planks and tucked again by 4:30. I took cubed steak down to broil in fireplace for lunch and Curly took peas and ham soup to hot up, so we had a guite a feed. Home at 4:45. Mrs. C. up to Alta's to wash this A.M. and to boat this P.M. Had my wood lugged in and was taking in clothes when I arrived. Prepared taters, carrots and frozen flounder (fried) for supper. Rested to supper time as mail was late. Two days papers and a card from the Ames. They leave for home next Monday. Watched some TV and to bed to read papers. Heavy work today getting staging planks up ladder to roof. 7 hours at Dick Bloom's for Curly Joe.

March 25, Wednesday

Up at 5:15. A nice morning, a few high clouds. Looks like might be considerable breeze SW later. West now at 6:00 10 M or so. Temp. 32°. Glass 29.5. Became a nice day except for strong W to SW breeze at times. Blew our shingles some. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Ready to start for Bloom's at 7:05. Down there and on roof at 7:30. Pulled stickers, tore off a paper strip wide, cleaned nails, repapered and shingled back in. Stuck again and started for home 11:45. Lunched. Rested a half hour, cleaned up and up to church at 2:00 to Edith Mills' funeral. Largest group to a funeral I've seen in a long time. Main part of church full and a few on eastern side. Home, changed to working clothes and over to shop. Ground cheeks off my shingling hatchet and the knife blade I broke off some time ago trying to open Abbie's kitchen storm door. Cleaned the ashes out of shop stove too. Lugged in house wood. Changed clothes again and over to Abbie's at 5:30 to a corned brisket beef and cabbage supper. Delicious. The Beveridges also present. Had a nice time and home just after 9:00. Had a letter from the Fishers. Mrs. Fisher sick with asthma, Bob having nervous breakdown, and they're threatened with a million dollar lawsuit stemming from an accident some time ago. 4 hours for Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's.

March 26, Thursday

Up at 5:15 ahead of sun. What a beautiful flat calm snowy March morning this is. Sun has left Calderwood's Island to rise over Stonington now. Temp. 27°. Air W to SW. Glass 30. Heavy overcast by 9:00 A.M. and wind came SE but didn't breeze till about 3:00. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Curly called to say he wanted to take the 12 bunches of second clear shingles back to Sutton in Ranger and get 12 bunches of extras. A mix-up when shingles came for Dick and Jack. Picked Curly up in Jeep. Down to Dick's to get 8 bunches and to Jack's to get 4. Loaded them into Ranger at town slip. Betty G. went along to grocery shop. Exchanged shingles with Sutton's truck at Public Landing Seawall. Bought Nan a pot of jonguils at flower shop and bought 13.00 groceries at A&P. The Greenlaws shopped at IGA probably 150.00 worth and had it hauled to PL. Beginning to breeze on. Loaded shingles into Jeep; left 8 bunches in Curly's garage, had coffee, and then left the other 4 at Jack's barn on way home. Home ahead of Nan as she went to VH to visit and Help Pat clean house. Lugged in wood and put away groceries. Invited up to the HC Calderwoods to shrimp stew supper and turkey sandwiches. Very good. Played 3 games 83. Shirley and I won 2. Storming when we came home. Dick Bloom Job - trucking shingles in Jeep \$3.00. Nan heard a frog peeping out in pasture this night.

March 27, Friday

Has rained hard during night and also blown SE. Has swung out SW now at 7:30 and rain has let up. Blowing 20 to 25 I'd guess. Temp. 40°.Glass 29.35. Wind gradually dropped out, sky cleared to become a nice P.M. Didn't get up till nearly 7:00. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Just making it when Curly called to say he thought we could try the roof. Both there 8:50. Unstuck the roof, shingled a couple courses, put on brackets, tore out a paper strip, renailed, papered and shingled in. By then the weather was promising enough so we cleaned to ridge pole. By 4:00 had renailed, papered and battened down and ready to start shingling tomorrow. Nan swept up to Mrs. Fay, took off picture window shutter. Bill Hurd connected up water, Nan pumped. To town during P.M. Home same time as me. Read our mail after cleaning up. Easter cards from Oldroyds, Jennie OB, the Ames and Tommy Whipples. Suppered on Jimmie Brown oxtail stew. Very good. Rested and watched a little TV. The Hopkins children haven't been neighborly this week. 6 hours for Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's.

March 28, Saturday

A beautiful sunrise morning. Nearly touching end of Burnt Island already. Air westerly. Sky clear. Temp. 32°. Glass 30. A good day but windy SW becoming very raw this P.M. Even had to change to my insulated coveralls. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Ready to start out at 7:00. Ground chilled so I went down to Curly's to get Dick's 8 bunches of shingles. Took 3 boxes laundry up to Dyer's big cottage. Curly showed me through. Unbelievable. Down to Dick's at 8:00 and put shingles into bar. Just getting onto roof when Curly came to we'd forgotten to borrow a last set of brackets of JOB and Son so he went back in Jeep to get them. Shingled a couple courses, put on brackets and planks, and finished to ridge pole at 3:00 P.M. Nan down to have lunch with us. Very raw, windy and disagreeable on roof this P.M. Nan to Bertha J. this P.M. to have hair set. As we couldn't work staging down until after saddle board goes on Monday, and nothing to pick up shingles in we cane home after 3:00. Took Curly home and home. Lugged in wood and weighed up about 700# hay for Bun Smith. We read our mail, Easter cards from Mrs. Cobb and Ellie Anderson Bell. Suppered on hamburg, potato and carrots. Nancy H. over with Avon order. Watched some TV games what we didn't sleep through. Weary this night. 6 hours for Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's. Cabot Farm - about 700# hav. Seth Norwood and wife in Vinalhaven burned to death when their house burned last night.

March 29, Sunday

A Happy Easter to All. The Baileys and Amanda arrived. Plenty of high heavy overcast, but sun may succeed in breaking through. Cold 32° and windy. 15 to 20 M N to W. Glass 30. Stayed pretty cool and windy but sun did shine. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast - fried ham and fried potato etc. and helped wash dishes. Went to church by way of NS road. Neither of us had anything new to wear this Easter. A goodly group at church, 75 to 80 I'd guess. of the Cabot Family. Came right home. Played a game of Scrabble while relaxing. Lunched, then right up to Mrs. Fay's to build and tend both fires. Nan did some sweeping and put some rugs down. Just back down when Miss Abbott blew in a few minutes. Back up and replenished fires, then to town by way of dump. FWS visited with us on parking lot. Saw boat come and the Baileys arrived with a new aluminum boat atop their wagon. Samantha came with them. Home and lugged in wood. Was just starting another game of Scrabble when Mrs. Bailey and Samantha came down. Visited a half hour or so. Suppered on baked ham slice, potatoes and A&)P Spinach. Watched some TV. Not a telephone call today till Mercedes called to Edna & Bob got home OKay. A bad snowstorm spreading through Conn. and Mass.

March 30, Monday

Just a feather or two of snow on porch as we went to bed. Hurrah. Storm missed us. A beautiful sunrise morning, but is it cold. Wind 15 to 20M now at 6:00 about NNE and 20°. Guess the Baileys will have fresh air this morning. Very cold on roof this A.M. but a lovely P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Down to Dick's at 7:30 taking along my big wheelbarrow. Was picking blown shingles and paper out of field when Curly came bring[ing] saddle board material. The Beveridges there getting kindling shingles. Curly stripped out saddle boards and we put them onto main roof. Cold. Then started working staging down roof sweeping as we came, and cleaned gutter. At noontime we had wall staging all down and piled and nail holes along house plugged. Started cleaning shingles as soon as lunch. Lugged a considerable into cellar, then used wheelbarrow and a big carton, talking shingles down onto brook and burning them. By 4:00 we had front of house completely cleaned and raked, and a good start on upper side. Home and lugged in wood. Nan helped me lug banking plank from across front of porch as she had taken brush onto garden this P.M. Also did wash at Alta's. Invited up to Bailey's for supper. Baked pork chops. Very good. Frankie and Marie Demmons blew in as we finished. Strange, we haven't seen any geese yet. Some have been seen though. The story goes that HD got two out of 14 over in Abbie's field a couple weeks ago. 7 hours at Dick Bloom's for Curly.

March 31, Tuesday

Anniversary Day. 32 years ago today we moved down here. Had the Owen Grants down to supper. Wind NE 15 to 20 and look very rainy. Plenty of heavy overcast. Wish we might get rest of shingles cleaned up before rain comes. Temp. 30. Glass 30.1. Some snow squalls during day and very disagreeably cold. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Down to Dick's at 7:30 ahead of Curly. Went right to work on shingles, wheeling and burning like yesterday P.M. By 10:00 we had them all cleaned up and raked. Just ready to go onto little ell roof to put on that saddle board when we had a cussed snow squall that made the roof slippery. As Curly had three doors to cut over and hang we went right to work on them in kitchen. Had to take off main door to kitchen, remove butts, plane that edge off, re-cut butts and rehang etc. Fitted and hung 2 other storm screen doors. Took to midafternoon, was able then to get onto roof, put on saddle board, take down and pile staging. At 3:30 cleaned up kitchen floor, lugged in m tools on wheelbarrow to road and home. Filled wood boxes, pumped, cleaned up etc. Had invited the Owen Grants down to roast capon supper as Owen helped us move down here 32 years ago. Supper delicious and had a grand evening visiting. Thus endeth 32 years of living at Indian Point Farm. 7 hours with Curly Joe at Dick Bloom's.

April 1, Wednesday

What a beauty of a morning this is. Sun touched the point of Burnt Island this morning. Flat calm. Sky cloudless. Temp. 25°. Ground chilled some. A good chance for Curly to get his staging material from Dick's. A nice day all day except for raw SW wind this P.M. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Also helped with last night's dishes. Called Curly to see if he wanted help hauling staging and he said he'd rather have help jacking barn floor post back into place in Mary P. Stone's barn. Weighed up and put out 1/2 ton ha for EB Jr. Georgie and Stillman came for it. Up to Mrs. Pease to meet Curly and study situation. Home to getting jacking materials. Had coffee and buns. Back and jacked post into place from down cellar. Had settled enough to pull tenons out of upper beams. Home again to get XL-12 to square off post. Butted it out onto a rock setting and put on side straps. Home to lunch. Down to Danny P.'s to get Curly's bench saw to put in carriage house. Also hauled the dutch door from Curly's. He had hauled 3 screen doors on the top of his wagon. Repaired pump house door. Hanging by one hinge. Spent rest of P.M. measuring up barn and house for material. 20 sg. shingles for barn room, 6x6 - 2x6 etc for house. Took Curly home. Home. Rolled up and put away banking paper from along porch. Nan took it off this A.M. Shaved and cleaned up

April 2, Thursday

Sure looks rainy. Wind east 5 to 10 M now at 6:30. Heavy overcast. Temp. 38. Glass 29.95. What a storm day. Gale SE wind, heavy snow starting 10:00 AM changing to rain middle of PM, continuing well into night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with last night's dishes. Lugged pile of hay off our mailbox corner plot to Nan's raspberries, also lugged Nan's rakings down there. Dragged rest of brush from around house to edge of garden. Lugged in wood. Storming hard by this time. Read on "Days of Uncle Dave's Fish House" to lunchtime. Lunched. Rested and napped to 2:00. Mrs. Bailey and Samantha in a half hour. Uptown to see boat come in Chevelle. Very slushy driving. Boat not coming until 4:30 so didn't wait. Got our next replacement snow tread from Brown's. Had a charge of \$9.00 on it. Home. Played a game of Scrabble after starting supper. Had Abbie over to boiled dairy roll, taters and dandelion greens. Visited to 8:30. Abbie bothered with a kink in back or something. Still storming hard when she went home. To bed to read papers and a letter from Greta.

April 3, Friday

Rain has stopped but what a sodden world. Wind now out around to about west and blowing hard. Very heavy cloud cover. Temp. 37. Glass 28.8. While writing yesterday's page I have been interrupted to go tow Bailey's car as it had drowned out. Our Emerald Queen wouldn't start either. Had to use old grey one. I suppose they made the 7:00 boat. It's now 7:00 and they've been gone 20 minutes or so. They did. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up to Fay's to make sure gas was turned off etc. Very sloppy housekeepers. Shed door left wide open, boat left out, etc. Just coming down when Curly Joe came for water and brought Mari's bill for dutch and screen doors etc \$250.00 plus. Mad out my bill to Dick Bloom for him \$153.00. Had coffee. He went up to Mari's and we thrashed to town to see boat come 9:30 but just too late. Nan dropped me off at Pease Farm on way home and I primed the two parts of dutch door both sides before lunch. Nan came after me. Back up in green Jeep. It started at noontime. Primed 1 screen door both sides and 1 side. Curly trimmed and fitted 2 of the screen doors, and made a cellar window frame and screen frame. So drafty and cold we left at 3:30. Wind probably 50M. per at that time. Home. Filled woodboxes, shaved, cleaned up etc. Nan up to PM boat. The Irven Stones returned from Florida. Had capon carcass and rice for supper. Ken H. over a few minutes. To Comm. Bldg. To hear a Denny Bok Program. Very Good. 5 hours priming Dutch Door and Screen Doors at Mari P. Stone's.

April 4, Saturday

The Ames returned from Florida today; the Stones yesterday. Sun came up beautifully, but wind breezing too hard westerly for Nan to agree to go to Rockland. 15 to 20 now at 6:30. Sky cloudless. Temp. 32. Glass 29.5. Has blown very hard and disagreeable all day to late PM. Otherwise a nice day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Ground chilled so I could back Jeep into Fay's to get garbage and cultch. Pumped and sharpened XL-12. Up to barn to check cistern, and came out without shutting off pump, so when I went up again at 4:00 PM to weigh hay for VLB, pump was still going. I need a guardian. To AW Beverage's by way of dump. Took down and junked into foot lengths a cluster of young dying birch trees - 6 I think, then took down and junked into Ashley wood a big double barreled horse chestnut tree at NE corner of woodshed that was dying. Nan piled wood and brush. Took to 11:15 with a coffee break in Jeep. How the wind did blow. Home, lunched and I went right back up to clift all the sizable Ashley. Took to 2:30 and I had a sizable pile. Met Nan at fountain corner and we went down to see boat come. The Thorntons visited with us. Home, weighed, put out, and helped load 500# hay for the King. Lugged in wood, last of Ashley off porch again. Read papers and a letter from Mrs. Fisher. Suppered on taters, carrots and boiled daisy rolls. Cleaned up, and up to the Danny Pendletons to watch L Welk show and play 83. H and I won 2 out of 2 and 1-half games. Home after 11:00.

April 5, Sunday

What a beauty. Sun now rising in back of Burnt Island and setting by our bedding down trees. Calm at 5:30 but breezing now at 6:30 W to WSW. Temp. 30. Glass 29.8. A beautiful day all day without much wind. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To church and communion. About 35 present. Came right home. Played a game of Scrabble while relaxing before lunch of cracker and milk etc. We were resting and napping in our chairs when the Thorntons arrived. Visited a little while then rode to town with them in their new Dodge to see boat come. Then down to Crabtree's Point, over to Beach and around Island home. They came in with us and Nan made pancakes and fried sausage for supper. Had our Vermont maple syrup on them. Delicious. Visited to 8:00 when they had to hurry home to their "Boys." Watched and napped through Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell hours. Still weary from yesterday's wooding I guess. Called Mari P. Stone in Arizona this noon as we've heard nothing all winter. She's just back from her trip abroad. Forwarded Curly Joe's material bill to her when we went to town this PM.

April 6, Monday

Oh, what a beauty. Sunny, flat calm, a real Grumpy morning. Cool. 25. A good change to bring in some Ashley wood. Air W. Glass 20. Nice all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Ground quite chilled so I hauled in 3 scoop loads of Ashley wood with tractor from Frog Pond Ridge. Then over hill with Nan to turn on gas and light hot water heater. Land Rover wouldn't start - battery dead. Brought home and put in shanty the Begonia pots and glad bulbs. Mice cleaned out every Begonia bulb but 4 even heavily sprinkled with moth ball flakes. Took off rest of banking paper, rolled it up and put it in panel truck, the took off all of storm windows and lugged them onto top of shop. Nan worked over hill into afternoon. Lugged in wood. Uptown in Jeep at boat time. FWS visited with us on parking lot. Home by way of Toots Waterman's to get our Audrey eggs. Weighed up and tossed out 1000# hay for Little King's boys. Curly Joe here for water. Started a game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Read papers after Harvey Demmons came with our 6 Uncle Will chairs from prison. A nice job done on them. Ken Hopkins over while we ate supper and until Harvey and Shirley came for water. Played 3 games 83. Harvey and Nan won 2. To bed 11:00.

April 7, Tuesday

This sure is a dull grey morning. No sun yet at 6:15. Very heavy overcast. Calm. Smoke from chimney falls from NE. Temp. 30. Glass 29.9. Became a beautiful day and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put our old kitchen chairs (2) in top of shanty, and 3 of our cane-bottomed bedroom chairs up over head here. Weighed up and tossed down a half ton hay for Bun Smith. Spent rest of AM clifting Ashley wood on Frog Pond Ridge - hate to have it lay in round another winter - didn't get it clifted a year ago. Nan raked up all around house and lawn - looks nice. Oh yes, I took the brush off flower beds too this morning. Lunched and shaved. Nan to town to get RMs groceries while F. Waterman home to lunch. I clifted on Ashley wood to 3:00, then uptown with Nan to boat to greet the RMs and see if they needed help. They did. Station wagon loaded to capacity. They brought back their living room couch. Helped lug it in along with luggage. Home. Filled woodboxes. Finished our last night's game of Scrabble and played another while supper was heating - 2 TV Turkey Dinners. RM out in Land Rover. Gave Nan 4 jars of jam and honey. Cleaned up and invited up to the Martin Joyce's this evening. Ann & Franze leaving tomorrow morning. Had a nice visit and treated to ice cream, strawberries and coffee.

April 8, Wednesday

Another dull heavy overcast one. Air NE. Temp 35. Glass 29.9. Didn't roll out till 6:00. Must do better. Raw all AM, then wind swung out SW and almost rained during PM and even more raw. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked clifting Ashley wood on Frog Pond Ridge to 10:30. Coffeed and went to work on shop. Opened up SW side, tearing off boarding between the two window openings, taking out the two old frames, and boarding up new under the two openings where boarding was poor. Must now reduce the width of openings between the studs to take the four storm windows I have ready to go in. By 4:15 was ready to put in top and bottom headers, but had to close openings with heavy cardboard because it looked so rainy. Filled woodboxes in house and porch box. Played a game of Scrabble while waiting for mail to come. Shaved, cleaned up and over to the RMs to a delicious broiled steak supper. Then he showed his slides of his African Safari. Very beautiful. Home before 10:00 and had a miserable night. Awake at 2:15 and couldn't get back to sleep till nearly 5:00.

April 9, Thursday

What a night and weary this morning and George B. supposed to be coming. Plenty of overcast and wind airing up NE. Temp 38. Glass 29.6. Stayed eastly all day and sprinkled a speck during lunch,. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Thrashed right up to sawmill in Jeep to get 3 2x8 to rip into 2x4 to use reducing window openings. George here when I got back. Took cardboard cover off window openings, and started putting headers over openings. George said he had a piece of dressed 2x6 at Hiram's long enough to make a one piece stool for the four windows, so we went after it. Nan went with us. Home, made cutouts for studs and had stool in place at lunch time. George brought his lunch and ate in car. After lunch fastened stool in place, put in under blocks, filled in boarding, adjusted headers, ripped out and put in reducing studs in openings, put in windows and full length finish board across top of opening. Is going to make a light place to work. Left off 4:45. Lugged in wood. Nan to town this PM. Mr. RM out inspecting this AM and both out late this PM. Read our papers while fish & potatoes cooked for supper. Rested and tried to watch TV programs but both of us slept more than watched. Both weary.

April 10, Friday

Another heavy overcast dull morning. Air still easterly, Looks rainy, Temp 32. Glass 29.4. Did sprinkle some during day but worked. Very raw. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. To work just after 7:00. Brought finish boards down from barn. As I needed an eleven inch wide board to use between 2 of the window divisions, and Curly Joe came for water, I dodged up to Mari P.'s and borrowed a 9 foot piece. George and I cut and fitted the finish between the windows and down each side completing window job outside. Then removed strapping and bullheads from paper across above window opening, zinced across, removed a strip of paper along wall below windows toward N end and used it to finish papering our windows and down along S end of window casing. Replaced strapping SW side now completely covered in except from window stool to sill from S end of window opening to N end of building. Guess I'll have to use shingles to finish out with. From 2:30 to 4:30 we built staging along NE side of building about shingling roof. Quite a job with panel truck to build over. Alta, Sheila, and children here after water and had tea. Lugged in wood, read our papers while supper cooked. Completely pooched, both of us this evening. Rested or tried to, and napped and watched a little TV. My arms and legs very restless. At long last we saw a flock of Geese - 50 or more.

April 11, Saturday	A very heavy overcast cold raw morning. RMs leaving this morning. Quite strong N wind. Already 2 quite heavy snow squalls since I got up at 5:30. Temp 34. Glass 29.5. Blew hard to after lunch, otherwise a nice sunny day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Over hill with Nan. While she closed house, I checked out trees that Mrs. M. had marked for me to cut, uncovered box bushes, couldn't get posts out on back side of house. Lugged cultch etc up to Jeep. Walked home while Nan finished job. Warmed up undercoater paint while sweeping up part of bottom of shop. Had just primed long window stool when Nan called lunch. While eating on RM's chicken carcass, Curly Joe called for help getting staging from Dick Bloom's. Met him at fountain corner in Jim Brown's truck. Hauled the staging to Pease Farm and put it in barn cellar. Home. To town by way of dump with RM's cultch. Saw boat come. Brought Land Rover home to RM's garage. Changed into painting clothes and finished painting or priming big window casings in shop. Lugged in wood. Cleaned up ready for the Ames when they came at 6:00. Had cold boiled shoulder, baked potatoes, and a cauliflower from RMs. Visited and watched L. Welk Show. Had a nice time. Brought us 6 Fla. Grapefruits.
April 12, Sunday	A beautiful sunrise morning, but some cloudiness now at 6:30 with wind rising up N. Temp 40. Glass 29.7. A nice day except for raw NNE breeze. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Ames' grapefruit are delicious. Read and rested to church time. Went by NS road in Jeep. About 40 present. Came right home. Played a game of Scrabble while relaxing. Lunched on rest of RMs chicken carcass. Up to Thorntons in Chevelle to take them on a ride. Back around NS and down middle road to village to see boat return. Shown through Lloyd's house on way home. Garnet has scraped and painted most of it inside this winter. Looks good. Continued on to Thorntons. Invited in to supper - TV roast beef suppers. Good. Home before 8:00. Kitchen fire out since before church this AM and Ashley very low. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Hour, what we didn't nap through. Both weary. Not resting good nights.
April 13, Monday	A very, very heavy overcast at 5:00 except around horizon. Sun sailed right into clouds as it broke over Burnt Island. Air N. Temp 40. Glass 30. Pumped while bookkeeping. Made breakfast. To work at shoe just after seven. George arrived after 8:00. Had to pick up Nettie about washing etc. I ripped out, planed, took off the two old ones and put on the two new rake boards for NE side of shop roof. George went right to tearing off old asphalts. Found under course of cedars and asphalt paper strip like new so didn't replace them. By 4:45 PM we'd cleaned off the width of 2 strips paper, renailed, replaced part of one board, repapered, and shingled in lacking one course. Took us complete to bottom of skylight. Whoever put skylight in when roof was shingled before didn't use any apron on lower end of skylight, just shingled to edge of opening and nailed skylight frame down light. Had to have the two courses under skylight and shingle under and over them. Nan uptown and raked public square this PM. Also did wash at RM's. Read our papers and a note from Mrs. Bailey while supper cooked. Mrs. B. sent Nan a \$7.50 check for closing Bull Rock. Harvey and Shirley down after water this evening. Brought us a jar of dandelion greens. Played 2 games 83 - each won one. Our first Martin arrived. Shirley C. here as Census Enumerator.

April 14, Tuesday

What a beautiful sunrise morning at 5:00. Heavy white frost. Already airing up NNE. Will swing out around to SW no doubt. Temp. 34. Glass 30. Sky cloudless. A beautiful day. Warmest so far this AM but chilly SW wind PM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Nan to VH. Curly Joe came after water and brought me a roll of tarred paper - a loan. George arrived about 7:30. We shingled across a couple courses, then tore off to top of skylight, replaced several pieces of boarding, renailed, papered and finally got to shingling again. By 4:30 we'd shingled to top of skylight, put in another staging, cleaned and renailed to ridge pole and shingled to upper edge of chimney. Tomorrow forenoon should finish this side. I lunched on crackers and milk and sardines. Nan home before we left off. Had Brown's men take her across and came back with Doug on ferry men trip. Brought home some fresh haddock. Had it fried for supper with potatoes and Shirley's canned dandelions cooked in ham stock. Delicious. Tried to watch some TV this evening but we were both very weary as Nan and Pat went on a long walk with Emily Dyer and this shingling seems to be weary work for me, especially with the responsibility. Much easier to work for someone.

April 15, Wednesday

Another beautiful Grumpy sunrise and an even heavier white frost than vesterday morning. Air west. Temp 32 at 5:15. Glass 30. A most beautiful day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to shop shortly after 7:00. Picked over roofing nails before George arrived. Have been able to re-use nearly all the bullheads. Went right to shingling. Ran a few courses, stayed again, and at 12:00 put on last shingle to ridge pole, and the last whole shingle out of 4 square - 12 bundles. A soon as lunch we started at ridge pole sticking down and brought staging down as we came. Forrest Adams visited on stage a few minutes. Had been weather proofing RM's chimneys. At 3:00 we finished sticking, washed up and at 4:30 had wall staging down and lugged around to other side of shop ready to put up in the morning. Took ashes cut of kitchen stove before cleaning up. Emery H in and stayed 3/4 hour or so, then before supper was ready. Marion and 3 children blew in for nearly a half hour. Finally suppered at 7:00. Watched some TV and rested some. Shingling up and down stagings sure is wearisome. Nan to B. Joyce's to have Perm this PM.

April 16, Thursday

What a Grumpy one. Smoke hardly falls away from chimney to back of house. Beautiful sunrise 5:00. Sky cloudless. Temp 32. Glass 30.8. Must get out and burn our banking brush on garden now before breakfast. A white frost again. Did, and raked and burned garden cultch same time. Slowed me up. George arrived just before 7:30 before I'd finished breakfast and cleaned the old shingles and cultch from in back of panel truck. We went right to putting up staging along SW side of shop and at 11:30 had shingles torn off half way up skylight - 2 strips paper wide and old paper off. Nan on beach walk with Marion H. I had ham sandwich for lunch. George renailed boarding while I tore off and made new rake board for NW end. Helped George put on and batten down 2 strips of paper. George painted or primed rake boards on NW end while I made rake board for SE end. Then George primed them and supper window casing while Nan and I loaded trailer with old shingles and cultch around panel truck side. Had to pump up forward front tractor tire first. Hauled to dump up in pasture. Almost had trouble getting away from dump. Finished at 5:00. Rested and read papers while haddock chowder cooked for supper. Rested and watched some TV. Hands terribly sore from asphalt shingles. Ken Hopkins in over a little while this evening.

April 17, Friday	A very, very dull heavy overcast morning. Almost foggy. Looks plenty rainy. Up at 4:50. Air South, glass 30.2 and temp 40. Must thrash to getting under control that we may catch noon boat to mainland to visit Sherm and Helen Baird. Get hot now. Did. Made breakfast. Then right to picking up torn off shingles and cultch off SW side of shop into trailer. Had a full load with what cultch I couldn't get onto last night's load across south end. Took out onto pasture dump. Put tractor away into barn and closed shop. Nan uptown in Jeep with me to meet board to see about Mari P's lumber coming. Took Nan home, then back to Pease Farm to help Curly unload Sutton truck into barn cellar and carriage house. Home, lunched quickly, cleaned up and uptown in time to take Jeep down to Alta's Nice trip across bay. Uncle Sherman met us. Home to Friendship by Andrew Wyeth's property. Rode with Sherm on two plumbing trips. Toured the new house they've built for sale on hill above their property. Delicious pot roast etc for supper. Visited during evening in front of beautiful fire in fireplace. A really beautiful house and even more
April 18, Saturday	Another dull overcast morning here at Friendship. 45 but feels raw. Flat calm on water in front of house here. Had breakfast of fried eggs and hamburg and have written yesterday's sheet. What a full day. Started from Timber Point about 8:30. Rode up through Washington town as Sherm had a couple calls to make - one at a home for retarded people - shocking. Makes one went to cry. Then around and about up through to call on Aunt Barb's. Gave Nan a southern brush and a couple houseplant slips. Down from there by Camden Snow Bowl to Route 90 to Warren to Route 1 on to Bath to Merry Meeting Bay. Had a nice lunch at Pine Grove. Motel R at Damariscotta. Saw hundreds of Geese in fields and as many more on River. Rode along river bank at Pleasant Point, Bath where geese were close to shore. Home along Route 1 about 4:30. Sherm had to leave immediately to work on a poultry plant artesian pump. Back about 6:30 so we had time to go into Rockland to Chuck Wagon to steak supper. Calderwood treat \$12.00 plus. A nice place and crowded atmosphere. Then out to Owl's Head to call on the Oldroyds. Back to Friendship about 11:00 and to bed weary. A really nice day.
April 19, Sunday	A beautiful NW breeze morning. FW Sampson's 70 th birthday. Like fall. Cool. 38. Sunny. A full day of visiting and riding. Visited at MaryLou's with she and her friend during forenoon, then Helen and Sherm took us riding around and about Friendship, onto the various points etc. Saw where Linc David lived. Had a delicious boiled dinner with the Bairds at home. They also had MaryLou and friend over. Visited and napped during PM until about 3:30 when we started for Camden, stopping to call at Mrs. Fales a few minutes. She has a beautiful home. Rode along with us up through Rockport around waterfront to Camden to young Maynard Pierce's as Sherm had to adjust a stove. He has a beautiful split level home built himself. He worked for Sherm. While there, Maynard Sr. came over from his house. First time we've met since he left the island about 1938 or '40. Considerable change - wouldn't have known him. Home, stopping to leave Mrs. Fales at her place. Visited and watched Glen Campbell Hour this evening. We intended to go home this PM but a 40 to 45 mile breeze NW all day. Too much.

April 20, Monday

What a pretty Grumpy one, flat calm and sunny. About 45. Had fried hamburg and fried potato with Sherm and Helen, plus grapefruit. Homeward bound this day and glad I am to be, even though the Bairds have treated us royally. Nan visited to 9:30 with Helen while I rode down to Cushing and Pleasant Point with Sherman. Saw the house that was in painting used as corner the last of DownEast Magazine. Left Timber Point with Sherm at 9:30 for Rockland on his way to Tenant's Harbor. Dropped us at Ferry Terminal. We had coffee at Coffee Shoppe. Nan did some errands and I tried to but found Sulides closed, Green Front closed etc. Holiday as yesterday was April 19th. Called the Oldroyds and invited them to come in to have dinner with us. Did our shopping at A&P and took it to terminal between us in a new cultch can we bought at A&P \$3.15. Groceries \$17 plus paid by cash. Met the Oldroyds at the Thorndike corner at 12:40 and went to the Coffee Pot at Rockland Hotel on Park Street. Nan has braised pork chop, Mercedes cold sliced corn beef, and Jim and I had fresh native fried shrimp. All very good. To boat and home, nice trip across to a cold house. No sun. Started raining as I lugged in wood. Built fires and put groceries away.

April 21, Tuesday

How nice to be having coffee at our own picture window. A sure enough dull overcast morning, but calm. Have caught up on work sheet and called E. Brown about pulp truck going to mainland today. Hope now to get my shingles and lumber from Rankin tonight. Elliott is also taking his horse over to Pen-Bay truck. Has sold him so no more hay to him. Dull and raw all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Helped clean out milkroom some. To dump in Jeep to meet with planning board and selectmen to study boundary lines with them. Town is guying of Elmer. To Hiram's to get some eating potatoes and my seed potatoes. Right home, spread potatoes on floor in shop, changed tire on right rear of Jeep, putting on spare. Double chamber tires will not hold air. Lunched. Owen Grant came to get manure for Strong. Helped him load. While he was gone I used tractor and scoop to clean up piles of sill dirt along SW side of shop. Owen got stuck going across drain ditch by barn getting second load. Had t pull him with tractor. Cleaned up manure in ground mow. Nearly cleaned up dirt pile when Elliott B. arrived with my material from Rankin's. Put my pine boards in barn scaffold, 1/2 the shingles and paper in tie-up, rest of paper, shingles and 2x8 and 2x4 in bottom of shop. Thrashed to get to the Eliot Beverage's by 6:00 for a social hour. A nice visit. Home after 7:30. Suppered on broiled steak. Napped in chairs after. Weary from mainland weekend I guess.

April 22, Wednesday

Rained a good part of night. Cover blew off new garbage container we bought at A&P Monday and had left on porch last night part full of empty paper bags out of milk room. All wet down - too bad but likely won't need them this year. Very dull and heavy overcast. Breeze NE and still an occasional sprinkle. Temp 40. Glass 29.9. Rained some all day. Did bookkeeping and was making breakfast when Curly Joe called to ask me to help him on Pease house cellar well. Up there at 7:30. Worked down cellar all day. Relaid and cemented the worst part in NE corner and along N side. I was mostly mixer and tender. To town in middle of AM to get 6 bags of mortar mix of Brown's. Curly had 2 1/2 bags to start with. Then he brought a bag of cement and a half bag of mix from Danny's from lunch. Used practically all of it and got the worst of wall repaired. Nan up with coffee, cheese and crackers about 10:00. Home to lunch, then home after 4:00. Dodged over to RM's to see work Emery H is doing on retaining wall. Betty, Jack and Mike here about 5:00 to get my Havahart Trap. Had coffee. Read our mail. Suppered on corned beef, cabbage, and taters. Watched some TV. Hee Haw and Johnny Cash Shows. Ken Hopkins over a little while. Stars out as we go to bed.

April 23, Thursday

Sun came up at 4:50 like a great red ball into a bank of cloud, but now at 6:00, it's clearing. Considerable high cloudiness. Cold 38. Glass 30.3. A good working day but raw with wind south and raw all PM. Up at 4:50. Took kitchen stove pipe down first thing and cleaned it out. Stove has been smoking badly. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Had tackle down from barn and rigged on staging before George came. Had a flat battery. Discovered when we got ready to shingle that course of wooden shingles was poor shape and the edge of finish board was rotten. Had to replace both. Used two of the pine boards I got from Rankin. Singled to bottom of skylight, tore off another paper wide strip, renailed, repapered and shingled that bout halfway up. Had to tow George out into road with tractor as he swung in by Nan's strawberry bed and was stuck this morning. Battery dead again. Put Mari's Jeep battery in and engine started. Nan and I took ride to west district before supper and home by NS road. Nan and Hopkins children picked both sides of road to Tumbledown barn this forenoon. Had two Chevelle loads to dump. Suppered on corned beef, potatoes and newly dug dandelions, first mess of season. Delicious. Mostly rested and napped this evening.

April 24, Friday

Harvey and Shirley's 32nd Anniversary. Floyd and family home. A sure enough dull overcast rainy looking morn. Up at 5:15. Took down living room stove pipe first thing to clean out. Badly full. Managed to burn Nan's rug in 2 places taking a couple live coals out of stove. Wind S and breezing. Temp 40. Glass 30.2. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. To barn at 7:15 to weigh up and pass down a half ton of hay to Beverage boys. Used tractor and scoop to bring in 3 loads Ashley wood and 1 load round kitchen wood from Frog Pond Ridge to porch. Uptown to meet boat to guide Knowlton Movers to Abbie's from Andy Bell's with furniture and boxes of music for Abbie. Home and made out 2 trailer registrations. Lunched and rested to 2:00. Started drizzling as I finished wood job and increased to pouring rain storm during PM and evening. Tried to work over in bottom of shop this PM getting ready to build my bench but nothing went right. Couldn't even make a carpenter's horse. To house about 4:00. Played a guick game of Scrabble, shaved, cleaned up and up to Thorntons by NS road at 5:30 to roast beef supper. Very good. Ate in summer kitchen. Quite comfortable with electric heater. After supper we wrote our cemetery cards, lacked 6 of being enough. Watched Marshall Dodge on TV. Home after 9:00. How it poured and breezed. Road flooded in places.

April 25, Saturday

A beautiful sunrise and calm, but his everything soaked. Looks like it would be weeks before a garden could be worked. Water standing right on this one in front of house here. Airing up N to NW. Temp 42. Glass 29.6. A smart breeze part of time, but a beautiful day. Boy, was it ever sloppy around shop. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Started pump and to work at shop just after 7:00. George arrived shortly after. The wind last night succeeded in blowing out our tucked in paper so water came into shop badly, even down through floor to lower area. Had fire going all day to help dry out. Retucked paper and shingled it in. Put on second set of brackets, shingled one course, and cleaned to ridge pole. Had to cut out and replace 4 parts of boarding. Renailed and was ready to paper come lunch time. Lunched, papered on strip, shingled it, put on third set of brackets, last strip of paper, battened it, and shingled 2 courses onto it. Picked up tools after 4:30. Lugged in wood while Nan took in wash she did at RM's this AM. Read our papers. Suppered on newly baked beans. Very good. Rested, napped and watched TV programs. This shingling business is tiring work for Calderwood. Yesterday PM during storm an outboard boat swamped down by Leadbetter's Island. A young boy was drowned. A man and another boy were found on Leadbetter's Island. Mark Hopkins birthday. He and Paul over a minute this evening.

April 26, Sunday

What a beauty. A real Grumpy. Air W. Temp 38 as we go onto this damned fast time. Stayed in bed to 6:00. Glass 29.9. Lawn is surely greening up. Saw jonguils in bloom at Stanley Waterman's three days ago. A most beautiful day other than strong WSW wind this PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Should be working every daylight minute now, but too lazy. Rested and read to church time. Went by NS road. About 40 there. Home. Lunched on corn beef sandwiches. Back to Grange Hall by NS road to meet the Thorntons. Took them with us to Crabtree's Point and walked clear around the point from west to east. Elliott Brown sure making guite a showing down there cutting pulp and burning the slash. Back down town to see boat return, then back our road and down middle road looking for Elliott Brown as his man H. Dodge was stuck down in Herzog field. Left the Thorntons at Hall. O, yes, we posted cemetery notice on billboard while down town. Home. Back over to Tumbledown to put back the double doors on double garage that had blown down. We dug a mess of dandelion greens there, and had ham hocks, dandelions and taters for supper. Delicious. Nothing better. Just over calling on the Hopkins a minute when the Witherspoons blew in. Visited to 10:30.

April 27, Monday

Golly, 5:00 came early. A beautiful morning though with half moon shining in our picture window from over Stimpson's Island. Airing up westerly, Temp 46. Glass 29.7. Must finish shop roof this day and get staging down. So many things crowding in on me I know not how I'll accomplish them, but must. Did. A beautiful day except for wind blowing do disagreeably hard SW this PM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to shop, had fire built and was putting Nan's slab bird house up over shop door when George arrived. Went right to shingling to ridge pole. Exactly 4 square. Had to break into a new bundle and cut about 24 strips or 72 shingles for saddle board. George kindly brought some gold paint and painted cow and compass letters before putting her back up. Roof done at 11:45. Lunched. Brought staging down off roof, then took down and cleaned up wall staging by 2:30. Too windy to try to clean up shingles and paper. George went home as he had things to do before going painting for John Brown tomorrow. I finished putting things away, then went to dump with Nan in Jeep and along to town to see boat come. B. Joyce came from Rockland. Martin in hospital with angina. Betty Brown in hospital too. Home and started digging ditch up along back end of shop piece toward road along fence to see if I can stop so much water from running down under shop. Up to Alta's this evening to do two washes. Home after 9:00. We're told today that Tony Bok had bought the Edna Dyer Farm.

April 28, Tuesday

What a Grumpy morning but since I got up at 5:15 to now at 6:30, it's come in so foggy I can just see Fay's chimneys. Air so still smoke finally toppled from NE from our chimney. Temp 44. Glass 29.8. The nicest day thus far. Lovely. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Then over to Mrs. Pease's on tractor at 7:30 to take double harrow out of barn cellar and help Curly Joe put 12 or 13 6x6 into cellar. Brought harrow home. Curly and JF Dyer came over for coffee. Visited nearly an hour. Then just as I was putting 1970 stickers onto tractor the Thorntons came for 2 bags of 8-16-16. Visited nearly an hour. Coupled onto SB trailer and cleaned up all debris along S end and SW side of shop. Had a full load. Nan helped me. Took to 12:30. Lunched. Took debris to dump in pasture. Then loaded my 8 staging poles on trailer and took them up by Mrs. Pease's barn. Nan came along in Jeep and we went up to see boat come, then to cemetery with the Thorntons to look the situation over. Invited over to Thorntons for an hour. Home bringing tractor and trailer from Pease gateway. Read papers, and suppered. Read and rested. Called the Fishers and Oldroyds. Mrs. Fisher better but asthma still troublesome. Bobbie has a nervous breakdown and is in hospital. Betty and Jack Brown to hospital yesterday, operated on today to remove lump from breast. A cvst - not malignant so the doctor savs at present.

April 29, Wednesday

Our first ionguils here by porch opened. Nan saw 2 barn swallows. Martin Joyce passed away in hospital this morning. A beautiful calm Grumpy one. Just an air NNE. Temp 44. Sky cloudless except for smear around Southern horizon. Glass 30. A most beautiful day. Air southerly or SE off water this PM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Cleaned ashes out of both stoves. Pumped and took out Mrs. Fay's cellar windows. Finished digging the drainage ditch from shop piece to road to try to stop water from running under shop so. Took to 9:30. Nan worked on garden club project uptown this AM. Along in front of parsonage. Coupled onto scoop and started digging and hauling away the dirt along sill on SW side of shop. A trench two feet wide and nearly that deep. Will have to fill back up partway with small rocks to keep dirt away from sill. Had a lot of trouble getting several big rocks out. Used chain and dragged 5 or 6 to edge of bank and rolled them over. Left off to go uptown to see boat come. Then home and worked to after 5:00 to finish digging to NW corner. Now ready to dig across under runway to doorway. Nan dug us another mess of dandelion greens and raked her sweet pea bed off this PM. Had a letter from the Thomas Whipples saying they'd be arriving PM of July 2nd. Suppered on taters, dandelions and fried chicken. Watched Hee Haw and Johnny Cash Shows. Emery H. over a half hour or so.

April 30, Thursday

Another Grumpy One but cool. Mamma Redwing at feeder this morning. Only 34. Air finally falls smoke of chimney from NE. Glass 30.2. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping and finished seed order to Harris Seed Co. \$31.75. Made breakfast. Brought our glads up from shanty. Discovered mice were riddling them. Cleared away over in bottom of shop so I could get Roto-Cul out. Cleaned it up, washed oil air bath in kerosene, cleaned plug, changed oil in motor etc. and started it up. Rotored about half of upper side of house garden here to try it out. Made me a couple lamb sandwiches - Nan over to Marion's having hair set - loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and up to HS Beverage's at 10:30. Rotored piece west of barn, potato piece by garage, piece west of house, piece north of house, and that part of piece east of house he's going to plant. Then furrowed first two, 7 furrows of third, 2 furrows on 4th and 7 furrows on last one. Had 15 minutes nooning. HSB repairing paper on roof of garage. Pretty good for 82 year old man. Home before 5:00. Unloaded Rotor-Cul. Washed up, looked at our papers, suppered on hotted up baked beans, shaved, and up to Bertha Joyce's with an apple sauce cake and a gift of money. Franze and Ann there. Only stayed a half hour as Bertha very busy trying to make funeral arrangements. Home by way of town. Just drove into vard when H and S came for water. Staved and played 2 games 83. Harvey tells us he just got a notice of a nice raise in salary in post office and this notice that he's fired in less than a month. Post office cutting down while putting up mail rates.

May 1, Friday

Supposed to burn Goose Rocks horn off this morning, but switches don't work. A smoky SWer morning. Breezy - 25 or so. Temp 46. Glass 30. Been disagreeably raw and hard all day and all night. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Started rotoring again on upper side of house garden full length of garden to do a finish job after calling Rankin Grain to get them to mail me over a few peas 5# and a couple # of onion sets. Cannot find my leftover seeds from last year. I'm sure I had a few beans, corns, etc. Rotored nearly abreast of bird house when we decided to dodge quickly to town to see boat come. Learned that boat changed schedule this day and arrives at 10:40 instead of 9:30. Rode up to Arliene's dairy to get milk - wasn't any - around NS and down middle road to town again. Dick Bloom didn't come. Home, rotored more on house garden 2/3rds done, then rotored Mrs. Fay's. Very, very wet. Lunched, and uptown to Martin's funeral, going down to pick up Alta. Bertha had asked us to sit with mourners. To cemetery in our car. The Owen Grants and Dr. Hosmer rode with us. Visited with the Grants after, then they rode to boat with us. Still Dick didn't come. Home, read our papers. Marion H. blew in while we suppered and had a bite with us. A long evening as TV was no good. Did watch some of Johnny Cash in a Cherokee documentary.

May 2, Saturday

That cussed disagreeable wind still blowing 25 to 30 now at 6:00. W to SW. Temp 50. Glass 30. quite hazy. Must trash today if I want to get anything done this week. A nice day but for that damned SW wind 35 to 40 or so all day and Pat and Mike took the kids to Rockland. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put new plates onto SB trailer and wood hauling trailer. Made 4 furrows by hand on upper side of house garden. Worked again taking dirt away from shop along NW end under runway. Left off to dodge up to see boat come and to get milk and eggs. Dick Bloom and Durant Dyer arrived. Thrashed home and back to work. This PM finished that part of project by cleaning along N side dirt from in back of panel truck and across NW end to doorway. Now ready to put rocks to ditch to keep dish from falling in. Nan uptown to work on Guild Sales with Alta. Home just as I was finishing cleaning out ditch by building. Pea seed and onion sets came from Rankin Grain this noon. Would have planted this PM if wind hadn't blown so. Uptown to see 4:40 boat come. Marion H's cousin Ruth and husband arrived. Home, put tractors away and cleaned up. Fried chicken hind quarters etc for supper. Rested and watched a little TV. Our jonguils along porch are nicely in bloom now.

May 3, Sunday

A very calm morning after so much wind, but very heavy overcast. Warm. 50. Air from NE. Glass 30. Really overslept 6:00. A gentle rain for most of day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested and read. Cheated. Didn't go to church. Both very weary. Played a couple games Scrabble. Lunched. Uptown to see boat go, but already loaded. Home by way of West District and NS road. Rested some more, then as it had stopped raining, we walked out to Cobb's and raked up the apple remains under trees. Had nearly a bushel basket full. Dumped them among Balm of Gileads. Walked back along shore. Unbelievable how shore line has washed away in last 30 years. Played another game of Scrabble, then suppered on broiled steak. Nan broiled it in milk room in electric broiler, and fat caught fire. Damn - always something. Was good though except not quite done enough. Rode up to call on the Sampsons a few minutes. No [one] home so kept on down to Ames. Nan wanted to see Edith about helping clean RM's house. Just back from mainland this PM. Visited to 9:30. and home to bed.

May 4, Monday

Another quiet Grumpy morning but very heavy high overcast. Not seeing the sun rise these mornings. Cool. 40. Glass 30.1. Smoke falls from NNE. A nice day but with some cloudiness and no wind for a change. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Grass very wet and needs mowing. Piled my 2 x8 and 2 x4 in shop up on side wall brackets out of way so I could get rotor-cul in and out easily and get hand cultivator from in back. Made 2 more furrows on house garden with hand plow. Fertilized 3 of the four I made Saturday, worked in it with and plow, planted 2 to peas - Rankin's Progress 9 and 1 to Norland Red potatoes, and covered with hand hoe. Fertilized some of the two I made this morning and set out 2 lbs. Of Rank onion sets. Spent rest of AM to 11:30 putting shop ditch rocks back into ditch and wheeling more rocks from SW end of shop garden to ditch. Lunched, shaved and took ferry to A&P. Dick Bloom & D. Dyer visited with us going over, and rode us to A&P. Thorntons over in Dodge, and rode our groceries off ferry for us. Visited with them coming back. Home, put away groceries, read papers. Nancy over a little while. Suppered on Franco-hamburg and back to cemetery meeting at Memorial room. 17 present. Had a nice meeting with lunch afterwards. Home 10:30. Took Olive Gregory home first. A full day.

May 5, Tuesday

A Grumpy morning with considerable high cloudiness. Should break through. Air NE. Grass very wet again. Temp 42. Glass 30. First rhubarb pie of season. Mowed lawn first time - all of front. Has been a nice day all day. Wind cold off water though. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Pumped. Started right in rocking, thinking I was going to make a good showing, but got bothered. Cleaned up rest of rocks on SW end of shop piece and wheeled them into shop ditch. About finished SW side. Then started on pile in barnyard using tractor and scoop. Finished NW end under runway by noontime. Lunched guickly at 12:00 at FWS called wanting a place to store slats and desks out of NE schoolhouse as he's sold it to Lawrence Beverage. Over to Tumbledown to make the tie-up ready for him. Had to come home to get tractor to use on Lawrence's truck as he got stuck in cowyard over there. Helped lug seats and desks into tie-up and helped Frank get second load as Little King had to go on school bus. Home about 3:00. Changed oil in my lawn mower and mowed all the front of our lawn. Looks good. Uptown to see boat come. Home again. Curly Joe came for water. Nan dug a nice mess of greens this PM. Had the Sampsons down to supper, dandelion greens, lamb casserole, potatoes etc. Visited to after Red Skelton.

May 6, Wednesday

SE to S rain storm starting about 5:00. A cold raw one. Not much wind yet. Temp 44. Glass 29.65. The RMs called last night about 8:00 - while the Sampsons were here of course - to say they're coming about May 25 or so. Rained most of AM clearing to a good PM. Did bookkeeping, helped with dishes and made breakfast. Over to RMs first thing to turn on gas and light water heater. Worked in bottom of shop all day. Cased in my four big windows over bench area, then started to make bench. Lined through and put up top 2x4s, then cut first plank around wall studs to find wall was so crooked that plank wouldn't line through. Put 2x4 posts under top 2x4s, lined through and started bench top from outside edge of bench, worked okay. Got bench done 2 plans 2x8 wide, now have to cut back plank between studs. Weighed and threw down 1/2 ton hay for L. Beverage this PM. Received a package from Mari P. Stone - a hunk of ebony wood from Africa, a carved bird and turtle, and 2 Chinese lanterns. Curly Joe blew in before supper after water and brought us a tub of crabs. Cooked them during supper and picked out most of them during evening. Probably 2 pounds. Both weary this night. Bob Smith here on Cancer drive tonight. Nan and Edith worked at RMs.

May 7, Thursday

A very dull heavy clouded morning, but wind NW. Cold 40. Up at 5:00 and up out roof cleaning chimney. So closed up a tennis ball would hardly go down it. Kitchen stove smoked all the time. Took living room pipe down and cleaned out bottom of chimney - nearly 2 pails. Glass 29.6. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To barn before 7:30 to weigh and help load a quarter ton of hay for VL. Then he came in house to settle account. Only stayed a few minutes. Over to RMs to get Nan to put my belt on. Spent AM finishing rock job around shop, hauling from pile in front of barn. Lunched 12:30. This PM I re-rotored most of Mrs. Fay's garden - has dried out some - made a furrow, fertilized it and planted Rankin's No. 9 Progress peas. Then mowed all her lawn. Grass along front of house almost too tall. Tried to change oil in Nan's mower and broke base casting getting drain plug out. Dug up Nan's Sweet Pea bed and started to rake off part of triangle garden. To town to see boat come, leaving Curly Joe a mess of rhubarb. Home. Read papers, suppered on potatoes, carrots, onions and fried hamburg. Watched TV this evening, what we didn't sleep through. Nan very weary. Nan and Edith A. cleaned at RMs.

May 8, Friday

Another heavy overcast morning, although breeze is NW. Cold 40. Not enjoying our spring. Sun rises much every morning cloudy. Glass 29. A beautiful day all day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast. helped with dishes and made a birthday card ready for Jennie OB. Went to work on SW side of shop and thought I'd get it closed in under windows, but too much frigging, and also lost an hour by going over hill to have 9:30 coffee and bringing home a wash to hang out. Had to do considerable labeling on bottom board George and I had put on over side as it was thicker than old wall boards. Also had to fit a four foot piece along to NW corner where ground had been frozen at the time and put a shim in back of it. A lot of scheming. Ripped out and put on a corner board. As soon as lunch, put on a bottom course of wooden shingles, a strip of paper, and then asphalt shingles. Got nearly to top of strip by 4:30 and ready to fly too trying to get ahead. A two man job putting asphalts on wall. Don't hold good. Read our papers, suppered on hamburg and spaghetti, and then after Nan washed her hair, up to Bertha Joyce's to get my hair cut and Nan's set. Treated to coffee and cookies. Odd without Martin there. Home by way of Arlene's and town. Nan and Edith A. worked over to RMs.

May 9, Saturday

By Golly, we finally see the sun break over Burnt Island again. Really getting northward now. A beautiful calm, clear sunny morning. Temp 44. Glass 29.7. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Thrashed to get scoop off tractor, coupled to SB trailer, tools gathered, etc and up to Pease Farm at 7:30. Met Mike coming over by old schoolhouse spring. He loaded old clapboard debris around end of house into trailer while I cleaned up and swept up carriage house. Had a heaping load of clapboard debris and piled it into corner of carriage house. Then cleaned up and swept up woodshed end of ell, putting that into trailer. Kept on down cellar, shoveling that debris through window and into trailer, another good load. Put in gravel pit dump. Loaded 3 screen doors into trailer to bring home to paint and home at 11:45. Closed up shop etc., washed up and shaved and uptown just in time to catch 1:00 PM ferry. Jim and Mercedes met us. Rode to Camden to set on Public Landing a half hour or so - saw Clyde Joy - back to Rockland to Mammoth Mart where the Oldroyds did their shopping, to Coffins so we could get a check cashed and to Owl's Head. Back in to Rockland to Chuck Wagon to steak supper except Mercedes had fish, then back to Owl's Head to visit. Didn't want to leave Gram Oldroyds alone too long.

May 10, Sunday

We slept in living room last night on sofa and a cot. A beautiful calm partly sunny morning. Considerable haze. About 50. Had a leisurely breakfast. Visited outdoors watching birds etc most of AM. Rode around Owl's Head to Airport, into Rockland to get paper, back to Owl's Head to visit until 1:30 when we rode back into Rockland to Davis Drive-In by Harjula's Airport to get hamburgers and to 3:00 ferry. Only two passengers and us in cabin and Dr. Hosmer's car aboard. A nice trip across. Waited for Doug to come back from taking men across as Pat was sending up a Mother's Day present - a big box of pansy plants, but had sent it up by Pat Brown and Lucy Beverage had delivered it. Not knowing Lucy had delivered, we came home middle road, and down Bank's road, calling at Abbie's and Eleanor's a few minutes to see if they found everything okay. Home, built fires, read our Saturday mail, suppered on a broiled chuck steak, potatoes and beans. Just through and cleared away when Chick and Lena came, bringing Nan a glass top for her telephone table. Visited to nearly 9:00. Enjoyed them. To bed to read a few minutes. Weary from trip.

May 11, Monday

A Grumpy morning but considerable high cloudiness. Warm. 50. Glass 29.7. Clouds moving from SW over head but smoke from chimney finally falling from NE. Became a nice warm day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Cleaned up last of limb pile by woodshed, having 3 cardboard boxes of chobbings. Raked area over. Hauled in a SB trailer load of limbs and Ashley wood from Frog Pond Ridge. Pumped. Nan did a wash over hill. Re-rotored part of house garden and furrowed with Rotor-Cul to below birdhouse. Loaded Rotor-Cul in to Jeep and up to HS Beverage's to finish furrowing his 3 gardens. Brought our dahlias home. Lunched on clam chowder - HCC gave us the clams all shucked out. Thrashed up to garage to get Steve to torch cut some of front and back aprons off my lawn mower so I could set it down. Mowed all our front lawn with Nan's help. Wanted to scalp now. Fertilized and planted 2 more rows of Rankin's No. 9 Progress peas, 3 rows glads, with Nan's help, and a row of dahlias. Started sprinkling about 5:00. Washed up and shaved. Read our mail. A note from Mrs. Fay. Suppered on ham hocks, dandelion greens Nan dug today and taters. A King's feed. Up to Alta's to call a few minutes, then on to Thornton's to pay him the \$2.00 he loaned me for cemetery dues. Home in rain and this duststorm about 9:30. Bobolinks arrived and I saw a Kingbird over above Tumbledown.

May 12, Tuesday

A beautiful thick-a-fog morning. First one of season. Can't see Fay's house. Rained guite a bit during night. Air NNE. Temp 50. Glass 30. Lawn looks nice. About 10:30 cleared to a beautiful warm shirtsleeve day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Then went right to work making out bills, one to Cabot Farm for hay, one to Loring for wood and one to Mary P. Stone for labor. Also wrote Mary a letter. Oh yes a bill and birthday 83rd card to HS Beverage. Fertilized and planted a half row of New Zealand spinach in house garden had seed soaking since yesterday. Also planted part of a row of spinach in Mrs. Fav's garden. Worked on SW side of shop rest of AM to 12:00. Finished shingling to top of strip of paper I put on last Friday, finished papering along under window, and got a course of shingles along bottom of that. Lunched and thrashed to get things together, scoop onto tractor etc to get to Fuller Cemetery at 1:00. Only Jimmie Brown and Ern showed beside us. Nan gathered a basket of junipers and spruces and we graveled the roads to 4:30. then Nan & I mowed and trimmed the big Calderwood lot and Uncle Rye's. Left tractor at fountain corner and went to town to see boat come. Home, read papers, suppered and watched a little TV. Emery H in a few minutes before supper, and Nancy a few minutes after supper.

May 13, Wednesday

A Grumpy morning, but dull. Considerable high overcast. Air falls smoke from westward. Temp 46. Glass 30. Very raw and threatening rain all day. Could feel sprinkles many times. Did sprinkle during evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work with XL-12 over by shop slabbing out a cedar gate post out of a piece of telephone pole to use at Mullen's Crick. Managed to saw two nails in two. Also cut key hole through top for shut off pole instead of chain while lady is in residence. Nan out with me to help set it. Cut a green spruce and peeled it for pole. Used a horse shoe inside of other post for pole to slide through. Also junked up a broken off Balm of Gilead. Home and spent rest of AM on SW side of shop. Finally succeeded in getting shingling finished along under windows. Lunched. Read paper. Seeds still not come. Mowed all Mrs. Fay's lawn, and ours across road and around Chinese Elms. Put a wooden weather strip along under windows on SW side of shop finishing it except for corner boards. Cleaned the paint spatters off the glass in the four windows. Alta, Sheila and children here after water. Gave her rhubarb. Played a game of Scrabble and suppered. Harvey and Shirley down this evening. Played a game of 83 between watching Hee Haw and Johnny Cash show.

May 14, Thursday

Another very heavy overcast morning. Breezing up NNE. Not up till 6:00. Slipping. Temp 48. Glass 30. Cold and raw to 8:30 or so, then became a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove and gathered enough rhubarb for 2 pies. Up on OP piece and dug all the dandelion greens our dishpan would hold. Nan froze 11 pints. Worked rest of AM and to 2:15 PM on shop. Succeeded in getting corner boards on the southern corners of shop. Had to paper corners, saw out new boards, and the NE end I hate to scribe. Took time. Now to get them painted. Warm enough so we rested on porch at noontime. My seeds came from Harris Co, but no onion sets. At 2:30 started for Pease Farm on tractor to get plows. Then onto Elliott Brown's. Plowed his garden, and on down to Ern's to plow his. Also broke on a piece of greensward on side next to house. Home about 5:00. Nan took Ern up one of the pies this PM. Pumped after I got home and leveled the dirt in manure drain ditch that I had dumped there from around shop. Suppered after playing a game of Scrabble while supper cooked - fried chicken wings. To HS Beverage's to get potatoes and one down to Jack Brown's to pay Mike. Took them some ionguils and rhubarb. Visited to 9:00. Home by way of town. Very quiet and empty.

May 15, Friday	What a Grumpy morning this is. Can't tell which side is up in water. Smoke falls from NNW. Unbelievable how things are greening up. Wild pear is now in bloom. Temp 40. Glass 30.2. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Double rotored rest of house garden, raked and burned vines and stalks on road side part of triangle garden and rotored may be 12 feet wide of it. Made some more furrows on house garden with hand plow, fertilized them and planted Swiss Chard. 2 kinds Spartan Arrow and Cherokee, a row of sparkle Peas, a row of 3 kinds of carrots, a row of two kind o lettuce and a row of 3 kinds of beets. Lunched. Over to RMs from 1:00 to 3:00 with Nan to take off storm doors and windows. Must put them under house and take out screens tomorrow. Over to Abbie's from 3:00 to 5:00 rotoring her garden. Very hard and witch grassy even though I plowed it last fall late. Will be a hard garden for them to tend this year. Home, cleaned up and shaved just as the Thorntons arrived to supper. Had baked Shenango potatoes, peas, and fried S Baird flounder. Delicious. Rhubarb pie for dessert. On ride to Crabtree's Point in their Volkswagen afterwards. Thrashes along too fast to look around and see much.
May 16, Saturday	A very red sun rise. Looks sure enough rainy but a Grumpy morning otherwise. Air seems to be SW. Considerable heavy cloudiness. Temp 50. Glass 30.3. a good working day but wind came chilly SE to S off water during day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Mike arrived just before 7:30 and we went right over to RM's. Took all screens out of cellar, lugged all windows and storm doors to cellar and stowed them, took screen doors out and hung doors and screens. Took to 10:30. Home. Coffeed. Put some of the stuff in barn floor from shop into cleaned out ground mow so to take off plows, coupled onto scoop and spent rest of day to 4:30 picking rocks off the piece in pasture beyond Carver's barn, that I plowed a year ago last fall and didn't get to last year. Had to use pickax to loosen them. Just finished rocking at 4:30. Mike lunched with us - flounder chowder. Nan took him home. I put tractor away, lugged in wood etc. Rested a half hour, shaved, cleaned up and up to the Ames at 5:45 to a delicious pot roast supper. Warm apple pie for dessert. A pleasant evening. Home after Lawrence Welk Show. Ready to go to bed. Wind breezing SE to S.
May 17, Sunday	Wind S to SSW and making 20 to 25 now at 6:30 AM. Laid abed to 5:50. Plenty of heavy overcast. Sure looks rainy. Temp 50. Glass 30. Forgot to write yesterday that Austin G. brought us 5 lobsters during PM - 7 pounds \$7.35. Wind blew up to 50M at times during day. Rain started slashing across about 3:30 PM and kept up well through night. About ruined jonquils etc. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Gathered an cut up enough rhubarb for two pies. Nan took one to Chick Stone as he repaired a bird for her, and gave her a miniature clam rocker. Only less than 30 at service. A minister from Christian Academy spoke. Guess he was seasick coming on. Home and played a game of Scrabble while resting. Lunched on a lobster - first of season. Rested and napped. On ride around island. Invited Abbie and Eleanor over to supper. Came rain and all. Had a lobster a piece, hot biscuits, asparagus, and rhubarb pie. Seemed to enjoy it very much. Watched Ed Sullivan Show before going home. Still raining very hard and blowing. Mrs. CK Cobb arrived yesterday.

May 18, Monday

Wind has drooped out some and is about NNE. Maybe 15M per hour. Very heavy overcast and occasional drizzle. Everything sure well washed. Temp 50. Glass 29.8. Has rained a good part of day but guietly. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Wrote a letter to Bob Umberger about advise and type of shrubs for cemetery fence screen. Nan did ironing and I worked over in shop. Found that the driving rain of yesterday evidently backed in under my new set of 4 windows and wet wall clear to sill. Guess now I'll have to put a gutter up over them. Built fire and worked on Mari's screen doors. Undercoated one both sides, another on one side as I 'd done the other side up to Pease Farm when helping Curly and painted the 3rd door first coat of paint both sides. Finished at 3:30. Nan uptown after lunch to get some vegetables, then we went by way of dump to town to see 4:30 boat come. Home, cleaned up and had the H. Calderwoods down to supper boiled daisy roll with taters, carrots and cabbage cooked in liquor. Just finished when Arlene and boyfriend came to tell me they'd talked by telephone to Marion Ferguson about buying her piece of property across from Pingree's gate against my Frank W. property and she told them I had first refusal of it. I had tried to buy it when I first bought Tumbledown. Not interested now. Played four games 83 to 9:30. Shirley and I won 3.

May 19, Tuesday

Quite foggy and drizzling now at 6:00. Guess my planting of small seeds will rot in ground, and don't know how I'm going to conquer the lawns. Too tall right now, Temp 48. Glass 30. Air NE to E. Foggy all day and grass stayed wet. Didn't make any money but did a good chore. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Wrote a letter to Miss Ferguson telling her I was no longer interested in buying her property. First thing I did a caulking job between window sash and stool on windows on SW side of shop. Hope I can stop some of the wall leak. Picked over the load of material in barn floor I hauled in there from bottom of shop last December. Piled most of it in ground mow, piling out some to haul to our dump. Lunched. Put Fay's ladder in her garage and mine in tie-up. Coupled onto SB trailer and hauled over half a load to our dump. Then with Nan's help we swept and re-arranged bottom of shop. Piled under bench in corners, hauled more to ground mow, Now have room for tractor. Uptown to see boat come. Home by way of Thorntons. Visited a half hour. At 5:00 they'd had supper and Garnet was out working. Suppered and back up to Memorial Room to Alumni meeting. 7 present. Nan did a couple washes and visited with Sheila while Alta was at meeting.

May 20, Wednesday

Still thick-a-fog now at 6:00 but air is just about N. Cool 45. Glass 30. Became a nice warm shirtsleeve day until wind struck SE off water about 2:30 like an ice cake. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast and helped with dishes. Re-rotored all of Mrs. Fay's garden that isn't planted hoping to help it dry - very wet. Then rotored all of triangle piece that wasn't afloat. Nearly bogged rotor-cul twice. Over to Abbie's and re-rotored all her garden - too wet to furrow. Abbie's using her new mower. Works very good. Home and I cleaned some clams for Nan that HCC brought us Monday night beheading them etc. Had clam fritters for lunch. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn and all of ours front and back and across road. Too much walking, too much lawn etc with only one mower. Talked with Don at Payson's to send me some riding law mower literature and prices. Have a chance to keep Mrs. Cobb's law mowed too. Uptown to take my old Seth Thomas click, "Grandfather Calderwood's" to Ken Mills' to put together for me. Some of Bailey's company dismantled it and other errands. Saw boat come. FWS visited with us. Home. Curly Joe came for water. Brought us nearly a canner of crabs and 2 lobsters. Have him a third mess of rhubarb.

May 21, Thursday

A clear sunrise morning but breeze cool off water NE. 50. Glass 30.2. First two rows of peas show nicely length of rows and several potatoes have broken ground. Onion sets are galloping. Must do some planting for Mrs. Fav this day even if I have to wear snowshoes. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Tore into Mrs. Fay's garden. Furrowed it with hand plow, fertilized it and planted peas, carrots, lettuce - 2 kinds, beets mixed, double row onion sets, row - 2 kinds beans, sweet peas, cukes and squash. Over to Tumbledown to bring home manure to plant Nan's sweet peas on. Planted them. Nan to VH at 11:30 to visit Pat and children. Over to Alta's to furrow her garden, then up to Ern's. Rotored and furrowed his greensward, and furrowed his old part. He has a brand new extra light Homelite saw. Home 1:45. Lunched. Tried to plow my piece in pasture back of Carver's barn but got bogged down twice - had to put brush under wheels to get out. Put tractor back into barn, pumped, swept up tie-up scaffold and piled my pine finish boards against end of barn. Repaired bad hole in floor in bottom of shop. Nan home as I finished at 5:15. Mrs. Cobb made a dooryard call. Suppered on smothered meat. Over to Hopkins after to play ball with boys. Marion over here. Home and watched some TV.

May 22, Friday

Dog Gone. Up at 3:00 and all clear. At 4:45 Emery started whistle thick-afog. Wind SSW about 10M. Temp 50. Glass 30. Foggy and wet showering middle PM and evening. Considerable wind at times. Did bookkeeping, picked out and fried lobster for breakfast, and helped with dishes. Over to shop and painted one of Mari's screen doors both sides before Nan hollered coffee break - she had made 2 kinds of cookies. Uptown to see boat come as we didn't know but the Fishers might blow in this weekend - didn't. Home and nearly completed painting second door both sides before lunch - crabmeat sandwiches. Finished door, then started again on bench in bottom of shop. Wedged and nailed second plank in place; have been letting it dry out, then cut and fitted back plank and unbelievably I completely finished the top of bench, even the piece between wall studs. Looks nice - 18 foot long. Now to keep it from getting completely cluttered on top. To town 3:45 to take Alta and children shopping, as Sheila to races with Bucky. Saw Boat come loaded. Took family home, and home by NS road. Had salt fish and potato for supper. Up to Bertha Joyce's this evening so Nan could get her hair set. Treated to coffee and cake. Home 9:15. Sprinkling.

May 23, Saturday

Pretty clear sunrise but everything sure looks wet. First planting of peas look nice and onions are galloping. Can also see the potatoes length of row too... Must get main lot of potatoes planted. Cool. 45. Shut whistle off 3:15 AM. Glass 30. Air N. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Plowed over powerhouse garden, then over to Carver's and plowed a piece of greensward for Marion out back by building Carver built years ago. Made 10 furrows with Rotor-Cul on triangle piece. Fertilized them and worked it in. Planted first row to road to our leftover dahlias and glads. Next 8 rows - after going to town to see boat come to spring gold corn. Rotored powerhouse piece to help it dry some. Lunched quickly. Cut up my Kennebec seed, Norgold Russet and Norland seed. Made 10 furrows with Rotor Cul on powerhouse piece (whole piece). Nan dropped the seed; I fertilized and covered. About 7 rows. Then cut up Nan's PEI seed - a pail full. Uptown to see 4:40 boat come. The Fishers arrived. Stooped on way home to invite them over to baked beans and ham. Brought us 2 dozen (26) tomato plants - "Big Boy" and an "Early Hybrid"; Nan three houseplants and me a half gallon pack of Fournier Vodka. Home. Dropped and covered them PEI seed - 2 rows. Put machinery away. Fishers arrived. Had an enjoyable supper and evening. Home about 8:30 as he still had his water to get working. Only staying till Monday morning.

May 24, Sunday

A beautiful clear fallish morning. Air NNW. Temp. 50. Glass 29.9. Yesterday we discovered some blossom bud clusters on my little 5 in 1 apple tree here in garden; also some on my grafts - Yellow Transparent and Russet - on my grafted tree by OP piece. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Went clamming herein Goose Cove - out in heavy mud. Got a good mess but nearly lost boots. Emery there clamming too. Went to church by NS road. A Hammond Organ Recital - conducted by the mainland Hammond Dealer - very good. Mr. Williamson still away. Home. Rested. Lunched. Mr. Fisher over and invited us to go riding, up to Edna Dyer Place (he thought Bill Hurd was there), to Town, saw Ferry leave, then to end of Crabtree's Point, to Bartlett's Harbor, around by Morrrow's and NS road. Invited to have tenderloin steak supper with the Fishers. Enjoyed it, but feel we bothered Mrs. Fisher as she had many things she wanted to get done. Brought us home about 7:00. Rested and watched Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell Shows. Missed out on our plans of steamed clams outback this day. Wind aired up NE enough so we decided not at lunch time.

May 25, Monday

A miserably chilly heavy overcast NE morning. Laid abed to nearly 6:00 as I didn't sleep good last night. Cool. 46. Wind airing to 15 to 20 now at 6:30l. Glass 30.2 Stayed miserably raw all day. Finally had to wear coveralls. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over to Hopkins first thing and rotored and furrowed the piece I plowed Saturday. Then finished rotoring over triangle garden even western end that has been so wet. Oh yes, the first thing we did was dodge to town to see if the Fishers were able to get their car on ferry. They were. Made 22 holes along lower side of house garden full length of garden, fertilized them and set out 22 of the 26 tomato plants Mr. Fisher brought us. Planted the remaining 4 plants on Mrs. Fay's garden. Lunched on fish hash. Looked guickly at mail. Money really poured in - three checks -\$21.50 in all. Mrs. Strong's 18.00 for manure, CG 2.08 salary, and Harris Seed - 1.50 refund. Out beyond Carver's in pasture and plowed that piece - had good luck except for nearly freezing. Plowed that part of dump piece where I planted squash and pumpkins last year. Cut up and planted Shenango potatoes - one row on powerhouse piece and one row on triangle garden next to corn. Uptown to see boat come. Visited with Thorntons. Home by way of dairy. Suppered on steamed clams. Rested and played a game of Scrabble this evening. The RMs called. They're planning to come next Tuesday.

May 26, Tuesday

Thick-a-fog and wet. Up at 3:15 and started whistle. Air is E to SE. Cool. 48. Glass 29.8. Cortland Tree about ready to burst into bloom. Have seen several trees already well opened. Post Office horse chestnut at best right now. Wet all day, nearly raining during PM and raining hard during evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filed XL-12 and jointed down clearers. Thrashed to Wayside to get a couple guarter 30 oil to mix with gas. Over to RMs by 8:30. Cut, junked, limbed and burned brush of 3 trees, and had fourth all trimmed, junked and half cleaned up by 4:15. Big trees, a tank of gas to each, and more on last one, limbing and junking into Ashley 2 footers. 70 to 80 foot trees. Mrs. M. had marked these 4 to take out to open a big birch further back in woodlot. Nan in an hour this PM to help burn and I came out to lunch - a half hour. A letter from Mr. Bailey. He, Mrs. B. and Mrs. Fay to arrive next Monday or Tuesday. This is going to be a busy week. Had Abbie and Eleanor over to steamed clam supper, plus potato salad and green peas. All very good. Nan made a blueberry pie this morning. berries out of freezer - old and hard. Had to feed to Charlie. Raining hard when girls went home at 9:00.

May 27, Wednesday

Still thick-a-fog at 5:15. Wind and rain has stopped. Very wet. Air ENE. Temp 50. Glass 29.5. Cleared to a beautiful hot day before noontime. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put rivet in other end of my RM trimming axe. Riveted other end vesterday morning. Over in RMs wood - 7:45. Finished trimming limbs and piled junks of 4th tree. Burned the brush thereof. Looks nice. Then sawed down and junked in two the stump of this 4th tree without hitting wire or nail. Had been used as fence line tree. Left stump 4 foot high yesterday. Nan worked in RM house this AM. I spent remainder of AM clifting the first 16 to 18 butt cuts on this 4th tree and several of the butt cuts on another. Mrs, Cobb here when I came out to lunch. Weighed up 1000# hay for Little King as soon as lunch. Then mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn and all of ours except out back and by woodshed. To town to see boat come, then stopped at Brown's Cemetery to put a bouquet of tulip and old fashioned daffodils on Uncle Will's lot, stopped at J. Brown's to leave Michael a check, nobody home but Randy, then to Fuller Cemetery where I mowed the Calderwood lot, Uncle Rye's lot and Nellie Baird's lot. Home. Suppered on hamburg steak, potatoes and peas. To barn to put tractor back in after Little King's boys came for hay. Will be some glad to get tractor back into shop. Nan over to RMs this PM to make bed for Mrs. Fav and then she decided to stay in own home.

May 28, Thursday

A beautiful fall looking morning. Air SW. Old sun not working very fast now. Nearly to upper end of Burnt. Temp 50. Glass 30. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Over in RM's woods at &:00 and clifted big wood until Nan came over just after 8:30. Washed all the upstairs windows outside for her, and then helped her wash lower ones. Cussed screens had swelled so I had to plane edges of all along front of house and upstairs and even trim slides. Took to 12:00. Home and lunched. Nan to town to get new halvards, I got tools together and went back to RMs. Dug out old flag pole, changed hardware to new one and Nan helped me step it in ho9le. Almost too much for us - 34 or 35 feet tall. Had it all rocked in and sod in place at 3:45. Home, put tools away, loaded Mari P. Stone's screen doors and skylight cap into Jeep and left them in her carriage house on way to town. Saw boat come, then down to Alta's to pick her up and bring her home to supper with us. Brought corned hake along. Cooked it and had it with potatoes, carrots and dandelion greens. Delicious. Just finished when Chick and Lena Stone arrived. Had a nice visit, then Alta rode home with them. Oh yes, Nan and Marion H. were here too while we were getting supper.

May 29, Friday

Another beautiful fall morning and plenty cool. 44. Air NNW. Glass working up 30.5. A beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work up above. I put screen on milkroom end window, took tractor out of barn, pumped both front tires with Jeep, uncoupled plows, coupled onto SB trailer and hauled another full load from bottom of shop to pasture dump, mostly the brick type siding I bought of Prudy years ago - left over from his garage. Had gotten wet some and deteriorated. Then took another load, hand plows, cultivator, ox-yokes and bows and what-not up to barn and put in ground mow. Now have room to put my tractor plows back into shop and the tractor tool Coupled onto pulp trailer and pumped its tires. Had "pause that refreshes" with ladies, then started hauling Ashley wood out of RM's woods to Frog Pond Ridge at 10:45. Two loads to 1:00 PM. Lunched quickly. Ernie Boy here a minute - brought pie plate back. Two more loads to 4:10. Cleaned up all of the 4 trees I cut the other day and considerable of what Danny and I cut. Shaved, cleaned up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's to boiled lobster supper at 5:30, after which she took us riding around island to Crabtree's Point and back, Home at 8:30 and to bed 9:30. Nan and Edith A. cleaned at Fay's.

May 30, Saturday

Another fall morning. Only 46. Nice morning though. Breeze SW. Glass 30.45. A good day but cold and windy SW. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Mowed lawn around house, front, back and end. Not big flat. Cleaned up and uptown to program by middle road and Fuller Cemetery to leave geraniums on Mother's, Nellie's and Aunt Viola's lots. Program good and guite a few summer people present. Took movies for Harvey while he was busy in parade. Pat, Mike and children up. Went back with band as Mike played in it. Saw boat come. Home, stopping at P. Lincoln's to get eggs. Saw his new garage. Lunched on scrambled eggs. Nan and Edith finished cleaning Fay's this PM and I finished hauling Ashley wood out of RM's woods - two loads on Frog Pond Ridge and last load on ledge by shop. Milton Ames down a while this PM and visited. Helped unload last load. To town to see boat come. Home by way of cemeteries to drive through them. Seaview looked nice but so many cars in Fuller we didn't go in. Put tractor and trailer into barn. Discovered light pole between Fay's house and barn is broken off at ground level. Lugged in wood, suppered on fried chicken, potatoes and peas. Played a couple games of Scrabble and rested.

May 31, Sunday

Another fall morning. Wind still blowing 20 to 25 SW. 50. Glass 30.1. A nice day all day and a full one. Of course I forgot that this was Memorial Day Observances at the church, thinking yesterday completed it for this year. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hand cultivated the upper half of house garden. Nan made beds over to RMs etc and I took to 11:15 to finish cleaning wood out of RM's woodlot - w2 loads limbs to Frog Pond Ridge. Then with Nan's help, I took off the 3 storm doors at Fay's and hung the screen doors. Lunched on sardines sandwiches . Rested a half hour, then went clamming herein Goose Cove. A nice mess. Emery H. also digging. Asked him to go over to RM's with me to get fiberglass rowboat out of lower part of carriage house and drag it to top of pier runway. Home, bagged up a tray of ice cubes for the Wests. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's law and Nan hand clipped around the house. Place looks very good. Invited the Ames down to have steamed clams with us. Steamed them out back. First fire of season but ate in house - too windy. Very, very good. Nan made a potato salad and a rice pudding. Visited to 9:30. To be weary. Mrs. M. called tonight to say she'd only be coming for a couple days and that Mr. M. wouldn't be coming this time.

June 1, Monday

A very quiet dull overcast Grumpy morning. Overslept to 5:30. couldn't get back to sleep after getting up at 2:00. Very warm in house. Started sprinkling a few minutes about 5:45. Warm 60. Glass 30. Have done bookkeeping and pumped while doing so. Will be using plenty of water from now on. Mr. And Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Fay arriving this PM - Did. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Thrashed over to RMs to get Land Rover to take to Wayside for inspection. Went to town first so Nan could get Mike's bond. Home by way of NS and put Land Rover away. Finished mowing our lawn out front here and across road. Finished picking up bottom of shop, swept it and put my Elliott Brown 2x8 and 2x6 on floor in back end. Can set plows right on them. Coupled onto SB trailer and brought in a load of fitted limbs from Frog Pond Ridge to woodshed area. Nan helped me load. Lunched on tuna fish sandwiches. Nan to town to do grocery shopping for Mrs. M. In re-rotored rest of house garden, triangle garden and double rotored that part of dump piece I plowed a few days ago. To town to see boat come but too late. Made 3 trips today to catch up. Home, suppered on Bull's Heels and tater, cleaned up and up to Memorial Room Alumni Meeting. Had to go after Alta to make 7. Had coffee with her after. Nan stayed home. Home exactly after 9:00.

June 2, Tuesday

Mrs. M arrived by plane - 1:00 PM. A Grumpy morning but already airing SW. Considerable cloudiness. Sun having trouble breaking through. Temp 52. Glass 30. A nice day but a sure broken up one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work with girls at Crockers. I waited in house to 8:30 for telephone call from Mrs. M. Polished 3 pairs shoes while waiting. Phone call didn't come. Over hill to get Land Rover to drive it to Watson's field. Jimmie Brown brought me home. Visited an hour. Just left when Mrs. Fay came down. Visited nearly as long. Furrowed balance of house garden, fertilized and planted it. A row of Endive and Zucchini Squash, 2 rows beans, yellow and green, a row of Progress peas, and a row of Jersey Wakefield cabbage. Lunched on leftover steam clams. Over hill to bring Jeep home, then dodged back over to see if Mrs. M. needed help when she arrived about 1:00. Didn't. Garnet and Clara here after poultry staples. Made 5 furrows in peak of triangle garden for Gemini and Princess cucumbers, next row east for Blue Lake Green Beans, and next 5 rows eat for Butter and Sugar corn. Fertilized and planted these. Cleaned up and up to Fay's at 6:00. Home and suppered. Nan over to Mrs. M's shortly after 9:30 to spend night with her.

June 3, Wednesday

Another windy SW day. Already blowing hard now at 5:30. Up at 5:00. Have already pumped. Fays really using water. Sun rose into haze. Temp 52. Glass 29.7. A good working day but not too drying A real heavy rain from 4:30 into evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work with girls, leaving Chevelle at garage to be greased and oil changed. I put a double boiler full of rhubarb on to cook before setting out remainder of onions on triangle piece, finishing row with Provider beans. Made 5 furrows on dump piece with hand plow, fertilized in hills and planted 3 rows Squash - Buttered, Butternut and Table Queen, and 2 rows Pumpkins - Conn. Field and Young Beauty. At 11:00 coupled onto double harrow, greased up and started harrowing piece in pasture beyond Carver's - not too dry. Over and before lunch at 1:00, picking rocks as I harrowed. Dried some during lunch, then all over it again. Lapping half and part way a third time still picking rocks. Started sprinkling about 4:00. Just put tractor away when Nan returned. Uptown to see boat come. Really raining then. Home. Suppered on the last of clams I dug Sunday, steamed them in house. Took Mrs. M. over a bowl of rhubarb sauce after. Met Joe, the gardener. A pleasant appearing fellow. Is Polish, but looks like a Penobscot Indian.

June 4, Thursday

A beautiful sunrise morning, but everything sure is wet. Air NW. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Have had to pump again this morning. Can't understand how 3 people can use so much water. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work with girls at Hallowell's. I had scythed in front of barn, then up to HS Beverage's to get some potatoes and sprout the remains, about 2 bushel. Sprouts the worst I've ever seen them - had a box full. Stopped at P. Lincoln's to borrow some Crow Repellant, then down to Mike William's to see about starting a 2 week grocery account. Over to Hallowell's to have coffee with girls. Stopped at Wayside to order 2 tires for Chevelle. Have to put Chevelle into garage too to have steering column pulled to repair directional blinkers. Home and planted 12 lettuce plants on triangle garden Mrs. M. left on doorstep. Repaired tie-up door lower hinge. Readied Rotor Cul for work. Lunched. Rotored on road side section of piece in pasture to 3:15 when drive belt broken in two.. Also picked rocks while rotoring. Wheeled Rotor Cul into garage here and put on new belt. Washed up and started for town. Met Nan at foot of apple tree hill. To town in Jeep to see boat come. Bought us 2 t-bone steaks at Mike Williams. Home. Looked at our mail. Suppered on tater, carrots and brisket corned beef. Joe out with flowers plants for Nan's garden this PM. Invited him out this evening as Mrs. M. was going out. Came before we'd finished supper and stayed to 9:00. Ouite a talker.

June 5, Friday

Woke at 4:15 to hear it raining hard and breezing up SW. Another day with no corn planted on piece. Still raining now at 6:00. Have been up and started pump. Water sure going somewhere. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then spent to 10:00 working on accounts. Brought account book up to date to June 1 from calendar, and made out RM's bill, Elliott Brown's, Abbie's and Mrs. Cobb's. Must try to get some money in. spent rest of AM on shop. Finally got corner boards on NW end of shop patched and pieced down. As soon as lunch I went to rotoring again on pasture piece. Plenty wet and those damn rocks. No end t them. Widened yesterday's strip enough to take 7 or 8 rows for corn if it doesn't rain all the time. Only have 2 bags 8-16-16 left. Mrs. M.'s Joe out with 2 rose bushes, and planted them for Nan in garden by Astracou tree. I helped her dig up her open areas in sweet pea garden. To town to see boat come. Mrs. M. put her car in line this PM. Rosanne brought my new Timex watch home from Rockland from Mercedes shopping at Daniel's. A nice looking one - Gold color. A Father's Day present from Nan. Home by NS road. Read papers. Suppered on taters, dandelion greens and MW's t-bone steak. Nancy H. over an hour or so this evening.

June 6, Saturday	Well, here it is raining again this morning and wind still SE breezing on 20 or so now at 5:45. Temp 50. Glass 29.7. Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Bailey leave this morning, didn't - left on noon boat. Mrs. M. and Joe this morning. Did bookkeeping, and pumped while doing so. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan closed house this AM and did wash. I worked all AM and PM in bottom of shop building drawers under bench. Completed 2 one above the other except for pulls, and put runners in for third one. Quite a job for a Green Horn. Discovered that windows had leaked under them again through last rain even thought I'd caulked them so hard. Guess I'll have to put on a roof gutter, as all the water from overhang strikes right on window stool. Uptown to see 4:40 boat come, and to bring Land Rover home. Visited with the Thorntons. Home and put Land Rover away. Read our papers. Suppered on freezer baked beans and cold boiled shoulder. Were watching Del Reeves Show when Mrs. June Hopkins, David and Thomas arrived. Visited a half hour or so. Thought Thomas was going to finish off my recliner rocker. Later watched L. Welk Show. No sign of weather clearing yet.
June 7, Sunday	Still very wet but not raining. Plenty of heavy overcast. Air NNE to E. Temp 50. Glass 29.8. Had to pump gain even though Family left yesterday noon. Water well below valve this morning. This wet weather is putting the lawns well head of me again, also the gardens. Became as beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Went clamming here in Goose Cove and dug nearly a rocker full in a very short time. Went to church by NS road, taking Abbie along with us. Quite a group present, but surprisingly few parents. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Washed clams. Lunched on cold sliced shoulder and vegetable salad from the RM's. Marion H. over with check for plowing, and had rhubarb pie with us. Rested. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn, and all of our out front here. Plenty tall. Took to 5:00. Invited Abbie and Eleanor over to have steamed clams with us. Nan made a vegetable salad to go with them. All very damn delicious. Cooked the clams out back, but ate in kitchen. Visited to 8:30. Nan and Abbie walked over to RM's gardens. Watched part of Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Show after.

June 8, Monday

Well, here is a beautiful Grumpy morning and I didn't roll out till 5:30. A cussed big lobster or fishing boat went through at 4:30 making a hell of a racket waking us up. Too early to get up and too late to go back to sleep. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day and very warm. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Re-dug and shook out Nan's sweet pea garden again so she could plant her Mrs. M seedlings. Tried to make some furrows in pasture piece with Rotor-Cul but too wet and too heavy. Made two with Rotor-Cul, then 5 more with hand plow. Fertilized them, last 2 bags of fertilizer, worked it in with and plow and had it ready for use by lunch time. Rested out back a half hour after lunch after calling Mary P. Stone in Arizona. Curly Joe here this morning after water and hasn't received his lumber money yet. She's forwarded bill to bank so should be right along. Dropped the seven rows of corn after putting on crow repellant. SW third of 7 rows Spring gold, next 2/3 Butter and Sugar, last third, four outside row Butter and Sugar, 3 inside rows, Spring Gold. Covered with hand plow. Ernie Boy blew in a few minutes from Cobb's this PM. Uptown to see boat come. FWS visited with us. Took RM wash to Audrey. Home and finished covering corn. To B. Joyce to have Nan's hair set this evening. Treated to ice cream and cookies. 7 boys taken to court today on charges of breaking and stealing etc. On probation for 2 years. Jamie and Arthur H., Tomer boys, Stillman Joyce, Scott Brown and Jr. Sprague.

June 9, Tuesday

What a Grumpy morning this is. Sun almost to N end of Burnt Island - a big red ball. Air SW. Temp 52. Glass 30. A beautiful day all day even with some SW wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop and ground hand scythe on my electric-motored grind stone. Some wonderful not to have to treadle with foot. Readied lawn mower, gathered tools together to go to Fisher's to make lawn. Mrs. Cobb blew in here and visited nearly an hour. I weeded on our row of carrots here on house garden while waiting, as her car was back of Jeep. At 9:00 Nan went over to Fisher's with me. While I hand-scythed heavy growth areas, raked them and loaded them in Jeep, Nan used mower, then I took over. Mowed all around old cottage, path to new dwelling and hand scythed some around it. Made the place look some different. Now to keep it mowed until they come. Took Jeep load of grass to Jimmie Brown's barn. Nobody home. Home after 12:30. Lunched. Weeded rest of row of carrots and most of row of lettuce: also thinning it. To town to see boat come and to shop at Mike's. Home and over hill with cultch containers etc. Marcia here after water. Gave her rhubarb. Suppered. Was finished row of lettuce when the Thorntons blew in Visited nearly to 10:00. Amazing, and appeared contented too.

June 10, Wednesday

Another beauty. A droughty sunrise. Up at 4:20 and over hill to get fiberglass rowboat down over ledges into water while tide was up. Too windy last night. Must get off aboard Papoose to check bilge water. Air SW. Temp 55 at 4:30. Glass 30. Was just doing bookkeeping when Mr. Bailey came to get me to light his hot water heater. Had been stopped yesterday when B. Hurd put in new Sears refrigerator. Did. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work with girls. I swept both floors in shop from other day's carpentering, then off aboard Papoose. Found water up around base of engine and could not get it to run forward to pump. Finally run Papoose up to Brown's and Bob Sprague and I worked to 11:00 to get water parts under timbers cleaned out so water would run forward. Had to take up a piece of floor board. Also put some packing in inside stuffing box and gassed up. Home 11:30. Was resting a few minutes while getting ready for lunch when Mrs. Hopkins blew in a few minutes. Finished mowing our lawn back and ends of house and cross road. Then weeded row of beets on house garden and nearly the row of spinach (didn't come good), and Swiss Chard. Finished it after supper while Nan watered Mrs. M's garden. Uptown with Nan to see boat come. Home. John B. and wife after 2 bales hay. Suppered on taters, stuffed pork chops and lima beans. Rested and napped through some TV.

June 11, Thursday

A nice Grumpy morning, but considerable cloudiness, looks rainy. Warm. 58. Glass 29.7. Air WSW. Saw FWS in parking lot last night, says AWB coming the 19th. Wants to be moved out before then, about 14th or 15th. Oh dear, oh hum. A beautiful day all day until about 4:45 when we had a terrific thunder shower and a downpour of rain for over a half hour. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work [at Bigelow's]. I went right to weeding onion row on house piece, then through peas, etc. taking out witch grass. Re-rotored that part of triangle piece not planted, took ext. tines off and cultivated all of house garden except a little of lower side. Lunched. Worked all PM on Mrs. Fay's garden. Weeded and hoed it and thinned lettuce row. First row of peas had come up so poorly I dug them right up and replanted to Sparkle. Spinach came poorly too, but will have to do. Finished at 4:00. Met Nan at Tumbledown. Back uptown to see boat come. Jimmie "Boat Shop" Brown's 55 foot trailer came and was landed on parking lot seawall during rain. We didn't get home till just after 6:00. Mark H. said it hailed down here. Suppered quickly, cleaned up and back up to church to Graduation Exercises. Mr. Bailey and Abbie went with us. A full house and a nice program. Judy Brown, Robert Sprague Jr., Frank & Marie Demmons, Jamie Hopkins, Harold Cooper, Donna Greenlaw and Ralph Beverage. Home after 9:00. Rain sure wet things down.

June 12, Friday

A beautiful cool Grumpy morning. Feels fallish most every morning. Only 52. Airing up now off water NE to E. Pumped while doing bookkeeping. Glass 29.9. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work with girls at Cardoza's. I changed from harrows to scoop and worked to 10:30 picking rocks off piece beyond Carver's in pasture, also the piles along side where I rotored and planted corn - 6 scoop loads. Changed back to harrows and worked piece to 1:00 picking rocks same time that harrowed out. Piece came out good. Lunched on a can of Vienna Sausage, gathered tools together, loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and started for AW Beverage's at 1:45. What a mess. Had to hand scythe garden first and clean it off before I could rotor it. Very hard too. Took to 4:00 before I was satisfied. Still lots of witch grass roots etc left on it. Met Nan at fountain corner and went down town to see boat come. Elliott Brown Jr brought on a new Ford rotary mower, Home. Put equipment away. Nice to be able to put tractor into shop again. Suppered on beef oxtail stew out of freezer. Rested and napped this evening. Both weary. Forgot to write that first thing I did this morning was wash the tractor down where birds had dobbed it badly while in barn.

June 13, Saturday

What a beautiful fall morning. Only 48. Air just about N. Garden does look some nice since I weeded and cultivated it Thursday. Yesterday when we returned from boat we found a flat of nice cabbage plants in entry. Who? L. Grant maybe. Glass 30.1. No, brought by Ernie Boy. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Set out and watered on triangle piece the 3 dozen cabbage plants Ern brought down yesterday. Given to him by Alphonse. Was just making ready to go to Pease Farm after mower when Ernie Boy blew in wanting scythe ground. Ground it, then ground mine as he wanted to swap, mine being lighter. Was just mounting vise on new bench when FWS came to say that we'd be starting mowing first of week and that it was Squire Grant who had the rotary mower come vesterday. Then Nan suggested we go to Stonington to do grocery shopping. Ern thrashed home to shave and change clothes. I finished mounting vise, changed clothes and Ern was back so we left RM's float at 2:30, eating our lunch as we came along. Bought \$34.00 of groceries. Changed clothes, took harrows off tractor and up to Pease to get mower. Checked house. Mower in back of rotary mower so decided to wait till Monday so I could take rotary right to garage to have steel plate welded across front deck.

June 14, Sunday

This is sure enough a fall morning. Only 44. Up ahead of sun - 4:50 as Mother nature called early. Corn and beans can't grow very fast this weather. Air NNW. Glass 30.2 A beautiful day except for cussed SW wind all PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Swept out both Jeep and Chevelle. Uptown at 8:30 to meet Bunkers coming across in own boat. Brought grandchildren home in Jeep. Let Pat, Mike, Woodrow and the Carltons have Chevelle to go Golf Links in. Home NS road. Nan down on Mrs. Fay's beach with children to sail boats - of course this had to be Sunday of low tide all day - I mowed our lawn here in front to road. Kids rested and fooled and fought in hammocks out back - only 2 hammocks for 3 children. I took young Mike clamming here in Goose Cove. Got a good mess. Had fire in fireplace. Cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. Rested. Played ball on lawn with them and they played in old Jeep, yet they became restless. Nothing to do. Pat and Mike came about 3:30. Took them to town about 4:00. Bertha Joyce treated us to ice cream at Mike's. Home. The Lincolns here a few minutes. Watered Mrs. M's flower gardens. Suppered on steamed clams. Rested and watch TV.

June 15, Monday

Another beautiful fall morning. Already airing SW and cool 50. Overslept to 5:30. Now to thrash. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Glass 30.1. Made breakfast and did dishes. Nan to work at Cheston's. Cleaned up and sharpened mower knife. Then up to Pease Farm. Coupled onto Rotary mower and went to Wayside. Jimmie Dyer was able to go right to work on rotary. Put on new set of blades, then heated and pounded raised parts of deck back into place. Cut a piece of boiler plate and welded it on top of deck. Did a nice job. Not quite done at 11:30, so came home without it, bringing 501 mower home from Pease Farm. Repaired and sharpened second knife, put it in mower, gassed up etc., ate a guick lunch of sardine sandwiches, and up to AW Beverage's at 1:30. FWS already mowing 1 1/2 hours. I mowed area by flower garden, at SE end of house and shed, and the eastern half of area between house and town road. Finished 4:15 and home before 5:00. Read paper and suppered on t-bone steak. Cleaned up and up to Grange Hall to vote in primary election. Then over to visit the Thorntons a little while. Home and to bed weary.

June 16, Tuesday

A nice morning but wind already breezing on SW. Temp 55. Glass 30. A beautiful day except for SW wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan did some pie making etc. this morning, also watered cabbage plant etc. I repaired and sharpened mower knife used vesterday. Then to garage to have a cracked welding on frame of mower re-welded. Discovered it yesterday when I finished at AWB's. Was coming right back and mow out Pease farm yard but FWS wanted me to go right up to Cunningham's to mow around house area and down in front to below C. Dyer's orchard. Hard mowing with SW wind and light hay, plus plenty of booby traps. Mowed steadily to 11:15 to finish. Frank there a short time before he went to lunch after mowing up to Norm Pettit's (across mill stream). Just back after outfit after his lunch as I finished. Guess he went down to mow out Arlene and L. Crockett that I cam home NS road. Lunched at 2:00. Mowed OP piece while knife was dull. Took 501 mower off and went to garage 3:20 to get rotary mower. Up to P. Lincoln's to rotor a piece at end of and between his two gardens. Then rotored out Merryconeag on way home. Just home when Bill Hurd came to turn on outside faucets at RM's. Over there with him. Suppered. Nancy, Marion and Jamie here before and during supper by spells. Up to Alta's this evening to do a couple washes. Had a nice visit.

June 17, Wednesday

A beautiful clam sunny morning and warmer. 60. Air SW. Glass 30. Saw at least four blossoms on first peas yesterday, ready to open, and first potatoes are budded. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Sharpened mower knife. Poison dusted row of cabbage plants and squash plants on house garden, and the five rows of cucumbers on peak of triangle garden. Picked up several pails of rocks. Double-hilled the upper side of house garden with hand plow and single hilled it most of rest of width. Rotor cultivated all of first planting of corn and Shenango potatoes on triangle garden, and half of potatoes on powerhouse piece before lunch. Finished after lunch. Then mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn and ours across road. Took mower over to Fisher's in Jeep and mowed their two places. Nan helped some until she came home to put potatoes on to cook. Came back after me. Lawn looks good at Fisher's this time. Shaved, cleaned up and helped Nan peel potatoes and make a big platter of potato salad, using new lettuce and radish out our garden. Had new lettuce for lunch too. Up to Preston Lincoln's to a garage supper at 6:00. The Phip Browns 11th anniversary and the Irven Stones 37th anniversary. The Milton Ames also present. Had cold sliced ham, other salads etc. Had a nice time. Home at 10:00 or 10:15.

June 18, Thursday

Woke at 3:00 to find it thick-a-fog. Started whistle. Still thick at 6:00 now. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. Light breeze SSW. Have pumped and weighed and put out 6 bales hay for "Little King." Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. We both seem to be weary this day. I made fourteen furrows through center of triangle piece with hand plow, fertilized them, and mixed fertilizer in with hand plow. Maybe a pail of 8-16-16 left. Leveled the 2 rows next to set out lettuce and cabbage and planted 3 kinds lettuce, 2 kinds beets, and a little endive. Uptown to get milk Nan forgot yesterday, and see boat come. Had a nice cream at Mike's. Home, planted next to Shenango potato row 2 1/2 rows Wando peas, a 1 1/2 rows Yellow beans, 1 1/2 rows Green beans, 5 1/2 rows 3 kinds corn - Butter and cream, Wonderful, and Silver queen. Finished garden. Covered with hand plow. Ate lunch from 1:30 to 2:00. Started raining about 2:15. Rested to 3:00, then over in bottom of shop and made a drawer to fit the opening I left off on the last rainy day. Uptown to see last boat come. Home. Had potato a little fresh spinach from a package I bought at IGA in Stonington - most all spoilt and baked rolled lamb flank. Only 1 more piece left of last fall's purchase. Napped and watched TV.

June 19, Friday

Sherm B. called this morning to tell us Fred Kimball Jr. died last night. Only 43 years old. Still thick-a-fog and breezing up now at 6:00 SSW. Looks very rainy and looks like it might have rained maybe during night. Very dull and gloomy. Temp 60. Glass 29.6. Became a nice day late in day and a beautiful full moon evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Curly Joe here after water. Finally go this material check from Mari's bank. Gathered him some lettuce and rhubarb. Fertilized our row of tomato plants, hoed them and heavy mulched them with new mown hay from around garden and pear tree area. Thinned lettuce some, giving the Ames, Alta, Abbie and Mrs. Cobb some. To town to see boat come. Guess we'll have to forego this pleasure as people are accusing us of living on parking lot. The AW Beverages arrived. Home and worked in shop to lunch time, spray painting the welded plate J. Dyer welded onto rotary mower the other day. Lunched. Just eating when FWS called wanting me to go to Joe Amesbury's to rotor. People coming there tomorrow and Frank tending Abe this PM. Abbie's here after lettuce. Left for Joe's at 1:30. Rotored road center through B. Jordan place and rotored from entrance to Joe's around house to shore and back to road below well. Finished 3:50. Saw a mother pheasant with 8 younguns coming out. Home, and gathered Swiss Chard for supper, thinning plants, Delicious. Up to B. Joyce's after. Nan had hair set and mine trimmed. Treated to ice cream and cookies. Bertha says Betty Brown is a nervous wreck. Home before 10:00.

June 20, Saturday

A beautiful Grumpy morning. Some high cloudiness. 60. Glass 29.7. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Found a damn female pigeon hawk in barn this morning. Probably has cleaned out every barn swallow nest there is. A nice day until wind breezed raw SW this PM. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work in Jeep. I rotored-culled the peak of triangle garden 5 rows cucumbers, 6 rows corn etc. Small weeds thick like hairs on head. Coupled onto 501 mower and started for Pease Farm at 9:30. Mowed out building enclosure, road to pump house, and road to beach. Finished at 11:45 and went right to Lawrence Beverage's. Mowed between his house and road east to septic tank drain ditches. Home about 1:00 and adjusted cutter bar tension. Lunched on Vienna Sausage. Had a Father's Day card from Helen and Sherm. Sharpened mower knife and mowed out Mrs. Fay's property. Seems the stoutest hav in years. Had started mowing our lawn when Nan came home. Mowed all out front here to road. Rested, cleaned up and up to Grange Hall at 7:00 to Alumni Banquet. Lawrence B. and G. Fleischman put on the ham supper. Very good and a good crowd. Between 75 and 80l. Barney Hallowell was speaker and showed movies of Outward Bound Schools. Four of Class of '25 present - Emma Parsons Brown [Beverage?], Thelma B., Clara Thornton and Calderwood. Home after 10:00. Nan worked with girls at Parson's - Crabtree Point.

June 21, Sunday

Good morning, beautiful first day of Summer. Seems like we look the best out front here right now we ever have. Lawn, flower garden, vegetable garden and all. Frank W. pink pansies just opening up. Pat and grandchildren due up again today, so must thrash now. Have done bookkeeping. Bathed, made breakfast - t-bone steak cooked in spider. Went clamming here in Goose Cove. Uptown in Chevelle and Jeep to get Pat and children. Left Chevelle for golfers. Home NS road. Mowed lawn out back and by garages. Put out hammocks and chairs. Curly Joe brought 4 lobsters we ordered. SW wind made it almost too uncomfortable out back but cooked lobsters there for lunch. Down on bait house beach after lunch to sail boats an hour or so nice high tide. Gathered Pat some lettuce. Uptown about 2:30 by way of Mullen's Park to make contact with golfers. All had an ice cream - us that is. Home by way of Lyford Beveridge's to check on a tree to be cleaned up, supposedly across their driveway, but not. Rested to 4:30. Nan watered RMs gardens and some of her own. I watered our cabbage plants, lugged in wood etc. Played a game of Scrabble. Suppered on steamed clams cooked on kitchen stove. Over to call on Bailey by RM's rowboat after supper a half hour or so. Pumped Papoose on way back. Nan did a wash at RMs.

June 22, Monday

One of the 5 longest days and what a beauty. Sun came up over middle of larger Alexander Island. Flat calm. Some fog over water. Started whistle at 3:45. Stopped it at 5:00. Temp 50. Glass 29.9. Air SW. Very heavy dew and sprinkled a couple times during AM. Didn't dry any till afternoon. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work with girls at Saltonstall's. I went right to handscything. Mowed Mrs. Fay's edges and around her garden. Then handscythed across end of powerhouse garden, the length of our pine trees below powerhouse, and around triangle garden. Weeded and scratched out the 5 rows of cukes and 1 row beans on western end of triangle garden. Over to Tumbledown with tractor and 501 mower. Mowed in front of double garage, between carriage house and well in front of barn in barn yard, in back off barn and across tie-up end. Nearly got stuck below well by culvert. Home and lunched about 1:00. Over to RM's and mowed flagpole area east to old original line. Hand raked edges of Mrs. Fay's [lace. Over to Tumbledown double garage and brought home side delivery. Raked Mrs. Fay's place. Nan home before I finished at 6:00. Thrashed uptown to see last boat come. The Fishers supposed to arrived today, but didn't. Home. Shirley and Marcia came for water. Suppered, rested and napped.

June 23, Tuesday

A beautiful Grumpy one, but very heavy overcast. No sunrise. Air W to SW. Temp 64. Glass 30. Foggy enough on water so I run whistle all night. The most beautiful of days and warmest thus far. 82 in shade at 12:30. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work, stopping at Fisher's to water window boxes. Had to put chase to her to get my belt put on. Home, weeded row of cabbage, row of endive, squashes and spinach on house garden. Black flies almost too much. Sharpened mower knife. Rolled Fay hay with side delivery, then over and raked RM's mowing. Came back to find Alta, Sheila and children getting water. Visited with them around gardens a few minutes. Went through all of Fay hay by hand, spreading it, also in front of barn. Just ready to lunch on Vienna Sausage at 1:00 when Jimmie Brown arrived with Land Rover and 4 wheel wagon. Rolled lighter part of Fay hay together with side delivery, then stowed load for him. While he was home unloading, I rolled rest of hay together, and bunched that in front of barn and along road. Stowed second load for him. Just finished as Nan came from work. Uptown to see last boat come. The Fishers arrived accompanied by Margret. Visited on parking lot. Home, suppered on mostly leftovers. Rested and watched Billy Graham preach. Some speaker. Mrs. Fisher so pleased with her lawn she called up about 9:00. Nan worked with girls at Saltonstall's.

June 24, Wednesday

Another beautiful Grumpy. Must trash as I'm to help Sambo mow at Hallowell's Point this day. Lost out over there yesterday by cleaning up Mrs. Fay's hay but nice job done. Temp 52. Glass 30. Air NE. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. The Lyford Beveridges supposed to arrived this PM. Both feeling poorly. Gathered some lettuce for the Sampsons. Coupled onto 501 mower, gassed and oiled up and started for Hallowell's Point at 8:00. Frank had mowed Miss Mere yesterday to long plank walkway. I started there on Rev. John's place and worked to westward. Frank came about 98:15. toots tried my outfit about 15 minutes by tennis court before lunch, Nan came with lunch at 11:45 and we ate in boathouse with Milton. Rev John here now. Readying to go on cruise. Had half hour nooning. Finished around tennis court at 12:45 just as Frank came back. Shifted over to John Crocker Jr.'s and at 3:30 had the ledges all polished off and trees trimmed. Mr. Fisher stopped me as I came home and gave me a big lot of large clams. Wants a Maine-made clam chowder, Uncoupled from 501 mower, Shucked on clams until we cleaned up to go over to Abbie's and Eleanor's to supper in little house. The Eliot and Lowell Beveridges also present. Hamburgers, green salad and scalloped potatoes. Very good. A good time but Lowell has aged a lot in two years. A very disagreeable strong SW wind this evening.

June 25, Thursday

That cussed SW wind still blowing hard. 35 to 040 M now at 6:00 AM. Considerable high cloudiness. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Coupled onto 909 rotary, gassed up, and started for Crabtree's Point at 7:45. On way up Pumping Station hill discovered hanger bracket on muffler broken out. Swung up to garage to see if Jimmie could put a temporary strap around it, and he took it off - the muffler and brazed it. A nice job. Frank sectioned up a knife. While there, it started sprinkling, so came home. Went right to work weeding and scratching in Mrs. Fay's garden. Worked steadily to 12:15. Nan retuned from working in two square and helped a few minutes. Lunched, then over to RM's with tractor and trailer to clean up hay. So nice and near dry a shame to throw away so Nan came over from watering, called Eliot Beveridge, and he and Lowell came right down with Jeep and hay rack. I opened hay up meanwhile. By 2:30 all cleaned up and scatterings raked. A good rail load without stowing. Back into Mrs. Fay's garden. Finished weeding, lugged weeds off - 2 bushel baskets full and run rotor cul double trips through each row. Looks nice what came up. Finished 4:30. Was frying out pork scraps and finishing shucking clams when Nan returned from setting out Lawrence Grant's plants on square. Abbie helped her. Cut up clams etc and we invited the Fishers and Margret over to clam chowder supper. Very good. The Thorntons blew in a few minutes. On sail in Papoose after. Down between Calderwoods and Shaw's, out by bell buoy, up into Polly's Cove and home. A beautiful sunset.

June 26, Friday

What a Grumpy morning this is but cool Only 46. Glass 30. a beautiful forenoon, but breezed very raw S to SW during PM so I was cold riding both going and coming. Started raining about 7:00 PM. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast - last of last night's clams chowder, even better. Started for Parson's, Crabtree's Point at 7:30. Ahead of FWS. Rotored east of house beyond carriage house site and also across the wharf road opposite carriage house site, then the area below house and maple trees, to cattail marsh and east on side hill and lowland down among trees. Got hung up 3 times crossing ditch at lower end of cattails. Frank had to push me off. Rotor would bear down so hard it would take tractor off wheels with hyd. Clear up. Took 15 minute mooning. Frank used 501 mower on field toward stable and along roads. Home, changed to 501 mower and out to Mullen's Crick at 3:15 to help mow that out. I mowed back of house. Frank mowed front and barns. Home, gathered and helped clean a mess of beet greens. Delicious. To town to set out Mrs. Fisher petunias on parking square, then along up to Lincoln's to get eggs and over to call on the Thorntons. Raining when we came home.

June 27, Saturday

Up at 12:00. Foggy but whistle wouldn't start. Did start but couldn't hear it in monitor. Then wouldn't shut off. Still raining and raw this morning. Wind 15M or so SE. Very heavy overcast. 52. Glass 29.6. Rained hard all AM and drizzled most of PM, then clearing cool. Did bookkeeping made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Worked on account books to 10:00 transferring month of June from calendar. Now brought up to yesterday. Uptown to see 10:30 boat come. Mrs. Fisher and Margret visited with us. Rained very hard. Shopped at Mike's and stopped at Hiram's on way home to get potatoes. Sprouted what I bought home. Lunched. Pumped as soon as power came on. They had to operate the ferry slip by hand this AM. Worked in bottom of shop all PM. Framed out and made another drawer - right hand side of vise. Must get some drawer pulls or make some. Mr. Bailey called on me a few minutes when he came over for mail. This rain is sure going to start the weeds up. Read papers and suppered on freezer baked beans. The 4 youngest Hopkins children all over to call. Just back from spending a week with the cousin Winona Howard in Portland. Their mother went with them. Shaved, gathered lettuce, and rode up to Beveridges Point through Mullen's Park to call on the Lyford Beveridges. Not home. Came home and tried to watch TV program, but napped through most of them. Mrs. Cobb called to say she wanted her hay cleaned up and dumped as usual. Wind appears to be N now, but believe it backed in.

June 28, Sunday

A typical looking pretty fall morning. Was calm at 5:00 but airing up on water already at 6:00 about NW. Temp 50. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day until cussed SW wind breezed up SW this PM and a full one. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Tied my Crimson King tree up into Mornay Maple and tied the red and the white rugosas below cedar up to stakes about mowing under. Rotor-hoed lower third of house garden, hilled peas and bean with hand plow, and put hay along row of peas. And beans with hand plow and put hav along row of peas. Mowed all of our lawn, front, back and across road. Fertilized our 5 rows cukes on triangle piece, last of 8-16-16 and put hay between rows. Lunched out back on fried chicken, potato salad etc. Very good. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn. Finished at 3:00. Rested out back in hammocks 3/4 hours until wind drove us into house cold. Rested to 5:30, shaved, cleaned up and over to Fishers to a steak supper in garage apartment at 6:00. Margret there, also Chet and his wife from Sherman Station. Supper was delicious and we had a nice evening. Home at 10:00. Getting cool. Mowed lawn smelled lovely.

June 29, Monday

Sure enough cool 46. A beautiful fall Grumpy morning. Have taken out 2 pans ashes out of kitchen stove and spread along cabbage row on both sides. Have done bookkeeping, now to get hot. Made breakfast. Changed to rotary mower, gassed up etc. Called Payson's to order set of blades, bolts, sections etc. Started to work at 8:00. Rotored out Stone house area around big chestnut tree, then up to Mullen's Place. Rotored house site area and orchard area, the entrance area to northern beach and barn site area. Tractor stopped about 9:30, point trouble Frank thought. Nan up with lunch. She and I ate in Chevelle in mowed field area. Nan went to work to get RM groceries and work gas for me. I rotored area out towards pump wood chute. Frank had mowed big field during AM. We both worked on birch grove area above North beach, finishing at 3:00. Bolt came out of one of my rotor blades. Replaced that. Shifted outfits to Pingree's Cabins. I rotored center of roads to cabins, and rotored that area. Frank mowed big open area, and sides of road. We both worked on barn site. Finished and home 5:30. Weary too. Washed up, read paper and suppered. Over to RM's. Lugged chairs and settees out of garage to lawn and house places, and took fiberglass skimmer out of house cellar to top of runway.

June 30, Tuesday

Very heavy overcast and has breezed S to SW all night. Probably 20M now at 6:00. Is now sprinkling some. Nan supposed to keep a dentist appointment this day. Probably won't. Montgomery's supposed to be flying in too and I'm supposed to help mow at Staples Farm. Busy times. Nan didn't. RM didn't and I didn't. Rained a good part of AM and all of PM from 3:00 on. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Crawled back onto bed a while with heating pad. This broken back is really something. Over and turned up RM thermostat. Nan to garage in Chevelle to have work done. I took Land Rover along, picked up Nan, and to town to gas Land rover. Home. To Watson's to leave Land Rover and to town in Jeep to do our shopping at Mike's. Tom Whipples arriving Thursday. Saw 10:30 ferry come. Home. Lunched. Had stopped raining so I mowed out by hand in front of and below shanty. Cleaned out toilet box and buried it by tar kettle, then covered it with mowed grass. Hand scythed all out back here below fireplace, clothes yard and so forth. Nan raked and I spread the hay below big ledge. To Watson's to see RMs fly in, didn't, then to town to meet cook, a new one, bringing RM's big car. Nan rode home with her and we helped unload car. Home, suppered and over to Fisher's to play Scrabble, lost lights out all evening Had a nice visit on lamp light and fire place. Had coffee and ice cream. Stayed to 10:00. Appears to be smearing up to rain.

July 1, Wednesday

Good Morning, July. Hope you're as good as June was. RMs in Camden aboard new boat last night. Should blow in today. Still foggy now at 6:00. Started whistle about 7:00 last night. Everything wet. Air NNE to N. Temp 62. Glass 29.7. Did at noontime. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Fay arrived tonight, also Amanda we guess. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To Watson's by way of garage - (to get 501 mower part Toots found at Hallowells), to bring home Land Rover. Ground cultch cutting axe and put screen in Pat's bedroom window. Put pivot block back onto 501 mower. Finally succeeded in getting stabilizer bars onto tractors - had a hell of a job starting nuts on fender bolts. Had to use a piece of pipe on end of bench. Coupled on SB trailer, loaded cultch (magazines, papers, etc out of outside toilet yesterday) and made up a heaping load out of garage - swept garage too. Took to dump in pasture. Coupled outside delivery; out to Cobb Estate and raked it. Just made it between gate posts. Back home, coupled onto pulp trailer, and with the help of Nan and the three Hopkins boys, I cleaned up the hay in 2 loads - one before supper and one after and dumped it in swamp back of house. Kenneth H. only helped first load. Finished last load 8:30. Nan made a delicious custard pie this AM. Had it for 10:00 treated tonight. The RMs arrived in new Hong Kong boat from Camden this noontime. Nan given tour this PM. Says very nice.

July 2, Thursday

This is the big day. The Tom Whipples due to arrive on mid-day boat. Very heavy overcast and looks rainy, otherwise a Grumpy morning. Temp 56. Glass 30. Supposed to go mowing at Staples farm, expect Frank probably mowed all PM yesterday. Didn't but mowed some this AM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Coupled onto 501 mower, stabilizer bar wouldn't fit onto this machine, sharpened knife, gassed up etc. FWS called to say it was too wet to call at 9:00. So set I didn't and he couldn't get me so he mowed alone a couple hours or so. I double-rotored potatoes on powerhouse piece, plenty topped up, hand plowed hilled them, then did a finish job with hand hoe. Took to 11:30. Also hand hoed, hilled the row of Shenangoes on triangle piece. Nan cooked and worked over hill a while this AM. Lunched. Started to rotor cultivate triangle garden. To town with Nan at 2:00 to shop and meet the boat and Thomas Whipples. Home. Visited a while, then finished rotor cultivating triangle garden. Alta, Sheila and children here after water. Barbara sprained ankle down on bank before supper. Suppered on roast turkey and fixings. Delicious. Tom took Barbara to Dr. Hosmer after supper. A sprain. The Fishers over this evening. Tom's big German Police type dog is a beauty but he doesn't seem to like Calderwood. Meant to write in yesterday that stabilizer bars made a big difference handling side delivery rake - eliminates side slat.

July 3, Friday	A Grumpy morning, but still very overcast and rainy looking. Air NE. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Have given our bedroom over to family. Nan and I sleeping on couches in living room. Much better about me getting up early. Did bookkeeping and made Nan's and my breakfast. Ready and started for Staples Farm at 7:30. Had area N side of road nearly done when FW arrived. He'd mowed 3 hours yesterday an area W of house. A s soon as I finished N side, I struck out junk east of house to below orchard. Just wiping that out when folks came with lunch. Down to beach Bridge Beach to eat sandwiches. A half hour nooning. Struck out new junk east to below orchard as far as Frank has struck. They weren't going to have whole field mowed down to alders. Had that done when FW returned from lunch. Then we moved the former H. Worrel junk. By that time, the girls decided to have rest of field done, so we wiped it out in an hour. Drove Frank's tractor over to Henry Smith Farm to put in barn. Frank took me back to Staples place. Home on tractor. Tommy helped me adjust stabilizer. To town with folks to see boat come. Home, suppered, pumped, took old sections out of mower knife while doing so, then visited. To bed at 10:00. Barbara's ankle seems better.
July 4, Saturday	Not a very pretty Fourth of July morning. Very heavy overcast and looks plenty rainy. Air about south and airing up. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. Foggy all day and rained hard during late AM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast for Nan and self. Worked in shop a while putting new sections on knife. Pumped while doing same. 5 people at Fay's really using water. Hand scythed below swing tree and oak tree to shore. Shaved and uptown with family to see 10:30 ferry come. Rained hard during that time and after. Home. Lunched on cold roast turkey etc. All napped to 2:00. Cleaned up morning's mowing and piled or rather spread it in hollow back of shanty. Then Tommy and I coupled onto SB trailer, went over to Tumbledown cowyard and hauled 3 loads 2 foot wood to the Fisher's 1 1/8 cords. The Fishers showed the Whipples through their garage apartment. Whipples and children and dog rode home in trailer. Dug two hills of Early Norland here on house garden - 16 in. count. Had with roast ham and beet greens for supper. So very delicious. Visited this evening. Pumped again - down so valve was out. Popped a double amount of corn.

July 5, Sunday

Still very thick and air S but I'm betting it will burn off today. Looks brighter all ready at 7:00. Temp 60. Glass 29.6. Cleared to a beautiful day by 10:00 AM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast for Mrs. C. and self. Thinned and transplanted in skips in rows of cabbages on house garden. Then weeded and thinned row of carrots. The Fishers over to tell Tom he might use outboard boat a while. Tom and family to dump. I mowed or hand scythed about half of spite plot. Curly Joe here with lobsters. Tom had gone clamming this morning as soon as breakfast, so we cooked them both out back and had a real feed. I rested in hammock after, the folks went walking on Indian Point. Mr. Fisher brought us 3 mackerel and a big mess of herring. I dressed them. Pumped up right forward tractor tire. Must get a new tube. Damn a slow leak. Suppered on odds and ends. The Whipples up to D. Witherspoons this evening to get an old lobster trap to take home with them. Watched Ed Sullivan program. David Haskell ditched and wrecked his car above Mullen Park Exit last night or early this morning. Hurt he and girlfriend some.

Had a nice evening. Have been told that quite a crows went to Mullen's Park picnic, wet and all it was. Never gave it a thought that it would be held.

July 6, Monday

Some overcast but sun trying to get out. Not a heavy dew. Air about WSE. Temp 50. A Grumpy morning. Glass 29.7. Became a beautiful day and a hot one after overcast cleared. Made breakfast for Mrs. C. and self after doing bookkeeping. Gassed up and ready to start for George Beverage Farm at 7:30. Started mowing east and west by old driveway to Alexander Farm in the lighter hay. Still very damp underneath. Frank started at 8:30. By noon we had western side of field and orchard practically done. Tom and family up in jeep about 10:00. They left on noon ferry. Nan up with lunch after and we ate on brow by Alexander driveway. After half hour nooning. I finished orchard area and swung into eastern part of field from barn to east-west section I struck out this morning. Had to change knives as I mowed into something in front of barn that cleaned out one section and broke another. Before 3:00 we swung into southern field and made guite a showing by 4:30. Nan up in Jeep so I rode home with her, leaving outfit in Smith's garage with Frank's. Invited the Fishers over to pea soup supper. They leave tomorrow. Nan and Paul here with 2 puppies. Mrs. Fay also called on Nan before supper. Lawns need mowing badly. Too much wet weather. Should have mowed over to Fay's tonight.

July 7, Tuesday

A really beautiful NH morning at 5:00, but white fog in low lands. A picture book sunrise. Flat calm. Smoke falls from westward. Temp 52. Glass 29. A most beautiful day and considerably warm. Very heavy dew. Did bookkeeping. Pumped while doing so,. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Repaired and sharpened mower knife. To George Beverage Farm in Jeep by way of HS Beverage's to get potatoes from cellar. Frank at farm greasing up when I got there. Started mowing 8:45. Finished center of southern field in less than hour, then mowed side of road and between light from entrance to Alexander property back to Smith's driveway, then the strip on N side of road to trees back to Beacham's. Finished at 10:00. Drove Frank's outfit to Bauer's. Frank took me back in Green Briar. As I went to Bauer's with mine I made several swipes in No field at Staples Farm to make it look better. Very wet underneath this morning I mowed there. Mowed both sides of road at Bauer's and at 4:00 had all done back to beyond barn. Nan up at 11:00 with can of gas for me, and a can of beer a piece. No gas in town until tomorrow. Back with lunch after 12:00. Nan out to visit Mrs. Cobb this PM. First mess of Endive Greens for supper. Up to Alta's this evening to do 3 washes. Edna and Bob, Arthur and Emma there. Had quite a party.

July 8, Wednesday

Another Beauty. Air west to SW. Practically no dew. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. Did bookkeeping, bathed and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife. Started for Bauer's at 7:30. Greased up and ready to mow at 8:00. struck from corner of field road beyond barn to shore area above dam back & forth. Had mowed nearly an hour when FW came. He struck area back of barn and we finished about same time at 10:00. Drove his outfit to Loring's, then he took me back in Green Briar to get mine. Started Loring's 10:30. Frank struck through field back off house to Ern's line, I took upper field section. Nan came with lunch. Ate in Jeep by barn site. Dodged back to Bauer's to get spare knife - forgot it of course. Put it in. Frank back same time. Finished my section, then tackled rest of field clear down to spring and around orchard. We finished field at 3:30. Spent last hour on gunk holes across driveway from house, around barn area an both sides of driveway to Edna Dyer's driveway. Home a t 5:00. Discovered that somehow I'd bent the tie rod on left side of my mower quite badly, so cutter bar wouldn't lift so high on outer end. Just eating supper when Edna and Bob came for water for camper tank. He helped me take rod off and straighten it. Pumped and filled camper tank at barn. Before Edna and Bob left, the Ames drove in. The first time in months. Visited to 9:30.

July 9, Thursday

Looks like another nice day but already breezing SWS. Night before last at 10:00 Mari P. called from Arizona to say she and Dee-Dee were arriving next Monday. Had bill turn on water yesterday. Women folks are cleaning today and Little King is hauling gravel on road today. I have hay to clean up up there too, battery to put in Jeep and what not. Temp 60. Glass 30. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, helped with dishes. Sharpened two mower knives and up to Loring's at 8:000. struck field south of Dyer driveway the length of it by light poles and had them mowed out when Frank swung in with me. He'd finished the part of barn area left last night. Took a half hour off at 10:00 to go down to Mike's to doughnuts and coffee, and I paid well for it with a sour stomach for hours. Finished that field just before 12:00. Had 4 swaths around entire pond field and the George Young rough section done when FW came from lunch. Had to mow the side hill along road to and from swamp as SW wind blew length of field so badly. Finished and had mowed sides of road at 4:00. Home and mowed our lawn, our front here to road before and after supper. Nancy H. had supper with us. Up to Sampsons to bring Chevelle home. Has been there since the 30th of June to have blinker lights control replaced in steering column and a bushing in steering rods replaces. 4 times the Chevrolet people sent parts before right one. Visited an hour or so. Looked foggy coming home.

July 10, Friday

Sure thick-a-fog this morning. Just see Fay's house. Up at 12:30 to start whistle. Air SSW. Temp 50. Glass 30. Lawrence made Mary's road look good yesterday. Foggy all day but a busy one. Did bookkeeping while pumping. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Sharpened mower knife. Changed to rotary mower and up to Pease Farm at 9:30. Rotored around house, under clothes line, round trip to shore and to well house. Had already mowed this with 501 mower when I took it out of barn a while back. Home, changed to SB trailer, collected tools, ate a quick lunch, and back up to Pease Farm. Hand scythed around house and in front of carriage house, then started hand raking what I'd rotored. Paul and Mark came, and stowed for me, Nan came and helped hand rake, especially scatterings, and mowed a junk for lawn in front of house out to plant kettles and to carriage house. Hauled 2 loads hav to gravel pit dump. Home after 3:00. Mowed our lawn at end of garden, then all of Mrs. Fay's. Nan ate an early supper to go over hill to wait on table. I ate cracker and milk and slack-salted fish for mine. Had finished when Marion and kids came in. Then Curly Joe came to get help taking off chimney caps and hanging the 3 new screen doors at Mari's. Back from these at 8:30 to find Sampson in dooryard. Had brought Jeep back. Left up there for oil and filter change. Visited an hour.

July 11, Saturday

Still foggy. Not up till 6:00. had a miserable time just after midnight with a Charley Horse or something in front of right leg below and above knee. Had to put pillow under knee to ease the pain. Finally cleared up. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Air SW. Temp 65. Glass 29.9. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill this AM. I took Mari's battery up to Farm and put it in Jeep. Started right up. Home and was coupling onto grader blade when George Beverage blew in to borrow my jacks, jack post and blockings to use on his Bobbie Williams building. Visited to after 10:30. Up to Mari's about 11:00 and graded road to nearly 1:00. Home, lunched, rested a half hour or so, then spent rest of PM grading over the material that Hopkins crew dumped in lower part of my barn pasture last fall from RMs pond site. Took to 5:00. Nan to dump this PM. AW Beverage and Emma down to call late PM. Nan had to wait on table again tonight. We had been invited to Fay's for social hour, but when Nan had to go to work, they invited me to supper instead. I took up some newly dug potatoes and they had them with broiled steak etc. Very good. Home, watching L. Welk when Nan came home.

July 12, Sunday

Rained hard during early morning and heard some thunder. Not up till 6:30. Very heavy overcast and still some fog in distance. Breeze NE to NW. Temp 62. Glass 29.7. Cleared to a beautiful norther until a heavy rain shower for half hour or so at 4:45. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had planned to surely go to church this day but Pat B. called to say they'd like transportation to play golf so we took Chevelle to parking lot. Home by way of NS road as it made us late for church. Went clamming here in Goose Cove. Rested out back in hammocks a while. Had fire in fireplace and broiled hot dogs for lunch. At 2:00 just when I was getting ready to go to cultivating, Mr. M. called to tell Nan to be at Watson's Field at 2:30. Mr. Gann [Ernest K. Gann] - RM's guest the last few days and author of The High and The Mighty [novel made into a John Wayne movie in 1954] was going to take she, Gretchen and Frank, the boat boy up sightseeing so I went to field with her. Up about 20 minutes. A beautiful trip. To town to get Chevelle and have ice cream. Home, rewashed clams and cut up some Mari P. Cultch for firewood. Invited the Thorntons down to steamed clam supper intending to eat out back but heavy shower for a while so cooked and ate in house. Visited to 9:00. Quite a day.

July 13, Monday

Here's a Grumpy morning. Flat calm and beautiful. A lot of high white clouds reflecting in water. Air about NNW. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Now to get back into mowing saddle again. Afraid this is going to be weary Monday again. Did very well for Monday. Did bookkeeping while pumping, and made breakfast. Very, very wet. Rotor hoed and hand hoed our three rows of glads on house garden. Perclain coming in badly. Changed from grader blade to 501 mower, and started for M. Cheston's by way of garage at 8:30 to pump forward tire. Frank at Cheston's ahead of me, but hadn't started it being so wet. Both started at 9:00 in big field west of cottage. Had finished that before noon and had quite a start on Sherer field. Nan up with lunch and we ate at beach town landing. Just finished around Alvin's boathouse when Frank returned. Both mowed out garage area and red barn site. Shifted to Alice Lamont's, then Rockyfeller's. I took high hill next to Lamont's and back of garage. Finished 4:50. Home middle road. Had fried chicken, new potatoes and new green peas for supper. Was going over to Fisher's to mow lawn but Marion H. blew in so I mowed our across road by Chinese elms and back and end of house. Picked a handful of our raspberries tonight too.

July 14, Tuesday

The most beautiful of beautiful Grumpy mornings, but cool. 50 and a very heavy dew again. Air W. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife, greased and gassed up, and started for Tony Bok's (Edna Dyer Farm) just after 8:00. Frank there but we didn't start mowing till nearly 9:00 - dew so heavy. Had main part of field nearly mowed out by 12:00. Nan brought up my lunch before taking noon boat to Rockland grocery shopping. Ate lunch with Tony in house. He and Alphonse working on it. In hard shape I call it, and what a Hell of a place to mow. Not only is the field rough, but full of booby traps and cultch piles galore, especially around the buildings. Ate lunch with Tony in house so took longer lunch period than I should. Finished near 3:00 by mowing around house and NE of barn. Unbelievable messes. Frank took his outfit down to Gates (Franklin). I thrashed home, changed to rake, back up and raked over an hour for Tony. He raked with Bull Rake. Home just before 6:00 before Nan arrived. Had to bring Mari & Dee-Dee home from boat. Had broiled steak, spinach, and taters for supper. Rested and tried to read mail this evening. Both weary. Jamie H. left for Navy service yesterday.

July 15, Wednesday

By Golly, it doesn't look like a very good hay day for Tony. Very heavy overcast and looks rainy, but no dew. Strong SW wind all ready. Temp 62. Glass 30.1. Looked rainy all day but didn't. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife, straightened mower tie rod again, and bound another rod to it, gassed up etc and ready to start for F. Gates at 8:15. FW just there and started. He took around house to tennis court and I took orchard area, around garden etc. Finished S side 11:30 and started N side before lunch. Broke one guard and sheared one section. No doubt the worst and hardest place we mow. Nan came with lunch and we ate on parking lot. A half hour noon and back to work. FW not back till 1:55 and then he had mower knife trouble, so I really began to think we'd never get the place done, but did finally at 3:15. Drove Frank's outfit home, then back after mine. Home, mowed sides of RM's road in and out, as far as pear tree, dump piece and most of well piece by and above pond. Hopkins crew dumping RM pond material into bottom of our barn pasture tonight. Hope the bulldozer man will work on our pond before he leaves. FWS visited a minute when the brought people to Bailey's from 5:40 boat. Suppered and rested. Weary.

July 16, Thursday

Woke at 2:00 to find the fog coming in. Started whistle, then overslept to 5:30. Still very foggy but not real wet like some fogs. Have started pump and done bookkeeping. Saw some young potato slugs on taters this morning. Must dust. Temp 65. Glass 29.7. Foggy and sprinkly all day. Made breakfast. Went right to picking peas. All 3 plantings on house garden needing attention. Picked 5 pails with interruptions. AW & Emma here to pay bill and get peas. Tells us he has just sold his big upper field to a man named Verrill. Then the Al Rogers came for vegetables. Also a couple trips to barn pasture and over to RMs where they're hauling pond material to and fro. Mrs. Fay very upset about it all. Too much noise and confusion. Lunched. Changed oil and filter in tractor - 268 hours. Gasket didn't seat good so I lost about 3 quarts new oil when I started engine to check out. Had to replace. Tightened drive belt on mower. Weighed up peas, gathered other vegetables and uptown to deliver. Home, then back up to Sampsons to go to Jamie Wooster's Hill in Green Briar to have chicken supper. Frank just had a table made to fit between seats. Very enjoyable. Home at 9:00. Would have been beautiful down there on a clear evening. Foggy and drizzly tonight.

July 17, Friday

Looked like it was going to be a nice day here 20 minutes ago now it's shutting in foggy again. Up at 3:30 and stopped whistle, then overslept to 5:30. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. Made breakfast. Changed to 090 rotary mower, gassed etc. Hand scythed around Nan's raspberry patch, a regular jungle. Started for Martell Place at 9:00. Rotored round trip center of road, _____ by house and garage - Forrest Adams showed me through house - beautiful all done in hard pine - rotored corner back by old Thayer house area, and both sides of road after Frank mowed them with 501 mower. Finished 11:30. Mowed outfits to Strong's and ate our lunches in Green Briar. Then I rotored center of road into Burke's and his regular area, while Frank mowed Baker's two fields. Nearly finished when tractor hung in hollow behind stump and I had to walk back to Baker's fields to get FWS to push me out. He took a few finishing swipes and mowed sides of Burke's road. I rotored same behind him, and would up about 40 fathom of black telephone wire. Moved our outfits to Lombard's. Rotored and mowed wharf area and 2 round trips from white house to shore. Drove back to Strong's. Moved Frank's outfit to Nichol's. I picked FW up in Green Briar, then back for mine. Home at 5:50. Suppered on ham hocks, taters and endive. Shaved. Invited up to Mari P. Stone's this evening. Ruth Taberman and another lady there. Home nearly eleven.

July 18, Saturday

What a real beauty this is. Overslept to 5:15. Sun already working back on Burnt Island. Air SSW. Temp 60. Glass 29.8. A beautiful day but very heavy dew. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Changed to 501 mower and ready to start for Eunice Brown place at 7:45. Started mowing length of center of long field by well, but had to work upper side first, so much dew. Frank arrived about 9:00. Finished Mrs. Nichols at 11:30 by mowing brook field next to town road. Last swipe along swamp I got stuck. Frank pulled me out. Nan arrived with lunch. Shifted our outfits to Dick Bloom's and Nan took Frank back for Green Briar. I mowed side of road along Dick's field while waiting. Ate our lunch in Green Briar on Bartlett's Harbor beach seawall. Had Dick's place finished before 4:45. Frank mowed onto one fence bolt and shared a section off. Dick arrived on 2:40 boat for weekend. Home just after 5:00. Washed up and we shucked a pail of peas for freezer while baked beans were hotting up. Uptown to watch 4th of July fireworks this evening, leaving Carol Fisher some lettuce and potatoes while on way. Home weary at 10:00.

July 19, Sunday

A beautiful, beau morning. Up at 5:15. This is the Sunday Mr. M. had invited us to go sailing in new boat - The Blue Heron. He called Nan yesterday AM to cancel the engagement as Mrs. M. had already made other invites for today. Just as well as gardens and lawns need attention badly. Air NW. Temp 58. Glass 30. A beautiful day and a very full one. Pumped, did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, and made breakfast. Went right to work rotor cultivating triangle garden from row of Shenango potatoes westward to cukes - double trips. Nan weeded her sweet pea garden and the three rows of Wando peas I had finished cultivating. Put extension tines on rotor and double cultivated squash and pumpkins on dump piece. At ecorn beef sandwiches for lunch. Right back to work hoeing triangle garden after weeding through Butter and Sugar corn etc. Hoed from cucumbers east to clear to beans - 2 rows beans and 3 rows peas left to hoe. Nan mowed all our lawn. Winnie Oldroyd and boyfriend - a long-haired full-bearded one - called on us this PM. Up to town to watch 4:20 boat activities. So many cars, Winnie's had to stay here. Visited with the Thorntons while watching. Home. Nan went clamming here in Goose Cove while I went over and mowed Fisher's lawns. Had steamed clams out back for supper. Called on the Baileys and Mrs. Fay after. Mrs. Fay not feeling good.

July 20, Monday

Looked like a beautiful day coming at 5:00 but now at 6:00, a lot of high cloudiness and dull. Air falls from chimney towards west. Temp 52. Glass 30. Foggy here and Crabtree's Point all day, but cleared some at Morrow's. Threatened rain several times. Did bookkeeping, pumped, and made breakfast. Dusted potatoes for bugs, especially partial to the Shenangoes. Sharpened mower knife, filed guard points etc and started for Giselle's at 8:30. Struck up through long field along gravel pit road to gravel pit wall from town road. Damp enough so it mowed hard all day. Frank swung in a half hour or so later. By 11:30 we had long part of field nearly wiped out. Nan down with lunch, and we ate in Green Briar, but Frank had to leave immediately as he was having garage and taxi trouble. Orilla nearly crazy. I mowed along all PM. Finished junk left at noontime, all of Black Walnut Tree field except under some of the apple trees - too damp and made about ten round trips each side of town road toward Martell's. Frank back to mow at 4:15 just as I was leaving. Struck into junk left in big field. Home about 4:50. Worked on mower before and after supper. Push rod keeps bending down in middle. Took off and straightened again. The "Big King" and Larry here a few minutes. Took message over to Bob Fisher from his mother about 9:00, then to bed. Bobbie Fisher staying until Wednesday.

July 21, Tuesday

Rained after we went to bed. Foggy all night. A good breeze SSW this morning. Had a restless night. Arms very nervous. Temp 64. Glass 29.i9. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. By noontime was clearing to a nice PM. Rotor hoed and cultivated lower side of house garden. Put 501 mower back together. Boring new holes in top link last night so it would be 26 inch instead of 27 inches long makes mower stand better; hope it works better. RM over to see what I wanted Brownie - the Bull Dozer man to do around our pond site - about finished at RMs. Nan over hill working a while. Oh yes, I also talked with Don at Payson's about mower. Says catching outer end of cutter bar, unlatching it and then trying to lift it while caught would cause push rod to bed. Took push rod off again, took it to garage along with iron rod to have welded together. Down to see boat come - only an hour late as it stood by a boat stuck on Fiddler's Ledges. Sunk shortly after Coast Guard arrived. Home. Lunched quickly Repaired 4 new section in head and sharpened mower knife. Lost some time showing Dozer mans what I would like done. He cut banks around pond down to road level and pushed material into field. Looks much better. This AM I had tried to drain pond but culvert plugged. Later this PM dozer man pushed over RM material dumped in barn pasture. Hoed and weeded beans and corn on triangle garden. Ground hand scythe. To town by way of gravel pit and dump to look at SH culverts of Elliott Brown. Saw boat come. Home. Suppered. The Thorntons came. Ground his scythe. Sherm and Helen over between boats to inspect High School electrical wiring.

July 22, Wednesday

A pretty morning. Some high cloudiness. Breeze WSW. Very little dew. Must get how now. Temp 56. Glass 30. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Gassed up, pumped forward tire and ready to roll at &;45. Finished mowing out orchard area, then struck field north of house along road to big cottage. FW arrived about 9:00. He had mowed out what I left of big field on the 20th that night, and the barn field yesterday. Finished about 11:30 and moved the outfits out to town road. I mowed out the "King" Beverage place before eating my lunch, and had struck out larger of two lower fields when FW returned. Helen and Sherm visited us a minute over between boats to inspect High School wiring. Finished fields at 3:00. Shifted outfits to Arlene's and had her wiped out at 5:30. As I mowed edge of field along road I snapped cutter bar back and discovered a bolt missing in lock latch plate. Frank had to snap me back together with his tractor. Home 6:00. Suppered, shaved and up to B. Joyce's with Nan to get her hair set. Treated to ice cream and strawberries. Home before 9:30.

July 23, Thursday

Another beautiful Grumpy one. Hard to tell which side is up. Air west to SWS. Temp 53. Mike B. operated on for pinched nerve in back yesterday at Portland. Came through OK. Should be home Sunday. A very hot day and a broken up one. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Picked a pail of peas. Changed from 501 to 090 rotary and ready to start for Mrs. Pettit's at 8:30 after talking with don at Payson's about bolt in 501 that sheared off yesterday. FW at Pettit's about same time with 501. I rotored most of fields between town road and house, rotoring some after FW had mowed on account of little trees and junipers, also triangle piece north of town road and both edges of town road. Nan up with lunch and we ate in Mrs. Pettit's beach - beautiful. Nan had no sooner left me at tractor after a half hour nooning then I discovered right hand forward tire flat. Mowed with Frank's outfit to 2:00 thinking he'd be back. Thumbed ride with Elmer Hopkins to garage. Steve and Jim up to get tire - took to garage and repaired it. I mowed another 3/4 hour with Frank's outfit while they were gone. Rotored with mine again from 3:15 to 5:00 getting in as far as pine grove. Home 5:20. Invited the Sampsons down to eat out back with us. Visited to 8:00 or so. Still not getting Mrs. Fay's lawn mowed.

July 24, Friday

A beautiful Grumpy morning, but a lot of heavy cloudiness. Sun not broken through vet at 6:00. Temp 60. Glass 30.2 Air NW to W. A very hot day, 88 at 1:30 here in shade. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Thrashed out here onto house garden and picked 3 pails peas before starting for Mrs. Pettit's at 8;30. Nan worked over hill this AM and went to Rockland to shop this PM. Rotored road to Mrs. Pettit's building down by shore, the little junk beyond wall above spring house, among trees in front of garage and finished around trees by pine grove. Frank did rest of sickle bar mowing. Finished just before 11:30l. Frank struck out junk over wall on Emily Lattimore's before going to lunch. I rotored that out, then rotored two round trips on road from her gravel pit to town road. Finished at 1:00 and home at 1:15 about. Lunched. Out into house garden and picked rest of peas - 4 more baskets, then thrashed up to Mrs. Fay's and mowed all her lawn - first time since the 10th. Finished just in time to go uptown to meet Nan at 5:30. Home. Kenneth Hopkins rode home with me. We shucked 2 pails peas for freezer while supper was preparing. Up to Alta's this evening to do 2 washes. Home before 10:00.

July 25, Saturday

Warmest morning of season so far. 70 at 5:00. Air N. A real NH Grumpy morning. Glass 30.1. A beautiful but very hot day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, and made breakfast. Helped dry dishes. Went right to work on our law, set wheels up and really mowed out front and to road. Actually too low. Mower kept stalking and I'd work on 501 mower while engine cooled enough so I could take plug out to prime engine. Replaced the bolt in brake-away latch on 501 and had it back together by the time I had lawn done and Nan came back from over hill. Together we raked this mowing, putting the clipping along tomato row. Had several pressed down bushel baskets full. Lunched. Sharpened mower knife and mowed from road to barn down across shop piece and below shop to shanty. Dodged uptown to see 2:30 boat come and do errands, but too late for boat. Got eggs at Preston's and home. Back to mowing and mowed between power house and barn and between barn and Fay's. Mrs. Fay returned to Boston to go to Doctor this noon. Feeling miserable. Cleaned up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's an hour. Mari P. and Dee-Dee there. Home and lunched on odds and ends. Watched Lawrence Welk program.

July 26, Sunday

Another unbelievable beauty. No dew and 65 at 6:00 when I crawled out. Glass 30. Air west. Had just come from starting pump when Marion H came thrashing across porch to tell us there is a bad fire between Cheston's and Poole's. Nan called Garnet and he can't even see smoke. Mrs. Cheston had fire out with hose by time fire fighters got there. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill this AM. I hand raked around ledges of pieces mowed yesterday, and also around obstructions. Took to 10:00. Mrs. Cobb came with orders for fall work and I went with her over to Emery's old place - Dean Place - to show her eastern bounds. Home and helped process peas for freezer - nearly a dozen bags. Hand scythed and raked under Mrs. Fay's fence back of house. Lunched. Rested out back in hammocks to 3:00. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to watch boat activities. Met Glen Pendleton after 15 or more years. Down to call on Bun Smith about cutting and baling hay for Cabot, then rode on down to narrow place beach, back by Morrow's and around NS home. Helped Nan pick her raspberries. Back uptown to meet last boat expecting Bud and Loretta. Didn't come. Home. Shucked 12# of peas while supper cooked. Watched part of Ed Sullivan Show. HS Beverage called - getting along towards ready to have some mowing done.

July 27, Monday

Bud and Loretta Whipple arrived later PM boat. Sure thick-a-fog this morning. Whistle going part the time yesterday, all night, and still going. Air W to SW. Temp 65. Glass 30. Should have raked this hay up yesterday. Is going to be all bleached out. Cleared to a very hot day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on side delivery rake, straightening teeth and putting on 7 or 8 new ones. Nan over hill this AM. Gathered vegetables for Mrs. Cobb, then hand scythed around bar, except western end. Over to Tumbledown with Arnold Adams to show him the old weathered board fence between barn and henhouse that he could clean up for RM's use. Home and side-raked pieces mowed yesterday. Lunched. Over to Pease Farm to bring home baler. Nan went with me. Had to bring saw rig home first and put it in shop. Back after baler. Worked on baler an hour or more. Gassed, greased, pumped tires etc and started engine. Started good for not being started for two years. Worked through heavy hay below shop and end of barn by hand - green places in it. Baled the 3 pieces and baler worked fine. Probably 50 or more bales and didn't miss a tie. Thrashed uptown to meet last boat to meet Bud and Loretta. Suppered on cold boiled shoulder, potato and peas. Visited this evening.

July 28, Tuesday

Very thick-a-fog. Hardly see shop. Warm. 65 probably. Air SW. Glass 29.95. Cleared middle AM to very hot. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped Nan shuck 10 or so pounds peas for freezer. Then to work in barn all AM. Cleaned up hay mess in barn floor, tie-up scaffold, head scaffold and eastern scaffold. Shoveled and pitched old broken hay bales, hay seed and dust etc out back scaffold window. Also took down head extension scaffold and put it on cistern scaffold. A dirty job but barn looks some different cleaned up. Also put extension boards on wood trailer. Lunched. So hot I rested a half hour. Hauled in yesterday's baled hay - 8 bales plus the 4 I sold Bailey - left on bank - 2 loads. Nan kept scaffold clear for me unloading. Bud and Loretta went to Pulpit Harbor mackereling but engine didn't run good. Just finished unloading hay when RM came out to get us to go on a sail in Blue Heron with he and Mrs. M. Mrs. M's daughter and children to Shaw's Island in Papoose with Frank, the boatman. We went out eastern way by Goose Rock Light - up around Eagle Island and back. Left float 3:20 back 5:30. Some cooler on water. To town taking the Whipples along to get lobsters of Phip but he evidently hadn't taken them out. Home and had broiled steak, potatoes and peas. Visited this evening. Father's birthday would be 96.

July 29, Wednesday

Still very foggy at 5:30 but is going to burn off again, but air is NNE. Temp about 65. Glass 30. Our two rows of beans need picking badly, and I didn't get any of RM's oak tree field mowed yesterday PM by gong sailing. Wanted to get ahead of the construction gang on new building above big oak. Apt to start any day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Put gas cans into Jeep, also porch boards for Bud to take to Brown's to get planked proper thickness. Stowed hay away in barn. FW called to say we should mow SH field for Cabot if he was ready. Was. Coupled onto 501 mower and down to Cabot's at 9:15. Frank just striking out upper side along road. He had to leave to drive taxi at 10:00 and I mowed alone to 1:30 finishing road strip and junk to shore from woods to gully and was working on seconds trip above gully when Frank returned. Struck out reset of filed in one junk and we wiped it out at 4:30. Nan, Bud and Loretta down in Jeep and we ate lunch down by shore. Little breeze off water. Home just after 5:00. We picked over a basket of beans to work on while supper cooked, after which the Whipples went mackereling in Kent's Cove and I mowed over half of Oak Tree Field. Mrs. M. in dooryard with grandchildren later to thank me. Some man coming tomorrow to look situation over.

July 30, Thursday

Very thick-a-fog and a wet one too. Doesn't look like clearing like yesterday morning did. Temp about 65. Glass 29.9. Air appears to be about N. Supposed to take and bale Cabot's mowing this day. Quite an undertaking. Stayed foggy all of AM and hung around all of PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Dug about 25# Early Norland potatoes [for] Rex Crockett, Peter Cooper and Mrs. Cabot. Rotor-cultivated corn on pasture piece, double trips through each row. Took to 11;00. Frenched some green beans before lunch for freezer while Nan made fudge for church sale after working over hill. Bun Smith checked on hay at noontime and called back to say fog had cleared down there and hav was okay to rake. Left here with rake at 1:15 and raked to 4:45. Raked all of upper side down to heavy swamp grass, all of to and from shore junk between N line and gully, then shifted across gully and made guite a start there - fog shutting in again so left off before 5:00. Home before 5:30 and worked on beans out back - that Loretta had picked - while clams Buddy dug and lobsters we bought of Phip cooked off. Ate in house. Bud mackereling a little while. Caught several along Kent's Cove area.

July 31, Friday

Nan up at 1:30 and shut off whistle. I up at 4:30 and turned I on again. Plenty thick now at 6:00 and airing up nearly south. This should be the fairest or foulest of week - bet I don't get any hay baled this day. Temp 65. Glass 30. Foggy most of AM and hung around all day. Back in dropping tonight. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Weeded and thinned the row of young lettuce on triangle garden, weeded the row of beets and also weeded and thinned the part row of endive having it for supper tonight. Sharpened mower knife after putting in 2 new sections. Nan over hill this AM. Very quiet since the Moneys left yesterday. Lunched just after 11:00 and started for Cabot's with baler at 11:45. Took a half hour to go down. Baled steadily to 3:15 with three skips by right hand tier - probably 400 bales twine snarled around duck bill each time. Used nearly the whole of new balls of twine. Fog too close and dampening up to rake any more. What I baled cleaned up the whole raking I did yesterday on north of swamp except outside windrow. Home about 4:00. Nan helped me pick a basket of yellow beans to work on while supper cooked. The Whipples scuba diving for scallops. Had scallops and mackerel for supper. Bob Smith here with Legion Festival Book this evening.

August 1, Saturday

Thick-a-fog still and dripping. Airing up S. Temp about 65. Glass 29.8. Foggy most of day with showers PM and evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Frenched a half basket of yellow beans for freezer. To garage to borrow portable air tank and connector. Home and with Buddy's help, blew water line back to cistern in barn. Has been gradually slowing down for some time. Now it runs beautifully again. Gathered endive for E. Ames. To town to deliver and see boat come. Nan and Loretta browsed in Gift Shop. Home. I picked out 4 lobster bodies for my lunch. Rested a half hour. Coupled onto saw rig. Over to Tumbledown cowyard and sawed over a half cord of my Ashlev-Pease Hill wood into kitchen lengths. Shower drove me into barn one fifteen minutes. Home, Uncoupled, Coupled onto SB trailer, back over and split the trailer full of wood by 5:00. Home and unloaded it in Mrs. Fay's woodshed with Buddy's help. He and Loretta mackereling this PM until rain drove them in. Suppered on taters, Harvard beets, and a Whipple roast beef roasted on Nan's electric rotisserie. Very Good. Rained during evening and fog cleared. Shut horn off 10:00. About 11:00 lights went out a few minutes and whistle started again. Stopped when lights came back on. The Dick Fays arrived this PM - over to Island.

August 2, Sunday

Pat's and Mike's 12th anniversary. Laid abed to 6:45. Raining and dull, but now at 7:30 I can see signs of blue sky breaking through. Air appears WSW. Temp about 65. Glass 29.5. Burned out about 10:00 very hot. Back in again tonight. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and shaved. Finished cutting up the rest of the Pease Farm repair debris from under swing tree. Over to Tumbledown with tractor and SB trailer. Split and brought home the rest of wood I sawed yesterday. Had a load. Bud and Loretta mackereling. All and Jane Rogers here after vegetables. Changed oil in Rotor-Cul. Had broiled hamburgers out back for lunch. Rested to 2:30. Started rotor cultivator for first corn on triangle garden. Bud and Loretta went to Calderwood's Island. Left off cultivating to go uptown to watch boat activities. Home. Helped Nan pick several pounds of beans and her raspberries. Then finished rotorcultivating corn. Finished at 6:00. Bud and Loretta clamming so I started fire again out back and we steamed some for supper. Invited Frank S. down. Orilla came down after church. Had cake and raspberries about 8:30. Sampsons left at 9:00. Foggy by this time.

August 3, Monday

The Whipples left for RI. Thicker than mud again this morning and air is out easterly. Was about west for a short time last PM when we were cooking clams. Temp about 65. Glass 29.7. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Now to start breakfast. Stayed very foggy most of AM clearing to a nice PM. Had the Whipples up at 6:15 to they could make ready to catch 8:00 ferry. Helped Nan with dishes, then uptown to see Whipples off. Home. Nan over hill. I picked our 4th planting of peas on house garden, then skim picked other 3 plantings. Had over a basket full. Spent rest of AM pulling first and second pea vines and weeds along with them. Perclain very bad. Lunched about 12:00. Coupled onto 501 mower and started for Proctor's (Jesse Brown Farm) at 1:00. Frank just striking in. Mowed all of big field in front of house and struck out orchard. Home just after 5:00. Cleaned up and over to RMs at 6:00 to have German Pancake supper with Gretchen. The RMs took off for SW Harbor this PM. Took Gretchen on ride afterwards. Around NS to Pulpit Harbor, down W. District to Narrow place Beach and home. Also in to Mullen's Park. Had ice cream with her when we got back. Guess she finds NH lonely. Home about 9:00. Our house guiet with company and dog gone.

August 4, Tuesday

Well, what do you know - not foggy. Flat calm. Considerable high cloudiness. Temp 60. Glass 29. More dew at Jesse Brown Farm than down here, but became a beautiful NH norther as day wore on. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife, oiled and gassed up, and started for Proctor's at 7:30. Swung in by Watson's air strip where Jim and Joe are laying concrete block foundation for new plane hanger to thank Jimmie for returning my baler twine a while back. Started mowing between orchard and road at 8:00. Too wet in orchard. Finished that area and shifted to NW of house with Frank. Then over wall west of barn site where we rotored last year and mowed the growth in what had been a field there. Back over wall and mowed barn site, then tackled orchard. Nan up with lunch and we ate in Chevelle at road side. Half hour nooning and just finishing orchard when Frank returned. Just after 1:00 we struck through big N field and at 4:30 made last swipe. Home about 5:00. Filed finger guards to get rock bumps off, shaved and cleaned up, ready for Gretel to have fried chicken supper with us at 6:00. Just finished a short time when Mrs. Cobb came with a list of fall instructions. Had raspberries and ice cream dessert with us.

August 5, Wednesday

What a Grumpy morning. Cool though only 50. Everybody now hollering for corn and potatoes - one mess and it'll be shell beans or something else out of season they'll want. Harry Cabot called last night. Wants to do something about remaining hay in SH field. Must make arrangements with FWS this morning. Glass 30. Did. A nice day but wind easterly. A heavy dew. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife. Mowed our lawn in front of house to garden and all of Mrs. Fay's. Started for Cabot's at 9:45. Nan over hill this AM. Did wash at Alta's PM. Rolled outside windrow of other day, the seven windrows around shore piece, and raked center of same. Nan came with lunch. Ate in Chevelle. Then while Nan came home to get my drawbar and stiff arms - forgot them this morning of course - and got a bale of twine of Bun - I rolled the 7 bales back of this morning and the first outside row again. Readied baler and started baling. Just down to shore piece when first the right hand tiers skipped, then the shear pin let go in driving arm. Couldn't get sleeve free on arm - had to finally two baler to garage, and Steve and Crew used torch on it free it. Did it after 4:00. Finally back to field with baler at 5:00. Brought rake home. Shaved and cleaned up and ready for Mrs. Cobb when she came at 6:00 to visit to 7:00. Leaves for England shortly. Suppered on leftovers. Mrs. Bailey returned this PM from Southboro. She and Mr. B down a few minutes.

August 6, Thursday

What a Beauty, but air is NE. Looks like frost hanging over lowland. Only 50. Glass 30. A beautiful day but with air off water wasn't too hot. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove. Talked with Don at Payson's bout baler - especially length of sweep arm rod that we repaired yesterday PM. Started for Cabot's about 8:00. worked on baler, and greased it up while dew was drying off. Started baling about 10:00. Baled rest of outside windrow along road, then down into shore part of field to where baler broke down. Three trips around okay, then right hand tier skipped at least once on nearly every windrow. Very, very nerve-wracking and irritating. Nan and Gretel down with lunch. Ate down near shore in Chevelle. Took me to town to see Rockyfeller's \$2,000,000 yacht, but I had moved over by Peters at Iron Point so didn't get a good look. RMs having lunch aboard. Back to field and finally finished at 2:30. A shame all this hay to be thrown away. Brought baler home. Picked a few vegetables. Beans on triangle garden already coming in. Picked our first 2 cukes. Suppered on beans, taters, and broiled steak. Shaved, cleaned up and up to Com. Bldg to Legion Festival Program. Quite good.

August 7, Friday

Even prettier than yesterday morning. Can't tell which side is up. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Cool. Looked like land fog in lowlands. 52. Glass 30. A very beautiful day and hot too. Made breakfast. Nan had to make a cake and cookies for Legion Sale today and discovered she had no cake flour so first thing I thrashed to town to get some and also picked up RM's laundry at Lincoln's. Home and picked the 4 half rows of green beans on house garden - 2 full baskets. Nan returned from taking laundry over hill, bringing RMs discard flagpole. Will put it out here by western cedar tree. Coupled onto 501 mower and started mowing piece between our field road and RM's road, mowing through cow yard to barn same time. Mowed nicely. Lunched after 12:00. Finished that piece, then started on RM's field west of Tim's Rock. Was having a grand time when about the 7th swath around, the left hand lift pin on mower snapped in two where pin dropped through it. Managed to get mower home here, uncoupled, ordered new one - pin that is - from Payson's, coupled onto baler and baled the hay out of swaths that I mowed in Oak Tree Field last Wednesday a week ago. Did well except for right tier missing a few times. Suppered alone as Nan had to help over hill more company. Talked with the Oldroyds tonight asking them over today.

August 8, Saturday

An unbelievably beautiful morning. Sun came up a big red ball over Burnt Island just as I got up. Flat calm. Smoke drifted from H. Temp 54. Glass 29.9. Now to thrash to get some of the things done I must do today. Did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and shaved. Dug over half bushel of potatoes on powerhouse garden - mostly Early Norland. Coupled onto wood trailer and hauled baled hay off Oak Tree Field to pasture inside butchering place gate. Spilled first load as I went off road through gate opening - 116 bales - 3 trips, 110- off Oak Tree Field - 6 up along our field road. Have fed out much poorer quality hay even though it had laid flat over a week. Coupled onto side delivery and raked vesterday's mowing between roads. Then hooked onto baler, greased up etc, ready to bale as soon as we got back from parade. Lunched 12:15. Nan over hill this AM. Thrashed to clean up and get uptown at 1:00. Nan took care of Sheila's Darin during parade - guite a nice one parade I mean. Saw boat come, then home. Changed clothes and started baling 3:30, finished 5:00. Nan back to Bun Smith's to pick up bale of twine for me, forgot it coming from parade and needed it just before I finished. Nan had to work over hill again tonight. I hauled in 2 loads - 97 bales before I suppered on canned baked beans at 7:30. Tried to read papers but mostly napped this evening.

August 9, Sunday

As pretty flat calm as yesterday morning, but sun much slower breaking through overcast. Looks like another hot one. Summer visitors shouldn't find fault with this weather. Temp 58 at 5:15. Glass 30. A most beautiful day all day, and a full one. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill this AM. I weeded in Mrs. Fay's garden to 9:00 cleaning up one row of peas in process. Unbelievable how weeds had taken over since I weeded and hoed before. Stowed away rest of last night's second load and hauled in and stowed away rest of yesterday's baling - 59 bales - 2 trips. On taxi trip into RMs for Gretel, FWS brought down the pin for my 501 mower - a spare he had - mine didn't come yesterday and I put that in mower. Cleaned up, shaved and over to Stimpson's Island just after 12:00 to a lobster lunch with the Dick Fays and the Cusacks. Lisa and girlfriend rowed across for us - engine wouldn't work. Had a very nice time. Dick brought us back about 3:00. Uptown to watch boat activities - ferry loaded, leaving some. Home. Rested in hammocks out back to 5:00. Coupled onto 501 mower and finished RM's western field in 3/4 hour. Didn't have supper as we were both full, so went right up to Alta's about 7:00 to visit and do two washes. The AWBs been in so we had a party.

August 10, Monday

Another August Beauty and a sure enough Grumpy, but low land fog so thick I can see only the tops of trees in pasture. Air WSW. Temp 52. Glass 30. Have to get back into saddle today. Sambo getting restless. He's still knitting away up to Proctor's pasture. Finished in AM and worked at Norman Pettit's PM. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife. Coupled onto rotary mower, gassed up etc. Mowed our barn between garden and road. Started for Dr. Poole's just after 8:00. Had him rotored out, plus sides of road just after 11:30. Waited up by town road for Nan to come along. Ate our lunch over on town float parking lot. Started on Stan Quinn's old place by rotoring round tri on road across through woods and pasture to Lamont's, then did usual around house. Started for Loring's about 2:00 among and around pines in Pond field, then rotored their vista from town road to pond. Home just before 5:00. Coupled onto side delivery - breaking one of my stabilizer bar pins doing so - and raked RM's western field. Suppered on daisy roll, green beans, and potatoes nearly 7:00. Shaved, cleaned up and invited up to Pease Farm to visit with Mary, Ardelle, Heidi and Dee-Dee. The Sampsons also invited. Treated to raspberry pie, blueberry pie, ice cream and coffee. Nice fire in fireplace. Had a nice visit. Home 10:00. Ardelle and daughter go home tomorrow.

August 11, Tuesday

Came in thick-a-fog about 7:30 last night and sure is thick still this morning. Unbelievable but we both slept through from after 10:00 last night to 5:00 this morning. Everything just dripping wet like it had rained. Temp 60. Glass 30. Have done bookkeeping and pumped. Now to get breakfast. Did. Then snapped a basket of green beans for Nan to process for freezing. Also picked a peeled enough Transparent apples off my OP grafted tree so Nan made a pie and sauce. Put my new pin in 501 mower, taking FW's back to him. Coupled onto rotary mower, greased and gassed up. Started for B. Mills' by middle road just after 11:00. Tarring southern road this day. Frank nearly finished with Nettie Crockett when I started Bricks'. Nan along with lunch and we ate in school driveway. Then she went to B. Joyce's to have hair set. Frank back and we finished Bricks' at 2:00. Frank using 501 mower. I got stung on elbow again. Shifted to Raymond Thayer's and Gus Tomer's. Finished them after 4:00. Just finishing Gus when something let go in Frank's transmission. He limped tractor to garage to 1st gear. Home before 5:00. Was going over hill to try to bale some hay but first had to dig some potatoes for young Kenneth Gillis. He and son visited a while, then before I coupled to baler it started sprinkling hard. Prepared a few beans and peas for supper. Nancy and Mark over. Frank and Orilla down about 8:30 to get Angle Cake Nan made. John and Matt Bailey, two girls, Mr and Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Fay arrived vesterday PM.

August 12, Wednesday

The Sampsons tried our pie with us last night. Very Good. Still drizzling at 5:30 this morning and foggy some. Started whistle. Wind has backed in to NNE from SE. Very heavy cloud cover. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Temp 65. Glass 29.6. Sprinkled once or twice during AM, also PM clearing about 5:00. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved. Nan over hill this AM. I had a weary day. Took right forward wheel off tractor, flat, picked up a 9# nail yesterday PM. Picked a basket of green beans (Blue Lakes) off row on triangle garden. Then snapped them for processing while resting. These are a delicious bean. Dug a basket of potatoes, and gathered some other vegetables for Etta Beverage as a birthday present. Nan over hill this AM. Lunched about 11:30. We rested a half hour or so, then started for town to get tire repaired. Visited with Jennie and Etta a few minutes while leaving basket. Down to Brown's and Pat repaired tire. Saw 2:30 boat come. Home. Weighed up some small potatoes for T. Thatcher. Young Charlie Cobb called on us a half hour. Over to shop to put wheel back on tractor, also new stabilizer bar pin. Over hill and rolled RM's hay. Cleaned up and up to Fay's at 6:00 for an hour. Home. Suppered on leftovers. To dump and around island after.

August 13, Thursday

A beautiful morning, Almost no dew. Air about west. Temp 64. Glass 29.7. A most beautiful day. Enough breeze this PM to be comfortable. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. With company at Fay's, I cannot keep up with water. Forty minutes pumping didn't run cistern over. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to Rockland to dentist on 8:00 boat. Back on 2:30 one. Had no cavities. I baled hay in western field before going to Amesbury Place. Had good luck. Right tier missed once during operation. Left for Amesbury's at 10:15. started rotoring both sides of road that runs through property to little house out beyond. Then worked on shore side of road. Slid down among spruces one place and thought I was going to have to get help, but didn't fortunately. Ate my lunch on cottage porch. Frank didn't arrive on job till 1:30. Then at 2:00 I punctured my left forward tire on a bird bone. By using jack out of Green Briar and FW's rotor as a blocking base, we were able to get wheel off. Took it to garage and repaired it. Lost an hour. Then we picked out some lobster bodies I took down this AM that had come from RMs. Back to rotoring and at 5:00 I had shore side done except for a little by barn. FWS brought me home. Stewart and Fred after potatoes. I dug some. Showed slides this evening to the Dick Fay's - the young Baileys and Mrs. Fay.

August 14, Friday

The Dick Fays left for a week in Newfoundland this morning. Another Grumpy. Sun a big red ball 5:50. Amazing how rapidly it's working back along Burnt Island now. Have done bookkeeping and pumped. Temp 64. Glass 29.9. A nice day but Nan says the hottest we've had. Made breakfast. Nan worked over hill this AM. I gathered canvas cover, gas, jack etc together and started for Joe Amesbury place in Jeep at 8:00 by middle road. Tar crew really covering some territory this year and doing a good job too. Had finished junk by barn, and nearly finished little opening last of house beyond stone wall when Frank arrived. Swung in on west side of field road with him and after finishing mail field at noontime, did another opening in back we hadn't done other year. Frank had to replace his points and some plugs this AM and broke a rotor button on trees this PM. Finished JA place just after 2:00 and shifted to Burny Jordan place. Worked to 4:45 there along filed roads and down towards shore. Had a real picnic this noon as we both took our lunches and ate in Green Briar. Drove tractors back to Amesbury Place and covered them among trees. Home after 5:00. Very dirty and dusty. Cleaned up, picked beans for supper, suppered and rested. Alta, Sheila and children down after water this evening. Pumped again tonight but didn't fill cistern.

August 15, Saturday

Started whistle last night at 9:10. Very foggy now at 6:00 AM. By golly, I've succeeded in running cistern over again. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Flat calm. Air SSW. Temp 62. Glass 30. A very hot day with fog hanging around. Made breakfast. Went to town in Jeep to get work gas before going down to Burny Jordan Place. Spent over half hour searching fence bolt rocks before going to Amesbury's for our tractors. Spent to 11:00 rotoring the step hill towards shore in field, when the end snapped off the left hand mounting pin on my rotor frame. To L. Grant's in Green Briar thinking we could borrow a pin off his new one, but no fit. 908 doesn't fit 909. Completely different mount. Tried to call Payson's from Frank's - place closed. Back to Jordan's and ate our lunch in Green Briar on seawall. Fog came in thick to shore, but sun stayed hot. Uncoupled from rotor and came home. FW kept rotoring. Coupled onto 501 mower and mowed outside hill pasture piece of RM's. finished at 5:00. Thrashed uptown to see 5:40 ferry come. Home. Suppered. Back into saddle and mowed rest of oak tree field to Calderwood line. Moon shining when I finished. Got into a big Bumble Bee nest; mower fouled up in hay and I succeeded in getting stung 8 or 10 times. The Ames here visiting when I came in. Had a nice visit to 10:30. Fog in again.

August 16, Sunday

Still foggy at 6:00 and sun came up a big red ball. Flat calm. Smoke from chimney falls from ENE. Temp 62. Glass 30. Even though I ran cistern over yesterday morning, it was a foot from bottom this morning. What do they do with so much? Pumped a second time after breakfast. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had to work over hill all AM to 1:00 PM so I picked few beans on triangle piece short row, took Eleanor's glads and taters over to her mother's 98th birthday party. Home and back over to Fisher's to mow flat from head of cove to driveway and between driveways. Took to 12:30. Home and drove Chevelle over hill for Nan to come home in. Walked back and picked a basket of beans off my Blue Lakes row. Was frenching them when Nan came. Rested out back in hammocks a while, lunched, then rested till we went up to watch boat activities. Paul H. went with us. Down to Joe Amesbury's to bring Jeep home. Stopped at Abbie's a minute to see Fred's Plexiglas showing. Nan had to go back to work. I changed to rake and raked yesterday's mowing. Mark Bailey called on me while changing implements and the Sampsons came with a check. Gave them 2 hills of Shenangoes. Raking took to 7:30 nearly. Cooked me some green beans for supper. Delicious with bread and butter. Nan home in time so we watched Marshall Dodge Show.

August 17, Monday

Still foggy and a 10M breeze W to SW. Warm 708. Glass 29.7. Talked with young Jimmie Oldroyd last night and he's driving to Union this morning to get the part for my rotary mower, and sending it on by Dick Shields first boat. Did. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. Nan worked over hill this AM. I repaired and sharpened mower knife, coupled onto 501 mower, and mowed between Fisher's garage apartment and shore an hour. Home, thrashed uptown to get part from Dick and to get work gas. Home, sprinkling hard so I worked on green beans, frenching them. Frank called by Orilla at noon that he was working at Jordan's. Thrashed lunch through, uncoupled and down to Jordan's repaired and coupled up before 1:30. Rotored on top of field hill, a junk inside field side of stone wall from shore to road towards Amesbury's and side hill towards shore under house side. Worked to 5:00. Rode to garage with FWS. Nan waiting there. To town but boat was late so we came home. Washed up, suppered and back up to Com. Bldg to a concert by newly formed Vinalhaven Band. Very Good but poor attendance. Mike Bunker playing Tuba. Pat up with him. Took them a bag of vegetables. Home after 10:00. Had showered during evening, clearing to a beautiful moonlit night.

August 18, Tuesday

A beautiful fall morning. Only 62. air N to NW. Glass 29.8. Sky cloudless. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. A beautiful NW day and another day of breakdown and setbacks. Made breakfast. Nan put up my lunch before going over hill. Down to Jordan Place and started rotoring at 8:00. Had worked a whole half hour and Frank had just came when In punctured left hind tire. Was on such a side hill I had to get tractor on level place. Doing so rolled vale out of tubes. Took wheel off. I had jack in Jeep, took to garage in Jeep. Steve dismounted tire and pulled wrought iron nail from inside casing. Mounted inner wheel into my old mounted spare, hand been in Frank's back garage since a year or more ago - and I got back and to work at 10:30. Had worked to 11:45 around old house and barns site backing in when I backed into two big rocks hidden among raspberry bushes, and broke welding on dolly wheel post. Lunched in Green Briar. To garage in Jeep and "Crow did" welding job. Back to work at 2:00. Had worked a 1/2 hour when I backed across swamp and stuck. Frank had to pull me out. Spent rest of PM around old barn lane etc. Left rotor at 4:45 and came home. Rolled hay on Oak Tree Field, then after supper baled till too dark to see bales coming out chute. Baler missed once. Mrs. M. Hopkins over here 3 times this and some of the kids at least twice.

August 19, Wednesday

Up at 5:00 way ahead of sun. About 6:00 now it shows. Looks like another fall beauty. Flat calm and cloudless. Temp 55. Glass 30. Luther Glidden called last evening to say he would meeting Frank and I at ferry next Friday morning - 28th - to take us to Union Fair. Very nice of him. Doubt if Frank can get away. A beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped and made breakfast. Started baling at 7:30 where I left off last night. Finished at 8:45. Knotter didn't skip once. Down to Jordan's ready to start rotoring at 9:30. FW just ahead of me. Rotored area onto swamp inside seawall after chasing down and bending over fence post bolts. Ate lunch in Green Briar. Harry Cabot visited us. Also wants field across from Morrow's corner above Walker Ames' rotored. This PM rotored swamp area beyond old barn lane site; Frank taking higher area on hill against stonewall toward Crockett's. I located the old rocked up well as I left off at 4:00 all open ready to be driven into. Started home on tractor at 4:15 leaving rotor. Franze Mills gave us each a couple mackerel. Home before 5:00, coupled onto wood trailer and started hauling in hay. Nan helped me get first load. Mark B. came out and helped unload and get other three loads. Very nice of him. Western scaffold now full 5 bales high clear to front. Finished about 7:00. Suppered. Tried to read paper. Mostly rattled it falling asleep.

August 20, Thursday

Air easterly this morning at 5:00 and feels rainy. A beautiful colored sunrise. Temp 60. Glass 29.95. Very heavy overcast and threatened rain all day but didn't. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Started for Jordan Place on tractor at 8:00. There and started rotoring at 8:30. Frank arrived a half hour later. Rotored out rest of well area and up next to stone wall on side hill. Finished on that side of field road middle of AM. Shifted to creek side of field road working edge of field a ways, then took whole center rest of way. Back under trees till blue in face. Nan down and ate lunch in Green Briar with us. Finished job just after 3:00. My only break down today - the bolt holding rotor to shaft let go and blades dropped off. Back going in five minutes. Then when we'd finished and were cleaning feathers etc out of radiator screen, I lost one wing screw holding grill - disappeared into thin air. Had to use a bolt. Shifted tractors to SH field by hay pile at Crockett Farm, and covered them with my big canvas. Home before 5:00. Over to Fisher's and mowed on lawn a half hour. Home, cleaned up and up to Fay's an hour. Nan had call to go over hill to help so I made own supper. Turned television on but napped till Nan came home.

August 21, Friday

Rained very hard during night. Started whistle about 3:15. Thick-a-fog now at 6:15. Air NE to E. Temp 60. Glass 29.6. Rained hard first of AM, then gradually came out to a very hot afternoon. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Just ready to go over to finish Fisher's lawn when rain came down again. Went right to work bookkeeping entering from calendar into account book. At ten went over and finished Fisher, home, and worked to 12:00 on books bringing posting up to date. Nan over hill this AM. Lunched. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn and ours except for part of between garden and road, and back of house. Was cooling off a moment when the Stephen Ives blew in about 2:00 and visited to 4:00 getting some vegetables. Picked a basket of Blue Lake Beans after they left. Uptown to see last boat come and get eggs at Lincoln's. Home and snapped the basket of beans for processing while supper cooked taters, beans ripe tomatoes and cold roast lamb leg. Not bad. Just reading paper when Frank Lyons off RM's Blue Heron came in. Visited to 9:30. We had blueberry pie made form our high bush blueberries with ice cream on it for treat. Very good.

August 22, Saturday

What a Grumpy morning this is. Cold though. Only 50. Glass 29.7. Sun not up till after 6:00 now. Became a very hot PM until breeze started. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Downtown to get work gas, and to SH field at 8:15. Oiled, gassed, uncovered, forward tire pumped and started rotoring at entrance of big field at 8:30. FWS right behind me. Struck right up through middle of field to other end. Frank taking road side half, I taking other section. Frank home to lunch. Nan down with mine and we ate in Chevelle at top of Kier's hill. Frank told me this morning that William Hoppin had bought Walker Ames place, and plans to move bigger of two barns across field to hill towards Kier's Creek. Took 1/2 hour nooning and back to rotoring. Really got wound up in hog wire along fence on back side of field about 2:00. Had a heck of a job cutting it out. Finished my half about 3:00 except bottom of brook. Helped Frank finish tar barrel hill, then he pulled me along brook bottom. Got most of it. Covered tractors again in SH field. Home before 4:45. Helped pick corn and beans. Prepared beans for supper. Ruth Beveridge here to invite us out in boat next Sunday. Suppered. Napped. Tried to read papers Watched L. Welk show.

August 23, Sunday

A very dull rainy looking morning. Air about S. Temp 60. Glass 29.8. Have just discovered I lost my whole key ring of keys somewhere yesterday.. What a way to start a day of rest. Keys to Abbie's gate, Mari's gate, all my buildings etc. Can't get into barn to pump even. Rained hard most of day and into evening. We needed it very badly. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over hill this AM. I thrashed down to Cabot's as it started to rain to hunt for the keys I lost yesterday, but didn't find them where I crawled under the rotor yesterday to take out wire. Home. The Fishers followed me from their place and visited to 11:00, getting some vegetables. To barn to hacksaw padlock about pumping. Found I hadn't locked it yesterday morning. I sure am slipping. Pumped. Played a game of Scrabble while relaxing. First in two months. Lunched. To bedroom to try to sleep and rest. The Witherspoons blew in at 2:0 and visited to after 6:00. Made out four bills after they left - H. Smith's, Cabot's Cobb's and Fisher's. Took Fisher's over and visited to after 9:00. Very warm and cozy. Had had a fireplace fire all day. So chilly here we started our Ashley about dark. Lunched and to bed. Foggy on water but stars overhead.

August 24, Monday

A beautiful Grumpy morning after the rain. Everything plenty wet. Air NW to W. Temp 55. Glass 29.6. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So wet we didn't hurry about getting to work. Arrived at SH field same time as FWS. Readied tractors, then went looking for keys again in upper end of big field. Finally Frank suggested we look under spruce tree on tar pot hill where we had set down Saturday and sure enough there they were. Quite a relief. Started rotoring on field below JC house just before 10:00. I took section nearest house. FW the lower half. At 11:40 when Orilla came with a hot lunch we had it nearly finished. Ate in Green Briar in SH field. Baked potato, snapped green beans, and smashed squash - also sliced cukes. Very good. Wiped out field between roads and brook by three fifteen. As I started to mow along side of road to barns darned if I didn't shove a fence bolt iron through my left rear tire - the spare I put on down to Burny Jordan's. Got my repaired rear from garage; - just mended this morning - put it on and helped Frank finish up by gas pump and in front of JC house. Covered tractors in SH field. Down to B. Jordan's to get Frank's maul we left there. Home 5:30 leaving flat tire at garage. As we stopped there, the Hoppins stopped and asked us to rotor the Walker Ames Farm. They've just bought it. Was resting after supper when Alta, Sheila and children came for water and vegetables, then Mr. Fisher came to take us over to look at stars and show slides. Home about 10:00.

August 25, Tuesday

Looks like it would be a good day but morning not as pretty as some. Temp 54. Air SW. Glass 29.8. We start on Ames Farm this morning. More days of unknown obstacles. A nice day but nearly showered one spell this PM Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped and made breakfast. Nan worked over hill this AM. I made ready to be at SH field just after 8:00. readied tractor and started for Walker Ames Farm before 8:30. Started rotoring little field across road from house below driveway road. Very rough and uneven. FWS came and I went with him to fetch his outfit down. Finished that area about 10:00, then shifted to big main field by house. Struck out whole area from road to field fence beyond brow of hill. Frank worked section next to road. I took upper section. Nan and Orilla arrived at lunch time and we ate in Green Briar. Only setbacks today were hornet nests and fence wire. Nearly finished that section of field by 4:30. To SH field to get canvas, and bedded tractors down in field below Walkers house. Home after 5:00. Helped pick vegetables. Suppered. Up to call on the Thorntons. The Jim Haskells and Hershell also called. Garnet's birthday yesterday or day before.

August 26, Wednesday

A nice quiet Grumpy morning but considerable high cloudiness. Temp 60. Air NNW. Glass 29.9. Became a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Over to shop and put new blades on new hanger. To town after gas. Down to Walker's, put on new hanger and blades, gassed etc and ready to start rotoring before 8:30. Had remaining center of yesterday's section over half wiped when Frank swung in. Finished about 9:00, then struck along ridge in other part of field to cemetery. Frank worked half towards road and barn, I worked towards shore. Nan and Orilla down with lunch and we ate in Green Briar. About 2:30 Frank left his side and came over to batter alders and spruces with me. Nearly finished to fence along bank at 4:20 when Frank got low on gas. Tractors covered up same place as last night at 4:40. Met Nan at fountain corner and went to town with her to send Pat over some vegetables and get some things she was sending up to put Arts and Crafts. Young Lyford Beverage took them across - in place of Doug. Saw ferry come. Home. Prepared beans for supper. Rested and watched a rerun of the "First America" yacht race in England.

August 27, Thursday

Another Grumpy, A picture book morning, Air NE, Temp 60, Glass 29.8, a beautiful day all day. Woke up very weary as I didn't sleep good last night. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Dug about 1 1/2 bushel of Russets and Kennebecs. Kennebecs scabby. Why? The other kind aren't. Down to Walker Ames after 8:30. FWS had just uncovered his tractor. Gassed, greased etc and put on new shoe on left side of rotor. Frank wanted to go to town on errand - guess he was as weary as I - so we went in Jeep and replenished our gas supply. To rotoring before 10:00. Finished beyond cemetery ridge, using hand saw on some of the larger spruces and alders. Succeeded in opening up view of creek considerably. Then took off some limbs of spruces in cemetery to open up the L. Leadbetter monument. Nan and Orilla down with lunch. Ate in Green Briar. This PM we rotored out the whole of big swamp area between barn & cemetery ridge. Very hard and rough rotoring. Used Step down low. Had time left to pull out and roll up wire SW of house. Home and helped Nan pick nearly 1/2 bushel of peas. The Fishers over and visited an hour at 5:30. Just finishing supper when the A. Rogers blew in for vegetables. Visited to 8:30. Tried to read papers after that but too sleepy.

August 28, Friday

A beautiful fingernail moon over Burnt Island at 3:15, but now at 5:30, a very heavy cloud cover. Flat calm and air NW so should be a good day. Have pumped and done bookkeeping. Now to thrash as I want to go to Union Fair. Luther Glidden has sent Frank and I tickets and is to pick us up at boat. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and to boat before 8:00 picking up Fran on way. A smooth crossing both ways. Luther met us and treated us on coffee and doughnuts at new lunch room by man-made point on way to fair. Saw some nice cattle, watched some good pulling, both oxen and horses, and cruised fair grounds. Many improvements since two years ago. Luther back and had lunch with us on fairgrounds at Barn's Restaurant. Cold sliced ham and hot vegetables. Very good. It seemed to me the crowd was small, but maybe they were spread around more. Started back to Rockland about 3:30. Bought a few groceries at A&P and Luther took us to boat. Home before 6:00. Lugged in wood, freshened up and up to AW Beverage's at 6:30 to delicious baked chicken supper. The Sampsons and Alta there. Heavy rain and thunder shower during evening. Home about 10:00. Still raining and foggy.

August 29, Saturday

A flat calm foggy morning. Air appears NW. Glass 29.7. Temp 62. Pretty wet. The Fishers leave this day. Summer is about over. How quickly it has passed. Became a nice day except for a rain shower about 2:00 PM. Did bookkeeping. pumped and made breakfast. Picked 5 dozen corn - 1 dozen off pasture Spring Gold - not guite ready - rest off triangle Spring Gold. Started for Walker Ames Farm about 9:00 in Jeep. Nan working over hill this AM. Met Frank at Foundation corner and came back to Kent Farm to see Bill Moore as he wanted some rotoring done - to \$75.00. Down after tractors. Stopped at garage to blow cultch out of radiators, replenish water in batteries etc. Started rotoring Kent house yard area at 10:30. Ate lunch alone in Jeep. Had just finished that area when Frank returned from lunch. Rotored up along cemetery to brow of hill and squared across to Turner line. Worked back towards house and nearly reached swamp and brook for \$78. Now want us to work \$25.00 or so more to clean out through orchard to brook and squared across to Turner line. Home on tractor 4:30. Nan worked at Arts and Crafts this PM. I picked a basket of green beans, and helped prepare some for supper along with Swiss Chard, potatoes and broiled steak. Cleaned up and up to B. Joyce's this evening. Set Nan's hair and cut mine. Needed it badly. Treated to apple pie and ice cream. Home after 10:00.

August 30, Sunday

Another fall beauty but airing up SW. Temp 58. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day all day but became a little chilly this PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Mrs. C. had to work over hill this AM. I picked corn and a basket of yellow beans & weighed beans up. Had just gotten hammocks out back and built fire when Mrs. C. returned. Rested to lunch time. Had roasted corn in tin foil and roasted hot dogs. Very good. Harry G. called on phone after lunch. Rested to 3:30 with corn interruptions. Uptown to see boat traffic and look in on Arts and Crafts. Didn't have change enough with us to go into Library to see paintings. Home. Talked with Oldroyds on phone. Mercedes thinks Harvey is feeling better and will be come Tuesday. Suppered on warmed up leftovers. Picked some cukes, tomatoes and a head of lettuce and went up to call on the Lyford Beveridges this evening. A nerve-wracking experience. Lyford in constant back pain and Ruth not allowing him to talk for himself. Home about 10:00. One of the darkest nights I've seen in some time. Started to rain sometime during night. Also a thunder shower.

August 31, Monday

Happy Birthday Patricia - 32 years old. What a dismal dark grey morning this is and nearly 6:00 when Calderwood rolled out. Very, very heavy overcast and strong SW wind. Rain has stopped. Temp 64. Glass 29.5. Became a nice day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. Supposed to trash to Walker Ames Farm to mow around barn about F. Adams tearing it down but FWS thought it too wet and also wanted to book work. Nan over hill this AM. I polished two pairs shoes while garden dried, then skim picked the Wando peas on triangle garden - over 1/2 bushel. Rotored the hog pen piece and across road into pasture to corn patch, then between garage and raspberry patch. Nan to town to get Pat's unsold things out of Arts and Crafts. This PM among other things, I rotored out Frog Pond Ridge to RMs line, leaving off to go over to Tumbledown with the RMs so they could look at the big barn - they tell Nan they're interested in it for the big beams for the new building they plan to build on Oak Tree Field. Uptown with Nan to deliver vegetables, send bundles across to Pat B., and see boat come. Home, prepared supper. Back up to Alta's to do two washes. The Ames over, and we helped shell Edith's peck of peas. Should have gone to the big discussion meeting of local and summer residents at Com. Bldg. But can't hear anything in that building.

Sept. 1, Tuesday

What a fall morning. 52. Breeze about west and airing up. Sky cloudless and sun rising nearly at end of Burnt Island. Glass 29.75. Breezy NWester all day. A shower late AM, nearly a snow squall. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped and made breakfast. Started for Ames Farm on tractor at 8:30 byway of garage to put on repair dolly wheel. Jim did a good job. FWS just ahead of me. Rotored front of Mabel's house, then between house and barn by garden after pulling out wire. Then worked clear around barns front to back, cleaning up cultch and pulling fences as we went. What a hell of a mess. Showered just at lunch time. Frank home to lunch so I ate under tractor canvas in field. Very cozy. Had section behind barn nearly wiped out when FW returned. Finished main field by ripping out dividing fence across field and rotoring that strip. Nan down to visit this PM. Had about a half hour to spend around gravel pits in SW end of field. Nearly finished it. Covered tractors in field and Fran brought me home. Rested to supper time and after supper. Accomplished nothing after work this day. RMs well driller down now to 40 feet and getting water enough to wet drill.

Sept. 2, Wednesday

Another fall beauty. 52. Breeze just S of W. Sky practically cloudless and air clear as bell. Glass 29.8. Nice all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. Butter and cream corn sure good for a morning starter. Picked 2 dozen corn. Spring gold on pasture piece before starting for Walker Ames' in Jeep, leaving Sampson corn on way. Frank arrived at Walker's before I was gassed and greased. We finished around gravel pit area to road, then shifted outfits to Ted Goss', I drove Frank's tractor, he drove Green Briar. Jerry Giselle gave us a ride back to Walker's. I drove my outfit up. Frank drove Jeep. Struck full length of Ted's field through center. Frank took house side. I shore side. Nan up at lunch time and we ate in Chevelle. Hot haddock chowder from RMs. Frank not back from lunch till 1:30. Finished mowing place out at 4:30. Good luck except for getting rotor full of heavy cooper wire down by bank after lunch. Didn't know as I was going to get it out. Home on tractor, then back after Jeep. Nan had invited Mari and Dee-Dee to beef stew supper for 6:30. They arrived at 5:30 so I didn't have much time for clean-up and relaxation. Supper very good but they went home about 8:30. told me she'd like her place rotored this fall. Very Good.

Sept. 3, Thursday

What A Grumpy morning, but real fallish. Only 44. Air NW. Glass 30. Sure great weather for Maine Fairs. Wind breezed up SE during day - raw. A full day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked 3 1/2 dozen Gold and Cream corn on triangle piece and same of Spring gold on pasture piece To Kent Farm on tractor at 9:00. FWS arriving same time. Finished piece we worked other day to brook and all through old orchard to bank. What a mess of raspberry bushes and down trees. Finished 11:30. Nan along in Jeep and we ate looking out on water. Swung into Abbie's on way home to rotor house to brook piece. Hardly opened up when right forward tire so slack I drove home to pump it with Jeep. Back over and finished piece plus garden area - and orchard. Home. Coupled onto pump trailer and started hauling baled hay from RMs western field to dump at end of hog pen piece. Had to pump tire again after first load. Also gassed up. Tire very slack again after third load - 120 bales so put tractor in shop. Nearly 4:45. Picked Emery Hopkins some corn. Arthur got a coon by pasture corn patch this morning. Cleaned up and shaved, and had the Baileys and Mrs. down for an hour at 6:00. Mrs. Fay leaves next Tuesday. Suppered, tried to ready Courier but fell asleep.

Sept. 4, Friday

A real SE rainstorm this morning. Started during night and now breezing on 25 to 30 now. I'd guess at 7:00. Didn't roll out till 6:10. Temp 60. Glass 29.6. Rained very hard and breezed on for about an hour to 7:30, then slacked off and came foggy. Rained again middle of PM. Still foggy during night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over hill this AM. Caught up by mg into account book and pumped. Picked 6 dozen corn off triangle and pasture piece. Took right forward wheel off tractor. As soon as lunch, we went to garage by way of dump. Jimmie Dyer repaired tire and tube. Bad cut through side wall pinching tube. Must order new tire. On to town to deliver corn. Saw 2:30 boat arrive. Home. Put wheel back on tractor. Hauled the rest of baled hay (50 bales) off RMs western field, leaving 6 bales for Emery H. to spread on pond slopes. Got pretty damp handling the hay. Put trailer back into barn floor. Repaired bull barn door so I could close it tight. Supposed to join the Fays at Abbie's at 6:00 but Abbie called the affair off on account of weather. What better night to gather before a fireplace. Prepared yellow beans for supper. Rested and read papers. Harry Gilchrist called tonight to say he'd be flying up next Tuesday.

Sept. 5, Saturday

A real Grumpy morning and warm. 68. Glass 29. Things look pretty wet. Fog has cleared and sun rose just at end of Burnt Island. Two more mornings and Burnt Island will be left behind until next March. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started to dig our potatoes, but what with starting lawn mower, picking corn, delivering etc., our PEI potatoes and Shenangoes remain undug. Picked out about 1/2 bushel each of Norgold Russet, Norland Early Red (the favorite of most folks), and my Kennebec Potato Eye potatoes for seed. Kennebecs turned out good without a lot of deformities like last year, but a little large for most people. Nan mowed all of our lawn front and back. Oh yes, I cleaned up the Courtland Apples under the tree too - a wheelbarrow full. To town to deliver corn at 2:30 boat time and to get eggs at Lincolns. Picked up potatoes into trailer and put in barn floor. Cleaned up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's at 5:30 along with Mrs. Fay and the Baileys. Sat under trees by little cottage. Quite chilly for the women folks. Home to corned beef hash for supper. Marion H. over with a bottle of champagne from Jimmie "Boat Shop" Brown's wedding reception. Quite talkative.

Sept. 6, Sunday	Well, here we are in another Labor Day weekend, and another summer behind us. Unbelievable. A nice morning. Air W to SW. Temp 60 and Glass 29.6. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked 3 dozen corn on pasture piece for Mabel Crockett. Went clamming here in Goose Cove, getting a nice half rocker full before tide drove me. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn. Built fire in fireplace and coked off same for lunch. Nan made a potato tomato, lettuce salad to go with same. Invited the Sampsons down to share clams. They were just finished their lunch, but came right along and sure did justice to the clams. Every one was eaten. Visited to 3:00. Uptown to watch 4:20 boat traffic. Had ice cream at Mike's. Home, chored, Nan frosted the cake she baked this morning, and thawed up some raspberries. Played a game of Scrabble. Cooked myself 6 ears corn for supper. Invited the AW Beverages and Alta down after church. Had a nice visit after 10:00. Treated ice cream with raspberries, cake and coffee.
Sept. 7, Monday	A cool Labor Day morning. Only 52 and air is NNE. These mornings sure feel fallish. Expect I should try to get the rest of potatoes dug this day, also must some firewood here to woodpile. Very cool all day and considerable overcast. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Dug our 2 rows of PEI potatoes, leaving off to pick 5 or 6 dozen corn on pasture piece. Uptown to deliver, see 10:40 boat come, not a vehicle aboard, and very few passengers, and waited to 11:30 for Mike, pat and boys to come across. Home, picked nearly 2 dozen corn for our lunches, and how they did eat it along with hamburgers etc. After lunch Little Mike picked my potatoes into trailer while Loren and William piled tater tops. Dug my row of Shenangoes while young Mike picked. Didn't grow as good as last year. Put trailer back into barn and covered potatoes. Discussed fire place and cellar wall with Big Mike. Uptown with family at 4:30. Gave Curly Joe a ride home. Suppered on potato salad and hamburgers. Uptown to call on the Ames this evening. Milton not home from a trip to Rockland till 8:00. Visited while they ate supper and a while after. Home about 10:00.
Sept. 8, Tuesday	A sure dull enough, heavy overcast morning. Air NNE. Looks plenty rainy. Cool. Temp 52. Glass 30. Harry G. supposed to fly up from NY today. Hope we have a good spell of weather while he's here. Did bookkeeping, pumped made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had to work over hill this AM. I dug and picked the row of Shenangoes on triangle piece and pulled the weeds and pea vines between Shenangoes and beans. Threatened rain all AM. Picked a basket full of yellow beans on triangle garden, making lunch late. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch cooked. Rested a minute, then up to meet Harry arriving on 2:30 boat. Had a nice flight up and trip across. Home. Visited a few minutes. Started XL-12 up and out onto frog pond ridge to get some kitchen wood. Sawed two tiers on Jeep of Ashley wood, brought it in by woodshed and split nearly all of it before supper - roast turkey, potato, beans and squash. Visited this evening between telephone calls. Ting seemed to have a restless night.

Sept. 9, Wednesday

A Grumpy morning but plenty of heavy overcast. Air appears to be westerly however. Temp 52. Glass 30. Became a good day but very chilly late PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Ground two axes and split rest of wood in Jeep from last night. Coupled onto cordwood saw and sawed the pile of picked out slab lumber I had piled back of shanty. Harry helped me, then helped me saw Ashley wood into kitchen wood on Frog Pond Ridge to lunch time. Rested a half hour after lunch, uncoupled saw, coupled onto 501 mower and over to Abbie's at 1:45. Mowed out both brook to road pieces, then struck out big western flat. Made a real start on it. Eight or more times around with all back swaths taken. Home 5:10. Cleaned up and over hill to have supper with Gretel at 6:00; and a very good supper it was. Baked veal chops, beans, potatoes etc. Visited in living room after to nearly 9:00. Frank called tonight to say we'd rotor up to AW Beverage's some tomorrow.

Sept. 10, Thursday

Came to at 4:00 AM to find the fog in thick. Had also drizzled some. Started whistle. Now at 6:00 still foggy. Very light breeze SSW. Temp about 60 and glass 30. Everything wet and drizzly all forenoon. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Put D-Con around in buildings -Shanty, Shop and barn. Sharpened and cleaned up 2 mower knives, then filed my tractor cordwood saw. Struck a nail with it vesterday. Fried us a zucchini squash for lunch. Very good. Rested a while after lunch. Mr. Thatcher came for corn and I succeeded in finding him two dozen. Corn not developing good weather too cool and no sun. Weighed up 20# Shenango potatoes for Bailey and a bushel for Sampson. Also a peck of whites for Ames. Delivered these as we drove around by HS Beverage's. I wanted to see him about putting potatoes in cellar, and he wanted to see me about mowing or rotoring his farm. Wants badly to have it done this fall. On to town to deliver potatoes, then thrashed home, cleaned up, and up to Mrs. Fay's an hour. Abbie, Stewart and Fred also present. Home, suppered and then over hill to have ice cream.

Sept. 11, Friday

Thick-a-fog at 2:00 AM. Started whistle. Don't know as I got back to sleep before 5:00. Wind now breezing up NW. Warm. 70. Glass 30. Plenty of heavy overcast. Became the most beautiful of days. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove. Changed from 501 mower to rotary, gassed up etc and ready to start for AW Beverage's at 8:15. Rotored out field to right of entrance way. FWS just ahead of me and had started in supper field below old grave pit. Finished mine and swung in with him. He had to leave at 10:30 to go down to Bob Cobb's to look over a rotoring job. Came back and we finished what AW wanted done about 12:00. Nan and Harry up with lunch and we ate below stone wall infield. Frank and Orilla ate in Green Briar. Shifted up to HSB's at 12:45. I struck out junk from woodshed by old well to western entrance. Frank worked on same while I rotored old garden west of house and between barn and house. Then struck down through swamp to AWB's line, and at 4:30, we'd finished all west of barn. Harry hauled in the wood in Jeep this PM that we sawed yesterday. Suppered, rested and visited. The RMs out a few minutes this evening. He got a fine report form his checkup.

Sept. 12, Saturday

What a beautiful Grumpy One. Cool. 46. Glass 30. We discovered last night that pump had been going all day even though I'd been up to shut it off after pumping a half hour. I really am slipping when I can't do what I go to do. Water was still flowing from overflow. Very, very heavy dew. Almost noon before it really dried off. Otherwise a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, etc. Changed from rotary to 501 mower. Split some wood with wedge and maul before starting for HSB's by Mullen Park road. Started mowing by entrance elm at 9:15 and worked westward. Frank started west of house by garden along road. As I mowed by western entrance spruce, the counter balance rod of cutter bar snapped in two in threads. Was able to slack broken end back enough to thread rod in about 4 turns and it held all day. Swung into north fields to Doug Stone's line around old gravel pits. Had the roughest part done by noontime. Nan and Harry up and we ate in Chevelle. Finished the north side fields to ditch posts east of house about 2:30. Struck out another east to west junk in main field from old fence line across by big rock pile to lane fence. Finished that in time to do north field up by Hyle's line. Home about 4:45. Had Abbie and the Boys over from 5:45 to 6:45. A nice time. Boiled potatoes and broiled T-Bone steak (compliments of Harry) for supper. Very good. Rested and watched a little TV this evening

Sept. 13, Sunday

A southwester for a change - 15 to 20M now. Sky clear and sun up. Didn't roll out till 6:15. Temp 58. Glass 30.1. Cussed SW wind breezed on all day, very disagreeable. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Harry and I uptown at 9:00 in Jeep and Chevelle to meet family. The two Mikes and Woodrow to golf links in Jeep. The rest of us home in Chevelle, after getting lobsters of Curly Joe. Picked corn for dinner off pasture piece, 4 dozen for Jim Haskell, and 2 dozen for Emery H. Back out to get a dozen for Judy Beverage. Built fire out back and cooked lobsters after Harry and I repaired leak in bottom of canner. Ate dinner in house as wind was so disagreeable. Tried to rest in hammock out back after but wind too cold and too much commotion. Mr. Thatcher here after potatoes, the two Mikes returned and ate. The children refused to be entertained. Alta, Sheila and children came for water. Gretel and Mary came in etc. I even split on woodpile thinking children would enjoy tiering up wood, but no soap. Took family to town about 4:30, leaving Curly Joe 2 dozen corn on way home by middle road. Rested a while, then I cut corn off cob, and warmed it up in double boiler with milk and butter for supper. Quite Good.

Sept. 14, Monday

Very heavy overcast, rained hard during night. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. Air NNE. Slowly became a fair day but stayed wet till afternoon. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked 6 dozen plus corn for delivery. Replaced one guard on 501 cutter bar. Called Payson ordering new counter balance rod. Changed to rotary mower and over to Fisher's at 10:45. Finished area between garage driveway and swamp, then rotored across swamp to spring swamp. Home and lunched at 1:00. Sharpened mower knife, changed back to 501 mower, and over to Abbie's at 2:15. finished her western flat, struck around her eastern flat three trips, then mowed out area between her gust house to center of cranberry area. Home after 5:00. Harry and Mrs. C. to town this PM delivering corn, getting gas etc. FWS mowed out Fuller Cemetery this PM. Rested, suppered, weighed up 25# potatoes for Lyford Beveridge, and then we delivered them. Visited to 9:30. Harry went with us.

Sept. 15, Tuesday

Up at 6:00 to find cistern empty. Bailey returned from fishing yesterday PM and tells me this morning that his toilet flushed all night, and here we did just air blow our line so short a time ago. Have pumped now while bookkeeping. Shall have to pump again to fill tank. A very heavy overcast but the most beautiful pre-sunrise colors. Took the pictures. Breeze NE. Temp 50. Glass 30.3. Made breakfast and peeled apples for two pies. Pumped again. FWs blew in with note from Mari PS. She and Dee-Dee left this morning for Arizona. Uptown with him to bring Jeep back to farm and put away in carriage house. Harry after me in our Jeep after going to HS Beverage's to get my extra knife. Nailed windows closed etc while at farm. Home. Gave Chevelle a good washing here at garage, then to barn to hose it down good, and wiped it off. Nan helped me clean it up inside. Lunched, cleaned up and uptown to serve as Pall Bearer to Grace Cooper along with George Beverage, Elston Beverage, Dan Pendleton, Rex Crockett and Gus Tomer. Mrs. C. drove Chevelle with mourners. Home, picked corn for supper and for Harvey as birthday gift, also Swiss Chard. Suppered. Was going to Harvey's to visit this evening, but called Shirley and he'd gone to bed feeling miserable.

Sept. 16, Wednesday

Here it is raining again at 6:00. A very dull, dull morning. Breeze SE. Temp 51. Glass 30.1. Have done bookkeeping and lugged in wood. Must pump again this morning as Mrs. Bailey and company returned last night. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Spent most of Am in barn weighing and bagging potatoes - 3 bushel for Milton Ames, 1 bushel for Alta, about 5 bushel for Calderwood, and had about a bushel of real small ones to give to HS Beverage. Had time left to remove 501 mower from tractor and couple onto sawing. A wet drizzly day all day. Lunched. Frank Lyons and Gretel blew in. Out on Frog Pond ridge and sawed about a half cord of Ashley wood into kitchen lengths. Back in after SB trailer and split it full. Delivered it into Fay's woodshed. Harry spent most of day plugging base hold in Nan's lawn mower engine and repairing it. Darned if it doesn't work too. Thrashed to shave and clean up to get up to Eliot Beveridge's at 5:00. quite a surprise to get invited up after these months and months of not. Charlie is home now on leave from teaching. Home, suppered and watched some TV. Gretel out again this evening a little while. This has been a wet drizzly day all day, but a nice moon tonight.

Sept. 17, Thursday

A beautiful clear sunrise, nearly to point on Calderwood's. Very few clouds. Air or very light breeze NW. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. Everything very wet till noon but a good day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made f and helped with dishes. Nan and Harry to Vinalhaven this day so I picked corn and vegetables for them to take with them, and to Edith Ames. Spent my AM on Frog Pond Ridge. Sawed at SB trailer load of limbs, throwing them into trailer as I sawed. Placed trailer under oak tree laving it loaded. Lunched. Uncoupled sawing and coupled onto rotary mower. Up to HS Beverage's just before 2:00. Got hung crossing ditch into what was Hiram's pasture by Hyle's driveway. Jack Brown right there patching and pulled me off. Struck out junk full length of piece to main field in width from road to big rock. Frank mowed in big field along ridge to pasture wall. Worked on it to about 4:30 when he gave up in disgust - too heavy and too wet. I swapped placed with him and we finished both about 5:55. Thrashed home, cleaned up and up to Bailey's to corn beef supper. Very good and a nice time. Mr. And Mrs Bailey, Mrs. De and we three. Home and watch Dean Martin Show.

Sept. 18, Friday	Shutting in to rain again. Very heavy overcast and smart breeze SSW. Temp 52. Glass 30.1. Now misting at 7:00. rained and drizzled all day and evening. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was resting a moment when D. Beverage came for 6 bales of hay. Spent rest of AM posting from calendar into account book, making out Nan order to Knapp's for 2 pair shoes - laced high cuts for Calderwood, alligator grain loafers for Momma. Also made an order to Sears for a mechanic's set of wrenches in Sales catalog. Lunched. To barn in Jeep to load potatoes, then to town to leave a bushel at Alta's and 3 bushel to Milton Ames. Shopped at William's - 7.00 plus, picked up eggs at P. Lincoln's and home NS road. Rested a short spell, shaved, cleaned up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's for n hour. They're alone now and two more weeks before leasing themselves. Home and was enjoying a delicious broiled steak - compliments of Harry - when FWs called to invite us up to enjoy their fireplace this evening. Went and watched TV. Home after 10:30. Raining hard.
Sept. 19, Saturday	Weather is clearing. Air NW. Plenty of heavy cloudiness, but sun is trying hard to break through. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. Became a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Spent AM visiting with Harry, it being his last AM with us. Loaded my potatoes, seed and eating, in to Jeep and took them to Hiram's cellar. Nan went with us. Kept on to West District to see skeleton of Walker Ames Barn - just the big timber framework standing - to be moved across field to ridge. Then on over by Bartlett's Harbor and around to Morrow's landing field as Harry wanted to see it, then downtown to see 10:40 boat come. Invited FWS down to a social few minutes with Harry. Lunched. Took Harry to Watson's Strip at 1:00. Plane flew over us to land as we were going from VL Beverage's to Jimmie Brown's. Home, gassed and greased up, and up to Hiram's just after 1:30. Continued rotoring on pasture strip from Hyle's lines to main field. Worked 2 1/s hours and nearly reached first of alders along swamp. Home. Picked 2 dozen corn for Curly Joe and 2 1/s dozen for the cleaners picnic held at Preston's (Snow's) boathouse tonight. Shucked out the corn, cleaned up and there at 6:30. The Irven Stones, Lincolns, Ames, and Phip Browns present. Phip furnished the Lobsters. A nice time. Home about 10:30.
Sept. 20, Sunday	To Matinicus with the Montgomery's in "Blue Heron." Really slipping. Came to at 6:45 - sun already up - after having a miserable time getting to sleep. A beautiful Grumpy morning. Temp 52. Glass 30. Air NW. Have done bookkeeping and pumped. Bathed, shaved, and made breakfast. Had finished when Mrs. M. called invited us to go to Matinicus with them, so we thrashed. I picked out the two lobsters from last night's feed, while Nan did dishes etc. Left floats at 10:15. Out by Goose Rock Light to Brimstone Island, then on to Matinicus. Two hours about. A beautiful sail except for considerable haze. Ate lunch aboard Bleu Heron, then rowed ashore and walked along road to wharf area where store etc. is located. Amazed at what a sizable settlement, but saw no people. Started back about 2:30. Came home western way to Heron Neck Light, then up through Reach etc through NH village to home at 5:00. Rested a little while, having to go pick corn for Mrs. George during that time. Suppered and watched a little TV. A wonderful trip the first time in my life I've been to Matinicus - and always wanted to go. Would have liked to had time to look the whole Island over.

Sept. 21, Monday

A mild morning but airing up SW now at 7:00. Overslept to 6:10. Looks like heavy fog out over VH. Have done bookkeeping, and pumped. Now to get hot. Have got to go clear to Bob Cobb's this morning to rotor. A very nice day but what a morning. After not getting up till 6:10, I'd hardly started to make breakfast when I had to go tow Bailey, but his car wouldn't start so loaned them Jeep to go to boat. Finally made ready to start for Bob Cobb's at 8:30 by way of garage to leave knives to be sharpened. FWS too his outfit down yesterday PM. Passed me on way down by J. Crockett Farm. Spent AM rotoring area in front of house to swamp back of beach toward Lombard's. Orilla and Nan down with lunches and we ate in Green Briar over by Perkins' turnaround. Spent all PM in area around and back of barn and house to shore. Didn't finish it. A hard day's rotoring. Bedded tractor down under my canvas back of house. To garage with Frank, where Nan picked me up. Home. Put down 4 bales hav for John Brown. Just making supper when Marion and children came over. Suppered, rested and tried to watch a little TV. Received 2 new girdles from Violet Whipple Miller in today's mail.

Sept. 22, Tuesday

An Anniversary - 2000 Model Tractor a year old on work this day - 460 hours. Came in foggy about 7:00 last night and rained during evening. Still plenty foggy this morning. Air is W to SW. Temp 60 and Glass 29.8. Became a nice day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked about 4 dozen corn out on pasture piece. To Sampson's in Jeep by way of dump. Nan came home in Jeep. I went to work with Frank in Briar. Started rotoring 9:30 back of barn where we left off last night and finished that area at noon. Had our lunches in Breen Briar on Perkins road. Rotored all PM on area least of Perkins' driveway between town road and shore. Finished just before 4:00. Bedded tractors under canvas in Cobb's yard. Nan picked me up at Sampson's. Back down town to watch boat activities. FWS visited in Chevelle with us. Treated him to ice cream. Home. Helped hang out washes etc. Suppered on cabbage out of garden, potatoes and baked pork chops. Rested. Tried to read papers and watch TV but slept mostly. These have been two days of hard work. Even Frank tells of being tired.

Sept. 23, Wednesday

Very warm. Nearly 70 all night. Plenty of heavy cloudiness but now at 6:15 it appears to be breaking. Hardly daylight now at 6:00. Calm. Air appear westerly. Glass 29.7. Became a very warm day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Marion H. over almost before we finished breakfast. Nan took me to garage by way of HS Beverage's. To Bob Cobb's with FWS. Finished Perkins' point in an hour. I drove the tractors to H. Demmons'. Frank rotored most of Harvey's area while I dodged over to Dick Bloom's and rotored his garden site back of garage. Helped Frank finished HD, then I drove tractors to Dr. Hyle's. Ate lunch by Hyle's camps in Green Briar. Rotored out Dr. Hyle's taking to 23:30. Drove tractors to Pease Farm and we rotored there to 4:30. Struck out by SE end of barn above blacksmith shop, around edge of field clear down around along bank to beach. Loaded Mari's rowboat aboard wagon and hauled it to carriage house behind tractor. Bedded tractors in barn floor. Nan after me. Came home, gathered Swiss Chard for supper to go with fresh fried haddock out of freezer, taters etc. Hopkins kids over before supper. Rested and tried to watch TV. Received 4 boxes honey from Minnie Whipple tonight.

Sept. 24, Thursday

A guiet morning, still dark at 6:00. Very heavy overcast. Temp 60. Glass 30.1. Air appears SW. Became a nice day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Over to Pease Farm in Jeep before 8:00. Pumped forward tires, gassed etc. Started rotoring at 8:00. Frank about half hour later. Struck through eastern field in line with house and about 10:30 had all back of house done. Then split eastern field again half way to shore. I took upper half, FW the lower, and about 2:30 had that all wiped out east of house to shore road, with an hour out for lunch. Ate in Green Briar. Struck out around bank from beach as far as I could go, then up over hill by oaks, along Gillis line fence to come back east at end of orchard yard. Made several trips around this junk before 4:30. Nan up a little while this PM starting to put house away after working over to RMs to 2:00. The Wyatts there for lunch. When bedding tractors in barn for night, discovered welding had broken again on my dolly wheel post. FWS took it along to garage. Home about 5:00. Lugged in wood filling box as it looks very rainy. Suppered on fried fowl, potatoes, freezer beans etc. Shirley and Marcia here after corn for supper. Also gave them beets, cukes and lettuce.

Sept. 25, Friday

Tried to watch a little TV last night, but napped mostly Must finish up this rotoring and rest a couple days. Would like to see the New Hampshire foliage one weekend. Very heavy overcast and looks very rainy. Temp 60. Glass 30 and airing up SSW. Foggy and chilly this AM. A nice PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. To Pease Farm ready to rotor at 8:15. FWS about 15 minutes later. Started on big junk struck out yesterday PM. I took bank side. Frank took upper side east and west. Worked all AM without a halt. Nan to garage to get dolly wheel, but garage closed. Nan came up to bring and have lunch with us, and Orilla came also. Ate in Green Briar, but an unhappy noon hour. Guess the Sampsons had had an argument over garage business. I know he was grumpy all AM. Come 4:30 today we had completed, wiped out the struck out area including top of Ash Tree Mountain. Nan to garage again about 2:30 and fetched wheel back. Bedded tractors in barn. Home at 5:00. Mr. Bailey brought up a tomato and a watermelon raised on Stimpson's Island. Suppered on hotted up leftovers. Up to call on the Thorntons a little while this evening.

Sept. 26, Saturday

A pretty Grumpy morning but plenty of overcast. Warm. 64. Glass 30.1. Air NW. Very wet dew for a while. Became a nice working day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Up to Pease Farm and started rotoring at 8:15. FWS about a half hour later. Started day by rotoring top of hill in SW part of field above oak tree grove, backing down among them to tide fence bank. Finished that about 9:00, then started up along Kent Place line from where we struck across yesterday to Ox-Bow gate by road, then east along road fence to oak tree on shoulder of road, then SW by gravel pits and along base of hill to east and west rotoring of yesterday. Ate our lunches in Green Briar. Nan and Ern Whitmore called on us during lunch hour. Frank helped me put rowboat into carriage house after lunch. By 4:00 we'd finished junk struck out this morning and made quite a showing on area SW of old barn foundation. Uncoupled off my rotary mower and came home on tractor after going to town with Nan to watch boat activities. Home, and suppered on a corned beef boiled dinner. Ern brought us a couple turnips today. The Fishers called on telephone this evening and Nan called Ada. Harry was there so talked with him. Tried to watch a little TV.

Sept. 27, Sunday	Turned on whistle at 3:45 this morning. Still foggy and very rainy looking now at 7:15. Wind out SSW - 15 to 20M. Temp 64. Glass 29.7. Rained very hard by spills during AM and some during PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and while Nan did dishes, I transferred the four squares of comb honey Minnie sent us to glass jars as the card board absorbs the honey so. Rested and read this AM to about 11:00, then played a couple games of Scrabble before lunch. Tried to have a nap after, but no luck. At about 3:00 between showers, we went clamming here in Goose Cove. Got a nice mess. To town to see boat activities and pick up crabmeat at Ruth Thayer's. Home and tried to invite Abbie and Eleanor over to steamed clam supper but Eleanor not feeling good. Then tried the Ames, but Milton was fouled up with a knockabout while had gone ashore on Crocker Jr'.s point.
	Ate our steamed clams alone - very good. Tried to watch TV this evening but kept falling asleep. Abbie over a minute before supper to bring back Christmas card samples.
Sept. 28, Monday	This is a sure enough heavy overcast dull morning - 6:15 and not real daylight yet. Flat calm but air may be westerly. Cool 51. Glass 29.9. Very wet all AM and hardly dried off in PM. Sun hardly shone. A full day. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Started day by hand scything weeds on house garden and triangle garden, along mowed along side of powerhouse garden next to powerhouse - must shingle building. To town to get gas and oil and to leave Jeep at garage for inspection. Discovered a leak around water pump and on taking it off found shaft worn badly. Jim ordered new one. Saw boat come. Home and unloaded limbs out of trailer. Been there since the 17 th . Lunched. Ernie Boy blew in. Brought Nan a box of strawberries. With his and Nan's help I gathered squashes and pumpkins on dump piece. Squashes did very poorly. Hardly enough for our own use, but pumpkins did okay, nearly a trailer load. Left in barn floor in trailer. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's law. Then Nan went out with me and we raked apples, and mowed Mrs. Cobb's lawn. What a job. Didn't looked to have been mowed in a month. Tom Waterman supposed to have. Then over to Fisher's to mow both places. Used both mowers there, leaving off to go see boat come while resting. Home before 6:00. Nancy Hopkins over during super. Tried to watch Matt Dillon but slept.
Sept. 29, Tuesday	Another very dull, heavy overcast morning. Flat clam. Cool 52.Glass 29.8. Air appears N to NW. Stayed cloudy most of day but good working one. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Corn still mighty good eating. Gassed up and up to Pease Farm coupled onto rotor at 8:45. Had planned to use 501 mower on banks this morning but too wet. Started on knoll west of orchard fence. FWS a little later. Finished that junk around gravel pit dump, then struck out around old barn foundation, leaving raspberry bushes. Had that done at noon time and several trips form barn site to town road. Orilla had lunch with us in Green Briar. Nan finished closing Mary's house this AM and went home about 10:30 as she went to Lombard's to rug party this PM. Finished out job at 3:30 right into entrance driveway corner. Looks nice. Shifted down into Tumbledown field at 3:45 for an hour mowing quite a swath up along Pease line to get alders crowding into field. Also up in back of ridge along fence. Unbelievable how alders have grown. Many taller than tractor. Home after 5:00 getting stuck crossing road ditch. Able to get out myself. Suppered on corned baked beans. The Sampson down after water this evening.

Sept. 30, Wednesday

Another dull heavy overcast morning. Very slow coming daylight. The cow appears to be looking SE. Cool 52. Glass 29.89. Very dull and overcast, starting to rain in earnest about 1:30 PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready to start for JF Dyer's on tractor before 8:15. Frank just taking first cut along road. What a hell of a rocky, stumpy place. Don't know how an outfit holds together. I was hung up under belly of tractor twice so Frank had to push me off, but fortunately didn't bend base of engine this time. Dyer treated us to coffee and doughnuts middle of AM. Consequently felt miserable rest of day. Coffee and doughnuts does not agree with me. Nan up with lunch and we ate in Chevelle on parking lot. Started to sprinkle so back to rotoring before 3/4 hour was up. Frank came back and we finished that side of road, then I rotored old ice house foundation. Finished at 1:45 just as it started to rain hard. Legs wet when I got home. Lugged in wood. Changed clothes. Just finished fixing my account with Frank for helping me mow at Smith's and HS Beverage's when Alta called to invite us up to tea. Went, then took she, Sheila and children to see boat come. Unrestful. Home. Suppered. Gretel and Mary out this evening. Mary leaves tomorrow. Frank Lyons left today.

Oct. 1, Thursday

Hello, October. Another very heavy overcast morning. Still looking plenty rainy. Hardly started to come daylight at 6:15. Cool 50. Glass 29.8. Yesterday morning Edith Ames called inviting us to go to New Hampshire this weekend with them. Called them back last night to tell them we'd go, barring accident. Wet underfoot drying and clearing to a nice PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove. Warmed tractor up and changed oil and filter. 501 hours. Over to RMs and rotored an hour below new building to oak tree. Nan worked at RMs this AM. They're gone for a week. Went walking at Kent Place with Abbie this PM. Lunched. Started for Jack Bauer's at 12:15. Frank there same time. I rotored point of cut off alders below road, then swung in with Frank out back of barn at base of Webster's Head among stumps and wood piles, leaving bayberry clumps. Finished 4:15. Home. Cleaned up, shaved and over to have Beef Stew supper with Gretel. Very Good. My 85 piece Mechanic Set of tools \$49.99 came from Sears today. Looks very good.

Oct. 2, Friday

Here it is thick-a-fog and wet this morning. Not up till 6:00. Whistle on Goose Rock went on 24 hour hooting yesterday morning. Cool + 50. Glass 29.9. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So set and stormy looking we didn't attempt to go to Strong's rotoring. Helped Nan peel and slice enough cucumbers and onions to make two kinds of pickles. Finished in time to go to town shopping at Mike's, to see boat come, and bring Jeep home from Mrs. Pease's. Has been there since Frank brought it that far from garage the night we finished rotoring there. Jim Dyer had put on new water pump. Helped hang out last night's wash done at RM's last night. Lunched on friend cubed steak and toasted English muffins. Was resting when Bailey came in to say he was nearly out of wood, so I spent PM on Frog Pond Ridge, splitting, tiering into Jeep and hauling to Mrs. Fay's garage - had 36 cu. ft. Fortunately had enough sawed leftover from last time. Finished in time to go see last boat come. Home. Suppered on warmed up cubed steak, potatoes and corn. Invited up to the Bill Hopkins this evening. A very quiet time. Treated to a cup of coffee, that's all. No food. Home 10:30. My Knapp high-laced boots came yesterday. Nan's alligator print loafers to large as I ordered 6B. Mailed back to exchange from Rockland Oct. 5.

Oct. 3, Saturday	Seems like every morning is a stormy looking one now. Really breezing right on here SE, now at 6:30. 20 to 25 M I'd guess. Very heavy overcast. Temp 60. Glass 29.8. Wind swung out SSW about mid-AM and blew a gale all day. 45 or more. Very disagreeable. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan jarred her pickles and worked over to RM's this AM. I finished rotoring job under RMs big oak and hunted out my old wood road through pasture by cranberry bog. Home and refastened forward number plate on tractor. Just going to call FWS when he blew in looking for me. Put up my lunch and started for Strong's at 10:30. We rotored in field across road from house to noontime. Orilla down with Frank's lunch and we ate in her Chevy. Spray blowing right up across field. After Owen cane, we shifted across road and rotored front and back of Hut, etc for 1 1/2 hours or so. Finished Southern field about 4:30. Home very cold at 5:00. Lugged in wood and tried to get warm. Cleaned up, shaved, and up to Mrs. Bailey's an hour. She's alone. Home and suppered on oven cooked chicken parts, baked potato. Gretel out this evening. The Ames called to say we couldn't go to mainland tomorrow.
Oct. 4, Sunday	What do you know. Not up till 7:00. Plenty of high cloudiness but wind has drooped out and sun is trying to break through. My order from Knapp Shoes came yesterday PM. My 9 inch laced boots fit okay but Nan's loafers were way to large as I ordered 6B because 5 1/2 Bs have been too tight across foot. Now must send back and wait another 2 weeks. Temp 52. Breeze SW. Glass 29.8. A nice day with light breeze SW. Bathed, shaved, did kb, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Decided we should go to Rockland on 1:40 boat as such a nice chance as I could do errands in Rockland tomorrow morning while waiting for the Ames. Thrashed around closing buildings, pumping etc. Mowed all our lawn out front. Marion H. over after big cukes. Mrs. George after 2 dozen corn. To town in Jeep, and left it down to Alta's after dropping off suitcase. Hardly made boat. FWS came down to Alta's to pick me up. Nice trip across. Mrs. Davis' daughter gave us lift to TradeWind. Got Room 17. Invited the Oldroyds in to supper at Chuck Wagon, then out to Owl's Head to visit. Came back in with the Bill Hopkins. To bed before 11:00.
Oct. 5, Monday	Sun came up like a ball of fires south of Break Water into a heavy cloud bank. Mild. 60 probably. Calm. To Coffee Shop to bring back a couple cups coffee. A nice day. Showered, shaved etc. and to Coffee Shoppe to breakfast. Met JF Dyer and treated him. Then to Sulides office to work out Income Tax Problem. Paid \$23.59 penalty. Met the Ames, did last minute shopping, picked up our bags and swung out Route 1 to Bath etc onto 95, then out through Westbrook etc, to Gorham, etc and across border into NH to Lake Winnipesauke. Rode clear around it. A beautiful lake 20 miles long, and plastered with camps and little colonies all the way. Got us two adjoining cabin motel rooms at the Royal Coach Motel below Weirs and had a nice supper at the Windmill Restaurant. Weary as were not used to riding so much, and had trouble being sleepy as I didn't sleep good last night.

Oct. 6, Tuesday	A beautiful calm morning but coolest I've seen since last spring. Down to at least 40 I'd guess. Heavy vapor rising off lake. Have eaten our breakfast in Ames' room, now to get going. Find the temp was 36. Swung down onto Route 3 up to Woodstock. Stopped at Clark's Trading Post. Watched bears and cruised store to see old Melodeons etc. On along up through Crawford Notch, seeing Old Man of Mountain, stopping at Wild Life Exhibit etc. Found the trees in very good color, through mountains. Ate our lunch at Cannon Mountain parking lot. Continued on coming into North Conway about 4:00. Shopped and found room with double beds at North Conway Motel. Very last room with 4 parties lined up for it. Suppered at Merlino's Steak House where we had breakfast two years ago with the Oldroyds. Went touring the Yield House Store after supper. The Ames purchased an end table. To room wear and ready for bed.
Oct. 7, Wednesday	Warmer than yesterday morning. Likely 50. Fog in lowlands but looks like good day coming up. Breakfast in room. A beautiful warm day. Swung onto Kangamangus Highway down through Woodstock to where we stopped at Clark's Trading Post yesterday. We stopped a while again. Then kept on traveling up by Cannon Mountain again until we could contact highway bringing us out across border at Gilead. Kept on through Rumford - how it smells - to Waterville where the Ames called on Edith's namesake (lady for whom Edith was named) in a Nursing Home. Worked out through Waterville to Windsor where we stopped at Hussey General Store. Kept on Route 17 down through Union to Rockland to Glen Cove. Got us a nice double cabin at Cara Kelsey's Glen Cove Motel. Cleaned up and went to Helm's Restaurant for supper. Met the Sampson there. Frank is on Jury. Back to room and to bed weary.
Oct. 8, Thursday	A beautiful sunrise and appears fairly warm. Calm. Have had breakfast in room. Packed and rode up through that part of Rockport where Belted Galloway cattle are - saw geese in river - to Camden Waterfront - saw Blue Heron on bank, then back down to A&P store in Rockland. Allowed in just before 9:00 to start our shopping. Bought 42.00 worth. The Ames took us down to ferry, Edith meeting her father there for check-up. A nice trip across. Only us and Carol Lee Gates as cabin passengers, plus a pickup and Insurance man's car. Walked down to Alta's to get Jeep. To wharf to get groceries and suitcases, back to Alta's with her groceries, then home. Place sure looked good to me. Everything appeared okay. Unpacked and ate lunch. Nan over hill to ready house for RM's return tomorrow. I rotored our laid down piece in pasture and mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn. Had boiled daisy roll and vegetables for supper. Invited Gretel out to eat with us. Watched and slept through TV this evening. So much riding catching up with us. No worthwhile mail after 4 days.

Oct. 9, Friday	What a beautiful red ball sunrise, and back of mountain on Shaw's Island now. Flat calm. Hard to tell how smoke goes from chimney but think from west. Lazy. Not up till after 6:30. Temp 52. Glass 30.2 Almost lovely warm day and an interrupted one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then started cleaning up baler engine and tying gears, hay chamber out, drained gas, oiled cylinders etc and moved outfit up to Pease Barn for winter. Didn't change oil in engine. Home to lunch. Coupled onto 501 and ready to go up to Pease Farm again to mow along banks when Mr. Forbes the Insurance man blew in. Renewed our policy and increased it. Finally to Pease Farm about 2:45. Mowed outer swath along banks clear from cliff out towards oaks back to eastern end of field area. Also second crop in orchard area. Was just uncoupling from mower in barn when Frank Sampson drove in. Visited a half hour. Left tractor outside gate and went to town with Nan to see boat come and get our 60# bag of sugar from Ames car. Home. Suppered on potatoes, freezer beans, daisy roll and corn. Marion H and children over. Mrs. M. called to say how pleased she was with rotoring job by big oak. RMs returned this PM for a week.
Oct. 10, Saturday	Mother's Birthday. Would be 92. A beautiful calm before daylight morning but now an air SE. Hazy. Temp 52. Glass 30.4. Very thick-a-fog and very wet all day. Two more nice chores done this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had to work over hill this AM. I coupled onto double harrow and put it away in Pease Barn cellar. Home, coupled onto side delivery rake and put it away in my Tumbledown double garage. Had to do some more sawing off doors to get them back in place. Just home about 11:00 when Nan returned. Spent rest of AM to lunch time splitting wood here by wood shed. Lunched. Rested a half hour or so. Had just coupled onto rotary mower when Dick Shields blew in to get a couple pumpkins for his boys. Cleaned up the weeds on house garden I mowed awhile ago and started them burning. Nan cleaned her flower garden off and added to it. Spent rest of PM to 3:45 rotoring in pasture inside turn across gates. Plenty of alders higher than Calderwood on tractor. Grass rotored very hard. To town with Nan to do shopping at William's and to leave 2 large pumpkins on Ivaloo Patrick's porch. Saw boat come. So many cars today, made 3 trips. Home. Had Abbie and Eleanor over to baked bean supper. Very good. Watched Welk Show.
Oct. 11, Sunday	Flat calm. Fog still hanging around. Cultch on garden still smoldering away. Air still SE to S. Temp 55. Glass 30.3. Mild but foggy some all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had just about time to dress for church without hurrying as it was 7:00 when I got up. Went by NS road and the colors are best I can remember in years. First time to church since last spring. Didn't even get to old church during summer. Must do better from now on. Home. Lunched on leftovers. Read, rested, and napped a little while. Gretel out and visiting. Rode uptown to see ferry return from Rockland at 4:00. Home by way of middle road. Called on Ernie Boy a short time. Gave us a nice mess of carrots. Home, prepared carrots and taters for supper, then up to Baileys an hour. Home and suppered. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell. To bed 10:00. Nan called her sister Connie Kelly tonight.

Oct. 12, Monday	Up at 5:30. Dark as a pocket and still dark now at 6:15. Temp 60. Glass 30.2. Calm. Wet this AM but dried off this PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill this AM. I finished rotoring the watering trough area of pasture, then the turn through area this side, then the strip to spring ridge, and a round trip back of ridge to spring house, and finally 2 round trips back to Carver house to corn patch back of Carver barn site. George Beverage down during AM to see if I'd help him put skids under his Bobbie Williams building this PM. Lunched about 12:00, gathered tools and tackle etc and uptown about 12:45. Worked to 5:15 but succeeded in getting both skids in place. Had to jack building some to get second one under and had difficulty boring skids for pulling rods. Auger wouldn't pick up again after we took it out to clear it. Had to bore through from other side. Suppered on pork chops, potatoes and squash. Rested and tried to watch TV but slept more than watched. To bed 10:00.
Oct. 13, Tuesday	A real calm Grumpy morning. Some fog outside Stimpson's. Temp nearly 60. Glass 30. Air SW. A busy day if we didn't make much. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Loaded mowers into Jeep and out to Cobb's. Raked apples, mowed all of lawn, and raked orchard again. Nan mowed orchard. I mowed slopes and back and end of house. Home, then up to Fuller Cemetery to mow the big Calderwood lot -very neglected. Went by way of town to see boat come. Neither car or truck on that trip. Home by way of HS Beverage's to get us some potatoes. Thinks he wants a couple more hours rotoring in pasture along towards Hyle's from field where I last left off. Home and lunched. Rested while it showered, then out in pasture to finish rotoring back of Carver's, and along pasture plowed piece back of barn site. Now ready to work towards growth across from Merryconeag. After 3:00 put ladder into Chevelle and we went to Fisher's to put chimney cap on Green cottage and to drain a piece in bathroom in garage. To town to see boat come and shop. Home. Supped on cubed steak etc. Watched some TV. We both seem to be weary.
Oct. 14, Wednesday	Foggy again and flat calm. Still dark now at 6:30. Can't see cow on shop yet. Warm. 55. Glass 30.1. Started raining before breakfast and sprinkled most of AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then went to copying my Secretary's report of last Fuller Cemetery meeting into Report book. Nan over hill this AM working. Mercedes called and we had a long chat. Tells me Winnie was married Oct. 3 to the fellow she had over here this summer. Also that Eben and Sade are expecting again in April. They never learn, do they? Was just finishing entering from calendar to account book when Nan returned. Entered right up to yesterday. All my money in from Frank for mowing and rotoring except about \$175.00. Nan took Gretel to town as soon as lunch. I split at woodpile till she came back, then went over to Tumbledown and rotored the top of big field hill down to side hill field road. Unbelievable the junipers and how they've grown in two years. Lots of cranberries in our little swamp patch. Home, cold and damp about 4:15. Nan ironing. Helped prepare vegetables for supper. Read paper, suppered and up to Alta's to do a couple washes. Treated to ice cream and crackers.

Oct. 15, Thursday

Full moon last night. Had broken through cloud cover out over bedding down trees when I got up at 5:45. Still foggy a little. Breeze SW. Temp 60. Glass 30. Quite a little shower during PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put newly sharpened blades and hanger on rotor and went to garage to get corner of rotor welded where it was breaking. Had to ____ and turn rotor over with chain fall. Casing did a good job. Frank there and wanted me to help him rotor Forrest Adams workshop lot. Did. Took to 11:15. Then he decided we'd better do Mrs. Georgie rotoring back of her buildings after lunch. Was coming home to lunch in Green Briar but Orilla invited me to dinner. Took to 2:30 to finish Mrs. George. Then she wanted a furrow plowed for raspberries, so we went to garage, I uncoupled off rotor, coupled to Frank's plow and plowed the furrow. Home with it raining all the way. Dried off in top of shop while I burned cultch that had collected in stove. Split wood until Nan came from rug hooking party at Ann Reynolds. Helped prepare supper. Suppered and slept through some TV.

Oct. 16, Friday

What a dark discouraging morning. Guess we sure went to New Hampshire the right weekend. Now at 6:30 I can just make out cow on shop and she appeared to be swinging from NW to NE. A 10M breeze now. Plenty of cloudiness. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. Rained most of day and into evening, growing cold too. Only 40 this PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill this AM. I had just started to make out Mari P. Stone's bill and rotoring account when Mr. M. came and visited a half hour. Finished Mari's bill and wrote her a note, then made out Mr. M's bill for having etc except vegetables. Just finished when Na returned. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch of odd and ends. Read paper and rested. Gretel out a little while. About 1:30 went over to top of shop, started fire and assembled the double emery wheel grinder Nan bought me nearly a year ago. Ground splitting maul. Worked fine. Ground 2 axes on grind stone. To town in Jeep to see boat come, shop at Williams and get eggs at Lincoln's. FWS visited with us. Home and had fried haddock, potatoes, corn for supper. Jamie H. and Nancy visited a half hour or so. Watched TV. Hiram called tonight to say he thinks it's too wet to do any more of his rotoring.

Oct. 17, Saturday

By Golly winter has struck. Only 35, wind NW this morning 20 M or so. But weather has cleared. Beautiful shining just by full moon at 5:30. Glass 29.89. Am sure I saw 30 or more wild geese fly over yesterday morning as I was bookkeeping. Had gotten by before I thought they weren't shags. Fire in both stoves this morning. Drizzly most of day, and raining some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Topped Nan's onions in bottom of shop. Had nearly a bushel after all she's used already for pickles. Pumped. Mowed weeds on part of triangle piece. Just gone out to split wood on Frog Pond Ridge for Bailey when Nan came out to say the Coast Guard had called and wanted us to check PH and downtown for a missing sloop with 4 Maritime boys aboard. Didn't find them. Saw Ferry come. Home and split to lunch time. Lunched. Back out, sawed some more with XL-12, split it, tiered it all into Jeep and unloaded it in Mrs. Fay's garage. Got pretty damp. Filled our wood boxes. Cleaned up, changed clothes and had the Baileys down to baked bean and hot biscuit supper. Very good but they went right home after it. Helped Nan with dishes and watched L. Welk.

Oct. 18, Sunday

Another dull gray heavy overcast like November morning. Warmed to 40. Not up till 6:40. Wind NW - 20 M or so. Glass 29.65. Became a beautiful sunny day, and warmed up some. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was resting when Mr. RM came in. Visited a half hour or so. Made ready to go to church by NS road. Mountains white with snow. Small group at church. Gave Alta a ride home. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched on cubed steak and toast. Was resting when the RMs came in again. We went walking with them on Indian Point to locate my old wood roads to back shore, etc. Had difficulty, everything grown up so. Unbelievable. Invited into house to tea. Home. Loaded some pumpkins into Chevelle and went delivering - 3 to the Hopkins boys, 2 to Sheila's boys, 2 to Ames for the porch - visited a few minutes, then 2 for Sampson's porch on way home. Visited there an hour or so. Had a nice fire in fireplace. Frank red-hot to go to rotoring at Lamont Place for Mrs. Nancy tomorrow. Home 9:30. Coast Guard still hunting by land, sea and water for the 4 Maritime Boys out in Open Boat since Friday.

Oct. 19, Monday

A nice moonlit morning at 5:30. Wind has dropped out but has cooled down. 38. Glass 30.2. Sun came up but stayed under clouds all AM. Windy and cold till middle of PM. Wind finally dropped out. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and pumped. Made ready to start for Nancy Lamont's at 8:10. Broke out my hunting cap with ear flappers, my insulated vest and insulated coveralls. Still none too warm around NS. Just to Nancy's garage when Frank arrived in Green Briar. Took his tractor up yesterday. Rotored all AM on area across from her garage, inside fence around gardens to center mountain. Frank on other side of to C. Dyer wall. Lunched in Green Briar. Shorty came shortly after and we lined down through to bound by town road at Rockyfeller's. Rotored out that area in C. Brown's field, then as we were coming back across swamp below C. Dyer stone wall, Frank got stuck in a ditch hole. I got stuck trying to push him out. Got Lawrence G. to pull me out with Lamont's tractor. Then I pulled Frank out. Finished PM in area west of gardens. Bedded tractors under my canvas by trees after 4:15. Nan after me in Jeep. Downtown to see boat come. Home. Haddock chowder for supper. Up to B. Joyce's this evening to get hair cut after Nan had hers set. Treated to blueberry pie, ice cream and strawberries. Very good. Home 9:45.

Oct. 20, Tuesday

Harvey shot in upper abdomen by blast from 410 gauge gun - taking gun out of car. Gorri. 40 at 3:45 AM 30 at 6:00. Looks like dahlias got it. Nan just marked the special ones yesterday. Not up till 6:00. Now to thrash. Calm. Last night's TV news said some of Castine Maritime boat wreckage found down to Bartlett's Harbor. Glass 30.6. A beautiful day weather-wise but what a day otherwise. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. Started for work in Jeep just before 8:00 to find Harvey in Staples field by house with 410 shot gun blast in upper abdomen. Jack B. and Moose had already found him and had Dr. Hosmer there and ambulance on way by Jim Dyer. Jack rode to terminal in ambulance with me. Loaded Harvey into Ronny Curtis boat Janet after Shirley came, and transferred him to CG boat out by Sugar Loaves. Russell ambulance at CG wharf along with Fire Dept rescue squad. To Emergency room, then X-rays, then operating room to 3:15. Stayed with Shirley during that time, except for dodging out to Mercedes a half hour while Bertha Sullivan stayed with Shirley. Then Floyd Hood and Marion came after lunch. Jack emptied his billfold to loan me money this morning and then I borrowed 15.00 of Mr. Coffin after I left hospital. Everyone so very good. Floyd thrashed down to Ferry just as I was going aboard to say Harvey was down from operating room. Very slim chance. Both intestines ruptured and pieces removed, spleen ruined and removed and stomach hurt so it was routed through his side for time being. He gained consciousness this morning long enough to tell Dr. Hosmer it was all an accident taking his gun out of car. Nan met me at boat. Home by way of NS to bring Jeep. Suppered and spent evening on telephone. Floyd called about 10:00 to say Harvey had come out of ether and Dr. Williams had talked to him, but things very critical.

Oct. 21, Wednesday

Awake and had coffee and toast in bed shortly after 4:00. Up at 5:15. appears to be a fair morning. Calm. Temp 48. Glass 30. A nice day but SW breeze raw. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Feeling pretty low this morning. To work at Lamont's at 8:15. Frank same time. Got stuck first thing trying to get out back of garage and beyond house towards shore. Rotored there all AM. Frank down on lower level to I had to pull him back up with snatch block. Girls up to have lunch with us haddock chowder. Spent PM in triangle of C. Dyer field, over all in swamp area, and back up west of Shorty's gardens to present pasture. Fence. Bedded tractors against trees under canvas. Home by way of Jack Brown's to repay loan of yesterday. Helped lug in our wood and get cabbage out of garden. Suppered on cabbage, potatoes, onion, carrots and sliced pork shoulder. The Thorntons blew in this evening. Visited to 9:30.

Oct. 22, Thursday	Harvey coming along so he asked for his razor etc this PM. The Sampson's 49 th anniversary and Orilla's 69 th birthday. Still darker than pocket now at 5:55. Calm but looks like considerable overcast. Temp 48. Glass 30.4. Rainy looking all day but didn't. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped and made breakfast. Loaded all pumpkins in barn into Chevelle. Nan delivered some to children. To work in Jeep. Gassed, greased and started rotoring at 8:15. Frank a half hour later. Finished the area we left off ion last night, then did swamp area down next to barn, then the triangle piece over by C. Dyer wall, and then lower end of area way below Shorty's garden. Nan and Orilla up to lunch with us. Nan brought hot boiled lobsters, hot boiled corn and a frosted cake. A real feed. Shifted to area towards wood on way through pasture to Stan Quinn's old place. Finished that at 4:15. Bedded tractors under canvas. Met Nan at fountain corner and down to see boat come. Thrashed home and over to Abbie and Eleanor's an hour. A nice fire in fireplace. Home. Relaxed. Marion H. and the Baileys called in. Had bowl of cracker and milk for supper. To bed weary.
Oct. 23, Friday	Nan's alligator print loafers came from Knapp's. Very nice. Oh, what a dark morning. Just see shop now at 6:45. Supposed to have rained all night, but hasn't. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. Wind 10 to 15M SE. Rained all day and all night. Accomplished nothing worthwhile this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes. Cut up a pumpkin and helped peel it to cook for pies. Rested and read this AM. Lunched, then rested some more. Tried to sleep but couldn't. Dressed my Knapp high laced boots with waterproof dressing. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown to see ferry come, then down to Alta's to salt fish and potato supper. Very good. Sheila and children there. Treated to custard pie during evening. Home about 10:00. Still raining. Nan talked to Rockland with Shirley C. this AM, and Harvey had shaved himself with nurse's help. Appears to be coming along.
Oct. 24, Saturday	Another dark dreary wet one. Wind appears to be still from easterly quarter. Temp 50. Glass 29.8. Trees are really shedding their leaves now. Very, very wet and rainy looking all AM but cleared to a beautiful PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes. Pumped, water-proofed my Knapp boots again, and polished 2 pairs loafers. Nan made 2 pumpkin pies. FWS called and wanted to finish the Nancy Lamont job so I met him at 9:45 at his house in Jeep and went with him in Green Briar. Drove tractors over across through wood road to old Stan Quinn place, rotoring as wet went and then rotored out Stan's place again - 3/4 hour. Home by southern road on tractor rotoring an hour in Tumbledown field. Lunched. Called Frank to come down and help me and we rotored to 4:00. Finished all between barn and Pease line, and almost all back of big ridge. To town with Nan to see ferry come, then home bringing Jeep along. Back over to bring tractor home. Shaved, cleaned up and down to Dick Bloom's to a delicious lobster stew furnished by Curly Joe. Larry Hopkins and JF Dyer also present. Then Bill and June H. came in and visited. Home about 11:00. Clocks go back an hour tonight.

Oct. 25, Sunday	Managed to stay abed till nearly 6:00 Standard. Very heavy overcast and looks rainy again. Cow looking N to NE. Temp 50. Glass 30. Very overcast and dreary all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Curly Joe down bringing lobster bodies from last night's party. Had coffee and visited a half hour or so. Made ready to go to church. About 35 there. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched on a chicken Nan baked before church. Rested. Harry G. called on phone this PM. Lugged in wood. Uptown to see ferry return from Rockland. Home. Made ready to go up to FJ Dyer's at 6:00 to supper. The Curly Joes and Dick Bloom also guests. Had delicious baked ham slice, baked sweet potatoes etc. All very nice. Also a nice fire in fireplace. Home about 10:00.
Oct. 26, Monday	Harvey passed away this morning at 4:30. Another heavy overcast morning with NE wind about 20M, now at 7:00. Temp 45. Glass 30.2 Mercedes called at 6:15 to tell me that Harvey passed away of a heart attack at 4:30 this morning. After he was coming along so well too. Did bookkeeping, finally got breakfast between telephoning and helped with dishes. Worked on the jacket Nan found out to Cobb's getting a zipper pull to work just right for young Mike. Dropped off rotary mower, coupled onto saw rig and sawed wood to lunch time on Frog Pond Ridge probably 2 hours. Lunched on the remainder of yesterday's baked chicken. Over to Abbie's to saw her alder pile for fireplace wood. Eleanor took away. Abbie so busy she couldn't stop to say howdy even. Home and split on wood on Ridge nearly an hour. Loaded grandchildren's pumpkins and other packages into Chevelle and went to town at boat time. Saw boat come, then took boxes across to Pat when Doug took ferry crew across. Home. Pumped. Lugged in wood. Suppered on potatoes, carrots, etc with cold sliced pork shoulder. Just finishing when the Williamsons came. Had a nice hour visit. The Montgomerys called tonight about sending flowers to Harvey's funeral. Then just after we'd gone to bed, Mrs. Fisher called. Hadn't heard about Harvey.
Oct. 27, Tuesday	Looks like we're getting Nov weather early. Another overcast very dull NEer. Wind about 10M now at 6:15. Temp 36. Glass 30.4. Became a nice day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Split wood an hour or so on Frog Pond Ridge. Loaded hand scythe, mower etc into Chevelle and went to cemetery by way of town. Saw boat come. Handscythed Harvey's lot, the lot next to it and the avenue along fence below it. Them mowed it all with mower. Gus came and we measured lot up for grave. Thought Lawrence B. would be able to use back hoe but tonight he says no. Home. Lunched on some of the lobster bodies Curly brought me down Sunday; took the rest to FWS tonight. Unloaded hay out of Chevelle and the squashes out of SB trailer in barn - pumpkins all gone. Coupled onto trailer and out onto FP Ridge. Split nearly the trailer full of wood, topping out with some of what I split this morning. Unloaded it in Mrs. Fay's garage. Uptown to see Ferry come and send Mike's birthday pants across by "Mumbles." Bought a piece of t-bone steak at Mike's and had it for supper along with potatoes and string beans. Watched a little TV. Not a soul in this evening.

Oct. 28, Wednesday

By Golly, this is a beautiful calm morning, with not a cloud in the sky. Heavy white frost. Sun has come up bright. 30 at 3:30 but now at 6:00 it's 34. Glass 30.3. Became a beautiful day and warm. Did bookkeeping, and wrote a note to Shirley enclosing \$10.00 check. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto SB trailer again and sawed the reset of our limb pile into it on Frog Pond Ridge. Had just all it'd hold. Unloaded by woodshed under oak. Nan mowed some of our lawn and dug up glads. Lunched. Back out to Ridge and sawed kitchen wood to nearly 3:00. Looked over RM's new building. The Adams coming right along on it. Nan finally succeeded in getting a wash through RM's washer this PM. Evidently belt was slipping or something this morning, smoke poured out and stunk. Also put laundry away. Lugged in wood and made ready to go to town by way of cemetery to check grave. Boys did a good job. Lawrence B. not able to use backhoe. Saw boat come. Home. Picked up glads and had just all we could load into my father's made wheelbarrow with tops on. Suppered on potatoes, carrots and cold sliced shoulder. Nancy over a little while. Watched and slept through some TV.

Oct. 29, Thursday

What a beauty, and as I sit here at kitchen table, the sun is so far southward it strikes in through entry window and kitchen door. Light breeze NNE. Temp 40. Glass 30.3. Have done bookkeeping and pumped. A most beautiful day and of course a full one. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over to RM's to get an address with Abbie. I mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn, dug our dahlias and topped them. To town to meet ferry to get Mercedes and meet others coming to funeral. To church with Edna, Bob and Mercedes. Barrett Jordan sure did a fine job on Harvey. Down to Alta's. Gave the Chevelle a sweeping out while tea was being made. Home, lunched and back up to funeral at 1:00. Immediate family sat in Memorial room. Church packed. One party told me a dozen more people would have completely filled it. To cemetery to committal service. Back down to Alta's and Shirley's. Home. Read mail several sympathy cards. Loaded dahlias into wheelbarrow. Suppered on baked ham slice, corn (Silver Queen I managed to find in garden), tomatoes, potatoes and Harvard beets. Back up to Alta's to visit with family. Edna and Bob staying there. Mercedes with us. Floyd and Ann up during evening. Home before 10:00. Nan did a wash while there.

Oct. 30, Friday

A real Grumpy morning. Air almost N. Real white frost. Forgot to write yesterday that boat held up second trip to 2:00 so some folks could go back to mainland after funeral. Sherm and Helen stayed to Olive Lermond's. Glass 30.5. A beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Took Mercedes to boat, picking up Alta, Bob and Edna so they could see folks off. Home by way of cemetery. Flowers about ruined. Did dishes while Nan hung out clothes. Coupled onto rotary mower and headed for Tumbledown field just after 10:00. Finished that strip back and top of big ridge that Frank and I left last Saturday, then struck out Strawberry Ridge. The King came along and talked nearly an hour. Nan over with sandwiches and we ate in Chevelle. Finished ridge down to swamp, then side hill piece below field road to swamp. All done now except main swamp area to town road. On way home rotored triangle junk east of double garage. Met Nan by Merryconeag and went to town with her to get work gas and see boat come. Home. Suppered on cubed steak etc. The Hopkins boys over to show us their Jack-o-Lanterns. Then Corice and Guy Hurd blew in after a pumpkin. Only 2 small ones left now. Visited nearly an hour. The Fishers called about 10:00. Not coming this weekend. Eleanor and Abbie left for _____ - very upset as they put dog away yesterday.

Oct. 31, Saturday

Another beautiful Grumpy. Heavy white frost. Temp 38. Glass 30.5. Guess the Baileys are leaving a faucet running. Found cistern nearly empty this morning. Pumped, shaved, did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Dropped rotary mower off, coupled onto plows and headed for Crabtree's Point just after 9:00. Plowed a garden for Randy Burke, back to Dick Bloom's and plowed one for him, then back to Preston Lincoln's and plowed June Hopkins' garden in on the Jr. Philbrook place. Nan came up with lunch and we ate in June's driveway. From there down town to plow a small garden for Phip Brown; called on Curly Joe a minute as I came along h9ome; swung into Abbie's and plowed her garden, and then home. Rested a half hour or so looking through mail. Tow more sympathy cards. To town in Chevelle by way of dump. Saw boat come and shopped at Mike's. Home. Lugged in wood. Made Jack-o-lanterns of our two big porch pumpkins and lighted them. Was just taking one out of kitchen when I met two Hippies face to face. Bill Magill and friend after pumpkins - had just 2 left which I gave them. Then Marion H. came with Mark + Paul - Suppered on spaghetti Franco-American. Curly Joe came with two of his children, then Jack & Betty, Mike and Randy. Had coffee with us.

Nov. 1, Sunday

Howdy, November. A pretty colored Sunrise morning. A few scattered clouds. Mild. 45. Glass 30.25. Air W to SW. Have pumped again this morning. Cistern not as low as yesterday morning. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Resting a few minutes when Ken Mills came after some hay for garden mulch. Sold him 6 bales out of Bull Barn -\$1.00 pd. Made ready for church. Frank called in dooryard. Only about 30 in church and communion. Home. Abbie's cranberries sure taking dog this day -Greenlaws, Haskells, Browns, school teachers and I don't know who else. It's okay. I can rotor anytime now. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch of canned clam chowder. Rested a little while. Frank and Orilla called nearly an hour. Has another rotoring job - Gene Gove's Crabtree Place corner. To town to see boat come. Only one car aboard. Home by NS road after going w. District to Morrow's corner to see the work being done on corner before Joe Amesbury driveway. Will be quite an improvement but not being blown back far enough. Up to the Baileys to supper - creamed crabmeat, boiled rice etc. Very good. Home to sleep through Glen Campbell.

Nov. 2, Monday

A mild calm morning 50, but looks rainy. Air S to SW. Glass 30.2. Sun shone some but a chill in air. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and made ready to start for Don Witherspoon's landing strip before 8:00. Had to couple to rotor and gas up. Stopped at garage and changed to sharp blades and hanger. To stop before 8:30. Frank ahead of me. Had rotored an hour when forward end of left stabilizer bar unhooked and bent back under rotor nearly breaking end of hitch pin off. Frank to garage with me to straighten bar, finally used torch. Put cotter pins in forward end in place of lynch pins. Called Jack at Payson's and ordered a couple new hitch pins for rotor. Back to rotoring and just at lunch time Frank had a flat tire - left rear. To Frank's on my tractor to lunch - fresh scallops chowder. Very good. Back up with one spare tire and rim. Changed over and started rotoring again 1:45. Finished strip and then worked over back of school house to opening there. Some change from when I played baseball there nearly 50 years ago. Nearly finished by 4:00 but my right forward tire was so nearly flat we left off. Left tractor at garage. Nan picked me up and we went to see boat come. Home. Broiled sirloin steak out of freezer for supper - tough. Rested and tried to watch TV but too weary.

Nov. 3, Tuesday

A dull November morning. Breezing right up NNE. Very overcast. 50. Glass 29.8. A fair day but penetrating chill. Wind more like NE than NW. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Took the 6 ply 6-16 tire Ern gave me years ago to garage and Steve mounted it on my tractor wheel using my new tube. Up back of high school building at 8:45. Frank about same time. Finished Don's job in an hour. Then down to Gene Gove's Crabtree lot and tackled that. Hadn't gone a hundred feet when we both nearly got stuck. Managed to back out. Whole place too soft. Went from there down to Raymond Beverage's alone and rotored his lower lot, then some for Richard Shields. Home just before 1:00. Lunched. Over to Tumbledown just before 2:00. Rotored what was pasture back of barn and a 75 to 100 foot strip east from barn inside pasture fence to viding fence hoping to keep snow from banking in our road so badly. Also rotored cow yard again. Home. To town by way of dump; and stopped at Grange Hall to vote. Saw boat come. Home, bringing Jeep along. Cleaned up and up to the Jack Bauers to visit an hour. Home and was just eating supper when the Witherspoons blew in. First time in months. Had a nice visit, but Calderwood had trouble being weary. Showed some of our slides. Latest film very good.

Nov. 4, Wednesday

This is a beautiful November 4thmorning. Sun just rising now at 6:30 and shining through entry and kitchen door. Air SW. Heavy white frost. Clouds only along horizon. Temp 30. Glass 29.8. A fair day but chilly. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took out kitchen stove ashes. Brought fire extinguishers in from garage and took battery out of old Jeep t be charged. Mrs. C. left for VH about 9:00. I ground hatchet and topped our glads in bottom of shop. Had nearly a wash tub full of bulbs. Brought in a SB trailer load Ashley wood and rest of limb pile from Frog Pond Ridge. Oh yes, the Baileys left this morning and we did a check of Mrs. Fav's house, shutting off gas, cleaning out icebox etc. Rex drained it late PM. This PM I rotored some of well piece, all of OP piece and some in pasture beyond corn patch. Got bothered in a hole a while. To town in Jeep after 4:00 to meet Nan when she came across to help with bundles. Saw a big bald eagle close to head of Cubby Hole as I went along. Saw boat come. Home. Lugged in woods, Suppered on "Mike's" cubed steak, potatoes and cabbage out of garden. Rested and tried to watch Johnny Cash Show.

Nov. 5, Thursday

Rained during night and very heavy overcast this morning. Good breeze NNE to E. Temp 46 and look where the glass is 29.3. Rained hard most of day to late PM. Pumped, did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan defrosted upright freezer and we repacked it. Brought my account book up to date from off calendar, and bunched my hay and firewood sales. Lunched on hotted up Bull's Heels out of freezer. I'm ashamed to say I accomplished nothing this PM. Should have worked at something over in shop. Instead I read and rested to nearly boat time. Uptown in Chevelle. Paid our bill at Brown's. Lawrence Grant visited with us on parking lot. Saw ferry come - a rough passage probably. The Sampsons returned from Masonic time. Now dark when we come home. I don't like it. Suppered on salt fish, potatoes and squash. Very good except fish water should have been changed a second time. Read, napped and tried to watch a little TV this evening.

Nov. 6, Friday	Wind off shore and very wintery looking. 40. Plenty of high cloudiness. Wind about 20M now at 6:30 NW. Glass 29.4. Swung out more westerly as day advanced and chilly. Got 3 nice chores done this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Marked my black dahlias, put all dahlias into 2 tubs, dumped glads out to dry and took dahlias to Hiram's cellar, first taking Marion H. to town as she had flat tire at head of Stinky's Cove. Brought some taters home from Hiram's. Spent rest of AM to after 12:30 rotoring pasture area across from Merryconeag to butchering place gate. Hung on stump when I first started for a half hour or so. Had to use jack. Nan cleaned up at Fay's this AM after we came from HSB's. Lunched on Spam sandwiches, then thrashed over to Abbie's and finished rotoring her cranberry flat - well picked and plenty soft. Home just in time to thrash to town by way of dump and Jack Brown's with laundry. Saw boat come. FWS visited with us. Home. Lugged in wood. Suppered on boiled taters, onions, freezer beans and freezer chicken wings. Shaved, rested a few minutes, then up to Alta's to do washes. Also down to Shirley's a few minutes. Tells me she has now received considerable over 200 cards and letters.
Nov. 7, Saturday	A beautiful red ball sunrise. Now looking directly in through kitchen door and entry window. Strong SW wind all night and now probably 35 to 40 M. Temp 48. Glass 29.8. Windy and raw all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put our glads into 2 bushel baskets and took them over to RM's cellar. Rotored about all of Fay property between lawn and bank. Wanted to get rid of old lupines stacked etc. Then rotored our shop piece and below shop to shanty. Shifted out to pasture inside butchering place gate to finish by old pile of logs and had hardly started when I rotored through what I thought was a heavy juniper to find it was a heavy upcrop of ledge. Ground tractor out breaking off transmission drain plug and losing the oil. Jacked forward end up and built up under wheels. Frank down on his tractor and pulled me off and out onto road. He went to hunt up a tool to start rest of plug with, but I succeeded in starting it with prick punch. Got a 3/4 in galvanized plug at Brown's but for some reason it was cut just too large to screw into place. Had to go back and get another one which fitted okay. Wasted all PM frigging. Saw boat come. Home. Put tractor away. Lugged in wood. Read mail. Suppered on freezer baked beans. Nancy H. over this evening. Watched some TV. No. L. Welk Program on - Football Game.
Nov. 8, Sunday	A beautiful November sunrise but wind is NNE to E, maybe 10M now. Sky cloudless. Temp 38. Glass 30.2. A most beautiful sunny day and moonlight starlit evening. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready to go to church by NS road. Maybe 35 there with choir. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched on mushroom soup. Rested a while. Invited the Thorntons down to supper. They came early enough so we went riding with them to Crabtree's Point and Bartlett's Harbor before going downtown to see boat come. Home NS road. Lugged in wood. Suppered on fried chicken, baked potatoes and freezer peas. Visited to 8:30 and brought our cemetery charts up to date. Had ice cream and raspberries during evening. Watched some TV after the Thorntons departed.

Nov. 9, Monday

Parker Crockett was found dead in his bathroom - heart attack. Heavy frost like a light snowstorm. Flat calm and sky cloudless. Air N. Temp 390. Glass 30.4. A beautiful sunny day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan decided to go to VH to help Pat with housework. I replaced oil in tractor transmission and replenished maybe a quart in hyd. System. Finished rotoring out the area inside butchering place gate where I got hung Saturday, then over to Tumbledown at 10:00 and rotored in eastern pasture to 3:00 - the two openings up next to Mullen Park line that 20 years or so ago I had plowed and sowed down. Did a splendid job and really discouraged same juniper and catspruce. Succeeded in finding my way over and back to the area around Cat's Tail Pond which used to be all open - now it's so grown up it's a chainsaw job. Really unbelievable. On way home, I rotored around well house corner. Gathered onions off triangle garden row after I got home and found 4 ears of corn for supper. Lugged in wood, and had taters and carrots prepared for supper when Nan returned. Had leftover fried chicken with the vegetables. Rested and watched some TV this evening.

Nov. 10, Tuesday

Very heavy low clouds cover and looks very rainy. Air S. Temp[48 and glass 30.1. Wind SE and raw all day, threatening rain at times. Did bookkeeping. made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took Nan on ride over to Tumbledown pasture and we walked in so she could see my vesterday's rotoring job. Kept on up to Ern's to get a couple turnips and a few carrots. Nan helped him change his table cloth and now he wants me to cement his chimney above roof on the outside. Damn. Home around pond calling on FWS where he was plowing at Norman Pettit's. Nan cleaned off her flower gardens and I rotored all my corn stalks on triangle piece and pasture piece. Kept on traveling and took rotary mower to Mrs. Pease's barn. Home and lunched. Marion H. over a minute. Thrashed to town to get Pat McDonough to do errands for us. Home. To Lamont's in Jeep to get 3 lambs, 2 for us and Bunker and one for Steve W. Home. Rigged up and started on them at 2:30. At 4:15 finished third one. Nan had lugged in wood for me so I thrashed to clean up and shave so we could be at Thornton's at 5:30 to fried scallop supper, first going to town to take Steve's liver etc but he wasn't home. Had a nice supper and evening. Watched colored TV - Hee Haw.

Nov. 11, Wednesday

A Salute to all our Veterans - May they be appreciated. A mild morning. 52 but 10M breeze SE to Se. Glass 30.3. Considerable high cloudiness. A nice work day but a little raw, also a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto SB trailer and cleaned up debris from yesterday PM, dumping in old cellar hole. On out to Frog Pond Ridge and split and loaded the trailer with kitchen wood and some Ashley Junks. Over hill with Nan to lug packages to house when she came home from taking Marion H - flat tire. Bertha J. and Betty B. town to coffee hour. Finished loading trailer and unloaded it by woodshed at lunchtime. As soon as lunch I lowered the wheels on my rotary lawn mower, and we mowed all of spite fence area. Some better. Elmer H. Visited with us a half hour or so. Back to Ridge and nearly half loaded the trailer again to 4:00. Left on trailer in shop. To town to see boat activities. The Sampsons visited with us. Home. Gathered some Endive greens and we had a delicious supper of potatoes, onions endive and ham hocks. Rested, napped and watched some TV. Mrs. M. called to say they wouldn't be coming until Thanksgiving time. Had planned next week.

Nov.	12,	Thursd	ay
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A stormy looking morning. Very heavy low-hanging overcast. Wind SE to NE 15 to 20 now at 6:00. Temp 50. Glass 30.1. A good work day but threatening rain and raw all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. Out onto Frog Pond Ridge and finished splitting trailer load of wood. Unloaded by woodshed. Curly Joe called wanting me to help on Mari's chimney caps. Went right up. Also took off screen doors and took battery out of Jeep. Home 11:30. Lunched on Mushroom soup, then over to Tumbledown with tractor and trailer and clifted and tiered in a half cord of Ashley wood for Charlie Loring Jr. When Nan came back from B. Joyce's - had hair set - she called FWS and we met at Loring's tiering wood into shed. Now he wants another half cord. Took nearly 2 hours to clift the half cord. On way home brought home a load of small size Ashley wood that doesn't need clifting. Left on trailer. Lugged in wood. Looked at mail - only papers after 2 days. Suppered on potatoes (baked), squash (baked) and ham hocks (cold). Curly Joe down after water and brought us nearly a quart of scallops. Up to Alta's to do two washes. Invited the Ames out during evening. Had a nice visit.

Nov. 13, Friday

This is a pretty nice guiet Grumpy morning. Very heavy overcast though. Temp 47. Glass 29.8. Must thrash this AM as we may take Chevelle to Rockland this noon to have check up and this is Friday the 13th too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes while Nan hung up last night's washes - what she didn't hang up last night. Out onto Frog Pond ridge and clifted another half cord of Ashley wood after unloading yesterday PM's load under swag trees. Made contact with FWS and met him at Loring's to unload wood. Thrashed home, put tractor and trailer away, closed buildings, shaved etc and made uptown at 12:30 to get Chevelle in line. Had called P. Shepard this AM to make PM date. Nice trip across - 3 other cars and 2 passengers. Dropped Nan off head of ferry terminal, she met Mercedes at bank, and I headed right out to Shepard's. Took Chevelle right in. Greased, checked antifreeze, added 3 guarters - 30 below, found tailpipe dragging on rear tire, tried to silence valves but hyd. Valve lifters need replacing. Too much short cold driving - \$23.00 plus. Drove out to Mercedes after dark about 5:00. To Helm for supper. Met the Bairds there. Nice supper. Called on the Bill Hopkins on way back to Owl's Head. His book goes on sale tomorrow. "Freeman Cooper". Young Jim back from hunting down east when we got home.

Nov. 14, Saturday

Well, it's a rainy morning here at Owl's Head. Not up till nearly 8:00. Wind blowing SE I'd guess. Mild. Cleared some and wind slacked off driving day. Had breakfast of cereal etc, shaved, cleaned up and drove down to call on Ed Coffin while rest of family were getting ready for day. Joe Nash was there and we had a nice call while Ed ate breakfast and we drank coffee. On way back just as I was entering village a doe deer crossed the road in front of me. Folks were ready shortly and we started for Timber Point - Jim at wheel out through Buttermilk Lane, Thomaston etc. Got there to Sherman's about 10:45. Helen had table all set up, deer steak a-frying, hot biscuits etc. Sherman arrived from gunning at 11:00 and we had a delicious dinner. Stayed to about 1:00, then struck back through Rockland to Camden, to Rank's Store where I bought Nan a garden cart for birthday present. Back to Ted Sav-Mor's to buy groceries, the Oldroyds bought theirs too, then home to Owl's Head. Suppered on Ted Sav-Mor's baked beans, etc. The young Oldroyds called in during evening. Watched some TV.

Nov. 15, Sunday

Temp about 40. Appears to be about calm. Heavy overcast and dull. Was supposed to plow Tony Bok's gardens yesterday PM so called him from Sherm's apologizing. Am to do it first of week. Rained all day, hard during PM. Light breeze NE to SE. Ate a leisurely breakfast, shaved, etc. Then Jim, Nan and I rode to Owl's head waterfront, partway out to Lighthouse park and down around to Airport - no activity - and back. I drove. Picked up our suitcases etc and drove into Rockland to leave Chevelle in line at ferry. Transferred to Jim's Chevelle. Rode up through Camden out to Hope to call on Aunt Barb's a half hour. Her 75th birthday last week. Told me they put over 300 bushel of turnips into cellar this fall. Back to Camden to eat at Village Restaurant. Had a roast beef offering. Very Good. Out to open house at Snow Bowl - lots of snowmobiles, ski outfits etc on display. Back to Rockland about 230. Bumped the Chevelle by right hand headlight when I drove aboard. Held outside too far. Just a little movement coming across. Home to find house colder than outdoors. Soon warmed it up with both stoves. Stowed stuff away. Suppered on poached eggs. Looked at our papers, played a game of Scrabble, and watched a little TV.

Nov. 16, Monday

Still more of the same. Very dull, an occasional sprinkle and heavy overcast. Air about N. Temp 42. Glass 29.6. Now to try to get back into saddle. Sprinkled some during AM and rained hard after lunch a while. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To barn, rigged up meat board across SB trailer, and sawed down and junked up our 2 lambs into Chevelle. Had second one nearly done when Frank arrived. Cut his half of Steve's up for him, then he helped me cut my loins into individual chops. Down here to house, and after Frank left, we wrapped ours for freezing and Pat's ready to freeze. Lunched on newly fried lamb chops. Very good. Read mail and rested after lunch. Raining. Over to shop, built fire and put new handle into hammer that Marion H. Broke a while ago. Started to sharpen some tools. Boxed and tied up Pat's lamb and uptown about 3:30. Took some Rockland purchases down to Alta, had coffee. Saw boat come, and across with Doug to take lamb. Wet and cold coming home, picked up eggs on way. Suppered on taters, carrots, boiled onion and cold haddock. Kenneth H. over. Tried to watch TV but slept mostly.

Nov. 17, Tuesday

Unbelievable, but this is a beautiful Grumpy morning, and I believe the sun is going to shine. Sky nearly cloudless. Cool though. Coldest we've had yet, 26. Air NW. Glass 29.9. A nice day but a little cool. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hand scythed row of Swiss Chard and Spinach on house garden and cut off row of tomato stalks. Coupled onto SB trailer, and hauled the stuff off to cultch pile at end of Hog Pen piece - what I mowed, dahlia stalks, piles of pulled weeds, pea vines etc, both house garden and triangle piece - 2 loads. Spent rest of AM on Frog Pond Ridge splitting kitchen and Ashley junks into trailer. Had over half a load come 12:00. Lunched, rested and looked at mail. Back out, finished splitting and loading trailer heaping and some besides. Brought in by woodshed. Nan helped me unload. Put machinery away. Uptown to do errands and see ferry come. Home. Helped prepare supper of potatoes. Ernie Boy turnip - Very good - and fried hamburg. Ate in living room watching TV. Watched some TV and napped some during evening. A very bad fire at Prison Farm at Warren yesterday PM. Completed destroyed big dairy barn containing over 500 tons baled hay, several hundred barrels of potatoes and turnip, and milling and processing equipment etc. Did manage to save the dairy cattle - 76.

Nov. 18, Wednesday	This is a beauty of a Grumpy now at 6:00. Flat calm. Smoke falling from west and SW. Temp 30. Glass 30.1. sky about cloudless. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Nan decided to go to VH to help Pat with her housework. I cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove, then coupled onto SB trailer and spent AM on Frog Pond Ridge. Takes me about 2 1/4 hours to split a full load of kitchen wood and throw it into trailer. Unloaded it in Mrs Fay's garage. Lunched on leftover spaghetti and meatballs. Got our bill in mail this noon from Wayside Service covering from June 1 to October 31 st - \$269.91. Will make some dent in check account. Spent a long noon hour separating charges on garage bill. As going to plow for Tony Bok this PM but he wasn't ready so I coupled onto grader blade and worked on RM's pond dumpings in lower part of my barn pasture. Stuck once and had to uncouple and chain blade out. Had wood lugged in and vegetables ready to cook for supper when Nan came. Watched some TV this evening.
Nov. 19, Thursday	Darned if it didn't rain during night. Very heavy overcast now at 6:30. Wind SE to NE 15 to 20 M. Temp 42. Glass 30.3. Very raw all day and threatened rain. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved, and helped with dishes. Oiled up my grader blade and took it up to Mary P. Stone barn. Home, coupled onto plows and up to Tony Bok's (Edna Dyer Farm) by way of Mullen's Park, to plow two greensward pieces. One out by end of barn, the other along side of hog yard. Had good luck. On way home I met Jack Brown and he wanted his garden plowed. Lunched. Then right up to Jack's wearing insulated vest, insulated coveralls and my blanket lined frock over them. None too warm. Home. Plowed our powerhouse piece, then broken greensward piece below Cortland and Northern Spy tree by end of shop to shore. Never been plowed that I know of. Beautiful ground. Shall saw our house garden down next spring. Been planting it over 20 years. Too weedy. To town to see boat come after lugging in wood. Home. Helped prepare supper of stewed fowl, taters, and freezer peas. Read papers and watched some TV. Both pretty weary. Nan talked with Mr. M tonight about hole in washing machine. Not at all friendly.
Nov. 20, Friday	Rained again shortly after we went to bed. Another very dull dark morning. Heavy cloud cover. Wind E to NE. Temp 48,. Glass 30.25. Very windy and raw, but a very busy day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took plows off, coupled to SB trailer and over to Tumbledown. Clifted and loaded trailer with Ashley wood. Lots of larger butt sticks in this bunch. On way home out to Cobb's with Nan to grease sink etc. Home and unloaded wood under Swing Tree. Over to RMs and put strappings around Box Bushes, front and back of house. Also put sods around rose bushes. Home. Lunched. Up to Fay's. Took off screen doors, put on storm doors and storm shutter over picture window. Also cellar windows in. H. Demmons brought my order of carpenter tools from Sears. Rockland. Back over to Tumbledown and got last load of Ashley wood. Had only time to clift 3 of the 4 tiers. If I'd had 3 more junks, I'd have had to leave them. Home into shop and thrashed uptown to meet boat to bring home Land Rover. In Rockland since RMs left. Suppered, then back uptown to meet with planning board selectmen and park com. Mrs. C. down to Alta's to do wash. I went down later. Home after 10:00 by way of dump to see rats, but only saw one. Have been reported in thousands.

Nov. 21, Saturday	What a storm during night. Wind and rain NE to SE. Out SW now at 7:00 AM 25 to 30. Sky has cleared and looks like sun might shine. Temp 50. Glass 29.4. Considerable cloudiness with strong westerly winds all day almost snow squalling at times. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Out to RM's new barn to get keys back from Forrest. Place coming along pretty good. Unloaded yesterday PM's load of Ashley wood under Swing Tree, clifting the tier that I didn't have time to do last night. Out to Frog Pond Ridge and split and loaded the trailer with kitchen wood except 2 back trees of tough junks for Ashley. Lunched. Unloaded wood by woodshed. Nan uptown to Garden Club Sale. Back out to Ridge and split and loaded another load, cleaning up all I'd sawed. Was just unloading about 4:00 when Nan returned. Helped unload and lug in wood. Cleaned up, shaved, etc and up to the Ames to a delicious roast beef supper, topped off with Coconut Cream Pie and coffee during evening. All very damn nice,. Watched Lawrence Welk Show on their new colored TV. Also very nice. Home 10:00 or so. Weary.
Nov. 22, Sunday	Looks like a good day coming up. Some cloudiness but sun is trying to shine. Temp 42. Glass 30. Wind westerly 10 to 15 M. Since night before last's rain our pond is full to overflow. Pumped, did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready and went to church by NS road. Less than 35 there. Home, giving Wilson a ride. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched. Rode to Bartlett's Harbor by way of Thornton's thinking they might go walking with us but not home. Walked around over Anderson Bell's property. Amazing what he had had bulldozed up and cleaned up and seeded down, but also amazing what a mess is left - remains of old hurricanes etc. Has a nice pond already made. Rode on to Crabtree's Point, then down town to see boat return from Rockland. Home to find someone had called while were away. Lugged in wood. Made out an order to Sears for Mike's, Pat's and Mrs. C.'s Christmas presents - loafers for Mike, loafers and over [the] foot boots for Pat, and cobra pumps for Mrs. C. \$54.00. Played another game of Scrabble. Suppered on Hulled Corn and milk. Watched some TV what we didn't sleep through.
Nov. 23, Monday	How it did blow all night - West to SW. Such a heavy dull overcast, it's resting on trees. Looks scary. Glass well back - 29.4. Temp 52. Rained most of day, especially this AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested and read an hour or so. Nan over hill getting ready for the RMs Wednesday. Shirley C. here and over hill with Fuller Brush. Wrote "thank you" letters to Alton Lewis and Mrs. Bucklin. Had a nice letter from Alton when Harvey passed away, and a book of Helen Steiner Rice's poetry from Mrs. Bucklin. Nan home about 1:00 and we picked over Mrs. M's cranberries. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Read paper after lunch. Had a Thanksgiving card from Violet. Took XL-12 over to shop. Cleaned it up, filed chains and lowered clearers. Uptown about 3:15 to Alta's. Nan did wash while I got a part of a half barrel of oil out of Prudy's garage - Cen-Pe Co. and 5 quart cans. Then got the 2 tool boxes of father's out of her cellar that Mercedes gave me when she sold place to Dick Shields. Mostly cultch in them. Had coffee. Not restful. That Penn IV needs his ass slapped badly. Saw boat come. Home. Suppered on fried lamb chops, cabbage and taters. Watched some TV.

Nov. 24, Tuesday

Another dull heavy overcast morning and the Ames say they'd swap March for November anytime. Not me. Has cooled down 30. Glass 29.6. Air N to NNE. Very raw and disagreeable all day. Very ugly heavy clouds during pm but the most beautiful sunset I've seen in a long time. Took a colored slide. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved, and helped with dishes. Lugged in wood and unloaded oil, tool boxes etc out of Chevelle into shop. Mixed gas and oil for XL-12 and over to RMs to cut some marked trees beyond pond. Nan working in RM's house. Had first tree down, junked, piled and brush piled when Curly Joe came to get me to help unload 60 bunches cedar shingles from truck coming on morning load into Mrs. George's garage. Had a quick cup of coffee with Nan before boat arrived. Went and came back. Split a box of kindling for Alta. Lunched, then struck for AW Beverage's with tractor and SB trailer after the clifted Ashley Horse chestnut tree I cut last spring. Had 2 full loads. Cold riding. Piled under Swing Tree with rest of Ashley wood. Thrashed to town with Alta's kindling, to shop for Thanksgiving and see boat come. Got our Turkey at Mike's. Home. Lugged in wood. Suppered on broiled T-bone steak from Mike's. During evening Nan and Paul brought over a piece of Arthur's deer steak. Watched TV.

Nov. 25, Wednesday

A beautiful cloudless sky morning and sun should be showing in 20 minutes or so. Wind breezing NW to N 10 to 15M now at 6:45. Cool. 26. Glass 30.1. A beautiful sunny day but cool all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filled woodbox. Nan to town to get some things at store for Mrs. M. I went right over to woods and started where I left off yesterday. Out to lunch. Took Land Rover up to Watson's Airstrip. Home, stopping to Abbie's to check., Back to woods and at 3:0 had last of the bunch junked and cleaned up. Saved the best of the top brush for flower gardens. Now have a big pile of brush to burn. Opened cluster of birches up nicely. Just coming home from woods when the RMs flew over. Nan cleaned our windows on outside this PM. Now ready for storm windows. To town by way of NS road. Visited side by side with the Thorntons on Parking Lot. Saw boat come but too dark to really enjoy who comes off. Home. Enjoyed a supper of fried scallops (from freezer), potatoes, squash. Tried to watch TV this evening. Mrs. M. called on phone to say she was delighted with the wood cutting. Also condition of house.

Nov. 26, Thursday

May this be a nice Thanksgiving Day for all. A beautiful morning. Hardly a cloud and looks like a sunny one coming up. Cool 26. Glass 30.3. Air appears N. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had just brushed off storm windows and hauled them over from shop in Jeep when Mr. RM blew in. Visited a half hour. Thrashed to get all our windows and front door window on and fastened. Cleaned up and uptown at 10:45 to go across with the Carl Bunkers and Bob Spragues in the Kim-Lin. The Woodrow Bunkers met us. Had a delicious turkey dinner. The Hooker Clayters and Mike Bunkers and children also with us. Down to look over the big new place Mike is boss of building at Carver's Cove. Home across Thoroughfare about 4:00. Home without waiting to see boat come. Lugged in wood. The RMs dropped in and had Egg-Nog with us. Played a game of Scrabble, then suppered on fried scallops and toast. Tried to watch TV but very sleepy and weary.

Nov. 27, Friday	A quiet some cloudiness morning. Looks snowy. Air NE. Temp 36. Glass 30.2. Had a miserable night with terrific cramps across me. Still have them this morning. A nice mild day all day. Did bookkeeping, but hardly bothered with breakfast. Just toast and coffee. Crawled back into bed for a while with heating pad across me. Then spent rest of day in my chair with heating pad, so accomplished absolutely nothing. Did rig up late this PM to fill woodboxes and pump. Mrs. M. in this AM to get me to do some more chain sawing for them while they're here, but sure didn't feel like it this day,. Curly Joe in before supper with six lobsters for us \$7.00. Also some for the RMs. Is taking up his traps so this will likely be our last mess of season. Played a game of Scrabble while lobsters cooked, then suppered on the deer steak sent over from Arthur H's deer. Watched some TV this evening. Hiram B. called on pone and we talked nearly an hour. Gets very lonely for someone to talk to.
Nov. 28, Saturday	What a beautiful quiet November morning. Not a ripple on water. Warm 45. Glass 30.3. Air about NNE. Aired up some but didn't breeze on. Threatening rain all day starting about 3:00 PM and rained hard all evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Helped clean out milk room and lugged to shanty - bags of bags and boxes of jars. Boxed squashes in barn and brought down to milk room - 2 boxes. The Butternuts are delicious but are rotting around stems. To town to see boat come and do errands. Shopped at Mike's, eggs and Lincoln's and laundry at Jack Brown's. On way home FWs stopped us to say he had the job of rotoring AW Beverage's big upper field - a fellow by name of Verrill bought it this summer. Sampson is sure ambitious - wants to start Monday. Home. Put laundry away at Fay's and fastened down skylight. Looked quickly at mail and lunched on lobster. Then thrashed and put banking paper clear around house and across porch and weighed it down with plank and Ashley junks. Nan helped me do all this. Just finished as it started to sprinkle. Filled woodboxes. To town to see boat come. Very dark [on] a night like tonight. Home, cleaned up and over to RMs. At 6:45 to a delicious broiled steak etc. Spent evening in RM's room. Treated royally and had a nice time. Home 9:30.
Nov. 29, Sunday	Stopped raining during night and cooled down to 36. House very warm after we went to bed, couldn't sleep, especially trying to use a heating pad across below. Still have those cussed cramps,. Breezing on NE to Se. Temp 36. Glass 30.3. Very heavy overcast and dull. Raw and cloudy all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Fried potato and picked out lobster tails fried. Helped with dishes after Nan stuffed turkey and put it in to bake. I'm ashamed but we didn't go to church this day. Mr. Williamson's pleadings really get us shook up. Read and rested and kept fire hot. Played a game of Scrabble before having a turkey sandwich. Thrashed uptown to see ferry load but missed some. A capacity trip. Home and out to the RM's new building - The Barn - on an inspection tour with them. Coming along nicely. Home, lugged in wood and uptown to see ferry return - only 2 cars aboard. Home and was preparing supper when the Sampsons blew in. Stayed to have turkey with us, but left early to go to church. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Hour. All shows seem to get poorer each year.

Nov. 30, Monday

Up before 6:00 as we are supposed to rotor part of the big AW Beverage field - Verrill Property - today but now at 6:30 it's sprinkling here on kitchen window. Very dark and gloomy. Heavy overcast. Temp 45. Glass 30. Wind appears to be airing up SE. Rained awhile and again in PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Had stopped raining as took ashes out of kitchen stove, put SB trailer into barn floor and went up to Pease Barn to get Rotary mower. Had to work grader blade over to side of barn floor first. Home. Put on stabilizer bars and greased up. Then went seriously to work cleaning out and picking over the stuff in the 3 tool boxes of father's I brought home from Alta's cellar last Monday. Nan home from working over hill at 12:00 and we went up to ferry on errand. Home and was eating a hurried lunch of lobster bodies when RM came in to see if I didn't want him to tear down some of the buildings at Tumbledown for the lumber in them. What would I do with the stuff in them? Thrashed back to shop and at 3:45 had the job finished - boxes empty and swept out. Now a bench full of stuff to do something with. Not many tools though. Lugged in wood. To town to see boat come and to shop. Home. Suppered on sweet potatoes, green peas (freezer) and cold turkey. Watched some TV and an Andy Griffith Movie, An Angel in My Pocket. Ouite good. Stars are out as we got to bed.

Dec. 1, Tuesday

Good morning, December. By golly the sky is clear, and looks like the sun would shine. Just a cluster of clouds along over Simpson's Island. Breeze look NE on water but is NNE. Temp 34. Glass 30.2. Disagreeably chilly all day, no heat in sun but a good day for December. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. Rigged up in insulated coveralls etc, gassed up and started for AWB's at 8:15. FWS just ahead of me. Started along road across from Doug Stone's from HS Beverage's line. Did all that area clear down to center of swamp. Frank gone from 10:45 to 1:00 withy Leland King looking over RM's new Barn for lightening rods. Nan up with lunch - hot lobster stew, delicious; and we ate in Chevelle. Got hung in field ditch down next to alders just before Frank got back. Pulled myself out with Frank's tractor. This PM did all of side hill to top of field area, several trips along below gravel pit area to AWB's new line, and the little side hill across swamp next to HSB's line. Just before finishing my left hand stabilizer bar uncoupled forward and bent back under rotor. Frank took it home to garage with him. Home on tractor at 4:15. Rested, suppered and up to Alta's to do a couple washes. Home before 10:00.

Dec. 2, Wednesday

Very dark and storm sounding now at 6:00. Wind SW and looks like an occasional sprinkle on window. Has warmed up to 45. Glass 30. Did shower after minutes about 8:45, then threatening rest of AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and shaved. Gassed and started for AW Beverage's at 7:45 taking my tractor canvas along. Had rotored about a half hour before Frank came. Put my left stabilizer bar back on. Finished all of field area below gravel pits come noon time. Home with Frank to a lobster stew dinner. Nan invited up too. Stew good but not hot enough. Back to work at 1:00 and finished the area back of alder run towards pond swamp at 2:00. Shifted down to head of Southern Harbor and rotored area between town road and shore for Gene Gove. A hard chance and plenty of bottles and debris. Left rotary mower in Pease Barn on way home. Back uptown with Nan and across ferry with Doug to take Pat a bundle and to get our Anniversary present. Just home when I started those cussed awful cramps again and vomiting clear bile, also to toilet too. Cleared up late in evening but no supper except toast. Kenneth H. over this evening. TV lost sound.

Dec. 3, Thursday

A beautiful clear cloudless morning. Temp 45. Glass 29.9. A fresh breeze WSW. A nice day all day except for strong wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filed XL-12 and over hill to work in woods beyond pond. Took down and cleaned up one more tree in front of birches, then shifted farther back where she had 4 more larger trees marked. Took down 3 of them and had them partly cleaned up when we came home to lunch after 12:00. Nan worked in RM's house all AM. Lunched on Dinty Moore Stew and read our mail. Nan had 2 birthday cards and we had 3 anniversary cards. Oh yes, 1 Christmas card too - from the Lyford Beveridges. Coupled onto SB trailer. Went out in pasture up beyond Butchering Place gate, cut and loaded a full load of banking brush. Colon W. came to work on TV so Nan couldn't go out with me. He succeeded in getting sound back but no volume to speak of. Hauled brush in and put it around house. Did about all except north end. To town in Jeep to do errands. RM wash to Lincoln's, cookies from Etta B. etc. Saw ferry come - late 5:00. Home. Suppered on tater, squash and turkey. Read and watched some TV. Nancy H. once a little while before supper. HSB called on phone. Very pleased with rotoring.

Dec. 4, Friday

Happy Birthday Mrs. C. Also 33rd anniversary. Well, I'll be doggoned. Where did this NE to SE rainstorm come from? Stars all out when we went to bed. Rain started some time long before daylight and breezing right on here 35M or so now at 7:00. Temp 42. Glass 29.4. What a storm. A gale nearly all day with heavy rain all AM changing to sleet and snow this PM. Probably 2 inches before it cleared during evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and helped with dishes after Nan made six dozen cookies for today's church sale. Nan also made us corn bread for breakfast. Very good with warmed up vegetables and scrambled eggs. Pat gave us a braided rug and a three tier cake, and Nan a basket of useful things - needles, thread, gloves etc. Up to B. Joyce's about 10:15 to my hair cut and Nan's set. Stopped at Hiram's on way home to replenish our potatoes. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched on Johnny Bread and milk. Looked at our anniversary cards and Nan's birthday cards. Had nearly a dozen. Went out to take cookies to sale, but it was sleeting so and Chevelle was iced up so I'd left it out when we came from Bertha's that we didn't go. Finally got car door open so I drove into garage. Brought account book to date off calendar. Had a nice supper of baked potatoes, fried lamb chops, and cauliflower. Kenneth H. over to wish us a happy Anniversary. Said Emery had trouble getting home. So slippery. Played another game of Scrabble. Thus endeth another year.

Dec. 5, Saturday

Sure enough looks like winter and feels like it too. Ground white. Strong NNW to W wind. Sky cloudless and sun should shine. Temp 20. Coldest yet. Glass 29.7. A nice day after storm but blew very hard all day NW. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch first time of season - an inch or more - filled both woodboxes - empty as I didn't fill last night and pumped. Also warmed up Chevelle to melt ice off. Spent AM working on account book, making out bills. Figured up my total work with Frank and am short less than \$300 from last year. Not bad, not having the big Lamont Estate or Lombard's Crabtree's Point. Over \$2400. Played a guick game of Scrabble before lunch. Just lunching when Colon brought a letter from Ern wanting me to come right up. Went to find his chainsaw had stopped on him. Had all kinds of thoughts of course. Couldn't get saw to start. No spark. Boxed it to send back to Payson's. Post office not open when we went to town at boat time. Home and over hill to let Edwin T. into RM's cellar. Rex here to check our toilet; found it broken from floor. Made out some vegetable bills. To town, down to Alta's and hopped at Mike's. Home. Suppered on fried tongues and cheeks etc. Watched TV.

Dec. 6, Sunday

Here it has snowed quietly during night an inch or so, and is snowing now at 7:00 AM. Quiet. Air E on water looks like, but smoke coming down over porch from chimney. Temp 32. Glass low 29.25 and still falling. What a storm, breezed right on NE and really snowed all day. So bad the boat didn't make trip. Basketball lids still on mainland since Friday noon. Parents fit to be tied. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Lights went out about 7:45 and didn't come back on till dark. Some houses got pretty cold. Trouble on VH side. Shoveled off porch, filled woodboxes, put SB trailer up in barn floor so I could close bottom of shop. Worked on vegetable accounts all AM and again during PM. Only sold \$225 worth or so this season. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch, and again before supper. Shoveled doff porch again about 4:00. A good foot since I shoveled this morning. Suppered on boiled rice and milk. Watched some TV this evening. A long day and evening. Only person seen was Emery going into RM's to check Goose Rock light. Generator didn't come on when power went off.

Dec. 7, Monday

Storm has stopped, but plenty of snow blowing through dooryard. Snow plow just pushed up by our driveway. Thank you, Georgie. Sky clear with a few clouds. Sun will shine. Cold 20. Wind NW probably 20M. Glass 29.7. this must be a morning of checking on furnaces etc. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. NW wind blew hard all day. Shoveled off porch again and out to woodpile. Filled both woodboxes. Then Nan and I shoveled out driveway. Plenty of snow stopped back of Jeep at end of house. Over to RMs to check furnace, also Abbie's on way to town. Saw boat come. Nearly an hour late. FWS visited with us on parking lot. Bought us a piece of steak at Mike's and had it broiled for lunch after we came home NS road. Nan's Sears package came in mail, also her shoes from Sears, Chicago, but must send back. Heels too big and clubby looking. Was just starting work on account book again when Don and Cynthia blew in to work on a cone Christmas Tree. Stayed to 4:00. Made a quick run to town and nearly got stuck beyond Fisher's spring. Snow blowing in. Didn't wait to see boat come. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Suppered on Turkey neck broth with rice. Watched TV.

Dec. 8, Tuesday

Cold this morning. 10. Wind dropped out some during night. I'm up at 5:30 this day to get fires going. Guess wind is still NW. Sky clear and stars bright. Glass 30.2. Sun shone but a cold day. Wind did drop out some late PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked most of AM getting the last of my small accounts billed out, ready to send. \$133.00 worth. Just finished when Curly Joe blew in wanting me to start with him on Anderson Bell job downtown this PM. Has the building back of Eda Leadbetter house to put sills under, windows in etc and to completely shingle with cedar shingles, both walls and roofs. Quite a project. Lunched early, rounded up some tools, and my barn shovel, and Nan had me on job at 12:30. Started by shoveling a path from road back by house to building. Curly came about 1:00, had gotten bothered. We shoveled also around lumber pile and away from side and back end of building. Lugged lumber into building where shingles and pine boards are already piled. Up to Tip Top house a minute to see job Rex Crockett is doing installing a hot water heating system. Got floor over half torn out of shed on back of building. Very dusty. Used to be horse stalls. Nan came at 3:30 and we hauled Curly's table saw down from his house and lugged into building. Downtown and home to lug in wood. Didn't want to see boat come. Helped prepare supper, played a game of Scrabble, suppered, read papers and watched TV. Not much fun with no volume.

Dec. 9, Wednesday

A beautiful cold moonlit night, 14 when we went to bed. Now at 6:00 AM it's 20 and very heavy overcast. Think the wind is out NE again. Still very dark. Glass 30.3. Was, and was snowing hard when finally day light. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Brought cradle up from Shanty into living room for woodbox, then filled it, the kitchen one and our outside one. Was cutting up a pumpkin for Nan to cook off when Curly came with eight 7x9 window sash of Anderson Bell's. Had coffee while I finished cutting pumpkins, then over in shop, built fire, warmed up paint and windows, and went to priming. Lunched on Arthur Hopkins' deer stew meat smothered. Took 1/2 hour nooning and back to shop. Curly went home and didn't get back till nearly two. Had Pen Bay freight to frig with. Nan made 4 fruit cakes along with doing many other things this day. Finished sash at 3:30 and had coffee before Curly went home. Read papers and played a game of Scrabble before supper. Nancy H. over a little while. Suppered on the deer smother with potatoes and carrots. Tried to watch some TV but programs sure are poor.

Dec. 10, Thursday

Rain stopped during evening and moon came out. Very heavy overcast and breeze appears about north. Porch slippery. Temp 25. Glass 29.7. A nice day in sun but plenty cold at Eda Leadbetter place with strong wind pulling up through trees. The Catholic church shuts off all the sun. Roads a glare of ice this morning. Had to put chains onto Chevelle before I could take it out of garage. Was planning to go in Jeep. Very touchy driving. 8:30 when I got to work. Succeeded in tearing out rest of floor in shed part and getting out old sills after lightening shed off posts. To Curly's middle of AM to coffee as we had to get extension cord etc. Home to lunch and Nan went back up with me, going down to Alta's to do 2 washes. This PM we got the 3 sills, 2 sides and end, cut and in place ready to nail studs back onto. Took one of the cedar 6 foot pieces (telephone pole) up this noon to use for corner post. Nan came at 4:00 and we waited to see boat come. Very dark when we came home, but ice had given up on road. Filled both woodboxes while Nan fixed vegetables. Read our papers and 2 Christmas cards. Suppered on hamburg and spaghetti, taters and string beans. Tried to watch VT but too sleepy.

Dec. 11, Friday

A beautiful nearly full moon night and looks like a pretty morning coming up. Sky cloudless. Just an air maybe N. Overslept to 6:00. Temp 20. Glass 30.1. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Went to work in Jeep, stopping at garage to pump right rear tire. Curly ahead of me at work. Fastened studs to sill and laid nearly all of floor this AM. Beautiful pine boards. Darned if we didn't go up to FJ Dyer's for coffee break about 9:30. Nan came up with hot hamburg and spaghetti and we ate in Chevelle. Took half hour nooning and had shingles cleaned off all around old doorway into shed when Curly returned. The dustiest building I ever tore shingles off of. Maybe because horses were kept in it or hens. Finished laying floor, then spent rest of PM replacing boards around bottom and sides of shed. Curly cut new doorway through. Nan came at 4:00 and we waited on parking lot for boat and to get Mrs. M's an dour scallops of Gus Tomer. Crow Dyer took Jeep to garage after lunch and In guess put in new thermostat. At least the heater worked coming home. Nan had wood in. Helped prepare supper of taters, squash and fried scallops. Read mail. Christmas cards etc. suppered and tried to watch TV but slept mostly. No good programs.

Dec. 12, Saturday

Supposed to have gotten a heavy snow fall starting during night but a beautiful moonlit night all night and still is this morning. Cold 15. Cow appears to be looked E and looks like it might be breezing up with sun. Some cloudiness around horizon. Glass 30.1. A nice day but no sun on job. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Ready to start work in Jeep at 7:45. Tried to back over to shop to get 8 pieces 2x4 and got stuck by Mungo pines. Used Chevelle to get 2x4, then Nan had to pull Jeep out. Went to work in Chevelle. Curly already there. Lugged 2x4 in. Boarded up by door opening while Curly finished framing it. Up to Dyer's again to coffee. Curly tore off shingles along front of building as high as he could go and renailed while I tore off the end of shed and back side of shed as high as possible on horse and renailed. Nan up with lunch in Jeep and we ate in it. Half hour nooning and I had shingles all cleaned up when Curly came back. Unhung doors and cleared away to replace sill under doors. Piled 6x6 and pine boards over in floor area and 20 bunches or so of shingles into shed. Covered openings in building and left off at 3:00. Came home, looked at mail, cleaned up and had the Ames down to a baked bean supper and evening. Enjoyed them.

Dec. 13, Sunday

Heavy overcast and looking plenty snowy. Light breeze NE to NNE. Temp 20. Glass 29.9. Not up till nearly 7:00. Now to thrash. Did bookkeeping, pumped while doing so. Bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready to go to church. Had a telephone call from Curly to go over to Mill River scalloping but fell. I should stay home this day. To church and communion. Only 25 present. Home by NS road. Cussed if the one chain on Chevelle didn't break a cross link going up and made so much noise I had to take chain off before coming home. Other one tore hook off and came off going to work yesterday morning. Filled all woodboxes before snow started. Played a couple games of Scrabble. Lunched about 2:30 on rice, hotdogs and toast. Worked steadily from lunch to after 5:00 on Christmas cards. Finished 2 pages in address book. 30 or 32 names. Invited the Sampsons down to a pick up supper. Had fried scallops and hulled corn and milk. Very good. Has snowed lightly all PM but amounted to nothing. Stopped shortly after dark. Sampsons visited to 9:30. Watched Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell Shows. Poor.

Dec. 14, Monday

Wind still NE and has cooled down to 22. Very overcast and snowy looking. Can't tell yet what day may be. Very dark now at 6:00. Glass stands at 29.8. Snowed all AM clearing some this PM. Had done bookkeeping, and made breakfast and was working towards going over to shop to start fire to paint windows when Curly called wanting me to go with him to get a pontoon way up head of Southern Harbor and tow it to R. Saltonstall's and haul it onto bank. Did. Found pontoon just awash nearly full of water and a good 8 inches of ice on it with ice all around it too. Managed to break ice with propeller wash and ice off pontoon with shovel. Towed it across and hauled it using blocks and tackle and boat pull with. Back across just as 10:30 boat was coming. Brought 2 doors home from Bell Job when I came. Nan helped me lug them into shop. Started fire, Lunched, Back to shop and painted 2 of the 8 lights sash first coat that we primed the other day. Ray Guppy visited me a half hour or so. To town at 4:00 with Nan to mail packages to her family (5). Nearly 6.60 postage. Saw boat come. So dark it's difficult to recognize who comes now. Home, lugged in wood, suppered and worked on Christmas cards.

Dec. 15, Tuesday

According to Alta's diary it was December 11, 1966 that he smashed himself up in car smash up. Ernest Brown died yesterday noon as they were loading him into a car to take noon boat to hospital. Another dull NE day looking snowy. Very overcast. Not up till 5:50. Temp 18. . Curly goes to mainland after daughter so I'm supposed to prime the doors I brought home yesterday. Darn. He didn't. Called at 7:00 as I was eating to say Betty had cold so they weren't going. That we'd work down on job. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Went to work in Jeep stopping at garage to have chain put on. Have delayed it because I wanted to put on the snow treads off old Jeep, but they're frozen in. Curly had worked on job vesterday PM and had gotten old piece of sill out under doors. So had new junk cut and in when I got there. I spent AM putting in a new cross stringer and replacing part of the two floors that Curly had sawed out to get out sill. Laid just floor of new pine but top floor of old boards. Took considerable time. Nan up with lunch on Chevelle. Replaced butted out wall boards. Curly framed up and cut through new window opening. I got to feeling so miserable with a cussed belly ache that I came home at 2:30. Spent rest of PM and evening in my chair with heating pad across me, what time I wasn't at toilet. Couldn't seem to get warm until into evening. Read cards and papers. Had a little boiled rice and milk for supper. Watched some TV this evening.

Dec. 16, Wednesday

What a picture card moonlit night. Light as day with this snow on ground. Not up till 6:00. Belly ache seems to have eased off some right now. Cow is looking towards house but breeze appears NE on water. Cold 10. Sky very free of clouds. Sun should shine. Breeze is really NNE. Cow is right. Glass 30.5. A beautiful sunny day but hardly above 20 anytime. Decided I'd better ease up this AM so worked on Christmas cards from helping with breakfast dishes to 12:30. Finished out of towners, even Vinalhaven. Lunched. Warmed XL-12 up while I picked over our box of onions - rotting badly. Nan out on Frog Pond Ridge with me in Jeep where we sawed a good amount of round kitchen wood for Alta, loaded it into Jeep and went to town with it after putting out 8 bales hay. Nan did a wash while I lugged the wood up from road and tiered it in entry. Had tea or hot water rather, and uptown to watch boat come. Jeep cold, heater still not putting out good. Left squash at Sampson's and home. Lugged in wood. Read mail - local cards coming now. Suppered on tater, squash and cubed steak - tough. Watched some TV what we didn't sleep through.

Dec. 17, Thursday

Boy, is it ever breezing on NE now at 6:15. Has been NE all night blowing some but is over 40M now. Supposed to get a bad snowstorm. In yesterday's Bangor paper was an article about Bucky Hallowell having a law suit against Milton Beverage for \$40,000. Gave it to Milton to set up a motel business on half and Milton has spent it. Temp 22. Very heavy overcast. Glass 30.2. A very storm day. Tough NE to E snowstorm all day plus gale of wind. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Over to shop, built fire and worked all Am puttying around glass on inside of sash where set in putty didn't squeeze out. Home to lunch just after 11:00. Played a game of Scrabble and lunched. Nan back over with me and painted three sash both sides while I primed one door both sides and its 9 light window and drew the window both sides in second door and primed the door 1 side. Nan home at 3:00. I came home 4:00. Lugged in wood. Snow getting very soft and sticky. Read our 4 local cards. No boat either trip today. Ernest Brown's body has been left in Rockland since Monday, funeral supposed to be this PM. Lights went out on us several times since dark but came back on. Pulpit Harbor lost theirs completely. Trouble by Grange Hall.

Dec. 18, Friday

Wind blew hard all night, but storm is over, and wind apparently is NW. Don't know if it backed in or not., Temp. 28. Some clouds. Glass 29.5. How this cussed wind has blown all day. Clear and sunny. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Shoveled off porch, frozen on, and lugged in Ashley wood. Built fire in shop. Struck out in Jeep to check RMs and Abbie's furnaces. Both okay. Kept on around by Hiram's to heave him a Bangor paper (Melton's article) and a Maine Farmer's Almanac. Also a jar of jam. Roads plowed nicely. On to town to shop and see boat come. Visited with FWS in his Chevrolet. Ernest's body brought on. Funeral at 1:00 PM. Home from boat, replenished fire in shop, lunched quickly and back over to shop at 12:45. Painted to 4:00. Primed other side of yesterday's second door, painted 3 remaining sash both sides, and painted 2 -4 light sash second coat on putty side. Nan made a fir wreath for Church this PM. Had lugged in wood for me. Road our 2 days mail - 14 cards - 2 papers. Suppered on lamb chops, etc. finished reading papers etc. Watched a little TV. What cramps during night. To Bathroom twice. Well cleaned out.

Dec. 19, Saturday

How quiet it is without wind howling this morning. Just air N. Very heavy overcast - looks very snowy. Temp 24. Glass 29.7. After a busy night Calderwood isn't very ambitious this morning. What cramps and back door trot. Continued all day. 5 times to bed time. Stayed indoors all day to 4:00. Snowed some about noontime but mild. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Helped Nan get read to go to Church to help Garden Club decorate for Christmas. I worked all AM to after 12:00 on our local card list. All but 14 or so finished by noon, leaving off to talk with Mercedes a while, and RM called about snow conditions here. Very formal and business-like. Coming the 26th. Nan home about 12:30. As she had lunched at church, I lunched alone. Colon brought mail in as Nan had a package from Mrs. M. Read our cards - a dozen or so and papers. Lugged in wood, and to town at 4:000 to take Mercedes' presents to Shirley C. to take over Monday and to get Mercedes' packages off boat. Also sent us some butter etc. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Suppered on hamburg, taters and squash. Watched L. Welk Show etc. What I didn't nap through.

Dec. 20, Sunday	Wind has been quiet all night, now is breezing on NW to W at 7:30 AM. Sky cloudless except for few along over Stimpson Island treetops. Temp 30. Glass 29.6. Misery has eased off some. A sunny nice day but not too warm. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Tore into Christmas card list and finished them just in time to get ready for church. About 30 there. Pretty small Christmas Sunday gathering. Took Alta home. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched on Hulled Corn and milk. Out along road near big pine and cut a fir top for a tree to put in our picture window. Up over head after wreaths and decorations. Nan decorated tree and windows. Over to shop to find a box to pack Pat's family's presents in. Lugged in wood. To town to take presents across at 4:00 by Doug and bring ours back., Plenty cold with NW wind through thoroughfare. Boat not shoveled off or anything from last snowstorm. Home after dark. Got some more cubed steak at Mike's and it was just as tough as the last. Played another game of Scrabble before supper. Back up to Alta's to her Birthday party. The Bucky Hallowells, M. Ames, Shirley and Marcia, and Dave Coopers present. Home after 11:00.
Dec. 21, Monday	This is a pretty morning for shortest day of year. Sky nearly cloudless, but wind appears to be airing up westerly. Should be sunny. Sun rising back of woodpile oak so it shines through kitchen sink window. Temp 20. Glass 31. A sunny day but cold, didn't get above 20 all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped. Painted 3 sash both sides in shop this AM. Lunched and thrashed to town to see boat go. The Hallowells to Andover for Christmas first time Alta's been alone since Feb. 6; and Shirley and Marcia took off for Camden. Marcia sick looking girl and very pregnant. Time nearly up. Stopped at E. Leadbetter place on way home to see Curly a minute. What a cold place. Home and back to shop. Painted 1 door both sides and 1 door 1 side. Home. Filled woodboxes. Thrashed to town to send Pat down another package by Walton. Home. The Sampsons came after water. Visited a half hour. Brought a quarter of egg-Nog. Didn't supper much as I had another upset. Too damn much Had about a dozen cards today.
Dec. 22, Tuesday	Coldest morning so far. 4 above. 3 below in Rockland. Vapor flying. Air appears NE. Glass 30.3. A very cold day all day. Penetrating. Did bookkeeping, made a small breakfast of boiled eggs. Neither of us are eating enough to keep a prairie chicken alive. Helped with dishes and shaved. Another day of laying around with these cussed cramps across me. Worked on a few more cards that we got addresses for. Don and Cynthia blew in with a present. Visited a half hour or so. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. A piece of fried hake and toast. Read our cards about a dozen and papers. Nan called Brud Carver this PM and had him make up a box of fruit for the Bunkers. They seemed to be more pleased with that than anything yet. Filled woodboxes and uptown to Alta's. Nan did a wash while I lugged out kitchen ashes - 2 carriers. Had coffee. Left in time to see boat come but late after 5:00 so we came along home, stopping to get eggs at Audrey's. Played another game of Scrabble and suppered. Watched a little TV and napped. Snowing hard again tonight, starting as we were coming home.

Dec. 23, Wednesday

Still cold. 5 above. Breeze NE. Snow appears to have stopped now. Heard snow plow at 3:00 AM. Vapor so thick and flying so high that Calderwood's Island is hidden. Heavy overcast. Glass 30.1. A cold day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch - 4 inches maybe and to woodpiles. Lugged in wood. Had just finished when the Eliot Beveridges blew in with a present. Visited a half hour. Brought my account book to date off calendar. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched. Looked at our cards nearly a dozen this day including one from Mari P. Stone containing a \$100 check. How generous can one get? Had just finished cards when Curly Joe and son blew in. Curly had mesh board, etc to teach me to knit his potheads. Told us he had a \$50 check from Mari. After he left I fooled away at pot heads till I filled woodboxes for night. Played a game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Worked at heads again after supper till we watched Kraft Music Hall - Eddie Arnold, Charley Pride and Brenda Lee. Very good if only our set had some volume. Even Nan can't hear it good. Have 4 large heads done as I go to bed. Must be 50 years or so since I used to help father knit them up.

Dec. 24, Thursday

Gracious, how it's warmed up since last night. 15 up to 30 now at 6:30. Wind has blown hard NE to E all night. Has snowed some on porch and is now raining and sleeting. Will be a treacherous driving day today. Glass 29.65. Wasn't. Became the worst NE snowstorm I can remember since I was a boy. At least 2 feet and a gale of wind. No boat either way either trip. Shoppers caught in Rockland. No mail. Everything at standstill. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch and lugged in wood. Knit 8 large pot heads during day. Played 2 games of Scrabble. Shoveled off porch again before dark and lugged in wood again. It was as bad when I was out shoveling porch at 3:30 as I can remember. Didn't even attempt to wallow to mailbox to see if Colon brought local mail around. Doubt if a man would last a half hour right out in open. Snow cut face likes knives. A very uneasy day. Couldn't get out to get to town this PM to deliver presents or get last minute things for Christmas stockings or anything. Watched some TV this evening. Am wondering now if we'll be able to get out to get to Sampson's tomorrow noon to dinner. Snow, snow, snow.

Dec. 25, Friday	A Merry beautiful snowstorm - Bah!! Must have been over 2 feet. Such banks along road. Merry Christmas, Everyone. What a white world. Storm has cleared and looks like sun might shine. Wind strong NW. Just up at 6:00 when Garnet called to wish Merry Christmas and to tell about 3 planets and moon in eastern sky. Bedroom window so snowed up we could see only 2 and moon. Temp 20. Glass 29.7. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Opened our presents. Had opened our stockings Pat sent up while having coffee. Had some nice presents together as well as several single ones. Pat gave us 3 scatter rugs. Mrs. M. gave Nan a beautiful pair of sheepskins lined boots with crepe soles and Mr. M. gave me a Kodak Carousel 850 projector with 3 cartridges. Very good but looks complicated. Shoveled off porch, out to wood pile and in front of garage with Nan's help. Snow a good 3 feet deep between porch and woodpile. Too much to shovel by hand between driveway and mailbox corner. Supposed to go to Sampson's to dinner but roads not open. Both plows broken down awhile. Had a delicious fried chicken dinner here. Georgie pushed up by our driveway about 1:00. Started out in Jeep about 2:00 to deliver presents. Called at Jennie B., had a bite at Sampson's and called dooryard at J. Brown's. Home. Roads one car open in places. Unbelievable snow. Knit potheads and played Scrabble. Marion Hopkins over to visit a little while this evening. Our only Christmas Day visitor.
Dec. 26, Saturday	A very heavy dark overcast morning. More snow coming. Wind NE. Temp 25. Glass 29.4. Another damned all day snowstorm and wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a pothead. Over to RM's in Jeep to help Nan and Nancy get into house to make bed etc. Walked home, brushed porch - snowing hard - and filled all woodboxes. Back to knitting. To town in Jeep after Nan came back to get our 3 days mail. Came home middle road - nearly clipped by snowplow about outlet crossing. Read our mail - 10 or so cards. Lunched, knit some more, played a game of Scrabble and watched some TV. These snowstorms are really getting us down. Thank goodness the telephone still works. The RMs called noontime to say they're definitely coming Monday PM. Can't wait to see the beautiful snow. Bullshit. They'll be some discontented.
Dec. 27, Sunday	A very, very dull heavy overcast morning even though wind is westerly 15 to 20M. Snow is blowing some. Temp 25. Glass 29.2. Mr. Williamson called late yesterday PM to say there'd be no church services today due to storm - no room to park cars. A fair day getting more sunny in PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch and to woodpile. Plenty of the damn stuff. Didn't attempt to shovel out driveway - too much. Fed birds and lugged in wood. We have one long ground pigeon, plenty of blue jays and some tree sparrows and an occasional junco. Invited to Sampsons to hot chicken sandwiches for lunch but couldn't get out. Knit potheads and played a game of Scrabble. About 1:30 Crow Dyer and Georgie B. appeared in Jeep and cleared us out. Invited them in a minute. They'd just gone when Bill, June and Thomas H. blew in. Visited to near sunset. Sun set between trees and cliff, now starting back. Back to knitting. Watched Ed Sullivan Show - a total pooch any more and Glen Campbell Hour. Toast, milk and jam for late supper. To bed about 10:00. Very dark and gloomy. This sure has been a December to remember.

Dec. 28. Monday

A very dull heavy overcast morning but I guess it's finally going to come daylight. Breeze NW to N but air appears full of snow. A busy day ahead if we have to open up both Abbie and RMs. Abbie to call this morning. Temp 20 and Glass 29.3. Didn't. Nan called her. Coming. Became a good day but penetrating cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit potheads all AM while waiting for Emery to get bucket tractor running. Didn't start at RMs till 12:00. Nan to town to get RM's groceries. Then Frank wouldn't tackle Abbie's plowing - too much and Elliott Brown couldn't sent bulldozer till 2:00. Then I had to take Emery up to Dump Building to get his tractor chains. Helped Emery clear out in front of garage and start down through stone wall. Over to Abbie's just as HD arrived with dozer. Got to house to find such a large bank along front of house we could only shovel to front door. Finally got in through kitchen door over bank to open front door to find furnace out and house 35. Started hunting for Bob Sprague to put in oil, then furnace wouldn't start. Came over here to RM's new building to get Paul Quinn to start it. Back over and turned on gas. Paul got stove lighted but I couldn't get flame to enter burner on refrigerator. Shut it off. Just leaving when Abbie and the RM's arrived at foot of road. Abbie of course quite upset. Came home, lugged in wood, rested and read papers, suppered and napped. Both weary snow wallowing.

Dec. 29, Tuesday

Another dull grey morning but breeze is NW to W. Temp 18. Glass 29.6. Much as I'd like to I must make ready this AM to take noon boat to Rockland to see Dr. Morse about these cussed cramps across me etc. It means another operation, no doubt and where does the coverage come from? How I hate to leave Nan alone in this cussed weather but already I've waited too long for the Christmas holidays to be over. Thrashed all AM pumping, closing buildings, opening tier of wood in shed for Nan etc. Cleaned up and started for town about 12:00 by way of dump. Made boat okay. Nice trip across. Walked right up to Dr. Morse's office. Found him right there. Talked with him and made arrangements to start Wednesday night clean out for x-rays Thursday morning at 9:15. Took taxi out to Mercedes. Gram let me in - Jim and Mercedes had gone to Bangor. Home about 5:00. Suppered and visited. Put me up a cot in living room. Slept fairly good. Nancy H. stayed with Nan this night.

Dec. 30, Wednesday

A beautiful sunny day. Cold this morning, 14 or so. Had breakfast with the Oldroyds, then after Mercedes got cleared away we rode into Rockland. Mercedes shopped, I bought a suit of underwear at Coffin's. and then we rode up through to Camden to Snow Bowl to watch skiers. Very interesting. Back to Rockland and ate at the Rockland Hotel Coffee Shop. Waitress told us that come Dec. 31st the hotel was closing up for last time. To have windows boarded up etc. Working equipment to be moved down to Thorndike. Dutton and former owner Nate B. taking over. Called on Jimmie and Sada a short time, then to A&P to get groceries for Alta to send on by Bucky. Home to Owl's Head. Watched some TV and started on clean out schedule. Glasses of water, 10 oz. Bottles of citrate of magnesia etc. First threw up my supper of chicken and noodles soup, bile backlash, then after holding citrate down 1 1/2 hours that all came up in about 3 throws. Boy, but what cramps during night, but of course didn't get any clean out as I was supposed to. Finally slept some towards morning. A miserable night. Nancy stayed with Nan this night.

Dec. 31, Thursday

Another nice morning and day. Had coffee with Oldroyds, while they ate breakfast. Then Jim took me to Dr. Morse's office at 9:00. Told Mrs. Brown what had happened so she agreed that it would be useless or wasted to go through x-rays. Made arrangements to go through clean out process Sunday night using castor oil. Maybe keep that down better - then x-rays Monday morning and into hospital - to what? Jim had waited for me. Thrashed to drug store for castor oil etc and just made boat. Only me and two strange girls aboard. Beautiful crossing. Nan met me and home. How good it looked. Had coffee, toast and jelly. Changed clothes, rested and knit a few potheads. Mr. M. out to call, then Gretel came in. Marion H over to put Nan's hair up on rollers. Rested and knit and read mail. Over to RM's this evening to a buffet super. The Emery H's and four younger children, the Eliot Beveridges and Charlie we-uns and Gretel. Had a very nice time. Just home and fast asleep after 11:00 when Sandy and Ada called - a Happy New Year. Like to never got back to sleep after they called. Farewell 1970.