

# TONNY CALDERWOOD'S DIARY

## January 1 to December 31, 1971

*transcribed by Elizabeth MacLean*

Given to me by my Sister Alta M. Burgess at Christmas 1970

Jan. 1, Friday	<p>Happy New Year to All. A sure enough snowy looking morning. Heavy overcast and wind NE. Must fill woodboxes and get Jeep unstuck in dooryard first thing. Turned too quickly when backing out last night. Had to get out Chevelle to go over hill. Temp 20. Glass 29.8. Very snow looking all day but didn't snow till nearly dark. Then only an inch or so. Did bookkeeping - three days to catch up - shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Did our best to get Jeep out but couldn't get snow from underneath and no room with end to pull with car. Filled all woodboxes. Made ready to go to Sampson's in Chevelle at 11:00 to watch Tournament of Roses parade. Very good. Also a delicious steak dinner after if I could have enjoyed it. Afraid of a bile backlash every minute. Stayed to 3:00. Just coming home as Emery was coming home on tractor with bucket. Came over and pushed Jeep out. Rested and read to supper time. Warmed up tater and ham. Curly Joe called on phone and talked a half hour. Gretel out to visit this evening. To bed before 10:00 to sleep much better than last two nights.</p>
Jan. 2, Saturday	<p>Another heavy overcast snowy looking morning. Cow looking toward barn through NW to W. Warming up. Temp 28. Glass 29.8. Has been a most beautiful day - snow really melted on roofs. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch - maybe 2 inches. Knit on potheads most of AM trying to get 4 dozen small ones done. Slowed up by RM coming in twice, and then Charlie Beveridge visited nearly an hour at noontime - had skied down through Mullens' Park. Lunched lightly after he left. Nan did a wash in her small washer, then we loaded 3 fire extinguishers, potatoes, squash, onions, Hoya plants, etc. into Jeep and went to town. Saw boat come - 1 a day now at 3:00 - left RM's key at Edith Ames, potatoes, squashes, onions and Hoya plants at Jennie O. Beverage's and the 3 extinguishers in Sampson's entry. Just home when they came here to 10 gallon jugs of water. Visited a half hour. Asked him to take our Jeep out of parking lot tomorrow. Cleaned up and up to the Eliot Beveridge's to a social hour and so he could instruct me in the use of my new slide projector. Mine exactly like his. Home. Marion H and Gretel blew in before had supper prepared. Read mail and watched a little TV.</p>
Jan. 3, Sunday	<p>A beautiful, beautiful morning. Sky cloudless and just an air NW. Now we must make last minute preparations to leave on boat this 1:30 PM. How long and to what end? May the Lord be merciful to us this time as he was twice before.</p>
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<p>Jan. 31, Sunday</p>	<p>Still very cold but clear weather. Well below zero mornings in Rockland and surrounding towns. Well, I'm beginning to come to life a little this day. Dr. Morse told me at noon time that I'd have one more intra-venous injection tomorrow and that I can plan to go home Tuesday. 48 more hours of waiting. Frank Sampson over from NH today to start jury duty Wednesday, so he and Orilla came right up from boat to call. Had visited about a half hour when Momma arrived. Then shortly after that Sherm and Helen blew in. They and the Sampsons having a get together later. Wilfred Mills visited this evening making 5 times he's dropped in. Nan came in - Jim brought her and came after her, and just as visiting hour was over, Bill Hopkins blew in. Could only stay a minute.</p>
<p>Feb. 1, Monday</p>	<p>Another very cold but calm and sunny day. Had my injection before lunchtime. Visitors in early this AM. Rev. Williamson and Rev. Jones of VH a few minutes on their way to Bangor, then Gus Tomer a few minutes; he'd just brought Tooty Tomer over with bad arm burn from taking a radiator cap off. Then Mamma came in before catching the 2:00 boat home. Followed her clear across bay and home etc in mind. Next 24 hours endless of course. Frank and Sherm in a few minutes about 4:15 to 4:45. Jim and Mercedes in a few minutes during evening to let me know that Mrs. C. got home okay. The Jeep down on parking lot for her. Got to Little Thoroughfare to find telephone not working and water wouldn't run. Had called from Marion H.'s and they lugged over some water for her. Nancy staying the night. House had warmed up good.</p>
<p>Feb. 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>Forgot to write in that our original "Charlie The Gull" has returned after months of being gone. At least he stays on the railing and catches food that we leave for him. Another mighty cold one, but nice and sunny. 20 or more below outside of Rockland. This is the day I'm supposed to go home if 1:00 PM ever comes. The Ames are coming after me. So much ice getting out of Thoroughfare, they didn't make Rockland till nearly 10:00. After 10:00 when they arrived at hospital. Had nearly lost hope. They visited a few minutes, then went to do errands. After 11:00 I started packing and dressing and waiting for Dr. Morse to get final instructions, medicine etc. Came just after 1:00. Then the Ames arrives, and I started for home first few hundred feet by wheelchair. Outside air some sharp after being 4 weeks inside, but nice and warm in car. Nice trip across, just a little chop. Breeze NNE I'd guess. Pushed solid ice from Sugar Loaves in. Had trouble getting docked. After 3:30 when we drove into Calderwood dooryard. Oh how good this place looked, even iced in. Nan on doorstep to meet us. Ames visited a few minutes and went home. Rested on couch and in chair to bed time. Glad to report that water thawed itself early this morning, but telephone still not working. Has been reported.</p>

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<p>Feb. 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>Don Witherspoon's birthday - 57<sup>th</sup>. Marcia C. into hospital and gave birth to a 8 lb. Boy - Lee Hulbert. Another cold beauty. 5 below this morning. Air N to NW. Is the glass ever high. 30.7 and holding. Am weary this morning from yesterday's trip. Laid around and read all AM. At lunch time Marion Hopkins came over, then Curly Joe and Mike Williams blew in. They're working up to Mari P. Stone's farm. Have all of kitchen, bathroom and woodshed floor torn up, stringers replaced, and first floor laid. Found a very rotten mess. Timbers completely gone. They hadn't been gone long when Don, Cynthia and Leigh blew in. Visited a half hour or so. Then after the boat came, Smiler Dearborn arrived to fix our phone. Finally replaced whole loop from pole by mailboxes. Froze at least one finger and came in to thaw them out. Only got up to 5 above all day. Dearborn said ice made clear across bay. Another calm night and there will be plenty. Just before supper Nancy came over with a small puppy to show us. Sampson called just after phone fixed; also Val Young and R. Montgomery. We called the Oldroyds and I called Hiram. Had a nice note from him in mail tonight.</p>
<p>Feb. 4, Thursday</p>	<p>Another cold calm sunny beauty. Glass still 30.7. Forgot write in yesterday that just after lunch, we walked up to Barn to check water in cistern. Nearly empty. Pumped, walked out in front of Fay's house, and several trips length of porch. Plenty cold. Have shaved, etc., had boiled rice, dandelion greens and ham hocks for breakfast left from last night's supper, helped with dishes and have written since Sunday in this diary. It is now 9:45. Must rest a few minutes. Did, then we rigged up, took camera along, walked up to barn, started pump, walked over to RM's new building. Teddy Adams showed us around; it's very nice, but has cost a lot for what he's getting. Fireplace chimney ready to break through roof now. Walked from there down to RM's house, took some ice pictures, walked back to woodpile on Frog Pond Ridge, to barn to shut off pump and to house. Cistern full now. Lunched. Was resting when Garnet and Clara came, then Alice and Lawrence. Visited an hour or so. Then after boat came, Frank and Orilla blew in. While they were here Emery H came over to offer assistance on wood etc. Sampsons going to the Chick Stone's for supper. Thornton brought us a bottle of wine and a 1/2 gallon pack of ice cream. Suppered, rest and read. Had phone calls tonight from Abbie, the Fishers and Ada Hunter. Only one blue jay has returned to feeder since our return. We only had one mourning dove, a few tree sparrows, and blue jays anyway.</p>

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<p>Feb. 5, Friday</p>	<p>We have a NE snowstorm starting at daylight. Glass now 30.4. Wind probably 15 to 20M now at 7:30. Temp about 12 above. Have had coffee and written yesterday's diary. Now for breakfast. Helped with dishes. A tough snowstorm all day, probably six inches. Swept porch off and replenished woodboxes off porch. Rested and read some this AM. Curly Joe blew in about 9:30 to discuss work on Pease house. Really needs to tear up piece of living room floor to replace stringers under it from fireplace to north wall. Frank Sampson arrived about same time with milk, eggs, potatoes etc. Nan asked him to pick up for us. She didn't want to try to go out in storm. Slippery during. Lunched. Watched it storm and read some. Finished John Gould book "Europe on Saturday Night." Very Good. Ken Hopkins over to replenish our wood on porch. I filled woodboxes again. Astronauts have landed and are walking on moon this day. Our TV has a beautiful picture but so little sound even Nan can't hear it good. Talked with Garnet tonight and he has offered to bring one of his spares down to us. Played a couple of games of Scrabble before supper. Calderwood potatoes, RM carrots and t-bone steak. In mail this PM which AH brought from mailbox for me, we had a large box from Day's Market, Damariscotta from the RM's - grapes, pears, lettuce, asparagus, carrots, honey, bag of hard candies etc.</p>
<p>Feb. 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Well, storm appears over, and wind has dropped out. Evidently backed in N - hardly a breeze. Boat only made morning trip yesterday. Temp 26. Glass 29.7. Garnet said last night that wind had broken ice in bay in to Pulpit Rock, but from here looking out eastward we can see only ice. Have washed, shaved and written diary. Now for breakfast. A most beautiful sunny day, up to 38 in PM. Nan made a pan of biscuits after breakfast and I peeled and sliced the apples for a pie. Spent all AM going through cards + letters I received in hospital and cut the stamps off envelopes for Alta. Had 92 with nearly as many more to go. Marion H. over to set Nan's hair. Johnny W. down to plow us out before dinner. Stopped in a minute. Lunched. Had been resting a half hour or so when George Beverage came pounding across porch. Brought us a bottle of grape wine. Shortly later the Sampsons came in. Then the Thorntons came bringing one of their televisions. Quite a gathering. All left at once about 4:00. Filled woodboxes. Nan had thawed out a leg of lamb and had that in baking, making ready to have the Ames down to supper. Was ready when they came at 5:30. Supper delicious. Lamb, baked potatoes, biscuits, asparagus tips, apple pie, oh yes, pineapple lettuce salad. Couldn't get channel 7 or 8 to get L. Welk Show after the Thorntons brought set. Maybe we didn't know how to tune it in. To bed about 10:00.</p>

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<p>Feb. 7, Sunday</p>	<p>A clear morning but whole day a solid bank of vapor or fog and now at 7:30 can just see top of trees on Stimpson's. Everything a solid white frost. Air SW. Temp 20. Glass 30.25. A nice warm day but smearing up and covering the sun last PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, helped make breakfast and do the very few dishes as Mrs. C. and Mrs. Ames cleaned up from last night's supper. Called Mr. Williamson to give him a thank you to read in church. Worked rest of AM nearly going through rest of hospital cards and letters, and remaining stamps. Had in all 160. Rigged up about 11:00 and walked over to head of Stinky's Cove and back. Nice and warm. About 38. Lunched. Cleaned up and set around all PM thinking surely someone would be in, but not a soul showed. About 4:00 rigged up and went around island in Jeep. Nan drove. Still unbelievable amounts of snow around. Just home when Preston and Audrey came with eggs. Visited over an hour. Suppered on freezer baked beans. Very good with lettuce and pineapple salad. When we came from walk this noon we got garage doors open and I started Chevelle. Started right up as soon as gas got to engine. Over 5 weeks not started even. Watched GT's television this evening, Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell Shows. Nice to hear as well as see again.</p>
<p>Feb. 8, Monday</p>	<p>By golly, a real tough NE snow storm. Started before daylight long enough so porch is well covered. Trees are plastered. Temp 30. Glass 29.9. No schools anywhere along coast. Snowed probably 5 inches, stopping during PM. Rained hard during night. Did bookkeeping, helped make breakfast, and helped with dishes. Rested, finished reading John Gould's "12 Grindstones" - good - and watched snow storm. O yes, I shoveled off porch - 4 or 5 inches and fed the birds, tree sparrows and juncos are hungry. Wrote a 2 page letter both sides to the Baileys. They're wintering in New Mexico. Lunched about 12:00, then shortly after damned if I didn't have one of my bile backlashes. Hope I was through with them. Dr. Hosmer down mid-afternoon to take blood from my finger for platelet count. Marion H. Paul and Mark over a few minutes before Dr. H. came. Rested and had a nap after Dr. left. About 4:00 the Sampsons came. Brought us milk. Visited a half hour. Suppered on cold roasted and boiled potatoes and dandelion greens. Played a game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Paul Quinn and Rex Crockett down just before supper about 5:00 and plowed out our driveway. Frank's outfit stripped transmission last storm. Visited a half hour. Watched Garnet's TV this evening what we didn't nap through.</p>

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<p>Feb. 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>I've been home a week. Rained during night, then wind swung out around to SW before morning. Drizzling on windows now at 7:30. Temp 40. Some different than last week's 10 below. Glass sure down 29.2. Cleared and blew hard SW. Very raw. Boat didn't go till noon. Ice moving around in bay. Yesterday the NH got stuck in ice by Breakwater going over and nearly didn't get free to come back. Helped make breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan gave me a shampoo after I shaved. I need a haircut badly. Dr. Hosmer down during forenoon to give me my intra-vein shot. Had trouble picking up vein in arms - tried six times. Finally picked up vein in right leg. Took half of dose by mouth this time. Rested with leg up to noontime. Lunched while the Williamsons called on us. Then walked over to RMs by plowed road to inspect furnace and to water plants. Very windy and disagreeable. Back home and read and rested. Emery H, Mark and Paul in with our groceries from Village Market. Read our mail - 2 days. Had cards from the Overmans, Winnie Ames and letters from Abbie and Janie OK. Makes at least 6 times she's written me from Connecticut. Suppered on tater, asparagus, and hamburg. Watched some TV. Hee Haw pretty good. Watched Apollo 14 splash down southern Pacific at 4:00 PM. All okay.</p>
<p>Feb. 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>Has been a beautiful full moon night until just before daylight. Now all heaved over and spitting a little snow. Air appears to be N to NW. Temp 22 - Glass 29.8. A nice day except for raw SW wind and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Was resting a few minutes while Nan made bed etc when Curly Joe and Mike blew in. Had coffee plus new biscuits that Mamma made following breakfast. After they left, Mamma did three sink washes in little washer. I walked to barn and started pump, took my first saw from Chick - they've been in Chevelle since before I left - over to top of shop, lugged wood from woodpile to fill inside and outside boxes, and cleared snow away from behind garage doors so I could get them wide open. Took RM's packages out to Chevelle. Up and shut off pump. Drove Chevelle to town and saw boat come. Picked up rest of my saws at Chick's, down to W. District to see Hoppins building at Ames, and home by middle road. Just lunching when Marion H. came over. Then had just finished when Don and Cynthia came. Visited to nearly 4:00. Stripped up a slack-salted fish for supper Clara T. brought me. Too salty to eat raw. Read mail and had salt fish, green beans and potatoes for supper. Watched some TV this evening.</p>

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<p>Feb. 11, Thursday</p>	<p>Full moon beautiful over western pasture this morning. Nights very light. Hard to sleep good. Quite a breeze about west. Temp 18. Sky cloudless. Sun has worked back mornings so she rises clear of woodshed from the bedroom window and sets nearly clear of barn against Tim's ledge. Does show by barn from living room window. Glass 30.2. A good day but raw SW wind. Also full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hardly cleared away when the Witherspoons blew in bringing us a peck or more of nice clams. Visited until Alta, Sheila and children came for water at 10:00. Treated them to tea, crackers and cheese and pumpkin bread. Stayed an hour or so. Read and rested an hour or so. Was lunching on Dinty Moore beef stew about 1:00 PM when the Thorntons came. Visited to about 3:30. Had ice cream. Then Shirley Calderwood came about 5:00 after several jugs of water. Visited a half hour or so. After the Thorntons left, I walked Valentines and package down to mailbox, then kept on in RM's road up to Observation Place ledge to inspect ice. Looked open from Widow's Island to Iron Point. We're still plugged through here. Back down by barn. Lugged in wood for both boxes. Read mail. Had a letter from Mrs. George - she's just back home from over 2 months heart attack in hospital. Also a note from Flossie Brown and a Valentine from Debby Whipple. Watched some TV.</p>
<p>Feb. 12, Friday</p>	<p>Shucked clams after doing dishes - enough for chowder and clam fritters. Were those steamed clams ever good at lunch time. What a dull grey morning. Heavy overcast. Blew hard SW all night. Spatters of rain on window now at 7:00 AM. Warm 38. Glass 30. Another softening day, snow settling, ledges and knolls coming out but wind very raw. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast - had rest of fish hash - delicious - and helped with dishes. Shaved. Rode to town in Chevelle to do chores. Over to RM's first to leave several PP packages. Mailed out some Valentines. Saw AM boat come. Gulf Oil boat stuck in ice by ferry slip until NH came by her and broke ice into Brown's Wharf. Stopped at Jennie &amp; Etta's on way home to get our vegetables - a few squashes and onions - and to get Nan's Hoya plants. They look good. Home. Toted in plants and put them in place. Lunched. Beautiful steamed clams. Delicious. Rested and read mail. Drove to town again to see PM boat come. Elliott Brown visited along side of car with us. Has a nice full beard. Marion H. drove off boat in a 1967 Volkswagen Bus - red with white top. Home by way of NS road. Walked up to look around Abbie's house. Played a game of Scrabble while supper booked - taters, squash and meatloaf. Watched some TV during evening. Foggy and temp 38 we as we go to bed - some different than 2 weeks ago when it was well below zero.</p>

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<p>Feb. 13, Saturday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and snow really settling. About calm. Air I think is SW. Glass 29.9. Temp 38. Ice appears to be opening by Bull Rock. A dull grey day starting to rain about 4:00 PM and raining hard into evening. Started from E but worked around onto front of house during evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved and cleaned up. Read and rested a while, then wrote out thank you to send over to be printed in Courier. Lunched on left over steamed clams. Nan had cold lamb sandwich. Copied over thank you ready to mail and Nan send thank you cards to Ivan Quinn Lindsays, Leadbetters and Sullivans for the ride they all gave her. To town to see boat come and to shop. Just in time to see C.G. Swivel come in from westward and break down through Iron Point narrows and back. Gassed up, shopped at Mike's and home. Wrote a thank you letter to Mrs. L. George and to Aunt Barbs after filling woodboxes. Starting to rain quite hard. Had intended to walk home from Tumbledown. Read our mail - papers. Suppered on delicious claw chowder. How good that tasted. Watched some TV what we didn't nap through.</p>
<p>Feb. 14, Sunday</p>	<p>How the snow has settled. The rain and fog has really done a job. A little lawn shows here in front of porch and the ledges and knolls are really coming out. Very heavy cloud cover although I can see some blue sky through. Glass really has dropped - 29. Temp 40. Wind about SSW. I see Jim Brown brought his "Last Straw" out of Cobb's Cove and moored it by Minot's Float Point last night. A fair day but very raw strong SW wind. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes. Wrote a thank you letter to the Montgomerys, and filled out our registration papers for Chevelle, Jeep and 2000 Tractor and made out check for same \$32.00. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Had thought of going to church, but feel too thin yet. Lunched on rest of clam chowder again - delicious. Just resting after when Frank and Orilla came to visit and get water. Hardly arrived when Shirley C. came for water too. Visited to about 3:15. Went to town to see boat return. Nothing went over and only the priest aboard coming back. Small pay this day. Home by NS road. The Beveridges down at 5:00 o'clock to visit. Had a very enjoyable hour. Suppered on potatoes, string beans and meatloaf. Watched TV and napped. The RMs called about 9:45. They're back from S. Carolina.</p>



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<p>Feb. 15, Monday</p>	<p>Washington's Birthday - Ha! Isn't this a laugh after being the 22<sup>nd</sup> since 1732. A beautiful sunrise morning, sun struck through back bedroom window into bathroom when it rose. Nice to see it working back. Some high white clouds. Wind breezing up NW to east. Temp 20. Glass 29.45. A nice day but strong NW wind cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved, started pump, took my second lot of sharpened saws from Chick up into shop, took limb off of our cedar tree to narrow tree up, got a nice stem for boat from it, stopped pump ran cistern over good, then back to woodpile and threw up split wood. Just in house and unrigging when Curly Joe and Mike W. came after Bell's windows. Had coffee. Got stuck trying to drive up to shop but got unstuck by them pushing and me driving. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch while resting. Lunched on clam fritters- very good. Rested a little while, then walked over to Tumbledown. Nan came along and went to town by way of Aunt Ruth's to leave wash. This a holiday. No mail, no nothing. Saw boat come. No cars, two passengers. Home, just lugged in wood when Dr. Hosmer came to draw blood for count. Called later to say no shot tomorrow, count down. Played another Scrabble while taters and peas cooked; also t-bone steak broiled. Very Good. Watched some TV what we didn't nap through. Had asked the Pendletons down to play cards but they were entertaining.</p>
<p>Feb. 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>Edwin Thayer down after our TV to take to Thomaston Repair Shop. A nice picture but no volume. No can hear. Sure enough beautiful winter morning. Not a cloud in sky, and over half a moon shining right in picture window here from up over Fay's. 15 to 20M breeze NW to W. Looks like openings in ice had frozen up tight. Temp 20. Glass 29.85. Beautiful day but wind cold and penetrating. Did bookkeeping made breakfast, helped with dishes. Shaved. Polished 3 pair shoes. Brought Income Tax container down out of closet and made ready to start on material. Brought my mowing and rotoring account with Frank Sampson up to date. Season's money all in but \$12.00 - not bad. Started transferring from account book to notebook. Lunched on last of clam fritters. Still very good. Rested an hour. Rigged up and went to town to see boat come. Cutter had been through Thoroughfare some, but still full of ice. Shopped at Mike's Stopped at HS Beverage's on way home to get some potatoes. Home. Lugged in wood. Potatoes hardly show any sprouts yet. Norgold Russet started most. Worked till mail came on tax material. Had long letters from Olive Gregory and JF Dyer. Suppered on fresh fried scallops, potatoes and beans. Watched some TV this evening. Thought the Jack Browns were coming down but they didn't.</p>

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<p>Feb. 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a beauty for a February morning. Just about calm. Hard to tell with Thoroughfare full of ice. Cold 12. Sky cloudless. Glass 30.3. A beautiful day and very warm with sun shining into Chevelle. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved. Went right to work on Income Material. Worked steadily to 10:00. Then we rode up to HS Beverage's to see how his old stump piles were burning. Only getting them bunched up together, hadn't started fires. Called on Ern on way home. He's okay but has spent his winter trying to get wood enough dry to keep warm. Gave us our Christmas presents - wash towel for Mamma, and a necktie for Cald. Home and worked to lunch time on material. Lunched, read mail, then up to B. Joyce's - she was home a couple hours from Blooper's [?] - to get my hair cut. Sure looks some better. Stopped at dump on way. Then along to Aunt Ruth's to get wash, down to Crabtree's Point trying to find some pussy willows. Found a half dozen or so. To town to see boat come. Got some smelts and tongues and cheeks at Mike's. Home by HSB's and his stumps were burning nicely. Walked home from Fisher's. Lugged in wood. Worked some more on material. Suppered on fried smelts, tater and baked squash. Damned good. The Jack Browns down to visit this evening. Had a nice time. She was wearing her husband's Christmas present - a beautiful wool dress like Pendleton plaid and new brown loafers with bow ties. Looked very stylish. Treated them to ice cream and raspberries cupcakes, and coffee. They brought me oranges and cupcakes.</p>
<p>Feb. 18, Thursday</p>	<p>Hurrah! Little Thoroughfare opened through about 10:00 AM and scallop boat has been back and forth. Big Thoroughfare still full. Was snowing quite hard when the Browns went home at 10:00. Warm nearly 30 then. Maybe a half inch on porch now at 6:30. Calm and by Golly it looks as though the tide had nearly eaten through here. Wonderful. Calm. Very few clouds. Temp 30. Glass 29.9. A very nice day. Last night's snow went fast. Did bookkeeping, shoveled off porch while breakfast was making. Helped with dishes and shaved. Forgot to write in yesterday that Nan made a batch of biscuits and cupcakes before we went up to HSB's. Worked on Tax Material all AM. Rested a half hour or so after lunch, then Nan went to the barn with me and helped me throw down 52 bales hay. Lugged 12 outdoors, piled the rest in barn floor. Pumped while haying. To town by way of middle road. Hiram's stumps burned up beautifully except the remains of 2 big ones. Saw boat come. Home our road. Walked from Fisher's. Nan had wood lugged in when I got home. Rested. Read mail, suppered on fried lamb rump; delicious. Edwin &amp; young Edwin came with our Television back from Thomaston Repair Shop. Watched some TV this evening, what I didn't nap through.</p>

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<p>Feb. 19, Friday</p>	<p>Saw a comical sight this day - about 25 of Watson's wild turkeys marching up Mill Brook Hill when we went around north shore. Don't know how Jimmie B. dares to let them range so. Someone will have some sooner or later. Handsome birds. Another beautiful clear morning with less than half a moon over Stimpson's. Sky cloudless and breeze on water appears westerly. How wonderful to see the water again. Temp 32. Glass 30. A beautiful warm day and not much wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work on tax material and worked through to 10:00. To town in Chevelle to see boat come. Ice moving in Thoroughfare. Home NS road. Worked on material more. Lunched on boiled tongues &amp; cheeks - very good. Was reading mail when Marion H. dropped over to visit. Then rigged up, went out and started Jeep, drove up to barn and back by going around big pile left by snowplow above our mungos, and swinging in along powerhouse garden by Bull Barn. Out along road to Merryconeag and back to slat snow from chains so I could take them off. Lugged in wood. To town in Jeep to exercise it and to gas it. Saw boat come - considerable clear water now. Home our road. Walked from Tumbledown. Worked on Material tell Gary came for hay. Emery H over same time with a nice mess of steamers for us. Gary able to drive right to barn. Helped him load and run cistern over good. Suppered on smothered cube steak, etc. Good. Read and watched some TV.</p>
<p>Feb. 20, Saturday</p>	<p>What a red sunrise. Even the ice and water is red. Breeze NE. Temp 20. Glass 30.2. Up at 5:30. Not sleeping good after waking about 2:30 or 3:00. Dashed out to take colored picture but film taken up. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work on Tax Material and waded through garage bills and Payson's separating the different charges to various vehicles and machinery. About 10:30 went over to shop and started fire. Snow had started about 8:30 so I swept off porch and lugged in wood. Shirley C. came for water. Worked on material again to lunch time. Then over to shop to paint one side of one of Anderson Bell's doors I didn't get painted before my vacation. To town just before 2:30 to see boat come and to shop and damn if we didn't meet cars coming from ferry as we were stopping at Mike's. Boat had left a half hour early because of snowstorm. Invited the Sampsons down to have a steamed clam supper with us. Home by way of NS road. Swept porch off for 5<sup>th</sup> time. Nancy H over before supper. Shaved and cleaned up and made ready for supper guests. Came at 5:00. Clams were delicious with hot biscuits. Had ice cream, raspberries and cake later in evening. Watched L. Welk and P. Bailey program.</p>

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<p>Feb. 21, Sunday</p>	<p>Must have snowed considerable during night. Snow up over bottom railing on porch. Wind still N to NE. Looks NE on water. Heavy overcast. Temp 22. Glass 29.9. A nice day but stayed cool; and another Sunday we didn't go to church; maybe a little more flesh on my bones come next Sunday. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on Material all AM. Nancy H over a few minutes about noontime. Cleaned up and up to the Lawrence Grants just before 1:00. Had a very nice dinner of baked chicken parts, boiled rice, squash, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, home-made bread, peas, apple pie and ice cream for dessert. Squire showed us his postcard pictures he brought back from their Florida trip, then showed me his Snowmobile and gave me a ride on it over to his place to SH shore and back and up through to Mrs. George's and back. Can see how a party could have considerable fun with one. Took the Grants down to see boat come. Ronny Curtis came with a brand new 4-door Sedan. Dropped the Grants at home and went up to the Thorntons to leave their television. Had to wait 15 or 20 minutes for them to get home from ride. Was only going to visit a few minutes, but they insisted we have TV dinners with them. Home about 7:30. Fires nearly out. We did well taking the TV back for sure had lost its volume again when we turned it on tonight. Damn. And Edwin said it couldn't be fixed again.</p>
<p>Feb. 22, Monday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday, George. A flat calm beautiful winter morning. 20. Quite heavy cloud cover. Can't tell how air is but cow is looking to eastward. Glass 30. Calm all day and sunny too. A nice day for the Thorntons to go to Rockland. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work on tax material. Worked steadily until we went uptown at 10:15. Nan to shop and see boat come - I into Dr. Hosmer's. Met Curly Joe on Mrs. Pease's hill. Heard Mike coming after Anderson Bell's doors. Told him where keys were. Had my medicine at Dr. Hosmer's by mouth and by vein. Also blood count. Rosanne Grant helped. Nan stopped in on way from town and we all had coffee. Home and out to look at RM's new building. All but finished now. Just the chimney to top out. Very nice but some of the carpentering not up to perfection. Worked on papers again to lunch. Lunched. Read mail. Worked more - to town at boat time. Home NS road. Filled 3 woodboxes. Worked to supper time. Baked fowl and dandelion greens, taters - didn't get baked. Watched some TV even if I couldn't hear it.</p>
<p>Feb. 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a dull dark one this is. Don't know as it's coming daylight or not. Wind NE. 15 to 20 now at 6:15 with occasional snowflakes. Temp 28. Glass 29.9. A tough snowstorm all day. Heavy NE to E wind. Boat went to Rockland but didn't come back. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on Income Material all AM except for what time Emery H visited with us when he brought us milk from town. Had coffee. Played him a couple of our Irish records. Nan made a batch of biscuits after breakfast and has cleaned kitchen cupboards and shelves this day. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Back to work on papers. Succeeded in getting them ready to put on Tax Forms. Ken H. over to lug us in wood after school. Only needed some for kitchen. Outside box full of Ashley wood for tonight. Out and shoveled off porch before dark - 5 or more inches. Played a couple more games of Scrabble before supper. Second game I made the smallest score two handed that I can recall - 146. Usually make at least 200. Suppered on potato, squash, and cold roast fowl. Tried to watch some TV but I can hear so little of it, it's not much fun. Guess we'll have to bring Mrs. Fay's down.</p>

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<p>Feb. 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Guess snow has tapered off but looks like air was full of fine snow now and looks like 3 or more inches on porch. Has cooled off down to 20. Wind has dropped out some. Cow looking toward us mostly. N to NNE. Glass 29.5. became a good day but plenty of snow again to contend with. Snow plow, Jack Brown driving pushed up by our mungo pines about 5:30. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan made a custard pie this AM - delicious. Shoveled off porch, to woodshed and out by Jeep, but too much from there to road. Crow Dyer down and plowed at lunch time. Walked to barn to start pump and to Fay's to get "Plumber's Helper" but couldn't get kitchen door unlocked. Walked over to RM's to get his by town road, found back door on new building wide open with probably a dump truck load of snow across floor. Home through field to shut off pump. Cleared sin so it ran freely. Worked on papers to noon getting them all ready for lawyer tomorrow. Boat came early this morning and then back on regular at 8:00 trip. Mail around just after lunch. Letters from Mrs. Fay and AW Beverage. To town to see boat come and to shop. Invited by Sampsons to steam clam supper. Home, filled woodboxes and rested a half hour. Back up to supper. Delicious. Watched TV. Had a nice time. Home 9:30 or so.</p>
<p>Feb. 25, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat calm winter morning. Cool though, 15. A few clouds but bids fair to be a nice day. Air I think is N to NW. Glass 29.9. Must thrash now to get ready to go to Rockland. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, shaved, etc. On way to boat over by Fisher's when it came to Nan we hadn't taken our bank book. Worked out okay. Brought prepared returns home and can send them out tomorrow. Had a beautiful trip both ways. Hardly a ripple. Ferry really loaded going over and 5 or seven cars coming back. Rode into Rockland with Bob and Francis Smith. They treated to coffee at Coffee Shop. Then Mamma to dentist, Dr. Stratton - and I went to Sulides office. Miss Farron has returned. Looks like his wife helping him. Was there to 11:45. Then out to drugstore to get a book for Buster Hopkins and a box of candy for second floor nurses. Walked up to hospital. Saw Rael Tomer - arm burn much better, then saw Buster Hopkins in same room - goes home tomorrow. Upstairs to give candy to Nurses. Saw Mrs. Morse and a couple others. Thrashed back to main street to meet Nan at Thorndike. Just out of dentist office. Mercedes came at 12:30 and we had a nice lunch in the Thorndike - ham pea soup. Mercedes had a ham salad sandwich. Back to Sulides to get finished papers and to A&amp;P and to boat. Home, lugged in wood etc. Floyd C. and big David here after water. A card from Helen and Sherm and thank you from Violet W. Suppered, slept and watched TV.</p>

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<p>Feb. 26, Friday</p>	<p>Up to Alta's this evening to do two washes. Left checks with boys at Aunt Eda's on way to town. Another flat calm morning and tide well out by Goose Point. New Moon today. Warm. Temp 30. Had an awful time trying to sleep last night. Guess my nap in chair pooched me. Air about west. Glass 30. Became a beautiful day. Snow softened in PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work and readied Income Tax checks etc. Cost us plenty. State tax \$40.00. Federal tax \$791 - SS. Mrs. C. \$45.88 and mine \$238.57 = \$1,066 plus \$58 plus withheld from what RM paid me (balance of capital gains on western pasture and \$9.00 federal tax withheld. About \$1120 all told. To town middle of AM to put in mail. Home middle road. Put tax material away in closet. Over to RM's to visit girls a few minutes. Home. Fried hamburg for lunch. Rested and read mail. A note from Mary P. Stone with checks enclosed for C. Joe and Mike. Over to Tumbledown to get 2 pair skis out of Carriage House overhead for Ern. Left them by his mailbox on way to town. Saw boat come. Jimmie B. visited with us on parking lot. Home by way of dump. Lugged in wood. Emery H. cleaned out our surplus snow with tractor. Visited a half hour. Suppered on fish and potato. Nan and Edith worked at RM's this AM.</p>
<p>Feb. 27, Saturday</p>	<p>A heavy overcast morning, calm but beginning to air up from southard. Looks soft and rainy. Temp 35. Glass 30.1. Did rain and hard too from mid-forenoon to well into evening. Nan hung out our two washes of last night while I did breakfast dishes after I did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Worked all AM steadily on my slides; dating them and writing what they were on edge of mounting. Started this job before supper yesterday. Lunched on cold chicken sandwiches while we watched an hour of wrestling on TV. Pretty brutal stuff I call it. Filled Alta's water jugs and started for town about 2:15. Delivered water and saw boat come. How it did rain about that time. Picked up RMs groceries, gave his Landrover registration papers to Pat M and came home NS road. Toted in wood after we took RM's groceries over. Back to slides until I shaved and we cleaned up to go up to the Milton Ames to supper and what a supper. Sliced boiled ham, with potatoes, carrots and chicory cooked in same water. Delicious. Coconut cream pie for dessert - as though we need it. Weighed 145# on their bathroom scales. Some better than 132 or 3. Watched L. Welk and Pearl Bailey Shows after. Home about 9:50. Still raining.</p>
<p>Feb. 28, Sunday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Marion H and George Dewey B. Rain has stopped; now thick-a-fog. How the snow has settled. Unbelievable. Ledges and knolls really coming out. Breeze about SW. Temp 35. Glass 29.6. A beautiful sunny day and snow softened. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, bacon and eggs and helped with dishes. Then went clamming here in Goose Cove. How the tide did come in over these flats, but got a nice mess. Rested to church time. Went in Jeep by middle road. About 30 of us there including choir. Home by NS road. Played a game of Scrabble before lunching on hotted up fish hash. Very Good. Down to shore to re-wash clams. Worked on my slides and rested. HS Beverage called and talked nearly a half hour. To town to mail birthday cards and see boat come. Hardly in time. Home by way of NS road. Lugged in wood. Nice to have woodshed full during and after these rains. Worked very hard on my slides and finally got the first tray of 140 made up. Lots of time involved. Suppered on delicious steamed clams wit hot buttermilk biscuits. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Shows what we didn't sleep through.</p>

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<p>March 1, Monday</p>	<p>Town Meeting Day. RMs arrived AM Ferry. Happy Birthday Shirley C. and Rosanne G. Expect plenty of money will be raised again today. Doubt if I'll go. Too nerve-wracking and nothing I can do to make things better. A beautiful almost cloudless sunrise and the sun has left Stimpson's completely now for Calderwood's Island. Sets almost up to big oak. Temp 32. Glass 29.8. Air about east. A beautiful sunny day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To barn to start pump, opened up doors in bottom of shop, started tractor, started beautifully. Let it run a half hour while I took some boxes of things from milk room to top of shop, put D-Con in barn, covered stuff piled in ground mow with one of my Vinyl tarps etc. Worked on slides till we went over to RM's to take the Land Rover to town to meet ferry. Put my tractor stickers on to Land Rover plates. Pat M. supposed to get RM's today. Have been told that Doug Stone and Benny Brown were elected on selectmen post. What has this town come to? Benny maybe, but Doug. Unbelievable. Met the RMs. Home. Worked on slides. Filled second 140 slide tray. Lunched. Read papers. RM in on his way to Town Meeting. Back up to Dr. Hosmer's at 1:30 for shot etc. Down to Alta's to tea, gassed up at Brown's saw boat come, only Dick Shields car came off. Home NS road. Lugged in wood. Marion H over. Visited an hour or so. Worked on slides again filling my 80 slide tray. Must get some more trays. Ready for a showing now with new projector. Brought Mrs. Fay's TV down to use a few nights. Edwin T. down after ours to take back to Thomaston again tomorrow. Doubts if it can be repaired again. Watched some TV.</p>
<p>March 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>Sun rises completely clear of Stimpson's now. A beautiful cloudless sunrise, but 35 to 40M NW wind. 38. Glass 30. A beautiful day but NW wind cold. Didn't melt except in very lee spots. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked up the mess I made sorting slides etc and put it away. Knit up the rest of Curly Joe's second ball of Nylon - two large heads and three small ones. Shucked out the leftover steamers of Sunday night and Nan made a chowder for lunch. Started a letter to AW Beverage before lunch. Rested and had a short nap after. To town by way of NS. Shopped and saw ferry come. Mrs. M. in a few minutes this AM. The Thorntons visited with us on parking lot. Home. Lugged in wood, also filled outside box. Nan cleaned sink cupboards and I took a walk on snowshoes out back of Carver's to spring, then out across into boundary strip across pasture to Stone's Cove and home. Cleaned up after reading mail and over to the RM's to supper. Delicious broiled steak, baked potatoes etc. Had a nice evening. Home before 10:00.</p>

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<p>March 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>Quite heavy cloud cover and air or light breeze NEE. Cool 24. Glass 30.1. Supposed to rain or show today. Didn't but very little sun. Wind very raw too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Finished the letter - 2 sheets both sides to AW Beverage that I started yesterday. Then walked over to spring house in pasture to nail door shutter back in place. Found one corner of it way down yesterday. Don't know if someone had had the door off or what. Kept on up through woods coming home down butchering place road. What a pile of pulp and logs out through there. All should be cut right now. Over to shop and worked balance of AM. Separated and put in boxes the tools etc out of father's chests that I cleaned out last fall and left on my downstairs bench. Lunched. Rested and read mail. Back over to shop and ground on my emery wheel the chisel, hatchet etc. from chests and took rest off of them. To town to see boat come. Home NS road. Lugged in wood and salvaged a nice 12 or 14 foot oak plank that had drifted in front of shanty. Plenty heavy. Frenched the beans Mrs. M. gave us. Played a game of Scrabble. Set up new projector and tried it. Suppered. Watched TV. Worked fine and slides very clear.</p>
<p>March 4, Thursday</p>	<p>The storm we were supposed to get yesterday started with snow whiffs late in evening and probably made 3 inches during night. Really breezing on now at 7:00, 40 or more miles per hour. Wind just about east, and snowing quite hard. Temp 30 and very raw. Glass 29.25. Snow most of day with an easterly gale all day. Over 60M at times. No boat trips. Lost one of the double trunk trees close to house about noontime. Snapped off and came across house roof about toward barn taking antenna with it. Don't know what damage it did to roof. Mr. M. in this AM dressed like he was going to north pole. Then Emery brought us milk when he came from town. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch - 4 inches or more. Lights off and on all AM. Then telephone went out. Wrote a note to Mike Dyer also sending him a telephone directory. Burned up my accumulation of cancelled checks from the time we were married to 1969, saving the books of stubs. Played a game of Scrabble and lunched. Rested. Shoveled out driveway back of Jeep and in front of garage doors. Rode around NS and to town in Chevelle to see who else might have lost tree but guess we were the only ones affected. Stopped at Curly Joe's to get a ball of Nylon twine. Home and knit some heads - 3 large four small before bed time. Nancy H over. Suppered. Watch TV. The Glass has dropped back during day to where it was the time we had the bad hurricane 28.45.</p>



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<p>March 5, Friday</p>	<p>Wind came out around during night and how it has blown all night and still is. 35M or so now at 6:30. Quite heavy overcast. Temp 26 and feels colder. Glass 28.9. Supposed to have gone to Rockland yesterday or today. A nice day but heavy wind all day W to SW and house seems to be cold. Another day without a telephone too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Worked on potheads until we thrashed to town at 10:30 to see if we could located telephone repair man and see boat come. Boat 45 minutes late so we didn't wait and repairman had returned to Rockland. Came home and played a game of Scrabble before lunch. RM blew in just after on his way to town. Over to shop, built a fire and cleaned putty off a pair of 6 light 7x9 sash, took what old glass was still in them out, cleaned off setting putty and primed the sash with undercoating. Want to replace the sash in upper shop one left-hand side of runway. Took to 3:15. Lugged in wood for 3 woodboxes. Shirley, Marcia &amp; baby here after water. Knit more potheads. Read on two days mail while supper cooked. A birthday card from Olive Gregory. Suppered, then up to Alta's to do two washes. Home before 10:00.</p>
<p>March 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Still blowing 25 or so Westerly. Cool. 25. Sun has come up beautifully just after 6:00. Back far enough now so she shines through Pat's bedroom window. Glass 29.6. Sky cloudless. A nice sunny day but strong westerly wind cold this AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. With dishes after Nan made a pan of biscuits. Finished the rest of part ball of nylon I got of Curly Thursday. Made heads for 5 traps. Up to HSB's to get some potatoes and to sprout. Only the Norgold Russets and Norland Early needed it. Home and had coffee along with Abe K. He was just repairing our phone. Trouble just out by Hog Pen Piece. Helped me take down what was left of our Antenna and took telephone loop off house about dropping tree off roof. Gassed up XL-12 and junked and limbed the tree, dropped it off roof. The tree hadn't even scratched the shingles. Played a game of Scrabble and lunched. Out to RM's barn to visit them and see what had been done lately. Very nice. Leigh Witherspoon there as Don is working in their woods. To town to see boat come. The Sampsons and Thorntons visited on parking lot. Home. Filled woodboxes. Tried to invite Thorntons to supper by they had a date already. Read mail. Suppered on freezer baked beans and broiled shoulder. Our slides came in mail and we projected them, also two of our 140 slide trays on projector.</p>

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<p>March 7, Sunday</p>	<p>A dull heavy overcast morning. Wind out about South. Temp 26. Glass 29.75. Up at 4:00 building fires as living room fire didn't catch on when I replenished it at bedtime. Finally dropped back to sleep and came to at 6:30. Tough snowstorm with wind during AM. Didn't go to church. Same on us. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Then thrashed out and trimmed the limbs and piled the wood the tree back of house I junked yesterday. Wanted to clean I up before snow covered it. Rested a while and played a game of Scrabble. The RMs called about 10:30 or so to say they were leaving on 1:30 boat. We thought they were planning to leave tomorrow. Thrashed to get to town after lunch to see boat load, but was just pulling out when we got there. Home NS road after driving down to Bartlett's Harbor and around Morrow's. Down to shore here to get a container of ice and out in garage to fine up some hard salt. Supposed to go up to Alta's to make sherbet tonight. Lugged in wood. Came on to snow and rain so hard with winds up to 50M so that we didn't go. Played a game of Scrabble. Suppered on hulled corn and milk. Started a letter to Mother Hubbard and watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Show.</p>
<p>March 8, Monday</p> <p><i>Tonny's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday</i></p>	<p>Ha! Happy Birthday to those of us born this day. Heavy clouded sky and strong W to SW wind 30 or so. Sun will have a job shining through. The new snow appeared to have rained off. Temp 32. Glass 29.1. Snow squalls during AM and plenty of wind all day. Did bookkeeping, finished letter to Mother Hubbard, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started pump, built fire in shop, and worked over there this AM to 11:00. Nan worked over hill all AM. I set 5 panes of glass in one of the sash I primed Saturday and puttied them in. I walked over to RMs at 11:00, going to have coffee with Mrs. C. and lug the laundry up to Jeep. Just there when Mr. Williamson blew in returning me a book, so we just lugged laundry up and came home. Marion H came over and had lunch with us. Some of RM's leftover warmed up steak. Back over to shop and set the glass in other 6 light sash. To town to get some groceries and see boat come. Home our road. Lugged in wood etc. Looked at my cards. Pat sent me up a present of a pack of skivvies, but only size 34 to 36. Cleaned up to be up to Sampsons to supper at 5:30. Delicious scallop chowder and a beautiful fire in fireplace. Burned a couple pitchy cat spruce sticks we took up. Frank brought Alta up during evening. Had cake and pineapple. Received cards from Pat B., L Grants, D. Witherspoons, T. Burgess, G. Thorntons, M. Ames, Helen M., Edna B., AW Beverages, Jennie B. and Etta B., the Sampsons, plus a can of nuts. 2 beautiful homemade loaves of bread from Rosanne.</p>

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<p>March 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>The Start of Another Year. A ball of fire sunrise. Sky about cloudless. Sherm B. called us at Sampsons last night. Just back from their trip to Florida. Had a nice time. Temp 25. Glass 29.35. Wind airing right up W to SW. A beautiful day but staying cold. Snow not going any to speak of. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Warmed up XL-12 and took down the mate tree to the one that broke off and fell across roof. This one fell across roof too. Didn't dare leave it as the other one weakened it so. Had it off roof and cleaned up all but a few limbs by ten when we had to go to Dr. Hosmer's to get my injection. Only had to make 5 jabs in my leg this time to pick up vein. Home about 11:30. Abe had been here, fixed our phone and had loop back up. Trouble was up by L. Beverage's. Marion H over and brought me a bottle of wine. Cleaned up rest of limbs after lunch, then tore out and replaced 3 shingles on roof over Pat's bedroom window. Quite a job with cold asphalt shingles. Nan over hill a while. Home so we went up to see boat come. Home and over to shop to work on sash 3/4 hour. Suppered on hamburger steak and toast. Cleaned up and up to Alta's just after 7:00. Took our freezer ice and salt along and made pineapple sherbet down cellar. Then Sampson, Milton Ames, Al Grants, Shirley C and Roberta Cooper presents beside we-uns, Alta and Sheila. Had a nice time. Home after 10:00. Cards from Sherm and Helen B., and Hazel M. 2 cans V-8 juice from Sheila's boys. A bottle of win from Shirley and Marcia. A can of mixed nuts from Alta, and clams from Austin G. A package from the Shirley Fay's containing a large jigsaw puzzle and a pair of yellow slacks for Nan.</p>
<p>March 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>Well, Doggone, that old sun caught me in bed this morning. 6:00 when I came to. A nice cloudless morning. Plenty cool 20. Breezing up W to SW. Glass 29.9. A good day but cold wind. Not much promise of spring yet. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. A real broken up forenoon. I was just filing XL-12 and cleaning out around chain sprocket when Bill Hurd and Peter Cooper came to fix sprayer leak on sink and fasten toilet to floor. Worked on sink but left toilet for frost free time. Had coffee. Oh yes, F. Adams came for RM's key. Then he came back a second time, then Belinda Adams came bringing key back. Over to shop what time was left and finished puttying in the second 6 light sash, ground Swedish axe and a couple chisels. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched and rested. To town to see boat come. Shopped and to dump on way home. Had just lugged in wood when Alta, Sheila and children came for water. Visited a half hour. Read mail and suppered on fried scallops etc. Watched TV what I didn't sleep through. E Thayer brought our TV back last night just before we went up to Alta's.</p>

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<p>March 11, Thursday</p>	<p>A very dull heavy overcast morning. No sunrise. Air SE. Temp 30. Glass 30. Threatened all AM and about 1:00 PM started a tough ENE snowstorm, well into evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Out to young growth beyond plowed piece in pasture beyond Carver's and starting cutting the bunch I trimmed up a couple winters ago. Snow quite gone under them. Cut, junked, trimmed and burned brush to 10:15. Came in, had coffee and then to town with Nan so she could get a Toni outfit and leave clothes to be ironed at Aunt Ruth's. Home middle road. Had steamed clams for lunch - Austin gave me Tuesday night. Nan up to Bertha's at 12:30. I rested in my chair to 1:30 to find it snowing hard. Over to shop, started fire and gave both 6 light sash a coat of paint both sides. Also another one a coat on putty side. Had lugged in wood before going over. Nan home when I came to house at 5:00. Read our mail. Note and check from Abbie, note and card from the Buster Hopkinses, a belated birthday card from the Jack Browns, and a card and letter from Winnie and John. Suppered on NS fish and potatoes. Over to call on Marion and Emery this evening. Still snowing when we came home at 9:30.</p>
<p>March 12, Friday</p>	<p>Up at 5:00. Storm has stopped and breeze is westerly about. Sky nearly cloudless. Temp 30. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day. Snow melted considerable. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, shoveled off porch, helped with dishes. Make breakfast, changed clothes etc and uptown at 7:45. Four or five cars and a number of passengers aboard. Nan talked with Ivaloo Patrick going over. I read last night's paper. Met JF Dyer at head of landing. Treated him to coffee at Coffee Shop on main street. Then up to Dr. Morse's office. He was right there and examined me. Quite pleased at the way I'd come along. Told me I must continue to have these weekly injections the rest of my life. Back downtown on Limerock Street. Walking some sloppy with sidewalks not plowed. Bought my refill subscription - \$16.00 at Lloyds and two 80 count slide trays at Musicland \$6.00. Called Mercedes about coming in to lunch but couldn't. JF Dyer treated us to lunch at Red Jacket Restaurant. Very nice, also good. To A&amp;P to do shopping. Bought almost more than we could lug. Jim and Mercedes to boat to see us. A nice trip across. To Alta to deliver Mercedes package. Had to have tea. Home, put away groceries, got fires going etc. Mercedes sent me over sport shirt blue - as birthday present. Suppered on fish hash after reading mail. Weary this night. Hard sloppy walking in Rockland.</p>
<p>March 13, Saturday</p>	<p>Sister Nellie's birthday. Would have been 69. A beautiful, beautiful morning. Everything sparkly. Wind will be SW later. Sky cloudless. Sun a red ball when it came up. Temp 18. Glass 30. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Weary from yesterday's trip. Gassed up XL-12 about 9:00 and out cut wood beyond plowed piece in pasture. Used 1 tank gas cutting and junking. Trimmed and piled brush, setting in a fire before I came in at 12:00. Nan out with coffee about 10:30 after she did a wash. Mark and Paul H. out a while with their hatchets. Rested after lunch, hunted in my diaries to find out when Jim Oldroyd's mother died, but didn't find it in the time I had. To town in Chevelle to see boat come. Stopped at Carl Bunker's on way home to get Mrs. M's repaired chair and Nan's repaired table, visited a half hour or so. Then stopped at Aunt Ruth's to get ironed clothes. Home NS road. Lugged in wood. Read our mail - papers and a card from Luther G. from N. Carolina. Suppered on broiled cubed steak - A&amp;P. Mike Brown gave me a ball of nylon to knit into heads for him so I knit six this evening while watching television. 2 large &amp; 4 small.</p>

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<p>March 14, Sunday</p>	<p>Flat calm and heavy overcast at 6:00 with beautiful white feathers drifting down. Now at 7:00 sky is clearing and looks like sun might shine. Temp 36. Glass 30.1. A beautiful sunny and warm, almost foggy during late PM and evening. Snow settling. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Then while Nan made biscuits, an angel cake, and ice cream stock, I knit 3 potheads. Wiped dishes, cleaned up and went to church. About 28 or 29 with choir. Home. Played a game of Scrabble, lunched and rested a little while. Shirley and Marcia here after water. Had been to shore after ice, and was ready to freeze ice cream when we discovered the iron cleat in bottom of freezer was missing. G. and Clara had arrived by this time. He helped me repair freezer. Used a mower guard bolt up through bottom of tub. Worked okay. 5:45 by time ice cream was done. Suppered on baked tater, biscuits and Bull's Heels for Garnet and me. Fried chicken legs for Mrs. G. and Mrs. C. The Witherspoons and Squire G. arrived after. Had a nice evening. Curley Joe here after water. Brought us a mess of scallops. Took along his potheads. Treated him to ice cream and cake. Ice cream delicious and cake a picture book _____.</p>
<p>March 15, Monday</p>	<p>Almost thick-a-fog. Strong SW wind and breezing up. Very dull morning. Temp 37. Glass 29.7. Stayed foggy all day, and blew very hard SW. Rained late in evening. Snow sure settled. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Also helped handle dishes off upper shelf as Nan cleaned it and put in new paper. Spent all AM knitting on Mike Brown's potheads except for time out to fill the three woodboxes. Invited Alta, Sheila and children down to dinner. Had fried scallops, cold sliced ham, mashed potato, carrots etc. Over to shop as soon as lunch, started fire, pumped while working and painted one of the 6 light sash as second coat both sides that I'd been working on. To town about 3:00 to see boat come and shop. Got 5 cans Collins Hulled Corn at Village Grocery. Home and over to shop to paint the other 6 light sash. Also painted another 6 light sash on putty side. Home. Knit some more on potheads. Suppered on Hulled Corn. Rested and knit more on potheads. Nothing on television. To bed at 9:15 to read paper. Really blowing SW.</p>
<p>March 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear morning. Sky cloudless except around horizon. Breeze SW. Temp 38. Glass 29.5. Snow sure took a licking yesterday. Has been a nice day all day. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Worked on potheads to 9:00 while waiting for time to call Dr. Hosmer. Said to come at 10:00. HS had called in meantime wanting some XL-12 work done. Went to Dr. Hosmer's in Jeep. Nan with me. Dr. Hosmer has a heck of a time picking up a vein. Two or three times in my right arm, then several times in right leg before succeeding. No fun at all. Stopped at HS's on way home and took down and junked an hour. He had gone to dinner. Home at 12:00. Played game of Scrabble while resting. Lunched. Filed XL-12. To town in Chevelle to see boat come. Visited with the Thorntons on parking lot. Home. Shoveled snow away from my sugar maple tree and pine. Have been worried about mice girdling there being so much snow, but they hadn't. My theory is that the ground hadn't frozen before snow came to stay. Lugged in wood and worked on potheads. Suppered on hotted up Bull's Heels. Watched an Irish Program this evening. Young Ken Hopkins over.</p>

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<p>March 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>A Happy Saint Patrick's Day to You all. A beautiful red ball sunrise. Calm. Air about N. Temp 35. A few scattered clouds. Glass 29.75. Took ashes out of both stoves first thing. A very nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit potheads to 8:30. Just going to barn to start pump when Milton Dyer called from Florida. Talked over a half hour. Pumped and tried to get Fay's kitchen door unlocked but couldn't. Worked in shop while pumping, debarking Elm sticks. To town to gas up Jeep and see boat come. Ended up buying ten lbs. of shrimp of Gene Gove \$2.00 paid by Garnet Thornton. Home. Scalded shrimp and started picking out while Nan fried smelts we got a M. Williams'. Marion H over. Helped me pick out 5 lbs. And had lunch with us. Nan helped me pick out the rest after lunch. Rested from 2:00 to 3:30. Over to RM's with rugs that came. Then into woods beyond pasture plowed piece to 5:30. Burned tank gas cutting and junking. Shirley and Marcia here after water. Trimmed and burned brush. Nearly cleaned up. Played a game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Then up to Alta's to visit while Nan did two washes. Home after 10:00. To bed weary. First red-wing blackbird here in apple tree. Also several uncolored gold finches.</p>
<p>March 18, Thursday</p>	<p>A nice clear morning but sky is getting overcast. Wind breezing up NE. Cool. Ground chilled 28. Glass 29.9. A nice day but on cold side. NE breeze to mid-afternoon, then raw SW. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Just making toast for breakfast when Curly Joe called wanting me to haul some lumber into Pease from road with tractor and trailer. Too much snow for truck. Put registration stickers on tractor and drove to barn to get SB trailer. As I opened doors, the center hanger lag bolt and the one each side of center let go letting doors down to ground. Just room to get trailer out. Up and hauled in lumber, then Curly and Mike came over for coffee, also Abe Knowlton fixing Hopkins phone. After coffee we went to work on doors. Went home to lunch. Curly came back bringing threaded rod from Brown's. Bored through door header and put in hanger bolts. Rehung doors. Worked beautifully. Then got Curly to help us get Fay's north door open. Unhung it and planed some from edge and bottom. Also lowered lock catch. Had coffee. Picked up all tools and put tractor and trailer away. To town to get milk etc. Home, lugged in wood. Nan took in wash. Dried beautifully. Read mail. Suppered. Nan had letters from Peggy G, Violet and Mrs. Cobb. Suppered on fried shrimp. Very good. Up to visit Bertha Joyce this evening. Her birthday. Invited Marion H to go with us.</p>

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<p>March 19, Friday</p>	<p>Uncle Will's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, also Dalon Brown's. A beautiful clear cloudless morning. Nice sunrise but cool and wintery looking. Breezing up westerly. Temp 28. Glass 30. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Finished knitting Mike Brown's ball of twine into heads. Went right to work just after 8:00 taking brush away from along porch across milk room to bedroom corner. Dragged it onto house garden on snow and burned it. Cut Van Fleet rose bush down nearly to ground, also Japanese Vinca Bush and burned them. Shall transplanted into spite fence. Uptown to see boat come. Saw that Sampsons had their car in line going to the Sherm Baird's to go to a Masonic time, so coming home we decided to go to the Oldroyds to spend night and have a supper on the town. Thrashed to close buildings etc and get ready. Sat in Sampson's car going across. As Mercedes was supposed to be at ferry to send shelf paper over to Mamma, she was some surprised to see us. Jimmie had brother in. Rode uptown with them while Jimmie had a haircut, we had lunch at coffee shop, then to bank to get money. Visited at young Jim's, then Sada took us to Owl's Head. Jim some surprised to see us when he arrived home. To Chuck Wagon to a nice supper. All had nice fish supper. Then up to Mammoth Mart to look things over. Home to Owl's Head. The Hopkins came out to have coffee about 8:30. To bed weary at 11:00.</p>
<p>March 20, Saturday</p>	<p>Snowing had when we came out of Mammoth Mart last night and evidently snowed all night. Heavy wind too. Had stopped snowing by morning. Had a leisurely breakfast with Jim and Mercedes. Ready to start for Payson's in Union when Sully and Bertha Sullivan arrived to have help on Income Tax form. Stayed to 11:00. Then struck for Union. Arrived at Paysons' just before they closed at 11:45. Talked with Don Grinnell about power steering for my tractor. Can get power kit and installation for about \$500 or can trade for a new 2000 Model Series with 6 speed transmission with power steering for \$1,000 plus which includes sales tax. Must think it over. Hurried back to Rockland to Macdonald's hamburg joint at 1:00 for a lunch of hamburgs. Jim treated. Thrashed to A&amp;P to get a few groceries. To boat. Quite roly for a ways from Monroe's Island out. Home. House really cold 40. 36 outside. Quickly warmed up. Stowed things away. Started a Shrimp Chowder for supper. Read our mail before supper. Nothing much for two days. Bangor paper with funnies didn't come. Shrimp Chowder very good. Rested and thought I'd watch TV but slept through almost all of L. Welk program. Also watched Pearl Bailey Show but not much.</p>
<p>March 21, Sunday</p>	<p>Sun crossed Equator this day. A beautiful clear sunrise, but heavy white frost. Air about west now at 7:00. Glass 29.1. Some cloudiness. Became a nice day but didn't thaw much. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan made a pan of Irish bread while oven was hot. Rested to church time. Went by NS road. A small group there. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Finished off our Shrimp Chowder for lunch. Irish bread good. Read and rested till we went uptown to see boat return from Rockland. The Sampsons came home. Called on the Owen Grants on our way home and they received us royally. Insisted we have a lunch supper with them. Roast Beef sandwiches, cheese sandwiches etc. visited to 7:30 or so, then home. Watched Ed Sullivan Show, Glen Campbell Show, and the Jackie Gleason Show. To bed at 11:30. Intended to go clamming this noon time but too lazy. While on parking lot waiting for boat, Raymond Beverage came by with newly caught scallops. Bought a quart \$2.50.</p>

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<p>March 22, Monday</p>	<p>Another winterish looking morning. 30. 10 to 15 mile hour breeze about W. Glass 29.5. Some cloudiness but sun trying to get out. Has now left Calderwood Island except for most of NEastly point. Has been a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Out to woods about 8:30 and worked to 11:30. Burned a tank of gas, trimmed and piled brush. Finished the trimmed up bunch and started on edge of main growth. Nan washed walls and ceiling of our bedroom this AM. Made quite a change. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Lunched on a can of Beef-a-Roni. Looked at papers quickly, then up to Dr. Hosmer's at 1:15. Nan kept on down to Alta's to do wash. By Golly, Dr. Hosmer picked up vein the first jab this day. Quite some different. Walked down to Alta's. Had milk and apple bread while wash finished. To parking lot to see boat come. The Thorntons visited with us. Tony Bok followed us home and I handed him down ten bales of hay. Then Nan and I burned the brush from the two tiers back of house on the ledge east of fireplace. Wind just right. Suppered on lamb stew. Shaved and up to Edith and Milton Ames to take Edith her RM money. Visited an hour or so.</p>
<p>March 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Wilson. A beautiful, beautiful calm sunny almost cloudless morning but winterish. 23. Glass 29.6. Air NNW. Avery nice day but no promise of spring. Snow not melting fast. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took banking paper from across front of porch and around milkroom to our bedroom corner. Jonquils coming up through paper along porch. Threw up wood and limb pile. Marion H over to coffee. Spent rest of AM cutting top out of Cortland tree and cleaning it up. Getting so high into air it was shutting off a big expanse of Little Thoroughfare. Lunched after playing a game of Scrabble while we rested. Nan over to RM's this AM with packages, also did a wash here at home. Out to woods after lunch. Cut down, junked and limbed until Nan came out to go to town at 2:30. Saw boat come. Visited with the Thorntons on parking lot. Home and back into woods to 5:15. Rolled up and tied up banking paper. Read mail while supper cooked - cubed steak, baby lima beans and potatoes. Watched some TV this evening what we didn't sleep through. To bed about 10:00 but didn't sleep good.</p>
<p>March 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another winter morning. 26. Heavy bank of clouds in the east so sun hasn't broken through yet. Breeze 10 M or so westerly. Ground freezing every night. Glass 29.45. A nice day but penetrating cold all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filled woodboxes. Filed XL-12 Up to HS Beverage's at 9:00. took portable TV back to Fay's. Worked steadily to 11:00 taking down and junking trees along bank of mill stream dammed area across road and above from where his hen houses used to set. A miserable place to work along edge of bank but had good luck bringing trees in land. Only fell two onto ice. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while resting for lunch. Out in our cutting after lunch till Nan came out to go to town after she'd walked out to Cobb's and over to RM's. Saw boat come. The Thorntons visited with us. Home and back in woods a short time. To house, washed up and rested, after going over to RM's to put a couple of pieces of freight into garage. His road getting very bad. Suppered on hulled corn, shaved, and up to Thornton's by way of dump, Played four games of 83. Nan and Garnet won 2 - Clara &amp; I won 2. Treated to pineapple Sherbet. Home after 10:00.</p>



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<p>March 25, Thursday</p>	<p>Another clear cold winter morning. Wind NW to W 20 M or so. Temp 26. A few scattered clouds. Glass 29.7. Sunny but cold in wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had just finished giving me a shampoo when Paul Quinn and Clint Demmons blew in to put up a new antenna for us. Then Abe Knowlton came bringing a package from Pat. All had coffee and tea. Mixed gas etc and up to HSB's at 9:45. Worked steadily to 11:15 where I left off yesterday. 3 tanks gas. Succeeded in getting all trees along bank. Called at Ern's on way home. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while resting and scallop chowder simmered. Filed XL-12 as soon as lunch and backup to HSB's. Nan went along. Finished what he wanted done including stumps taken down and junking broken off spruce, but finished just late enough so boat had come before we left there. Downtown just the same to Alta's to leave packages. No one home. Shopped at Williams' store and home. Worked over in shop a half hour taking bark off the apple tree brackets I sawed out of Cortland the other day. Lugged in wood, read papers, suppered on fried chicken legs, napped and watched TV. Weary this night.</p>
<p>March 26, Friday</p>	<p>Another cold one. 22 and windy WSW. Sunny and sky cloudless. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day but on the cool side, but the snow is gradually going. Nan's flower bed by apple tree nearly bare. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked in Pat's room this AM. I worked out in woods. In for coffee at 10:15. Back out to 12:00. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Lunched on warmed up lamb stew. Back to woods to 2:30. To town to take things to Thrift Shop and to see boat come. Home and back into woods. Set brush piles afire before coming in at 5:15. Alta, Sheila and children here after water about 5:00. Nancy H over with her new white rabbit. Suppered on hotted up scallop stew. Shaved, cleaned up and invited the Thorntons down to play cards. Played four games. We - Clara and I - won two. Nan and Garnet won two. Treated them to boughten ice cream. To bed after 11:00. Mr M. called tonight to say Mrs. M has had an operation and is coming along okay. He wants to come up next week.</p>
<p>March 27, Saturday</p>	<p>A dull overcast morning. Wind has been NE all night. Plenty cool and raw. 26. Glass 30.2. A raw NE day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. I guess this damn cold that has been trying to get me the last week has finally succeeded. At least my nose is sure running and my head feels as big as a barrel this day. Nan feels same way so were both kind of snotty. Spent all AM going through collected letters etc on and in my desk. Also through our metal safety box. Had quite a clean out. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Nan over to RM's to get vacuum cleaner out for John Brown as he's doing some scraping and painting upstairs. Abbie called after lunch; wants her house readied for April 11<sup>th</sup>. To town at boat time by way of NS road. Saw some nice pussy willows below dump road towards B. Joyce's. Broke through ice getting them nearly getting both feet wet. Gassed up Chevelle and shopped at Mike Williams'. Invited down to the Ames for an hour. A nice visit. Home. Read our papers. Suppered on Mike's sirloin steak, potatoes and string beans. Mark, Paul and Kenneth over a few minutes. Watched L. Welk and Pearl Bailey Show.</p>

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<p>March 28, Sunday</p>	<p>Still more of this damned cold NNEaster. Heavy overcast. Wind probably 20M. Temp 28. Made ice in cove. Glass 29.8. A nice day excepting raw NNE wind. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes after Nan made a pan of biscuits and a white cake. Worked on my slides to church time trying to get them ready to go into tray. Bought two more trays when we were in Rockland last time. To church our road. About 30 present. Home by middle road. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Down to shore here to get some shore ice under bank and froze a batch of uncooked ice cream - Nellie Robins on recipe. Came out very good. Rested a half hour then uptown to see boat come and to shop at Mike's. Home to thrash clamming here in Goose Cove. Able to walk right out around point. Very low tide. Back to house after 5:00. The Ames arrived about 5:40. Clams delicious steamed but impossible to get all mud off in one low tide washing. Watched Ed Sullivan Show and Glen Campbell Show. Had ice cream, coffee and cake during evening. Very good. To bed about 10:30.</p>
<p>March 29, Monday</p>	<p>Saw two wild geese over Elmer Carver House. A beautiful flat calm sunrise at 5:30. Just touching end of Burnt Island when it rose over Stonington. Cool 28 and white frost. Very few clouds showing. Glass 29.5. A nice day but still staying cold. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. As I was supposed to be at Dr. Hosmer's at 9:30 I worked on my colored slides, getting over 1968 trip to Maritime Provinces into a tray. Had good luck again today. Dr. Hosmer struck vein first job. Too much time to wait for boat so we came home by NS road calling in on the Beveridges to see if they were still on the Island. Had coffee with them. Home, played a game of Scrabble while lunch warmed. Filed XL-12 and into woods as soon as lunch. Nan over hill to ready house for RMs arrival next week. To town to see ferry come. FWS talked with us on parking lot till nearly 4:00. Still has a rotten cold. Home and back into woods till five. Fired brush piles before coming in. Heard geese honking and located two over Carver's house evidently broken from a flock. Read our paper before supper. Fried lamb steaks - very good. Nan had filled woodboxes for me. Watched some TV after, what we didn't sleep through. Didn't sleep through. Called the Fishers. They're coming next week for a couple nights.</p>
<p>March 30, Tuesday</p>	<p>What do you know. It didn't freeze last night. Temp 37. Glass 29.5. Calm and overcast. Looking rainy. Air appears west. Must get onto myself and work longer days. Nearly April now and so much to do. A pretty very nice day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started day by taking off rest of banking paper, then took off all storm windows and lugged them over to shop. How much lighter the house seems. Then I helped Nan cut the quince bush down to ground. Must either dig it out and replant it or throw it away. It's right where we want to set our flag pole, and has always been a mean thing to mow around. About like a blackberry bush for _____. Out to woods rest of AM. Played a game of Scrabble while resting before lunch. Lawrence Grant here at 1:30 after hay. Out back of Carver's looking alders situation over after he left. To town to shop and see boat come. Home. Back into woods to 5:00. Tired brush before coming in. Beginning to burn like spring now. Very hot. Read mail before supper. Nan invited B. Joyce down to have supper with us. Corned beef, dandelion greens and potatoes. Delicious. Set Nan's hair afterward and cut mine. Treated to ice cream and cake later. Stillman brought Bertha and took her home.</p>

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<p>March 31, Wednesday</p>	<p>Our 33rd anniversary at Indian Point Farm. Dull, wind breezing up here NE. Raw 32. Glass 29.8. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then washed ceiling over kitchen stove for Mrs. C., and the wall back of stove. She had washed rest of ceiling yesterday. Cleaned ashes out of stove. Out to woods rest of AM. Played a game of Scrabble while resting before lunch. Looked at mail after lunch. Then up to Fay's and took cellar windows out. Found one of the jack posts fallen down that I put in a couple of years ago. Put it back and tightened it in all I could. To garage to get stickers on Jeep. Steve put it on but didn't have time to get right forward blinker working. Rode to NS by Jack Bauer's to see where one of Gus Tomer's boys went off road in his car cleaning off a telephone guy wire. Hurt car but not him. Back down to see boat come. Jennie B. sat in Jeep with us and Irven Stone visited along side. Home and handed Tony down his hay. Gave him a gallon milk can I acquired from somewhere. Rossy Grey's maybe. Wanted it for goat milk. Lugged in wood, cleaned up and up to Alta's to supper - griddle cakes with maple syrup and to spend evening. Nan did two washes. Home after watching Johnny Cash Show. Saw Blue Birds by Staples Farm on NS road.</p>
<p>April 1, Thursday</p>	<p>Good Morning, Cool April. Clear. Wind westerly probably 20M. Temp 30. Glass 30. A very nice day until wind breezed up raw SW during late PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Helped hang out last night's two washes and then peeled apples for apple pie. Out to woods to noon time. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Lunched on prune sauce and a small apple pie. Scanned through paper, then back to woods to 3:30. Am now back to swamp and deep snow, so shall stop where I am for now. Have come to good alder growth. To town to go to Selectmen's Office to declare valuation. Nan visited with Thorntons on parking lot after picking up ditch along main street wall. A bushel basket of cultch. Home. Lugged in wood. Nan took in clothes. Dried nicely this day. Cleaned up, shaved, and made ready for the Stones and Grants to come play cards. Nan made a nice haddock chowder for supper. Very good. Guests arrived about 7:30. Played 4 games 83. Lawrence, Alice and I won 3. Treated them to Apple pie and homemade ice cream (out of freezer). Had a nice time but no one seemed very hilarious.</p>
<p>April 2, Friday</p>	<p>A very dull heavy overcast morning but breeze is westerly. Has been a few scattered sprinkles on windows. Temp 40. Glass 30.1. A nice working day but wind raw. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready to go up to edge of big wood above my pasture dump to cut a cord of fireplace wood for Mr. Loring. Had cut and junked two - one tank of gas when I heard a horn blowing and came out to find Mike and Curly here to coffee. About 10:00 when they left so we gathered up our cultch for town dump along with what Nan picked up on street yesterday and struck out. Went to town to see boat come, then to dump. Met the Thorntons there. Just unloading their last load of shingles. Invited over to their house. Newly shingled roof looks nice. Visited nearly an hour. Home and back into woods. The first tree I tried to fall pinched saw, then went backwards over stump when a puff of wind came. Butt broke handle bracket on saw. In to house, called Payson's, lunched, then clifted the 2 trees back of house here. Worked in shop a half hour. To town to shop, see boat come and to get eggs at Audrey's. Home. Filled woodboxes. Thorntons down to have Bull's Heels, hot biscuits and baked potatoes with us. Only stayed to 8:30. We all seem to be weary.</p>

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<p>April 3, Saturday</p>	<p>Ha. Almost a rainy morning. Wind has blown hard southerly all night. 25 to 30 t0 35M now at 6:00 AM. Dull and gloomy with spatters of rain. Temp 48. Glass 30. Rained by spells all AM. Cold and miserable all day. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Wrote a thank you letter to the Dick Fays for the jig saw puzzle and Nan's yellow slacks they sent a while ago. Worked on my colored slides filling the second of the two trays I got in Rockland last trip. Still have enough for at least 2 more trays. Hadn't finished when Curly Joe and Mike blew in for coffee and for water. Now working back up to Mari's. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. To town to see 1:00 PM boat leave, down to Ames to pick up package, home middle road to get potatoes at HS Beverage's. Visited maybe 10 minutes. Home. Read papers and had an hour's nap. The part came for XL-12 so I put that on after cleaning sawdust etc out from around sprocket. Solid full. Shaved and cleaned up. Played another game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Fried chicken legs, beans &amp; taters. Watched L. Welk and Pearl Bailey Shows this evening. Foggy as we go to bed.</p>
<p>April 4, Sunday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog, raw and disagreeable. 38. Air about south. Dull and grey. Glass 30.1 Became a nice warm day. Up to 50 during PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Read and rested to church time. Calderwood has a very uncomfortable lame stiff neck on right side. Goes even down into arm. To church by NS road. Nan thinks she saw a martin or swallow flying up by Bauer's. Palm Sunday - about 40 at church. Telephone came back of itself this AM. Home from church middle road, giving Wilson a ride home. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Creamed haddock on toast. Supposed to have been a fresh haddock, but was a frozen one. Rested and read till we went up top see boat come. Thorntons visited with us in Jeep. The "Little King" returned from mainland. Has been gone since the School. Board broke his contract and bought his bus. Home by way of NS road. Saw Blue Birds again but no swallow. Pumped, lugged in some wood, and filed XL-12. Played another game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Taters, peas and sliced corn beef. Watched Ed Sullivan Show (Nancy Sinatra) and Glen Campbell Show - what we didn't sleep through. Didn't sleep through. Abbie called - wants heat, water etc by next Sunday.</p>

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<p>April 5, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear, cloudless, winterish sunrise morning. 30. Ice made in cove and ground is frozen. Glass 30.2. Wind 10M or so. NW to W. This sure is going to be a broken up busy week. Supposed to go to Vinalhaven overnight to keep house for Pat, and supposed to go to mainland between boats to visit Oldroyds and Butmans, besides trying to get something done for ourselves. Have decided that if I'm to do a lot of mowing and rotoring this summer that I should have power steering to ease up on shoulders and arms. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan made a batch of biscuits. Hauled in wood in Jeep to porch from Frog Pond Ridge while ground was frozen. Up to Dr. Hosmer's after 9:00 to get shot. Gassed Jeep and home, stopping at Pease Farm to get a board for shop shelves. Curly took out two pair of windows for me to bring home to repair and paint and came over to have coffee. Took back 2 pair of my new windows to put in openings. In woods about 11:45 after H. Dodge came for hay. Worked to 3:30. Nan out a little while. In to lunch at 3:30. Marion H. over. To town to see boat come and to gas Chevelle but didn't. Home by NS road. Met the Sampsons and invited them down to have hamburg - spaghetti supper with us. Came. Supper very good. Had a nice sleeping evening through TV programs. Home about 9:00. Yesterday John Brown brought us a dressed tame rabbit. Sold him 4 bales hay.</p>
<p>April 6, Tuesday</p>	<p>Ordered 2000 model tractor with power steering. A beautiful clear, cloudless sunrise. White frost. Air W to NW. Temp 30. Glass 30.5. A beautiful day all day. Two big sun dogs late PM. One each side of sun. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took Bull by Horn this morning, called Payson and ordered a new 2000 model tractor from factory equipped with power steering, comfort seat like this one, and a double range type transmission instead of my 3 range step-up step-down type. Will be 8 speed forward and 2 reverse. Allowed \$3,000 trade-in for mine, making a different of \$1018.50. The power steering is considered \$5.00 or \$400.00 and 100 installation if I'd had it done to mine. To woods. Had to come out at 10:00 to get extra wedge so we went to town to see boat come and to gas Chevelle. Back into woods to 12:15. Lunched and looked at papers. Marion H and Phyllis Cooper called on Nan. Back into woods to 4:00. To town in Jeep to see boat come. A. Emerson visited with us. Just arrived from Florida Monday night. Home. Filled all woodboxes. Bad storm coming. Played a game of Scrabble while supper cooked - lamb tongues and hearts, potatoes and dandelion greens. Back up to Alta's to do a couple washes. Sheila and children last week, before moving to Delaware.</p>

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<p>April 7, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a change. A tough NE snowstorm. Probably 4 inches to now 6:30 AM and still storming hard. Snow plow has just been down. Wind 25 to 30 now. Temp probably 28 or 29. Thermometer covered with snow. Glass 29.5. Snowed hard during AM gradually tapering off early PM but believe it or not, we had no boat either trip. Think of it in April. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shoveled off porch - probably 5 inches of heavy snow. Over to shop at 8:30, built fire and started cleaning up Mari's windows. Putty in bad shape on the 2 5 light sash. Had to take out 2 panes to reset. Other 4 light pair not so bad. Scraped and sand papered sashes, and primed the pair of 6 light ones. About 10:00. Curly and Mike came for coffee. Over from shop to visit with them. Played a game of Scrabble while resting before lunch. Back over to shop from 2:00 to 4:00. To town to mail Valentine's and see boat come - expecting the Fishers - but no boat. Home and played another game of Scrabble while supper cooked. Tater, fried chicken legs and creamed style corn. Jimmie and Claire Brown down this evening bringing us his Bull's legs and tail. Had a nice visit.</p>
<p>April 8, Thursday &amp; April 9, Friday</p>	<p>Back to winter mornings again. Plenty of snow on ground. Hard morning for the robins. Temp 30. Glass 29.4. Wind westerly 10M or so. Sky clear except smudge along southern horizon. Must get ready to go to Vinalhaven this AM to keep house for Pat overnight. Was a nice day but cold all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rex came after Abbie's keys and he and Peter visited awhile. Had coffee and talked of ordering a pair of Knapp Shoes each. Over to shop a little while. Tightened handle on XL-12 and primed a sash. Shaved, cleaned up and uptown 10:30. Saw boat come, then Foy took us across. Pat waiting for us. She and Mike to Rockland on 1:0 PM boat with Woodrow and Elizabeth. I took Loren to school in Pat's car after we had cheese sandwiches for lunch. Gassed her car \$4.40, then William and I rode up to Calderwood's Neck. Tried to fin Val Young's but went astray somewhere. Couldn't find Clint Calderwood's road way or Carl Ames either. Nearly got stuck. Finally found a place to turn around and went back to Pat's. Over to call on Ned Kittredge a half hour or so. Nan spent her entire time cleaning house. Took the 3 boys and us to Sea Breeze to supper. Cheese Burgers, hamburgers etc \$4.50. Home. Watched some TV. So different in color. To bed about 10:00 after watching a John Wayne Special. Awake several times during night. Up at 5:45. Children up about 6:00. Finally got them breakfasted and all to school. Took in clothes etc. Nan still cleaning. At 10:00 or so we met boat to pick up Pat and Mike. The Bunker car broken down on mainland. Brought the boys each a young rabbit. Pat brought us to ferry at 11:00. Foy brought us back across. Called on the Fishers. Came yesterday PM, leaving 1:00 PM ferry. Brought Nan a beautiful Easter Lily and a fine cup and saucer. Me some Sweet Pea Seeds. Found our house plenty cold. Warmer outdoors with sun shining. Warmed the place up. Lunched. Rested to 2:30. Three days of papers etc. A nice box of fresh vegetables from Gay's Market from RMs. Over to shop to work on windows 3/4 hour. Now ready to re-putty. To town to see boat come and to shop. Home by NS road. Gathered some pussy willows for Mercedes tomorrow. Lugged in wood. Wrote up this diary. Suppered. Cleaned up and up to Danny and Harriet's to play couple games of 83. All too weary to have a great deal of fun. H and I won both games. Treated to ice cream and graham crackers. Home after 10:00. To bed weary.</p>

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<p>April 10, Saturday</p>	<p>Up at 5:00 and run right behind me. A mild quiet morning. Air NE. Some cloudiness. Temp 44. Glass 29.9. Must make haste now to go to mainland for weekend. Did. Bathed, shaved, made breakfast etc and to boat by 7:45. A nice enough crossing - a little roly. Jim O. and Bob Butman met us, and out to Owl's Head. Alta, Edna, Mercedes and Gram there. Had a lunch and visited. Then to Owl's Head store and harbor with Jim. Came back to find Winnie and John had arrived. Quite a group for noon lunch of sandwiches. Then Bob and Edna took Alta to shop and to boat. Jim took us into Rockland to shop a little. Back to Owl's Head to find Sheila, Alta and children there to boat time, and Sherm and Helen waiting for us. To Timber Point by way of Cushing, Pleasant Point, etc. Suppered on beef stew, baked potatoes, hamburg, carrots, rolls etc. Visited this evening with a nice fire in fireplace. Watched colored TV. Lawrence Welk Show and Pearl Bailey Shows. This is the first time we remaining Calderwoods have been together since Harvey's funeral last fall. We are getting few in number.</p>
<p>April 11, Sunday</p>	<p>Overcast gradually clearing to a Sunny PM. Up at 4:45. Shaved, etc, coffeed, and went to Sunrise Service with Sherm and Helen at Christian Advent Church in Friendship. Very good. Had a nice second breakfast of bacon and eggs. Then to Sykes property in Cushing to check on an artesian well problem. A beautiful location looking out over water and a beautiful new bungalow type cottage. This Sykes a weather forecaster. Back to Timber Point and started shortly for Merry Meeting Bay to see wild geese. Not nearly as many as last year. A week earlier we were this time, and ice not nearly out of many places. Back through Waldoboro to see newly built school designed by Burtis Brown Jr. Sherm says it has electrical heat and cost \$29,000 this first year just for that one item. Back to Timber Point about 2:15. Had a delicious dinner of baked ham slice, two salads, whipped potatoes, hot biscuits etc. Rested and napped in living room to 6:00 when we made ready to go to an evening song service by the young people of the Christian Advent Church. Very, very good. Back to Timber Point and Helen invited the Paul Simmons and another couple in for coffee. P. Simmons used to be here yachting. First wife related to Greenlaws.</p>

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<p>April 12, Monday</p>	<p>A mild morning in Friendship but considerable fog. A nice breakfast with the Bairds. Had intended to go to Rockland this morning and do our many errands, but Nan thought we could do them from noontime on so she visited with Helen and I rode to So. Bristol with Sherm and a Willis somebody - a house builder. Saw the Gamage boatyard and the newly built schooner - "Bill of Rights." How her masts raked aft. Built from the plans of the first Bill of Rights. The hull anyway. Inside built for tourist trade. Back close to Friendship where this Willis is building a house for himself. A nice one with a beautiful window view. Nan to bank, A&amp;P store etc. I went to hospital to see about a bill I've been getting for x-rays - health insurance should have taken care of it - saw 3 of my nurses on second floor. To Ladd's to see if we could collect damage cost on our antenna begin destroyed in March storm. What with a \$50.00 deductible and the life expectancy of antenna being considered out of a \$77.00 bill - we got nothing. To Sulides office to start proceedings to transfer my Real Estate holdings to both Nan's and my name. To boat and a nice trip on. Jimmie, Sada and baby at boat. Abbie arrived for summer. Charlotte with her. Our house much warmer than last time. Stowed groceries away etc. Looked at mail some. Hadn't eaten supper when we saw a small deer tear up across upper field with a dog close behind it. Took to water by Bull Rock. A shame for such to be allowed to go on. Suppered on top of round steak. Really cost \$1.79 lb. Rested and napped this evening. Home. Miss Abbott on same boat for summer.</p>
<p>April 13, Tuesday</p>	<p>Plenty foggy this morning. Warm 40 but chilly. Glass 29.9. How things have greened up and dried up just since we left Sat. morning. Now to really get back into harness. It's difficult to. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, shaved etc. Swept up milkroom and entry. Nan worked over hill. I was going to burn the two piles of brush from my last day's cutting out beyond pasture garden, but it wasn't wet enough around the piles to suit me. Came in, filed X-12 and shoveled out and swept out the garage. Nan back and we went to town to get RMs groceries and I to Dr. Hosmer's for weekly shot. Had coffee with she and Marjorie Fernald. Marjorie tending Jerry Brown's wife, had baby a couple days ago. Home. Finished garage sweeping. Played a game while resting before lunch. In woods about dump to nearly 4:30. Was washing up when Nancy H. came in, then RM blew in. Over to Abbie's at 5:30. About 6:00 Mr. M. blew in. Abbie had Nan come home to get our ox-tail stew to go with her beef stew and we had supper there with they and RM. Then watched a Nat. Geographic Special of Wild Life in the Arctic Area. Quite interesting. Home at 9:00. Nan saw 2 fish hawks over village Thoroughfare this AM.</p>



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<p>April 14, Wednesday</p>	<p>A very heavy cloudy morning with wind breezing on SE to S. Is now starting to sprinkle at 6:30. Temp 45. Glass 29.5. Rained some during AM and real hard by spells during PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made out check for first 3 months of 1971 estimated tax (\$245). Filled woodboxes. Over to shop at 9:00. Nan over to RMs to do morning work, then to town to mail letters, get stamps, and Easter lily out of church. Started fire in shop after cleaning out ashes. Went over the four window sash re-puttying inside and out, resetting two panes 9x12. Played a game while resting before lunch. Just readying to go back to shop at 1:00 when Curly Joe and Mike brought 2 more pair of 7x9 sashes. Bad ones these. Old and nothing to put putty onto. Dividers very skimpy. Painted the 2 9x12 6 light sash on inside and one of the 2 light sash on inside after finishing puttying. Left off at 4:00 to go to town to see boat come. Home by middle road. Prepared supper of freezer dandelion greens and potatoes cooking in the liquor of a shoulder. Nan bought this AM - very good. Back uptown to Alta's to do two washes. Watched Kraft Music Hall program with Jack Benny. Wind N to NW and down to 32 when we came home after 10:00.</p>
<p>April 15, Thursday</p>	<p>Gracious, a winter morning again. 30. Strong N to NW wind 15 to 20M. Sky cloudless and sun bright. Glass 29.65. A nice sunny AM but PM became very raw and disagreeable. Temp 36 at PM boat time and down to 32 at dark. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, and shaved. Filed XL-12 and helped hand out the 2 washes while pumping. Nan over hill a while after making a batch of biscuits. Worked out in woods 9:00 to 12:00. Took down and cleaned up one big tree and took down and junked a second one. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. RMs in while we lunched. Says his ship's clock has disappeared out of his chest of drawers. Got his 2 bags of my hardened cement out of barn to use on his dam. Trying to stop a leak. Painted the fourth sash on inside I've been working on before going back into woods. Worked to 4:00. Uptown to see boat come. Home. Lugged in wood. Nan baked potatoes to take over to RM's supper; also took part of rhubarb pie. His steak was delicious and we enjoyed ourselves but surely missed Mrs. M. He leaves tomorrow on 1:00 PM boat.</p>
<p>April 16, Friday</p>	<p>Another winter morning. Cold 30. Wind west to SW about 15 miles. Some cloudiness and sun doesn't act ambitious. Glass 29.5. A nice day by spells during AM but cloudy, raw and showery about 4:45 and into evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, filed XL-12 and filled down clearers. Don G. and Mike here after water. Had coffee, also RM blew in. Into woods about 9:00. Nan over hill a while, then out with coffee break about 10:45. Burned two tanks gas cutting limbing and junking a big spruce. Had it cleaned up about 11:30, took down and junked a birch before coming in to lunch. Played a game of Scrabble while resting. Back out to woods and worked up a couple more birches. These are doing in tops. Left for town by middle road at 3:45 to go by Audrey's to get eggs and to shop before boat came. Saw boat come, then thrashed home. Filled woodboxes while Nan started supper cooking. Had invited Abbie and Charlotte over to supper with us. Cold sliced ham, potatoes, carrots and dandelion greens cooked in ham liquor. Strawberry shortcake for dessert. All very good. Charlotte beat me 2 games out of 3 at cribbage, and skunked me one of them. Abbie and Nan played a game of Scrabble.</p>

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<p>April 17, Saturday</p>	<p>A dull winter morning. Very heavy cloudiness with strong wind N to NE. Temp 34. Glass 29.7. A miserable day all day snowing hard with occasional spatters of rain. Made four inches or so but didn't stay on. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Tony Bok came at 8:00 after 2 loads hay. Had coffee with us after loading second load. Marion H. came at same time to set Nan's hair and had coffee too. Over to shop about 9:00. Cleared an area in which to spread out my seed potatoes, then worked on Mari's windows to 12:00. Scraped one of the upstairs 7x6 6 light sashes, then paid the four sash I've reputtied on the putty side. Played a game of Scrabble while resting before we had a salami sandwich lunch. Read papers and rested to 2:30. Shaved, cleaned up and to town to get a box of candy for Aunt Ruth and Uncle Herb [56<sup>th</sup> anniversary]. Up there to call a half hour. Victor, Maxine, Cliff's wife, and son Wayne and the Jack Browns there. Had had other callers. Down to see boat come. Set in with the Thorntons. Down to Alta's to coffee, then to Sampsons at 5:30 to supper. Jacob's Cattle baked beans with brown bread, hotdogs and biscuits. Very damn good. Watched L. Welk Show and Pearl Bailey Show. Nice fire in fireplace. Home 10:00. Storming hard.</p>
<p>April 18, Sunday</p>	<p>Another dull heavy overcast winter morning. Yesterday's snow mostly gone. Wind 15 to 20M. N to NE. Temp 36. Glass 29.5. Sprinkly a good part of day. No sunshine. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved and made breakfast. Rested and read to church time. About 40 present. Dedication of Hammond Organ Service. Curtis Dickey's daughter sang a solo. Home by middle road, giving Wilson a ride. Played a game of Scrabble before lunching on salami and pressed meat sandwiches. Meats from RM's. Read and napped to 3:30. Uptown to mail a couple cards - Parsons Ann. And FWS' birthday. Saw boat come. Olive Gregory returned from Lillian's. Invited the Ames down to supper. Home. Lugged in wood. Over below Ghost Tree Corner to get a container of snow. Nan put together a batch of pineapple Sherbet and I froze it. Ames arrived about 6:00. Had a nice supper of broiled steak - A&amp;P and toast. The sherbet for dessert and again before they went home about 10:00. Had 2 quarts left to put into freezer. Showed 3 trays of our slides. Still unfamiliar with the way my new projector works.</p>
<p>April 19, Monday</p>	<p>Another dull drizzly morning. Breeze N to NE. Temp 42. Glass 30. Must try to get some of these chores done even in weather isn't best. All crowding in. Cleared to a fair day but wind does stay raw. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Woke up weary this morning, so rested to 8:30 when we went up to Dr. Hosmer's to get my shot. Four jabs into my right leg with no luck. Finally took vein in right wrist. Downtown to gas Chevelle and to get a gallon kerosene for burning brush. Home by way of Hiram's. Lugged my seed potatoes up from cellar and down to road - 5 containers, also a bag for eating. Home. Lugged taters into top of shop and spread them out. Cleaned old putty off a 6 light 7x9 of Mari's. Nan did a couple small washes here at home after we got home from trip to town. Lunched after playing a game. Over to RM's to take cover burlap off Box Bushes but Emery H. had already done it. Looked tree clean up situation over. One left laying half trimmed from last time I worked there before going to hospital. In woods beyond butchering place gate rest of afternoon. Cut and cleaned up 4 birches. Insurance man called on up. Uptown to see boat come and to shop. Home. Toted in wood. Read paper. Suppered. Watched To Tell the Truth and rested and napped. One of my weary days.</p>

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<p>April 20, Tuesday</p>	<p>A fair enough morning but plenty of high cloudiness. Sun breaking through 10 M breeze NNE. Temp 42. Glass 29.7. A nice working day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Filed XL-12. Out in woods from about 8:00 to 10:00. Cut, junked and cleaned up four birches. Came out for coffee. Had to go over hill with Nan to look for RM's watch he thought he'd left here. He finally found it in his suitcase under a paper or something. Then we went up to the Pease Farm to take back Mari's 2 baskets of perishables we've had home all winter, and to get our new metal gutters Don ordered for us to go on house here. Old ones are almost worse than none. Don and Mike coming along nicely on back of house now. Are clapboarding. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch warmed. Back to woods and was cutting some small spruce I'd trimmed last fall for banking brush when XL-1 stopped and I couldn't crank it. Either the starter cord fouled or engine froze. Helped with dishes. Nan set out her 8 rose bushes Mrs. M. sent her. Set them in Sweet Pea garden. Opened spite fence ditch up where snow plow had plugged it. To town by way of dump. Saw boat come. Home. Lugged in wood. Read paper. Suppered on tongues and cheeks. Rested, napped and watched Hee-Haw. Ice out of Fresh Pond about this date. No opening in it last Sunday.</p>
<p>April 21, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear sunrise morning, but sun seems to lack heat. Light breeze NNW. Temp 42. Glass 29.4. A most beautiful warm spring AM but clouded over this PM. Wind came SW raw and rained some towards night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Out to woods about 8:00 to clift on white birch. Clifted fine. Had 3 piles done at 10:00. Came in and we went to garage with XL-12. Jimmie Dyer took starter assembly off to find that a little bolt had worked out of magneto assembly and flywheel had picked it up. Fixed in no time. Dodged downtown but boat already in. Home and back into woods. Finished birch by 12:00. In and lunched. Rested to 1:00, then over to shop to pain last coat both sides on the four sash of Mari's I've been working on. Discovered that one of the 9x12 panes I reset has cracked clear across through center. Suppose I'll have to replace that after being all puttied in etc. Shirley and Marcia here after water. To town to shop and see boat come. Thrashed home to shave, clean up and get up to the Beveridges at 5:30. Had a nice visit. Home. Suppered on last night's tongues and cheeks etc. Rested and napped. Martins arrived by the dozen all over island. Nan cleaned milk room.</p>

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<p>April 22, Thursday</p>	<p>A very heavy clouded morning. Sun came up but lost out. Temp 42. Glass 29. Air appears to be westerly. Drizzly by spells all day. Rained quite hard from 4:00 PM on. Succeeded in getting 2 nice burning chores done. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to RM's at 8:00 to clean up the tree I left half junked and half limbed last December when I left off to cut and haul my banking brush. Snowed that night and snow remained until 2 weeks ago. Trimmed limbs and burned the brush along with some messes Mrs. M. made last fall. Nan out at 10:00 and helped me finish up at 12:15. Played a game of Scrabble while resting before lunch. Over to Abbie's at 1:45 to burn the piles of alder brush along her upper brook that Flo Arey piled last fall when he cut the alders for her. Had 9 piles. Lugged the first to the third to burn, then touched off the remaining six at one time. Had good luck and burned clean by handling in some. Randy Brown came along with his father and stayed and helped me. Nan came as we finished at 4:00 and went to town to see boat come. Had really started to rain. Invited to Abbie's on way home for a social hour. Home to pea soup supper cooked with ham bone. Didn't like me. Rested and watched TV - Jim Nabors' show.</p>
<p>April 23, Friday</p>	<p>Another winter morning. Strong W to WSW wind - 20 M or so. A scant 40. Considerable high cloudiness, but clouds are white. Glass 29.1. A nice day but worked in shop all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rex Crockett here after 10 bales hay for dunnage by Elliott Brown. Pumped. Started fire in shop and worked on windows all day. Re-set one 8x10 pane and re-puttied both sides of 8x10 - 6 light sash. Replaced and reputtied the 9x122 sash I gave last coat to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Scraped, sanded, took glass out of another 8x10 - 6 light and primed it. Re-painted the re-puttied 9x12 panes and started cleaning up and scraping another 8x10 sash. Nan up to Alta's this AM to do two washes and to do errands. Bob Smith to print cemetery notice cards etc. I worked to 4:00. Nan hung out wash and I lugged in wood. Rested a half hour or so. Suppered on fried lamb chops (freezer), string beans and taters. Marion H. over during supper. Shaved. Cleaned up and up to the Lawrence Grants along with the Chick Stones to play 6 handed 83. Men against women. We won the 4 games. A regular feed of sandwiches, potato chips, cream puffs etc. Home after 11:00. 2 buffle heads in our pond yesterday.</p>
<p>April 24, Saturday</p>	<p>A real flat clam sunrise beauty, but cool. 35. Air appears W to WSW. Glass 29.3. Grass on our lawn really greening. Nearly tall enough to mow. A nice day and should have been working outdoors but worked on Mari's windows. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop at 7:30. Built fire and went to work on window. Finished scraping and sanding yesterday's PM started sash, took glass out, shellacked putty grooves. Reset glass in yesterday's primed sash. Played a game of Scrabble while resting at lunch time. Just ready to go back to shop when Curly came after water. Visited 15 minutes or so. Back to shop. Reset glass in shellacked sash. Had troubles. Old glass very rotten. 3 panes cracked on me. Had to replace them. Finally succeeded in clipping them in and went over putty on inside. Now ready to putty in. A hard job as dividers are so shot. To town by way of Mary Waterman's to get a couple trailer registrations blanks. Shopped and saw boat come. Stopped at Abbie's on way home to put up her bird houses (4). Not pressured to visit. Suppered on freezer baked beans. Rested and tried to watch L. Welk Show. Slept some. Working in shop makes me weary. Nan dug a nice mess of greens today.</p>

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<p>April 25, Sunday</p>	<p>Wind NE 20M or so. Very heavy overcast. Occasional sprinkles. Temp 42. Glass 29.3. Lots of desk work that should be done this day. A rainy AM but cleared to a beautiful PM. Did bookkeeping, took bath, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Read and rested an hour. Wrote out Fuller Cemetery Business Meeting notice and posted it on bulletin board when we went to church. Went by NS road. About 35 there. The speaker was a friend of Rev. Williamson, head of the Seaman's Mission in San Francisco. Home the middle road to see the Fresh Pond open. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Rested and napped to 3:30. To town to see boat come. Not a car came off. Rode down to Crabtree's Point to Parsons', then on way back we drove in to Hoppin's new barn house on field ridge of Walker Ames Farm. Will be quite nice when done. Similar to RMs except fireplace chimney goes up through center of barn instead of up the end. Home NS road. Made out my seed order to Harris Co and registrations for 2 trailers. Suppered on daisy roll, taters and dandelion greens. Watched Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell Shows.</p>
<p>April 26, Monday</p>	<p>A dull heavy overcast morning. Air about N. Temp 42. Glass 29.4. Beautiful morning clam tides now. Should go. A pretty nice day. Quite warm. Should have worked outdoors all day, but must get windows done for Don. He's about done up to Mari's. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan made me a batch of biscuits. I went out to pasture beyond plowed ground and burned the 2 piles of brush from last day's cutting there. Also what was left of the pile of juniper cultch from Mrs. Fay's ledges. Up to Dr. Hosmer's at 9:30. Got contact first shot this trip. Swung through town to mail letters and home. Drove stake and tied up our Rhododendron bush smashed down by snow. Over to shop at 10:30. Puttied in the 6 light sash I had ready from Saturday. Started cleaning up 4<sup>th</sup> 6 light 8x10. Scraped nearly all of inside before lunch. Back over at 1:15. Finished scraping, cleaned putty off, some came hard, and took out glass. 2 panes already cracked across corners, and I broke another. Cleaned out putty grooves and primed sash. Also primed a puttied in sash but not putty. Uptown to see boat come. Thorntons visited with us. Picked up RM wash at Audrey's and took over. Lugged in wood. Suppered on fried chicken legs etc. Up to Alta's to do Nan's curtains and another wash. The Ames over to coffee. Young Larry Beverage's wife finally gave birth tonight to a 9# girl.</p>
<p>April 27, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another dull heavy overcast morning. Light breeze nearly N but more NNE. Looks showery. Temp 42. Glass 29.7. About this "Dogs chasing deer racket" was told yesterday it was all the deer's fault. If they didn't run the dogs wouldn't chase them. Very tough on the dogs. Bullshit, Bullshit, Bullshit. A nice day. Quite mild. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop and had fire going at 8:15. Reset the glass in yesterday's primed sash and puttied them in. Curly Joe came for Pease Barn key so to put some 2x4 under cover. Had sash puttied in and painted a sash both sides at lunch time. Just resting a few minutes when Curly brought keys back and got water. Mike with him. Back to shop 1:15. Painted the other 3 8x10 sash both sides. One more coat and they'll be done. Rest of windows shouldn't be so bad. Uptown to see boat come. Home. Bob Smith had our cemetery cards done and we were supposed to go to Thorntons to do them but Clara postponed us to tomorrow night. Home, suppered and napped to 8:00, then went on ride to town to find the Thorntons, Sampsons and Grants playing cards at the Chick Stone's. Oh dear. Oh hum. Home to bed. A beautiful starlit night. A nice letter from Dick Fay.</p>

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<p>April 28, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful cloudless sunrise morning with white frost. Air about west. Cool 37. Glass 29.7. A nice day but wind aired up raw off water SE to SW. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Stirred up my leftover Mill End Grey Paint from time I painted porch floor, and after I took out 10 bales of hay from Bull Barn for Bill Hurd I opened big barn doors, and started painting my S. Baird trailer. Never been painted since built new maybe 1951 or 1952. Had painted front end, right side and started left side when paint gave out. As HSB wanted to see me about plowing, we dodged to town to see boat come on way to Hiram's. Has decided to have a piece of Greensward broken up beyond his rhubarb patch. A smart move. Old garden very weedy. Home and lunched quickly. Stirred up another pail of Mill End paint and finished trailer inside and out. Quite a difference. Painted 2 window sash both sides last coat 3:30. Rested and hour, shaved, cleaned up and up to Thorntons 5:15 to supper and then addressed cemetery cards, and played 2 games of 83. Fried chicken breasts and all the fixings for supper. Ice cream in evening.</p>
<p>April 29, Thursday</p>	<p>A pretty sunrise morning but wind is airing up NE to E. Some high white cloudiness. Temp 42. Glass 29.65. A nice day but raw easterly wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto plows and made ready to start for HS Beverage's at 8:45. Nan to town this AM to mail cemetery cards - I wrote out 6 or 7 more this morning we'd overlooked - and down to Alta's to do wash. Broke up a new piece of greensward beyond HSB's rhubarb patch. Plowed good but too soft on end towards barn. Had to shorten up but widened out. Took about 1 1/2 hours. Swung up to Ern's and plowed part of his garden. His too soft on one end too. Home before 12:00. Swung into my FW Waterman woodlot on way home. Unbelievable how the opening has grown up to junipers etc. Where Frank had his woodpiles, and my roads are closed in too. Nan stopped at Abbie's t find gas appliances out. Called Bill H. Lunched after glancing through mail and turning my 4x8 creosoted timber over. Painted 2 sash last coat of Mari's, then painted my SB trailer second coat outside. To town to see boat come. Thorntons visited with us. Home. Suppered on baked lamb fore quarter (freezer) etc. Rested after trying to watch some TV.</p>
<p>April 30, Friday</p>	<p>What a beautiful sunny flat calm morning. Air NNW. Just a few high scattered clouds. Temp 42. Glass 29.7. Becoming quite a nice day. Did bookkeeping, wrote a short letter to Mrs. Fay, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up on roof and brushed stuff out of top of chimney stones - has been smoking lately. Took SB trailer out of bar, coupled onto wood hauling trailer, brought it down by shop and spent AM putting a new floor in it as well as two cross pieces. Limbs won't go down through bottom now. Nan dug two dish pans heaping of dandelion greens this AM along with other chores. Had just lunched when Bill Hurd came for 10 more bales hay for drainage on the new water line by Foster Morrison's. This PM Nan went to Guild Sale and I hauled in my spruce limbs from beyond RM's pond. Nearly a load. Then changed oil in Rototiller. To town to see boat come, to shop and to get some road side snow on hill between Bauer's and Watson's on way home. Lugged in wood - on limb pile about cleaned up - and then froze a gallon of pineapple sherbet before supper of ham hocks, dandelion greens and taters. Had invited Danny and Harriet down to play 83 but their girl Julie was sick.</p>

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<p>May 1, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat calm may Day morning. Can't tell which side is up. Some high cloudiness. Air from W to SW. Temp 42. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Called Union Engineering Co., Union about their Snapper Comet Riding Lawn Mower. 26 inch cut rotary app. \$400.00. Time has come when we must do something especially if I try to mow Mrs. Cobb's and Fisher's. May try to get to Union to see this machine the first of the week. Spent an hour cleaning dirt and paint off the windows I've painted of Mari's, then washed air breathers etc on Roto-Cul, gassed it and it started right up. Rotored green sward piece below Cortland tree over once lapping once after picking rocks, and part of it a second time. Rotored good. Nearly finished by lunch time. Finished it after lunch, then coupled onto the SB trailer and hauled in a load of small wood from cutting beyond pasture garden. Wanted to get in some rails to peel for Mrs. Fay's fence repair. Put 2 in top of shop. Nan dug and frozen another batch of dandelion greens. Checked Abbie's house on way home from seeing boat come this PM. Suppered, cleaned up and up to the Chick Stones after 7:30, picking up the L. Grants to play 83. Men folks won all 3 games. I shifted side to play with Nan and Abbie 3<sup>rd</sup> game. Still lost. Watched L. Welk Show and later Down East Jamboree.</p>
<p>May 2, Sunday</p>	<p>Neither Emery or us could turn the GR whistle off yesterday morning so it's still going. Emery called SW Harbor. A beautiful flat calm morning, but quite dull. A white frost. Only 35 at 5:30. Air W to SW. Glass 29.7. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Read and rested till time to get ready for church. Went by NS road. Unbelievable how things are greening up. The poplar trees are hanging full of catkins and the maples are showing their tiny red leaves. About 25 in congregation. Stayed to Communion. Home by way of Middle Road giving Wilson a ride. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch of warmed up brook trout. Rested and read a while. Uptown to see boat return at 4:00. We Calderwoods are always getting shunted. Saw the Thorntons on parking lot and though he mentioned to Clara that he must stop at Fuller Cemetery on way home to inspect it, he didn't ask us to stop with them and I'm on the work committee too. Oh well, oh hum. Home by NS road. Saw some Barn Swallows by C. Brown's pond Swung in to Watson's to see Watson's pond Jimmie B. made. Back up to dairy to get cream. Home. Lugged in wood. Dick Bloom and Larry Hopkins visited us. Suppered on Hulled Corn and milk and cream. Napped and watched TV.</p>

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<p>May 3, Monday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know. It's a rainy morning. Started during night. Wind about east ten mile and appears to be airing. Temp 45. Glass 29.8. Very heavy overcast. An easy rain so far. Rained hard all day and into evening. Also considerable wind from west. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop and went through most of rails trimming knots etc with hatchet. Left off at 9:30 to go up to Dr. Hosmer's to get regular shot. Very successful. One jab. Then downtown to mail seed order and shop. Oh yes, I made an order out as soon as a s breakfast to Burgess Seed Co. \$16.60. I especially wanted some Aunt Mary's White Seed corn. Saw boat come. FWS visited with us. Home. Finished using hatchet on rails and handed them downstairs so I could peel at lunch in vise. Just finished when Curly came for windows. Worked to 3:00 peeling when he and Mike came back with 3 more pairs to be reputtied and painted. Had coffee. Back over and peeled one more before going to boat. Home. Nan made a frozen haddock chowder and invited the Sampsons down. Supper delicious. Then we played 2 games of 83 and Frank and Nan had excellent luck. Won both. Had German Rice pudding before they went home.</p>
<p>May 4, Tuesday</p>	<p>Wind out to southard 15M or so and thick-a-fog. Hardly been any chance except May 1 to shut whistle off even if we could. Temp 45. Very penetrating chill. Glass 29.3. A very raw disagreeable wind all day. Southerly. Finally wore my insulated coveralls and a frock over them. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was just clearing out woodshed enough to break into a new tier of wood when Don and Mike blew in, and I working with them all day, running and fetching. Staged along back side of house, took off old gutter, repaired edge of roof putting in some cedar shingles and 5 asphalt. Then lined and put on new gutter and down spouts. Had staging down at 11:30. Almost rained. Back about 1:00. Staged on porch, took off old gutter, replaced about 4 asphalts, and bung new gutter and down spouts. Staging down at 4:00. Very damn disagreeable. Treated them to coffee and new biscuits this AM and to coffee at 4:00. To town to shop and see boat come. Home, rested, suppered and back up to Memorial room to Cemetery Meeting. 22 present. The Thorntons had made Sherbet. Nan made and frosted a cake, and several others brought sandwiches, cookies, etc. All very nice. Home at 11:00.</p>



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<p>May 5, Wednesday</p>	<p>Very heavy overcast. Sprinkling now at 5:00 AM. Wind westerly at maybe 10M. Temp 45. Glass 29.5. Became a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and talked on phone with HSB while Nan did the dishes. Over to shop and finished peeling Mrs. Fay's rails. Lugged them out by shop wood pile to dry out. Nan dug a big basket of greens. Beautiful ____ garden. Over to Abbie's to turn up furnace and to look over fence down by shore that I'm supposed to take up. To town to get gas and 2 quarts oil in Chevelle. Saw boat come. Came right home. Rotored about 12 feet of upper side of house garden against Rhubarb for dahlias and glads. Beautiful ground. Hate to give up this garden but so damned weedy. Lunched. Started a game of Scrabble while resting. Marion H. over and a game of Scrabble while resting. Marion H. over and lunched with us. Rotored all of Powerhouse piece and Mrs. Fay's garden. Both plenty but rotored up nicely. To town after 4:00. Saw boat come. Abbie &amp; Eleanor returned for summer. Home by way of dump. Found a big box of Welfare foods dumps. Corn Meal White flour, beans, split peas, raisins etc, even peanut butter. A sickening sight with so many people hungry. Home. Put water in batteries in Chevelle and Jeep. Shirley, Marcia and Baby after water. Suppered on greens, taters and ham hocks. Up to Alta's to wash.</p>
<p>May 6, Thursday</p>	<p>This sure is a picture book morning. Flat calm and nearly cloudless. Sun back half the length of Burnt Island now. Air about NE. Temp 38. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day except for chilly wind. Did bookkeeping, made out Mari P. Stone's bill to date including Jeep Excise tax, made breakfast, and finished Marie while Nan did dishes. Talked with Helen Baird and ordered a new riding law mower - Huffy - app. \$425.00 with tax, wholesale. Cleaned X-12, etc out of Jeep to load Roto-Cul to go up to Hiram's. Was going to shift a tire from old gray Jeep to Green Jeep but wheel holes wouldn't fit. Damn. Had to pump tire up. Up to HS's at 8:30. Rotored his garden west of barn, his potato garden by garage, and his garden east of house. Nearly finished at 11:45. Had dinner with Hiram, Wilson Nettie and Olive. As soon as lunch finished house piece, put on furrower and furrowed the 3. Home before 3:00. Rotored the upper side of my greensward. HD had brought my 8-16-16 so we took 2 bags to Ern on way to boat and Garnet 1 bag on way home. Visited an hour. Home, suppered, tried to watch TV but slept. Weary.</p>
<p>May 7, Friday</p>	<p>A nice calm morning but considerable cloudiness. Air is westerly. Rained some during night. Temp 45. Glass 29.7. A beautiful warm day except for shower just as group gathered at cemetery to work. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Right out to work to get ready to go to cemetery. Changed oil etc in Nan's mower. Started up nicely Coupled onto SB trailer and loaded on a half load of pond loam to take to cemetery. Left home about 9:30 after loading mower and tools into Jeep. To cemetery about 10:00. Filled 2 depressions in Stover lot, and two in the big Calderwood lot. Seeded them. Nan came about 11:00. We mowed and clipped the big lot, Uncle Rye's, Baird lot, Oldroyd's and our new one. Made quite a change. Ate our lunch in Jeep, then to town to see boat go. Back at 1:00 to find a goodly group gathering, and a smart shower for a few minutes. Jimmie S. Brown, Ern and I hauled and graveled roads and hauled rocks off Gil Foltz lot. Eliot Beveridge also helped on gravel after his group finished painting. Home about 4:00. Dug enough greens for supper. Read mail while supper cooked. My drive chain for lawn mower came from Rankin's. Suppered on fried chicken legs, taters, and greens. Rested and napped. Called Jennie OB about an Alumni Business Meeting.</p>

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<p>May 8, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful flat calm cloudless morning. Smoke from chimney falls from NNE. Cool. 377. White frost. Glass 30. A nice day except for cool wind off water. Also a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast etc. Swung right onto Greensward piece with Rotor-Cul. Rotored it all over again and upper side extra. Then took off 3 wheelbarrow loads witch grass and sods along upper side and end. Dumped in hollow above shanty. Made about a dozen furrows crossways of piece with Rotor-Cul then used hoe on them. Fertilized them. Lunched. Mike and Curly came and I helped them at Fay's, running and fetching. Mike hung and fastened all gutters in place. I furnished a full length of down spout for N corner out of barn. Curly finally got N kitchen door open to find lock was pooched. Took him home o get a new combination type knobs and locks. Put it in, and had trouble getting that to work properly. Finished just after 3:00. Then I thrashed to work fertilizer into rows on Greensward, dropped and covered 3 rows to Greater Progress peas. Put things away, rested a half hour, cleaned up and up to Ames at 5:45 to a delicious corned beef and dandelion green supper. Apple pie for dessert. Watched TV during evening. Home after 10:00.</p>
<p>May 9, Sunday</p>	<p>Started raining before daylight. Breeze NE. Heavy cloud cover but raining very little now at 7:00. Temp 45. Glass 29.9. Last Mother's Day we were over to the Oldroyd's. Heavy overcast and almost rainy all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved made breakfast etc. Rested a little while. Picked a bunch of Jonquils to take to Edith Ames on way to church by NS road. Also got our Sisterhood corsages from Alta's. About 40 at church. Susie Wooster oldest mother there. Mrs Haskell mother with most children present - 2- and Ruthy Thayer youngest mother. Home. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Rested and read to 3:30 or so. Just getting ready to go up to Beveridges' Castle to supper - first time of season - when the Thorntons blew in. Garnet all worked up having discovered that the cemetery lot we had just bought next to Mercedes had been sold to Carl Bunker last fall. We waited too long. Had a very nice time at Castle even if there was no moonrise. Baked kidney beans, roasted hot dogs and rolls and we took dandelion greens. How the Beveridges went for them. Had a beautiful fire in fireplace. Visited at house on way home a half hour or so. Home at 9:00.</p>
<p>May 10, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear sunrise morning. Sun now strikes through our bedroom door, right across kitchen to door into living room. Some clouds around horizon but wind does persist in staying in easterly quarter. NNE air this morning. Temp 45. Glass 29.9. The most nicest day we've had this spring. Rolled up sleeves. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast etc. Wrote out meeting notice. Mounted Grey Jeep snow tread on Green Jeep. Straightened colony bird house pole in base and heightened it. To town to post notice. Stopped at Janice's for signature. Stopped at Dr. Hosmer's on way home to get shot. First jab. Home and went to planting - lettuce, beets, Swiss Chard, cabbage, onion sets, corn and potatoes, spinach soaking. Over to RMs to visit girls about eleven. Home. Lunched. Dug a few dandelions while waiting for mail. A letter from H. Gilchrist - still in Florida. Back to planting. Had to make more furrows and four on powerhouse piece. Also fertilized. Planted 8 rows Earliking corn on greensward piece and 3 rows Early Norland Potatoes on power house piece. Just finished covering as Nan came from work. To town to see boat come. Visited with the Thorntons. Home. Rested while supper cooked. Rested, read and watched TV after, besides making telephone calls.</p>

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<p>May 11, Tuesday</p>	<p>Most beautiful flat calm sunrise, also moon set over our cliff back of Fay's. At last the air is westerly but cool. 38. This will be another full day if I begin to do all I'm supposed to. Glass 30. A real beauty of a day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast etc. Nan went to work. I planted soaked spinach, spaded Nan's sweet pea row, furrowed all Mrs. Fay's garden (8 rows) with potato fork and fertilized 5 rows. Too wet to plant. Out to pasture piece with wheelbarrow and picked 10 or a dozen loads of rocks. Coupled onto plows, took left hand one off. Plowed Marion H's garden, enlarging it. Then started on my pasture piece, beginning in center and rolling against the center. Plowed to 12:30, lunched, finished plowing at 2:00. Plenty soft on western side but got it all. Loaded Rotor Cul into Jeep and up to Hiram's at 2:45. Rotored on his green sward piece to 4:45. Plenty of rocks and had hardened down since I plowed it. Home at 5:00. Cleaned up and up to Alta's to a corned beef supper. We took the dandelion greens along. A very nice supper. Then Alta and I went to an Alumni Meeting at Memorial Room. By Clare W. Brown bringing Bobbie we had seven members and were able to have a meeting. Voted to have Home Supper Banquet at Grange Hall put on by L. Beverage and G. Fleischman. Some officers elected - voted to try to get Elizabeth Bunker to speak on her recent trip west. Nan did 2 washes at Alta's.</p>
<p>May 12, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beauty morning but sun appears to be smearing now at 6:00. Much warmer, 46. Air southerly. Some light cloudiness. Glass 29.9. Cool all day. A disagreeable South to SW wind. Another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes while Nan hung out clothes. Pumped before leaving for HS Beverages to get there at 7:45. Finished rotoring greensward piece once over, then completely over again to 11:15, then furrowed the whole width 23 furrows to 12:30. A hard forenoon's work. In mail when I got home a letter from Ern - very anxious to have his garden finished. Damn. I cannot get anything done for myself. Lunched and rested in an hour. Then to Ern's and plowed the rest of his garden breaking on greensward. Home about 3:15 and cold. So disagreeable I didn't try to plant on Mrs. Fay's garden - I worked in shop till Nan came from work, cleaning peeled bark off floor and cleaning putty off one of Mari's windows. Nan was taking in wash as I came from shop to do it. Lugged in wood. To town to see boat come. No one visited with us this day. Home. Rested and suppered, turkey casserole (freezer). Rested and watched some TV. Nan and Edith Ames at RM's. Discovered his record player missing. Nan saw Bobolink up in field.</p>

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<p>May 13, Thursday</p>	<p>A really windy SWer all night and still is. 35M or so now at 6:00. Warm by thermometer. 50 but raw. Some high cloudiness. Glass 29.6. RM called last evening, tiered up about his missing Hi-Fi record player. Strange things are happening. First his ship's clock and sheath knife - now this. Supposed to have been only showers but rained hard all day by spells. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was going to Ern's but started sprinkling. Dashed to Mrs. Fay's garden, worked in fertilizer and planted a row of Greater Progress Peas before rain drove me. Worked on Mari's windows from 8:00 to 10:00. Cleaned the glass out of sash I started yesterday PM, scraped, sandpapered and primed it. Nan home and we went to town to shop and see boat come. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch fire warmed up cubed steak (Mike's) and toast. Seed order came from Burgess Seed Co. (Aunt Mary's white corn seed etc). Back to shop and cleaned glass from companion sash, scraped, sanded and primed it. Legs were weary from yesterday's work and standing at bench today so left off at 3:00. Rested to boat time. Saw boat come and brought home RM's groceries. Rested and read while supper cooked - turkey casserole etc. Invited the Sampsons down to play 83. Frank and Nan won all 3 games. Treated them to freezer sherbet.</p>
<p>May 14, Friday</p>	<p>Boy, are things ever wet this morning. Don't know how I'll ever get pasture piece ready for potatoes and sprouts are going to be too long. Also lawns are going to get away from me. Mower still hasn't come from Helen Baird. Air this morning, easterly I guess. Temp 48. Glass 29.5. Became a nice day except for a few sprinkles once during PM. Rained hard west district. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over to RM's a while. I went right to work on Mari's windows. Cleaned loose putty off sash, had to remove a broken pane, scraped and sanded both sides and primed bare wood. Filed and gassed XL-12. To town in Jeep to gas up and get chain oil. Nan with me. Saw boat come, still no mower. Home, over to RM's. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch warmed. Looked through mail. Seed order came from Farmer's Seed Co. Amaryllis bulb for Nan's Mother's Day and garden seeds. Out to Cobb's at 1:45. Worked steadily to 4:45 trimming and junking blown-ups (several smaller dry ones into kitchen stove lengths and two big broken off spruces into fireplace junks). Nan piled smaller wood and brush. Also junked a broken off Balm A Gilead. Home. Brought Land Rover. Lugged in wood. Suppered on tater, celery, beans and cold shoulder. Invited the Pendletons down to play 83. Harriet and I won both games after a string _____. Treated them more freezer sherbet.</p>

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<p>May 15, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear sunrise morning. Sky cloudless. Air NNW. Cool 38 at 5:00. Glass 30.2. A pair of Kingbirds around our garden two days now. Wish they might build in one of my apple trees. Also had a beautiful Baltimore Oriole here this morning. A nice day except for cold SW breeze this PM, and a busy one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Gathered enough rhubarb for pie, and Nan made it; also an apple pie. I repaired porch floor putting in 5 new boards. Marin H over. Had coffee. Put new drive chain on my lawn mower. Changed oil, gassed up, cleaned plug and it started right up. Discovered bearing broken in right rear wheel. Took RM's Land Rover to Watson's field. RM flew in with them this noontime. We mowed all our lawn out front. Much too tall and too heavy for first time mowing. Lunched. Loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and up to Ern's at 12:45. Rotored and furrowed steadily to 4:00. Dashed home and up town. Saw boat come, picked up eggs at Audrey's and ironing at Aunt Ruth's. Home NS road. Nan finished lawn between house and garage and out back this PM. Suppered on freezer baked beans and cold sliced shoulder. Tried to watch some TV but slept through most of L. Welk and the following program. This cussed SW wind sure has been raw this PM. Was cold rotoring at Ern's. Do hope now that I've got Ern and Hiram taken care of I can plant some for myself.</p>
<p>May 16, Sunday</p>	<p>Wind strong SW and still disagreeable. About 20 miles now at 6:00. Heavy overcast. Looks rainy. Temp 48 but raw. Glass 30. Finally started raining middle of PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and then unloaded Roto-Cul while Nan did dishes. Loaded our 2 mowers and thrashed out to Cobb's. Discovered Friday that lawn hadn't been touched and she's due tomorrow. Haven't heard from her either - others have. Lawn very tall and much harder to mow than ours. Had to set my mower up first mowing. Nan mowed orchard area. Mowed, raked, mowed all again except lower orchard and raked it again. Wet and heavy. Took to 10:00, then Nan had to go over hill to make bed etc. I rested a few minutes, then had our lawn nearly raked when she returned. Three heaping wheelbarrow loads. Will use it for mulch on our garden. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch - cubed steak and toast. Just resting when RM came out to watch a hockey game to 4:30. Very boring. Dr. Hosmer called to say she was going to mainland tomorrow morning; could I come up this PM. Went after 4:30. Only 2 jabs this day. Home by middle road. Lugged in wood. Rested and talked with Mercedes while supper cooked. Ham hocks, dandelion greens and taters. Watched Ed Sullivan and Glen Campbell shows, what we didn't sleep through. Didn't nap through. Sorry, we didn't get to church.</p>

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<p>May 17, Monday</p>	<p>Here's the wind back NE 10 M or so. Very heavy overcast. Almost drizzly. Rained some during last evening and during night. Don't know how I'm going to get my pasture piece ready for potatoes &amp; corn. Temp. 48. Glass 29.6. Very wet and cold all AM clearing some this PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Thrashed up to Mrs. Fay's garden and planted a row of onion sets. Thought my fingers would freeze off. Wheeled the limbs and Ashley wood from back of house to wood pile. Also from side of building on bank. Worked on Mari's windows a half hour or so till Nan came from over hill. To town to leave punctured forward Chevelle tire (a nail) at Sampson's to get more glazier points at Brown's and to see boat come. Home and worked on Mari again a half hour or so. Lunched, rested, back to shop and puttied an hour. Had cleared so I rotored nearly all the rest of the house garden. To town to get repaired tire and see boat come again. Mrs. Cobb arrived. Home. Put tire back on. Cleaned up, shaved, and over to RM's to a delicious steak supper. We took potatoes, dandelion green and rhubarb pie. The boy he has working on his boat is a grandson of Erland Quinn. I started high school with his grandmother - Beulah Allen. His name is Kerry Dean. A fine looking young fellow, looks very much like Joe Feeney of Lawrence Welk Show. After supper we went to new barn to see his African animal heads.</p>
<p>May 18, Tuesday</p>	<p>Had a miserable night. Couldn't sleep. Heavy cloudiness but appears to be clearing. Wind right out here NNE. Temp 48. Glass 29.3. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So weary and so strained down below, I decided to rest this AM in house, then decided to take 1:00 PM boat to Rockland to get my overdue checkup and also because what appeared to be blood from stomach area was showing in my stools. Never a moment now free of anxiety. Closed shop doors, pumped etc. Shaved, cleaned up and went to boat by way of dump. Nan over hill a half hour or so this AM. RM supposed to leave tomorrow. Boat loaded but nice trip across. Went to Coffee Shop first to have a hamburger, but were able to eat only half of each - very unappetizing. To Medical Arts Building and wait an hour before getting an opening with Dr. Morse. Found my recent trouble okay but couldn't explain blood smear in stools without x-ray so must have an upper GI in morning 8:00. Out just before 5:00. Called Oldroyds and Jim came right in. Visited a half hour, then out to supper at Lobster House on Route 1. Had chopped broiled sirloin, Jim broiled haddock and girls had pot roast. All very good but too big servings. Rode up to Camden to look over Cattle Schooners. Home to Owl's Head and to bed finally at 10:30. The most beautiful hot day of year so far.</p>

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<p>May 19, Wednesday</p>	<p>A 56 morning at Owl's Head but almost drizzly. Calm. Shaved, cleaned up etc while the others enjoyed breakfast. Rode in with Jim to Hospital at 8:00. Waited to 9:30 to have x-rays taken. Dr. Morse not present so must wait to Friday for report. Walked down to Coffee shop 10:45 to have a glass of milk and toasted English muffins. Then to A&amp;P working toward D.R. Call &amp; Sons to get Crow Repellant and a wheel for lawn mower when we met June Hopkins in A&amp;P parking lot. Offered to take us to Calls - no luck on either count - then to Rankin's at Camden. Got wheel for law mower, 2 cans of Crow Repellant and a beautiful table - electric lamp for Mamma for Mother's Day. Back to Rockland to June's to fried hamburg and toast. Went across street to call on Buster Hopkins. Back in hospital again and slipping daily. To A&amp;P to shop and to ferry terminal. Then back up town to get hair cut at Seth's \$2.25. Back to boat terminal and lugged groceries aboard ferry. A nice trip across bay - 3 cars and truck aboard. Home, put things away in freezer etc, warmed house up. Marion H. Paul and Mark over. Suppered on fried chicken legs, potatoes I rotored out of garden Monday and freezer yellow beans. Watched a very nice Tennessee Ernie Ford special during evening after napping some. Sure does make us weary to go to mainland. To bed after 10:00 and believe it or not wasn't up till 4:45. Have been a long time since I've done that.</p>
<p>May 20, Thursday</p>	<p>Doggone. Thick-a-fog. Calm. Air southerly. Temp 48. Glass 30.1. Feel somewhat more rested this morning but how am I going to get all these things done that's crowding in? Lawn mower still hasn't come and Mrs. Fay's lawn a mess. Mrs. Cobb very pleased with hers. Called H. Baird later this morning and mower hasn't even arrived at Portland yet. Damn. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made a furrow, fertilized and planted Nan's Sweet peas, then tore into Mrs. Fay's Garden. Planted sweet peas as far as they went, 3 squash and 6 hills cukes, 2 kinds beans, 2 kinds lettuce, 2 kinds beets, carrots and radish, 1 row left for second planting of peas. On over greensward piece I made 5 more furrows with potato hoe, fertilized and planted beans, peas, 3 squash and cukes. Lunched about 1:00. Nan cleaning house with girls at Snow's. As soon as lunch I put new rear wheel onto my mower and mowed all of the tallest part of Mrs. Fay's lawn front and back with mower set in highest holes. Then set wheels into middle holes and removed all of front of house. Grass so damp and soft it doesn't straighten up good. Just down from Fay's, got bushel basket together for dahlias and ready to start over to meet Nan at Tumbledown corner when she drove in. To town to see boat come and home by Hiram's to get our dahlias and some eating potatoes. Suppered on some of our frozen shrimp made into a chowder. Tried to watch some TV.</p>

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<p>May 21, Friday</p>	<p>Damn, heavy overcast and air NE. If it rains again my potatoes will be pooched. Sprouts too long now. Temp 52. Glass 30. Foggy almost mizzling at times. Cleared to a beautiful day about 4:30. A busy one too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Made a couple furrows by hand on greensward piece fertilized one and planted the row of carrots and radish I forgot yesterday. Then up to Pease Farm and brought home my double harrow. Nan went after Ern to help pick rocks. Finally succeeded in getting over half of pasture piece twice lapping half. Nearly stuck a dozen times. Why is that piece so wet and it doesn't seem to have dried out any? Took off harrows, put on drawbar, dug out AW Beverage's old Hussey 1 horse plow and we furrowed rest of powerhouse piece 8 rows. Ern drove tractor. Lunched. Fertilized the 8 rows, worked fertilizer with hoes, dropped Polarvee corn, and covered with hoes. Then out to pasture piece and made 9 furrow on side next to Road with tractor and AWB plow. Too damned wet to do a good job. Finished 3:30. Took Ern home and kept on downtown. Left RM wash at Audrey's. Saw boat come. Home. Marion H. over as we were preparing supper. Dr. Morse called shortly after 5:00 to say my x-rays came out very good, everything okay. Possibly a little irritation of stomach lining. Feel much better. Suppered on potatoes, dandelion greens and Alta's corned beef from last week. H. Baird called to say riding Mower had finally arrived at Portland. Over to shop after and set up the rest of my early Norland cuts and most of my Norgold russets.</p>
<p>May 22, Saturday</p>	<p>Well, don't it beat the world and diddle a tom-cat. Here is it drizzling again now at 6:00 AM. How am I ever going to get that pasture piece planted? Temp 52. Foggy. Calm. Air NE to E. Glass 29.7. Rained hard all day and well into night. Sure soaked things down. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Walked up into field looking OP piece over, may have to plow it for potatoes. Grafted tree looks good. Grass tall enough all ready to wet my knees. In to shop and put my new plow point onto right hand plow. Only \$19.00. First one I replaced about 1949 cost about \$8.00. Upstairs and worked on Mari's windows to 10:00. Finished puttying in sash of May 17<sup>th</sup> and put bedding putty onto companion sash. To town to get 6 8x10 panes glass and see boat come. Home. Played a game of Scrabble while lunch heated. Back over to shop. Set glass into sash, puttied it in, and puttied inside. Then replaced and puttied in a 9 8x2 pane in another sash and also nearly re-puttied the rest of sash where loose putty had been cleaned off. Slow costly work. To town at boat time. Frank S. and Owen G. visited with us while it rained hard. Home. Filled woodbox out of shed. Suppered on potato, celery and cold ham hock. Greens (dandelion) about done for this year. Watched Lawrence Welk program what we didn't sleep through. Didn't sleep through. Still raining very hard when we went to bed at 10:00. Letter from R. Bailey yesterday - not coming till June 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>



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<p>May 23, Sunday</p>	<p>By Gracious, the rain has stopped and the sun looked into kitchen for about 15 minutes through our bedroom window when it rose, but has gone into heavy cloud bank. Is clearing though. Breezing up NNW. Pat and boys supposed to be up if Mike comes golfing. Temp 46. Glass 29.7. What a beautiful day but cool NW wind and a full one. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. At quarter to 9:00 I started plowing on OP piece. Nan went to town after family. Loren and William rode with me a while. Piece plowed beautifully. Never would know it had been raining for 24 hours. Some different than pasture piece. Finished 10:30 or so. Down to bathhouse beach with boys sailing boats a while. Pat took lunch up to the golfers. Had our last Lamont lamb leg roasted for dinner. Delicious. Gathered Pat a big shopping bag of rhubarb for pie and freezing. Took them to town going to Links to get golfers. Home and harrowed the piece. Came out nicely. Went clamming here on NE side of Goose Cove and got a nice mess. Invited the Thorntons down to steam clams supper. Most as delicious as the baked lamb. Watched the Ed Sullivan Show. Sorry, I dropped off on them a few times. A busy day.</p>
<p>May 24, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful cloudless sunrise morning but cool. Only 42. Likely 36 at Hiram's. Air N to NNW and airing up. This won't make corn grow very fast. Must try to get potatoes onto OP piece this day. Will be a full one if I do. Glass 29.8. A beautiful day but started smearing up late PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped and made ready to furrow OP piece with Rotor-Cul. Called Dr. Hosmer first and she could have me right off so we went right up. Only 2 jabs this day. Also down town to get work gas and also Chevelle. Right home and furrowed. Did half full length, coffeed, then finished - 19 furrows. Hardest part of whole operation. Cut up rest of Norgold Russet potatoes while clams steamed. Lunched. Rested to 1:00. Loaded fertilizer, potatoes etc into Jeep and up into field. Just started in good shape when Harvey Demmons arrived with Huffy riding lawn mower. Down to help him unload it. We unboxed it and he helped me roll it into shop. Nan back up in field with me and dropped 5 of the 6 rows of potatoes while I fertilized and mixed it in with hand plow. Then covered the six rows with hand plow. Several potatoes breaking ground of the 3 rows on Power house piece planted June 10<sup>th</sup>. Put equipment away 4:10. Thrashed uptown to see boat come. Home. Read paper and started to study operations manual while supper cooked. Potato salad, celery, and cold baked lamb. Up to Alta's to do two washes and to visit.</p>

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<p>May 25, Tuesday</p>	<p>Well, what do you know. It's started raining sometime during night and is still drizzling now at 6:00. Very heavy overcast and dull. Airing up from eastward. Temp 48. Glass 29.9. Foggy all day and so raw I had to wear coveralls. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Went right to work cutting potatoes after taking storm window off that we'd left on Hoya window. Cut all my Kennebecs, red and Shenangoes. Had nearly 6 pails. Over to RMs to have coffee with Nan. She's making house ready for Thursday. Dropped and covered my potatoes. Had 4 rows Kennebecs, 2 part rows of Shenangoes and 4 rows of PEI. Lunched about 1:00. Back up to OP piece and planted remaining 3 rows to Silver Queen Corn. Then fertilized the 5 rows on eastern half of piece next to cellar hole and planted Aunt Mary's white corn. A very little Silver Queen mixed in - leftover from the 3 rows. Used Crow Repellant on this. Thrashed uptown to see boat come. Seems like summer people coming every day now. Home. Hopkins' pup sailed right into forward wheel of Chevelle as we came by. Evidently didn't break any bones but sure hit heavy. Emery gave us a beautiful mess of smelts from Waldoboro bait for supper. Delicious. Watched a little TV later what I didn't sleep through. So raw this day I have to wear coveralls all day. Called E. Bunker yesterday about speaking at Alumni Banquet. In bed with laryngitis. Wrote note she couldn't do it.</p>
<p>May 26, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog but now at 6:00, it's clearing overhead and looks like sun might shine for a nice day. Sure need it. Calm. Air from SW. Temp 50. Glass 29.7. A nice working day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to work on OP piece again. Fertilized rest of eastern half and worked it in. Then dropped 5 more rows of Aunt Mary's Corn. Supposed to be long bearing, extra delicious white. Covered it, dropped 4 rows Jubilee Corn and covered that. To town to get RM's washes at Audrey's and to see boat come. Home. Nan put washes away. I finished OP piece. Three and a half more rows of Jubilee and 1 1/2 rows Sugar and Cream - 1970 seed. Lunched. Rested 3/4 hour or so. Loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and down to Dick Blooms at 2:00. Nan went with me. Discovered we were riding on empty tank. Worked a solid 2 hours on garden I plowed last fall. Too damned wet on lower end but finally worked up very good. Had to pick rocks too of course. Made 10 furrows. Finished 4:05. To town to gas up. Saw boat come. FWS visited and invited us up to play 83. Home. Put out 6 bales hay for Dorothy Beverage. Suppered on tater, peas and fried Alewives. Not bad but believe I like smelts better. To Sampsons. Played 3 games 83. Orilla and I won one. Too long days and too weary to be playing cards.</p>

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<p>May 27, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful flat clam morning. Considerable cloudiness but think Sun will break through. Air N. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. A nice day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work at Crocker's. I thrashed down to the Joby Philbrook place and rotored and furrowed June's garden, plus picking rocks. Came out good. Stopped at garage on way home and "Crow" did a little straightening and welding on the drag hitch of Rotor-Cul. Home. Harrowed Marion's garden. Dropped off harrows and coupled onto plow. To Elliott Brown's and plowed his garden. Held up 15 or 20 minutes while road boys put new culvert in this side of Mullen Place driveway. Home about 12:30 through Mullen's Park. Lunched and glanced through mail. A letter and check from Mari P. Stone. Plowed the edge of dump piece where I had pumpkins &amp; squashes last year. Then plowed triangle garden after mowing (hand scythed) along road side of it. Was just re-rotoring upper side of house garden for dahlias &amp; glads when Nan came. She has to thrash right over to RM's a minute as they arrived this PM. Mrs. flew in with the Wests and RM brought boat (Blue Heron) from Camden. Suppered on taters, fried chicken legs etc. Supposed to go to a Town Meeting tonight but too pooched. Dog Leash law to be voted on for one thing.</p>
<p>May 28, Friday</p>	<p>A dull heavy overcast morning. Rained sometime during night. Air NNW. Temp 51. Glass 29.9. Became a nice day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, boiled halibut head Emery H. gave me - very good. Helped with dishes and shaved. Nan went to work with girls at Crocker's. I went right to work on house garden after polishing a couple pairs of shoes. Made 4 rows across garden next to rhubarb with potato hoe. Fertilized 3, covered it and planted 2 double rows of glads, 2 12 quart pails full, and a row of dahlias. Then fertilized a row on greensward piece and set it out to sweet onion plants. Had been headed into house garden for a couple weeks and I'd forgotten about them until last night when I rotored. Took to 1:00. Got bothered some as some CG boys came to work on G. Rock telephone and I had to get out step ladders etc. Lunched on cold fried chicken leg and glanced through mail. Then put acid etc into new mower battery, gassed it etc and started it up. Nearly ruined engine in first 10 minutes as oil had evidently been partly drawn out after testing for the engine hot and stuck on me. Freed itself after it cooled and I had added oil. Mowed part of Fay's lawn. Will work good when we get acquainted I think. Met Nan at fountain corner, picked up Alta and took her to cemeteries to set our geraniums etc. Saw boat come. 3 today and tomorrow. Home. Suppered. Joe, RMs gardener out during evening. FWS here with Lion Calendars. Red hot to get mowing and rotoring.</p>

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<p>May 29, Saturday</p>	<p>A most beautiful flat calm sunrise morning. Sky cloudless. Sun rose free. Last night set in gap in pasture. Temp 48. Glass 30. Air W. A beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to shop and ground hand scythe. Then mowed all of area from shanty to shop between house garden and greensward with swath to baithouse bank and to Fay's gate. Coupled onto harrows and harrowed triangle junk and dump piece. Finished mowing Fay's lawn with Huffy Rider. Foster M. down to look the outfit over getting a mower for Pingree. Started on ours. Lunched. Finished all of ours out front and across road with Nan's help. Loaded Nan's mower into Jeep. I drove Huffy over to Fishers and we did both their lawns. First mowing of season. James S. Brown came along and I gave him the grass I mowed this morning. Home with outfits. CG boy here rigging up a temporary switch for light whistle. Thrashed to town to get flat pulley for our flag pole and to see 3<sup>rd</sup> boat come. Over 20 vehicles in the 3 trips this day. To cemeteries to put flowers on Uncle Will's lot and to mow the Calderwood lots and Uncle Rye's. Home 6:15 just as Jimmie came for grass. Raked and raked scatterings. Had a full panel load. Suppered while L. Welk program was on. To bed weary.</p>
<p>May 30, Sunday</p>	<p>Oh what a flam calm beauty but plenty cool. Only 42 at 5:00. Beautiful sunrise. Air NE. Glass 30. Didn't last. Started raining about 1:00 PM and rained all PM and into evening. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made and helped with dishes. Then gathered tools together, put pulley on flagpole and run halyards through. Dug hole by cedar tree, set pole, wheeled down rocks from barn rock pile and rocked it in all plumb, etc to discover we hadn't put croquet ball on to of spike on top of pole. Had to take all rocks out, and pole out to put ball on. Back into hole again and started over. Raised flag this time. Looks quite nice. Cleared things away, cleaned up and to church by NS road to get eggs at Audrey's. Saw boat come before going up to church. A very, very small group., Couldn't figure what has happened to the people of NH. Picked up our 4 lobsters at Curly Joe's, came home, changed clothes and thought I'd cook them out back - first fire of season - but rain drove us in. Played a game of Scrabble while lobsters cooked. They were delicious. First ones of 1971. Rested and napped after. About 4:30 rode around through the cemeteries looking at the lots and flower arrangements. Home and was playing another game of Scrabble when Marion H. came over again. Her weekend company too much for her. Had fried cubed steak and toast with us. Just cleared away when the Witherspoons blew in and spent evening. First time since early spring.</p>

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<p>May 31, Monday</p>	<p>Dog-goned if this isn't something for a Memorial day program. Raining since 5:00 AM and heavy overcast. Calm. Air about SSW. Foggy. Temp 50. Glass 29.7. Gradually cleared so Services were held and became a fair PM although wet. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast - fried lobster - helped with dishes and shaved. Over to shop and worked on Mari's windows a half hour or so until Nan could call Dr. Hosmer. Cleaned up and uptown before nine. Dr. Hosmer made one jab this day. Okay. Downtown to parking lot to watch Memorial Day Observances. Many Summer Folks here and very friendly. Asked Mr. M. about being our Alumni Speaker and said okay if he can get back here in time. Visited with Pat and children during program. Home after they went back across. Played a game of Scrabble. Lunched. Worked on Mari's windows a couple hours. Rested 3/4 hour or so. Oh yes, hunted for and found the gear shift knob off Huffy mower I lost Saturday. Cleaned up and up to the Ames to supper by way of dump. Had a delicious feed of boiled ham butt, potatoes, carrots, cabbage etc. visited and watched a little colored TV. Ames tell us they have traded cars again. New second hand one full of electrical gadgets and sports car type. Home about 10:00 Foggy so we turned on whistle. Big Mike played in Band.</p>
<p>June 1, Tuesday</p>	<p>Some overcast but looks like a good day maybe. Air N so feels fallish. Temp 50. Glass 30. Thrashed out of bed at 4:30 thinking it was 5:30. Back to bed a half hour. Fog had cleared so shut off whistle at 5:00. A most beautiful day except for SW breeze during PM and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put wood ashes around my cukes and squashes on green sward piece. But worms rising hell again this year. Hoed all the short rows of lettuce, beets, Swiss Chard, spinach, cabbage etc as witch grass is taking over. Also hoed the upper ends of peas and corn rows. Replanted salad bowl now to Summer-long lettuce yet Mrs Fay's from same package came up nicely. Bill Magill came after Aunt Sarah's keys as he is to do some garden work for Baileys. Helped him drag boat from woodshed to shore. Nan over hill part of AM. To town with her to try to do some errands and to get young Mike his _____. His eleventh birthday tomorrow. Taller than Nan now. Home. Lunched. Rotored witch grass area on unplanted part of GS piece, then rotored of house piece and furrowed it. A beautiful piece except for weeds. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn again. Riding mower does work nicely and lawn looks good. Finished 5:30. Got stuck when I backed down to Uncle Will's bait house to mow path. Nan helped me push out. Mower hung up. Suppered on broiled chicken, potato and cabbage leaves we picked off house piece growing from last years stubs. CG boys here again this PM. Up to Alta's this evening to do a couple washes.</p>

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<p>June 2, Wednesday</p>	<p>Talk about your June beauties. This is it. A cloudless, flat calm sunrise morning. Sun nearly to upper end of Burnt Island and by our pasture gap when it sets. Cool 52 at 5:00. Air SW. Glass 30.2. A beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Also shaved. Called Don Grinell but phone so bad I couldn't hear him. Up to Alta's to talk from there. They're shipping new 2000 tractor with power steering, new dish pan rotary mower and Frank's 501 mower over Friday. Left Chevelle at garage for sticker etc. Home. Set out Buttercrunch and Oak Leaf lettuce from Mrs. M's on greensward piece while pumping. Fertilized the 16 rows I made yesterday on house piece, worked it in, planted the 7 upper rows to Royal Crested corn, next 7 rows to Jubilee Corn, and two lowest rows to Cinderella and Big Tom pumpkins. Lunched. Made 2 furrows on SW end of greensward piece and planted Buttercup, Sweetmeat and Eat All Squash. RM out to tell me he'd speak at Alumni Banquet but couldn't on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Any time after. Started up Huffy Mower electric starter great and helped with dishes. Nan mow all our lawn except across road. I mowed big float above shop and extended lawn down to Greensward piece. To town to see boat come and to bring home Chevelle. Thrashed to get cleaned up and over to Abbie's &amp; Eleanor's at 5:30 to a boiled lobster supper. Nan made and took a birthday cake. Everything delicious. Fire in fireplace after. Home about 9:00. This was Abbie's Birthday as well as Little Mike's.</p>
<p>June 3, Thursday</p>	<p>Damn. Has threatened all night and started to rain at 5:30. Looks not good. Heavy overcast. Wind SSW and is breezing up a little. Temp 52. Glass 30.2. How it rained by spells this AM. Garnet T. said well over an inch. Foggy all PM and night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped Nan worked over hill to 10:00. I went right over to shop and started cleaning putty and paint off another pair of Mari's windows. Left off at nine to call Dr. Morse. Says I must continue to take these pills for irritated stomach lining a while more, dropping from 4 to 3 a day. To town at 10:00 to get Pat MacDonough to pick up prescription at Lloyd's Drug Store on PM trip. Had quite a visiting half hour around car. Left RM's laundry at Lincoln's. Home. Marion H over just turning on whistle. Visited an hour or so. I ate a quick lunch and thrashed back to shop. Finally finished re-puttying Mari's sashes and painted 1 8x10 sash both sides. Left off at 3:30 as legs got so weary standing so much. Back uptown to pick up prescription and see boat come. Home and suppered on newly boiled shoulder, potatoes, carrots and RM's Chinese cabbage. Was just making ready to go back to shop to paint another sash when Bill and Corice Hurd came in to get Fay's keys. Visited to 8:30 so no painting and no turning on water. To bed 9:30 after talking with Val Young.</p>

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<p>June 4, Friday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog at 5:15 but could see blue sky overhead. At 6:00 sun broke in nicely through bedroom window Air SW. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. Must thrash this morning to get my rotary mower home from Mrs. Pease's barn as L. Glidden is supposed to arrive this AM with new 2000 power steering tractor and new saucer pan rotary mower. Also FWS' new 501 sickle mower. Didn't. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Thrashed up to Pease Farm and brought home rotary mower. Then stripped the tractor - bumper, toolbox, muffler guard, number plates etc. Took to 10:00. To town to meet boat but Payson's truck didn't come. Home, ate a quick lunch, and over to the shop to put tools etc under cover - looked showery - then started painting Mari's sash. Nan up to Dorothy Beveridge's to buy 6 tomato plants - 3 for Mrs. Fay and 3 for us. Helped with dishes. Paint when she got back. Did one sash both sides and one side. I did 3 both sides and finished Nan's. Now have the six ready for finish coat. Finished at 3:00. back up to Pease Farm at 3:15 and handscythed full length of front of house from carriage house and part of both ends. Nan raked it into windrows. Jimmie Brown to get it later. To town to see boat come. Home and suppered on broiled t-bone, potatoes and freezer beans. Bertha Joyce in to call this evening. Came down with Stillman. A beautiful moonlight evening.</p>
<p>June 5, Saturday</p>	<p>A beautiful almost cloudless sunrise morning but fallish. Breeze N. Temp 48 at 5:00. Glass 29.9. A most beautiful day and a very full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Called Paysons' to be sure outfit wouldn't be shipped on today. Not till Tuesday now. Coupled onto double harrow, harrowed triangle piece over again, then double harrowed pasture piece beyond Carver's all over, even harrowing the furrows back down that Ern and I made. Also picked rocks. Took to 10:45. Back up to Pease Farm and put harrows in barn cellar. Then started picking up and sweeping up the Carriage house piling the burnable fireplace material in one corner. Curly Joe had been using his table saw all through repair operation. Nan up with lunch and we ate in Chevelle in dooryard; then Nan helped me put spare usable material up overhead so I could sweep a large part of floor. Made some change. Nan to town to shop. I coupled onto 501 mower and brought that home. Will be mowing below Fay's right away. Loaded rotor-Cul into Jeep and over to Abbie's to do her garden. Rotored and furrowed about half of last year's piece. Very hard packed down for having been plowed later last fall. Home after 4:00. Cleaned up and had Abbie and Eleanor over to newly baked beans (Jacob's Cattle), hot biscuits, rhubarb pie etc. All very damn good. Stayed to after L. Welk. A beautiful moonlit evening.</p>

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<p>June 6, Sunday</p>	<p>A most beautiful June morning. Clear and nearly cloudless. Fallish. Only 42. Glass 29.98 Air NE. Boy, are our flowering crab trees ever beautiful right now. A riot of bloom. Also our Red Astracou and Mac Trees. The Crimson King Maple is beautiful too. A most beautiful day until breeze came up SW late PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Toured gardens, also took pictures - slides - of flowering trees etc. Taters and corn on OP piece breaking ground. Hoed some on greensward piece - the upper ends of the 8 corn rows, all the 3 rows first peas - didn't come good - I set out 3 tomato plants yesterday and planted cukes today in skips in middle row. Also hoed row of cabbage plants and thinned them some. Hoed to 11:30 replanting some of my cucumber hills and Mrs. Fay's too. Played a game of Scrabble on porch so nice and warm. Lunched. Rested and napped to 3:30. Went for ride uptown to mail letters and down to Alta's. Dot Leadbetter of Owl's Head had sent me a joke - a cherry out of a drink. Took Alta on ride up middle road - I wanted to see Hiram about getting Wilson to help me at Pease Farm tomorrow - then down here to RM's barn and house and to see our flowering trees. Then back home. Back here and was just making ready to eat supper when the Thorntons blew in. Garnet wanted to see our new riding mower. Oh yes, Curly Joe had just left from getting water. Gave him a big mess of rhubarb. Thorntons stayed to about 8:30.</p>
<p>June 7, Monday</p>	<p>A nice morning but considerable cloudiness. Sun having trouble breaking through. Air ENE. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. Must thrash this morning to get going at Pease Farm. I do want to get that mess cleaned up there. All lawns ready to be mowed again, no fitted wood in dooryard, burning out of shed - Mrs. Fay's fence to be repaired - more planting to do - Oh Hum! Guess I can keep busy this week. By golly, we did it. We got the chore done. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto SB trailer after taking off 501 mower, gathered tools together and up to Pease Farm at 8:00. Wilson there. Had first load loaded and nearly unloaded in carriage house when Nan arrived. She worked in house this AM. A hell of a mess from all the carpentering. Left Wilson loading second load while I thrashed up town to Dr. Hosmer's to get regular shot. Only jabbed 3 times this day. To Williams' Market to get some large cartons for chobblings. Back to Farm. Had third load unloaded in carriage house come lunchtime. Home to lunch. Back up to farm. Nan up to D. Beveridges to get petunias for Mary's flower tub, then helped us. Two more loads into carriage house, a heaping load to gravel pit dump, and then I junked a heaping load of old timbers with XL-23 into fireplace wood. Tiered into carriage house too. Finished at 4:00. Struck one nail. Took Wilson home, then to ferry. Home, fetching tractor. Over and helped water Mrs. M.'s garden. Suppered on fried chicken legs etc. Don Grinell called to say Luther would be coming tomorrow morning with new outfits. To bed weary.</p>



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<p>June 8, Tuesday</p>	<p>Fog came in last night. Started whistle at 7:00. Still foggy on water this morning at 6:00 but clear overhead. Sun breaking through. Bill H. down yesterday to connect up Mrs. Fay so I'm pumping again this morning. Air NE or ENE. Temp 52. Glass 29.7. An upsetting day at L. Glidden didn't get on boat as planned this morning. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved, and helped with dishes. We also washed Mari's silverware etc that Nan brought home yesterday. Up to Pease Farm first thing to plug kitchen stove pipe opening as Nan found 2 dead starlings and one live one yesterday. Home and chain sawed the cultch piled by my shop woodpile. An apple tree from Carvers and old wooden gutters etc from Pease farm from last year's repair. Filed X-12 after. To town to get work gas and meet ferry. No gas and no Luther. Couldn't get aboard. Home. Finished Sunday's game of Scrabble while lunch warmed. Lunched, then right out to Frog Pond Ridge and junked into kitchen wood what I could haul in Jeep to woodpile by shed. Changed oil in Huffy tractor and helped Nan finish our law, then mowed all of Fay's. Looks good this time. Split a little wood, then to town by way of dump. Luther came. Frank on mainland. Helped unload Frank's 501 mower at garage, then home here and unloaded new outfit and loaded my old one. H. Demmons helped. Then Steve Witherspoon came to help. Having put trucks in line and Luther flew back. Suppered. Then up to Alta's to do 2 washes.</p>
<p>June 9, Wednesday</p>	<p>What an unrestful night. Just couldn't sleep. Mari P. Stone called from Arizona yesterday PM saying she'd be arriving the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Baileys and probably Mrs. Fay arriving about same day. Holy Cow. What a mess. Looks like a good day coming up. Wind nearly N. A trifle E. Temp 52. Glass 29.7. Some cloudiness. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and then washed dishes while Nan hung out wash. Nan worked with girls at Bigelows this day. I studied my new tractor operations manual a half hour or so, then called Don Grinell with a few questions. Gassed Rotor-Cul up and rotored and furrowed Marion H's garden. Boy was that ever pounded down for a newly plowed and harrowed garden. Guess they'd been playing tennis on it. Worked 2 solid hours to get it rotored and furrowed. Painted 3 of Mari's sash last coat. Lunched. Back over and had painted 4<sup>th</sup> when Nan came from work at 2:30. She painted the 5<sup>th</sup> and I did the 6<sup>th</sup> one. She over hill to water gardens. I re-rotored that part of greensward piece not planted. Nan just back from over hill when Polly Davis and Mrs. Garfield drove in for a door yard call. Just left when the Lincolns came with RM's wash. Visited an hour. Looked gardens over etc. 4 C. Guard boys here most of day running new telephone lines etc. Suppered on cubed steak, toast and beans. Napped and watched TV a little. A beautiful moonlight night.</p>

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<p>June 10, Thursday</p>	<p>What a beautiful full moon morning. Flat calm. Air NE. Temp 46. Glass 29.9. Another beauty and another full one. We need rain badly now. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan went to work at Penn Hallowell's. I started day by hand scything across end of Power house piece, along Mrs. Fay's road fence, along her fence back of house, around broken off electric light pole by barn road, and in front of our barn. Pumped while doing so. Removed extension tines from Rotor-Cul and cultivated my 3 rows Norland Early potatoes on power house piece, then cultivated my second planting of peas, 8 rows corn etc on Green Sward piece. Lunched. Furrowed rest of Greensward piece, 10 or 11 rows, fertilized same, and planted 2 rows peas, Burgess Drought Proof and Greater Progress, 2 kinds Green Beans, Green Isle and Blue Lake Bush, balance of Eat All Squash package, a package of Burpees Cukes and a package of Burgess by Red Swiss Chard. Have 2 rows left. Covered with walking hand plow. Finished after 3:00. Rode Huffy tractor over to Fisher's and mowed both lawns. Nan home before I finished. Takes a full hour of mowing. Home at 5:00. Raked this morning's mowing. Jimmie Brown after hay just as I finished. Visited a half hour or so. Suppered on cube steak and toast. Watched a little TV but both weary and napped to 10:00.</p>
<p>June 11, Friday</p>	<p>Another June Beauty. Flat calm, cloudless sky and sun rising nicely. Cool though. 46. Air NNW. Glass 30. Another beauty and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work with girls. I worked 1 1/2 hours scraping paint spatters etc off the six sash we've finished. Then went to work on new tractor putting on what I took off of old one - bumper, tool box, muffler guard license plates, stabilizer bars etc. A lot of hard wrenching and seems like everything had to be made over some to fit. Lunched about 12:00. Was just going to call Frank S. to see if either Steve or Crow could help me change rear wheels to narrower position when he called - ready to go to mowing this PM at Mrs. George's. Volunteered to come down and help me change wheels. Came and we sure did some wrenching. Had to take wheels off hubs, change bell on rims and remount on opposite sides. Narrowed tread 4 inches to same width as old one and same width as rotor. Frank stopped at George Beverage's new building and brought my hyd. jacks along. Worked fine. Finished in time to go to boat and to Mary W. to pay excise tax, and new registration paper. Home, suppered and was putting tools and tractor away when the Ames came to take us riding in their new red car. A very nice one. Rode to Crabtree's Point and back. Visited here to 10:00. To bed weary. No rest in chair this evening.</p>

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<p>June 12, Saturday</p>	<p>Another June beauty. Flat calm and nearly cloudless. Air WSW. Temp 48. Glass 29.9. Now to thrash. A beautiful warm day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes. Up to Fay's first thing and took off picture window shutters, and the two storm doors off front of house. Sharpened a mower knife and cleaned up both. Rusty some. Coupled onto 501 mower and up to Mrs. George's at 8:30. Just ready to start in when Frank came over and said he had to haul Abe - the telephone man - around. As grass was very wet with dew there, I decided that rather than mow there alone all day, I'd come back to Pease Place and mow out house area. Also mowed 2 round trips to beach and one round trip to well house. Didn't mow too good as grass has no resistance yet. Finished at 11:30. Home and up to Fay's to lunch. Girls just finishing eating. Mowed out Fay property this PM. Seems like the grass the heaviest I've ever seen it this early in season. Sharpened mower knife after and then worked on witch grass in Greensward piece till Nan came from work. To town to see boat come. Home NS road. Marion H over to visit as we were eating supper. Watched some TV this evening. Our first mess of Swiss Chard out of garden.</p>
<p>June 13, Sunday</p>	<p>A sure enough Grumpy morning. A warm night. 54 at 5:30. Air NNE. Some high cloudiness. Glass 29.6. A beautiful day and again we cheated. Didn't go to church. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped and cruised gardens. Potatoes coming good on OP piece but corn coming slow. Need rain. Adult potato bugs already on power house potatoes. Have killed 10 or more. Out to woods to fetch in wedges and maul. Was going to split a little wood but steps on NW end of porch in such hard shape I started to repair them. Re-blocked them, then reboarded both, using all but two of my new porch boards. Some different to step on. Took to 11:30. Played a game of Scrabble, then lunched on newly baked lamb fore quarter, etc. Just napping and resting when Arthur Emerson drove in. Visited an hour or so. Uptown to watch people gather to leave on 4:20 ferry and to mail our numerous check letters. Our savings account sure has taken a beating since Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Over \$3,500 so far. And how are we going to get any put back? Home, worked witch grass through two rows of beets after watering our tomatoes and ____ lettuce. Oh yes, we swung into Mari's to water her petunias. Suppered and then up to call on the Lyford Beveridges. Boy what a depressing bickering pair. Not much enjoyment.</p>
<p>June 14, Monday</p>	<p>A beauty but cool breeze NNE already. A few scattered clouds. Temp 50. Glass 29.8. A beautiful fall day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan to work with girls at Parson's - Crabtree's Point - leaving our car by Chester Dyer's. I left for Mrs. George's at 7:30. Went right down to Dr. Hosmer's in Chevelle to get regular shot and blood count. Back to start mowing at 8:30. Frank already started. Hadn't mowed an hour when generator warning light came on. Called Payson's. Check for loose wires but none. Okay to keep mowing. Mowed to 11:30. Ate my lunch at Frank's. Finished Mrs. G at 2:00. Then Frank took out instrument panel but still no loose wires. Shorted generator and no fire. Called Payson's again. Sending over a new generator and voltage regulator to put on. A fine start with a new outfit. Home after 3:00. Worked on greensward piece to 5:00. Finished witch grass among small stuff, cukes and squash and hilled my 8 rows corn. Suppered on cold roast lamb etc. Called Eliot Beveridge later to see if he'd be interested in Fay's hay tomorrow. Very excited about it. Rested and napped in chair. Power steering on tractor wonderful.</p>

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<p>June 15, Tuesday</p>	<p>Talk about your Grumpy mornings. This is a perfect one. Cold 44. Probably about 38 or 39 at Hiram's. Everything looks frosted. Air N to W. Glass 29.98. Have made out an order to Knapp's for Rex Crockett's shoes. Another beauty and sure enough full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work with girls at Cheston's. I chopped limbs 15 minutes or so, then made ready to go over to Tumbledown to get side delivery out of double garage. Ernie boy blew in to see about me rotoring and furrowing his turnip area. Then Abbie came for RM's keys. Had good luck getting rake out. Went up to Pease Farm to rake as dew was so heavy here. About half raked when Eliot B. appeared and started loading his rack. Home and raked Mrs. Fay's property, then hand raked edges. Lunched after 1:00. Generator and regulator came in mail. Eliot B. came as I was lunching. Helped him load rack below Fay's then weeded in Mrs. Fay's garden. Weeded full length onion row and half row of carrots - mostly radish. Sharpened mower knife. Helped Nan water Mrs M.'s flower gardens. To town to get us some milk etc and to see 5:30 ferry come. Frank already to rotor at Norm Pettit's tomorrow. Damn. I wanted to get caught up at home first. Just suppered when Curly Joe came for Mari's windows, then came back bringing my windows and after water. He and Betty visited a half hour or so.</p>
<p>June 16, Wednesday</p>	<p>Unbelievable what a slew of beauties we're having. Flat calm, cloudless and lovely sunrise. Air westerly. Temp 50. Glass 29.9. A nice day except for raw SW breeze after 3:30. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan to work with girls at Cheston's. Crow Dyer came shortly after 7:00 and put on new generator and regulator. Worked okay momentarily until Crow left, then when I started tractor to couple onto rotary mower, the warning light remained on. Called Don at Payson's and he couldn't understand it but to go ahead and use tractor. Up to Norman Pettit's Mill Stream Farm just after 9:00. Frank already started. Rotored in western pasture area to Mill Stream bank. What a cradle-knolly placed. Hadn't been working an hour when I rotored straddle of a large alder clump stump that Harold Dodge had left and hung tractor by muffler, bending it. Frank pushed me off. Went home with Frank at lunch time and treated to fried brook trout. Very good. During PM Steve W. came on job, took generator parts and found brushes were just touching on one corner. Corrected it and all okay. Finished job about 4:00. Home. Read paper and suppered on frozen tongues and cheeks boiled. Very good. To Alta's this evening to do a couple washes. Home after 9:00. Sure enjoyed power steering this day. Even makes Chevelle steer hard now.</p>

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<p>June 17, Thursday</p>	<p>Buster Hopkins passed away yesterday AM. Guess this is going to be another good one but not as pretty right now. Considerable high cloudiness. Slight air westerly. Temp 52. Glass 30. Became another beauty but how dry it's getting. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and did dishes while Nan hung out the two washes. Nan to work at Pease Farm with girls. I watered our and Mrs. Fay's tomatoes and our cucumbers, then called Don at Paysons' to tell him about Steve fixing the generator yesterday. Tore into Mrs. Fay's garden - weeded and thinned her lettuce row, her half row of beets, sweet peas and squash, then had hoed the whole garden form side to side. Made quite a change. Finished at 11:00. Thrashed to shaved, clean up and uptown to catch 12:00 o'clock ferry, swinging into Pease Farm to tell Mamma as I really was going. Very few passengers aboard, but a nice trip both ways. Had called Mercedes before leaving home, so met her at Thorndike Hotel and had a nice dinner there. Then thrashed to get my errands done - drugstore, A&amp;P etc. Nan met me on this side to help with groceries. Dodged M. Ames errand down to him, then home. Read mail after putting groceries etc away. A note from AW Beverage wanting flower garden worked before they arrive the 25<sup>th</sup>. Suppered, then up to Pease Farm to put battery into Mari's Jeep and start it. Home by way of dump.</p>
<p>June 18, Friday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy morning. More dew last night than we've had for several nights. Air W. Temp 50. Glass 30. Another beauty. No rain since the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Very dry. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked this AM with girls at Cheston's. I watered our cukes, tomatoes and lettuce; also Mrs. Fay's. Made ready to start for Stan Quinn's old place at 8:30. Don't know how I'm going to get my work done here with Frank "Bulling" so. Not supposed to really be doing much rotoring and mowing before last week in June. Went by way of Mullin's Park to Pulpit Harbor. Frank supposed to meet me there at Stan's at 8:45, but had to go on telephone repair so I did the job alone; also rotoring woods road to Lamont's. finished at 10:00. Dodged up to AW Beverage's and rotor-mowed his flower garden he wants me to work up. Then down to P. Lincoln's and rotored for him. Around his gardens and a fifty foot wide strip back of his garage. Home about 12:00. Marion H. visited before lunch. Nan to town for work gas after. I mowed all our lawn out front here and across road. Nan mowed back of house and around trees. Then I mowed all of Mrs. Fay's. Nan and I hung the screen doors after. Took RM's package over, then to town to see last boat come. Home after 6:00. Suppered on 1/2 fried chicken etc. Rested and napped this evening. Nobody comes near to see our beautiful place.</p>

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<p>June 19, Saturday</p>	<p>Another drought day. No dew and sun rose a big red ball. Hazy. Air just S of W. Temp 60. Glass 30. Another Beauty and another full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work at Williamson's with girls. I changed from rotary mower to 501, gassed and started for AW Beverage's before 8:00. Frank just taking first swath when I arrived. Mowed both sides of road from bar to town road. I took pasture side, orchard area around garden by end of house to wall, and western half of big area between front of house and town road. Frank had to leave to haul mail from 10:40 ferry to post office, and again at 3:00 PM to haul mail to boat. Home with Frank at lunch time. Back and finished AWB at 2:00. I drove both outfits to Cunningham's by NS road. Struck out below Cunningham's house to old Dyer cellar hole while Frank went with mail to boat. He came back and we finished in front of house, then did back area. Finished job 4:15. Home by NS road before 5:00. Rested and read mail. Letter from Sammy Beverage - not coming to Alumni Banquet, a letter of congratulations from Payson's Farm Machinery for buying ford equipment, and a letter from Knapp Shoes. They don't make 16 inch Engineer boots. I want something to protect my legs riding tractor - veins are very tender. Bathed, cleaned up and down to Dick Blooms with the Curly Joe's and JF Dyer to a Shrimp Supper. Very damn delicious. Rode down to Tar Tank Beach first. Home about 10:00.</p>
<p>June 20, Sunday</p>	<p>Another dry beauty. Air W to SW. Temp 60. Glass 30 or 29.9. Never in my 3 score years have I ever seen such hay weather this early in summer. Dewless nights and wetless days. Sun now rising over end of Burnt Island next to bar. Has been a nice day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan prepared a chicken for baking. I watered cukes, tomatoes, lettuce. Mrs. Fay's and pumped. Then started rotor-cultivating OP piece. Full of pig weed and witch grass. Potatoes coming good but corn didn't come worth bothering with. Surely not too dry when I planted. Started cultivating full length of piece double trips but after 6 or 7 rows just worked potato half. Rested a half hour in hammocks about 11:30, then finished potato section to 1:15. Damn the rocks. Lunched on hot roast chicken, bread and butter. Rested to 3:30, then thrashed uptown to see ferry load but almost late. Home. Gathered and cleaned beet greens and lettuce for Pat and Swiss Chard for us. Also rhubarb for Ruth Beveridge. Back uptown by way of dump with porch container and several out of shop. Danny P. took bundle across to Pat and she sent us across 4 lobsters - Father's Day present. Very damn delicious for supper at 8:30. Played a game of Scrabble while lobsters cooked.</p>

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<p>June 21, Monday</p>	<p>Another dry one but a disagreeable SW wind all night and still is. Sky looks heavy. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. A good working day but heavy SW wind all PM. Started sprinkling about 7:00 PM and rained well into night, then came in foggy. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan to work over to Saltonstall's with girls. I watered cukes and tomatoes, then tore into OP potato patch with hand hoe. Had 7 rows hoed and hilled when I left off at 9:00 to go up to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot, taking along a mess of rhubarb to Danny P. Swung down by M. William to get a handy six. Home and finished the other 9 or ten rows of potatoes by 12:20. Called Frank S. but blowing too hard to mow out to Cobb's. So lunched, loaded Rotor-Cul into Jeep and went up to Ern Whitmore's. Re-rotored and furrowed his turnip section. Gave us a beautiful quarter box of tame strawberries. Then down to AW Beverage's and succeeded in working up Emma's flower garden. What hard job, and rotor-tiller engine nearly choked with dust. Home 5:30. Marion H here. Rested and suppered on taters, cold roast chicken etc. Rex Crockett here before 9:00 to get his new Knapp 9 inch boots. A handsome pair of shoes and he was well pleased \$28.35.</p>
<p>June 22, Tuesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog but clear overhead. Started whistle 3:00 AM. Then Coast Guard base at Rockland called to report a missing 33 foot ketch. One body found - 2 missing. Up to stay at 5:00. Air about NNW. Temp 62. Glass 29.75. A nice day after mid-AM and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan went to work. I fertilized last two rows on Greensward piece. Planted one to Bertha Joyce's Old Jake turnip seed - 1963 and set out over 60 Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants on other row. Cleaned up and washed oil air bath on Rotor-Cul. A mess after yesterday's dust. Put leather guards around hyd. power steering tubes on tractor - a pair of leather tops from LL Bean Boots. Hope to keep tubes from being torn off by brush coming under front _____. Rotor-cultivated potatoes and corn on power house piece. Lunched. Hilled the 3 rows of potatoes and hoed 1 row of corn. This corn planting came quite good. Spent rest of PM on OP piece, chopping witch grass and hoeing. Hoed the cucumber and squash corner and mulched it with first lawn clips I saved. Just gathering a mess of beet greens when Nan returned. Suppered on them, potatoes and cold roast chicken. Plus two lobster bodies. Pulled a few more beet greens for Alta and went up to do two ashes. Home about 9:00. Both weary. Being pulled out of bed at 4:30 by telephone doesn't help any. Thick-a-fog as we go to bed. Baileys arrived yesterday PM. Mrs. Fay and Matt next week.</p>

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<p>June 23, Wednesday</p>	<p>Leigh Witherspoon passed away tonight in Knox Hospital. Really, really thick this morning, can hardly see barn. Air ENE. Temp 58. Glass 29.9. Stayed foggy and wet most of day, drying some this PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, and shaved. Nan to work at 7:00. I went right to work on OP piece with Rotor-Cul. Double cultivated all the corn except the 4 or 5 rows I did when cultivating the potatoes. Took to 11:30. Picked over a container of postcards, birthday cards, anniversary cards etc in top of shop while resting a half hour. Then back to OP piece and weeded through 2 of the full length rows on hands and knees on road side of garden. Frank S. drove up just as I was finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> row at 2:00. Came to house with me and while I lunched, he cleaned out a couple lobster bodies. Stayed an hour or so. Out beyond butchering place gate in pasture; cut and peeled a clothes post for Mrs. Fay. Nan arrived home just as I came out of woods. Went over hill to Water Mrs. M's flower garden while I set clothes post. Mrs. Cobb drove in after 5:00 as we were preparing for supper. Visited nearly an hour with us. Very anxious to have her hay mowed and cleaned up. We've been trying to get to it since Monday but too windy or too wet. Suppered on taters, mustard greens and cold chicken. FWS called about 9:45 to tell us about Leigh passing away - heart trouble.</p>
<p>June 24, Thursday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog and air still easterly. Porch looks like it might have rained during night. Temp 58. Glass 29.8. Fog around all day. Almost rained about 5:00 PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast - cereal with strawberries and cream on - and helped with dishes. Nan to work with girls at Saltonstall's. I wrote a sympathy card to Mrs. Ralph Hopkins Jr. and talked with Don Witherspoon on phone. Plans to have Leigh's remains cremated after autopsy and only a grave side service later. Then FWS called to tell us Dalon B. dropped dead in his chair after breakfast this morning. Worked steadily weeding corn on OP piece to 11:45. Slow work. Not yet halfway across piece. Wrote a note to Samuel Beverage and talked on phone with Jimmie Brown this noontime. Also Frank S. He thought I should try to mow for Mrs. Cobb this PM although not really dried off. He's working telephone lines. Out to Mullen's Crick at 1:45. Mowed front of house, back of house, the Bower, parking area and finally the entrance by mailbox. Just started on Merryconeag when Nan came home. Finished about 5:00. Sprinkled some. Suppered on potatoes, greens and hamburgs. Shaved, cleaned up and up to call a few minutes on Ern W. Nan wanted to get some strawberries, then down to PH - Thorntons not home, downtown and home. Something gone wrong in Chevelle; plenty of noise and we were in the losing water or oil when we got home. Hardly got Chevelle into garage.</p>



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<p>June 25, Friday</p>	<p>Still foggy all night but sun is trying hard to break through now at 6:00. Air NW clear overhead, temp 50. Glass 29.9. Cleared during day. Foggy with thunder showers and rain during evening. A full day if not much accomplished. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work. I started day by cleaning ashes from kitchen stove and put them around cukes. Took up 1 1/2 doz. Cabbage plants from Marion H. Gathered beet greens and lettuce for Mrs. Cobb. Worked hand cultivator through house garden. Surprising how many potato plants have appeared from last year's missed ones, and several tomato plants from last year's seed. Transplanted several pumpkin plants to skips in row. Mowed flat area of our lawn between garden and road and started front of house. Furniture man came from Camden with beds for RM's new barn. Had to pen barn and lost nearly an hour while they assembled beds. Mowed RM's flag pole area east to original bound and between end of new barn and to town road. Lunched. Mowed all of Fay's lawn with Huffy, then over and mowed both of Fisher's. They're due Saturday or Sunday. Nan home as I mowed Fisher's. Home. Looked at papers and suppered on leftovers. Hamburg and cold chicken carcass. Took up 2 dozen cabbage plants for Jack Brown. Shaved to Lincoln's to get eggs to Aunt Ruth's to leave ironing and visited with Jack &amp; Betty a little while. Thundering and raining hard as we came home at 9:00.</p>
<p>June 26, Saturday</p>	<p>Rained considerable during night. Sure wet this morning. Still thick-a-fog and air NE. Looks like Mrs. Cobb's and RMs have got a soaking. Eliot Beveridge probably won't want it now. Temp 55. Glass 29.6. Fog burned off finally to a beautiful PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill to 11:00. I tore into corn again on OP piece from before 8:00 till Nan came from RM's. Six or 7 more rows weeded. Corn very skippy. Down to house with Nan when she came back and rested legs a half hour. Took her back over to finish RM's and I shaved and cleaned up and went to Sleepyville to pick Alta up to go to Dalon Brown's funeral. Beautiful flowers a goodly group - many summer folks present. Main church about full. Came right home to find Nan back from RM's. Lunched. Had to go aboard the Papoose to pump out so we made a run to town to get RM's groceries and to exercise battery. A nice trip. Home. Washed RM's bedroom windows outside for Nan. To town in Jeep to see last ferry come. Met Ray Guppy and kids on parking lot. Here in L. Haskell's rent for 2 weeks. Home. School teacher Barnes came for goat hay. Suppered on Mike's top of round steak, potato salad etc. Watched L. Welk program and read papers. A beautiful new moon evening but mosquitoes are out. Should have finished our law after supper.</p>

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<p>June 27, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunrise but considerable high cloudiness. Air NW to W. No dew last night. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. FWS is red hot to tear into mowing and rotoring now. Plan on doing Mullen's Park tomorrow. A beautiful day and we cheated again on church. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Split some wood, then finished mowing all our lawn out front and across road. Nan made cookies, then mowed back of house area and around shrubs. Coupled onto side delivery rake. To town to see ferry come. Home. Over to RM's and rake flag pole area and at end of new barn. Then out to Mullen's Crick and raked that up. Finished about 1:15. Left rake out there not knowing how much Eliot B. may clean up. Lunched on chicken chobblings and rice. Just going up to OP piece to hoe on corn when Mr. Fisher arrived in dooryard. He hadn't gone when Ernie Boy arrived. Brought another box of strawberries. Settled our accounts. Gave him 2 dozen cabbage plants. Before he left, Edna, Bob and Alta came. Bob helped me shorten air breather stack on new tractor - stuck up like a stove pipe for limbs to catch on. They'd just left and I was gathering spinach for supper when the Sampsons came. Visited to after 6:30. Nan over and washed the new barn kitchen floor. I hoed and weeded 2 1/2 rows OP corn. 4 more to go. Were just setting down to supper of top of round steak, new spinach etc when Marion H. blew in. Shared supper with us. Had just returned from an all day picnic at Eagle Island - a den of callers. First spinach of season.</p>
<p>June 28, Monday</p>	<p>A Grumpy morning but fallish. What hay weather. No dew. Air N. Temp 50. Glass 29.9. A beautiful NH day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan to work with girls at Pratt's. I coupled onto rotary mower, then over to RM's and raked scatterings left by Eliot Beveridge when he cleaned up hay yesterday. Home, coupled onto SB trailer - forward hitch - over and loaded scatterings. Edwin Thayer's boy down digging new light pole hole for Fay's line and Steve W. down to put new water pump on Chevelle. Started for Mullen's Park before 9:00. Rotored horse chestnut tree area on way in. Frank already rotoring large field area. Swung into orchard area with me after finishing his junk. Finished that before lunch. Ate in Green Briar out on Head picnic area. Rotored barn area out, then down road to Head beach, the head area where we ate and finally down to back beach birch grove area. Frank broke shoe on his rotor last thing making us a half hour late. Thrashed home, up to Dr. Hosmer's in Chevelle, home. Thrashing to get cleaned up to be at Baileys to supper at 6:00 when Marion H came over with a banged up knee. Slipped and fell by Waterman's Store. Finally up to Bailey's and had a nice supper and visit. Cold baked chicken etc.</p>

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<p>June 29, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy Sunrise but already water wrinkling by NW air. Fallish. 50. A few high scattered clouds. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day until that damn SW wind breezed up heavy this PM. Very disagreeable by time I came home 4:30. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked with girls at Pratt's. I was all ready to start for Joe Amesbury place at 7:30. A half hour run. Rotored center of road through Burny Jordan place as I went in. Frank had taken his outfit down last night. He arrived in Green Briar just as I was greasing up. Struck the length of field on road to the Belladue [Bilodeau?] camp. I took shore side as usual. Trees, trees and trees to rotor round and through. Besides boulders crowning through sod and other obstacles. Especially difficult around house. But I all but finished my side come 4:00. Probably 2 hours more on western half. Ate lunch with Frank in Green Briar so had an hour's nooning. Orilla sent hot potatoes, cold daisy roll, watermelon etc. Made my two sandwiches and half dozen cookies look skimpy. Uncomfortably cool riding home. Gathered Swiss Chard Greens for supper. Rested, cleaned up and up to Curly Joe's to their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. A big crowd there and a nice time. Home about 10:00. Mrs. Fay and Matt arrived.</p>
<p>June 30, Wednesday</p>	<p>A sure enough drought sun this morning. A red ball of fire. Still considerable SW wind. Temp 60. Unbelievable that days are starting to shorten all ready. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day. Too hot for some folks. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan to work with girls at Pratt's. I made ready to start for Joe Amesbury Farm at 7:30. Was just greasing up there when Frank arrived. I finished area below house where I left off yesterday PM, then swung over to Creek side to help Frank. Finished at 11:00 by doing field in back of spruces towards creek. Frank drove his tractor home to lunch. I shifted downtown to Ellie Jackson's, rotoring side of Burny Jordan road as I came out of Amesbury's. Suddenly decided when I got to Jackson's Southern Harbor driveway to go over to Pratt's to eat with girls. Irven Stone there too. Got word that his sister Mabelle [Ames] had dropped dead while ironing during forenoon. Rotored out Jackson area then we shifted to Carol Gates. Rotored an area of cut even alder swamp next to Hallowell pipeline but had to leave a new cut over area on western side of opening. Stumps too tall and too hard. Rotored an area of blackberry bushes and a strip of heavy hay between town road and tennis courts. Almost impossible to mow with regular mower. Home 4:20. Gathered spinach for supper. Edna, Bob and Alta here after water. Out to Mrs. Cobb's to a social hour. Suppered, then up to Bertha Joyce's to get my hair cut and Nan's set. Franze, Ann, Dale and family there. Home about 10:00.</p>

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<p>July 1, Thursday</p>	<p>Foggy on water. Started whistle at 11:00 AM. Still foggy on water now at 6:00. Clear overhead, and sun a ball of fire. Never saw such a stretch of hay weather so early. Warm. 64 at 5:00. Glass 29.7. Changed quickly. A bad thunderstorm and heavy rain from 4:45 PM to into evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, pumped, helped with dishes, and shaved. Started day by taking hall door off Pat's room, sawing a quarter inch off outer lower corner, and by Golly, it shut nicely when I put it back first time. Bud deathed my 3 rows of potatoes on powerhouse piece - young hatched bugs bad. Also went through potatoes on OP piece, but they're okay right now. Shenango blossoms. Uncoupled rotary mower, coupled onto SB trailer and out to Cobb's balance of AM raking and cleaning up scatterings - 2 loads into her dump. Tried to rest a little at noon time but first Mrs. Fay came, then Matt and then Bill Brinley and wife after vegetables. Up to OP piece and hoed through the remaining four rows of corn. Finished at 4:45 just as thunderstorm and heavy rain began. Nan uptown to do two washes. Brought Mrs. Cobb's fire extinguisher home from FWS's. We took it out and set through shower with her. Helped her put new mattress on bed. Back home. Thrashed to eat a bite then up to AW Beverage's for evening. Edna and Bob's 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Sampsons and Alta also present. Treated to ice cream and cake, sandwiches, salad and what not. Still raining a little when we came home at 10:00.</p>
<p>July 2, Friday</p>	<p>Considerable high cloudiness but nice over out of west. A nice sunrise. Shut whistle off at 5:00. Warmed - 65. Air about N. Glass 29.8. This will be a full one. Alumni Banquet tonight. The Oldroyds supposed to arrive late boat and Frank anxious to get into saddle again. Put his new seat on tractor yesterday. A busy day with a rain shower about 5:00 pm. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan hung out her washes. I swept out and swept down lower toilet. Also cleaned out milkroom some. Had B. Hurd come down and start Servel icebox - a gas leak in it. To town dump first thing, getting the last of our potatoes from HSB on way home. Re-planted last plantings of peas 5 rows and beans 3 rows on Greensward piece. Also set out a couple dozen more cabbage plants. Coupled onto rotary mower and started for Fuller Cemetery at 12:30. Just started when Frank arrived, rotored all of western section and all of other parts we could. Made quite a change in looks. We each gave half of our 2 1/2 hours to the Ass'n. Home about 4:00. Washed up and shaved, and rested till Nan came from 5:40 ferry with the Oldroyds. Made ready to get to Grange Hall at 7:00 to Alumni Banquet. A big one. 100 present and we had a grand good time. Ham supper with fixings. Had good luck handling the program. Only made a couple errors. Mr. RM very good with his African Safari slides. Home 10:30. The Tom Whipples called today to say they and Min were arriving Monday.</p>

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<p>July 3, Saturday</p>	<p>This sure is a beautiful fall morning. Only 50. Light air N to NNW. No dew. The great hay weather I ever saw so early. Glass 30. A nice day and another full one. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Pumped twice to fill tank. Fay family sure using water. Chopped some limbs and split some wood here by woodshed. Nan had to work over hill this AM. Just getting ready to do some hoeing when the Fishers came and visited to after Nan came back. Lunched. Frank called and said Tony Bok wanted some mowing done to make hay over weekend. Out to Cobb's to bring home side delivery. Sharpened mower knife and started for Tony Bok's - Alfred Dyer Farm at 2:30. Had been mowing 20 minutes or so when Frank arrived. He had to haul mail this day. Struck through center of field and mowed between house and garden. Had to leave at 5:15. Frank kept on mowing. Home. Cleaned up and made ready for a family supper out back. Alta, Sheila, the two boys, and Edna and Bob. Nan had baked beans and Alta brought hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls etc. A nice supper and a nice time. Visited to 8:30 or so.</p>
<p>July 4, Sunday</p>	<p>A sure enough Grumpy Fourth. Air N. Cool. 50. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day until that cussed SW wind breezed up this PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Took the Oldroyds to the 8:00 ferry. Home. Helped with breakfast dishes. Nan made chicken ready for baking. Mowed all our lawn out front here. Nan mowed out back and across road. To town at 10:40 to meet ferry expecting the Whipples but didn't make it. Home and finished lawn and greensward garden. Then mowed between driveway and pond with cutter bar mower so we could park the Green Jeep. Lost some time hunting for spacers etc as top link on mower came apart. Found all but one spacer and washer. Then except for lunching on canned salmon with lettuce sandwiches, we rested out back and inside to 3:30. Up to see 4:20 ferry load and came home NS road. Gathered Swiss Chard and prepared it for supper, put potatoes into bake etc. Up town to meet 6:50 ferry. The Whipples, 3 children, Minnie and 2 dogs arrived. Home and suppered on roast chicken etc. No new potatoes or new green peas. Visited this evening. The 3 children sleeping in Pat's bed, Minnie on living room couch and Tom and Barbara in back of their station wagon. The Oldroyds left on 8:00 AM boat.</p>

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<p>July 5, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning but already airing up SW. Should be a nice day for the Big Community Picnic. The temperature about 50. Can't get into living room. Glass 30.1. A heavy dew. Have pumped. Now to take Sunday morning's bath etc. Must thrash. Another going and coming day. Did bookkeeping, bathed with interference, company up early, shaved, made breakfast, etc. Nan made a cake for picnic. Up to Dr. Hosmer's by 8:00. Had difficulty picking up a vein today, made 13 or 14 tries - 2 legs and an arm. Home and hoed and weeded the two rows of pumpkins on house garden. The Fishers made dooryard call and Mrs. Fisher transplanted my self planted tomatoes from last year into straight row along side of garden. Tommy and I both up to 10:40 ferry to pick up the Oldroyd group. Back here and looked place over, then all up to Big Comm. Picnic at Mullen's Park beach. A big crowd and a nice time. Took Oldroyd families to 3:00 PM ferry. Home. Mr. Fisher and Tom went clamming here in Goose Cove. I replaced 2 posts in Nan's sweet pea fence and Mrs. Fay's sweet pea fence; and Nan helped me put them in place. Steamed clams out back for supper. Ate in house. Too much SW wind. Uptown this evening to watch a Block Dance on Parking lot. Too wild for me. Young dancers acted like something demented. Home 9:30. Mercedes and Jim, Jim's friend Frank &amp; wife, and Jimmie, Sada, and Amy over to Community Picnic. A big gathering - probably 250 people and would have been more if Mabel Ames funeral hadn't come in middle of it. 1:00 PM.</p>
<p>July 6, Tuesday</p>	<p>Well, here it is, solid thick-a-fog. July has come on Schedule. Emery or some one started whistle in nigh - we discovered at 4:00 AM. Cool. Probably 50. Glass 29.9. Air SW. Emery turned whistle on at 3:15. Very wet. A busy day. Didn't go to Crabtree's Point. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved and made breakfast. Hoed and chopped witchgrass through squashes on greensward piece. Weeded and hoed row of onions, carrots and some others. Roto-hoed Mrs. Fay's garden. Min hoed corn on house garden. A broken-hearted woman - Fred had gone completely to bottle - a real booze-hound. Min wanted to stay here a while. Sad. Lunched. Sharpened mower knife, mowed between shanty and greensward piece and what I could get up towards swing tree. Then over to RM's. Started by rock pile on hill by town road and mowed a strip 30 feet or so back of barn swinging down into corner towards pond. Mowed all under big oak and maples and in front of barn what I could get. Then mowed clear around pond, and the former toilet field. Mowed onto Emery's logging chain in grass taking out 2 sections and ruining a guard. Made repairs and finished at 5:45. Suppered on Min's pot-roast - very good after which Tom and I repaired upper top link on mower - lost another bolt this PM - and took machine off. Rotoring tomorrow I expect.</p>

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<p>July 7, Wednesday</p>	<p>Word comes that Mr. Arthur Fay committed suicide. A real Grumpy morn. Sun a ball of fire. Very little dew. Warm. Probably 60. Air NW. Glass 29.8. A most beautiful day neither too hot or too cold. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and shaved. Coupled onto Rotary mower and started for Crabtree's Point at 8:00, a 3/4 hour run. Frank passed me in Greenbrier on Jamie Wooster hill. He cutter-bar mowed big field between house and stable. I rotored brow on left of wharf road, then across road east of house where old carriage house stood, then below house under maples east along stone wall down into swamp to ditch and cat tails. Frank swung in with me after finishing his. Some different mowing around trees with a cutter bar as compared to a rotary. Invited into living room before lunch for a treat - the only place this happens in all the places we mow. Finished job after 3:45. Home. 4:45 in time to see Pat and children before they went home. Tom had raked up the hay I mowed yesterday between shanty and greensward piece, and Min had finished weeding corn, dahlias and glads on house garden. Quite a help. She tells me tonight that she's going back with the young Whipples tomorrow morning. No peace of mind. Suppered on taters, beet greens and fried mackerel that John Brown caught and brought us last night. Very good.</p>
<p>July 8, Thursday</p>	<p>A real NH Grumpy beauty. Air NW. Cloudless sky nearly. Temp. about 60. Glass 30. No dew. What hay weather. A very hot day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved, and helped with dishes. The Whipples and Min started for 8:00 ferry. I called Payson's to check about Jack coming tomorrow. Then Frank called and said Cabots were wild to have some hay mowed for hay. Cleaned up the weeds Min had hoed on house garden - 2 wheelbarrow loads and pumped them. Coupled onto side delivery and raked around RM's barn, except in front and under oak and maples. Tony Bok would like the hay. Then raked around pond and old toilet field. Finished 10:15. Changed to 501 mower and started for Cabot's Southern Harbor field at 10:45. Struck out the full length of field in from road aways, mowed up to road back and forth, taking out a section on a hidden guy wire rod, then struck out another strip down to top of swamp length of field. Nan down with lunch and we ate in Chevelle. Finished 2:45. Home. Uncoupled, put on draw bar and up to Mari P. Stone's to bring home baler. Gassed it and changed oil. To town to see boat come. Home. Nearly ready for supper, new potatoes for one thing when the AWBs came. Visited to 9:00. Then Kerry Dean. RM's man dropped in. stayed to 10:00 or so. I didn't get baler started and other things done. The Whipples and Min left this morning.</p>

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<p>July 9, Friday</p>	<p>Considerable high cloudiness but should be a nice day. Practically no dew. Air swinging from W to SW. Expect this will be another thrashing day. Temp 60. Glass 30. Wasn't a nice hay day. Hay didn't dry yesterday PM either, hot as it was. Up at 4:45. Did bookkeeping, put blinker light back on tractor and started baler engine. Started good. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto side delivery and started for Cabot's [at] 7:45. Raked outside windrow clear around mowing and rolled it back. Weather looked so doubtful, I uncoupled and came home. Coupled onto wood hauling trailer and cleaned up a load of hay around RM's pond and toilet field. Spread it on triangle garden. Uptown to meet Payson's Jack 10:40 ferry. Couldn't get me any bailer twine. Damn. I have only 2 half balls? Home and Jack did check up on tractor. Changed oil and filter, adjusted valves, checked timing etc. All okay. Then he checked the knotters on my baler and found right hand needle entering knotter a little late and out of line. Adjusted it. Should work okay now. Finished just in time to take to 3:00 ferry. Home and Nan helped me clean up rest of RM's pond and toilet field hay after I helped Tony Bok stow a truck load of hay around RM's barn. We had 2 loads which we put on triangle piece. Suppered and rested. Pretty weary going steady all day. Coming in hazy foggy this evening. FWs mowed at Crockers and Bowditch's.</p>
<p>July 10, Saturday</p>	<p>Up at 12:35 and started whistle. Shut if off at 5:00 AM. Looks now like it might be a nice hay day. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. Not much dew. Air WSE. A nice day except for SW wind in PM and another full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes. Up to Watson's in Jeep to get a bale of twine. Coupled onto 501 mower and started for Cabot's 8:45. Struck out and mowed rest of way to shore between woods and brook gully. Then raked all I mowed Thursday. Finished at 12:00. Home on tractor to lunch and to get baler. Found Jim and Mercedes here. Just came over in their new Fiberglass 17 foot outboard. Only a 100 horse motor on it. Only cost \$3,300 or so dollars. What that could have done to their house. Visited an hour. Then back to Cabot's with baler. Had trouble first thing about tying as hay chamber was empty, then the damn twine kinked too big to go through feeder hole and broke, but after that I baled the whole raking without a single miss Wonderful. Off tractor once to 5:00. Home. Bathed, cleaned up and over to RM's new barn at 5:30 to have their first supper there with them. Very nice. Had baked chicken for me. They had some type of meat with spiced sauce on it. All very good. Home after 8:30. Weary and ready for bed. Did manage to read colored funnies. Another week gone. Summer sure is flying. It breaks my heart. Frank mowed at Crocker's I think.</p>



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<p>July 11, Sunday</p>	<p>Florence Corydon Brown passed away. Went to service at Old Church. Minister from Warren spoke. Mr. Williamson on vacation. Another beautiful Grumpy. A very red sunrise. Air N. Temp 64. Glass 29.9. A little high cloudiness. A beautiful day and evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then worked steadily to church time at bookkeeping, transferring my accounts from calendar to account book. To church at Old Church. Service held up a half hour as Ferry was late. A minister from Warren. Very good service and nice singing. Small group though. Home and finished bookkeeping to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Made out Mrs. Cobb's, Mari P. Stone's and Dick Bloom's bills. Lunched on broiled cubed steak - tasteless - and toast. Rested out back in hammocks until black flies drove us. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn and center of road. Also a path to my barn door to save wet feet on dewy mornings. Can't be dry forever. Dug some new potatoes for supper. Early Norland. Also cleaned up the hay by our pond that I mowed before Tommy came to make Jeep parking area. Put on triangle garden. Played a game of Scrabble while relaxing. The first game in 3 weeks. Suppered. Up to Alta's this evening. The AW Beverages there. Treated to strawberry shortcake. Nan did a wash while we visited. Plenty of cars on road tonight. A beach party at Mullen's Head I guess.</p>
<p>July 12, Monday</p>	<p>What a beautiful one this is. Has been nearly bright as day all night. Air NW. No dew. Cool. Temp 55. Glass 30. Sky Cloudless. Feels like Union Fair weather. A most beautiful day with most beau big fleecy white clouds, also a busy one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, helped with dishes, and shaved. Coupled onto SB trailer, cleaned up the hay between shanty and greensward piece and spread it on house garden around pumpkins and tomato plants. Gassed up and started for Cabot's at 8:45. Went right to raking on piece mowed Saturday. Then baled it and had it done about 12:00 and again without a skip - Wonderful. Coupled onto mower, repaired mower knife, ate my lunch - 15 minutes, struck out all of SW section of field beyond swamp area. Had good luck except for shearing off a section by mowing into a damn hidden steel fence post. By 4:00 had the piece peaked out. Covered baler and left field at 4:15. Home. Washed up, changed clothes, and up to Dr. Weiner's at 5:00 for vein shot - Dr. Hosmer on vacation. Had good luck. Home. Suppered on new potatoes, Spinach, and turkey parts from RM's leftovers. Loaded my hand mower into Chevelle and up to Fuller Cemetery to mow Calderwood lot and Uncle Rye's. Looks some better. Home. Rested and napped. Nan hand raked part of Merryconeag this PM and mowed it with her mower until it broke down.</p>

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<p>July 13, Tuesday</p>	<p>Another Grumpy morning. Some high cloudiness. Cool. 50 and a very heavy dew. Air W. Glass 30. I expect this will be another full one. Not so full but busy. Didn't make a good hay day. Didn't dry and wind blew like H--- SW this PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved, and helped with dishes. Marion H. over to make a breakfast call. Handscythed at SW end of greensward piece and put the hay between the rows of squash. Sharpened mower knife and started for Cabot's at 9:00. Started right in where I left off last night and come 12:00 I had field finished, swamp and all. Came home with mower. Ate my lunch. Nan over hill this AM - helped Cynthia W. clean at Colliss Lamont's this PM. Back to Cabot's, coupled onto Side Delivery, up to Fuller Cemetery and raked the large open part, then back to Cabot's and raked 7 trips around outer edge of yesterday PM's mowing. Wind blew so hard and weather looked so bad I left off at 4:20. Retied baler canvas and home to find Jim and Mercedes here in boat to camp a week. Set tent up between Cortland and Northern Spy tree. Put boat on RM's 3<sup>rd</sup> mooring, but wind blowing so hard he couldn't get ashore. Went over and off after him in one of RM's tenders. Home. Suppered on potatoes, beet greens and cold sliced ham. Took ride to Cabot's to get the baler twine H. Demmons left for me this noon, then back down to Alta's. Alta doing an ironing for Aunt Ruth. Jack and Betty there after it. Home after 9:00. The Oldroyds sleeping in tent.</p>
<p>July 14, Wednesday</p>	<p>Mercedes' 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. Well, what do you know? It started raining early before daylight, and is still raining now at 6:00, but not hard. 20M wind about South. Very heavy overcast. Temp 50. Glass 29.6. Cabot's hay will take a licking. Rained to middle forenoon, then showered again about 5:00 PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up to Watson's with bale of twine for Jimmie - I borrowed Saturday. Walked around his Watson's Pond with him - a good job. Home. Nan over hill. Had coffee with the Oldroyds, then ground my hand scythe and splitting axe. Also swept out Chevelle and cleaned the windows. Chopped on limbs to lunch time. The Oldroyds up to Alta's to coffee. Lunched on one of two lobster bodies Gretel sent over. Jim had other one. Thrashed to get cleaned up and uptown at 12:45 to go to Florence Corydon Brown's funeral. Supposed to drive mourners but wasn't needed. To Mike Williams to get ginger ale and home. Changed clothes quickly, coupled onto rotary mower - damn top link down to Cabot's on rake - Nan went after it for me and met me at fountain corner- to town to Gardner Cox's and mowed out the dooryard. A mess - all flattened down, wet etc. On way home I rotored the patch of milk weed in my big field. Showered. Suppered and up to Alta's this evening to a birthday party for Mercedes. The Sampsons, AW Beverages, Shirley C. and Oldroyds present. Home after 10:00.</p>

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<p>July 15, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful sunrise. A real Grumpy morning, but everything plenty wet. A few scattered clouds. Air westerly. Temp 53. Glass 29.6. A nice day till it clouded up heavy during later PM and showered on parts of island. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and helped spread the RM hay on triangle piece that we dumped there the other day. Handscythed clear around Nan's raspberry patch and piled it on thistle path in middle of area. Handscythed rest of bank below greensward piece and finished mulching squash rows. Out to Merryconeag with trailer and tractor and hauled in the hay Nan raked up the other day when she made [mowed] the lawn. Put it as mulch on pumpkin patch on house garden. The Oldroyds to Vinalhaven in boat to visit Pat and children. Had a choppy trip coming back. Lunched and started for Cabot's at 12:00. Nan to Colliss Lamont's to work with Cynthia this PM. Raked all the rest of the SW area of field and rolled the seven windrows I raked Tuesday. Just finishing when it started to sprinkle. Came up very heavy and ugly clouds. Rained hard on parts of the island. Home and picked nearly a peck of peas for supper. We shucked them while resting. Had them along with new potatoes and fried chicken. Cleaned up and up to the AW Beverage's this evening. The Sampsons, Alta and Shirley also there. Home after 10:00.</p>
<p>July 16, Friday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy sunrise morning. Air W. Sky cloudless. Quite a dew. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. A nice day but wind of course breezed up SW again this PM. Jim and Mercedes up before 6:00 to dismantle their tent etc to put in boat while tide was up. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made my breakfast - Nan made the Oldroyds, and helped with dishes. Helped Jim lug stuff to shore, and took him off aboard boat from RM's float. Bug-deathed my potatoes again on powerhouse piece, and first time on OP piece. Potatoes beautiful hip high. Nan worked over hill this AM. Anne Mooney and 6 kids coming to Barn today. I rested from 9:30 to 10:30 as I didn't sleep good last night. Started for Cabot's at 10:45. Went by middle road. Coupled onto baler, greased up, etc and ready to bale at 11:45. Had made one trip around piece over 75 bales and started second trip when Nan came with lunch. Ate in Jeep. 1/2 hour mowing. Baled steadily to 3:00 when spark plugs let go in baler engine. Freda Smith took me down to Brown's to get new ones. Engine started right up and I finished junk at 4:30. What a piece. I baled all this field - except swamp without a miss. Very good. Swung into Fuller Cemetery on way home and baled what I raked the other day - about 20 bales. Home about 6:00. Covered baler etc. Washed up, rested and read paper, ate supper and rested some more. We seem to be weary.</p>

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<p>July 17, Saturday</p>	<p>A dull SW'er but sun has come up like a ball of fire. Very little dew. Breeze 20 or so. Cloudy some. Temp 64. Glass 29.8. Expect to get back into saddle with Sampson today. He has mowed Bowditch, Crocker's, Young John's and Loring's big field alone. A nice day except for strong SW wind all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan worked over hill this AM. I went down to Cabot's to fetch home my side delivery. All yesterday's hay in except about a dozen bales. Coupled onto 501 mower, gassed up and started for Rockyfeller's at 10:00. Mowed side hill junk first, then below house, the between driveways, and finally by garage. Nan up with lunch after 12:00 and we ate in Jeep in driveway. Finished job 1:30. Then on over to Morris Cheston's. Started by mowing along road and area between driveways. Then struck out Lester Sherer's side of road and finished that at 4:15 except for beyond Alvin's paint building. Frank finally finished Loring's house field and came to Cheston's and mowed out garage field but I didn't know it until we saw him at the 5:40 ferry to see Sherman B. bring his trailer off. Parking it by Frank's garage for his men to use while working at Watson's. Home, suppered, cleaned up and back up to visit with the Bairds by invite. Alta, Sheila and children there a while. Frank and Orilla didn't show until we were driving away. Sorry to kept them away.</p>
<p>July 18, Sunday</p>	<p>Calm and thick-a-fog. Emery turned the whistle on about 4:00 AM. Air appears westerly. Temp 62. Glass 29.7. Cleared to a beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped Nan over hill awhile. I picked 2 heaping pails of peas plus a basket full. Schoolteacher Barnes here for his three bales hay and visited in garden awhile. Gave him a mess of spinach. Nan back and we shelled the whole lot of peas and she processed them for freezing. Lunched after 1:00. Was napping when Sherm and Helen came to measure for our bathtub and lavatory. He broke a board in porch under front door as he stepped off doorstep. Luckily we had a mat over it so he didn't go down through. I repaired that. Nan picked a mess of Swiss Chard and we went up to watch the 4:20 ferry traffic. Gave the Chard to Sherm and Helen. Home by middle road. Picked and shelled a half pail of peas for supper. Up to the Fays and Baileys to a social hour. Met Matt's new girlfriend. Home and suppered on new potatoes, green peas and hamburgers. Very damn good. Spent evening napping and resting. We both seem to be weary. To bed after 9:30.</p>

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<p>July 19, Monday</p>	<p>What a Grumpy but already airing up a little W. Cool . Temp 54. Glass 29.8. A few scattered clouds. Expect this will be a real week of thrashing. Everyone is now ready to be mowed out. We're away behind compared to last year. A nice forenoon, clouded up during PM and started raining about 4:00 PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put six new sections into mower knife and sharpened it. Pumped again while doing same. Started for M. Cheston's at 8:00 by way of garage to pump forward tire but closed of course. Swung right into large house field. Frank came, mowed by Alvin's boathouse, then swung in with me. Had place done 11:15. Shifted to Colliss Lamont's. I pulled water pipe in two first swaths along back road. Nan up with lunch and we ate in Chevelle. Over on town landing. Finished Lamont's at 1:15. Shifted down to Eunice Brown Farm. Frank started on road field. I struck length of field in front of house. Orilla came to get Frank to go after Greenbrier and he had to fuss with Abe a while so we didn't finish till 4:30. Stared to rain about 4:00 so ll was plenty wet and miserably cold when I got home. Cleaned up and uptown to Dr. Weiner's for vein shot. Took a second try this time. Home, picked spinach in rain for supper to go with new potatoes, zucchini squash and hamburgers. Read paper, napped and rested.</p>
<p>July 20, Tuesday</p>	<p>Rained hard during first part of night, then came in foggy. Had cleared come morning so I shut off whistle at 5:15. Temp 62. Glass 29.6. Very heavy cloud cover and dull. Air westerly. Cleared to a very beautiful day until that damn chilly SW wind breezed up late PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, helped with dishes, shaved etc. This damn boil or whatever under my nose sure makes me miserable. Mouth swelled out of shape etc. Marion H. over just after breakfast after beet greens. Then I picked 3 bushel peas for Mrs. Cobb. Took left forward tire off tractor and took it to garage. Jim Dyer found a Thorn Plum thorn in it. Glad he found the leak. Home and put it back on. Repaired and sharpened mower knife and readied mower. Over to Fisher's on Huffy and mowed both lawns. Home 12:00. Ate a quick lunch - while RM sat. Came over to escape children. Started for Dick Bloom's before 1:00. Supposed we were going to Jerry Burke's first, but darned if I didn't find Frank in on Dick's road. Had Dick all mowed out at 5:10 except for a little among trees above his driveway. Home, nearly 5:00, chilly but not wet. Mabel Crockett here visiting Nan, made supper late. Then the Thorntons came before we'd started to eat. Stayed to 9:00. Nan did wash at Alta's this PM.</p>

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<p>July 21, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a fall Grumpy. Pretty as a picture. Surprising how sun is working back South. Cool. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Air W. Sky cloudless. A beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Sharpened mower knife and ready to start out 8:30. Went by way of garage as left forward tire was half flat again. Crow found another hole in tube. Frank had just struck out field in front of Beeckum's house when I got there. Mowed very hard. Finished that junk and did a section between house and old mink pens. Had to leave quite a piece as 501 mower wouldn't handle it. No life to grass and all matted down. A rotor job to finish up. Done at 1:45. Nan up and ate lunch with us in Green Brier. Started PM by mowing long narrow piece across road from Smith's to Beeckum's, then spent rest of PM in Smith's big field. Struck from in front of Smith's barn clear length of field to old Alexander road. Nearly wiped out that section to town road. I also mowed the side hill junk down to George's old spring house while it was dry. Heavy and lodged. Left off 4:45. Home and Nan helped me pick a basket and a pail of Greater Progress peas. Then we shucked them for freezer while supper cooked. Had 7 1/2 # shucked. Had potatoes, peas and broiled steak for supper. Just finished when Alta, Sheila and boys blew in. Sheila leaves for Delaware again tomorrow.</p>
<p>July 22, Thursday</p>	<p>What a red pre-sunrise sky. Flat calm. Heavy clouds. Looks rainy and I have a thousand things to do today if Frank goes with Abe on telephone repair. This boil or whatever under my nose is getting me down. Makes me sick all over. Lip and cheek also swelled up. Temp 52. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day. Frank didn't go with Abe. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved, soaked boil in hot packs and helped with dishes. Picked a basket of sparkle peas, sharpened mower knife etc. Started for H. Smith's before 9:00. Frank just ahead of me and working on junk he left last night. I mowed junk at end of barn above their garden, then struck through eastern half of field to old Alexander road. Had it all but done come lunch time. Nan up and ate with us in Green Brier. Finished morning junk then tackled field between old Alexander Road and new Alexander road. What a dusty damn mess. Knife got pretty dull the last of it. Finished 4:15. Why we were 2 1/4 hours longer than last year I can't figure. We sure worked steady enough. Home and helped Nan pick a few of her raspberries. Then we went uptown to see last ferry come. Home and picked a nice mess of yellow and green beans for supper. Delicious with potatoes and corn beef. Also dug 4 hills of Purple Shenango potatoes for FWS. Surprisingly good size. Also on hill of Norgold Russet. Read papers and rested after supper. Weary these nights.</p>

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<p>July 23, Friday</p>	<p>My regular spell of breakdowns begins today. Thick-a-fog at 3:00 AM and still foggy at 6:00 by sun breaking through. Trees dripping. Otherwise a Grumpy morning. Air S to SW I'd guess. Temp 60. Glass 30.1. Cleared by 8:30 to a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved, and hot watered boil. Sharpened mower knife, gassed etc and started for Staples Farm before 9:00. Started regular mowing on north side of road. Several trips around when Frank arrived. He swung into orchard area below house. They only wanted \$50.00 worth done this year. Finished N side then mowed a junk to and from town road by garden east of house. Finished by us mowing 5 swaths clear around edge of field to discourage alders. Lunched in Green brier. Mowed out Brown lot on N side of road, then shifted to Jack Bauer's. I had mowed 1 3/4 hours on fields south of road when the whole head dropped off my mower front. A very poor welding job at factory. Over half way around had been broken a long time. Disconnected cutter bar, drove to garage and left machine to be welded first of week. Had planned on getting the Fishers mowed out to morrow. Home. Hot water bathed my boil, helped Nan french a pail of green beans she picked today, suppered on taters, green beans and fried mackerel. Was reading papers when the Ames came. Visited to 9:30. Quite strangers.</p>
<p>July 24, Saturday</p>	<p>Quite cloudy but expect it to clear. Breeze NW to W. Sun trying to break out. Temp 64. Glass 29.95. This is the day of the Big Shriner's Picnic at Mullen's Park. Nearly a hundred coming from mainland. Frank takes a holiday from mowing. A nice day but fog hung around. A day of chores. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast, hot packed boil, helped with dishes. with dishes and took ashes out of kitchen stove. Worked steadily to 10:15 in Greensward piece. Weeded and hoed clear through last plantings. To town to see 10:40 ferry come, stayed on to see arrival of the Silsby with about 85 Shriners at 11:10. Home and lunched. Cleaned morning weeds off piece and planted turnip row to soaked Ruby Queen beet seed. Not one of Bertha Joyce's "Old Jake" turnip seeds came up. Nan helped me pick two pails of peas -both plantings and about the last of them - and a pail of yellow beans. Then I helped her pick her raspberries - 2 quarts. Mowed all of lawn out front here between road and Greensward piece. Uptown to deliver vegetables and see 5:40 ferry come. Also Shriners leave. Home and we Frenched the pail of yellow beans for freezing - having some for supper. Back up to garage to visit Helen and Sherm by way of HS Beverage's to get a mess of Endive he gave us. The Sampsons also visited. Home before 10:00. First cucumber of season for supper - very good.</p>

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<p>July 25, Sunday</p>	<p>A flat clam Grumpy. Fog about but gives promise of a nice day. Must thrash to go clamming etc. Have invited Helen and Sherm down to dinner. Temp 68. Glass 29.8. Air NW to N. What a full day and a very warm one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, toured gardens when shutting pump off. OP piece really filling up with weeds. Must do something. Went clamming here in Goose Cove, had breakfast, bathed, soaked boil - better, shelled peas for lunch, hunted up an old scythe, shortened it and ground it for weeding. Curly Joe came with lobsters - 6 7# @ 1.50 per pound. Visited a few minutes. The Bairds came at 12:00 just as I was getting fire going in fireplace out back. Cooked off clams and lobsters. Ate under oak and swing trees. Plenty of excitement as a fire broke out on Calderwood's Island. How the boats did go. Johnny Waterman in to Fay's beach to get a load of Indian Fire Pumps. Under control in no time. Then George Beverage came with "Kicker" Raymond Crockett and son. Haven't seen him in a long time. The Bairds left about 3:00. Leaving on 4:20 boat. Rested to 3:30. Cleaned up and up to watch ferry activities, then down to the Hoppins' "Open Barn House" with the Sampsons. All folks invited who had worked on the place. FW and I had rotored it. A beautiful house and a nice time. Rode down to Narrow place beach, around island, down to see ferry return, and finally home. Made supper of new Kennebec potatoes and Hiram's endive. Gave us a nice mess. Gretel in this evening. To bed weary. Had the Sherm Bairds down to clam and lobster dinner, also green peas and raspberries and cream.</p>
<p>July 26, Monday</p>	<p>Boy, is it ever thick-a-fog. Can hardly see shop. Started whistle at 3:00 AM. Air ENE. Temp 62. Glass 29.9. Plenty wet. Everything dripping. Am slipping. Not rolling out till 5:30 lately. Sherm has invited us over Labor Day weekend to go to Blue Hill Fair. Would like to. Very wet all AM and fog hung around all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Mowed the weeds on that part of triangle garden not covered with hay with my shortened hand scythe, then mowed to nearly 10:30 amongst corn on OP piece - weeds very bad. Coupled onto Rotary mower, gassed up etc, ready for lunch when Nan came from RM's. Lunched on lobster bodies. Started for Jack Bauer's 12:20. Found that Frank had been up there mowing a while this AM, and had to spend all PM with Abe on telephone lines. I rotored the head of one of the alders swamps on south side of town road, then down to field above dam and rotored that cut over alder area, then rotored road to top of Webster's Head and an area there, and finally down along new driveway from house to town road and some in swamp along town road. Home after 4:30 just ahead of Nan. Cleaned up and uptown to Dr. Weiner's and to see ferry come. Home. Shelled a pail of peas from freezer while supper warmed up. Rested and tried to nap during evening but arms very restless from hand scything. Frank called about 9:00 to say my mower had been welded this PM. Just get tomorrow morning.</p>



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<p>July 27, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still thick-a-fog and porch looks like it had rained - so wet. Temp 64 and glass 29.8. Air SW. Really slipped last night. Left our flag out. Foggy most of day with a 15 minute down pour about 11:20. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Dropped rotary mower off and to garage at 8:00 to get 501 mower. Around NS to Bauer's to connect onto cutter bar. Was just adjusting cutter bar when Frank arrived. Still pretty damp but we started mowing area of light hay back of barn. Finished that and half of area along road to shore toward swimming beach. Just back to Greenbrier when shower let go. How it poured for 15 minutes. Home about 12:00. Lunched. Over to shop to repair mower knife and sharpened it. Also touched up spare. Repaired a light weight scythe smythe [?] I found. Rested and read mail from 2:00 to 3:15. Up on OP piece and nearly finished the weeding amongst corn with hand scythe. Cleaned up, uptown to see 5:40 ferry arrive, then down to Alta's to corned hake supper. The AW Beverage's also present. A nice supper. Visited to about 9:15. Nan did a couple washes. Home and to bed. Buddy Whipple called this evening to say he and Loretta would be arriving August 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>July 28, Wednesday</p>	<p>This is Father's birthday. Would be 97. It's cleared. Shut whistle off at 4:00. Light breeze NNW. Temp 62. Glass 30. Some scattered clouds. A nice day and plenty warm but wet with dew and yesterday's drenching shower. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Gassed and started for Jack Bauer's at 8:20. Frank same time. So wet we didn't get going till 9:00. Wiped out rest of area down by swimming pool beach, then back to area in lower main field between town road and old gravel pits. Lunched in Greenbrier. Finished that area 1:30. Mowed very hard. Still damp underneath. More back up then go ahead. Shifted equipment to G. Proctor's - Jesse Brown farm and at 4:15 had big front field flat and area between driveway and her pond area. How nice that field mowed compared to Bauer's. On way home I mowed an hour at Fisher's - striking out the area between old house driveway and western swamp. Made quite a showing. Home 5:50. Nan had picked the two rows of beans. At least 3 pails full. Helped her french a pail of yellow beans while supper cooked. Taters, endive and baked mackerel. Read papers and rested this evening. Should have mowed rest of weeds in OP corn patch. A beautiful moonlit night early. Moon is now growing.</p>
<p>July 29, Thursday</p>	<p>What a beautiful Grumpy this is but air is ENE and lowland in pasture looks like whit frost fog. Cool. 52. Glass 30.1. Not a hay day but hot. Fog tried to get in all day and did late PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Repaired and sharpened mower knife. Started for G. Proctor's at 8:00. Started mowing in light growth at western end and back of house. Wet. Frank arrived shortly. Finished light junk, then shifted over wall west of barn site. And mowed in pasture area to lunch time. Old rotoed juniper stumps bothered badly. Lunched in Greenbrier. Thought we saw a fire on Oak Hill but proved to be fog driving up through valley off water. Struck into big North field about 1:00 and at 4:15 had it wiped out. Then mowed other little area back of house that I think used to be a lane. We still have the whole orchard area to do and it's all heavy hay. Home about 5:00. Helped Nan french nearly a pail of green beans. Had some of same with taters and cubed steak for supper. Seems like vegetables are coming in faster and going by faster this year. Read papers and rested this evening. How it did pour after we went to bed an continued to rain most of night.</p>

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<p>July 30, Friday</p>	<p>Rain has stopped and it's thick-a-fog. Not up till 5:50. Slipping. Air SW. Temp 65. Glass 29.85. Must use this wet day for catching up. Didn't much. Foggy and wet most of day, showering more late PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Upon OP piece and finished mowing weeds amongst corn, then mowed through the rows of Early Norland and Norland Russet potatoes, Kennebec and PEI potatoes too rank and tall to get among. Tried to mow weeds between corn on powerhouse piece but corn too advanced. Did weed one row on upper side of house garden by hand. Edwin Thayer and Raymond Haskell here getting engine parts of Prudy's old blue Ford Panel. Sharpened mower knife. Nan back from over hill and we rode to H. Demmons on errand. Home NS road. Lunched. Over to Fisher's at 2:15 and finished mowing garage apartment area. Sprinkling hard as I started for home at 4:25. Nan back from helping Cynthia price animals for Church Sale, so we went to town to see last Ferry arrive. Every trip loaded and where do they all go? Suppered on warmed up cubed steak, boiled zucchini and taters. Up to Bertha Joyce's this evening. Nan to get her hair set and mine cut. Mighty poor weather for the Friendship Sloop Races. Called off today's race.</p>
<p>July 31, Saturday</p>	<p>Calm but still thick-a-fog, Air south. Temp 64. Glass 30. Very wet. Good chores done this day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan over hill this AM, then went to Mr. Burr's Memorial Service with the RM's. I cut up some limbs and split some woods, then spent all of rest of AM to after 12:00 on hands and knees in corn on house piece weeding. Unbelievable how weeds have come back in since Minnie hoed it. Helped Nan french a pail of yellow beans while resting before lunching on RM lobster bodies. Over to Fisher's at 2:00 and mowed all their eastern flat to head of cove. Took to 3:45. They arrived on 2:40 ferry. Home at 4:00 and mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn. Thrashed to get shaved, cleaned up and up town to last ferry to get a package of blankets from Gus Tomer coming on ferry Mercedes bought them for Nan to send down to Pat - their anniversary present. Down to the Milton Ames at 5:00 to supper and evening. Baked potatoes, halibut, cauliflower, squash and rolls. All very good. Watched TV during evening. Home after 10:00. Still foggy but stars out overhead. Thus endeth July.</p>
<p>August 1, Sunday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog and getting thicker but air has a westerly feel. Temp 66. Glass 30.2. Cleared about noontime - very hot and scalding through fog. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested an hour, dug a basket of red potatoes on Power House Garden, turning out better than I thought they were going to. Cruised gardens. Picked a pail of yellow beans, and a pail of green beans on Greensward piece. Also a dozen cucumbers. Took to 11:30 or 11:45. Rested in hammocks out under oak and swing trees to 3:00 with time out for lunch out there - picking out RM's lobster bodies. Weighed up vegetables, shaved, cleaned up and uptown by way of dump. Delivered vegetables to Samson, Curly Joe, Edith Ames, and Alta. Watched 4:20 ferry activities, then down to Alta's to have a bite of tea with her. Home and we frenched the pail of green beans for freezing while supper cooked. Oh yes, we visited nearly a half hour with Mrs. Fisher on our way home. Well pleased with mowing job even if I did mow off one of her spruces. Rested and read papers this evening. Orilla got us a Portland Sunday Telegram. Quite a piece in it about North Haven and the wealthy summer colony.</p>

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<p>August 2, Monday</p>	<p>Came in thick-a-fog again about midnight and have had a sprinkling shower already this morning. Air still but expect it's S to SW. Temp 64. Glass 30.1. What a poor weekend fog the Friendship Sloop Races. No wind and all fog. Foggy all day showering from 2:45 PM on. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, made out Cabot Farm's bill for haying southern Harbor field, and helped with dishes. Nan over hill this AM. About 8:15 I went up to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Only three jabs this day. Down through town to mail Cabot's bill and to get bird seed and a piece of T-Bone steak of M. Williams. Home. Uncoupled from 501 mower and coupled onto rotary mower. Gassed and greased up. So near out of gas when I came from Fisher's Saturday PM that tractor wouldn't start this day. Ate lunch just after 11:00 finishing as Nan came from over hill. Started for Jimmie Walker's at 11:40. Rotored place for second time, also old road up across Lamont Property. Finished at 1:30 and drove down to Cabot's. Started rotoring the length of big field across from Leon Ball's property. Had only made a few round trips when rain drove me. Met Nan by Lawrence Beverage's coming with rain clothes. Sharpened rotary blades and mower knife after I got home. Suppered on t-Bone Steak, new potatoes - baked Shenangoes - zucchini squash, carrots and onions. Invited the Sampson down to Raspberries and cream dessert. Tar crew started tarring this PM.</p>
<p>August 3, Tuesday</p>	<p>Here it is back in thick-a-fog again. Nice moonlight night last evening so I shut whistle off about 8:00. Emery started it this morning about 4:30. Breeze is SW. Temp 64. Glass 30.1. We sure are getting behind with our mowing. Foggy mist of AM clearing nicely at noontime, then came back in later and showered about 5:00 PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Slow getting going. Gassed, greased, etc and started for garage about 8:45. Had Jim Dyer repair my right forward tire - and other Thorn Plum Thorn. Down to Cabot's big field before 10:00 and started in where rain drove me yesterday. Nan down with lunch and we ate in Jeep in Leon Ball's driveway. Then visited old cemetery up in the John Crockett pasture. Tearful. Only 2 stones left standing, trees have fallen across some, and sheep were bedding down there. By 4:30 I had pasture side half of field completed and considerable on road side half. Home about 5:00 with sprinkles accompanying me. Mr. Fisher over with ointment which he claims will clear up my boil. Suppered on fried chicken, potatoes, Swiss Chard and 5 ears of corn. I'm sure this is the earliest I've ever had it. Up to Alta's this evening to do wash. Home about 10:00. Foggy.</p>

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<p>August 4, Wednesday</p>	<p>Still foggy and air still SW. More than air - lightest of breeze. Temp 68. Glass 30. Foggy and showery all day to 5:30 or so. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Gassed and started for Cabot's at 8:30. Started right in on road side of field and had it wiped out at 11:30. Nearly started for home a couple times it sprinkled so. Had field in front of Bun Smith's house across driveway from barn struck out back to apple trees when Nan came with lunch at 12:00. Ate in Jeep in gate opening of big field. Had lobster bodies to pick out from RM's. Rained quite hard all noon hour and then stopped sprinkling again as I started for home. Come 4:45 I had side hill half of field wiped out - what a bed of thistles across from barn - and the lower half of field peaked up. Glad to get away from that damn brook bank. Home after 5:00 to find that young Kenneth Gillis visiting in dooryard. Were after potatoes. Read our papers, suppered, mostly on leftovers, and then read and rested. Watched the Dessie O'Conner Kraft program. To bed after 10:00. Not a real restful night some how I'm wondering if Frank is going to get back to work with me. Doesn't want to change from mower to rotor.</p>
<p>August 5, Thursday</p>	<p>By golly it isn't foggy. Some cloudiness, but breeze is NW to W. Looks like maybe a day without showers. Temp 62. Glass 30. a beautiful day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Marion H over and had coffee while I ate. Enjoyed an ear of corn with me. Dug a half bushel of Norland Red potatoes. Marion had a peck. Gassed, greased and started for Cabot's at 8:15. Finished junk I left last night, rotored around gas pump and in front of house, then tackled junk between brook and town road. Had that wiped out at 12:30 and by trying to mow a little more in brook I got stuck. Bun pulled me out with truck. Ate my lunch on hill by old tar piles. Then on up to Beckum's and rotored the heavy wet junk between house and old pasture that we left when we mowed. Wasn't wet today. From there to Jack Bauer's and rotored to 4:30 on the heavy junk below barn that we left when we mowed there. Had a new tar mulch job to drive through coming home clear from Tumbledown barn to our mailbox corner. A good job most of way. Nan home from fair ahead of me. She and Edith Ames sold nearly \$50.00 worth of fudge. Suppered on freezer fried haddocks, new potatoes, new cabbage, new corn etc. Read papers and rested this evening. Both weary.</p>
<p>August 6, Friday</p>	<p>Looks like a second NW beauty coming up, only wind is more Westerly. Already beginning to feel fallish. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. A nice day except for a quick short shower about 1:30 and considerable shower during evening. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Gassed, greased and started for Bauer's 8:20. Finished him out at 10:00 where I left off yesterday, shifted over to G. Proctor's and helped Frank in orchard area. Took to 12:00. Nan up with lunch bringing RM's lobster bodies and we ate in Greenbrier. Had a real picnic. Only trouble we used the whole noon hour picking bodies. Wiped out the old barn site after lunch and shifted to Millicent Pettit's at 1:30. Frank mowed around and below the new house and I rotoring on the areas between old house and road to 4:30. Spruces and junipers trying hard to get in. Home in slow gear. Tar warm and picking up on tires terribly. Rested and read papers to supper. Cleaned up and up to Alta's this evening to AW and Emma's 14th anniversary. The Thorntons and Sampsons present. Just home after 10:00 when the rain rally fell in baskets full. Kept up for some time.</p>

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<p>August 7, Saturday</p>	<p>Bud and Loretta arrived on 5:40 ferry. Plenty of heavy cloudiness this morning. No sun yet at 6:00. Air is NW to W. Temp 60. Glass 29.7. Became a beautiful day and plenty hot. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped and made breakfast. Picked a pail each of yellow and green beans. I think this is the fourth picking. Also picked cukes, beets, Swiss Chard etc and dug a peck of potatoes - red. Oh yes the first sale of 1/2 dozen corn. Tried to sharpen rotor blade some with file as I haven't a socket wrench large enough for blade bolts. Greased, gassed and started for M. Pettit's before 10:00. finished yesterday's junk and wiped out junk in front of pine grove. Ate my lunch on ledge across town road. After lunch cleaned up area west of older cottage leaving 2 blueberry patches. Also mowed edge of area by garage etc. ending up by mowing slope of road across town road along triangle area. Came home after 3:00. Frank busy with mail etc so didn't show to mow until after I left. Cleaned up and up to meet last ferry. Bud and Loretta arrived. Suppered and visited during evening. A most beautiful moonlit night. The Fishers reported a large crowd at Rockland Festival.</p>
<p>August 8, Sunday</p>	<p>Another beautiful westerly morning. Should be another day like yesterday. Temp 60. Glass 29.8. Has been a beautiful day and a hot PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved and made breakfast - fried potatoes, boiled corn, bacon and eggs. Gathered 6 or 7 dozen corn - Earliking off Greensward piece. Mowed all of our lawn out front here and across road. Took nearly to noon with interruptions. Rested while lunch was prepared, then rested to nearly 3:00. The Whipples went off in their boat and Nan went to see the Indian Artifacts at Library with the Fishers, so while I had my rotary mower on I rotored the weeds on that part of triangle piece not covered with hay, the whole of dump piece to get the weeds on last year's pumpkin and squash area, and all of hog pen piece to get the thistles and dock. Also sides of RM's road as far as my old turning across gates, and the north bank of our pond area. Suppered on odds and ends. Frank down with our Portland Sunday Telegram and brought me a mowing check - 3 places. Visited nearly an hour. Rested and visited this evening.</p>
<p>August 9, Monday</p>	<p>Considerable cloudiness but looks like a good day coming up. Temp at least 60. I'd guess - Buddy sleeping in living room - Glass 29.9. Air SSW. A beautiful day and plenty hot. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast etc. Changed from rotary to 501 mower, and was on my way at 8:00. Stopped at Dr. Hosmer's and had regular shot. Over to Franklin Gates's before 9:00. Started on area across road from barn. Did orchard, around garden etc and all west of tennis court. Just before I finished at 12:30 my swath board broke in two. When Frank came from lunch he went home and got his newly made one for me. Within a half hour while he was finishing back of house he snapped his in two. I finished after lunch by mowing under big horse chestnut tree at end of house. Put his new swath board onto his machine from mine, and I stopped at Edwin's on way to Giselle's and Benny Brown sawed me out an oak one. To Giselle's and mowing at 3:00. I mowed out orchard area to end of field. Frank mowed barn site area by house. Mowed to after 5:00. Home about 5:50. Washed up and rested to supertime. Vegetable cooked in pot liquor and cold sliced ham. Rested and visited this evening. Bud and Loretta down to Gates's with beer for us this AM. This PM they and Nan cruised Calderwood's Island.</p>

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<p>August 10, Tuesday</p>	<p>Nan to Rockland to dentist - came home second boat. Temp 64. Glass 29.8. Sky cloudless, a little hazy. Should be another hot one. Air westerly. Was hot till wind breezed SW this PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Picked a couple dozen corn for Nan to take to town. To Rockland on 8:00 AM boat. Had two small fillings. Sharpened mower knife, greased, gassed and ready to go at 7:50. Down to Giselle's and started up through big field at 8:15. Enough dew so it didn't mow good at all for an hour or so. Frank shortly behind me. Mowed around old gravel pit area in upper end first, then working down through field. Towards noon it began to mow decent. Bud and Loretta down with lunch and we ate in Green Brier. Very hot and confined. Finished big field in an hour or so after lunch, then did back of house, across road from house around little building and finally the field below back of house toward point. Just before we finished the nut came off the forward bolt in my top link letting link drop apart. Had to tie a bolt into finish with at 3:45. Too late to start on fields out by road so we came home. I repaired top link. Bud had been lamming and scalloping this AM so we invited the Sampsons down to steamed clams, fried scallops and boiled corn. All damn good. Bud must have gotten over a bush of scallops. Taking them all home frozen. To bed weary after 10:00.</p>
<p>August 11, Wednesday</p>	<p>Came in foggy enough so we started whistle at 8:30 last night. Still foggy now at 6:30. 20 M breeze SW. Cool. Probably 60. Glass 29.7. Considerable wetness this morning. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Dug a half bushel of red potatoes and weighed up 2 10# lots. Picked nearly a pail of green beans off the few second planting that came up. Sharpened mower knife, greased etc. Down to Giselle's field by Kier's hill at 10:00. Frank just waiting. In to Giselle's and he brought out his tractor. He took first field coming out. I mowed Kier field. Just finished as Nan and Whipples came with lunch. Ate in Greenbrier at top of hill. Struck into triangle field below Giselle road after lunch and Frank helped me finish at 1:45. I drove both tractors to Crabtree's Point (Lombard's) and we mowed out the cottage area down by wharf. Just finished when rain really started. Luckily I took my rain clothes with me, so rode tractor home. Rained hard all the way. Some thunder and lightning. Frank put his tractor in Lombard's barn. Rested to supper time of potatoes, carrots, green beans, and fried chicken legs and thighs. Up to Alta's this evening to do a couple washes. The Whipples went with us. Home 9:30. Really rained later in night.</p>

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<p>August 12, Thursday</p>	<p>Started fog whistle 3:30 AM. Glass 30. Temp about 62. Still foggy now at 5:00 but rain has stopped. Looks like no mowing today. I'm supposed to change to rotary mower, and go back to Lombard's to rotor around his cottage at top of hill. Don't look forward to it. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Up to OP piece and dug a hill each of the different potatoes. Not many in a hill but beautiful. Picked 2 dozen corn on Greensward piece and 4 dozen Power House garden "Sprite" - small ears but nice quality. Sharpened mower knife, uncoupled 501 mower, coupled onto saw rig and Bud helped me saw what limbs and round wood I had under swing tree. A nice little pile but must get the rest out of woods. Uncoupled and coupled onto Rotary mower. Lunched on Mac apple pie I peeled for this morning (our own Macs) and cheese sandwiches. Started for Crabtree's Point at 12:30. On way down I rotored a parking area at Strong's for Raymy. Then to Lombard's and rotored his big house area and center of road to wharf. Finally in to Jerry Burke's and rotored his regular house area. Plenty rough as usual. Had a nice talk with him. Home at 5:00. Suppered on hamburg and spaghetti etc. Over to Fishers a while this evening so the Whipplés could look at stars through telescope. Nice fire in fireplace. Growing cold. 54 when we came home at 10:00.</p>
<p>August 13, Friday</p>	<p>What a fall beauty. Air NW. Sky cloudless. Heavy dew. Glass 30. Temp 57. A beautiful working day but considerable SW wind. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. The Whipplés had breakfast with us this morning and started for Rhode Island on 8:00 ferry. I picked 4 dozen corn, changed to 501 mower, and started for Strong's at 9:30. Nan worked over hill this AM. Frank at Strong's waiting. Went to Lombard's and drove his tractor back. Mowed out Strong's field finished at 12:00. Ate in Greenbrier. Then Frank mowed on areas west of Strong's cottage while I went in and mowed Baker's 2 fields and the sides of Burke's road. Shifted outfits to Thom Thatcher's and mowed two areas between house and road for him Home at 5:00 Jane and John arrived on motor cycle on 2:40 ferry for weekend. Visited and rested to supper time. Cleaned up and uptown to Community Building to Legion Festival musical. Guess it was good but we were late getting there and had to sit well back. The poorest building in world to hear in. Home and to bed after 11:00. This social life is catching up with me. I'm weary.</p>
<p>August 14, Saturday</p>	<p>Dog Gone, the air is NE. Afraid weather is due to change. Temp 58. Glass 30.1. Sky is quite cloudless, but hazy. Heavy dew. A nice day and a day off from the saddle. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife, ground my weed scythe, and mowed the pig weed etc in potatoes on OP piece. Picked 8 dozen corn on power house piece really cleaning it. Had hard work finding enough nubbins for supper later. Mowed Mrs. Fay's lawn. Lunched, cleaned up and up town to Legion Parade. A good one and a large crowd around- but mostly strangers. Home after 2:40 ferry came - delivering corn on way. Flossie Brown gave me a bag of lobster bodies - just shucking out a batch for Cheston's. Rested and even had a little nap. Dug a peck of red potatoes. The Overmans down with Alta after water. Visited a half hour or so. Mr. Overman wants to get back into Maine again. Suppered on cold sliced ham, potato salad, boiled cabbage and corn. Helped John on his motorcycle light after supper. Napped some through the television programs. Fog probably coming in tonight.</p>

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<p>August 15, Sunday</p>	<p>Up at 1:15. Started whistle. Still foggy at 5:00. Air appears almost N. Temp 60. Glass 29.95. A nice day but wind breezed on NE threatening a storm. Supposed to be another hurricane coming up coast. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast. Thrashed to get the kids luggage to ferry at 8:00. Home, helped with dishes, bathed, shaved, and went to church at Old Church. Mr. Overman guest speak and gave a splendid sermon. Over 50 people there. Home and enjoyed Flossie Brown's lobster bodies for lunch. Just finishing when Corice and Bill Hurd and Elaine and Albert came for corn. Visited over a half hour. Succeeded in finding them 4 dozen nubbins. Rested and read a little while to 3:30 when we went up to watch the 4:20 ferry activities. The Overmans left fearing the rough weather of the threatening hurricane. The ferry loaded to capacity. I can't understand so many people coming and going and where do they go after the come. Took Alta on a ride to Crabtree's Point. Home. The Sampsons followed us home with a mowing and rotoring check. Could only visit a half hour or so. Orilla had to get back to church. Only sliced peaches and cream for supper. Rested and watched a little TV.</p>
<p>August 16, Monday</p>	<p>Some cloudiness and sure feels like fall. Breeze 10M. Northerly. Sun come up in clouds. Temp 60. Glass 30. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Had 3 ears of our new Royal Crest Corn - Delicious. Made ready to start for work at 8:00. Drove tractor to fountain corner, Nan came in Jeep and took me down to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Took a second jab this day. To Old Jamie Wooster Place at 9:00. Frank same time. I took area in front of house to shore and had it all but done at noontime. What a hell of a rocky rough area, but those steep banks some easier to do with cutter bar mower. Frank took area from barn foundation to shore toward Thatcher's. Ate in Greenbrier. Frank brought lobster bodies to pick out. Very good. After lunch I mowed barn and lane area and we both did the big upper field we haven't mowed before. Finished at 4:00. Home at 4:45. Frank shifted his outfit to Loring's. VL Beverage was mowing on Hoppin's Place as I came home (Walker Ames' old place). Our hourly rate was too high. Shaved and cleaned up. Sherman Baird men came with our new bathtub. A beautiful 3 foot 8 inch one. Leaves room for a wall lavatory. Suppered. Up to Mari P. Stone's with corn and to call but not home. Rode on to town, to Pulpit Harbor and home. A beautiful night at sunset.</p>
<p>August 17, Tuesday</p>	<p>Holly Cow. Only 50. a beautiful flat calm morning. Will soon have to dig out our insulated underwear. Air westerly. Glass 30. A beautiful, beautiful mowing day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove. Repaired and sharpened mower knife. Up to Sampson Farm before 9:00. Struck the length of field below Tony Bok's driveway and had the electric light poles and road bank nearly mowed out when Frank came at 10:00. Had the field nearly wiped out as 12:00. Ate in Greenbrier. Orilla brought Frank up a quarter of oil, and in backing out of driveway dropped forward wheel into culvert opening. Frank had to push her out with tractor. He was quite disgusted to lose his noon rest. Finished field in a half hour and struck around big pond field. Had to put in spare knife after I mowed along road bank. What a mess of sods, travel and pieces of wire left when fence was cleaned up in spring. Finished field at 5:05. Home at 5:30. Cleaned right up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's for an hour visit. The fourth time they've tried to have us over. Home and suppered. Rested and tried to read papers, but mostly napped.</p>



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<p>August 18, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another August Grumpy One. Temp 60. Glass 30. Sky clear and cloudless. Air I would guess is W. A beautiful dry mowing day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, and made breakfast. Peeled enough Red Astracous so Nan made a large and a small pie. Sharpened mower knife and started for Dr. Hyle's at 8:30. Had crown of area pretty well mowed off when Frank arrived. Finished 10:45 and shifted across bridge to Norma Pettit's. Frank struck out big field, I mowed road sides and old cellar hole hump. Nearly finished it before lunch. Ate in Greenbrier. At 1:00 Andersen Bell came for us to go look over his job at Bartlett's Harbor. Several days work rotoring the area he had bull-dozed and seeded. Herds Grass shoulder high and lots of clover, plus shoulder high thistles. Plenty of rocks too. Back owing at 3:00. Finished hump and round trip across bridge to town road, then swung into big field with FWS. Finished that field and 4 trips around field east of barn at 5:15. Home after 5:30. Read papers and suppered. Rested and napped after supper. Can not keep awake to watch TV. Looks like a change in weather as we go to bed. Air comes in bedroom window.</p>
<p>August 19, Thursday</p>	<p>Sure enough. Very thick-a-fog now at 5:30 and air SE. Doesn't look to be a very good mowing day. Temp 60. Glass 30.1. Thick-a-fog all day and a very wet fog. Trees dripping in no time. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked nearly a half pail of peas, also some Swiss Chard for Rita Williams and repaired and sharpened mower knife and cutter bar. Gathered tools together and started excavating under bathroom part of house about Sherman connecting bathtub and lavatory into sewer line. Made quite a hole in the 5 hours I worked but still haven't come to the pipe. Uncle Bob extended from toilet when he put that in years ago. A slow process as I have to dig, then scrape dirt over twice and then shovel out of ditch. Cleaned up to go uptown to deliver vegetables and see last ferry come. It's reported that Capt. Stewart Ames had the Vinalhaven ferry on the ledges in the Reach this morning. Home. Shucked peas and suppered. Peas delicious. Read papers, rested and watched some TV. Bet it will rain while hole is open back of house. PS - Friday morning. Sure enough it's raining. A nice muddy mess to work in on hands and knees.</p>
<p>August 20, Friday</p>	<p>What a dull dark morning. Thick-a-fog, raining at 5:30 and a heavy thunder shower now at 6:30. Air NE to E. Temp 64. Glass 29.8. Rained hard nearly all AM. Foggy all PM and night. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Nan worked over hill this AM. I picked up a heaping 14 quart pail of our Mac apples and worked on them. Peeled and quartered two bags for freezer and enough for a big pie which Nan made when she came home along with a blueberry pie from our high bush blueberries. The rest of apples I quartered and stemmed to cook for jelly juice. Nan now has containers of yellow transparent (Mrs. Cobb's), Red Astracou and Mac juice to do something with. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch - first game since July 11 and Nan made over 300. Spent PM under house digging and finished that chore. Hard to dig clear back in to toilet pipe. Found that Uncle Bob didn't extend pipe - just put a plug in. Also dug a hole for a post and two jack bases. That inside sill along bathroom has settled badly. The Bray boy and Kenneth Hopkins helped me 1 1/4 hours. Cleaned up and uptown to do chores and get eggs at Audrey's. Saw 5:40 ferry come. Home, suppered and read our papers. Foggy on water but stars out overhead.</p>

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<p>August 21, Saturday</p>	<p>Fog cleared enough so I stopped whistle at 5:45 AM. Air appears westerly and sun came up a big red ball. Worked back nearly to end of Burnt Island now. Temp 64. Glass 29.7. Became a warm nice day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up on OP piece and dug nearly a bushel of Early Norland. Not many in hill but good size. Gathered a peck or so of beets and a dozen cukes. Weighed up 2 pecks of potatoes. Started for Norm Pettit's just before 10:00. Started mowing on junk we left Wednesday PM. Surprised to find it dried out so. Frank came after hauling 10:40 mail. Went home to lunch at 12:30. Nan brought my lunch and we ate in Jeep by birches. Took half hour nooning and back to mowing along bank area and in front of below house. Had all but finished bank when cutter bar caught a stump, snapped back, forward end headed down hill and I could neither back up or go ahead on account of a tree. Walked over to Hiram's and borrowed a rope. Mowed with Frank's outfit until he came back at 3:00. Finished area at 4:15 and mowed along edge of OP piece. Invited to Mrs. Fay's at 5:00. Only she and Mrs. Bailey there now. Home and suppered on taters, corn and hamburgers. Watched Lawrence Welk Show.</p>
<p>August 22, Sunday</p>	<p>One beautiful Grumpy morning. Water like glass. Temp 62. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. At 8:45 I struck out RM's big field and mowed to 10:00. Got back swaths all taken and a good start. Cleaned up and up to the Lyford Beveridges to go on a boat trip with them. Nan made a potato salad with boiled eggs, tomatoes etc. Mrs. B. furnished sliced canned ham etc. Went down by Mark Island to Merchant island. Anchored and ate lunch, then came back up by Crotch Island through Stonington Thoroughfare and home about 3:15. Home here before 4:00. Changed clothes and finished mowing western field an hour. Rested till we went uptown to see 6:50 ferry return from Rockland. Stopped at George Beverage's new trailer on way home to get my hydraulic jacks. George and Georgie just moved in this week. A beautiful home anyone might enjoy. Drove down to Walker Ames old farm - Hoppins - to see how the King was making out mowing. Doing very well. Home and suppered on toasted cheese sandwiches and blueberry pie about 8:15. Hoppin hire the King to mow because our hourly rate was too high.</p>

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<p>August 23, Monday</p>	<p>A nice night but fog has shut in so thick now at 6:15 that Emery just started the whistle. Temp 64. Glass 29.5. Strong S to SW breeze. Cleared after showering about 1:00 but how the wind blew. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Sharpened mower knife etc. Up to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Stopped to see Frank at Chester Dyer's Garage on way home. Looking so showery we decided to wait to noon. Home. Changed clothes and went to work under house. Jacked up inner sill along bathroom using my two hyd. Jacks. Wonderful tools. Made quite a change in floor in bathroom. Put in a cedar post under inner sill and then one under outer sill under bathroom window. Now all ready for Sherman B. to do plumbing. Picked up a bushel of Macs and while Nan started making her jelly, I peeled and sliced 3 bags of apples fore freezer. Frank called about 2:00 and wanted to mow out Lowell's and Bricks Mills'. Had Lowell's nearly done when I got there so I went right along to Brick's. Had made quite a start when Frank arrived. What a miserable place to mow out. Finished after 4:30. Home. Filed finger points repair and sharpened knife. Had our first buttercup squash of season for supper. Very good. Rested and read paper aside from unplugging our toilet with the Fay's plumber's helper. How the damn wind blows tonight. Cold. 50.</p>
<p>August 24, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a wind all night and still is. About westerly. Cold too. Only 50. Hardly an apple left on our Astracou and Mac trees. Glass 29.6. Sun just breaking now at 6:00. Sky cloudless. A beautiful day even if wind blew. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shave, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Dug nearly a bushel of Kennebecs, few in hills but large - Shenangoes and Early Norland on OP piece. Picked a basket of green beans on Greensward piece. Gassed, greased and started for Arliene's Dairy before 10:00. Struck through center to Old Parsonage and mowed back &amp; forth till Frank came. I took road side junk, he took the western part. Nearly finished when Nan came with lunch at 12:00. Ate in Greenbrier down below Old Church where we could look out on water. Finished Arlene after putting in a new outer section, mowed into an old bathtub. Mowed out Nettie Crockett, took a few swaths along road shoulder at Gene Gove's southern Harbor Property, and moved out Ray Thayer's and Gus Tomer's. I got stuck in Edwin Thayer's Septic Tank drain - Frank pulled me out. Finished day by Frank mowing Ivaloo Patrick's lot and I mowed over the Owen Lermond's Old place. Home 5:15. Uncoupled from 501 mower. Started fire, took in clothes for Nan, gathered corn for Mrs. George etc. Suppered. Read papers, etc. The wind has finally dropped out this evening. How quiet it is. Got my Union Fair Ticket from Payson today. The Dick Fays left on noon boat.</p>

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<p>August 25, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another August Grumpy. Sky cloudless. Air W. Temp 48. Glass 29.7. A beautiful day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Although there was some dew, I coupled onto side delivery and raked what I'd mowed along OP garden and across field road. Then raked RM's field from Old Cellar Hole to town road. Eastern side of piece still dewy. Uncoupled rake, couple to Rotary mower and started for Gene Gove's at 9:45. Frank had already started on Crabtree Place area between main road and Little Thoroughfare road. Place rocky and alders too big. At 11:15 my right forward tire went flat and I limped outfit to garage. Crow repaired tube, had to use about 8 patches as a piece of nail had really done a job. I'd no sooner left when Frank got hung in a hole. Pushed him out when he came from lunch. I ate mine in Gove's building. Nan up to visit with me on way to town. After lunch Frank had to put a new set of points in his tractor and during PM I got hung once on an alder clump, but we sure made a showing. Left off at 4:15. Home, uncoupled rotor and coupled onto baler. Baled all of RM's I raked this morning and then mine. Moon shining good when I finished at 7:45. Tony Bok hauling off RM's hay. Had a late supper but a nice one. Read paper and rested. Ready for bed at 9:30. Weather doesn't look so good for tomorrow.</p>
<p>August 26, Thursday</p>	<p>A sure enough flat clam morning, but a heavy cloud cover. Not much dew. Air appears NNE. Glass 30.1. Temp 54. Became a nice day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto baler and picked up my hay from barn to top of hill. Put one load of about 20 at end of OP piece for mulch, and about 20 bales into bar. Left on trailer. 15 bales along OP piece I left for Gus Kovak to have for his garden. Coupled onto rotary mower and up to Gene Gove's at 10:00. Frank had finished eastern side below building and was working on shore area. Helped him finish that. Shifted out tractors to Anderson Bell's at Bartlett's Harbor. I drove Greenbrier down to get Frank. He brought me back for my outfit and went to lunch. I ate my lunch down to Bell's setting on rotary mower. A Bell came to open gate after 12:00 and I went to rotoring. Hadn't made one complete circuit when Frank returned. Rotored to 4:30 and made quite a showing. Home. Coupled onto baler and baled rest of western field. Gary Beverage came after dark to haul it home. Claims he wants 5 tons. Suppered. Rested and read papers. Tried several times to get Luther Glidden this evening but line busy. To see if he's picking us up tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>August 27, Friday</p>	<p>Up before 5:00. An overcast morning and air appears to be SE. Temp 52 and glass 30.3. Must get ready to go to Union Fair. Did. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Just changing clothes when Stewart Baird and Maynard came to pipe bathtub into drain pipe. Was supposed to set up lavatory too but not pipe enough of course. Picked up Frank on way to boat. Talked with Owen Grant most of way across. Luther G. met us at wharf. Stopped at Payson's and bought some replacement mower guards, a box of sections, rivets, replacement filters etc. Then to Fair. Luther didn't stay at all. Saw some excellent oxen and horse pulling. Beautiful horses. Had hot roast turkey sandwiches with vegetables for lunch at big building on Fair Ground. Cruised Exhibition Hall hurriedly. Beautiful exhibits but no time. Started from Fair Ground at 3:30. Stopped at A&amp;P Store in Rockland to shop. A nice trip across both ways. Sprinkling hard as we left Union. Home. Suppered on taters, corn, cukes and warmed up steak from last night. Rode up to Bertha Joyce's this evening to get Bertha to set her hair but not home from work. Home southern road Asked Marion H. to come over and do the job. Did.</p>

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<p>August 28, Saturday</p>	<p>Town of North Haven voted last night to build a new \$200,00 high school. Watch taxes go up now. Hurricane coming up coast rapidly last night but has swung off shore. Wind SE now and has come in thick-a-fog since I got up. Rained a little during night. Temp 60. Glass 30. Blew a gale all day gradually working around to westerly. Really cleaned the apples off my Red Astracou tree. Probably 2 bushel on ground. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Gathered up and peeled enough Macs so Nan made two pies. Wrote a letter to Sears regarding lawn mower repair part - discovered they had sent back the same ruined one we had sent them to go by. Uptown to mail letter and part and to see where Stillman Joyce wrecked his VW last night in woods up below Mrs. Pease's north pasture entrance. Must have been going like a wild man. Visited with the Witherspoons on Main St. Home. Lunched. Worked over in bottom of shop a while. Sharpened mower knife and put new bolt into 501 mower cutter bar head. Dug a half bushel of potatoes but blowing too hard to work outdoors. Weighed up potatoes and vegetables. Shaved and uptown to deliver. Saw last ferry come but cars couldn't come off as ramp couldn't be worked. No power from about 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Home. Suppered and then spent evening to 8:30 by candlelight. Wind gradually dropped out during evening.</p>
<p>August 29, Sunday</p>	<p>A Grumpy morning at 5:45 but now at 5:30 is airing up WSW. Temp 62. Glass 29.7. Considerable cloudiness. A most beautiful day all day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, took our first baths in our new bathtub - Quite a thrill. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan made a cake for the Bailey's dinner. I went to barn and swept up and loaded mess of scaffolds - plenty of bird droppings along with loose hay -into SB trailer after I unloaded the bales I hauled in the other morning. Thrashed to get up to Wayside Service to help Sherman couple onto his trailer to take to ferry to leave in line. Aunt Helen stayed at trailer to get his lunch - Sherm came home with us and put in lavatory waste to toilet line. Had to leave him to go up to Bailey's 40<sup>th</sup> lobster anniversary dinner. Very good. Home after 2:00. Sherman had gone back uptown in Chevelle. We rested an hour until we went up to see ferry load. Home in two vehicles. Nan over to RM's barn to help wait on table - big supper party. I finished cleaning up barn floor and scatterings out in front of barn. Spread the mess on triangle piece - bet I swept up 25 or more dead barn swallows. What caused them to die so? Lousy maybe? Picked the three rows of green beans on Greensward piece - heaping 14 quart pail. In house 7:15. Shelled a dish of peas while resting. Nan home after 9:00.</p>
<p>August 30, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy but already airing a little SW. Some light cloudiness. Temp 62. Glass 29.9. a fair work day, hot at times, but fog in bay during PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, coupled on to rotary mower and drove outfit to fountain corner. Nan along in Jeep and took me down to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Stopped at garage and blew cultch out of radiator. To work at Bell's at 10:00. I rotored area by old cellar hole, Frank rotored out swamp area. Had to pull Frank once, then when I helped finish his area, he had to push me - Anderson Bell had lunch with us in Greenbrier, then before we'd finished Mrs. Bell joined us. During PM, we rotored on lower level between pond and shore. Plenty of rock piles and ledge up crops. Home after 5:00. Had planned to mow Mrs. Fay's lawn or something but Gretel had invited us over to have supper with she and Cary Deans [spelled earlier as Kerry Dean], so I got nothing done. Shaved, cleaned up and over there at 6:00. The RMs gone to New York. Had a nice ham supper. Raining and NE wind when we came home at 8:30.</p>

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<p>August 31, Tuesday</p>	<p>A beautiful Grumpy one. Air westerly. Cool. 50. Corn not earring much so cold nights. Glass 30. a beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, and made breakfast. Gassed and ready to start for Anderson Bell's before 8:00. Just unlocking chain when Frank arrived. Started in lower level where we left off yesterday and worked the edges back up around to upper level. Ate lunch in Greenbrier and finished job at 2:00. Andrew Anderson appeared well pleased with result. Shifted out to Harvey Demmons and cleaned up his road side opening. As Frank wanted to do some bookkeeping, and I wanted to get home to mow we called it quits for day. Home just before 4:00. Changed to 501 mower and re-mowed mowed area around RM's barn - plenty of pig weed etc. Then mowed rest of oak tree field and below little island to my line. What a wealth of hay below island. Swath board wouldn't clear it. Finished at 5:30. Plenty cool and fallish. Suppered on green peas, green beans, taters and fried haddock. All very good. Tried to watch a little TV but slept mostly. A beautiful evening outside.</p>
<p>Sept. 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful Grumpy but plenty fallish. Only 50. Glass 30. Air NW to W. a beautiful NH day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Changed back to rotary mower and started for Dee Poole's before 8:00. There at 8:15 and Frank had already started on western area. I tackled eastern part and we had the job done at 10:30. I drove both outfits to Mrs. Pettit's. Nan came with lunch and the three of us ate in Greenbrier down above Mrs. P's beach. Had lobster bodies to pick out so had a party. Started rotoring 12:30. Frank took area along town road; I rotoed to and from shore a few trips to make headland, then swung across area below him. Made quite a showing come 4:30, but talk about rocks, boulders, ledges, etc. Also plenty cradle-knolly. Home, thrashing to get cleaned up to get up to AW Beverage's to supper when Clara Waterman and her mother came in to pay bill, then in came the Montgomerys to use telephone - theirs out since Saturday. Made it to AWB's at 6:30. The Sampsons also present. What a feed. Spent evening to 9:00. Plenty cool as we came home but a beautiful moonlit evening. A wonderful snuckling night for young-uns.</p>
<p>Sept. 2, Thursday</p>	<p>What a Grumpy morning but sure fallish. 48. Air west. Sky almost cloudless. Glass 30.3. A very beautiful day and a plenty full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Marion H. blew in and had coffee and corn with us. Made ready to start for work before 8:00. at work at Mrs. Pettit's at 8:15. Frank nearly an hour later. Stated where we left off yesterday and kept working down across pasture. Had good luck and neither of us got hung up. Ate our lunch in Greenbrier up on town road. Come 4:30 we had the full width part done and the last jog to bank struck around 3 trips. A hour more a piece should finish job. Nan up about 3:30 to tell me that Harry Gilchrist had called from Rockland, was coming on 5:40 ferry. Don't know yet how this will affect our Blue Hill trip with the Sherm Bairds this weekend. Home at 5:00. Thrashed to change to side delivery and out to rake the Oak Tree field and below Little Island. Nan at Barn helped at big Cocktail Party -80 or so people. Harry had arrived when I came in. Prepared supper for he and I - potatoes, Gretel's corn off cob, and scrambled eggs. Nan home about 8:30. visited this evening. A pretty night.</p>

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<p>Sept. 3, Friday</p>	<p>Dog gone if there isn't a heavy overcast now at 6:00, and wind breezing up W to SW. Has been calm and starlit all night. Temp 60. Glass 30. I surely have a full day ahead if I get everything done I'm supposed to do. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Harry helped me pick the 3 rows of beans on greensward piece - 1 1/2 pails and 1 1/2 pails of peas. Mowed all of Mrs. Fay's lawn, then over and mowed both of Fisher's. They sure left things a mess when they left - rocks over lawn, door shutters on lawn etc. Home and lunched after 11:00. Coupled onto baler, greased up etc and baled RM's Oak Tree Field and below Little Island. Gary Beverage came to start hauling just as Harry and I were counting - 180 bales. Helped Gary load the 3 loads. Had started to mow our lawn between loads when Sammy Beverage made a dooryard call. Then John Bailey arrived on a motorcycle along with a car load of relatives of Mr. Bailey's. Were just finishing supper at 7:30 when the Sampsons blew in. Visited to after 9:00. Treated them to ice cream and apple pie. Oh yes, I also peeled apples this morning - Red Astracous for above pie.</p>
<p>Sept. 4, Saturday</p>	<p>A heavy haze calm morning. Started whistle about 1:00 AM. Warm 66. Glass 30. Air W to SW. A beautiful but very hot day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pulled weeds on potato part of powerhouse piece and dug remaining potatoes - 7 pails - put in box in bottom of shop. Repaired fender on tractor lawn mower where I nearly tore it off yesterday. Coupled onto side delivery and raked scatterings and second crop around RM's barn. Harry helped me load up first trailer load; spread it on triangle garden. Lunched. Had just rested a few minutes when the Oldroyds and Sullivans came in on our beach. Visited with them a half hour. Helped Nan and Harry pick 15 dozen corn on OP piece. Jubilee truly nice ears and delicious eating. Cleaned up second load of S. crop and spread it same place. Nan and Harry to town to deliver corn. I coupled onto 501 mower and mowed RM's pasture side hill. Finished at 6:00. Suppered on potatoes, corn, and baked canned ham. Mark Bailey and wife arrived this day. Quite a family on Stimpson's right now. Gretel out this evening. Don't see but what I'm as weary as when I work out. Beautiful coming full moonlit nights. Sold nearly 20 dozen corn this day - Jubilee - delicious..</p>
<p>Sept. 5, Sunday</p>	<p>A truly warm night, 70 at 5:00 this morning. Like yesterday, a hazy Grumpy morning. Sun just a red ball. Air Westerly - no dew. Glass 29.9. A very hot day till about 5:00 PM when a heavy cloud cover came over and wind struck NE. Nearly rained. Another full day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed in our new tub again, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Picked 5 dozen corn, then started mowing our law, all out from there and across road. Also mowed off the pea vines and bean vines on greensward piece. As the repair part for Nan's mower finally came from Sears, Nan and Harry go the mower from Frank's garage and Harry put part in, but didn't get mower started. About 11:30 I struck out piece above barn between the two roads and through cowyard with 501 mower. Made a good start on it before lunch of hot turkey sandwiches. Out in Blue Heron with the RMs from 1:30 to after 4:00. Down to Long Cove and Hurricane Island, western way. Home. Nan and Harry up to Watson's air strip to see Sheila and children take off for Maryland. Nan and Alta up in plane [Bucky's plane], circled over village. I finished mowing junk just as wind came NE and sprinkles started. Had a nice turkey supper. Harry is renting Merryconeag for the next 10 days. Wants a place to be alone.</p>

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<p>Sept. 6, Monday</p>	<p>Some change from what we've been having. Sure is a dull heavy overcast morning with 15 mile wind now NE. Temp 60. Glass 30.3. Miserably raw, damp and sunless all day. Some change from what we've been having. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then gathered and peeled enough Red Astracous so Nan could make 2 pies. Gathered nearly 10 dozen corn on OP piece. Repaired and sharpened 2 mower knives. Mrs. Bill Burr down and I showed her around the Old Alexander Place. They're interested in buying, preferably on the water. Stayed long enough so we missed getting uptown to see the noon departures. Lunched after 1:00. Then rested to 2:30 when we suddenly came to that we'd miss the 3:00 departures so we thrashed to town only to see the last of them going aboard. Delivered corn. Home. Picked more corn. The Thorntons here after some. Back uptown to deliver, and to get regular shot at Dr. Hosmer's. Saw last ferry return. Not a car or truck aboard, and only 2 passengers. Guess we were about the only ones on parking lot too. A deserted village. Home and had some of Buddy's frozen scallops fried for supper. This has been a miserably cool dull day. New 2000 Series ford passed 300 hours yesterday since June 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Sept. 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>Foggy and drizzly this morning. Flat calm. Temp 54. Glass 30.2. Wet all AM and most of M. Did bookkeeping, pumped, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Got a good chore done this AM by handscything back of house, getting the young cherry trees etc, then below swing tree to bank. Hand raked the stuff and piled it in low places. Also mowed some weeds on greensward piece. Harry repaired the ice freezing compartment door on our electric refrigerator. Did a nice job. Lunched on cold turkey, cukes, tomatoes etc. Uptown in Jeep to gas up but also to get 12 quarters of Gulf Pride 10-20-30. Home. Changed oil and filter in 2000 tractor and then in lawn tractor - Huffy. Was going to take blades off rotary mower and sharpen them but the truck wheel wrench I borrowed at garage wasn't large enough. Nuts are 1 3/4 inch. To town about 5:00 by way of dump with our cultch container and one out of bottom of shop. Saw 5:40 ferry come. Parking area pretty quiet now. Home. Suppered on baked potatoes, baked Eat-All Squash, and Mike Williams' rump steak. All very good. Read 2 days mail. Paid our garage bill at Sampson's to date - \$65.00 plus.</p>
<p>Sept. 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog all night and still is now at 6:00 AM. Very wet. Guess my mowing on Sunday will amount to naught. Temp 62. Air westerly. Glass 30. Very wet all AM clearing this PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested maybe an hour, then worked over in bottom of shop with Harry. He put new plugs in Jeep, checked points etc. Went for ride through Mullens' Park to try her out. Found a nice piece of 2 x 12 four foot long on Fisher's shore. Home. Changed from 501 mower to rotary and rotored corn stalks and weeds on powerhouse piece. Picked some corn on OP piece. Rex Crockett made a porch call before lunch. Nan to town with corn for Tom Thatcher. I made my own lunch of cold roast turkey and tomatoes, and started for Mrs. Pettit's at 12:00. Frank there just ahead of me. Finished uncompleted area down by shore line, then did her western vista. Shifted to Jack Bauer's at 3:15 and worked on old pasture area back of barn to shore line. Got hung up twice - cradle knolls. Harry up to call on us. Home and raked my haY above barn. About spoiled for horses. Suppered. Then up to call on Mary P. Stone before 8:00 but she'd evidently gone to bed early. Rode to town to parking lot to see lights across way. Home. Gretel out.</p>



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<p>Sept. 9, Thursday</p>	<p>Thick-a-fog again. Started whistle at 12:45 this morning. Still very foggy now at 6:45. Not up till nearly 6:00. Air W to SW. Temp 62. Glass 29.8. became a beautiful day and evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Coupled onto Rotary mower, then thrashed to garage in Jeep to borrow portable air tank. Harry helped me blow our water line back to cistern. Has been running slowly for some time. Picked up air but when? Runs nicely now. As Frank called to say he had to drive Abe around today, I changed to 501 mower and was at Hiram's at 10:15 mowing. Started on little millstream field beyond Hyles, then millstream field across road from house, then field west of Pettit's driveway to spring hump, then area from western driveway back to HS's garage and all along road bank area to eastern driveway. Discovered this AM that bolts in drive wheel end of pitman had loosened and missing, tightened them twice, but at 3:00 PM others let go and pitman shattered. Home, put on new one, back and finished job 5:30. Nan and Harry brought up my lunch at noontime and we ate in Chevelle. Thrashed to have supper and go over to Barn to Gretel's birthday party. Nan had made a cake and frozen a freezer of peach ice cream. The Emery Hopkins, Cari Dean, Montgomerys, Harry and we-uns. Had a nice time but no fire in fireplaces.</p>
<p>Sept. 10, Friday</p>	<p>What a flat calm beauty. Sun almost left Burnt Island Point this morning. Air west and no dew. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day and another full one. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Changed from 501 mower to rotary and up to Bauer's at 8:15. Frank came shortly. Started in where we left off Wednesday PM and had place done by 10:45. Frank broke both straps of his dolly wheel while rotoring among the logs. Shifted outfits to Proctor's and I started rotoring in pasture area while Frank went to garage to get his spare dolly wheel. He just back when Nan and Harry came with lunch and we ate in Greenbrier. Worked steadily this PM and finished job at 4:00. Harry back up just as we finished. Thrashed home so I could bale the hay above barn - mowed last Sunday. Was just dropped rotary off when I was told we were due up to Mrs. Fay's at 5:30 so no hay was baled. Cleaned up, shaved and made it. The R. Baileys, Mark Baileys, Abbie and Eleanor present. Had a pleasant hour but too cool as we sat out back of house. Just home and eating supper when Alta, AW and Emma came. Visited to about 8:00. The Beverages leave for Connecticut next Tuesday. Another season ends.</p>

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<p>Sept. 11, Saturday</p>	<p>What a Grumpy good one and a beautiful pre-sunrise sky while I was up in OP piece picking Silver Queen for breakfast. Temp 52. Air westerly. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day but smearing up during PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast - Silver Queen, delicious - and helped with dishes. Then Harry and I pulled rotary mower up on side with tractor thinking we might get blades off but couldn't. Must get a proper wrench. To work at Loring's at 9:00. Had a head land on vista rotored when Frank came. I took NE side; he took SW side and we had it nearly done when he had to go haul mail. I finished and rotored pine grove in pond field. Just finished when Frank returned and we started across from home woodshed in old horse pasture area. Cultch, cultch, cultch. Frank home to lunch. Nan and Harry up and we ate down by pond on Loring's platform. Back to work ad we finished top of horse pasture area, then rotored second crop through orchard in front of house etc. Finished just after Frank had to go haul mail again. Home, coupled onto baler and baled hay from barn to top of hill between roads - 133 bales. Hauled and stacked 2 loads in upper end of OP piece, last load backed into barn. Suppered on broiled mackerel. Thornton's gift - potatoes and sweet meat squash. Delicious. Cleaned up and up to Sampsons to 10:00. Treated to ice cream and apple pie.</p>
<p>Sept. 12, Sunday</p>	<p>Sure enough looks like a rainy day coming up. Very heavy overcast and light southerly breeze. Temp 52. Glass 29.9. Started raining about 8:00 AM and rained very hard by spells most of day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up on OP piece to pick 2 1/2 dozen Silver Queen corn. Just as good as the last time we had it. Picked this for Dr. Emerson and Mrs. Nichols Smith. Hauled load of hay out of barn and up to stack. Put trailer back in barn, also SB trailer. Rested to lunch time studying Sears catalog etc. Lunched on cheese sandwiches and crabmeat sandwiches. Made out order to Sears for some 3/4 inch square drive sockets - T-Bar handle and 8 inch extension bar mostly to use on Rotary mower. Must be able to take blades off to sharpen. Also drew \$245.00 check for third quarter estimated taxes. To town to mail letters and see ferry load. A full cargo. Home by way of dairy to get milk and cream. Had made a batch of ice cubes in freezer so frozen a freezer of vanilla ice cream. Suppered on slice tomatoes and bread. Invited Alta, and Emma and Arthur down after evening church, but no church so they came at 7:30. Had a nice visit. Treated them to ice cream and apple pie. Home after 9:00. The AW Beverages leave for Connecticut Tuesday.</p>

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<p>Sept. 13, Monday</p>	<p>Has started raining again before daylight. Dull and very heavy overcast now at 6:15. Just an air. Appears to be nearly N. Temp 60. Glass 29.75. Drizzly by spells and wet all day. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, helped with dishes, and shaved. Peeled a couple bags of Red A. apples for freezer. To town to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Brought Frank's heavy duty sander home, also 1 quarter hydraulic fluid for power steering. Took over a pint. Had just coupled onto Rotary mower - was going to sharpen blades on machine - when Frank came with Elliott brown's 3/4 inch drive sockets and bar. He, Harry and I succeeded in getting old blades off, and put new ones on. Then I sharpened old set and a mower knife. Picked 4 1/2 dozen Silver Queen corn. Tired new blades out by mowing road to woodpile on Frog Pond Ridge. Lunched. Then Harry and I removed old wooden shingles from SE side of roof of toilet by shanty - leaked badly yesterday - replaced top roof board and rakeboards and re-shingled with asphalts. Finished 5:30. To town to deliver corn. Home. Suppered on potatoes, string beans and freezer steak. Good. Rested and watched TV this evening. A Bob Hope special - pretty boring.</p>
<p>Sept. 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>Ann Raymond - Frank's wife - died just after this midnight. Looks like we're in for a wet week. Thick-a-fog this morning. Started whistle at 1:00 AM. Light breeze NE. Temp 62. Glass 29.6. a wet day, drizzling some and raining hard an hour or so at noontime. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes. Gassed and oiled up XL-12 and out onto Frog Pond Ridge to saw some Ashley wood into kitchen wood. Mr. M. visited a while and helped some. Then after I started splitting in Jeep Harry came out and helped some. Into lunch and rested while it rained. Oh yes, first thing this morning I returned Frank's sander to garage and kept on downtown on an empty tank to gas Jeep. Back out to Ridge after rain stopped and had just started splitting again when I hit myself in head with the sharp edge of clifing maul making an inch and a quarter cut. In to house and Nan and Harry patched me up. Back out and finished splitting and loading Jeep. Unloaded it in Mrs. Fay's garage - they were completely out. Cleaned up and we three over to The Barn at 5:15 to a Cocktail party for the Barn workmen. Only about 15 out of 30 or so came. Had a nice hour. Home. Arthur Emerson came selling Mason Shoes. Visited an hour or so. Later lunch and watched Glen Campbell Hour.</p>
<p>Sept. 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>Couldn't shut whistle off last night, then it came in foggy and whistle had stopped. Started for us through about 4:00 AM. Still very foggy at 6:15. Air NE. Temp 62. Glass 29.6. cleared some around noontime. Sun out some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Over to Abbie's and rotored to noontime, doing area between house and brook, old orchard area around garden and from quest house to cranberry area. Home, lunched quickly and up to Hiram's. Frank just ahead of me and had struck area from woodshed to old well to barn. I rotored out old garden area west of house, then helped on area from barn to western entrance. Finished at 2:30 and shifted to Verrill's (AW Beverage's upper field). Only doing areas there where alders have come back in. Got stuck last thing trying to drive across swamp to do a small area there. Frank pulled me out. Not stuck only rotor took weight of wheels. Home. Cleaned up and had Abbie and Eleanor over to lobster and corn supper. Very good. Eleanor had to leave right after supper to go to her mother's. Abbie visited to 8:30. This is Harry's last night with us. Have enjoyed him. The James Cagneys arrived at RMs.</p>

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<p>Sept. 16, Thursday</p>	<p>Here it is thick-a-fog again. Temp 62. Glass 29.95. Think air is westerly. Became a beautiful day after fog cleared. Trees and alders some wet. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Gassed, greased, pumped forward tires, etc and started for Verrill's at 8:00. Had made a start on area across swamp next to HSB's line when FW arrived. I finished that area then worked clear along edge of alders down around to Witches' field. Finished job at 11:45. Harry up with gas for me. Got tractors across culvert. Jack and Moose were digging up before lunch. Ate in Greenbrier in Verrill field opening. Shifted tractors to Nancy Lamont's down over new construction on Pulpit Harbor Corner. What a mess. Fran had to go around North Shore in Greenbrier to get me, but took me for my tractor up over construction. I went to Rockyfeller's boundary and struck up across field and across pasture to other corner bound. Found Frank rotoring in swamp area below Shorty's garden. Struck in below him. At 3:00 my right forward tire went flat. To garage to get jack and Frank's mounted spare tire. Back to work to 5:00 making quite a change in swamp areas. Home. Suppered on a steak Harry brought, then up to Alta's to do a couple washes. Home and watched part of Dean Martin Show.</p>
<p>Sept. 17, Friday</p>	<p>Met James Cagney. Heavy thunder shower with very sharp lightning before daylight. Also heavy rain with heavy wind. Out at 5:00 to close window in Jeep. Strong easterly wind now at 6:15 but rain and shower has stopped. Temp 62. Glass 30.1. Dull and foggy most of day but a mighty full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put a wood bottom in my old toolbox and Harry helped me bolt it to left platform on tractor for spare tools. Mr. M. and Jim Cagney called on Harry and I. Enjoyed meeting him. Coupled onto plow and up to Charlie Loring's to plow a flower garden and a vegetable garden 25x50. Got fouled on a big rock and was nearly an hour and a half doing jobs. Home. Changed to rotary mower, ate a quick lunch and up to Nancy Lamont's at 1:15. Frank same time. Finished swamp area back of barn, then area in old C. Dyer pasture by stone wall. Harry up to call on us. Then area of swamp in C. Brown field, and finally the swamp in C. Dyer field. Home after 5:00. Had to thrash over to RM's float with message for disabled clam digger from Coast Guard. Then Mrs. M. called that the Dr. Morses and others were tied up at their spare mooring and wanted to see up the Barn. Cleaned up and thrashed over again. Not only the Dr. Morses, but also the Dr. Eddys, Dr. Browers, two other couples, the Paulsens and the Cagneys. Had the nicest hour. Home. Suppered on Hamburgs, taters etc. Napped and rested.</p>

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<p>Sept. 18, Saturday</p>	<p>Unbelievable but slept through to 3:45 before waking up. Thick-a-fog but horn has been going steady for two days and nights. Can't control it. Temp 62. Glass 30.1. I think air is still NE. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Up on OP piece and picked 9 dozen Aunt Mary's corn. Plenty wet when I finished. Started digging my potatoes on OP piece. 2 rows of Early Norland and one row of Norgold Russets. Harry picked them up for me. Also picked out a peck or so of each for seed. Unloaded them in barn. Lunched. Nan and Harry to town to deliver, corn etc. I put extension tines onto Rotor-Cul and went to Loring's to work up the flower bed I plowed yesterday. Did quite a job. Visited 15 minutes or so. Sold a cord of fireplace wood while doing so. Home about 3:00. Went clamming here in goose Cove. Cleaned up and over to the Barn to Mrs. M's Birthday party. The Emery Hopkins and Eleanor and Abbie there. Eleanor made the birthday cake. Nan took a loaf of pumpkin bread, and a present. A dull time. Home and had steamed clams for supper. Very good. Watched a little TV and napped some. Frank and Orilla down a minute to big Harry farewell. He leaves tomorrow morning.</p>
<p>Sept. 19, Sunday</p>	<p>Stars out and sky clear. Looks like a good day coming up. Calm. Think air is N. cool. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. A beautiful day. Up at 3:15. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Took Harry to 8:00 ferry - his car in line last night - only to find that ferry wasn't leaving till 8:45. Waited on parking lot to that time. Then stopped at Dr. Hosmer's to get regular shot to find she'd forgot to replenish supply. Home to find we'd missed a visit from Dr. Morse. They've been tied up at RM's mooring since the other night. Pulled out this AM. Dug the rest of my Norgold Russets to noontime - 3 rows. Lunched and rested to 2:30. Then we went over to Old Stone Place and walked across to look at the Old Dean House. Emery H. has sold it to Dr. Weiner. What a complete unbelievable example of wanton destruction - everything stove to Hell and dumped on floor - 2 foot depth of clothes etc. Home with tears in my eyes - I grew up there 7 years - picked up my potatoes nearly 6 bushel put in barn. Watched TV to supper time, then rested and watched some more finally taking nice hot baths and to bed.</p>
<p>Sept. 20, Monday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear starlit calm night but now at daybreak, we're getting a cloud cover and air is NE. Temp 50. Glass 30.3. Cloudy and raw all day nearly raining during PM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and shaved. Gassed, greased etc and started for Lamont's before 8:00. Just started rotoring when Frank came. Took his spare wheel and tire off my tractor and put my repaired one on. I started day by rotoring the damned wooded knoll back of barn between the rotored swamps. Struck my base on a big rock. Then rotored the edges of rotored swamp. Frank worked on area above me west of Shorty's garden. Then we both worked on area east of Shorty's gardens to Cunningham's Line. Orilla up to lunch with us in Greenbrier. In PM I did area west of big hill and Frank did area east of big hill to Cunningham line. Nearly finished both parts. Home after 5:00. Inspected my 3/4 inch square drive sockets etc which came in mail; then out and picked last picking of peas. Nearly a pail full. We shucked them while supper cooked, having some for supper, along with taters and fried chicken parts. All very good. Real papers and watched TV this evening. Remarkable. Neither of us fell asleep. Nan to Garden Club Meeting at Polly Davis's this PM. Had a good time.</p>

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<p>Sept. 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>Wind east to southerly all night, looking rainy. Breezing on more SSW now at 6:30 AM. Heavy overcast and looking rainy. Temp 65. Glass 29.9. Drizzly at times during AM but cleared to a beautiful PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started AM by trying to take rotor blades off to sharpen but could not hold bolt from turning. Tried to build up under to hold wrench but couldn't make it work. Picked 3 dozen Aunt Mary corn - about the last for season. Frank came after dozen for lunch and visited a few minutes. Ate an early bite and to work at Nancy Lamont's at 12:30. I tackled top of hill between the jobs we did yesterday. Frank rotored off Shorty's corn garden. Then we both rotored top of stone wall the length of it to big Ash tree. A sure way of sharpening blades. Next all of Mrs. Nancy's in C. Dyer field, then over other wall into old pasture. Home about 5:30. Read papers a little while supper cooked. Should have gathered squashes. Suppered on potatoes, Ern's turnip, and hamburg loaf. Nan worked over her flower gardens this PM after working over to RMs this AM. Tried to watch some TV this evening but napped.</p>
<p>Sept. 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>Beautiful starlit morning. Flat calm at 5:15 but airing now at 6:00 about N. Temp 52. Glass 30.25. Sky cloudless. A beautiful day but cool all AM. Did bookkeeping, pumped, made breakfast and shaved. Greased, gassed etc and to Lamont's at 8:15. Started at Rockyfeller's bound and rotored up across field where I struck out line the other day. Crossed stone wall and rotored in old pasture area all AM to 12:00. Frank about a half hour later. Ate in Greenbrier up by Shorty's gardens. Orilla up to lunch again. This PM we wiped out Mrs. Nancy's section in Charles Brown's field, then did that cussed mountainous area back of Mrs. Nancy's cottage where I have to pull Frank back up with a snatch block. I rotored upper area and got stuck last thing reaching out to get some Sumac Shorty wanted rotored. Frank had to pull me with snatch block. Then stuck again coming up through to garage. Home after 5:00. Nan home from Vinalhaven ahead of me. Found family okay and growing like weeds. RM out to invite us over this evening. Suppered, cleaned up and went over at 7:30. Had a nice fire in fireplace and a nice quiet visit. Home after 9:00. The RMs leave for NY tomorrow for 10 days or so.</p>
<p>Sept. 23, Thursday</p>	<p>A sure enough Grumpy morning. Sky cloudless and sun should rise beautifully. Now onto Calderwoods Island nearly to wooded bluff. Crossed the Equator at 11:00 AM plus. Temp 50. Glass 30.3. Air about N. Plenty of low land frost fog. Became a nice working day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was over to shop trying to repair toolbox when I had to dash to town in Chevelle with RM's forgotten traveling bag. Home, gassed etc and to work at Haze Lamont's (by Charlie Brown pond) at 8:45. FWS waiting. Went to Nancy Lamont's to drive out FWS's tractor. Rotored roadside field during AM. Don W. taking up alder clumps ahead of us for G. Proctor. Orilla up to have lunch with us. Ate in Greenbrier in Haze's driveway to camp. Shifted across dam after lunch and nearly finished upper half of large field area. Left off at 4:00 and went through woods and along shore to Lee Witherspoon's camp - now Erma Peters. A Hell of a place to get to but a nice camp. Home after 5:00. With Nan's help I took blades off rotor and sharpened them on my electric emery wheel. Hauled our squashes to barn in SB trailer. Suppered after 7:00. Marion H. over to call before supper. Watched a little TV when not napping.</p>

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<p>Sept. 24, Friday</p>	<p>Cloudy and southerly wind all night. Heavy cloud cover. Now at 6:30 and wind 20W or so SW. A few spatters have shown on window. Temp 60. Glass 29.9. A nice day but wind became NW during AM and blew nearly a gale most of day. Disagreeable. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, made out HSB's mowing bill and helped with dishes. Gassed, greased etc and at Haze Lamont's at 8:45. Frank just there. Helped me tighten blade bolts. Finished the area around group of trees where we left off yesterday PM, then struck out remainder of area from cellar hole to shore. Took us to 2:00 PM to finish with hour out for lunch. Orilla up again and we ate in Greenbrier in C. Brown pond filed. How the wind did blow. Shifted outfits to AW Beverages and we rotored his corner field west of driveway. Didn't feel like tackling his millstream area so late in PM so came home. Just time to thrash to town with Nan to see ferry come. Nearly loaded. Home. Read paper some while supper cooked. Taters, green peas and cold roast lamb flank from last night. Watched some TV this evening. Also napped some. Social life seems to have come to an abrupt halt. Nan to Annual Rummage Sale - bought nothing.</p>
<p>Sept. 25, Saturday</p>	<p>Has been a beautiful quiet starlit night, but cool 48 to 50. Glass 30.15. Sky cloudless. Air NW to W. A cool forenoon. Westerly wind. Not very enjoyable, riding tractor to work now. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hoped Frank was going to a Shriner's time in Rockland this day, but changed his mind. To work at Arthur Beverage's at 8:30. Rotored out his millstream vista. Had good lunch except my tractor flooded out and stalled when I backed along shoulder of road. Frank had to pull me down out to level ground. Smoked like a miskept diesel when it finally started until it straightened out. Frank had to go haul mail at 10:15. I was just finishing the job when he returned at 11:10. Drove his tractor down to High School lot. Nan arrived with lunch and we ate there in Chevelle. Then she took me back to AWB's for my tractor. Rotored out high school yard, mostly western side when alders are crowding in. Home after 3:00. Cleaned up and rested a small bit. Frank got 6 lobsters of Mike Brown, cooked them at home. We joined the Sampsons at 5:00 and went to end of Crabtree's Point to eat lobster supper. Very good. Back to Sampson's and watched L. Welk program. Some different in color.</p>
<p>Sept. 26, Sunday</p>	<p>A very dull considerable overcast morning. No sunrise. Air westerly. Fires in both stoves mornings now. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. Must try to dig more potatoes today. Time is running out. Ground could freeze any night. Did bookkeeping, bathed - sure do enjoy our new bathtub - shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped. About 8:30 I started digging potatoes and dug steadily to 12:30. Nan took Gretel to 11:10 boat to meet friends and went to dump. Found herself a pretty brown Mason preserving jar. Lunched on newly roasted Capon. Delicious. Back to digging to 2:30 when Jim and Mercedes showed up. Had come across in their boat and landed at RM's float, walking over. Visited with them nearly an hour. Then Nan took them over to RM's. I coupled onto SB trailer and started picking potatoes. Nan helped me. Made quite a showing in trailer. Not many potatoes in hills but large. Finished just in time to get cleaned up to go out to Mrs. Cobb's to Social hour and get winter instructions. Frankie Demmons marooned on Burnt Island as engine had lost propeller, and tide too high to walk across bar. Was hollering for help and Nan heard him. Mr. Bailey went out after him. Home. Made out order to Sears. Nan ordered some clothes for us. I ordered an electric sander and accessories. Order came to \$101.68 - my part about \$70.00.</p>

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<p>Sept. 27, Monday</p>	<p>Considerable high cloudiness and a good breeze NE which means it's raw. Temp 48. Glass 30.3. Supposed to start at Perry Morgan's - Lewis Mills Farm - this day. Did. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and hunted up blankets, coats etc to cover potatoes in trailer. Gassed tractor, etc and on road at 8:00. Wore insulated coveralls first time this fall. Felt good. Nan picked me up at fountain corner. To Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. On to Perry Morgan's at 9:00. Frank same time. Struck out the big field swamp and had that done at 2:00. Then over fence rocks into pasture swamp area inside sea wall. Had to leave the last of that - too soft. Finished day by doing septic tank drain area and small swamp on western side of field. Ate our lunches alone in Greenbrier by barn. Orilla tied up with getting the Lyford Beveridges to boat. Bedded tractors down at end of barn. Rode to fountain corner with Frank. Nan waiting there. Home, thrashed to shave and clean up and over to Abbie's and Eleanor's to social hour at 5:30. Gretel also. Had a nice time. Home and suppered nearly 8:00. Swiss Chard right out of garden, cold capon etc. Tried to read paper but napped. Talked with Sherm Baird on phone a minute.</p>
<p>Sept. 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a Grumpy morning. Flat calm. Just a scattering of clouds. Air smoke is NNE from chimney. Temp 46. Glass 30.3. Clouded right up and threatened rain all AM clearing some during PM. Plenty cool working. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To P. Morgan's in Jeep just after 8:00. Had put new tube of grease in gun and greased up when FW arrived. I started on rocky sloping area in front of house hoping we could wipe the miserable place out during AM but Frank went down in field where we left off yesterday and struck out remaining field area. Joined him after an hour and a quarter and we had big field area done at 3:00. Remainder of PM we worked back in front of house again making quite a showing there. I think this is really one of our hardest rotoring jobs. So much steep slopes and rocky up crops. Nan and Orilla both down to have lunch with us in Greenbrier. Home about 4:45. Helped Nan take in wash - used RM's barn washer. Used our package of A&amp;P salt fish and had a nice supper of fish and potatoes. Both seem to be plenty weary tonight. Napped through Glen Campbell Show some. My legs refuse to be quiet about resting. It's reported that young Tom Watson's well brought forth 40 gallons per minute.</p>



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<p>Sept. 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>Considerable fire reported in our town dump last evening. Checked next morning. Very bad during night. Strong SW wind sure making it burn. Paul Start passed away - 63 years. Not a pretty morning. Very heavy overcast and has blown SW all night. Temp 60. Glass 30.2. Sure has blown all day - well over 40 M at times. Did bookkeeping, pumped and made breakfast. Ready to start to work before 8:00. Nan took me in Jeep and we went by way of dump to check on fire. Had been bad all night. Fire hose strung along road clear from Charlie Brown's pond. Fire engine there pumping with booster engine up by Cunningham's turn. To work at 8:30. Frank same time. Struck into orchard area and by house buildings. Cleaned that damn mess up by 10:30. All backing and ledges. Shifted across orchard fence into pasture area. Both got stuck in lower swamp area. Frank trying to push me out bumper to bumper. Succeeded in getting unstuck by cutting spruce brush with my jack knife to put under my rear wheels. Got tractor on enough to push Frank enough so he backed out and I drove out. Orilla down to lunch. Finished that area and mowed sides of road to 3:30. Drove tractors to Lombards and rotored north of barn till Orilla came to pick us up. Stopped to get Green Brier at Morgan's. Nan waiting for me at garage. Home. Lugged in wood, etc. How that SW wind does blow. Rested, suppered and watched some TV. Legs sure weary from clutching and breaking.</p>
<p>Sept. 30, Thursday</p>	<p>Considerable heavy overcast but appears to be lifting. Very red pre-sunrise. Wind has dropped out. Nearly calm. Air appears NNW. Temp 64. Glass 30. A most beautiful day except for being breezy. Did bookkeeping, shaved, and made breakfast. Thrashed over hill to go aboard Papoose to pump out. Water above platform forward. To work in Jeep at Lombard's at 8:30. Frank just ahead of me. Found left forward tire on tractor half flat. Pumped it up with Enginair pump on Jeep. Finished the north field this AM that we started last night. Ate over lunch in Greenbrier by stable. This PM it being nice and mild we swung down and worked the big open area looking out to Fiddler. By 3:30 I had the full length of bank area done up to eastard west road, and mighty glad to get it done too. Should have a sickle mower for those bank areas. Frank worked opposite sides of eats and west road. Made quite a showing. Home about 5:00. Thrashed to clean up and go over to Gretel's to supper at 5:30. Crabmeat casserole, boiled rice and boiled carrots. Rice pudding for dessert. All very good. Home about 8:00. Read our papers and napped. New 2000 Series Ford tractor passed 400 hours today.</p>

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<p>Oct. 1, Friday</p>	<p>A flat calm quiet morning. Just coming daylight enough now at 6:00 so I can see cow on shop. Cool. 46. Glass 30.2. Air appears N. A most beautiful day. Wind swung out around E to SE to SW in PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and pumped. Down to Lombard's in Jeep and ready to start rotoring at 8:00. Frank arrived about 8:45. I started on western side of the road to shore from where we left off yesterday PM. Finished that and started length of base of big hill area before lunch. Frank worked eastern side of field road from where we left off yesterday cleanup to and around swamp in front of Parson's house. Ate our lunch in Greenbrier by barn. During PM I did all of big hill and some on eastern side of same. Frank did area east of hill hauling many of the old big spruce junks to bank as he rotered. Finished that area at 4:30. Bob Cobb visited us there during PM. Then as we were driving to barn, the Dows, Etta and Alta drove into field. Home after 5:00. Our order came from Sears all broken open. Blanket-lined frock too large. Suppered on the leftovers from Gretel's last night supper. Shaved and cleaned up. The Dows and Alta down to visit this evening. Staying to Sunday. My new Sears electric grinder came.</p>
<p>Oct. 2, Saturday</p>	<p>The Oldroyds over and staying with us tonight. Dull. Strong SW wind probably 20M. Sun late coming up. Temp 58. Glass 29.9. A beautiful day except for wind. About 4:30 PM wind swung in NW warm, then as we came home about 9:00 it was NE. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To work at Lombard's in Jeep at 8:15. Greased up etc and rotoring at 8:30. Worked out little corner along woods going towards shore until Frank arrived at 8:45. Then down to SE end of shore area working there all day and all but finished it at 4:30. Had eaten our lunches in Greenbrier by stable and ready to go back to work after an extra half hours rest when Nan, Jim and Mercedes blew in. Visited another half hour with them so didn't start PM work till 2:00. Bob Cobb visited us again along about 3:30. Back to stable and bedded tractors down about 4:45. About 5:00 Orilla, Nan, Jim and Mercedes came bringing supper. Warm boiled lobsters. Nan brought cabbage cold slaw etc. Lobsters Frank's treat. Ate in stable kitchen. Had a nice time except for no door to shut off kitchen from rest of apartment. Stopped at Sampsons on way home to watch L. Welk program. Home about 9:00. weary this night. 2 full weeks in the saddle and dug potatoes the 2 Sundays. Must try to rest some tomorrow.</p>
<p>Oct. 3, Sunday</p>	<p>Strong NE breeze and plenty cool. 48. Glass 30.2. Sun up nice and sky clear. Didn't roll out till 6:30. I'm slipping. Wind dropped out on high water about 11:00. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. About 8:45 I made ready to go to town with Jim in his boat [Starcraft] to take the Dows on a sail. Brought them down through here and back to town. Back home here, pumping the Papoose as I came along. Inner stuffing box leaking. Visited with the Oldroyds to lunch time. They left for home about 12:00. Nan took them over hill. I rested and napped to 2:30. Then dug our last 1 1/3 rows of potatoes. Nan helped me pick them up. 2 bushel plus. Gathered our pumpkins and put them in Blue Panel. Just talking of going to town to see ferry return. 1 trip a day Sundays now, when Lawrence, Alice and Miles blew in. Miles apparently recovering okay. Visited to 5:00. Then we thrashed to get up to Beveridges Castle to supper - Broiled lamb chops etc. Very good but always have to hurry on account of tide. Had our dessert down to their Doll House - Cunning. Home after 8:30. Heated up water and we both had a nice bath. Knit my first pothead for Mike Bunker. Jimmie Brown gathered most of my corn stalks yesterday.</p>

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<p>Oct. 4, Monday</p>	<p>Grammie Oldroyd passed away at 6:00 PM. Very heavy cloudiness but a beautiful pre-sunrise glow. Coolest morning yet. 52 at 5:15. Air appears SWS but cloud cover moving from NE. Glass 30.2. A sunny day but raw SE to SW breeze. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Lugged in wood and made ready for day's work. To town in Jeep to Dr. Hosmer's to get regular shot and to Pat's to get gas. Then to Lombard's. Frank just greasing up. Sharpened our rotor knives with Frank's grinder. Then down to SW point, doing big swamp area first. I got hung on big rock first trip on base of swinging drawbar hitched and later Frank was tuck in swamp. Both needed the others help. Worked that area all day to the NW to old fence line. Backed under a thousand trees more or less. Very wearisome on neck, legs and arms. Ate our lunches in Greenbrier by stable. 4:50 when we bedded tractors down. Home after 5:00. Knit a couple potheads while resting while Nan was making supper. Fried cubed top of round from Mike's potatoes and very likely the very last taste of corn. Rested, napped and read paper this evening. Should be out on a ride or something this beautiful moonlit night but have done my riding for today.</p>
<p>Oct. 5, Tuesday</p>	<p>Was sprinkling when up at 2:00. Now I don't know as it's gong to come daylight. 6:05 and still dark. Temp 53. Glass 29.9. Breeze S to SW. Very heavy cloud cover and very damp. Cleared along about noon but Frank wanted to bookkeep. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Peeled enough of our Cortland and RM's apple so Nan made 3 pies - 2 crusted and one open. Split what round wood was left out by woodshed for kitchen stove, then out on Frog Pond Ridge and split what was left of what I sawed a while back for Bailey. Had a Jeep load throw in pile by our woodshed. I'm out of limbs again. Looks like I'll have to burn out of woodshed till the tractor comes home. Lunched. Rested to 1:30. Nan took Gretel and dog to boat. To vetinary to have pups - the dog I mean. Over to Fishers on Huffy and mowed their 2 lawns. Home. Started Nan's mower and she mowed at end of house here and out front. I mowed all of Fay's. Green and lush. Thrashed to get uptown to see Ferry come. Down to Alta's a minute. Gave her a pumpkin for Dawn. Home and worked on accounts to supper time. Rested, napped and tried to watch TV this evening. Very thick-a-fog tonight.</p>
<p>Oct. 6, Wednesday</p>	<p>Boy, is it ever foggy. Can just see shop. Temp 52. Glass 29.7. Air southerly I guess. Stayed heavy fog all day. Thunder showers during PM and evening and very heavy rain at times. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Spent nearly all of AM bringing account book to date from calendar. Made out RM's bill for season - \$232.00 plus wood work, haying etc. Knit a couple potheads. Played our first game of Scrabble in 6 weeks or so. Lunched on hot dogs and toast. Rested and read paper an hour or so. Nan to Lombard's to Shirley's annual party. I polished 5 pairs of shoes, then as it was thundering badly and ready to downpour, I thought I'd nap. Had just dropped off when Mr. M. blew in for nothing except to say thanks for pumpkins. Thus endeth my rest. Knit a couple more heads. Nan returned, cleaned up and up to Alta's to a delicious clam chowder supper. First chowder we've had in ages. Watched some TV and chatted this evening, having a piece of squash pie before coming home. Had ourselves nice baths and to bed. Had put water on to heat before going uptown. Sure enjoy our tub even if we lug water.</p>

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<p>Oct. 7, Thursday</p>	<p>Mrs. George L. Burr found dead in bed. Temp 52. Glass 29.6. Still dark now at 6:00 but looks like fog had cleared and might be a better day. Air is about W and moon is overhead beautifully. Must make ready to go to Rockland to Gram Oldroyd's funeral. Alta going too. The Sampsons also going - Orilla a dentist appointment and Frank to have work done on car, and a Masonic time tomorrow. Did bookkeeping, shaved, pumped, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made boat okay and nice trip across. Talked with Gus Novak and Owen Grant. Alta and Shirley C. also went. Jim met us at wharf. Nan and I stayed in Rockland and did our shipping after having a lunch at Coffee Shop. Got me a much needed hair cut at Paul's shop. Met Jim, Mercedes, Jane, Alta and Shirley at Thorndike at 12:15 and had dinner. Jim and I had fried shrimp etc. To Carpenter's Funeral Home to Gram's Funeral. Only Bill Hopkins, Jim and Sada, The Wendall Leadbetters and Lucille Randall beside us. A sad ending after 98 years. Jim took us to A&amp;P where we picked up our bags and boxes and to ferry. M. Ames took 2 bags in his car, the rest we lugged on and off. Ferry loaded to capacity. Home, put groceries away, built fires etc. Suppered on cold Capon carcass etc. Read papers, napped and tried to watch some TV. More wearisome day than working.</p>
<p>Oct. 8, Friday</p>	<p>6:15 and cow on shop appears to be looking westward. A light breeze. Sky cloudless. Cool. Temp 42. Glass 29.8. Planned to do so much for myself today and how I did get fooled. Had done bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes when L. Grant called to see if I could get our 2 Lamont lambs and dress them, also Steve's, Frank's and Garnet's. Only Steve had asked me anyway. Made ready at barn and went after lambs but before I went, Frank called from Rockland that he was putting his car in line and coming home on morning boat. Gil was at Lamont's to help drive sheep so I came home and mowed all the rest of our lawn. Just finished at 11:30 when Frank blew in about going rotoring this PM. Nan returned from RM's and we lunched quickly. Down to Lombard's and ready to rotor at 1:00. Frank right behind me. Finished the areas we worked on Monday PM and rotored out some of the roads to old cottage site. Worked to 5:00 getting bothered on stumps in front of stable the last thing. Home nearly 5:30. Cleaned up to have the Ames down to corned beef, etc supper and evening. Had an enjoyable time. Stayed to 10:00.</p>

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<p>Oct. 9, Saturday</p>	<p>Some high cloudiness. Flat calm. Temp 44. Glass 30.2. A nice quiet day but we had an upsetting night. Passed considerable blood with my BM at 2:00 AM. Did bookkeeping and made ready to go to Rockland to see Dr. Morse. Nan had to work all AM at RM's. They have company. Nan took me to ferry. Talked with Argyle MacDonald some going over. He also headed for a checkup. Learned leaving ferry in Rockland that ferry was making a third trip due to so many cars coming to island this weekend. A bad fire in Rockland at 3:00 this morning. Rubenstein's old antique shop and the Living Waters Church. Walked up to Dr. Morse's office, looking over fire ruins on way. Antiques building burned flat and church completely gutted. Strange that a crew were tearing down the shop and Rubenstein house right now. Lucky was I to find Dr. Morse on duty. Had a nice visit with him. Made arrangements to me to have a barium x-ray Monday morning at 8:00. To drugstore to get necessary equipment. Ate a broiled King Crabmeat lunch at Thorndike Home on 1:20 ferry. Crew already had shop debris all cleaned up from fire and a good part of church. Nan after me. Home. Read mail and rested. A letter from Mrs. Fay. Back uptown to see last ferry come but almost late. Home. Knit a couple potheads. Suppered on cubed steak and leftovers. Watched a little TV. To bed at 8:50 to read and rest.</p>
<p>Oct. 10, Sunday</p>	<p>A very heavy overcast and sure enough dull grey morning. Light air about S to SSW. Temp 54. Glass 30. Must make ready to go back to Rockland again this PM. Started raining gently before noon but it sure poured during PM and evening with strong SE wind. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan had to work over hill a while so we didn't get to church. I spent most of AM knitting potheads. Lunched and to ferry in Jeep. A nice trip across but raining. Jimmie Pendleton and Marjorie Stone gave us ride to Trade Winds. A room on second tier - No. 28 - \$18.90. Called the Oldroyds and they came in after 4:00 and visited. Then had supper with us at Chuck Wagon. Of course I could only have soup without milk or cream. At 7:00 took my 2 oz. Castor Oil and at 9:30 became very busy. From then to 1:00 had very little rest. Weather had moderated by that time and rain had eased up but for a while from 4:00 to 9:00 I think it rained as hard as I ever saw it. 1 and .6 inches in our rain gauge when we got home.</p>
<p>Oct. 11, Monday</p>	<p>A dull morning but sun broke through before 8:00 to a nice day, except for SW wind. Up at 6:30. Shaved, washed up and to Red Jacket Restaurant for coffee. Walked up to hospital at 8:00. Admitted to x-rays at 8:30 and given the works to 9:45. Barium treatment in rectum and thin air and more pictures. Then to Dr. Morse's office to wait to 11:00 when he came and gave me an examination, probing abdomen, neck, under arms etc. Then up rectum with finger and then with a lighted tubes. Boy, am I tender behind. My old piles sure have caught Hell. Had a nice visit with Dr. Morse and Bonnie. She gave me my regular weekly shot. Met Dr. Kibbie there in Dr. Morse's office. Dr. Morse told me that as far as he could see everything was very okay. Of course hadn't seen x-rays then. To Thorndike to lunch - grilled King Crab sandwich. Edith Ames set at table with us. Home on 1:20 ferry. 3 trips again today. Only 5 passengers and no vehicles. Warmed house up. Rested a while. Mr. Forbes, insurance man came. Visited nearly an hour. Paid 6 months Insurance \$68.00. Suppered on cold sliced corn beef, potatoes, and freezer green beans. No mail today. Tried to watch a little TV but both slept. Both very weary.</p>

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<p>Oct. 12, Tuesday</p>	<p>How we slept last night. A very difficult 24 hours for both of us. Has blown hard SW all night and still blowing. Temp 52. Glass 29.5. Still dark now at 6:15. an just see cow on shop. Sky appears cloudless. Must make ready to get back into saddle now. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and lugged in wood. Weighed up 2 pecks potatoes at barn. To Lombard's in Jeep before 8:30. Had to pump up forward tires on tractor. Frank right behind me. Struck down to SW point beyond big swamp and did that area along with central road from cottage site and area on that hill. Took the lunch time. Ate in Greenbrier. This PM we mowed out shore roads from N field to SW point and to around Lombard's hill to across from white house. Then down and finished eastern end and road to wharf area. Spent last _ hour beyond swamp in part of Parson's house in field among trees. Home after 5:00 to find house a mess. Sherm and 2 plumbers had arrived on 10:40 ferry and had worked all PM for us. Set up lavatory, medicine cabinet, hot water tank under chimney, pump under sink rain wiring etc. Had water under pressure at sink tonight. Closets emptied out so dishes, clothes boots etc piled everywhere. RM here visiting in the midst of all. Helped Nan clean up floors and dirt after plumbers left. Suppered on fried chicken legs, carrots and taters. Young Pingree here after hay. Rested and read papers.</p>
<p>Oct. 13, Wednesday</p>	<p>A milestone - hot and cold water under pressure and a full working bathroom. After only 33 years. What a Grumpy flat calm morning but no sun yet at 6:30. Nearly tracking end of Stimpson's now when she rises. Cool. Air W to NW. Temp 38. Glass 30.2. A good working day but almost too cool. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. Had dishes out of way when the two plumbers came. Maynard and Jim. Weighed up a peck of Shenangoes for the Sampson and Nan took me to Lombard's in Jeep. Frank same time. Started in lower field where we left off yesterday PM and come 11:45 we had it done. Couldn't work into swamp as much as we'd like - too wet. Lunched in Greenbrier then down onto SW point to finish a little jog we'd skipped. Backed to stable and sharpened knives. Discovered my left rear tire was going flat. Jacked tractor up in stable, took off wheel, took it to garage in Brier and Steve and Crow immediately repaired it. A chafed tube - those Armstrong tubes are absolutely no good - like tissue paper. Back to Point and remounted wheel. Left tractors in stable - too late to go to Thatcher's. To Frank's and Nan picked me up. Home to find the boys just finishing up. Everything working Now if only water will clear up. Am lugging drinking water from barn. Suppered on boiled shoulder - new young beet green out of garden and potatoes. Invited over to RM's to coffee this evening. Had a nice visit. They leave Saturday.</p>

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<p>Oct. 14, Thursday</p>	<p>What a dark morning at 5:30. Might as well be midnight. Quite a breeze all night SW. Temp 52. Glass 30.1. A good working day but on cool side. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready for Nan to take me to Frank's in Jeep. To Lombard's with him to get tractors. I drove them both to Thom Thatcher's. Spent AM there and a half hour after lunch. Frank worked are west of garage; I re-worked the area some I mowed with 501 mower this summer, then did area back of garage and back of house. Just finishing when I discovered one strap on dolly wheel broken off. Put on Frank's spare. Ate our lunch in Greenbrier in driveway. Orilla sent hot pot roast again. I drove Frank's outfit to C. Cunningham's while he took my wheel to garage. Back after my outfit. Took an hour to move both. Started on Cunningham's while he took my wheel to garage. Back after my outfit. Took an hour to move both. Started on Cunningham's beyond boundary marker in area east of Shorty's garden. Finished that, then into C. Dyer big field. I worked old orchard area and cellar hole. Frank worked southeast of C. house towards alders. Bedded tractors with canvas outside of Cunningham garage. Nan picked me up at fountain corner and we went to parking lot to bring home Mari's Jeep. Suppered, read papers and watched a little TV. Also mended canvas over baler. Last Sunday wind hard on it. Called Fishers on phone.</p>
<p>Oct. 15, Friday</p>	<p>Very thick-a-fog. Hardly daylight at 6:30. Not up till 6:15. Didn't sleep good last night for some reason. Temp 52. Glass 30. Air SW. Dr. Morse called last night to say he'd read x-rays with the x-ray man and that I appeared to be holding my own at least. The bleeding apparently from piles. A very foggy day all day and night and raw too. Did bookkeeping, knit a couple heads, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Frigged away most of AM knitting heads, pumping, helped Nan clean up milkroom etc, waiting for sun to break and dry things off - didn't. We finally restoring order form plumbers working. Nan worked at barn awhile. Just came home as I was eating lunch. To Cunningham's in Jeep at 12:40. Frank right behind me. Rotoring at 1:00. Frank back to his yesterday's PM junk. I finished orchard and cellar hole and orchard area and kept working down across field. Frank finished his junk and worked along alders below me. Nearly finished that area. Very foggy and disagreeably chilly. Home after 5:00. Bailey here with winter instructions. Shaved, cleaned up and up to the Owen Grants to a delicious chicken or turkey, I think chicken supper. Also a very nice visit. Home after 9:30. Very thick driving.</p>
<p>Oct. 16, Saturday</p>	<p>Still thicker than mud. Can hardly see shop. Sun came out about 9:00 to a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple pot heads while waiting for sun to come out. To Cunningham's in Jeep about 9:00. Drove tractors to Wayside Garage and blew cultch out of radiator. Really full. Nearly heated into red yesterday. Back to rotoring at 10:00 Frank same time. Ate our lunch in Greenbrier by CC's garage. Come 4:45 we had completely finished the big C. Dyer field. Helped Frank cover his tractor with my big canvas and came home on mine. Home 5:30. May need mine tomorrow. Nan worked at Mongtomery's and also at Fay's today. Nancy Hopkins helped her. Fays really dirty. Suppered on broiled steak, potato and squash. Rested, read papers and watched L. Welk Show. Both plenty weary this night. Took my first bath tonight using the new hot water system. Afraid our hot water supply isn't going to be sufficient.</p>

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<p>Oct. 17, Sunday</p>	<p>If I've added correctly, I've used my rotary mower 260 hours to date this year. A cold NE wind morning. Has been NE all night. Sun has come out good. Some cloudiness. Temp 48. Glass 30.6. A very beautiful day even with NE breeze. Did bookkeeping, shaved while Nan bathed, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit up the rest of my ball of pothead twine - have enough sets for 13 traps. Guess Pat is going to send up more twine. Weighed up peck of potatoes for Curly Joe and delivered them on way to church, picking up 8 lobsters same time - \$9.50. About 30 at church. Home. Cooked off lobsters. Lunched. Rested to 3:00 when Dave Cooper came for pumpkins for kids. Viola Brown here for a couple when we came from church and the Hopkins boys over later for theirs. Rode up to Pease Farm and down to beach. Nan helped me dump Mari's boat - full of water - and haul it up onto sea wall. Turned it over to dry out some. To town to see ferry come. Home, lugged in wood etc and had the Eliot Beveridges down to lobster supper and evening. A nice time. Visited to after 9:00. Just think of it. It takes 3 bushel of potatoes to pay for 8 lobsters - some difference in the amount of eating.</p>
<p>Oct. 18, Monday</p>	<p>A nice clear morning but this breeze is still NE and cool. 48. Glass 30.4. Frost on grass inland on island. Became a beautiful warm day. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Pumped. Over to Tumbledown barn on tractor, then to town to Dr. Hosmer's in Chevelle for regular shot. Good luck only one jab. Back to tractor and to Cunningham's at 9:00. Frank rotoring already 15 minutes. Did the field area within his bounds on upper side of road going out towards NS road, then pasture area back of house and this field, and at western end of house. All very hard rough mowing. A hard day's work. Took to 4:30. Nan up to have lunch with us in Greenbrier and brought us each two lobster bodies. A very nice lunch. Blanketed tractors after 4:30 and home about 5:00. Lugged in wood, washed up, read paper and suppered on hamburgers, potatoes and carrots. Up to Alta's to do two washes. Watched To Tell the Truth and Gunsmoke. Home 9:30 and to bed.</p>
<p>Oct. 19, Tuesday</p>	<p>Still plenty dark at 6:15 but appears to be a nice morning. Breeze still NE. Think sky is clear. Temp 50. Glass 30.3. This became a very raw disagreeable day to work on tractor. Breezed up NE, then swung to SE. Was especially uncomfortable this AM. Went without my coveralls. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast and weighed up a peck potatoes for M. Ames. To C. Cunningham's before 8:30. Had tractors uncovered, mine gassed, and tools ready to change my blades when Frank arrived. Changed them - a heck of a job. If I trade again I believe I'll go back to the bar hanger. Frank backed his outfit into Gus' garage and we sharpened his blades. Rotored out the corner of field beyond CC's bound toward B. Joyce's and re-rotored in front of house what we mowed last spring. Orilla up to lunch with us, but nearly froze. Sun did come out during PM. This PM we rotored out the job piece left in C. Dyer pasture when we rotored Nancy's, then struck across C. Brown field, upper end of wall to town road. Made quite a showing in 2 _ hours. Bedded tractors by alders by C. Brown pond. Home after 5:00, cold and uncomfortable. Tried to stop wind from blowing up under bathtub, but found too big a hole to caulk. Mash stuff and make a board cover. Also toilet opening. Received a beautiful pair of 7 pinch sheep skinned lined moc-type boots from LL Bean - compliments of R. Montgomery. Feel nice. Suppered, rested and watched TV.</p>



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<p>Oct. 20, Wednesday</p>	<p>A very dark starlit morning. Sky clear. Air still NE. Cool 44. Glass 30.6. It was a year ago this date that Harvey C. shot himself when taking gun out of car up by Staples Farm. Clouded right up and cloudy all day. No sun and very raw. Wore my insulated coveralls today and sure needed them. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, took ashes out of kitchen stove and lugged in wood. To C. Brown's field in Jeep before 8:00. Uncovered tractors, gassed, greased and rotoring at 8:00. Struck right down through center of big field and had made 2 round trips and was on third one when Frank arrived. He took road side half. I the other. Would have wiped field out by 4:45 if I hadn't broken a blade by the two birches at crown of field about 3:10 PM. Replaced it with one of Frank's second hand ones. Frank did complete his side except for edge of road ditch - hand scythe job. Got would up in snow fence wire several times. Nan to Vinalhaven to see Pat and children this day. Brought us back an electric heater for bathroom, some fresh haddock and another ball of pot twine. Had fires going and wood lugged in when Nan returned. Knit a couple heads, suppered on freezer peas, haddocks and taters. Rested, read papers and watched TV.</p>
<p>Oct. 21, Thursday</p>	<p>Like yesterday morning, a quiet clear starlit morning. Hope it doesn't cloud right up like yesterday. Air W to SW. Temp 50. Glass 30.4. As beautiful a warm day as we've had in sometime. Did bookkeeping, shaved and made breakfast. To C. Brown's pond just after 8:00 and to rotoring at 8:15. Frank a half hour later. Finished what was left of my job from yesterday, then swung in with Frank on area beyond CC's line on Haze's among trees and rocks. All but finished at 11:30 when Frank banged his base on a big rock so oil dips started pounding. Drove tractor to garage though - I finished the area at 12:45. Started down after Frank but Orilla brought him back and had lunch with us in Greenbrier. After lunch Frank back to garage to take base off to straighten. I went in to Cunningham's from B. Joyce's way and rotored rest of area N of road east of CC's house. Coming back out rotoring side of road I struck a rock and snapped the other blade off. To garage on tractor. Helped Frank put his base on. He had been down here to get my set of NAA gaskets. Didn't finish with his tractor till 4:00 so I put my outfit in his back shed and came home in Jeep. Hauled in a load of Ashley wood from FP Ridge onto porch and gathered my 5 in 1 apples. Nan home from Thrift Shop and we had baked ham slice, potatoes and carrots for supper. Read papers, and watched some TV.</p>

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<p>Oct. 22, Friday</p>	<p>A very mild night and a dark quiet morning. Think air is westerly. Temp 52. Glass 30.2. Threatened rain most of day but didn't. Did bookkeeping, knit a net, made breakfast, etc. Pumped. To garage in Jeep. Waited nearly a half hour for Frank to come from house. Sharpened the spare blades off my traded-in rotary and put one on. Blew radiator out. Over to Forrest Adams's shop and we rotored his area to Owen G's line. Got 10 or 12 feet of paper backed insulation of him. From Adams to Pingree's Cabins. I rotored field area, then helped do old barn site after Frank had rotored sides of road. Home at 12:00. Paul Quinn here after RM's keys and visited nearly a half hour. Putting a new washer and dryer in house. Lunched. Looked at mail and rested a small bit. Nan took me to garage to bring Jeep home. Spent rest of PM under house plugging toilet hole, stack hole and bathtub drain hole with insulation. Then tacked heavy cardboard around pipe openings cut to fit. Had enough insulation left to wrap tub trap. Now ready to fill hole back in. To town to see ferry come. Still considerable traffic. Mercedes came to Alta's. Home. This is the day - The Sampson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Nan bought them a set of Corning ware from us. I gave Frank as a personal gift a fifth of Golden Wedding Whiskey. Sure was a big party. Thrashed to shave, clean up etc to get up to Grange Hall just after 6:00 to the Anniversary Party. Nan supposed to help serve but wasn't needed. Really a nice party. The Sampsons sure had a great time kissing. About 125 present and nearly \$500.00 on money tree. Took Alta and Mercedes home and visited a half hour.</p>
<p>Oct. 23, Saturday</p>	<p>A sure enough Grumpy morning. Quiet and mild. Think air is SW. Temp 52. Glass 30. Was awake before 5:00. Dropped back to sleep and rolled out at 6:30. Now to thrash. A very nice warm day but too weary to thrash much. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads. Out back, rocked up around post under bathroom under outer sill, then filled in hole. Left off to go see 10:40 ferry come as Nan had errand at Thrift Shop. The Fishers arrived for the weekend. Talked with them. Home, finished filling hole and started grading with surplus dirt over tree roots etc. Lunched on a couple lobster bodies. Mrs. Hopkins over a few minutes - first time in weeks. Rested and looked at mail. Rotored weeds on OP piece. Jimmie hauled last talks last Sunday - also rotored corner of field back of garden. Worked garden some more with wheelbarrow. Mrs. Fisher over to visit Nan. To town to deliver pumpkins and see late ferry come. After waiting to nearly 5:00, was told boat had gone to Vinalhaven. Got us a piece of top of round steak cubed at Mike's and came home. Put tools away, lugged in wood etc. Suppered on steak, potatoes and freezer beans. Watched L. Welk Show etc. Read papers. My shoulders sure do feel the shoveling. Check from RM's office for labor and tractor work to date - \$200.00 plus. Check from Mrs. Fisher - 2 lawn mowings to date \$10.00. Nan also had one.</p>

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<p>Oct. 24, Sunday</p>	<p>A nice quiet morning but some cloudiness. An air NE. Temp 46. Glass 30.4. We slept well last night. UP only once through night. Became a nice warm day and a very full one. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, and made breakfast. Discovered the tide was going nowhere so thrashed to go clamming here in Goose Cove. Got a beautiful mess before tide drove me. Just coming to house when Nan came out to say Dr. Morse had just called and was sailing over from Owl's Head to RM's to visit us. We had planned to go to church but that changed our plans. Hardly back in house when Mr. Fisher came and visited. Insisted we go back with him to visit a half hour or so. Gave me a big vise for my bench and brought it over. Mrs. Fisher coming along too and they visited another half hour or so. Over hill to see if Swamp Fox had arrived. Hadn't. Home and lunched. Just having a little nap when Dr. Morse and Dr. Hardie (was town physician on Islesboro) blew in. Back over aboard Swamp Fox to have coffee and to meet Mrs. Morse and another lady. Had a nice visit. Then Nan and I rode up to Mrs. Pettit's beach to watch the folks go by on way back to Camden. Walked beach until they appeared by Webster's Head, but they were standing well off shore. Home and made ready to go over to Fisher's to supper. Supper delicious plus a beautiful fire in fireplace. How those folks did talk. Lucky we're good listeners. Home 9:30.</p>
<p>Oct. 25, Monday</p>	<p>Fisher's left on noon boat. What a dark, dismal, dull morning this is. Now 6:15 and so sign of coming daylight yet. And that cussed wind is airing up NE. Will be raw and disagreeable in saddle this day. Temp 50. Glass 30.2. Threatened rain all day and sprinkled several times. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, weighed up a peck of white and russet potatoes for the Fisher's - a going away present - gassed tractor etc. To fountain corner on tractor; Nan took me to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot, nine or ten attempts this day. To Magill's after 9:30. Frank working about 15 minutes. Worked on field on right of road going in all day. A hard day's work for equipment. Field has been neglected too long. Trees too large. Had to leave quite a number. Should have someone working with us with a chainsaw. Ate our lunches in Greenbrier by house. Nan down shortly after lunch to see our progress. Anderson Bell by just as we were blanketing tractors by house to discuss property lines. Home after 5:00. Nan picked me up at Sampson's. Had seen their presents from Reception. Not telling how much money presents they had but I'd guess \$700.00. Lugged in wood, etc. Knits a couple potheads while resting. Suppered on taters, Fisher squash and warmed up steak. Watched some TV. No mail this day.</p>

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<p>Oct. 26, Tuesday</p>	<p>A year ago this date that Harvey C. passed away. Has rained during night. Boy, is it dark and gloomy. NO sign of daylight yet at 6:30. Air NE. Temp 52. Glass 29.8. Very wet and foggy this AM clearing to a hot afternoon. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, shaved, etc. Not much ambition. Knit a couple or three potheads. To barn. Picked over and weighed up 13 bushel of potatoes, mostly white and russets. 1 bushel Shenangoes for FWS. Found the biggest rate I ever saw among my potato bags. Dead from D-Con. Gracious how he stunk. Had to open ban door to air out. Down to house and lunched about 1:00. What a beautiful but extra hot afternoon. Looked at mail and rested. Loaded potatoes and pumpkins into Chevelle and went to town after 3:30. Sent the Grandson's pumpkins and Mike's potheads across by Sherm Cooper when he took Ferry crew. Saw ferry come. Had ice cream bars with the Sampsons on parking lot. Delivered potatoes. Made quite a dooryard call at Curly Joe's. Dick Bloom there. Home about 6:00. Lugged in wood etc. Suppered on Dinty Moore Beef Stew. Very Good. Couldn't tell it from homemade. Read papers and watched some TV. To bed about 9:00 to read awhile and have a restless night. To bathroom several times.</p>
<p>Oct. 27, Wednesday</p>	<p>Guess it's a nice quiet calm morning but still dark now at 6:30. Temp 54. Glass 30. Air appears NNW. Became a beautiful day but very wet this morning. Did b, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Readiid XL-12, mixed gas, etc and down to Magill's at 8:00. Filed chain and went right to work cutting and junking the too large ones cut around yesterday. When Frank came I helped ready tractors, then worked with saw to after 10:00. From there to lunch time I rotored off the lower corner of field I didn't finish yesterday. Nan and Orilla down to have lunch with us. Rotored on upper end of field to 3:00, breaking a blade around 2:00. AA Bell called by to see us. Back to using saw from 3:00 to 4:30 and nearly finished the too large ones. Have this field about done now. Blanketed the tractors and home about 5:00. Abbie over a half hour or so. Lawrence Grant called to say he had lambs all up and separated and was anxious to be rid of them. So I had to call Frank to bed off tomorrow. Really something to give up \$50 to earn \$12.00. Suppered on potatoes, Fisher's carrots and fried chicken legs. Very good. Our white potatoes are so mealy they blow apart when boiling. Watched some TV this evening. Legs and arms pretty nervous from using XL-12. Received our bill from plumbing and heating - app. \$700.00.</p>
<p>Oct. 28, Thursday</p>	<p>A Happy Birthday, Edna. Another dull dark morning. Breeze appears SW. Temp 54. Glass 30.1. Thick-a-fog and wet at day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, wrote a letter to Edna and made breakfast. Gathered tubs together etc at barn. To Lamont's at 8:00 to help Squire and Gil load six lambs into Squire's truck. Back home here where Squire helped me dress the six. Took from about 9:00 to 12:30. Dressed out nicely but dressed away much more than I'd thought. Old folks used to say a fat lamb would dress away 5# over half - these dressed away 3/5<sup>th</sup>. Lunched and rested and had a nap. Hard on Calderwood's arms and legs. To town to shop and see ferry come. Gave Alta a ride home from town. Home, lugged in wood etc. Knit a couple potheads. Suppered on boiled daisy roll, tater and cabbage. Nan miserable with these cussed creamps going around. Just having supper when Squire called to say he's sold his remaining five lambs, and would I dress them out first chance. Guess Sambo would be some disgusted if I took tomorrow off too. Must work them in somehow. These are smaller. Will dress maybe 30#. Watched some TV this evening.</p>

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<p>Oct. 29, Friday</p>	<p>Has been thick-a-fog all night, but has cleared now and stars are out beautifully. Flat calm. Temp 48. Glass 30.2. Air is westerly I guess. Have just been to barn for water and it's a most beautiful morning. A most beautiful warm day but trees very wet all AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and knit a couple potheads. Down to Magill's in Chevelle just after 8:00. Cleaned, filed, and readied XL-12 while hoping trees might dry a little. Right to work with saw in same field as Wednesday. Worked all AM with it to 11:45 except for Frank using it a few minutes. He rotored the brush during AM. Nan and Orilla down to lunch with us. Also A. Bell a while. After lunch we started on field around house and had good luck to 3:00 when I rotored a damned electric 240 cable in two, setting the transformer to boiling. How the smoke did pour out of it. Frank had to go located Edwin. Then I went back to rotoring. I was watching my left forward tire grow more slack all the time, my left rear went flat. Jacked tractor up, took wheel off and to garage in Chevelle. Crow just outside leaving at 4:15 but kindly repaired tire for me. Evidently a tiny rock inside casing. To Brown's to get a couple fender bolts and home. Pat M. and Curly Joe here after their lambs. Thrashed to get cleaned up to get to church fellowship supper at Memorial Room. About 40 there. A good time. Slides of Norway after in main church. Oscar Waterman died this morning in Rockland Hospital.</p>
<p>Oct. 30, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful flat calm start to morning. Temp 44. Glass 30.3. Air westerly I think. A nice working day but how I thrashed this morning. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. To barn to weigh up a peck of potatoes for Joe W. and to get Milton's and Steve's lambs for them. Split Milton's for him. Then mixed XL-12 gas etc. To garage in Jeep to pick up tractor wheel and leave Frank's ____ and of Milton's lamb. Frank already to work and had tractors unblanketed. Put on new bolt to hold fender and replaced wheel. Pumped forward tires. Ready to work at 9:30. Used XL-12 nearly an hour on grove of trees below house so Edwin could get truck to transfer pole. Spent rest of AM on field west of house rotoring clear in to A. Bell's line. The girls and A. Bell had lunch with us. This PM we struck into area between the two roads. Sure made a change to 4:15. Worked all day without a breakdown except for getting hung last thing - as spruce tree between rotor and rear wheel. Had to use Frank's hand saw to saw down trees. Blanketed tractors at back end of house. Home before 5:00. Thrashed to bath, shave etc to get to the Ames's at 5:45 to a delicious lobster chowder supper. Spent evening watching TV. Edith had several trick or treaters during evening. Home after 9:00 to bed to try to read paper. Time goes back to standard this night.</p>

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<p>Oct. 31, Sunday</p>	<p>Back to Standard Time this morning and I slept to 6:00 standard time. All day light when I got up. Sun now shining through entry window to kitchen table as I write. A nice cool morning but breeze continues NE. Temp 38. Glass 30.5. Stayed raw all day. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads. Made out order to Sears for tubes for ear tires on tractor; also for forward ones. The Armstrong tubes in tires are absolutely no good as thin as tissue paper, and the Armstrong forward tires aren't much better. To church in Chevelle. About 3 present. A nice sermon. Home and had fried lamb's liver and bacon for lunch. Delicious. Called the Sherm Bairds this AM on telephone and they not only gave us a 10% discount on our bathroom material but also stood the 5% Sales Tax. Made about \$100 difference in total bill. How good can a couple be? Rested after lunch to nearly 3:30. To town to see ferry return, then home byway of West District and NS road, stopped at dairy to get cream. Knit a couple more heads. Suppered on Hulled Corn and milk. Marion H. and her brood over a few minutes. Had apples and oranges for them. We had thought right along that tonight would be Trick or Treat night so we missed out by being gone last night. Don't know whether the Jack Browns were down or not</p>
<p>Nov. 1, Monday</p>	<p>Well, I sure made a Boo-Boo this first day of November. Looked at wrong clock and got up at 4:30 Standard. Sure enough dull grey November morning. Strong wind SW all night and still is. Temp 54. Glass 30. Made good use of my time as I transferred all my calendar jottings to account book to date. Made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads. To barn to weigh and bag potatoes, but spent an hour cleaning up slaughtering debris from the other day. Bagged 4 bushel potatoes into Chevelle, then had to thrash to eat a lamb's heart sandwich and get cleaned up to get to Oscar Waterman's funeral at 12:00. Nan went with me. Unbelievable amount of flowers and a large group of people. Home. Looked at our paper, then to barn and cut up and packaged our two lambs - one for us and one for the Bunkers. Put ours in freezer, then thrashed to town to get Sherm Cooper to take the two boxes across to Pat when he took ferry crew. Meant to write in that Oscar is being taken to Vinalhaven for burial tomorrow. Delivered potatoes to D. Cooper, Elmer Hopkins, Del Huston and J. Wooster. Home after dark. Suppered on baked Russet potatoes, buttered sliced carrots and some rump steak I got at M. Williams this morning. Oh yes, I also went to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot at 8:30 AM. Tried to watch TV this evening but sleepy and weary.</p>

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<p>Nov. 2, Tuesday</p>	<p>Did better this morning - up at 5:15 Standard. Worked hard all night rotoring yet can't remember where. A typical November morning, heavy cloudiness and dull. Temp 50. Glass 30. Air about NNE. Started to rain about 10:00 AM and rained off and on rest of day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made ready and down to Magill's at 8:00. Filed XL-12 and to work at 8:15 in area between roads taking down big alder clumps and scrag spruces. Frank arrived shortly and worked right with me till rain drove us at 10:00. Burned 2 tanks gas. Dodged down into Bartlett's Harbor to see L. Haskell's new boat house. Had just hauled his power boat into it. Home about 11:00. Got dried off and lunched. Nan went up to Edith Ames's to help her make a wreath this PM. I ground my sheep shears, rigged up a shearing rail in barn floor and sheared 5 pelts - 2 of last year's and 3 of this year's crop. Light was dull and I couldn't use electric lights as we'd used our barn fuses last night to replace 2 in house while we cooked supper. Nan home at 4:00 and we went to Grange Hall to vote and down to E. Thayer's to get some fuses. Very foggy. Home. Suppered on Aroostook Potatoes from the Dow's - delicious. Freezer beans and lamb heart.</p>
<p>Nov. 3, Wednesday</p>	<p>Another beautiful foggy morning and everything looks dripping wet. Temp about 52. Glass 29.7. Air appears W. Sure was wet and stayed wet all day, raining hard most of PM, but quite a full day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast etc. Over to Tumbledown barn to get some bag to pack wool in. To this barn, bagged yesterday's shearings, then finished rest of pelts - 3 of this year's and 1 of last year; and bagged that. Had one bag of 29# and probably 10 or 12# in another. Frank WS down middle of AM to bring a check. Left off shearing to have coffee and give him some of Milton Ames's lobster bodies from Saturday night's supper. Lunched on lobster bodies. Rested and looked at paper. Also a nice letter from Dr. and Mrs. Morse for their visit last Sunday and the clams I gave them. Over to shop, assembled my old set of rotary knives. Worked okay. Lugged in wood. To town to mail letters. Nan has written several the last couple days - and to see boat come. Raining hard. Frank and Andy Bell visited with us on parking lot. Home. Knit a couple potheads while supper cooked. Had taters, squashes and fried , fresh scallops (from Raymond Beverage). Delicious. The Curly Joes down this evening bringing his lamb and brought us another quart of scallops. Helped Curly cut up his lamb in barn. Treated them to apple pie, ice cream and coffee. A hot bath and to bed. Sure are enjoying our new bathtub. Checks from Frank Sampson on accounts - \$259.22 and \$46.75.</p>

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<p>Nov. 4, Thursday</p>	<p>Slept better last night. Did rotor quite all night. A right pretty pass full moon morning for November. A few clouds. Calm. Air Westerly. Temp 50. Glass 29.7. A most beautiful nice day but cooling off tonight. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. To Magill's at 8:00. Gassed XL-12 and to work on trees between roads at 8:15. Frank arrived shortly and worked trimming and piling except for rotoring brush about an hour. Orilla down to lunch with us. Did a little more with XL-12 after lunch, then started to use my outfit. Had to take off left front tire and put on Frank's spare as mine was flat and leaked badly when I pumped it with Jeep. Then had only rotored a half hour or so when another blade snapped in bolt hole. Had to put on one of my new ones. Now rotor is out of balance. Rotored to 3:00 finishing all we could do with rotors. Back to XL-12 rest of PM. Bedded tractors and home before 5:00. Dark now. Knit up rest of my ball of twine before supper. Aroostook potatoes, best greens out of garden, and nearly the last of Mike's rump steak. Called L. Glidden tonight to talk trading price on my rotor for one of the regular 090 rotors with T-bar hanger. So much more simple to change blades etc - can do it alone. I can't start to have to have Frank help me every time and work so hard on these self-locking bolts. A two-man job to screw and unscrew. Of course they haven't one in stock if I should trade. Watched a little TV.</p>
<p>Nov. 5, Friday</p>	<p>What a beauty but cool. 40 and air Westerly. Sky cloudless and should be a beautiful sunrise. Glass 30.1. A beautiful cool day but how it came cold about 5:00 PM. 36. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, took ashes out of kitchen stove. Waited to 8:00 for Luther G. to call about rotor. Discovered they had a 909 right there in stock. Can bring it on Monday AM boat. Will cost me about \$200.00 to trade, tax and all. To work at Magill's at 8:30. Filed XL-12 and started using it at 8:45. Hammered right away with it to 10:45 and finished job - 4 tanks of gas. Frank spent most of same time rotoring up brush. Drove our outfits to Frank's house and I had scallop chowder with them. Orilla took us back down to bring up Jeep and Greenbrier. Down to Dyer's opening. Hadn't rotored 10 minutes when outer end of 1 blade broke off. Thrashed outfit to garage and Steve helped me put on an old one of Frank's. Back to work and broke strap on dolly wheel. Worked rest of job without wheel. Frank wound up twice in wire. Finished job about 4:15. What a Hell of a place to rotor. Rocks, stumps and cradle knolls. Up to Dyer's a few minutes, then home on tractor and plenty cold. Nan to Vinalhaven today. Etta B. with her. Home ahead of me. Suppered on new Scallop Chowder. Very Good. The Rockland Coast Guard called about 7:00 and asked us to have Charlie Pingree call them. Drove up to Pingree Cabins and they came here to make call. Some girl trying to get in touch with them. Visited to nearly 9:00. Charlie Pingree and Lady here this evening.</p>



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<p>Nov. 6, Saturday</p>	<p>Another beautiful calm moonlit night. Held 34 to 36 to 3:00 AM but had warmed to 40 at 5:00. Sky almost cloudless and is now airing up about south. Glass is high 30.5. A nice day but a raw feel to air and a full day too. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes. Thrashed to get to Lamont's at 7:45 to help Squire weigh and load his last 5 lambs. Home and at 11:00 we had them dressed out, tagged and off all dumped. Lunched, read a letter from Edna B, mail and rested. Then rotoed Frog Pond Ridge to RM's line. Looks much better. Wanted to start on Well Piece, but Ray Guppy and Shirley C. came for potatoes, so I weighed him up a bushel and Winnie Ames a half bushel. Ray brought us a quarter of scallops. To town leaving Winnie's potatoes. Saw ferry come. Too dark nights now. Hard to tell who's driving off. Home. Lugged in wood and made ready to receive the Sampsons at 6:00 to supper. Had baked beans. Not as good as usual as Nan forgot some of the ingredients. Watched some TV. Calderwood too weary to enjoy much. Fell asleep forty times. This not sleeping good nights is not restful. We've been invited to Rockland to a baby shower for Winnie tomorrow PM. Guess we probably won't go.</p>
<p>Nov. 7, Sunday</p>	<p>A fair kind of November morning. Some cloudiness. Breeze SSW. Temp 50. Glass 30. Clouded right up and started sprinkling about 8:30 and then really poured in sheets for a couple hours or so. Wind up to 40 miles or more. Cleared late PM and wind came in NW. Cooler. 34. Did bookkeeping, bathed, made breakfast etc. Then didn't do a thing all AM but lie on couch and read our papers. Very weary this day. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. The Bray boy and Hopkins kids in to tell us that they had found Mrs. Cobb's cellar door open and front storm door swinging. Lunched. Just napping after when Lewis Haskell and Elmer Hopkins came for their lambs. Lewis says the boat didn't make her trip this day. Out to Cobb's and refastened cellar door - someone had jimmed it open - also renailed front storm door. Just home when the Witherspoons came for their lamb. Visited to nearly 6:00. Knit a couple pothead sand watched some TV. Saw the Lawrence Welk program again that I slept through last night. Very good. A western theme. Had a late supper of boiled eggs and toast. A disagreeably chilly evening. Strong wind NW and temp 45. Lost our dahlias Saturday morning. Must try to get a few bulbs up before ground freezes.</p>
<p>Nov. 8, Monday</p>	<p>A cold November morn. 34. Strong NW wind. A few clouds along horizon. Sun should shine. Glass 30. A miserably cold day. Didn't get up to 40 any time. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads. To town in Chevelle to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Got me first jab. By Mike Williams to get Ginger ale. Home. Lugged in wood. Changed into my insulated underwear and insulated coveralls, gassed tractor and drove it to garage. When Luther arrived on 10:40 ferry, we unloaded new 090 rotary with chain fall in garage, uncoupled from old rotary, loaded it into pick up with chain fall, and coupled tractor onto new rotary. Tractor reading 490 hours. Home here with Luther in pickup and Nan had taters, green peas and fried scallop lunch for us. Paid him for rotary mower. Back to garage wit him. He caught 1:00 PM ferry and Frank and I started right in on Ted Foss property. By 3:45 we had main field finished form house to smelt brook shore. I did shore half, and we were plenty cold when we got through. Put outfit in Frank's back garage shed. Waited at Frank's for Nan to come for me from Abbie's tea party. Home. Lugged in wood. Emery's crew came for lambs and teacher Barnes came for hay. Suppered on fried lamb chops etc. Delicious. Spent evening getting warmed up. Watched TV.</p>

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<p>Nov. 9, Tuesday</p>	<p>Coldest of season yet. 24 and strong NW to W wind. Has blown all night. Hope the potatoes and squashes haven't frozen in barn. Sky about cloudless and sun should shine. Looks right into kitchen table now through entry window and kitchen door. Glass 30.2. Became a beautiful day. Much better than yesterday. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Knit a couple potheads while XL-12 warmed up. Filed it and out to Frog Pond Ridge in Jeep. Sawed up a load of Ashley wood into kitchen lengths. Split it and tiered it into Jeep. Tail board tier - Ashley pieces. Nan helped me tier it into porch. Finished Sunday's second game of Scrabble while resting. Back out and split tail board tier of Ashley wood. Tiered that onto porch too. Lunched quickly on last of Scallop Chowder and up to Sampson's in Jeep at 1:00. At 3:30 we had Ted Foss's place done. Much more comfortable than yesterday. Home in Jeep at 4:00. Knit a couple potheads before supper of fried chicken breasts, potatoes and freezer dandelion greens. Very damn good. Was watching TV and napping in chair when Corice and Guy came in bringing us a Jack o Lantern pie. The first time in all the years I'm given away pumpkins for Halloween that anyone has ever shown a thanks. Visited a half hour or so.</p>
<p>Nov. 10, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a beautiful Grumpy morning this is but cool 23. Thankfully the wind isn't blowing but air is N. Sky almost cloudless and sun just breaking over Stimpson's right now at 5:30. Glass [left blank]. Hope we can finish our outside rotoring this day so I can do some of my fall work. No wood out of woods yet or anything. Did finish. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple heads while pumping. Nan to Bertha J's to get hair done. Not home till nearly 2:00. I worked all AM on Frog Pond Ridge and finished splitting all the remaining wood there. Split good. All into Ashley lengths except for maybe 15 bigger knotty ones. I sawed in two first with XL-12. Will look odd to see no wood on ridge. Lunched alone on cold fried chicken etc, then to garage about 12:30. Readied tractors and we started for Lucy Hopkins about 1:00. Rotored her lot without getting stuck, plenty tender, then Stan Quinn wanted his lot done, plenty soft too. On down to Raymond Beverage's. By Leah Beverage's my tractor stopped. Points not opening enough. Frank adjusted them. A miserable place for distributor right under manifold. Did Raymond's and home tractor before 4:00. Frank brought my Jeep home and visited a few minutes. Took him back and saw ferry come. Home. Lugged in wood etc. Smothered meat supper. Started to watch To Tell the Truth and both napped for an hour or so. Finished for season with FWS unless some new job.</p>

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<p>Nov. 11, Thursday</p>	<p>Armistice Day. May all American appreciate what our Armed Forces have done for us over the years. Not a pretty morning. Very heavy cloud cover and breeze is NE. Looks snowy. Temp 36. Glass 29.8. Now to try to get something accomplished for Calderwood. Did a little. Has been a good working day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads. To barn and picked over the rest of our potatoes. Loaded them and seed potatoes into Chevelle and took them to HSB's cellar. Also bagged a bushel for Pat to take down Thanksgiving Day. Just ready to go to Hiram's when the Tomer Boy and Pingree Boy came for mulch hay for A. Bell. Nearly cleaned out the Bull Barn. Home from Hiram's just at lunchtime. Nan worked over hill all AM. After lunch I dug our dahlias - appear to be Okay and topped them. Then rotored my wood road from Butchering Place Gate up to where I cut wood last spring above dump. Then rotored all our well piece to edge of pond. Sure looks some better. Gathered dahlias into wheelbarrow and put in shop, covering them with blankets. Replaced a board in porch. Lugged in wood etc. Knit a couple potheads while supper cooked - salt fish and potatoes - very damn good. Read papers and watched a little TV, also napped. Legs and arms pretty restless.</p>
<p>Nov. 12, Friday</p>	<p>Albert Beverage's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday - Hiram 85 _ years. Another dull grey November morning. Finally coming daylight now at 6:00. Very heavy cloud cover. Temp 34. Glass 29.8. Light breeze breezing up NW to W. Became a nice working day but chill in air. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Knit a couple potheads making 15 sets. To barn to weigh up 6 squashes for Rosanne Grant - 62#. Also picked out a bushel of small potatoes for HS Beverage from the cull potatoes in wheelbarrow. Loaded remaining squashes into wheelbarrow and brought them down to milkroom. Now if I can get dahlias to Hiram's cellar, I'll have the freezables pretty much taken care of. Spent all the rest of AM wheeling around the pile of dirt back of house left from bathroom project. Graded up several low areas. Piled the rocks by fireplace ledge to use if I widen out garage. Nan to town this PM by way of dump to do several chores. Lunched. Leveled off piles of dirt I'd dumped, got 2 bales of hay down for Pat, loaded same, her potatoes and HSB's potatoes into Chevelle and started for town by way of Hiram's after 3:00. Lugged hay, potatoes and potheads down onto town float and at 4:00 young Jim Brown took all across. I went along to help land on runway. Pat after it herself. Brought us up grapes and grapefruits. Saw ferry come. Not much fun now as it's quite dark. Home, lugged in wood, etc. Suppered on taters, squash and cubed steak. A nice novel from Mrs. M. today - God is an Englishman.</p>

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<p>Nov. 13, Saturday</p>	<p>A dull November morning at present 6:30 with considerable cloudiness around horizon. A very light breeze NE. Sun should be out later. Temp 33. Glass 29.9. A cold day all day except in sun and lee. Didn't get up to 40 any time. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, shaved and helped with dishes after Nan made a squash pie. Knit a couple potheads. Edwin Thayer and crew down to set a new service pole for Mrs. Fay. Only broken off at ground level a year and a half ago. Talked with Edwin of doing away with powerhouse and running a 220 cable to our house. Up in woods above my dump and clifted wood to noon time. Last spring's cutting. Most of it split pretty good and I made quite a showing for time spent. Nan and Nancy readied RM's house this AM. They're due tomorrow. Lunched on hotdog and cheese sandwiches. Squash pie delicious. Another day now 2 weeks and tractor tubes haven't arrived from Sears. Thrashed over to Abbie's at 11:30 and at 4:00 had her two road to brook pieces rotored out. Plenty cold too. Home, filled wood boxes and tried to get warmed up. Knit a couple potheads while supper simmered - last week's baked beans and lamb tongues. Nan to town this PM to get RM's groceries; also brought me some gas to Abbie's. Read our papers and watched L. Welk Show. Took a good hot soaking bath before going to bed. Feels some good.</p>
<p>Nov. 14, Sunday</p>	<p>Damn the NE wind. Breezing right up here now at 6:30. Has been NE all night too. A few scattered clouds around horizon. Sun should shine. Temp 28. Glass 30.3. A pretty Sunday but like yesterday, full of chill. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made bacon and liver for breakfast, helped with dishes. Should have put on all the clothes I could find and rotored Abbie's flat but didn't. Read "Lydia Bailey" and rested to church readying time. Raymond Beverage here with a quarter of scallops for us. About 40 at church. Gave Nettie Crockett a ride home. Lunched on leftovers. Read and rested till VL and Lucy came to get Bill Brown's hay. To town to see ferry activities. The RMs arrived - station wagon loaded to capacity. Home by way of NS road. Saw 2 deer in the back of Elliot Brown's truck - these Sunday Gunners. Knit a couple potheads after filling wood boxes. Suppered on home-popped corn and milk. Good. Watched some TV. Rested and napped.</p>
<p>Nov. 15, Monday</p>	<p>A pretty clear morning with scarcely any clouds but that damn breeze still NE. It can't be warm as long as wind stays in that quarter. Must try to accomplish a lot this week. Temp 28. Glass 30.3. A beautiful day except for the cussed chill in air. Didn't get up above 40. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and knit a couple potheads. To town in Jeep for regular shot at Dr. Hosmer's - only 4 jabs this day. To Brown's to gas and oil Jeep and to get a change of oil for 2000 Series tractor. Now by 500 hours. Changed it at 300 hours. To Mike Williams to get some rump steak. He's starting a "Going Out of Business Sale." Says he can't keep going. Lost \$2000 last winter. Home. Took to woods and split wood to lunchtime PM out in woods to visit a half hour. To house at 2:00 and lunched quickly on broiled rump steak and toast. Over to Abbie's ready to rotor at 1:00. Frank same time. Struck out all of western flat. Frank took line per aside and at 3:30 we wiped it out. A big raven very friendly and had a great time catching mice. Shifted to eastern cranberry flat and made a nice start on that to 4:15. Grew very chilly last half hour. Home cold. Lugged in wood. Knit a couple heads before supper. Baked taters, baked Eat-All squash and fried scallops. Not bad for Monday night. Read papers and watched some TV.</p>

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<p>Nov. 16, Tuesday</p>	<p>Got word today that restaurant in Mari P. Stone's Trail Dust town burned down. Boy, this sure sounds like a disagreeable day in the making. Wind has blown some most of night and is now breezing right on at 6:15. Cow looking from NE to N. Temp 34. Glass 30. Sky just about cloudless. A nice sunny day but strong cold wind - NE to E. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes, knit a couple head and shaved. Out to woods all AM. Made quite a showing. Another AM should finish clifting. Nan out a few minutes before I came in for lunch. Rested and lunched. Put on nearly all clothes I have and over to Abbie's on tractor. In just over 1_ hours. I had her eastern flat wiped out and it looks nice. Plenty of cranberries left there too. Guess many people didn't pick this fall. Nan over to check house. Okay. Home, plenty cool. Filled woodboxes. To town to see 4:40 ferry arrive. Dark now so not so good. FWS treated us to ice cream bars. Home. Knit a couple heads while supper cooked. Fried chicken, potato and freezer yellow beans. Was reading paper after when Jimmie Brown blew in bringing us a set of bull's legs and tail. Could only visit a few minutes. School board meeting. Has killed his 2 pigs and bull the last couple days.</p>
<p>Nov. 17, Wednesday</p>	<p>This is really a pretty morning but that damn NE wind is already airing up. Sky nearly cloudless so sun should shine. Temp 34. Glass 30.2. Became a beautiful day- not as raw as some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Pumped and while doing so I wrote a letter to Sears about my Tractor tubes not arriving. Nan over hill this AM. About 9:00 I took to woods and at 12:15 I finished clifting. Strange that the last pile had some tough ones in it so I junked them with XL-12 before clifting. Never know they were same junks. Nan out with hot bullion, and we brought in a tail-board load of Ashley wood to porch when I came to lunch. While resting before lunch, Marion H. blew in for a few minutes. First time in weeks. This PM I rotored piece between my shop and Fay's line and between powerhouse and bar. Got hung between barns in manure depression and Nan gave me pull with Jeep. Loaded dahlias into tubs and took them to Hiram's cellar. To town to see boat come, then home by way of Bertha Joyce's to get hair cut. Lugged in wood and knit a pothead while supper cooked. Potatoes, carrots out of garden today, and screambled eggs. Back to town to do a couple washes at Alta's. Had a nice visit.</p>
<p>Nov. 18, Thursday</p>	<p>A beautiful morning. Was calm at 5:45 but now at 6:30 is airing up N to NE. A very few scattered clouds tinged with pink. Will be a pretty sunrise. Temp 36. Glass 30.2. A beautiful mild sunny day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So weary this day I didn't do a thing all AM but lay on couch and read. Did shave before lunch. Nan worked over hill this AM. After lunch I managed to get going and accomplish a little something. Rotored between barn and Fay's, then between Fay's house and their garden, second crop, lupines etc. Looks much better. Backed rotor into shop and sharpened knives with my new grinder. Much easier to handle under rotor than Frank's. Garnet Thornton stopped in a minute while I was grinding to talk cemetery business - still some grading to be done. Uncovered baler and cleaned hay out of chamber, scraped and swept knotter assembly etc. Ready to put to bed for winter now as soon as I drain gas and put oil in cylinders. Spread old hay for baler on triangle piece. Lugged in wood, and took in wash. Nan up to Tip Top House to Garden Club meeting this PM. Only 11 there after all the trouble Barbara Lannon went to. Suppered on potatoes, squash and cubed steak. Read papers and watched TV.</p>

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<p>Nov. 19, Friday</p>	<p>A sure enough dull one. Heavy cloud cover. 10M breeze about South. Mild. 45. Glass 29.95. Threatened rain all day and finally did after dark. Got several chores done though. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. No laying around reading this day. Cleaned ashes out of kitchen stove, drove Mari's Jeep to Pease Farm. Nan after me and we put Mari's mailbox into barn. Home. Rotored area between our garage and raspberry patch and raked it away from garage. Back to Pease Farm on tractor and Frank helped me tow boat up from shore, bring wagon in, and put boat on wagon in carriage house. Then put Jeep in. Frank home with me and I paid him for helping. Lunched on fried scallops and toast. Back over to Tumbledown with tractor. Rotored probably eight round trips the length of big field along Pease line to get alders starting up, going nearly to big spruces along back side of field. Then rotored all around barn and well house and between snow fence posts and fence eastward to Fisher's spring corner, then outside of fence to road from double garage to Fisher's spring corner. Quite a chance and should make a difference in snow banking. Home after 3:30. Read mail, shaved, cleaned up and uptown to church supper at Memorial Room. Over 50 there with children. Showed some of Garnet Thornton's slides after in main church. While going up about 6:00 at top of Mrs. Pease's hill, we saw a doe and lamb cross road ahead of us.</p>
<p>Nov. 20, Saturday</p>	<p>Guess it didn't rain much after al. Very heavy cloud cover. Warm. 48. Glass 29.5. Air appears NNE. Must try to get machinery under cover this day. Did. A nice mild day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a pothead. Started day by changing oil and filter in tractor. As old gasket off filter stuck to engine block when I took it off, the new gasket didn't seat and after idling engine probably 10 minutes, the damn gasket blew and 5 quarts of oil went onto ground. At same time George Beverage came bringing back a load of my loaned building blockings, so he got a laugh. Called Don at Payson's and he soon told me what had happened. I couldn't figure why 2 gaskets. Too dense to realize old gasket had pulled off old filter. Drew gas from baler and oiled cylinders, dropped off rotor, coupled onto baler, pumped forward tire on tractor, after having coffee with Nan at RM's, and took baler to Pease Barn. Home. Coupled onto 501 mower. Took it to Pease Barn after lunch. Nan went along to bring home Mari's Jeep battery. Also put my grader blade in barn floor. Home, coupled onto side delivery and took it over to Tumbledown double garage. Nan helped me with doors. My buildings are sure going to pot. Home. Cleaned up etc and down to Dick Bloom's to a lobster stew supper by Curly Joe. Present - he and Betty Francis and _____ Raymond, Edwin and Ruthy Thayer, Dick and JF Dyer. Had a nice time. Nan worked over hill all AM - the RMs left this morning.</p>

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<p>Nov. 21, Sunday</p>	<p>Here it is Sunday again. Over a week home and still not caught up. Must get banking around house and storm windows on among other things. A nice quiet morning and sun should shine some. A little high cloudiness. Air NNE. Temp 40. Glass 29.4. A beautiful AM but clouded up this PM and rained during evening. Did bookkeeping, shaved, bathed, made breakfast - oatmeal - and helped with dishes. Had a Shampoo. Crawled onto couch and read and rested all AM. Had meant to go to church but too weary. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Rested and read this PM until about 4:00 when we went over to RM's to look for some of Mrs. M's jewelry she couldn't find. While over there, Mrs. M. called again to say she'd located them. Pumped. Lugged in wood and drinking water from barn. Watched Curly O'Brian Show and Lawrence Welk Show. During evening Frank Sampson called and told us that last night Arthur Hopkins took Forrest Adams big Chevrolet car from a party and wrapped it around a light pole up by town dump. More trouble for Marion. Will make a hole in her savings if she has to replace car. Cheated. Didn't go to church. Looks like we'd have to give idea of going to VH for Thanksgiving. No ferry service, no place to land or nothing.</p>
<p>Nov. 22, Monday</p>	<p>A sure enough dull November morning. Very heavy cloud cover. Rained during night and has cooled down to 36. Wind about 20M about N to NW. Glass 29.2. A cold raw day with heavy snow squalls at times. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Knit a pothead. Uptown in Jeep by way of dump to see Forrest Adams' car that Arthur Hopkins stove up Saturday night. Took a light pole head on just inside headlight. Really bent front in. Regular shot at Dr. Hosmer's - only 4 jabs this day. Nan shopped. Home. Coupled onto SB trailer, loaded it with Ashley wood up above butchering place gate and hauled it up to Charlie Loring's - old Sampson Farm. Frank there and we tiered it into woodshed. Home and loaded again. Lunched on Franco-American Spaghetti. Back to Loring's with second load. Plenty cold and snow flakes hard on the eyes. Home and put trailer and tractor away. Shirley C. here this PM. Nan helped her with cone wreath. Rigged up in barn and sheared 3 of the remaining 5 lamb pelts. Lugged in wood etc. Knit up the last of Mike's twine - 1 pothead. Makes 3 balls I've knit up for him. Suppered on baked ham slice, potatoes, and string beans. Watched TV this evening.</p>
<p>Nov. 23, Tuesday</p>	<p>By Golly, it's a sure enough cold looking morning. Wind has been strong NW all night. Has dropped out a little now at 6:30. Some light cloud cover. Sun should shine. Temp 28. Glass 30.1. A beautiful day but cold NW wind. Didn't get up to 40 anytime. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. To barn and sheared remaining pelts - 2 - packed wool - 2 full grain bags - 50# - tied up pelts and threw them up in old cellar hole. Cleared up barn. Lunched. Over to shop and succeeded in getting my 2 way plow back together. Took them apart last spring. Was going to plow young Pingree's garden and Abbie's but was too late - 3:00 to start out. Head light time now at 4:00. Lugged in wood etc. To town to see 4:40 ferry come. Must have been nearly loaded, but too dark to tell who comes off now. Home. Suppered on our potatoes, our cabbage - only one left, and leftover ham slice. Read papers and watched some TV this evening. Had Thanksgiving cards from Mercedes, Violet, Barbara W. and Pat. Had a nice letter 2 days ago from Shirley Fay. Dick has had a slight stroke - coming along okay. They were afraid of brain damage.</p>

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<p>Nov. 24, Wednesday</p>	<p>Here it is the day before Thanksgiving and it looks like a nice one coming up. Sun about ready to show over Stimpson's Island. Now directly back of our oak from kitchen table. Didn't get up till 6:00 this day. I'm slipping. A little cloudiness. Breeze is east to NE and it's cool. 24. Glass 30.6. Have had to give up the idea of going to VH tomorrow. Don't know what will be. Probably give thanks here at home. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Was resting a few minutes when Austin G. and Gil Foltz came for dunnage hay. Austin is putting a new entry on his house and had to blow. Hauled in two Jeep loads of Ashley Junks to porch off Frog Pond Ridge. Now only 2 foot Ashley wood left. Wind had dropped some so we thrashed to get all our storm windows on - hauled from shop in Jeep. Lunched. Looked at mail. A card from the Sam Gilchris. Bundled up and up to Pingree Cabins to plow young Charlie's garden but frozen too hard. Home. Out to woods with Jeep and XL-12 junked small Ashley wood to kitchen length and haul it in a load to porch. Uptown to get our Capon of M. Williams and see ferry come. Loaded. Got over a gallon of scallops of Jerry Fernald to freeze for the RMs. Home. Suppered. Was napping and watching TV when the Sampson blew in a few minutes. Brought us some lobster bodies. Their Thanksgiving dinner. Crew put in RM's new telephone cable.</p>
<p>Nov. 25, Thursday</p>	<p>What a heavy cloud cover this morning. Had blown NE all night and promised snow but none yet. Has warmed from 30 last night to 36 now at 6:30 AM. Doesn't look like a very pretty Thanksgiving Day. Glass 30.3. House feels some cozier this morning. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved. When Nan took our Capon out of refrigerator to stuff, it turned out to be a young goose. Didn't want it so we dug a small roasting chicken out of freezer, thawed it and had it baked for supper. Picked out FWS's lobster bodies for lunch. Laid around resting and reading most of day. Did play a couple games of Scrabble. Had several telephone calls. Mrs. M. called about supper time from NY. Had a terrible storm there too. Twenty inches of snow reported in Connecticut but doubt that. The baked chicken for supper was very good, with potato, boiled cabbage and cranberry sauce. Nancy H. over to call - just as we were finishing supper. Lucky we'd given up the idea of going to Vinalhaven for we surely couldn't have gone this [in] this weather but believe me, Thanksgiving isn't much without a family group gathering around a table. We are thankful though for our many, many blessings. Day started with snow, then rained hard most of day and well into evening. No second trip of boats and no mail.</p>
<p>Nov. 26, Friday</p>	<p>Well, here it is the day after Thanksgiving and we must get back into saddle again. So many things to do yet before winter strikes. These outside chores like RM's box bushes, Fay's storm doors and shutters etc are driving me nuts along with the other things I must do. Haven't got our house banked yet. A very heavy cloud cover and strong wind. NW. Temp 38. Glass 29.5. Heavy snow squalls during AM, sunny this PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Spent most of AM cutting out and fitting pieces of Celatex into opening into wall under sink where an electrician or plumber had cut a hole through some time or other and then not used, and a hole in cupboard wall over sink, taped the pieces in. Should keep out considerable cold. Lunched on Bull tail stew. Rigged up and up to Pingree's Cabins again to plow C. Pingree's garden; did okay today but rocks aplenty. Plowed Abbie's garden on way home. Thrashed uptown to do a number of errands and to see 4:40 ferry come. Home. Lugged in wood and had another Thanksgiving supper. Read papers, watched some TV and napped.</p>



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<p>Nov. 27, Saturday</p>	<p>A pretty flat calm morning. Looks like some light high cloudiness. Temp 30. Glass 30.1. Air appears N. A nice day, calm and sunny, not breezing up until nearly dark. A couple or three nice chores done this day. Did bookkeeping, shaved, made breakfast, pumped and helped with dishes. Thrashed over hill when we covered Mrs. RM's box bushes and wired apple trees and lilac trees. Nan did wash while there. Home. Hung out clothes. Then up to Fay's where we took off screen doors, put on storm doors, shutter over picture window, and put in cellar windows. Back to house. Ate a quick lunch, changed clothes and caught the 1:00 ferry to Rockland. While Nan did her shopping, I bought her birthday present - a rose-covered china cup and saucer with a bouquet of tiny sweetheart roses - dark red - in cup \$6.30. Then to A&amp;P to do shopping. A nice trip both ways but real dark when we got home. Lugged in wood etc. Also put a wood cover over a window in garage as we're supposed to get a mild snow storm and rain storm tonight - tomorrow. Suppered on more of our Thanksgiving chicken. Watched L. Welk Show. Talked with Mike Garfield on phone tonight - Mrs. Fay's son-in-law and bought 40 shares of VH L&amp;P stock @\$10 per share par value of \$5.00 to help him settle a couple Estates. Probably a wrong move. Last sold on market at \$17.50.</p>
<p>Nov. 28, Sunday</p>	<p>Well, we didn't get any storm during night. Breezed a little NE and rained a little. Nearly 7:00 now and hardly coming daylight. Very heavy overcast. Starting to snow finally right now. Temp 34. Glass [left blank]. So glad we got those chores done yesterday. Now to get our house banked. A fair day but not much sunshine. A beautiful sunset. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made out Tony Bok's hay bill. To church in Jeep. A small gathering. Home by way of Lincoln's to get eggs. Continued on around NS. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Finished our Thanksgiving chicken. Rested and napped to 3:00. Uptown by way of dump - took RM's cultch that Emery hadn't picked up. Saw ferry return and picked up package Mercedes sent over. Took balance of package down to Alta's. Thrashed home to get in wood etc. to be ready for the Ames at 5:30. Nan had made a delicious scallop chowder and taken an apple pie out of freezer. Enjoyed a very good supper and a nice evening. Stayed to nearly 10:00. How fortunate we were not to get the weekend storm we were supposed to.</p>
<p>Nov. 29, Monday</p>	<p>Another dull overcast November morning. Plenty of high cloudiness. Nearly calm. Air about N. Temp 36. Glass 30. Heavy overcast threatening rain all day and finally begun shortly after dark. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made out Ruth Abbott's bill - \$134.67. Called it \$130.00. To town in Chevelle for regular shot at Dr. Hosmer's. Only 2 jabs this day. To Brown's for gas, but no gas. Home. Coupled onto SB trailer and started hauling out our wood. Got a load of Ashley and a load of limbs before a quick lunch at 12:45. Back in and hauled out 2 more loads of limbs. Nearly cleaned them up. Slow handling. Nan helped Cynthia clean up the Town Square this PM, then Cynthia came down here to make cone wreaths. Put tractor and trailer into shop about 4:00 and closed doors. A bad storm threatening and may be snow. Lugged in wood etc. Read paper and rested to supper. Fried lamb chops, mashed potatoes and cooked celery. Read and watched a little TV this evening. Started to rain shortly after dark and how it did rain and blow all night. One of the worst storms in years. Winds between 40 and 50 steady and gusting many times up to 70.</p>

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<p>Nov. 30, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a storm all night. Still blowing a gale, though rain has stopped. Very heavy overcast. Very rough here in Thoroughfare. High tide about 8:30 yet seas are going right over Bull Rock right now at 7:15. Temp 44. Glass 29. Storm apparently did little damage. Nan over to RM's and out to Cobb's and we checked Abbie's on our way from town this AM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Then peeled more than enough apples so Nan made two pies for freezer. The last of RM's pies. Wrote another letter to Sears and uptown to mail it. Saw 10:40 ferry come. Not a passenger or vehicle aboard. Home by way of Middle Road. Ern's old stable still standing. Lunched on cheese sandwiches. We tried hard this PM to get naps after lunch a sleepless night but not much luck. Filled woodboxes out of shed. Brought my mowing and rotoring account up to date from calendar to account book. A good season. Over 425 tractor hours. About \$3635.00 when it comes in. Have received over \$2800 to date. Cleaned up and up to Sampsons at 6:00 to a delicious scallop chowder supper. Watched colored TV. Had apple pie and ice cream later in evening. Home after 10:00. Wind NW and growing cooler. Thus endeth November.</p>
<p>Dec. 1, Wednesday</p>	<p>Unbelievable but it's December. Where has this year gone to. Some scattered clouds around horizon. Full moon set beautifully out over pasture trees after I got up. Wind is strong NW to W, probably 15M. Temp 27. Glass 29.7. Cold and windy all day. Didn't get above 30. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Started after first load of wood at 7:30. Was loading second load of Ashley junks when I discovered the tie-rod on trailer was broken in two. Had had a heck of a time backing it up. Wanted to crab sideways. Succeeded in getting that load in. Changed to pulp trailer and kept on. Another load of Ashley and then a load of Ashley from Frog Pond Ridge, cleaning that up. Nan up to B. Joyce's to get hair set this AM and out to Cobb's after lunch to clean apples off lawn, then helped me handle wood. Back to woods as soon as lunch and brought out a full load of Ashley clifted white birch. Beautiful. About a cord. Back in and brought out rest of limbs and shop wood, cleaning that area up. Now have only the small cuttings I made in back from Butchering Place gate to clean up. Cold and disagreeable. Started to put a new piece of stove pipe into shop chimney but damper broken in two on me. Put rest of middle screws into storm windows and filled wood boxes. Suppered on boiled pork shoulder, squash and potatoes. Watched the Billy Graham Crusade again tonight. Some preacher. Norma Summer sang.</p>

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<p>Dec. 2, Thursday</p>	<p>Gracious. Coldest morning of season thus far. 20. Wind up to 20M NW to W. Will be cold hauling out wood. Worst on hands. Sky just about cloudless, so sun should shine. Glass 30.3. Cold all day, didn't get up to 30, but sun shone. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Out to woods inside Butchering Place Gate shortly after 8:00. Brought in a full load of Ashley round wood - shall saw for kitchen wood - then a full load of longer smaller material for limb pile. Made a mid-morning telephone call to Peter Sulides to get instructions on proper way to make out the VHLF&amp;P shares of stock to us and wrote a letter about same to Mike Garfield at noontime. Lunched on turkey and rice broth out of freezer. Nan to Thrift Shop this PM. I thrashed back into woods. Brought out another full load of limb pile material and a last half load of Ashley. Now have all wood in dooryard. Put trailers away in barn. Lugged in wood. Found both fires burned out and house cooled down. Forgot to replenish Ashley at lunch time. Nan home just after 4:00 bringing a package Pat sent across. Read our papers and cards. Suppered on boiled shoulder, dandelion greens and potatoes. Read, napped and watched TV. Both weary. Warmer tonight 26.</p>
<p>Dec. 3, Friday</p>	<p>Has warmed to 28 at 5:45 and moon has disappeared. Looks snowy although wind is still NW. High overcast. Glass 30.1. A nice sunny day all day and a full one. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Sent Sears another remainder that my tubes hadn't arrived. Finally did have an answer yesterday to my letter of November 17<sup>th</sup>. Spent most of AM working on saw rig and putting it on tractor. Made a completely new saw table out of 2 pieces 11 _ inch board spiked together. Put belt back on that I shortened an inch yesterday and had Foy Brown splice. Tried rig a few minutes on my limb pile, then called B. Hopkins to see if he wanted to saw his wood this PM and he did. Was unable to contact Eliot Beveridge. Supposed to do his. Ate a quick lunch and up to Bill's Farm at 12:15. He and I sawed alone for most of first pile. June tiered into Elmer's old fire truck. Taking wood to Rockland. Hadn't sawed an hour when pulley on shaft loosened and worked about 5 inches out of line. Had to thrash to garage, take saw blade off and Steve helped me drive pulley back in _____. Lost a half hour. Eric and Bobbie Brown showed up and we finished job at 3:45. Home coming dark. Lugged in wood, looked at cards from Etta, the Bairds and the AW Beverages and the Don H.'s. Also a Christmas package from the Thomas Whipplés. Suppered on fried chicken legs etc. Invited the Hopkins down this evening. Had a nice visit. Nancy H. over a little while early.</p>

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<p>Dec. 4, Saturday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Mrs. C. and a happy 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary to us. A beautiful moonlit morning. Big fleecy white cloud sailing by the moon. Now at 6:30 sky is cloudless except around horizon. Light breeze NW to W. Temp 28. Glass 30.2. A beautiful sunny day but cold all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Contacted Eliot Beveridge - he was on mainland yesterday - and he was red-hot to have wood sawed. Up there at 8:30. He had Wilson Beverage to pass. Worked steadily to 11:45 to finish with time out for quick cup of coffee. Home about 12:00. Looked at our mail and lunched on cheese sandwiches. Out here to my wood pile and sawed alone on limbs to 3:30. Made quite a showing. The Sampsons here a minute for water, bringing us a present of yellow pillow slips. Thrashed uptown to meet ferry to get Mercedes present - a set of 2 framed pictures - and a present from Alta - a slice of steak. Gave Alta a ride home from store. Home. Thrashed to get cleaned up to get up to the Eliot Beveridges at 5:30 for a social hour. Had a nice time. Home and had Alta's steak broiled for supper with toast. Delicious. Tried to watch Lawrence Welk Show but we both slept through it. Both weary. Several ann. and birthday cards this day.</p>
<p>Dec. 5, Sunday</p>	<p>A beautiful clear before daylight morning. Just a few clouds around horizon. Light breeze NW to W. Cool. 20. Glass 30.6. A beautiful sunny day but no heat in sun. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested and read to church time. About 30 there. Stayed to Communion. Home, giving Wilson B. a ride home. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch of some more of Alta's steak broiled with hot toast. Such a beautiful quiet sunny PM. I sawed on my limb pile from 2:15 to 3:45. Finished inside pile and made a showing on outside one. Limbs nice and dry. Now if I could refill shed. Filled wood boxes. Wrote a sympathy card to Mrs. Ned Kittredge. Ned passed way in nursing home a few days ago. Alta called inviting us up to waffles after church so about 5:00 we had crackers, cheese and milk, rested a little while and went to the church meeting in Memorial Room. I think we made 13. A nice meeting. Mrs. Williamson spoke from Bible. The Sampsons down to Alta's after church too. Waffles, syrup and ice cream good. Had to come home in second as Chevelle stuck in gear. The Sampson helped me get turned around.</p>
<p>Dec. 6, Monday</p>	<p>Another beautiful before daylight morning. Cool. 18. Glass 30.55. I think the air is N. Some light cloudiness along horizon. A year ago this date we had about 20 inch snowfall. Cloudy, breezed up S. to SW, warmed up to 40 with snow squalls late PM changing to rain all evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Pumped up Jeep tire but wouldn't hold. To town in second in Chevelle to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Two jabs this day. Stopped at garage on way home and Jimmie Dyer got shift out of gear and made a shim to separate plastic rolls. Home after 10:00. Was putting wood in Ashley when inner door handle broke all apart. Spent rest of AM making a temporary latch out of a bolt. Lunched quickly on ham sandwiches and went to work on limb pile about 12:30. Cynthia W. down all PM. She and Nan making cone wreaths. Nan to town this AM to mail two. One to Min Whipple and one to Mrs. Fisher. At 3:30 I had limb pile finished and sawed a little small Ashley round wood. Snowing considerable by then. Put outfit under cover. Filled wood boxes and took in Nan's wash - wet. Was resting about 5:00 when C. Pingree and girl drive in to pay for plowing. Visited over an hour. Enjoyed them. From C. Pingree for plowing in full - \$13.00. An Anniversary and Birthday card from the Jack Browns.</p>

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<p>Dec. 7, Tuesday</p>	<p>Rain has stopped but very heavy overcast. Temp 40. Glass 29.9. Light breeze appears nearly N. maybe NNE. A nice day without much wind. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested and read an hour as didn't sleep good last night. Wrote a letter to Ashley Stove Co. ordering a new door handle and latch. Worked some more on handle I made yesterday. About 10:00 I brought saw rig over to woodpile and sawed this small round Ashley wood I started on yesterday PM. Nan passed to me a few minutes. Then I sawed a half cord or so of the clifted Ashley wood to split for kitchen stoves. Lunched and looked at mail. Then we thrashed to get banking paper clear around house and across porch. Weighed it down with planks and Ashley junks. To town to shop and see ferry come. The Sampsons visited with us and treated us to ice cream bars. Home. Filled wood boxes etc. Suppered on baked potatoes, string beans, and Bull's Heels. Nancy and Mark Hopkins over a little. Must get going on Christmas cards now. Our first card Monday from the Lyford Beveridges and two today - Val Young and the Tom Thatcher's.</p>
<p>Dec. 8, Wednesday</p>	<p>A beautiful before sunrise morning. Slept to 6:15. Sky nearly cloudless. Air looks NE on water. Temp 26. Glass 30.3. A nice day all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, helped with dishes and shaved. Put out a new batch of D-Con in barn and brought sprout potatoes to house. Some had chilled. Sawed enough of my Frog Pond Ridge Ashley wood to make a trailer load of split kitchen wood for Bailey - I hope. Took saw rig off tractor in bottom of shop, coupled onto Rotary mower and took it to Pease Barn. Equipment all under cover now. Nailed well house door back on while up there. Home. Lunched. Looked at mail. Put drawbar back onto tractor, coupled on to pump trailer, gassed XL-12 and in beyond Butchering Place gate to cut a load of banking brush. Didn't get it put around house. Took battery out of riding lawn mower - ice in it and took it and my 6 volt battery to garage to have charged. Continued to town to see ferry come - loaded. Home. Suppered on fried lamb chops and boiled potatoes. This lamb this year is really delicious. Read, napped, and watched a little TV. Would like to get rested enough so I could enjoy writing Christmas cards; must get right at it.</p>
<p>Dec. 9, Thursday</p>	<p>A sure enough heavy overcast snowy looking morning. May have spit some during night. Breezing up now just about NE. Temp 34. Glass 30.3. A very nice working day and a few more jobs done. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put brush around house. We had enough for all except across porch. Out above Butchering Place Gate and cut another load. Finished across porch and did rose bushes. Took the flat left rear tire off Jeep to take to garage this PM. Cleaned up 2 sawdust piles - a nice box full - for outside toilet. Started tier of round wood against woodshed and handled over a good part of the round pile. Quite a little of the larger to be split. Marion H. over to visit and had lunch with us - roast rolled lamb flank. Rested and looked at mail. Up to Mary Jane Ernie Boy's to visit him and to get some turnips for Jennie B. and for us. On to town with Jennie's turnips. Found Ern okay but with practically no wood for winter. Shopped at Mike Williams- canned stuff 25% off - his last week. Saw ferry come. Jimmie Brown came bringing a new White Face Bull. Home. Filled wood boxes. Suppered on Dinty Moore Beef Stew. Read and watched some TV Specials. No Good. Nancy, Mark and Paul over a while.</p>

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<p>Dec. 10, Friday</p>	<p>Rained considerable during night but quietly. A pretty moonlit morning. Sky nearly cloudless. Warm. 38. Glass 30.1. Air about N. Everything wet but a good working day until wind breezed NE late PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Rested a half hour. Started my walking lawn mower up and rotoed out Spite Fence area to help jonquils in spring. Pruned the trees around bases and put brush on flower garden. Brought Nan's Christmas lights etc down from overhead. Drained gas, _____, oiled cylinders etc of our 2 walking mowers and my Rotor Cul. Went clamming out abreast of Hog Pen Piece. Nice mess. Lunched. Nan to town with fir wreath she made for NH ferry. I rested. Spent PM splitting on wood pile and nearly finished it. Still have Bailey's to do. Lugged in wood. Rewashed clams etc. To town getting eggs at Lincoln's, saw ferry come. Visited with the Sampsons. Invited them down to have steamed clam supper with us. Clams were delicious. Visited to 8:30 or so. Took myself a nice hot soaking bath after. We sure are enjoying our bathtub with water right to it.</p>
<p>Dec. 11, Saturday</p>	<p>Rained hard during night at times. Wind swung out about S. Very dull heavy overcast and still drizzling. Warm. 42. Glass 29.7. Very foggy to mid-forenoon, then cleared to a nice PM. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So very wet I didn't attempt to split on woodpile. Rested an hour or so, then started on Christmas cards. Did 3 during day between interruptions. Slow work as I write notes on most of them. Mr. Barnes - school teacher - here after 5 bales of hay about noontime. Pumped. Nan to town after lunch to do some shopping. I worked on cards. Lugged in wood, shaved, cleaned up and up to the Ames at 5:30 to a delicious boiled daisy roll, chicory (very much like dandelions), boiled potatoes, squash, rolls, pickles etc supper. All very good. Later in evening - apple pie and ice cream. Watched colored TV - L Welk Show etc. Home about 10:00.</p>
<p>Dec. 12, Sunday</p>	<p>What a beautiful flat calm Grumpy morning this is. Sky practically cloudless and sun rising so far south I can't see it through kitchen door window from my chair here by table Days are nearly as short as they'll be. Temp 35. Glass 30.2. A nice day until it became very overcast and dull in PM. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Finally finished Mrs. M's book - "Theirs is the Kingdom". A great story along with "God is an Englishman" but a tremendous amount of reading. Went to church and was late. Home by way of West District. Also stopped into Mullen's Park to watch Turkey Shoot a few minutes. More crowd considerable than at church. Lunched on hotdogs and toast. Rested and worked on Christmas cards. It takes a lot of time with notes to write. Lugged in wood and made ready to go to Dick Bloom's at 7:00 to a delicious ham supper along with macaroni and cheese, squash, parsnips etc. Betty Greenlaw took hot biscuits and Nan an apple pie. Had a beautiful fire in fireplace. I took along 3 pitchy round Ashley junks and how they did burn. Beautifully.</p>

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<p>Dec. 13, Monday</p>	<p>Many people getting Christmas lights up. A lovely sight. Tony Bok's especially pretty from up by Hiram's. House lighted right up into peak last night. This is a sure enough dull heavy overcast morning. About calm. Air NW to W. Temp 4. Glass 29.6. Became a nice day but I accomplished little. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Made trip to town in Chevelle. Nan shopped while I got regular shot at Dr. Hosmer's. Three jabs this day. Home by way of North Shore road. Swung into Watson's to see Jimmie Brown's new Hereford Bull. A nice looking animal but wild as a hawk. Grown up at pasture. Home and worked on Christmas cards to about 2:30. Over to RM's with another load of parcel post packages. Cheese house getting full. Opened the 8 wreaths from Ellsworth - \$11.00 per - and took four of them to barn. To town. Saw Ferry come. Thought I'd get my Jeep tire and batteries but garage not open. Home. Lugged in wood. Worked on cards more. Suppered on Jennie's Green Mt. Potatoes, freezer green peas and broiled steak. Watched some TV and rested some. This not sleeping good nights is getting both of us down. Talked with Jimmie Brown tonight to work up a good cutting group for Ern W. All for it.</p>
<p>Dec. 14, Tuesday</p>	<p>A pretty coming daylight morning. Sky nearly cloudless. Light breeze about west. Has cooled down some. 28. Glass 30.2. Sun should shine. A nice day but became very raw promising snow during PM and finally snowed enough to track a cat during night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Went right to splitting on my kitchen wood pile and finished it. Then brought tractor and trailer over and started splitting Bailey's. This didn't split so good - tougher. Some from Frog Pond Ridge. Nan to B. Joyce's to get hair set. Also went to dump. Was looking at mail before we lunched when Marion H. blew in again for a half hour or so. Really wound up with talk. Lunched on rest of Snow's Clam Chowder. Back to Bailey's wood and finished it. Took it up to Fay's woodshed. Nan helped me unload. VL here after hay for Dot Beverage. Didn't stop. Nan cleaned up splitting chobblings for kindling while I lugged in wood. Too town to take Mercedes cone wreath to Nina Hopkins' to take to Rockland tomorrow. Saw Ferry come. The Sampsons asked us to stop in to supper but we couldn't. We've been having a digestive upset since being down to Dick Bloom's. Appetite not much. Home, suppered and watched TV.</p>
<p>Dec. 15, Wednesday</p>	<p>Enough snow last night so tree sparrows are leaving tracks on porch. Sky fairly clear. Some clouds working out of NE along over Stimpson's. Cool. Down to 26. Glass 30.3. Light breeze NE. Quite fair this AM but snowed lightly during PM, changing to rain and strong wind during evening. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast - tried some of Minnie's bacon slab that arrived yesterday along with pancake mixes and syrups. Very good. Helped with dishes. Swept off porch and fed birds. Worked on cards all day bout finishing all but NH and 3 or 4 left of Vinalhaven. Nan worked over hill a while this AM. Enjoyed our cards and mail without interruption this noontime. Lunched and tried to nap. To town in snow about 3:30 to get some addresses at post office, and to see boat come. So dark now it's hard to tell who comes off. Had snowed enough so many cards were having trouble getting up over hill by Williams' Store. We had to wait for hill to be cleared. Home. Filled woodboxes. Worked on cards. Suppered on taters, carrots and warmed up steak. Watched some TV. Breezing up NE and raining. Took a good hot soaking bath.</p>

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<p>Dec. 16, Thursday</p>	<p>Rain has stopped and wind has dropped out. Now coming in foggy. Warm. 40. Glass 29.5. Air SW. A nice day but is the ground ever wet. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Frank called to say Jeep tire I took to garage to be repaired last Thursday was pooched - a big break. Jacked up our old grey Jeep and took off the three remaining wheels. Put two in bottom of shop, taking the best snow tread to garage. Drained gas out of Huffy mower, changed oil, oiled cylinder etc. Put new damper into stovepipe and connected stove to chimney in top of shop. Burned the cultch that has collected in stove since last spring. Nan uptown to help decorate church and to hang wreaths. I was just lunching about 1:45 when she came home. Was just looking at our mail after when Garnet and Clara blew in. Visited to 4:00. Thrashed to town to leave Jeep tire at garage and see ferry come. Home, closed shop, filled wood boxes, finished Christmas cards except locals. Suppered on baked potato, squash, carrots and boiled haddock (freezer). Read papers and watched some TV. Roy Clark on with Flip Wilson. Roy certainly is some guitar player.</p>
<p>Dec. 17, Friday</p>	<p>How it did blow in night SW but has dropped out and appears to be N to NW. Cool. 30. Glass 29.7. Considerable cloud cover. A nice day but wind penetrating. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Nan worked over hill a while. I split 2 boxes kindling for Alta, ground my trimming axe and my splitting axe. Started up XL-12 and saved our big Forsythia Bush right to ground. Full of dead limbs and all snarled together. Trimmed the bigger stuff. Nan back from RMs and helped me lug brush onto garden and limbs to pile. Then we thinned out over row of Chinese Elms leaving only 7 or 8. Junked and trimmed them and put brush on garden to burn with Forsythia. Trimmed our cedar tree next to flag pole with lights. Also cut back Uncle Will's old fashioned white rose bush. All tall and scraggly. Hope it'll come from base. Packed a box of spruce limbs to send to Helen Baird - a joke. Filed XL-12. Lunched and looked through our mail. A Christmas card from Mari P. Stone containing a \$100.00 check. She's too generous. Thank you Mari. About 2:00 went out to outer end of Hog Pen field and started cutting along road under lights and telephone line. All cherry trees this cutting. Trimmed and piled them. Thrashed to town with Alta's kindling and to tie-up Salvation Army boxes for her. Had coffee. Took her to ferry with us. Home, filled woodboxes. Suppered on fried chicken legs, squash, yellow beans, and tater. Rested and watched TV.</p>



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<p>Dec. 18, Saturday</p>	<p>Gracious, has it grown cold. 18 now at 5:00 and I'm supposed to take tractor and trailer to Ern Whitmore's to help haul out the wood the fellows are going to cut today. Strong wind all night N to NNE. Some cloud cover. Jimmie Dalon Brown is taking his tractor and trailer too. What a full day. Did bookkeeping, and made breakfast. Thrashed to garage to get repaired Jeep wheel. Home and put it on. Loaded Jeep with XL-2, gas, oil and 2 axes and up to Ern's before 8:30. Walked into woods with Jimmie Brown, 5 ahead of us. Then Don W. arrived. What a racket when 6 chain saws go to snarling. About 10:30 Joe went for Watson's tractor and 4 wheel tractor and about 11:00 came home for my tractor and pulp trailer. Gassed up of course had to pump right forward tire and back up to Ern's at 11:45. Hauled out 1 load before lunch, Joe bringing out his third. Ate my lunch in Jack's car with him. Cold. Very raw wind. Jack back and forth with me, loading and unloading. Others helped load too. By 3:00 I was bringing last load out. Had 3 loads of dry stuff we cut, as well as all the green. Over 7 cords together. Looked good in dooryard. Home, put equipment to bed. Nan had filled woodboxes. Made wreaths with Hopkins children. To town after RM's groceries, working over to RM's most of AM etc. Read our cards and mail. Cold riding today. Some time to get warm. Suppered on freezer baked beans and hot dogs. Watched TV.</p>
<p>Dec. 19, Sunday</p>	<p>Cold. 12 above. Wind NNE all night. Very light snow. The RMs struck a heavy snow storm coming along Mass. Turnpike yesterday. None here. A few scattered clouds along horizon this morning. Not up till 6:30. Not sleeping good nights. Glass 30.2. Became a beautiful sunny day but very penetrating chill. Did bookkeeping, bathed, shaved, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Hardly finished when RM blew in, bringing us a 15# smoked ham for Christmas. Then as we readied for church, Owen G. blew in with a present for us. Only 27 at church, a small group indeed for Christmas Sunday. Took Alta home, then home by way of Ernie Boy's so Nan could see yesterday's results. I think there's over 7 cords rather than any less. Home. Played a game of Scrabble. Ate lunch of cold sliced roast lamb's leg and toast. Read, rested and napped an hour. To town to see ferry return, stopping at Abbie's to turn off gas and pull main set of fuses, shutting off furnace. Not coming now till spring. Stopped at Jennie's and Etta's on way home to give Etta a new item of yesterday's doings. Had coffee and cake and cup custard with them. Home. Filled woodboxes. Watched Curly O'Brian Show to 7:00. Then watched L. Welk Show again. The RMs over maybe a half hour. All bundled up in long fur coats. I was supposed to finish my local cards this day and didn't touch them. Suppered about 8:30 on crackers and milk.</p>

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<p>Dec. 20, Monday</p>	<p>Dog-goned if it didn't start snowing about 3:00 AM. Now at 6:45 it's still dark enough so I can hardly see shop. Looks like about an inch on porch. Breeze appears to be NNE to N. Temp 30 or 28. Snow on thermometer. Glass 30. Rained most of AM becoming almost slippery. Mostly rained off come night. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast, and helped with dishes. Made ready to go to town in Chevelle about 8:30 to Dr. Hosmer's for regular shot. Got me first jab this day. Home. Nan over hill working a while. Was just reading and resting a minute when RM blew in. Visited a half hour. Nan back and made up presents of jellies etc for Thorntons, O. Grants and Shirley C. I wrote our local Christmas cards while she did this. Tried to eliminate some but when cards come today there was six from folks I'd left off. Lunched on cold roast lamb and toast. Was waiting for mail when RM blew in again with present for tree. Read our cards and notes - about a dozen. To town to deliver presents and to have Mike W. saw up our big smoked RM ham into slices. A nice job. Gave him a slice for doing job. Visited at the Owen Grants nearly an hour. Home. Filled woodboxes. Suppered on a slice of the ham fried, potatoes and carrots. Very good. Watched some TV. Helen Baird called to say thanks for the box of spruce limbs I sent her as a job and she was so pleased she cried. Imagine.</p>
<p>Dec. 21, Tuesday</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Mrs. Burgess - 65<sup>th</sup>. Also Nora Waterman - 83<sup>rd</sup>? What a dull dark morning. Guess it is going to come daylight finally though. Heavy clouds around horizon. Shortest day of year this year - Hurrah! Calm and mild 33. Glass 29.9 Air NW. A nice day sunny and mild. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved and took ashes out of kitchen stove. Slow getting going these mornings. Weary from not sleeping good nights. Went through half of one tier of Ashley wood under Swing Tree clifting it smaller. Left it pretty course when I clifted in wood. Shifted to my pile of shop wood above shop and started clifting that. Left off for lunch and to look at our mail. Back to work about 1:30 and at 3:00 had tier done and started on apple tree junks from Marion Hopkins. To town to do errands. Visited with Alta a half hour - her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and then visited with Nora Waterman about the same length of time. Her 83<sup>rd</sup> I think. Clara due to arrive on today's 4:40 ferry. Home, lugged in wood. Rested and suppered on hulled corn and milk. Watched To Tell The Truth. Read papers and napped. Wind breezing up as we go to bed NE.</p>

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<p>Dec. 22, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a dark heavy cloudy morning. Wind really breezing on NW to W. Temp 26. Glass 30.1. A nice sunny day but grew colder all day. 32 at 3:00 AM. At 6:00 26 and by 8:00 AM 18 above. Come just after dark tonight - 8 above. Strong NW to W wind. Did bookkeeping and made breakfast. Rigged up in insulated coveralls etc and drove tractor to garage at 7:45. Boys all ready for me. Turned SB trailer bottom up and Crow welded tie rod ends to axles. Tie rod broken right in two. Steve put new points and condenser into tractor. Crow unmounted both forward tires and remounted them putting in reliners and two new Sears tubes. New saw tires of more soft material. Crow took a thorn plum thorn from one over an inch long. Like a shingle nail. Home about 10:00. Pumped. Put equipment away. Piled up the clifted shop wood of yesterday. Warmed myself up till Nan came from over hill. Lunched. Made ready to go to town and take Pat's presents across by Jim Brown in "Last Straw". Damned rough on the other side. Pat brought her presents up. Stopped at Thorntons on way home to leave their present. Visited a half hour. Home. Filled woodboxes etc and back up to meet 4:40 ferry to get presents Mercedes sent over by Austin G. Home and is it cold. Suppered and watched some TV. 8 above as we go to bed.</p>
<p>Dec. 23, Thursday</p>	<p>This is a sure enough cold clear morning. Clam flats well iced. 8 above. Light breeze NW to W. Sun rising nicely. Not up till 6:45 as I didn't sleep good last night. Glass 30.8. A cold but sunny day. Did warm up some. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. So sore across me from belly ache during night that I laid around part of AM. Nan over hill awhile. About 11:00 Sherm C. called on phone saying Ern wanted me to come up. Nan and I went. Chain saw wouldn't start. Took out plug, cleaned it, adjusted it and saw started okay. Sawed some wood for him and filed chain. He gave us a nice smoked pork shoulder for Christmas. Home just as Forrest and Arnold Adams arrived to hang slatted folding door between our bedroom and bathroom where we've always had a curtain. Looks nice. Wrote several catch up Christmas cards. Filled woodboxes. To town by way of Don Witherspoons to deliver presents and pick up. The Witherspoons have their fireplace done so they can use it. Hurrah for them. Saw ferry come. The RMs visited with us. Mrs. M's grandchildren arrived in camper. Home. Closed shop doors etc. This AM I went over to shop to try tractor after the job yesterday and it wouldn't start. Called Don at Payson's to get information. 20 below zero up there this morning. Don sending over a new set of plugs. Strange, I had no trouble with the other Blue one starting. Suppered, read and rested. Watched a little TV.</p>

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<p>Dec. 24, Friday</p>	<p>Boy, is it ever dark this morning. No sign of it coming daylight yet at 6:45. Has really warmed up. 42. Blown hard all night. SW I think Glass has started back. 30.35. What a day of rain and wind. A wonder some of our trees didn't snap off. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Another day I accomplished very little. Rested and read most of AM. Nan worked over hill awhile. The Beveridges here a moment fetching a present. Played a game of Scrabble before lunch. Read our cards and papers. Started for town in Jeep in the wind and rain about 3:00 to do last minute errands. No stores open again till Monday. Places where the Jeep almost blew off road. Took the Beverage girls a couple squashes and then down to Alta's with a slice of our ham for tomorrow's dinner. She and the Amesese had lost their lights. Got them back by the time we got home. RM lost theirs this noontime. Had to call electricians. Played another game of Scrabble before supper. Nan made us some eggnog. Nancy H over while we ate supper. Watched some TV and read some. Marion over about 9:30 to get some things she left here so the kids wouldn't see them.</p>
<p>Dec. 25, Saturday</p>	<p>Merry Christmas Every Body. Blew hard NW all night and still blowing hard now at 6:30. Temp 28. Glass 29.8. Hardly a sign of it coming daylight yet. Finally did. A sunny but windy day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Opened our stockings first while having coffee that Pat had sent up. I had a pair of cotton gloves, a bottle of Vaseline Hand Lotion and a red Bandana beside fruit. After breakfast chores our presents and a nice ones two between us. The RMs gave us a big picnic basket with sets of 6 knives, forks and spoons, plus 6 cups and plates (plastic). Gave me 3 cotton Irish made dress shirts and a beautiful black tie covered with small red lobsters. Gave Nan a red cap, mittens and scarf set, and a red velour pant suit. This plus the 15# ham given us before Christmas. Also had a nice blanket lined frock from the Bunkers and an insulated vest from the Bunker Boys, a pair of pajamas from Loretta and Buddy and several together presents. Bathed, cleaned up and up to Alta's after 11:00. Had a nice baked ham slice, baked potatoes, squash, parsnips etc dinner. Took a ride to end of Crabtree's Point to see ferry go out by Fiddler. Plenty choppy even NW. Took Alta home and had a piece of custard pie. Home at dark. Filled woodboxes. Rested, read and napped. The Hopkins kids in and out several times. Marion H over a half hour or so. Our only Christmas callers. Finally supped on bread toast and milk. Thus endeth Christmas '71. Calderwood has been pretty cold all day. As hard as it blew yesterday PM, Sherm Cooper pounded his boat to Rockland. Didn't come back.</p>

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<p>Dec. 26, Sunday</p>	<p>By Golly it's come daylight enough so I can see the shop. Has warmed up from 18 last night at 10:00 to 32. Wind SW 10 to 15 and very heavy overcast. Looks plenty snowy. Glass 29.8. Started raining about breakfast time and cleared mid-forenoon. Sun shone during PM. Did bookkeeping, hotted up bathroom - Nan took bath. I didn't with this new cold - made breakfast and helped with dishes. RM in to get sympathy - fed up with 6 grandchildren screaming and rankling. Dr. Hosmer called asking me to come up this morning for Monday's shot as she wanted to take noon ferry. Went. One jab this day. Home. Read and rested rest of AM. Lunched on our hot roasted capon. Nan baked it off this AM. Delicious. Read, rested and napped most of PM. Played a couple games of Scrabble. No callers this day and scarce a telephone call. Nan tried to call Connie Kelly - only got the older boy. Haven't heard a thing from Ada. Nan talked with Minnie a couple days before Christmas and Sandy had beaten Ada up. Putting her in hospital. Filled woodboxes. Suppered on boiled rice and milk. Watched TV this evening. Airing up NE as we go to bed. Gus Tomer rushed to hospital this morning. Flowing blood both ends.</p>
<p>Dec. 27, Monday</p>	<p>Wind 15 to 20 NE and heavy cloudiness along horizon. Light white clouds overhead. Glass 30.1. Temp 20. A fair day but raw NE wind growing colder by spells. Started snowing after dark. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Another day when I haven't accomplished much. Cold not bad but didn't want to work out with it. In throat more now. Spent most of AM trying to finish Oliver Wiswell. Some story. Did write a letter to the Ashley Stove Co. and a letter to the Maine National Bank. Nan worked over hill most of AM. Part of the RM's guests left this morning; the nurse and 2 smallest children tomorrow. Lunched. Read our 2 days mail. Only 4 cards this day. About 2:45 the RMs came in inviting us to ride to town in the big camper to be put in ferry line. Did. Shaved and made ready while they were over hill. A nice ride and a fine rig for about 4 peoples to tour the country in. Mrs. M. followed in big car and we came home in it. Filled woodboxes, peeled enough of Jennie B.'s Tolman Sweets to make apple sauce. Nan was preparing supper when Marion H. came over bringing egg-nog. Stayed to supper and then fell down on ice going home, skimming her knee. Lights down here out from about 7:20 to 9:15. 4 times now since the RMs have been here. Spent evening by candlelight. Still snowing finely as we go to bed.</p>

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<p>Dec. 28, Tuesday</p>	<p>What a dark dreary morning. 6:15 and no sign of daylight. A slash of rain came against windows a few minutes ago. Think wind has pulled out S to SW. Temp 45. Glass 29.5. Became a nice sunny day but little accomplished. Did work most of AM on accounts from calendar to Account Book. Nan over hill all AM working. Rest of Mooney clan left RMs. Jeep wouldn't start this morning for her and had rolled down into road way so I had Jimmie Dyer come down to put in new points. Evidently didn't work as he ended up by taking Jeep to garage. Also put charger into battery. Lunched and looked through our mail after Nan came home. Christmas is over - no cards today. Up to Bertha Joyce's at 1:30. Nan to have hair washed and set and I had mine cut. Power shut off for a while so we didn't get home till after 3:00. Treated to coffee, cookies and cake. Home, tended fires and to town to shop and gas Chevelle. Saw ferry come. Home. Filled woodboxes etc. Edwin and Paul worked most of last night running a cable from our powerhouse over to RM's for temporary service, and have worked a good part of today digging up the old cable and finding a leak in splice. I had to call CG Base SW Harbor to come to Goose Rock and start stand-by generator. Did. Spent evening reading papers, watching TV and napping.</p>
<p>Dec. 29, Wednesday</p>	<p>What a beauty of a morning. Flat calm. Sky cloudless. Temp 18. Glass 30.1. Air NE. A beautiful warm sunny AM then snow squalls at lunch time and raw rest of day. By Golly. I broke the spell and worked this day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Shaved. Nan worked over hill all AM. I pumped twice to fill cistern. Clifted rest of Hopkins apple tree and my other pile of shop wood above shop. Took down our lights off cedar tree and bunched them up. Nice and clean and dry. Put new set of spark plugs into tractor and started it up. Still doesn't start like it should. Brought a piece of Celotex over from shop and this PM I took the register out of living room wall, that I put through into bathroom years ago and closed opening back in. Never did use it and sound came through it easily. Nan to town with Gretel this PM. Was resting before supper when lights went out all over town again. Out about a half hour. Hopkins boy and Phil Brown's boy in and out several times. Suppered. About 7:30 Sherm Baird and Alta blew in. Sherm put legs under our lavatory. Had a nice visit. Sherm and 3 men working today and tomorrow up to Young Watson's. Alta and Sherm left about 8:45 to call on the Sampsons.</p>
<p>Dec. 30, Thursday</p>	<p>A nice quiet morning. Air NE has cooled down to 20. Some high cloudiness. Looks snowy. Glass 30.1. Overcast and raw NE all AM starting to snow hard about 2:30 PM and continued to near midnight. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Put wire around my 5 in 1 apples and my 3 maples. Boxed up 2 boxes of limbs for Helen Baird and we took them up to young Tom Watson's new house on Oak Hill to put in Sherm's truck. What a view 360. Very top of Oak Hill. But can't brag much on house. High and all sharp angles. Down along to Hiram's to get some potatoes. Kept on home around southern road. Lunched and looked at mail. Out under utility lines beyond Hog Pen piece. Made one cutting and trimmed before snow drove me in as well as my axe hand getting cold. Came on to snow hard after 2:30. Filled all woodboxes. Sept off porch. Read and rested a while. Suppered to go to Jack Bauer's big Cocktail Party from 5:00 to 7:00 but too cold and windy and stormy. Down to 16. Shaved and played a couple games of Scrabble. Suppered on fish and potatoes. Damn good. Nancy H. over a little while. Watched some TV and had a nice nap. To bed about 9:00 to read. Some story on bedroom end of house. Coldest wind of all.</p>

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<p>Dec. 31, Friday</p>	<p>Well, here it is the last day of 1971 and it's sure going out like a Lion. Probably 6 inches of snow and damned cold. 10. Can't see yet but think wind is N. A bleak looking landscape. Anything we wish to do in 1971 we must do this day. Will start by having fish hash for breakfast. Stopped snowing mid-forenoon and sun came out. Cold all day. Did bookkeeping, made breakfast and helped with dishes. Just cleared away when RM blew in. Visited a half hour. Over to shop after barn shovel and shoveled off porch, also in front of garage and to woodpile. Wrote thank you letters to Mrs. Fay and Mary P. Stone. Made a run to town in Chevelle to do weekend shopping and to take Sheila's crib back to Alta's. Had coffee. Home. Nan had to help over to RM's barn a while this PM. I was just resting a few minutes when Forrest Adams came in. Helped him put up our towel racks in bathroom. Was writing a thank you letter to the Dick Fays when Nan returned. We rested a little while, then cleaned up and over to RM's Barn to Big Cocktail Party at 6:00. A big crowd gathered. Over 60 I'd guess. Nan wore her new red pantsuit from Mrs. M. I wore my new red RM shirt and lobster tie. Had a good time. Stayed an hour. Home. Read our mail which Frank S. brought down when he came to party. Watched some TV and lunched on cold sliced capon. To bed after 10:00. No boat trip till noon time. Farewell 1971.</p>
<p>Morning of Jan. 1, 1972</p>	<p>A fairy land picture book morning. Full moon in west on this snow and calm. Cold though, 6 above. A fine way to start a New Year. Happy New Year Every Body.</p>