

## The Diary of Elwyn Davis 1937-1939

### ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1937

#### JANUARY 1 Friday

Fair and mild after the two days rainy weather. Froze light crust last night - became quite hazy during PM  
I finished the drawn out sod plowing of big field behind barn. Furrows muddy and fish worms crawling.

#### JANUARY 2 Saturday

Reservoir open water after several freezings thawings. Still murky gloomy. Snowy afternoon turning to rain evng - about 2" clinging snow fell.  
Daisy Cornelia & I got a big load leaves from near back road AM. Drewed out manure in snow storm after dinner & then took a snooze. Fifth anniversary tonight at 11:20 of our darling Little Honey Girl Lillian's tragic death. Under very similiar snowy rainy weather conditions. Attended IOOF annual installation evng. District Deputy Newton C. VanEtten and staff installing officers.

Noble Grand - Bradford Kelder

Vice Grand - Lawrence VanGasbeck

Rec-secy. - Harlowe McLean

Fin. Secy.-Virgil Gordon

Treas.- Arthur Trowbridge

RSNG - John Kelder

LSNG - Elwyn C. Davis

RSVG - Edwin Schwab

LSVG - Gilbert Bloom

RSS - LeGrand Shultis

LSS

- John Barringer  
Inside Guardian - William Shultis  
Outside Guardian - Edw. VanKleeck  
Act PG - Reg. E. Davis  
Chaplain - Art Throwbridge  
Conductor - Earl Christiana

JANUARY 3 Sunday

Continued mild sloppy - snow about gone tonight.

Clearing, fresh westerly winds.

Took Cornelia up to visit to Cold Brook Cemetery P.M.

Also made call to Charley Duloff's. Then had car starter trouble and I went to Olive Bridge to Peter Crawford's for repairs. Had supper with him before returning home.

Also made a tour of Tongore cemetery paying special respect to Little Honey's grave. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JANUARY 4 Monday

Froze up last night. Fair - westerly winds, strong evng.

More storm brewing.

Spent the day making ready AM and PM butchering the last of our two early bought spring porkers - It dressed 285 - Morton Roe and Jim Burgher helped. I bought wholesale for \$21 a 6 tube 2 band General Electric radio.

Wrote Ulster County News copy evng.

JANUARY 5 Tuesday

5th Anniversary of our Little Honey Girl's funeral -

Froze during night. South westerly winds. Fair somewhat hazy. Storm predicted. Mild

Will Bender & son Wm. Started re-shingling parsonage - took down ladder and scaffolding lumber also drew wagon load firewood to Herbie Hyde at parsonage A.M. - Recd card Mariam. Daisy & I gathered a load leaves PM from back road woods. Mother & I cut up the hog tonight.

#### JANUARY 6 Wednesday

Froze up hard last night. Southerly winds cold snowy air - Continued fair, becoming overcast evng.

Worked in woods piling up firewood. Daisy helped PM Wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### JANUARY 7 Thursday

Arrived sleeting with an inch fallen, turned to light rain, making for a mussy day and slippery traveling.

Packed the hams and pork for salting AM - We also drew out manure. Went to Olive Bridge PM for 8 lbs ground beef for sausage meat. Daisy Mother & I ground sausage evng. Making total 33 pounds.

Sold old cow (Guernsey) bought last spring from Ed. Muller at Stone Ridge for \$62.50 to Joe Aranofsky Olive Bridge butcher for \$34.00

#### JANUARY 8 Friday

Ground bare again. Heavy misty fog AM Faired away noon time. Continued warm. Temperature in forties Repaired dray sleigh AM along with usual chores. Daisy & I cut and sleighed out firewood PM from big woods. Just lazy evng going over papers & listening to radio.

JANUARY 9 Saturday

Very warm - temperature 62 Unsettled - winds westerly  
Rain squally early PM - cloudy  
Gene Every helped me cutting and getting out logs from  
big woods. Went to I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Recd letter  
Mariam. Went to Henry Winchell's after lodge & staid  
till 1 [ocolock] then brought Cornelia home from  
Colange's hall.

JANUARY 10 Sunday

Steeling this morning changing to a 2 in fall of clinging  
snow - Murky Still PM cleared evng  
Around home all day - Made up 1936 treas report for  
Baptist Church. Charley Duloff called PM I let him have  
34 ft of 10 in canvass belt for his re built saw mill, for  
which he agrees to pay me \$10 cash within 6 months.  
Wrote Ulster County News weekly copy evng.

JANUARY 11 Monday

Mostly cloudy quiet - Colder raw air - Wind to north  
evng & Cloudy. Snow clinging to trees.  
Drewed out load manure AM spreading behind barn. -  
Put new shoe on dray sled & Daisy & I got a load  
firewood AM from upper back woods. Wrote Freeman  
copy evng. Recd letter Leah Van Benschoten.

JANUARY 12 Tuesday

Fair - still AM Northerly winds PM Thermometer  
below 20 this AM The light snow is hanging on pretty  
well and Daisy & I used it today drawing 3 dray loads

firewood from Hinkley woods.

We packed and sent box to Mariam, including her skates.  
Recd no.PAS5711 - 20/100 of one share Script  
Certificate Chesapeake & Ohio preference stock Series A  
- Stock extra div. of 200 per share on \$25 par value  
common stock.

### JANUARY 13 Wednesday

Thermometer 18 degrees this AM Fair - hazy - thawing,  
became overcast late PM

Helped butcher a big hog this forenoon at Maple Dell.  
This PM Daisy & I got 2 loads dray wood PM Made  
trip to Maple Dell with Betsy heifer second time, 1st was  
Sept. 14.

### JANUARY 14 Thursday

Arrived rainy & snow vanished during night. Cloudy -  
south westerly winds. Occasional light rains.

Daisy and I got out a hemlock tree from back upper  
corner of Hinkley woods. Brought it out on  
Skid pile along our woods and road. Drowed out  
manure PM - I took a run up to Charley Duloff's finding  
him down with grippe. Wrote Freeman copy evng.  
Pearl H. Carey called PM and I paid Mariams life ins.  
Premium \$21.42

### JANUARY 15 Friday

Windy and rainy night - continued mostly rainy AM  
Wind changed to north PM clearing evng.  
Muddy and no frost in ground, lawns and new seedings

getting green. Doing chores, smoking hams & splitting some wood.

A newspaper clipping was inserted for this date and reads as follows:

Interlocutory Decree

An interlocutory decree of divorce has been granted by Justice Schirick in the matter of Beatrice L. Barber of town of Olive against Orville Barber of Poughkeepsie. They were married December 27, 1924 at Hurley and the charge is that defendant committed acts in 1935 and 1936 in Kingston, town of Olive and at Poughkeepsie and Pleasant Valley with one Grace Alexander Hessley. Flanagan & Kaerhcer appeared for plaintiff. There is no issue of the marriage.

JANUARY 16 Saturday

Typical March day. Froze up last night Generally fair - fresh northerly winds. Rather crispy but thawing. Still clear evng.

John J. Dudrey, Olive's last Civil War veteran died 11 AM at the home of his daughter Mrs. Louisa Van Kleeck at Broadhead. He was ill for 2 days. - Previously able to be about the house. He was born June 24 - 1843 - Enlisted - Jan 4th 1864 - a member of Co.C. 5th New York Heavy Artillery Discharged July 19 - 1865 - He had never since been out of Ulster County after his discharge from Army. Uncle John Dudrey became a member of Shokan Lodge No.491 - IOOF - June 26, 1886.

Sent final payment to Ernest H. Perkins Gen Agt. \$74.24 on Provident Mutual Policy 294914.

I dug a mess of parsnips & carrots in garden - no frost.  
Recd letter Mr. Arthur Knorph -  
Daisy went to Kingston for new glasses - I was busy with  
usual chore jobs - went to Ashokan PM for hair cut -  
called at Louisa VanKleecks & saw Uncle John.  
Attended IOOF Lodge evng -& called after on Mr.&  
Mrs. Henry Winchell

JANUARY 17 Sunday

Thermometer 12 degrees this AM Ground froze up hard  
- Cloudy threatening AM - Snowy PM had 2" - turned to  
rain at dark with weather moderating Winds south west.  
At home all day - Busy with chores AM Wrote Mr.  
Arthur Knorph evng.

JANUARY 18 Monday

Rainy night and showers during forenoon. Gloomy day -  
yesterday's snow has disappeared. Shifting winds.  
Drew out manure and got several loads of wood.  
Wrote Freeman and Ulster Country News copy evng.  
Donald Bishop and Edna Gessner were married in  
Schnectady. They came to his home this evng.

JANUARY 19 Tuesday

Cloudy gloomy light northerly winds - Moon & stars  
shone thru evng. Freezing tonight.  
Spent the day getting and spreading big load chicken  
manure on orchard lot seeding. I called evng to pay  
respects to Uncle John Dudley. He looks serene in the  
majesty of death lying in his flag draped casket, with  
posthumously presented 50 year IOOF jewel & IOOF

badge pinned on his breast. Howard Hughes made solo (2490 miles) airplane flighted from Las Angeles Cal. to Newark N.J. airport in 7 ½ hours - shattering all records.

#### JANUARY 20 Wednesday

Cold gloomy day. Thermometer hung around 18 degrees - Snowed heavily all afternoon, diminishing early evng - 3" fall at 9 PM

I was a bearer at the funeral 1 PM of "Uncle" John J. Dudley, held at Tongore Church. Sermon by Rev. Hervett. Text "Our Friend Lazarus Sleepeth. I.O.O.F. burial ritual read by Noble Grand Bradford Kelder and Chaplain Arthur E. Trowbridge. Phoenicia Post Members - American Legion gave full military honors with Color Guard ceremonies at church and firing squad & taps at grave in Tongore Cemetery. Charles H. Weidner Past Commander in charge.

Rain teemed in Washington D.C. during today's 32 Presidential Inaugural, the Second term for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Enjoyed colorful radio broadcast of parade after returning from John Dudley's funeral.

#### JANUARY 21 Thursday

Rainy morning and evng - Everything ice covered this AM - Slushy. Temperature moderated and snow is practically gone this evng with westerly winds. Took Daisy to Kingston to get her new glasses at Dr. Harry LeFevres.

John D. VanKleeck 67 of Kingston died yesterday 11:30 PM in hosp. Near Mt. Cements Michigan where he recently went for rheumatism bath treatments -



pneumonia developed.

JANUARY 22 Friday

A dense foggy dismal day & evng - Light rain set in late P.M. Muddy - no frost in ground. Changed to snow late evng.

Drawed out manure & spread behind barn and went to Herman Weidners after another big load of hen manure litter - which I spread on orchard lot seeding. Tax day sitting at Colanges's store. Kenneth Barley Collector Went down P.M. & paid following taxes:

Estate Aunt Cornelia Bishop 3 acres - val \$1200  
\$22.83

Mother - Matie C. Davis 25 acres - val \$1600  
30.43

Elwyn C. Davis 49 acres - val \$ 600  
11.41

R.G.Knorpp 1 acre - val \$1200  
22.83

JANUARY 23 Saturday

10 degrees above this AM 1 inch snow from fall late last evng. Fair and sunny - light northerly winds. Crisp clear moonlight evng.

Daisy and I drawed dray wood from Hinkley woods making clean up. I caught back of my left hand between load of wood and beech sapling getting a badly bruised and somewhat lacerated hand. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and went to Judge Winchells. Cornelia attended bingo party & dance at Colanges. Recd Accord Farmers Coop patronage div. 4% - \$12.30

JANUARY 24 Sunday

Gloomy - Cloudy - damp and chill - Set in hailing mid day turning to rain and sleet - Continuing downpour till mid evng. Everything covered with ice tonight - trees bent over touching roadway. My hand is sore and swollen. At home - Gloomy wasted day - Electric lights went out at 6:15 This evng braved the downpour and icy traveling, going to Kingston with my car, taking Will Jordan and Walter Willer attending IOOF burial service for John VanKleeck at his home on Washington Ave. Left Walter at West Shore depot.

JANUARY 25 Monday

Mild - generally fair, becoming overcast during P.M. Much sickness of colds flu pneumonia prevails. Mrs. John (Maggie) Henricksen is critically ill of pneumonia and her elder sister Miss Annie Louth (81) died at midnight of pneumonia. Daisy and I spread load manure A.M. & got cart load of limb wood. P.M. I went to Herman Weidner's and got another big load hen manure litter. Rec'd letter Mariam. Our lights were restored noon time. Donald F. Bishop and Edna L. Gessner married in Schenectady.

JANUARY 26 Tuesday

Part cloudy - light northerly winds - a bit snow squally evng - Quite crispy tonight. Full moon. Spread load chicken manure on orchard lot seeding AM. Drawed 2 loads firewood P.M. Evng went to Phoenicia with several Odd Fellows to installation at Phoenicia

Lodge no 154.

Ohio Valley floods worst in history.

JANUARY 27 Wednesday

Cold raw air - clear, raw wind southerly.

Hand is sore and not feeling very brisk. Mother and Daisy also grippy. Wrote card Mariam & Leah. Went up to Duloff's mill mail time - They are making adjustments and doing some practice sawing. Daisy and I started working up firewood logs on woodpile P.M. - I called at Henriksen's during P.M. Mrs. John Henriksen Sr. Lying in coma several days died 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 28 Thursday

6 degrees above zero this am. Coldest night since Dec.23. Reservoir skimmed over this A.M. but broke up during day. Fair with increasing cloudiness P.M. Set in snowing late evng, with temperature moderated up to 26 degrees.

Called at Henriksen's mail time - Mrs. Henriksen and her sister Annie Louth both lie in their caskets in front room. - A scene most unusual. Had Gene Every help working up firewood logs and splitting wood. Mariam called up tonight. Daisy feels pretty miserable with her cold. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Drawed out manure P.M.

JANUARY 29 Friday

½ " snow fall in night. Disappeared by noon - Mild - Cloudy - clearing during A.M. - Light southerly winds. Morning & evng temperatures a few degrees below 30. Double funeral A.M. at St. Johns Catholic Church Stony

Hollow of Annie Louth & her sister Mrs. John (Maggie) Henriksen Sr. Interment St. Marys Cemetery, Kingston. Took a trip up to Charley Duloff's mill mail time. Daisy still feels tough and I feel grippy myself - done chores - split & piled wood. Donated \$4.00 Red Cross Flood Relief. Baptist Church \$10 - Ladies Aid \$5

### JANUARY 30 Saturday

Thermometer 20 degrees this am Fair quiet day - continuing mild. Mercury 24 at midnight.

Drawed out manure this A.M and got the ford sawing rig set up and started sawing wood before dinner - Got a nice start on the pile P.M. Daisy - Cornelia & I manning the outfit. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & afterward called at Pete Crawford's. Aartsen Van Wagenen & Dick Craver came for supper & Cornelia & Mildred Roe went to bingo party & dance at Colange's hall with them.

### JANUARY 31 Sunday

A snowy day ending with rain - All cleared early evng. 3 1/2" soggy snow.

At home taking it restive all day. Charley Duloff and Ed. Every with his truck took 2 loads logs piled along woods to Boiceville mill a.m.

### FEBRUARY 1 Monday

Thermometer 20 this A.M. Fair, moderate light northerly winds - Snow crusted this A.M. & not much inclined to melt during day. Reservoir surface is crusted with frozen snow & watersoaked spotty. We sent a box of food to Mariam today, on the 4th anniversary of her

leaving home for training in St. Lukes Hospital. Had a hustling wood sawing bee P.M. & cleared up the job. Jim Burgher, Ed Avery, Herbie Hyde & Alonzo Burgher giving a hand. Wrote news copy evng.

FEBRUARY 2 Tuesday Ground Hog seen his shadow all day.

Much colder - 12 above am blustery, fair - inclined to be snow squally. Reservoir appears solidly frozen. 4 above zero 11:30 P.M.

Drawed out manure and got some firewood that had missed getting to woodpile.

Mother, Daisy & I attended full house funeral 2 P.M. in church of Grace Avery. Mother played organ & I helped with singing - Rev JB Glenwood of Ashokan preached.

The following is an article pasted in journal for this day:

Miss Grace Avery, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Avery of West Shokan died at Middletown, Friday, January 29. Surviving beside her mother, are four brothers, John of Endicott, Roy of Newark Valley, Grant of Boiceville and Francis of West Shokan, and one sister, Mrs. Raymond Miller of Brodhead. Funeral services will be held at the West Shokan Baptist Church Tuesday, February 2, at 2 p.m. Burial in the Bushkill Cemetery, West Shokan.

FEBRUARY 3 Wednesday

4 above zero this A.M. Clear, light easterly winds - gradually moderating, but temperature down 11 PM to 6 above. Pretty crispy this AM

Wrote Freeman news copy A.M. & usual card to Mariam. Daisy and I took advantage of the morning

sunny side of the barn & piled wood. Drewed out manure P.M. & then we got a big dray load of piled top wood & dead oak poles along back road in upper woods. Cornelia stayed home from high school today due to a cold - Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at parsonage.

#### FEBRUARY 4 Thursday

4 below A.M. - 18 above 11 P.M. Fair, gradually becoming overcast P.M. Snowy raw air - Cloudy still evng. Daisy and I ranked up small wood AM - PM with Cornelia helping finished the remaining sawing and put the saw rig away. Rec'd card Mariam. Cornelia remained home from school due to her cold, getting up noon time.

#### FEBRUARY 5 Friday

Light snow storm of 2 inches, lingered along till noon time - Remained unsettled & mostly cloudy murky still evng. Wrote Freeman copy AM & usual card to Mariam. Rec'd grand letter from Mariam enclosing \$15 - also grand smiling picture of her in uniform & cap. Drewed out manure AM. Late PM took a run up to Duloff's saw mill, found my logs sawed OK. Cornelia again remained home & sick on cot with grippe.

#### FEBRUARY 6 Saturday

Fair - moderately mild - Southwesterly winds. Busy with chores & drewed out manure AM - Daisy & I ranked up small firewood at end of barn P.M. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. - called on Mr. & Mrs. Henry Winchell. Cornelia stayed indoors and listened to radio,

she feels a little more perk. Walter Miller came again tonight.

#### FEBRUARY 7 Sunday

Lovely winters day, light northerly winds. Fair and sunny gradually becoming overcast P.M.

Two 10 car snow trains went up this AM - First of season's run. Mr & Mrs Condon called P.M.

Cornelia is better and out around today. Did chores etc.

#### FEBRUARY 8 Monday

Cloudy gloomy day. Still - Slippery, rainy forenoon - freezing as it fell.

At home - Charley Duloff and Ed Every brought my sawed lumber AM. All told I have around 3100 feet (some burned with mill not counted) He had 1500 feet besides sawed from my logs for which he allows me \$22.50 on my saw bill which with the \$10 belt I let him have we jump accounts. Wrote Freeman copy AM & news copy evng. Cornelia did not go back to school yet today. Rec'd letter Leah VanBenschoten from Albuquerque New Mexico.

#### FEBRUARY 9 Tuesday

A murky rainy day. Stopped late P.M.

I made a trip to Kingston. Bought 3/8 share script of Kelvinator Nash Corp, 15 shares of Kelvinator Corporation - due to merger, reissued into 20 shares Kelvinator Nash & 5/8 share script.

#### FEBRUARY 10 Wednesday

Crispy. Generally fair, mountain squally. Northerly winds.

Mother attended Ladies Aid at parsonage. Drawed out manure and piled wood casually. Cornelia & I enjoyed a bounteous beef steak supper this evng at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Duloff at Boiceville.

#### FEBRUARY 11 Thursday

Crispy bright sunshine and broken clouds. Mountain squally. Northerly winds. Morning and evening temperatures hovering about 16 degrees. Rec'd 2 cards Mariam. Daisy & I piled wood P.M. - Busy with usual chores etc. Packed and sent parcel post box of food stuff to Mr. & Mrs. Robt L Longyear Sr. & family, - containing a chicken, slices of ham, jelly, apples, turnips, carrots, potatoes, onions etc. - Paralizing 43 day old General Motors Corp strike settled.

Rec'd checks \$3,000 & \$150.00 principal return & 6 mo.int. to date at 12% from Arthur Knorph, executor Bob Knorph's estate. This money was placed in Mr. RG Knorph's hands for investment Feb. 6, 1935.

#### FEBRUARY 12 Friday

Bright sunny day. Fresh southwesterly winds. - Mild. We drawed out load manure AM and I spent most of day splitting wood. I feel all fagged out yesterday and today - Wrote tonight to Mr. Arthur Knorph acknowledging checks and returning Bob's note receipted.

#### FEBRUARY 13 Saturday

Mild - Southerly winds Fair AM becoming overcast



mid day, faired away & reclouded over at evng. Feel pretty logy. Drawed out manure AM & split some wood. Attended full house justice court trial, at Lester S. Davis store. A reckless driving case against Father Devine cult follower, near Samsonville - Rennie Dumont complainant. - Verdict by Judge Davis- [Defendent] guilty & sentence suspended. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & Cornelia went to Bingo Party at Colange's hall.

#### FEBRUARY 14 Sunday

Arrived rainy foggy murky day, continued downpour till mid day - turned squally PM Clearing with northerly winds. Went up to Maple Dell after dinner for a call. William Bender called late PM in regard to putting up shed. Mariam called up tonight from Longyear home in Brooklyn.

#### FEBRUARY 15 Monday

Blustery - partly cloudy. Bushkill snow squalls. I made a business trip to Kingston. Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### FEBRUARY 16 Tuesday

Becoming overcast AM - Easterly winds, Cleared away early evng. Ground crust frozen  
Daisy and I drawed out 2 loads manure AM behind barn. Otherwise busied myself with chores and splitting wood. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Bought 3/8 share Nash Kelvinator,  
Total cost \$10.26

#### FEBRUARY 17 Wednesday

Crispy - Ground frozen - Thermometer morning & evening in mid 20 degrees. Beautiful cloudless day - wind northeasterly. I spent the day splitting wood. Recd letter Mariam.

#### FEBRUARY 18 Thursday

Fair early becoming overcast. Clearing again early evng. Still. Chilly atmosphere.

William Bender and his son William Jr. - started work of building my garage shed on west end of barn. Wrote usual card to Mariam. Arthur Trowbridge's mother died 6:05 PM after a long illness of cancer of the breast.

#### FEBRUARY 19 Friday

Lovely clear quiet day & evng. Nightly freezes. I helped the Benders on the shed, put studding and floor timbers in place. Floyd Donahue of Krumville died of pneumonia.

#### FEBRUARY 20 Saturday

Unsettled - Still - overcast - Became misty rainy evng. The carpenters made good headway cutting & putting rafters in position. Paid Bender & son \$18.00 for 3 days work. Daisy and I attended funeral of Arthur Trowbridge's mother, Mrs. Irene Trowbridge, 76, at Tongore Church, and interment in old cemetery. Large attendance and much respect shown. We then took a run around & called on Mr. & Mrs. Henry Winchell. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge & made another call at Winchell's it being her birthday. I brought Cornelia home from Bingo party at Colange's hall.

FEBRUARY 21 Sunday

Murky foggy - continuing misty rainy, and pretty much a steady downpour PM & evng.

Funeral service of Floyd Donahue held 2 PM at Humiston's funeral home in Kerhonkson. Kept indoors, feeling grippy. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

FEBRUARY 22 Monday

Torrential rain and driving southwest wind terminated the storm during the night - Mostly cloudy today, turning snow squally AM - moderately colder with winds northerly. Clearing evng.

Snow on mountains gone and streams running high.

Drawed out manure and split wood. Rec'd fine letter from Mariam and a birthday present of two new dress shirts and tie. Wrote news copy evng. Mrs. Amelia Bush Avery, wife of Able Avery Sr of Watson Hollow died of dropsy.

FEBRUARY 23 Tuesday

My 47th birthday

Mild and sunny AM became cloudy and raw PM - snowing this evng. 1 inch. The Benders did not come yet today. C.C. Dunham delivered me 1000 ft of 8" spruce novelty siding AM @ \$50 per M - less 5%. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winchell had planned to have birthday dinner with us - but she was ill & unable to come. Daisy made a freezer of my favorite chocolate ice cream & mother my time honored plain soft chocolate cake. Did chores & split wood altho feeling pretty grippy.

FEBRUARY 24 Wednesday

Sunny AM - mostly cloudy PM - Mild but damp chilly air - Light northerly winds.

The clinging snow was this morning made a fairyland picture. Drew out manure AM & finished wood splitting. The Will Benders came noontime & worked this afternoon putting on siding - I gave them a hand. Bought thru Parker McElroy Co. 25 shares Tidewater Associated Oil

@ 20 3/8 - tax 1.15 - comm.3.13- Total \$513.66

FEBRUARY 25 Thursday

Mostly cloudy - Heavy AM & PM snow squalls Northerly winds. Considerably colder tonight-18 Benders worked 7 hours - finished putting on siding. Mrs. Abel (Meade Bush) Avery funeral PM at home in Watson Hollow. Interment Bushkill Cemetery - Cleaned up for piling wood under shed & helped Benders. Mother & I as executors recd. Check \$1391.22 - Aunt Cornelia's acc't in Kingston Cooperative Savings & Loan Assn. Dep. inState NY Nat'l Bank. Drew check to Olive B. O'Connor, Guardian for Robt. L. Bishop, his share of estate, \$1,000.

FEBRUARY 26 Friday

Raw blustery day & evng. Snow squally Temperature AM 17

Benders worked on shed roof putting on slat boards & trimmings - They surely had a cold windy job. I done chore jobs and gave them a hand when needed. Bought yesterday thru Parker McElroy Co. 25 shares United Gas

Imp. @\$15 - plus tax 1.75 - comm.\$3.13 Total \$379.88

FEBRUARY 27 Saturday

Clear cold northerly winds - Thermometer 16 - 11:30 PM

“Billy” - 21 mo.old son of Mr.&Mrs. LeGrand Shultis of Olive Bridge died suddenly this evng of croup. We piled wood under shed AM Benders mostly in shed till after dinner putting down floor boards, then hustled at the roofing job and practically finished using 17 strips each of 9 and 10 ft - 1 1/4” corrugated galvanized sheets. Paid the \$20.25 for 27 hours each work this week. Rec’d fine letter Mariam. Attended IOOF Lodge evng then called on Mr.and Mrs. Henry Winchell.

The following is a newspaper article pasted in journal for this date:

William LeGrand Shultis, infant son of Mr.and Mrs. LeGrand Shultis of Olive Bridge, died suddenly at the home of his parents Saturday, February 27, after a brief illness, age 21 months. Surviving beside his parents are his grandparents, Mr.and Mrs. William Shultis of Olive Bridge, and two great grandmothers, Mrs. Frances Winchell of Olive Bridge and Mrs. Lucy Bush of Kingston. Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday, March 2, at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt of the Olive Bridge M.E. Church. Interment in Tongore Cemetery.

FEBRUARY 28 Sunday

Beautiful clear cold day & evng - northerly winds

Thermometer 14 - 11 P.M.

A lonesome day spent around home. Wrote news copy evng. Fred Weidner - Maple Dell Farm, have just tapped their sap trees.

MARCH 1 Monday March comes in quite like a lamb Temperature about 14 this A.M. Magnificent clear day - slowly moderating P.M. - temperature evng 34 dropping to 26 Light northerly winds.

Bender's worked 7 hours - Put galvanized flashing strips and finishing touches on shed roof a.m.

P.M. They worked at floor boards & stay braces, making swing door trims etc.

Daisy and I finished piling wood under shed & drewed out manure - I also gave the carpenters a hand when needed.

MARCH 2 Tuesday

Mostly cloudy - winds westerly chilly raw air - overcast evng. Froze up hard last night. Tonight temperature 34 Benders worked on shed - putting in end windows, and starting hanging front slide doors. P.M. I attended the very sad funeral of Little Billy Shultis, at home of his parents Mr & Mrs LeGrand Shultis at Olive Bridge, also interment in Tongore cemetery. Most sad memories are received of our Little Honey Girl - Went to Olive Bridge IOOF hall to special election conducted by town board. Proposal to build Town Garage at Brodhead on site purchased from Jas McMillin estate, defeated by 14 majority 264 votes cast.

MARCH 3 Wednesday

Thermometer 24 this AM - Lovely clear sunny day, chilly raw air, light northerly winds.

Benders put in another day on shed, I helped along most of day. Putting on the doors, etc. & trim

Drawed out load manure. Wrote usual morning card to Mariam. Tired & lonesome tonight. Wrote short Freeman news copy.

MARCH 4 Thursday

Milder -Increasing cloudiness becoming rain during P.M. Brisk westerly winds. Broke away evng.

William Bender and son completed work on garage shed addition to barn. I paid them \$24 to date 32 hours work each this week. Charge 40 cents hour for Bender Sr. 35 cents per hour for Bender Jr. I helped along all day.

Mrs. Moore, Genevieve & Edith called during P.M.

I brought my car over in my garage - Have used Aunt Cornelias barn since my first car purchase in 1913.

MARCH 5 Friday

Snow squally - blustery day, raw Mostly cloudy

Don wired my new garage shed for electric lights. I busied myself with odd jobs. Went up to Maple Dell evng. They are boiling sap all night Recd letter from Mariam.

MARCH 6 Saturday

Light snow kept falling along all day. Enough to whiten the ground ½ inch. Cleared at night. Much colder &

blustery.

Jim Burgher and Lon Burgher helped butcher our "missed fire" Betsy heifer. She dressed 365 lbs. a magnificent fat beef. Drawed out manure P.M. Lem DuBois came after a hind quarter P.M. - 102 lbs @ 18 cents lb. (paid) I let Jim Harrison have front quarter 84lbs. @13 cents lb. - to be paid for later. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & latter called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

### MARCH 7 Sunday

10 degrees above zero this A.M. Beautiful clear lonesome wintry day, northerly winds.

At home all day. Wrote card to Mrs. Mary Hartmann & Freeman news copy evng.

### MARCH 8 Monday

Milder - set in raining mid AM. Continued along mussy all day, clearing evng. With northerly winds & colder.

Drawed out manure AM - Wrote letter Mariam, with copy of Literary Digest.

Spent the P.M. visiting with Herbert Hyde. Wrote Ulster Co. News copy evng.

### MARCH 9 Tuesday

Part & mostly cloudy. Raw snow squally Bushkill weather. Clear evng - mercury 13 at 11 p.m.

More or less busy with odd jobs. Heard President Roosevelt's Fireside radio chat at 10:30 PM on his urgent proposal to enlarge the U.S. Supreme Court. This proposal has created widespread discussion.



MARCH 10 Wednesday

10 above AM 13 - 11 PM A miserable raw cold blustery snow squally day - Quieted evng.

Filed cross cut job, did chores and odd jobs. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Sent order Sears Roebuck

2 - 550 x 17 tire & tube

Outfits - \$17.50

Team lines - 3.55

Wool blanket - 4.79

Adhesive tape - .13

Parcel post - .80

MARCH 11 Thursday

6 above zero this AM Partly cloudy - raw - winds northerly to east 14 above mid night.

Drawed out 2 loads manure AM - Busy with odd jobs.

Rec'd card Mariam. Went up to Maple Dell evng for call.

MARCH 12 Friday

Partly cloudy - quiet - chilly raw air - clear evng. Later overcast. Open water in west basins broken ice field froze over last night. Alonzo Burgher helped me cut 3 trees in woods - one a 135 year old red oak out in woods, cut 1-16 ft but & 1-14 ft top log.

49th anniversary of the big day of the big blizzard of 1888.

MARCH 13 Saturday

Broke away this AM after an inch snow fall which began

during night - Snow in open disappeared Made good use of the little slip of snow in woods & drew out the logs cut yesterday along bank of road ready for loading on truck. Daisy helped - also drew out load manure. Attended IOOF Lodge evng afterward went to Judge Winchell's. Recd 2 tires & tube outfit from Sears Roebuck.

Edwin Angevine (39) killed by flying log slab from saw at Rollin Shultis mill at Wittenberg 4:30 this PM Chest crushed.

#### MARCH 14 Sunday

Gloomy, still, set in snowing late P.M. At home all day. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Made out order Montgomery Ward evng. \$10.87 plus postage. The west basins ice field is breaking up slowly - Upper end is open water across approximate upper end of old West Shokan village site and down along west side shore line.

#### MARCH 15 Monday

All night and all day snow storm continuing into night. Temperature around freezing & slightly under tonight 26 at 11 PM and depth of snow 10 inches and snowing heavily. Drew out manure A.M. At home all day. Rec'd card Mariam.

#### MARCH 16 Tuesday

12 in snowfall - deeper on higher altitudes. Stopped storming during night - Unsettled - mostly cloudy - thawing, traveling very heavy becoming colder blustery & snow squally during P.M.

Mother & I went to Kingston and settled up Aunt Cornelia Bishop's estate at the office of Virgil B. Van Wagonen.

Newspaper clipping as follows:

SKELLY OIL CO. And subsidiaries 1936 net profit \$4,850,314 equal after 6 per cent preferred dividends to \$4.42 a common share; 1935 net \$2,585,849, or \$2.16 a common share.

MARCH 17 Wednesday

Mild - Snow squally all day, blustery breaking away late PM

Took mother down to Ladies Aid meeting at church - otherwise home all day. Drawed out manure & shoveled off porch roof PM. Wrote Freeman copy evng. - Donald installed electric light & switch under wood shed of barn.

MARCH 18 Thursday

Sunny this AM but became overcast & rained some during PM. Thawing but raw air. Went to Kingston, got a much needed hair cut, and spent some time watching the market ticker quotations at Parker McElroy office. Did not buy or sell.

MARCH 19 Friday

Driving High Point snow squalls AM Part cloudy PM & evng - Generally mild. Thawing slushy  
Mother and I settled with Donald Bishop concerning his grandmother's estate Cornelia L. Bishop  
Did some woods wire fence repairing P.M. Snow is settling noticeably.

MARCH 20 Saturday

Set in heavy snow during AM gradually changed off to freezing rain P.M. Had a deluge during the evening everything glistening in ice. Drawed out manure AM - Went up to Bert Winnie's garage P.M. & had several broken parts welded .75 cents also called to Charley Duloffs.

Went to IOOF Lodge despite the downpour & then had a nice brotherly visit with Pete Crawford. Cornelia & Mildred Roe went to Kingston evening with Mabel Weidner to High School circus.

MARCH 21 Sunday

Mild - slushy - clouds and sunshine Northerly winds. Typical March weather. Clear moonlight windy evng. At home, head isn't feeling good, sent considerable time snoozing on cot. Mr & Mrs Herbert Hyde & son Warren came P.M. - had supper & spent the evening enjoyably.

MARCH 22 Monday

Magnificent bright sunny day - thawing but crispy air and northerly winds.

Much of the reservoir ice barrier disappeared during the night. Keator Bouton 27, popular driver of Kingston High School bus, killed last night in an automobile accident at Bearsville.

Charley Duloff took my bridge plank logs to his mill this AM in 2 truck loads. Drawed out manure. Worked on woodpile P.M. Wrote news copy evng. Cornelia did not attend school.

MARCH 23 Tuesday

Clear - Sunny, northerly winds - brisk March day & evng. Fine sap weather.

Worked on woodpile crosscutting and splitting firewood and kept smoke going under hams.

Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell came for supper and spent the evening. The whole surface of reservoir west basin became open water. Ice in the east side inlets only remaining.

MARCH 24 Wednesday

Fair, gradually becoming overcast. Light rain evng. - Moderating P.M.

At home busy with chores and odd jobs. Drewed out manure P.M. Took mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church & went after her 4 o'clock. Wrote customary daily card to Mariam. Keator Bouton's funeral held this AM at Phoenicia Catholic Church. Freddie Markle of South boulevard riding with Bouton at the time of the accident is gravely injured. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

MARCH 25 Thursday

Hard rain and sleet during night. Misty freezing rain AM - Raw penetrating air - cloudy, gloomy. Temperature 20 - 11PM I went to Kingston principally to watch stock market quotations. Did not buy or sell. Sent Easter box of goodies to Mariam. Kingston High school vacation started.

MARCH 26 Friday

Blustery cold wintry day & evng. Thermometer around 20 Snow squally - part cloudy  
We worked in woods cut 3 basswood logs - and started drawing out along road. Recd card Mariam & wrote her daily card. Jim Havison & son Charles called evng. Daniel Sampson of Shokan Heights died.

### MARCH 27 Saturday

Raw windy - mountain snow squally weather Part cloudy - thawing in sun -  
Daisy helped me drawing out basswood logs and cut one along stone wall line of our woods. Attended IOOF Lodge evng - Kay went with Helen Thompson & Oliver Weedy to Wittenberg evng. Recd Easter card from Mariam.

### MARCH 28 Sunday Easter Day

Continued cold raw blustery & snow squally on mountains. Generally fair - Thermometer 18 AM  
Joker Burgher called after noon & I took him around with my car & visited his father's grave in Bushkill Cemetery. He went back to Hobart with a friend he came down with yesterday.

### MARCH 29 Monday

Brisk northerly winds - a little warmer than yesterday - sunny Typically March weather.  
Busy with customary chores AM Daisy and I attended the funeral of Daniel E. Sampson at Shokan Reformed Church 1:30 PM Recd letter Mariam & wrote her customary card. Wrote news copy evng.

Newspaper clipping attached to journal on this date reads as follows:

**DANIEL B. SAMPSON DIES; OWNER OF FARM AT SHOKAN**

Daniel B. Sampson, owner and operator of a farm where he resided in Shokan for several years, died yesterday after an illness of several weeks. He was an active member and officer of the Shokan Reformed Church. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Anna M. Sampson, he is survived by one cousin, Mrs. Harriet D. Copeland of Kingston. The funeral will be held from the Shokan Reformed Church Monday at 1:30 P.M., with burial in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

MARCH 30 Tuesday

Beautiful clear day and evening. Continued fresh northerly winds quieting at evening - Atmosphere chilly but temperating. Thermometer 26 - 10:30 PM Drawed out big load manure AM Went to Herman Weidner's PM getting a big double lox load hen manure & spread on grass, on field in front, by cross path. Took him some hay. Herman W. Coleman 27 of Boiceville and Helen Ann Sentmiklassy 22 of Shokan married 8:30 PM by Justice Fred L. Weidner.

MARCH 31 Wednesday

Froze up as customary last night - Another lovely clear day, somewhat hazy at times. Light winds easterly. Gave the hams a final day's smoking. I took mother to Ladies Aid at church and brought her home. Aside from

chores spent the day sharpening chestnut posts. Mr & Mrs Chas. Duloff called evng. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Cornelia went to Kingston with Don & Edna.

APRIL 1 Thursday

Continued fair winds northerly - Becoming overcast late P.M. Froze up last night. Acts a little more like spring.

Chester Lyons Ashokan Garage and Chevrolet Service Station burned to the cement block walls at 3 AM. 7 new Chevrolet cars and 7 new ones destroyed. Carleton Krom and family living upstairs escaped in only their night clothes. I went over to see the wreck and went on to Kingston early P.M.

APRIL 2 Friday

Morning snow squall, turned to April showers, northerly winds - all clear evng.

Drawed out manure AM - and otherwise spent most of time sharpening fence posts. Lester Personeus Jr. And sister Harriet came PM to spend weekend. Started writing District Grand committee meeting post card notices evng. Bought 25 shares Consolidated Oil @16  $\frac{3}{4}$  tax 1.75 comm. 3.13 total \$423.63 Paid April 6, 1937

Mrs. Minnie Smith, our old neighbor, died in Bridgeport, Conn. Hospital.

APRIL 3 Saturday

Ground white this AM - Fair - sunny northerly winds still evng. Froze up lightly again tonight.

Lester Jr. helped me today - We cut an oak tree out in



woods having 3 - 14 ft logs. Drewed it out along road bank for loading on truck. I attended IOOF Lodge evng and went to Mr.&Mrs.Winchell's. Rec'd letter Mariam. Mailed 286 Dist.Grand Comm. Meeting notices.

Cornelia - Lester - Harriet & Mildred Roe went to Wittenberg Sportsmans Club dance tonight.

#### ARPIL 4 Sunday

Cloudy - chilly AM Occasional mussy, light rains, bordering snow

Lester Personeus Jr & I took a trip down over my boyhood scenes - They left for home early P.M Mr and Mrs. Condon also Mr.& Mrs. Fred Schoonmaker & Ex Sheriff and Mrs Clark of Orange County were PM callers. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### APRIL 5 Monday

Continued gloomy and threatening finally settling down to a steady rain late afternoon, continuing on in the night.

At home - Drewed out manure AM busy with chores and odd jobs. D.W.S. trucks are drawing away the stone row along upper side of 3 corner lot. Cornelia stayed in Kingston tonight - School started after Easter vacation. Will Greene of Ashokan called PM soliciting money for Carlton Krom & family who barely escaped with their lives from living rooms over Chet Lyon's burned Ashokan Garage. Mrs. Minnie Smith was buried in family plot in Mellenville Cemetery, Columbia County.

#### APRIL 6 Tuesday U.S. Declared war on Germany 2

years ago - 1917

Downpour through the night and April showers this A.M. Cleared away, real warm. Afternoon temperature in sun about 52 - at 10:30 P.M. 42. The first real touch of spring. I went to Kingston but didn't buy or sell any stocks.

APRIL 7 Wednesday

Cloudy this AM but cleared away lovely sunny warm day, with northerly winds. Temperature 34 degrees - 11:30 P.M. Took mother to Ladies Aid at church and went after her. Started painting garage P.M. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Sharp sell off in stock market.

APRIL 8 Thursday

Cloudy - mild - still. Rainy evng. Charley Duloff and Ed. Every delivered me 1206 ft custom sawed lumber mostly bridge plank. They took a truck load of 7 whitewood logs fro me to Raymond Miller's for sawing & dressing in 8" novelty siding. Returning they took a load of logs back to his mill for sawing. Daisy & I drewed out manure and got wagon load leaves for stable bedding. Bought 25 shares United Drug @ 14 3/8 - tax .83 - postage 22 - comm313  
Total paid \$363.56 Paid for Apr. 9th

APRIL 9 Friday

Chilly - rainy - mixed with snow flakes.  
I went to Olive Bridge and made out soil conservation payment work sheet. - Then went to Kingston. Bought 10 shares Chesapeake and Ohio R.R. - @\$59 1/2

Ward Cornish (84) died at his home in Olive Bridge during night - Had stroke a week ago.

APRIL 10 Saturday

Raw mostly cloudy snow squally blustery day & evng. Drawed out manure AM. Charley Duloff brought me load 813 ft. Custom sawed lumber P.M. (497 ft oak bridge plank) Nearly froze doing some garage door window trim painting etc. Mr and Mrs Case Gwinn and friends Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess called P.M. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called to Moores & Judge Winchell's.

APRIL 11 Sunday

Cold raw mostly cloudy blustery, Bushkill weather. Around home - Dr & Rs E.E.Henry & Mrs. Fetter called P.M. Jim Harrison had about 170 little chicks killed by rats last night in his brooder house. Daisy had a bad attack of indigestion supper time & I took her over to Dr. Cohn's later. We then called on Mr & Mrs Oscar Dudley at Brown Station.

APRIL 12 Monday

Beautiful clear day & evng. Fresh northerly winds. Warming up somewhat. Don helped with painting on the new garage. I attended funeral at 2 PM of Taber W. Cornish (84) at Tongore Church. Officiated as Chaplain, taking part with Noble Grand Bradford Kelder in conduction IOOF burial ritual. Mr. Cornish was a member of Shokan Lodge 45 ½ years. Wrote "news" copy evng.

APRIL 13 Tuesday

Froze 1/4" ice last night. Warmed up nicely - thermometer \_\_\_\_ 11P.M. Fair this AM - Strong southwesterly winds developed with increasing cloudiness P.M. - All cleared early evng.

Drawed and spread stable and hog manure PM on corn ground behind barn. Don & I painted on garage P.M. - Finished first coat of red. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

APRIL 14 Wednesday

Warm Springlike Thermometer ran up near 60 in P.M. Brisk south westerly winds - Increasing cloudiness, became rainy later P.M. Rec'd letter from Mariam. Finished trim painting garage and re-pained doors. Took Will Jordan evng to Kingston to Aretus Lodge No.172. We attending the Annual Meeting of Ulster Dist. I.O.O.F. Grand Committee Everett Hanney of Saugerties - Wm H Raymond Lodge elected District Deputy to succeed Newton C. VanEtten. I was re-elected Secy & Treas.

APRIL 15 Thursday

Hang over from last nights showers - Rains at intervals all day - with first thunder showers of season late P.M. Real warm, grass showing green. Spent the morning writing up report of Dist. Grand Comm for Freeman. During P.M. - I sprayed cow stables.

APRIL 16 Friday

Fair - Sunny, - northerly winds Pleasantly mild.

Uncovered strawberries AM and started fixing fence. Charley Duloff delivered me 1012 ft. 3" - 16 ft bridge plank PM We have a sick cow, - Polly. Had a surprise - Fred Schoonmaker and his friend ex-sheriff Henry Clark of Orange County came for supper and stayed overnight. Daisy had another indigestion attack evng.

#### APRIL 17 Saturday

Fair AM becoming overcast P.M. Mild. Drawed out manure A.M. & drawed load posts Jim Harrison cut in Hinkley woods for repairing line fence. P.M. I worked awhile fixing pasture fence. Cow is no better - have given her 3 pounds salts and 3 qt.bottles linseed oil. Fred Schoonmaker & Mr. Clark had fishermans luck today. I attended IOOF Lodge evng & came home.

#### APRIL 18 Sunday

Thunder shower 7 AM Rainy day and evening. Let up and sun broke thru during mid day - Typical April showers. Mild. Had Vernon Beatty, Beechford Farm, herdsman come & look at my sick cow. The case is plainly a bowel stoppage. Spent considerable time today endeavoring to bring relief. Fred Schoonmaker and Mr. Clark left for home after breakfast going by way of Peekamoose trail. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### APRIL 19 Monday

Lovely warm spring day - northerly winds. Became squally during P.M. Spent most of day repairing pasture fence. Oscar Dudley came 4 PM and I helped him graft the 2 apple trees along entrance way, behind

milk house - using Macintosh and fall Pippin grafts.  
Wrote "news" copy evng. The sick cow continues unchanged. Arthur Fenney (42) was killed at Boiceville Sat. Midnight by a hit and run motorist.

#### APRIL 20 Tuesday

Beautiful clear crispy northerly winds. Burned apple limbs AM from graft trimming, also finished grafting one of the trees. 2 P.M. I attended the funeral of Arthur "Smoke" Fenney at the family home on the Boiceville upper road. Also went to interment in Tongore Cemetery taking Mr & Mrs Chas. Duloff and her mother Mrs. Kiersted.

The cow shows improvement in various ways.

#### APRIL 21 Wednesday

Cloudy - setting in rainy 11 AM and continued on thru the evening. Pete Crawford & I went to Kingston with my car early PM attending Chapter District Convention at Mt. Horeb Chapter. Turkey supper served in Old Dutch Church. Got home after mid night - Rec'd pkg of cow medicine from Fred Schoonmaker.

#### APRIL 22 Thursday

Rainy night and forenoon - Set in again around 3 PM & continued on in night. Chilly storm - snow on mountain tops. North Easter along New England coast. The cow has a turn for the worst, and finally 7 P.M. I shot her in barn and skinned her with Cornelia assistance. Not much doing today. Recd & wrote card Mariam.

APRIL 23 Friday

The surrounding mountain crests are majestically snow covered. Partly & mostly cloudy - winds northerly to east. Alonzo Burgher helped me bury the cow, out in field near corner of lower woods above the blast broken round top rock. We got a nice strip of pasture wire fence repaired in Hinkley woods - I took him back to Maple Dell after supper. Bought thru Parker McElroy & Co - 10 shares National Power and Light @ 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  - tax .70 - comm.\$2.50 \$110.70

APRIL 24 Saturday

The snow caps remain half way down on the Wittenbergs - Clear - lovely - cool day - Light winds. Magnificent big moon evng. Lou Burgher came this AM & helped finish repairing pasture fence. - This PM Daisy & I drew out manure & got cart load leaves. Was completely tired out. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & then called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell.

APRIL 25 Sunday Daylight Savings Time begins  
Another lovely clear cool day - Light northerly winds. Full moon tonight. Went up to Maple Dell this A.M. & staid to dinner. Ed Avery has been suffering most severely since Wed. With sciatica in leg. Took a good nap this afternoon on dining room cot. Wrote news copy evng.

APRIL 26 Monday

Fair - southerly wind Moderately cool. Thermometer 30 degrees this AM

Started farming a bit. Daisy and I picked stones from oats ground (side hill lot) and putting in front of garage for driveway. Mother & I called at Maple Dell evng - Found Ed Avery in bed, but gaining. Bought of Parker McElroy & Co. 25 shares Standard Brands @14 - tax \$1.75 comm \$3.13 \$354.88

APRIL 27 Tuesday

Rainy all day and evening - cool - At home all day and not much doing. Wrote Freeman copy A.M. Wrote usual daily card to Mariam.

APRIL 28 Wednesday

Rainy night and this AM - Cleared up party PM with fresh north westerly winds. Took mother to church to Ladies Aid meeting called to see Ed Avery, & went up to Willis Eckert's and bought a Jim Brown E Z - 100 egg hot water incubator for \$2.00 Busy with barn odd jobs P.M.

R.B. Longyear and Mr. Bailey, Phoenicia Baptist Minister, called during P.M. Daisy had a spell of indigestion this A.M.

APRIL 29 Thursday

Part and mostly cloudy - cool - winds easterly - clear evng. Helped sawing firewood at Maple Dell - Jim & Lon Burgher, Charley North & myself. Ed Avery is feeling improved today.

Rec'd card Mariam.

APRIL 30 Friday



Lovely clear bright cool day - Light northerly winds.  
Drew out 2 cart loads manure A.M.  
Mother helped me get two wagon loads stones from side hill field & put in front of garage P.M.  
Elinor Carey came home with Cornelia from High School and they attended the Boy Scouts entertainment evng at Colanges hall. Daisy had another twist of indigestion supper time.  
DeForest Bishop of Stone Ridge came after Wild Cats bull calf evng. He paid me \$3.00

#### MAY 1 Saturday

Lovely, mellow, clear day and evng. - Light winds.  
Mother helped me pick stones from side hill corn stubble and spread in front of garage drive. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng., followed by a very appropriate 118th anniversary program held in hall auditorium. Cornelia went to shindig at Wittenberg club with Helen Thompson.

#### MAY 2 Sunday

A magnificent warm sunny day and evng. Light winds.  
This afternoon I took Ed Avery for a little outing up to the head of old hallowed memory tingling Watson Hollow, the scene of my dear old Dad's boyhood days.  
Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### MAY 3 Monday

Another lovely mellow clear day & evng. - Leaves are coming out slowly. Mother and I picked stones from the side hill stubble. Field is now ready to plow. This

evng I took Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell to Kingston.  
Attended annual meeting of Grand Jurors Association.

#### MAY 4 Tuesday

Continued fair and warm - Fresh westerly winds PM & evng. Brilliant northern lights tonight. It acts like dry weather may be brewing. Drewed out manure AM & wrote usual card to Mariam. Started plowing under hill for oats. Mother, Daisy, Cornelia, Donald and myself all attended Dist No 8 annual school meeting evng. Mabel Weidner re-elected Trustee - Clarence Burgher Collector - Donald Bishop Clerk to succeed Fred Weidner who has held the office almost steadily since 1888. A \$50 donation was voted in recognition of his long service.

#### MAY 5 Wednesday

Warm - Fresh Westerly winds. Part & mostly cloudy, becoming showery late P.M. & early evng.

Put in several hours ploughing corn stubble - DeForest Bishop came this afternoon after "Spot's" heifer calf - 3.00 Dr. Cohn came to see Daisy - fee \$3.00 Wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### MAY 6 Thursday

Murky and showery Thunder showers during P.M. Made morning and afternoon attempts to plow but got a wet back. Took Ed. Avery for a little ride in the early evening budding time glooming, around north end of reservoir to Lem DuBoise's. The famous German zepplyn VonHindenburg was blown up & 38 killed at

Lakehurst N.J. Airport, in making its maiden trip of the season - 10:30 P.M.

MAY 7 Friday

Partly cloudy - Light southerly winds. Pleasantly cool - Rain Shower at eve. Put in the day ploughing. Rec'd letter Mariam. Cornelia went back to Kingston to show evng with Mrs Herman Weidner & children.

MAY 8 Saturday

Cloudy - cool - Light mountain shower at evening - Broke away evng. Finished plowing oats ground AM. Drewed out manure P.M. Went to Golden Rule Inn evng attending annual I.O.O.F. Reception for the Grand Master. Arthur Trowbridge was toastmaster, and Clayton W. Boyce - Grand Lodge secy principal speaker in absence of Grand Master Steck who is ill.

MAY 9 Sunday

Fair fresh south westerly winds, pleasantly cool, became overcast toward evng, threatening showers - Had sprinkle of rain evng. This P.M. I attended funeral of Harry Hanson at his Samsonville home - Whitestone Inn. Interment was in Tongore cemetery - called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell on my way home. Mariam called up from New York this evng. She has recovered from infirmity treatment for sore throat and will go back on duty tomorrow. Wrote news copy evng.

MAY 10 Monday

Part and mostly cloudy northerly winds - cool becoming real chilly. Note the swallows have returned.

Harrowed over the side hill oats ground this forenoon. A big job. Drewed off stone P.M. Mother and Don giving a hand. Town trucks put 5 loads shale in front of garage P.M. - most of which I leveled off after supper.

#### MAY 11 Tuesday

White frost noted early this AM on roofs. Winds westerly - Clear and pleasantly cool.

Don and mother helping drewed 4 more loads stone off oats ground. Town trucks brought 2 loads shale at quitting time, put on road. I also ploughed the biggest half of Don's garden. Finished leveling off shale on garage entrance after supper.

#### MAY 12 Wednesday

Pleasantly cool lovely work day. Westerly winds Fair becoming overcast late P.M.

I plowed the last year's sweet corn & potato patch in lower part orchard lot. Drewed off 2 load stones. A big tired job. Coronation ceremonies of King George VI of England, broadcast 5-9AM and various side lights at intervals.

#### MAY 13 Thursday

Cloudy - muggy- made various attempts to get rainy, finally setting in evng. Drewed out manure and finished plowing Don's garden AM. This afternoon I put 400 lbs 16% acid fertilizer and 450 lbs burned lime, then harrowed the orchard lot plot for oats I plowed yesterday. Rec'd letter Mariam. Mon. AM she went on novue 3 medical ward as full charge relief nurse for 30 days.

Daisy had another supper time severe \_\_\_\_ of indigestion.

#### MAY 14 Friday

Rainy night and steady all day & into late evng. Daisy and I sprouted potatoes. Went to Pete Crawfords evng & had power grip winter tires removed and new ones put in service on rear wheels - mileage on speedometer 15291. Went to Ray Davis and got grass seed ordered

3 Timothy @ 9 ½

15 lbs - Grimm Alfalfa @ 40 cents

4 qts - Alsike

5lbs - Red Top @ 30

Total \$13.00

#### MAY 15 Saturday

Continued rainy nite and until about 8 this AM. -

Gradually cleared windy & much cooler PM

Went to Kingston Had dinner with Pratt Boice - We

visited basement and attic of courthouse - saw the

gallows used in hanging a man in 1880 or 1881 On

way home stopped at Ashokan and saw Ward & Abie

Smith, after their father's Lyman Smith's funeral at

Ashokan ME Church. Attended IOOF Lodge evnge &

visited cemetery. 3 Kingston fireman died today

after Broadway crossing crash last nite when their hose

truck was hit by north bound West shore train AM 215 in

Kingston. They were going back to firehouse from

Down Street Dairy Creamery fire.

#### MAY 16 Sunday

White frost this AM Northerly winds, bright and cool. At home all day. Mr and Mrs R B Longyear also Mr and Mrs Henry Kilmer of Phoenicia were callers during the P.M. Wrote Freeman and news copys

### MAY 17 Monday

Cool - Fresh westerly winds - Part cloudy - hard rain shower during night. Thunder showers hail PM followed by rain squalls every few minutes. I had Cecil Gray haul shale on our road 7 hours - 22 loads - from town loading shovel in Mrs. Ole Burgher's quarry - \$8.75 I had a long day's back breaker job leveling off - Have a good coats all the way out to road and by barn and garage entrance. Daisy had a half hour twist with indigestion supper time.

### MAY 18 Tuesday

Continued moderately cool - Part cloudy fresh westerly winds. The ground is soaking wet. Drewed out 2 loads manure AM - Did some leveling off shale on driveway. Took Daisy up to see Dr. Grass at Phoenicia \$2.90. Went up to Mrs. Ole Burgher's evng and paid her for 29 truck loads shale @ 15 cents. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Mr and Mrs Martin J. Every's 50th wedding anniversary.

### MAY 19 Wednesday

32nd anniversary of the death of my adored Grandfather, Martin H. Crispell - our associations as grandpa and grandson stand vividly in my memory. Arrived cloudy with light rain - Part cleared with frequent light showers

- clearing beautiful evng, real cool and fresh northerly winds. Finished leveling off shale on driveway. Made a business of pulling wild mustard P.M. Mother and I attended church business meeting evng. I was re elected treas - and a trustee.

#### MAY 20 Thursday

Frequent light showers - cool - northerly winds. Warmer - clear evng moonlight.

Made emergency fence repairs AM. This afternoon, although the ground was very wet I limed the side hill piece for oats P.M. - Spread 2700 burnt lime. Went up to Bert Winne's Garage evng & had line sawyer slide handle welded evng. - Then called on Mr & Mrs. Chas. Duloff.

#### MAY 21 Friday

Brisk northerly winds Bright sunny day Became part cloudy P.M. Don helped me spray fruit trees AM. This P.M. I spread 900 lbs more lime on side hill lot, and 400 more on patch in orchard lot. Pretty tired tonite.

#### MAY 22 Saturday

Warm - muggy - Early morning shower and again during P.M. Cooler evng. Cornelia went on boat excursion to New York City. I took a load of school and high school pupils to Kingston Point boat landing. Trip on steamer Alexander Hamilton. Drawed out 2 loads manure AM

PM I put 1000 acid fertilizer on oats ground & got wet by the rain. Daisy had a miserable spell of indigestion after supper - I attended IOOF Lodge evng.

MAY 23 Sunday

Real warm - Part cloudy - Showers went around north end of reservoir P.M. - Fresh westerly winds - Pleasant bright day. Went with members of Phoenicia Post American Legion to Tongore and Krumville cemeteries for the annual practice of placing flags on the soldier graves. Wrote Freeman copy - also news copy evng. Mrs. Jerry VanKleeck called P.M. - among others. A wind hail and rain storm caused much damage in Kingston P.M.

MAY 24 Monday

Cool - Fresh northerly winds - Part cloudy Lovely moonlight evng. Harrowed over orchard lot oat's patch AM. This afternoon with Daisy and Don helping sprayed Hinkley apple trees P.M. - also picked off load stone. DeForest Bishop came after calf P.M.

MAY 25 Tuesday

Clear - winds northerly Real summery. Put in a big day's work - Sowed oats, seeded, with alfalfa, alsike, timothy and red top, (and harrowed in AM) last years sweet corn and potato field in lower part orchard lot. PM with Daisy's help picked off 3 loads stones & got the job all boated down.

MAY 26 Wednesday

Mostly cloudy - becoming muggy overcast PM - Light showers evng Disc harrowed side hill oats ground, and garden, also drew out manure. Rec'd letter Mariam.



MAY 27 Thursday

Unsettled - Part and generally overcast. Light northerly winds. Warm- muggy-Cooler evng.cloudy  
Cleaned out hog yard AM - Did a back aching job -  
Spread one load on oats ground P.M. & plowed garden after supper. Daisy's 46 birthday. Cecil Gray brought me a truck load coal ashes for stable use \$1.25

MAY 28 Friday

Arribed rainy moderate showers - Hot, muggy broke away around noon time - All clear and real cooler evng.  
Went down to P.O. mail time. Bony VanDeMark and Skin Davis came up P.M. & operated on my (last fall) 2 pigs. Foster Shultis came after bu. Potatoes \$1.80 I then made it a day by harrowing the garden.

MAY 29 Saturday

Fair - part cloudy - Pleasantly cool for work - chilly tonight - Light southerly winds.  
Disc harrowed side hill oats field AM and got oats & grass seed sowed PM with Cornelia's help harrowing about 8 bu sowing - A tremendous big job. Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

MAY 30 Sunday

A really magnificent day and evng. Warm Light winds.  
Took the day easy resting up.  
Mr & Mrs Lester Personeus came & had supper with us.  
After Les & I took a ride up Moonhaw & Watson Hollow. Daisy had a miserable hard long spell of

indigestion tonight.

MAY 31 Monday

Continued fair and real summer weather - Winds West to northerly. Mother Cornelia and I picked 4 loads stone off seeded oats ground AM and this afternoon I boated it down and opened the ditch for a final clean up job. Took Morton Roe to Kingston flats evng after garden plants.

JUNE 1 Tuesday

An exceedingly hot day and evng - Fair, fresh westerly to north winds - A shower passed over High Point during PM - A record hot June 1, day Mother and I made garden, getting sweet corn, early potatoes, beans pop corn planted and tomato plants & some cabbage set out. Wrote card Mariam. Bob Bishop came home from school in Mercersburg Penna.

JUNE 2 Wednesday

Not so hot as yesterday but muggy. Beautifully still and clear early this AM but the day was part and mostly cloudy, August like. Drewed out load manure and put in the day disc harrowing over the grass infested last fall sod plowed field behind barn. The town of Woodstock is staging its sesqi centennial.

JUNE 3 Thursday

Cloudy - Murky - Showers along at intervals. Helped mother in garden after breakfast setting out cabbage etc. - Then disc harrowed behind chicken yard till sudden dashing shower made me get to cover at 12 o'clock.

This PM I took disc harrow apart and took parts up to Bert Winnes garage for welding. Recd letter Mariam

JUNE 4 Friday

Pleasantly cool, Lovely fair day - northerly winds, diminishing PM Put in the day cross plowing, plowed from cross patch to corner chicken yard. Went at it again after supper till dark.

JUNE 5 Saturday

Continued fair - Pleasant work day. Cool evenings. Walter Willer came from Cornwall CCC camp t stay over weekend. He helped me put disk harrow together AM - I drew out manure & disced behind barn till noon. AM using bay horse Nellie today for first in 2 weeks, due to sore shoulder - Plowed P.M. - Attended IOOF Lodge evng & went to see Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell  
Recd card Mariam.

JUNE 6 Sunday

Murky this AM & had a sprinkle - Faired away and thickened over P.M. Muggy, with a dashing thunder shower around 4 oclock. Wonderful rain. Mother and I went to the cemetery this forenoon and put flowers on graves etc. Wrote "news" copy evng.

JUNE 7 Monday

Part cloudy - Warm - winds northerly to west. Cleaned up pile of horse manure by Don's barn in 2 loads & spread on corn ground - Daisy & I got a big load of

leaves from Hinkley woods for bedding PM and I also got in a hitch of plowing both before & after supper. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JUNE 8 Tuesday

Cloudy AM Fair PM & evng. Quiet lovely work day - Just pleasantly warm - cooling off evng. Put in a busy day. Disced - and then got the plow going and finished the job 6:30 DST - using Nellie and Nigger.

JUNE 9 Wednesday

Fair - Warm fresh westerly winds sprang up evng - Warm muggy tonite overcast. Drewed out load manure on corn ground & picked off the stones AM Was bothered after dinner by Dr. McCartney coming to give cows annual TB test. I also had him make blood test the latter costing 3.50 for 7 head. I spread 2 loads hog manure after and got in a strip of disking before and after supper.

JUNE 10 Thursday

Warm - mostly cloudy frequent showers till early PM - Westerly winds turning northerly and cooler during PM Busy with a variety of odd job - cut potatoes for planting, shelled off seed corn - etc. During PM I spread the last 2 loads of hog manure on corn ground and after supper disc harrowed till dark. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JUNE 11 Friday

Overcast AM Lovely clear PM Wind shifting around to

north PM Real cool, bright new moon evng. Put in a busy long day disking & then going over corn ground with spring tooth harrow finishing near dark. Ready for marking out.

#### JUNE 12 Saturday

Clear, pleasantly cool, winds northerly. Gorgeous June weather. Showery looking to north late PM. Marked out and got my corn field planted behind barn - Got to planting after dinner -( all flint) - also some rows sweet corn and about 4 bu potatoes, - Jim & Lou Burgher, Ed Avery, Don - Bob, Cornelia & Daisy helping. Attended IOOF Lodge evening.

#### JUNE 13 Sunday

Fair, pleasant day. South westerly winds, becoming overcast during PM  
At home all day Wrote “news” copy evng.

#### JUNE 14 Monday

Started raining in night. Warm - Mostly cloudy  
Showers along throughout day & evng. Some thunder & lightning evng. Busy with odd jobs. Put new handles in cultivator & painted it. Cut potatoes for planting etc. etc. Ed & Anna Avery called P.M.

#### JUNE 15 Tuesday

Hot muggy - 80 degree weather - Part cloudy - Touch of showers after dinner. Beautiful clear evng. Cooler - half moon - Hand mowed about house and yard  
AM Daisy and I got a load leaves from back woods PM

I planted a bushel of potatoes in corner behind chicken yard after supper. Cornelia stayed tonight in Kingston.

JUNE 16 Wednesday

Thermometer down to 50 this AM - Fair light winds southerly. Warm mellow June day. Beautiful cool moonlight Planted another bushel of No.9 potatoes this AM. PM Mother Daisy & I planted strip of evergreen fodder corn along entrance road. Spread a big cart load manure after supper.

JUNE 17 Thursday

Cool dewey night 50 degrees this AM - Fair balmy winds south westerly, becoming overcast PM & set in rainy early evng. Daisy & I cleaned chicken house AM We planted late white evergreen and yellow evergreen sweet corn behind barn PM - 15 rows. Don - Edna & Bob went on camping trip to Wittenberg Mountain.

JUNE 18 Friday

A day of showers, Faired away this morning - but rains were frequent all PM & early evng.

Rec'd letter from Mariam, stating she will be home Sunday for Kay's graduation! Went to Kingston P.M.

JUNE 19 Saturday

Cloudy - murky - Light rain early evng.

A day of cleaning up odd jobs - getting barn & hay carriers ready for haying. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Later called on Mr&Mrs Henry Winchell

JUNE 20 Sunday

Cloudy muggy clearing away late P.M.

I met Mariam at the 508 DST West Shore train. She has resigned her position as assistant charge nurse & brought home her trunk & belongings. The same truck which I with a heavy heart helped her carry down stairs from her room when she left home for training at St.Lukes Hospital on Feb 1 - 1933 We went back to Kingston evng attending at Kingston High School of which Cornelia is a member of the graduating class.

JUNE 21 Monday

Cloudy - muggy. Set in rainy noon time, frequent showers and a deluge early evng. Warm muggy - southwesterly winds.

Planted in corn AM - also a planting of sweet corn behind chicken yard. Daisy Mariam Cornelia Bob Bishop and I attended Class Day exercises at Kingston High School. County Dept of Highway took delivery of 2900 ft bridge plank. I supplied 388 ft from Chas. Duloff's mill @ 3cents per ft \$11.64 paid him.

JUNE 22 Tuesday

Part cloudy - warm, muggy - Light showers PM & a hard downpour early evng - cleared cool, northerly winds & lovely moonlight. Planted in corn in the muddy field. Daisy - Cornelia Mariam & Mrs. Pete Crawford & I attended Kingston High School Commencement exercises held in Kingston Auditorium. Cornelia was one of the class of 300 all time record graduates who

received diplomas.

JUNE 23 Wednesday

A lovely day & evng northerly winds - became overcast early evng & quite cool.

Finished planting in corn AM. Donald gave me a hand PM spreading load manure between fodder corn, and load hen manure litter & acid fertilizer on corn hills. We gave mother a 50th Wedding Anniversary party tonight. Had a lovely lunch.

JUNE 24 Thursday

Another lovely clear day northerly winds. I got a load of chicken litter from Herman Weidner's AM. Daisy & Kay helped put on corn hills PM with 400 lbs acid fertilizer. Harold Jordan came down from Roxbury evng to see Mariam.

JUNE 25 Friday

Continued fair warm - winds northerly Part cloudy PM Good drying hay harvest weather.

Cleaned out Don's chicken house AM & put it on corn PM with 200 lbs acid fertilizer. Jim Harrison's boys helped, also Daisy. Finished the job. Started cultivating out in corner along path after supper with Prince.

JUNE 26 Saturday

Warm - Continued fair AM - Mostly cloudy PM & murky evng with a sprinkle of rain.

Bob Bishop and I cultivated corn twice in a row. He used Prinner Buck & I Nigger - Bob's first experience



with a horse & cultivator. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Bob Longyear came 6 PM to spend the week end, with his new Chevrolet brown Master DeLuxe 2 door touring sedan.

#### JUNE 27 Sunday

Cloudy murky cool-southerly winds. Rained lightly evng. Sun broke thru a little while during PM Cornelia's 19th birthday. At home all day - We had a number of callers, including Mr & Mrs Condon & Lena Pleasants and family. Daisy & I attended Methodist Children's Day program evng at Ashokan - also called on Mr & Mrs Chester Lyons - Pratt Boice & his wife also called there.

#### JUNE 28 Monday

Arrived rainy and continued murky and rainy, along all day & evng. Sent order Sears Roebuck returning tire for exchange etc. Bob Bishop helped me make a frame for our old grindstone PM Mr & Mrs Chas. Duloff called evng. Daisy made waffles & Mariam & mother played the piano. Bob Longyear left at day break for Brooklyn. I paid Chas. Duloff for 388 ft. Bridge plank, for County. Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### JUNE 29 Tuesday

Part cloudy warm muggy - Showers all PM - Fair evng. Busy with odd jobs. Drew out manure & put in pile along woods. Cleaned up around barn PM Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JUNE 30 Wednesday

Warm - muggy Part & mostly cloudy - Showers late PM & evng Light south westerly winds.

Cut grass for cows AM & Daisy Mariam & I got a load of woods leaves for bedding. Bob Bishop & I cultivated behind barn PM going twice in row.

JULY 1 Thursday

Partly cloudy - warm muggy - Cleared beautifully evng - cooler, light northerly winds.

Started haying. Mowed around Hinkley house & strip along wall also piece behind old barn - Hay is very heavy. Where the rock lies clod to surface behind barn & hay is usually dried up, it stands heavy as elsewhere. Don and Bob gave me a hand.

JULY 2 Friday

Mostly cloudy - muggy - damp air. Mountain squalls early evng., set in steady rain. Winds light southerly. Worked at the mown hay - Cornelia tedded it several times and raked it. Mariam came over & helped me cock it up for the night. Poor hay weather, except for an hours sun late PM. I also mowed the border strip along Teller Brush lot.

JULY 3 Saturday

Downpour most of night - warm, muggy. Thunder showers PM - Cleared away lovely cool evng 74th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. Busy with odd jobs. Bob Longyear came late PM Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng.

JULY 4 Sunday

Warm - Pleasant day - partly cloudy - all cleared late PM  
Cool evng, light northerly winds.

Daisy, Cornelia & I got big load hay PM from behind old  
Hinkley barn. What a number of callers

JULY 5 Monday

Part and mostly cloudy - warm -- winds south westerly  
Cornelia & I got in 2 loads hay cleaning up all cut. We  
mowed a strip of heavy hay in up part of orchard lot.  
Mariam Bob Longyear Cornelia & I attended the 4th of  
July celebration at Samsonville evng. Phoenicia band  
furnished music. Big crowd. Mariam wrote "news"  
copy.

JULY 6 Tuesday Mother's 69th birthday

Hot - fair hazy Showery looking late PM Excellent  
drying hay day. Ray Lane of Cold Brook started helping  
me. We finished mowing the orchard lot AM - I sent  
Ray and Cornelia with a load of hay to Herman  
Weidner's after dinner, while Mariam & I planted in  
sweet corn. We then worked at the hay. Mariam raked  
it and we drew one fine load to the barn. Wrote  
Freeman copy evng.

JULY 7 Wednesday

Hot fair - hazy Warm night quiet. We cleaned the  
orchard lot hay - 3 loads with rakings. Also mowed part  
of lower lot AM Mariam & Cornelia tedded and raked it  
PM I went with a group of 15 to a banquet at

West Park given by attorney Robert Grover of Kingston.

JULY 8 Thursday

Light northerly winds. Continued sweltering hot fair & hazy.

Mowed upper end of lower lot and made a clean up of the hay - 3 well cured loads - except rakings. Mariam Cornelia & Ray Lane helping. Great hay curing weather. LeRoy Davis shot himself thru the stomach & lungs with a shot gun in bed room of his ancestral farm home in Olive Bridge. He died before the arrival of an ambulance, living about 1 hour. He recently suffered a nervous breakdown.

JULY 9 Friday

Continued very hot 100 degree weather. Partly cloudy - Became thunder showery latter PM Going round. We had a sprinkle of rain.

Mowed part of 3 corner lot AM - Drawed 3 loads hay rakings from upper lot and 2 loads cut today. Harry Jordan came down from Roxbury evng, and he, Mariam, Cornelia & I went to Roy Davis home to pay our respects.

JULY 10 Saturday

Partly cloudy - another [schorcher], but breezy. Hot clear night with new twilight new moon low behind High Point. Finished mowing and cleaned up the 3 corner lot in 2 loads with rakings. Attended I.O.O.F. Installation evng.

Noble Grand-	Lawrence VanGasbeck
Vice “ -	Edw. Schwab
Warden-	Alonzo Davis
Conductor-	Earle Christiana
R.S.N.G.-	Grover C. Christiana
L.S.N.G.-	E.C.Davis
R.S.V.G.-	Gilbert Bloom
L.S.V.G.-	Wilson Terwilliger
Inside Guard-	Wm Shultis
Outside Guard-	Edw. VanKleeck
Chaplain-	Arthur Trowbridge
Newton C. VanEtten & staff installing officers.	
R.S.S.-	LeGrand Shultis
L.S.S.-	Francis Whispell

The ladies Aid served a chicken supper at the church to Mr & Mrs Fred L.Hayes & employees & families All toll 68

JULY 11 Sunday

Partly cloudy - Very hot. Became showery PM & we had a [drencing] shower from west.

Mariam - Bob Longyear Cornelia Daisy & I attended first Sunday preaching service. William Bender presiding. Mariam filled her old seat as organist. I attended funeral 2 PM of Leroy Davis at Tongore Church. The largest turnout ever seen there. Interment in Tongore Cemetery.

Don & Edna had supper with us. Mariam Cornelia & I got out a special Freeman copy evng featuring the exc \_\_\_\_\_ trib. given by Mr. Fred L. Hayes

JULY 12 Monday

Rain during night Hot muggy - murky Showers at intervals all day & evng.

Roy Lane came this AM & I kept him busy doing odd jobs - We started to cultivate corn as sun came out after dinner, but got showered out. Wrote Freeman copy evng with Mariam's assistance. Miss Merrill came PM, & had supper with us.

JULY 13 Tuesday

Cleared away during night - Lovely bright sunny day, continued pretty warm - cooler evng. Fresh southerly winds PM but clouds are traveling out of the north. Clouded over evng & had shower. Roy Lane cultivated corn all day with Prince - twice in row - I cultivated AM with Nigger - Ground very wet. Roy Lane came back this evng to say he is going to Delaware Co to work. PM I mowed big corner strip of hay between cross path and lower woods. Tedded over twice. Daisy Mariam & I went over to Mr & Mrs. Henry Winchell evng.

JULY 14 Wednesday

Lowering murky - Sun shone thru some PM Light showers at evening. Busy with chores etc. AM I took Mariam & Cornelia to Kingston PM Mariam took a test for operator's [licence.] Got back home completely tired out.

JULY 15 Thursday

Cloudy - murky. More or less rainy (frequent showers) Cool easterly wind PM Managed to do some cultivating

corn in spite of the rain and wet ground. Don Edna and Mariam caught a big mess of bullheads, sunfish and perch in Kenozia Lake, PM & early evng. In another handwriting it says: Don't forget the pickerel!

### JULY 16 Friday

Hot muggy - fair sunny - broken clouds - Fresh westerly winds PM Still very sultry evng Brilliant lightning storm in far distance beyond High Point. Cornelia & I worked at the sodden hay out in corner & finally after several teddings & raking in winnows we go 2 loads in barn late PM with Don's help. Ray Lane hasn't showed up since Tuesday & his family crowd came after his last 2 days pay tonight \$3.00

### JULY 17 Saturday

Continued hot, Part & mostly cloudy - Showery looking. Sweating day. We made a nice clean up of the hay in corner, 2 more good loads with the rakings. Don gave a hand PM I also sprayed the patches of potatoes. Attended IOOF Lodge evng Bob Longyear came late PM - Cornelia Bob & Mariam went to a dance late evng. Recd Ulster County Dept of Highways check for 2900 ft bridge plank @ 45.00 per M - \$130.50

### JULY 18 Sunday

Partly cloudy - Not so hot - Light northerly winds. Gorgeously clear cool moonlight evng. Bob, Mariam Daisy Cornelia & I attended church service AM Don & Edna had supper with us. Bob Longyear

and Mariam left for New York at 7:20 PM Wrote  
“news” copy evng.

JULY 19 Monday

Temperature down in the fifties this AM Part and mostly cloudy - Light northerly winds - Not so warm as last week but atmosphere remains heavy. Cornelia mowed Don's field of clover & wet patch behind barn. She tedded & raked it & we put in load from behind barn, in Don's barn. Cornelia also mowed some of the heavy hay from field in front of house. I did my usual hand mowing part, also cultivated corn awhile PM

JULY 20 Tuesday

Mostly cloudy - with a sunny spell during PM Looked very showery during forenoon.

Nice work day. Drawed over load manure to Hinkley farm on grass stubble. Cornelia mowed another patch of heavy hay in front field AM We made a nice clean up of the clover from Don's field with 3 loads, including rakings. Also got in a good load after supper from our field, a bit green but pretty well cured - I also got a whack at cultivating corn PM while Cornelia was raking hay.

JULY 21 Wednesday

Light southerly winds - Fair - good, not too hot, hay day. Beautiful big bright moon evng.

We put in good day hay making. Cornelia finished mowing end below garden and patches around the hemlock AM - We put in 3 loads of hay with rakings.



Cleaning up yesterdays cutting. Cornelia raked todays mowing after supper while I make trip to Maple Dell with heifer "Peggy." We drew up a load of hay & oats straw from Mrs. Fanny Boice's barn PM

#### JULY 22 Thursday

Seasonable warm July weather. Continued fair threatening showers PM Glorious still comfortable cool almost full moon evng

Cornelia mowed clover strip below wall, tedded and raked it. - I hand mowed along wall etc. Made noon time trip to Maple Dell, with "Shot." We made a clean up below garden & patches around hemlocks 2 fine loads & jag of rakings.

#### JULY 23 Friday

Partly cloudy - still hot seasonable weather. Showery around to south west PM Magnificent mellow full moon evng - clear. Drew out manure, cultivated corn, & we cleaned up a load of hay below wall PM which finished our haying except odds and ends. Rec'd letter Mariam.

Mrs. Jane Gulnac, 69?, mother's old schoolmate and lifetime friend, died at her home in Ashokan, after a long illness.

Mrs. Alonzo Haver, of Shokan, died at home of her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Krom, in Maybrook. She was a schoolmate of Daisy's mother.

#### JULY 24 Saturday

Hot, fair - became showery PM had a swirling

drenching thunder storm late PM

I went to New York on 531 West Shore train from Kingston, leaving my car in a garage. I attended Mariam's and Bob Longyear's wedding 12 o'clock, at Central Congregational Church in Brooklyn. I returned to Kingston with them in their new Chevrolet, & they came on home to spent the night.

JULY 25 Sunday

Hot, fair - Fresh south westerly winds PM

Mariam and Bob left near noon on their honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and vicinity.

Cornelia & I attended church service AM Rested up PM Wrote Freeman copy. A write up of Mariam and Bob's wedding appeared in today's social page New York Tribune.

Funeral 2 PM of Mrs. Alonzo Haver at Samsonville Church.

JULY 26 Monday

Fresh southwesterly winds - hot, partly cloudy - Showery around all afternoon but rain missed us! All cleared evng wind shifting northerly. I cultivated corn and potatoes. Wrote "news" copy evng. Showers went down over High Point and lower reservoir.

Funeral of Mrs. Jan Gulnac at Ashokan ME Church 2 PM.

JULY 27 Tuesday

Partly cloudy - fair - Westerly winds. All clear evng - cool Cornelia & I mowed mill yard and around Lena

Pleasants house & grounds AM - PM worked hoeing potatoes with Don & Bob Pleasants helping.

JULY 28 Wednesday

Partly cloudy. Moderate temperature Fair evng & Real cool. We cleaned up the mill yard and around Smiths property, drawing 2 loads PM. I went over to see Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell evng. We recd 2 cards from Mariam & Bob from Niagra Falls. Bought through Parker McElroy Co. - 10 shares - Republic Steel @ 37 ½ - tax .90 - commission @.50 total 378.40

JULY 29 Thursday

Continued fair, with fresh southwesterly winds PM Real cool this AM 52 degrees Real pleasant work day, turning warmer. Put in the day hoeing potatoes in corner behind chicken yard. Daisy helped PM.

JULY 30 Friday

Continued fair - Moderately warm. Fresh South westerly winds Became showery PM We had light rains along through the evening. We mowed a nice load of hay on Ves Jones property AM and drawed it PM Put the load in Don's barn, filling the mow. Bob Pleasants helped & he & sister Ruth had supper with us.

JULY 31 Saturday

Fair - warm - Light winds - cool clear evng. Rev. Thomas S. Braithwaite died (found dead) at his home across on the upper east side. I went to Kingston,

attending the County Republican Convention. Chester Lyons was defeated in 3 corner race on 2nd ballot for County Treasurer 132 votes to 122, by Vanderlyn T. Pine of New Paltz, Chairman Board of Supervisors. Bob and Mariam returned from their 1200 mile honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and south side tour of Lake Ontario to Thousand Islands.

#### AUGUST 1 Sunday

Moderately cool - fair. Light northerly winds. Becoming showery PM Showers passed over. East side & to south but we only got a sprinkle. I attended church service AM Mariam and Bob left for Brooklyn around 4 o'clock, Cornelia went with them to Suffern where she visits Lester Personeus family.

#### AUGUST 2 Monday

Fair and pleasantly cool work day - Became mostly cloudy and showery during PM We had light passing showers Cleared and cool evng. Light northerly winds. Daisy and I mowed and cleaned up the remainder of Ves Jones hay had a nice jag of white horse hay. Wrote "news" copy evng. New owners of Winkler farm, old Eckert family homestead took possession, John J. Sweeney.

#### AUGUST 3 Tuesday

Fair - seasonal weather - Light northerly winds. Took on a showery look during PM Spent the days busying myself with odd jobs. Made a trip to Maple Dell this morning with young red heifer,

Jane. Wrote Freeman copy evng - Finished picking tree of yellow transparent apples in chicken yard. Rec'd cards from Mariam & Cornelia.

AUGUST 4 Wednesday

Continued fair - warm - fresh southwesterly winds PM - Real war tonight. I went to Kingston this AM & returning attended the funeral at 2 o'clock of Rev. Thomas S. Braithwaite at Shokan Reformed Church. Kingston Lodge No.10 conducted Masonic ritual at grave in Tongore Cemetery. Mr. Braithwaite was a justice of the peace & the Town Board members acted as pall bearers. Had prayer meeting at church this evng. - mother & I attended.

Rec'd Mariam's & Bob's belated wedding announcement. She had to have the work re printed due to error in spelling her name by the engravers.

The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for this date:

Shokan, August 5. - Funeral services for the Rev. Thomas Braithwaite were held Wednesday afternoon in the Shokan Reformed Church. Officiating clergymen were the Rev. August Pfaus, pastor of the local church; the Rev. John B. Steketee of Kingston and the Rev. Mr. Hayden, pastor of the Congregational Church at Wantaugh, L.I., who delivered the eulogy. The Rev. Charles L. Palmer of Kingston was present as a member of the Masonic delegation. Bearers were members of the Olive town board. Included in the congregation were a number of residents of Krumville, where the Rev. Mr.

Braithwaite had at one time occupied the pulpit of the Reformed Church. The Rev. Mr. Braithwaite had served 17 years in the pastorate of the Wantaugh Congregational Church. He was a kindly man who had a great number of friends throughout the reservoir country.

AUGUST 5 Thursday

Hot - drying day - fair- fresh southwesterly winds PM shifting more northerly evng. Hazy like typical August weather. Daisy and I mowed and cleaned up a load of hay on part of big Dwyer lot. Recd card from Cornelia. We now need some of the surplus rain we had earlier. Bought on charge acct. Thru Parker McElroy Co. 25 shares - Consolidated Oil - @15  $\frac{3}{4}$  - Tax \$1.75 - comm \$3.13 total \$398.63

AUGUST 6 Friday

Continued hot and fair - Fresh westerly winds PM Sprayed cow stables this forenoon after completing Freeman copy - Latter part PM - I mowed the remaining half of Dwyer lot.

AUGUST 7 Saturday

Arrived fair - Hot, muggy - Became murky and showery with southerly winds.- Showery all PM but this section got only occasional light rains. Raked the Dwyer lot hay, but shower caught Daisy & I as we started putting on load, near noon. Busy with odd jobs PM Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng.

AUGUST 8 Sunday

Another hot, muggy day - Became murky and showery PM but rains passed us by.  
Mother Daisy & I attended church service AM Around home PM Wrote Freeman copy evng.  
Went over to Hinkley place after supper, find oats ripening, second alfalfa growth getting along toward cutting, also saw smaller one of two well loaded old fashion Fall Pippin apple trees snapped off by the winds.

#### AUGUST 9 Monday

Continued hot and muggy - Generally fair, but became showery early PM But we only had light rains. Cloudy murky evng. Daisy & I with Bob Pleasants giving a [had] managed to clean up the Dwyer lot PM getting a good sized load of brushy hay. Bob & Ruth Pleasants had supper with us. Wrote Freeman copy evng. - Rec'd card from Cornelia. Justin Bell's wife - Claudia Marshall died Saturday at their home in Hinley - Funeral Tuesday 2 PM there - interment Tongore Cemetery.

#### AUGUST 10 Tuesday

Still hot muggy showery all day. Showers went all around, but had only sprinkles at West Shokan Heights. Done a neat job mowing and cleaning up church yard. Mother and I went to prayer meeting evng at church. Cornelia returned home this PM from her visit to Suffern & Brooklyn with Mariam & Bob.

#### AUGUST 11 Wednesday

Yet another muggy showery thundering day. We had a

number of light rains with strong wind and rain from High Point latter PM Put in the day doing needed odd jobs - P.H. Carey & daughter Elinor of Kingston called evng. Recd card Mariam stated she had taken a special "on call" case at Kings County Hospital.

#### AUGUST 12 Thursday

Shower in night. Fair - warm - muggy. Southwesterly winds. Became showery latter PM - Several sprinkles heavier showers going over Traver Hollow & sector. Busy with odds and ends - getting in shape for threshing. There was a very large [attendance] at the annual Baptist Fair and supper. Receipts \$255.56. Music by Phoenicia Band. Cornelia went home with Mrs. West. Simon Merrihew (61) died suddenly about 4.30 PM at Krumville - as his horses bolted, & he either was trampled & run over or died of heart failure. The team ran away with wagon.

#### AUGUST 13 Friday

Fair - warm-winds light northerly - Acts more like settled weather. I went over to see Henry Winchell this AM for details concerning Simon Merrihew, his bro.in law. This PM I machine mowed oats patch in orchard lot - Daisy helped. I wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### AUGUST 14 Saturday

Grand clear day - cooler - Light northerly winds - cool, bulging half moon evng. Put in the day machine mowing the side hill piece of oats - Part of the straw was lodged badly. Cornelia came home with Mrs. West PM



and helped finish. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. & after went to Mr & Mrs Winchell's.

#### AUGUST 15 Sunday

A magnificent clear warm June like day - Very light winds - Hot but not muggy - Mother - Daisy - Cornelia & I attended morning church service. PM I went to Krumville church attending very large funeral service for Simon Merrihew, followed by interment in Tongore Cemetery. Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### AUGUST 16 Monday

Continued clear. Light easterly day winds - northerly evng - Warm night, beautiful moon. Got the old Ford in working shape AM & thresher set up in barn. Bob Pleasants and I helped with oats threshing PM at Maple Dell Farm. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Mrs. Viola Bell spent the night with us. Claude Donahue (51) Road building contractor of Kingston died. Died in St. Peters Hosp. Albany.

#### AUGUST 17 Tuesday

Hot, continued fair, became partly cloudy during PM Westerly winds PM Put in a hard hot day getting the oats threshing under way - Brought over the orchard lot oats in one big load. Started threshing after dinner - Will Bender, Jim Burgher, Lou Burgher, Bob Pleasants helping also Cornelia - Very tired tonight.

AUGUST 18 Wednesday

Light shower near morning - Part cloudy - Plenty hot  
Light winds southerly Shower went around to south  
early PM Turned the oats AM and threshed PM  
Made a clean up of the big side hill field 6 loads  
complete - Have about 60-62 bu nice plump oats - Will  
Bender hurried home after supper and returned for prayer  
meeting at church - Mother Daisy & I attended.  
Mr Dear Aunt Cornelia Bishop, died 2 years ago tonight.

AUGUST 19 Thursday

Muggy - murky - Became showery to west PM We had  
nice rain supper time, another short downpour later.  
Clearing & soft moonlight. Cornelia raked oats field  
[subble] AM & we threshed off the small load of rakings  
and made a general clean up around the barn, taking the  
day Bob Pleasants helped today.  
The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for  
this date.

PALEN-BECHTEL

Miss Winifred Bechtel daughter of Charles  
Bechtel of Delhi, and Roy Palen, son of Mr and Mrs  
Ernest Palen of Brodhead, were united in marriage on  
August 18 at the Olive Bridge parsonage by the Rev. Mr.  
Hewitt. They were attended by Mr and Mrs Harold  
Trowbridge.

AUGUST 20 Friday

Fair-Extremely hot Light winds northerly Light shower  
went around north side of reservoir during PM - Showery

off to North early evng. - Lovely soft almost full moon tonight.

Wrote Freeman copy AM and busy with odd chores. During PM Cornelia mowed second cutting behind Hinkley barn and strip of old garden and along wall.

#### AUGUST 21 Saturday

Hot, overcast AM clearing - Became generally showery latter PM We had lovely showers.

Cornelia tedded and raked the cut hay, but shower prevented getting it loaded except some for cow feeding. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Veronica Schaffer and sister Mrs Eliz.Dombois came from Brooklyn on PM bus.

#### AUGUST 22 Sunday

Rained hard in night. Had a pretty much steady all day rain, stopping at eve. Decidedly cooler.

Mother Cornelia & I attended morning church service. At home rest of day. Mr and Mrs Condon called this afternoon.

#### AUGUST 23 Monday

Cool and continued more or less rainy, dismal day.

Cornelia and I went to Kingston to obtain information in regard to her entering training either at Kingston City or Benedictine Hospital.

Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### AUGUST 24 Tuesday

Continued cloudy and cool - Still - Misty at times.

Drawed over load manure PM & spread behind old barn  
- also brought over some of the sodden alfalfa for barn  
feeding. Town trucks dumped 2 loads shale in drive  
entrance.

AUGUST 25 Wednesday

Quiet - Part cloudy-Fair, pleasant day & evng.  
Turned out the sodden hay twice. Mother and I worked  
in the strawberry patch along north side of current bushes  
PM Mother Cornelia & I attended prayer meeting at  
church evng. The Herbert Glass Garage on south  
boulevard burned 6 Am

AUGUST 26 Thursday

Cloudy - muggy - Rained lightly in night and again  
during AM - Set in raining again during PM  
Turned over the hay after dinner, Made a clean up fob  
cutting brush and weeds out lower along woods to road.  
Town truck dumped 2 more loads of shale in drive  
entrance. Recd card Mariam. She is working this week  
in Beth-El Jewish Hosp. in Brooklyn.

AUGUST 27 Friday

Continued rainy. Heavy downpours, Stopped raining mid  
afternoon & gradually broke away - Beautiful clear evng  
- cooler- Light northerly wind. Drawed over load  
manure PM & [spead] behind old barn - cleaned up  
remainder of the sodden hay there & brought back on  
cart.  
After supper went down to Pete Crawfords Garage & had  
new coil put on car - 2.50

### AUGUST 28 Saturday

Fair and hot - Still      Cornelia and I made a 174 mile round trip in my car to Albany - Where she took an "Intelligence Test" at Richardson Hall - State Teachers College.

We stopped to Palenville and had lovely beef steak supper with Mr and Mrs Condon - came on home by way of Kingston & Hurley road, stopped awhile & had lunch at Pete Crawford's.

### AUGUST 29 Sunday

Continued fair and warm- Light northerly winds. Lovely quiet warm evng.      Mother and I attended morning church service. Ed. Avery called PM & we had an enjoyable chat. After supper I took Daisy & her company Veronica [Shaffer ]and Mrs Dombois for a ride down by the Aerator Park & to the cemetery.

### AUGUST 30 Monday

Warm and muggy. Murky August weather. Sunny PM - became rainy around chore time - Clearing evng. Cornelia & I got the pretty well rain blackened small load of second cutting AM after I took over load manure and spread behind old barn - Cut a cart load of green fodder for cows PM - attended to other odd jobs before the shower - Wrote Freeman & news copy evng. Negro, Joe Lewis, World Heavy Weight Champion retained title by out pointing Tommy Farr - Welsh contender in 15 round bout tonite at Yankee Stadium.

AUGUST 31 Tuesday

Fair - hazy - Hot Cooler evng. Burned the brush out along woods this AM - This PM - Cornelia mowed the orchard lot heavy second growth, of alfalfa mixture. Cornelia & I went to Maple Dell evng. Recd letter Mariam. She is working on same case in Beth-El Hosp.

SEPTEMBER 1 Wednesday

Hot - fair but hazy - Clear evng. Cooling off a bit. Cornelia mowed part of lower lot, second cutting AM. The tedder broke and I turned the cut hay by hand. Cornelia raked all cut late PM & Daisy & I cocked that in orchard lot. Mrs. Ida Snyder spent the PM with mother & had supper. I took her back to Traver Hollow Inn on way to church prayer meeting, mother & I attending - Mr & Mrs. Case Gwinn called evng.

SEPTEMBER 2 Thursday

Fair - not so hazy - and a miserable hot day - Clear evng. - breezy westerly wind. Had a shower sprinkle about noon. Daisy Cornelia & I cleaned up the hay - had 3 loads. I nearly roasted in the mow.

SEPTEMBER 3 Friday

Very hot sultry fair - became showery toward evng - Strong westerly wind early evening. Severe electrical storm verging around - We had light rain. Cornelia & I mowed the upper end of lower lot AM. Raked and cleaned up the cutting PM in one small load. Recd letter Ruth Fadden with a collection of Mariam's

Wedding Day pictures.

SEPTEMBER 4 Saturday

Continued fair and extremely hot - Became showery mid PM - Had severe electrical wind & rain storm from west - continued muggy & heavily overcast evng.

We spread & re-dried load hay got yesterday, and put it on mow before storm broke.

Attended IOOF Lodge evng and then went to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell's - Brought home 3 breeder New Hampshire Red roosters for Daisy.

SEPTEMBER 5 Sunday

Arrived rainy & continued downpour all forenoon - occasional light rains PM - Cloudy evng. Much cooler. Mother - Daisy - Kay & I attended morning church service.

SEPTEMBER 6 Monday

Bright cool day - Partly cloudy - Clear still & chilly tonight - Thermometer down low in the 40's this AM Cornelia & I attended the Olive re-union PM at Lamberts Grove. Martin J. Every, elected President. I was re-elected Secy & Treas. Wrote news & Freeman copys.

SEPTEMBER 7 Tuesday

Partly cloudy - muggy - still. Cooler, with a feel of autumn evng. Cornelia mowed the 3 corner lot, and after dinner I mowed strip of alfalfa out along cross path to lower woods. Daisy helped me spread a big cart load manure finishing covering patch behind old barn, then

cutting load fodder corn & summer grass for cows. Jesse B. Boice, 72, died this PM at his home in Kerhonkson with second stroke. Sharp break in world market due to European war scare, & Far East.

SEPTEMBER 8 Wednesday

Lovely work day - Light northerly winds. Bright, fair and moderately cool.

Worked at the hay. Drewed a fine well cured load from 3 corner lot, late PM. Turned the cut alfalfa several times & raked & cocked it. Made noon time trip to Maple Dell with "Young Cow" Mother attended prayer meeting tonight.

SEPTEMBER 9 Thursday

Continued bright clear day & evng. - southerly winds - Became part cloudy PM - Warmer - Put off load hay this AM & Cornelia got the rakings on 3 cor.lot PM. I mowed second cutting out in corner by road & woods. We drewed in the alfalfa in a nice medium load & put it on mower - Then got the rakings. I went up to Maple Dell evng. Cornelia rec'd telegram that she is accepted as a student in NY State School of Agriculture at Cobleskill.

SEPTEMBER 10 Friday

Lovely warm fair bright day - Light winds southerly. Tedded the cut hay twice this AM  
Cornelia went to Kingston and got completely outfitted for her going away to Agricultural School at cost of \$50  
- She withdrew \$72 from her Kingston Savings Bank



Acct.

Ed Avery & I went to Kerhonkson PM attending the funeral of Jesse B. Boice at Humiston's Funeral Home, Shokan IOOF Lodge conducted burial service at Pine Bush Cemetery. Racked & cocked up hay after supper. Another sharp break in stock market.

### SEPTEMBER 11 Saturday

Mostly cloudy - occasional passing light rains -  
Worked under difficulties with the hay - Got it in the barn on load but not well cured. Cornelia & Daisy helped. Recd letter Mariam.  
Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Then called on Mr & Mrs Winchell - They gave me a wedding present for Mariam.

### SEPTEMBER 12 Sunday

Cool - Northerly winds. Lovely bright day, part cloudy.  
Mother - Daisy - Cornelia & I attended service AM  
Mother fell and hurt her back severely after dinner while helping Cornelia carry her school trunk in the hall - she tripped over a basket of seeds and fell heavily against closet door casing. Cornelia & I wrote news copy evng.  
Helen Thompson & Oliver Tweedy married 6 PM in St. James ME Church Kingston.

### SEPTEMBER 13 Monday

Gloomy chill - A cold [drencing] rain fell from near noon till nightfall. Mother passed a none to comfortable night and day in bed. I took Cornelia with my car to Cobleskill where she enrolled as a student in

the State Agricultural School, in the course of Home Economics. I returned home all the way through a downpour. The round trip covered about     miles.

SEPTEMBER 14 Tuesday

Fresh northerly winds - Partly cloudy - cool - bright day. Almost frosty tonite & beautifully clear & stilled. Mother is unable to help her self alone. Spent the day in bed except for a short time this AM when we had her up sitting on her mother's old rocking chair. Busy with chores and odd jobs - Kept pretty close on mother's account. Daisy waited on her canned peaches etc. Recd card Mariam - & we wrote to Cornelia.

SEPTEMBER 15 Wednesday

Much warmer - Brisk southwesterly winds - Fair, becoming overcast late PM     Mother sat up awhile this AM otherwise remained in bed. - Condition about the same - She had several callers. There was no prayer meeting tonight but William Bender came & had prayer at her bedside.

SEPTEMBER 16 Thursday

Lovely fair warm day - Light northerly winds.     I mowed part of Don's field by entrance AM Served 12 to 9 o'clock as Chairman Board of Inspectors, Fall Primary Election.     Mother's condition about the same. She sat up in her chair some. Lauren Hesley had his left hand caught in concrete mixer at Lackawack this PM - 2 outside fingers cut off at first joint, middle finger at 2nd joint, & first finger crushed, inside of hand badly torn.

Blanch Bishop Roosa Rodriquez's mother Mrs. Emily Amanda Bishop, 77, died after brief illness. She was visiting here since last fall - coming from Casper, Wyo. Added later:  
Body shipped for funeral & interment to her home in Valentine Neb. Sunday evng Sept. 19

#### SEPTEMBER 17 Friday

Arrived rainy and continued till mid day - clearing slowly PM - cool. I made trip to Kingston with Election Returns. Mother spent the day up and about her room. Recd letter Cornelia.

Mrs. Susie Boice Trego, (Mrs. Byrd Trego) died yesterday on her 77 birthday in Blackfoot, Idaho

#### SEPTEMBER 18 Saturday

White frost on chicken house roof this AM but no damage. Fair pleasant day - moderately cool, winds south westerly - Partly cloudy PM & later evng. Lovely moonlight.

Tedded the hay several times and raked it in winnows. Drawed over manure & spread on grass. Got hay for cows & usual daily chores. Don & Edna went to Schenectady - to stop & have picnic lunch with Cornelia. Mother spent the day & evng down stairs busy peeling peaches etc. She had callers all PM. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. - & called on Mr & Mrs Winchell.

#### SEPTEMBER 19 Sunday

Cold, rain fell during AM - Cleared Sunny all PM - Fresh westerly winds - Rain squally again evng.

Mother remained up stairs today. She had several callers  
- Has a good appetite. I did not get to church. Mr & Mrs  
Bender came after service.

SEPTEMBER 20 Monday

Clear, cool, fresh northerly winds. Most magnificent full  
of the harvest moon tonite in a cloudless sky. Put in  
a busy day turned the hay twice drew over load manure  
- mowed the heavy second cutting filed in front of house  
- got green cut grass for cows - and cleaned up the hay on  
Don's field in a well cured load, & raked it. Had Dr.  
Quinn from Phoenicia come & see mother- he finds only  
severely bruised leg muscles and strained tendons - her  
heart & blood pressure perfect. Mother remained up  
stairs today. Recd 3 cards Cornelia.

SEPTEMBER 21 Tuesday

Beautifully clear this AM but clouded over before noon -  
Mountain squalls - Cleared early evng & gorgeous  
moonlight Winds northerly. Cool - Tedded the hay  
over twice and raked it in winnows - Got green fodder  
for cows etc etc. Went to Phoenicia evng & got  
doctor's prescription for mother at drug store. \$1.85.  
Mother is almost helpless - sat up in chair & shelled  
beans. American Legion parade in New York City, most  
stupendous and colorful in all history  
9 AM - 3AM Wed

SEPTEMBER 22 Wednesday

Lovely clear day and evening - moonlight Light northerly  
winds pleasantly warm - No signs of frost. Worked

at the hay in curing - Daisy & I got in a lovely big load late PM in prime condition. Daily routine of getting green night fodder for cows - put up load hay standing on wagon etc. Attended cottage prayer meeting evng to Roy Vandemark's. Mrs. Henry & Mrs Fetter came to see mother PM Mr & Mrs Ralph Longyear came evng. Mother was up on her chair but is unable to walk.

#### SEPTEMBER 23 Thursday

Delightful clear warm mellow day & evng Fresh south westerly afternoon winds - Soft moonlight evng. I mowed the remainder of 2nd cutting on Don's field AM - Ed Avery and Lou Burgher came this AM and helped put up load on wagon. Daisy and I cleaned up field in front having a nice load which we unloaded with hay fork - Got green corn fodder for cows and spread load manure - Making a busy day - Mother rested better last nite. She sat up in chair all day and busy. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

#### SEPTEMBER 24 Friday

Continued clear warm summer weather - Light haze typical of Indian summer. Magnificent cloudless moonlight evng with light northerly winds. Donald gave me a hand starting to cut corn. Cleared up the hay on Don's field late PM in a nice well cured load. Mother remained up stairs - about the same.

#### SEPTEMBER 25 Saturday

Continued summery. Practically cloudless but hazy - Pleasantly cooler evng - Winds light northerly. Busy

AM with usual routine - drew out manure & spread on grass - mowed & gathered corn & weeds for cow fodder. Daisy & I cut corn this afternoon. Mother about the same busy all day - shelling beans etc. - but can scarcely hobble about her room. - Recd letters & cards Cornelia & Mariam. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. - The stock market slump continues still lower.

SEPTEMBER 26 Sunday

Brisk westerly to north winds - Bright day - Some cloudy - all clear evng & cooler.

I attended church AM Mother still remained up stairs in her room. Mr Bender called to see her PM. Wrote to Cornelia evng. Geraldine Wickham and Floyd Beesmer married this evng in Acorn Hill Chapel - minister Rev. Osgood.

SEPTEMBER 27 Monday

Partly cloudy - Pleasantly cool - Winds light northerly -

Mother insisted on getting down stairs today. Donald helped me cut corn - Daisy also gave me a hand PM Mr & Mrs Ralph Longyear - Mr. Englehart, and Helen Bennett came & we enjoyed a hot dog, hamburger, and corn roast in Don's grove for supper & musical visit - I also went to Olive Bridge hall attending the Republican town nominating convention

Supervisor - Lemuel E. DuBois re-nominated

Town Clerk - Reginald E. Davis

Assessor 2yrs - Martin Every

Kenneth Barley - re nominated collector

Comm of Highways - Ephriam Krom  
 Assessor 4yrs -Elijah Shurter  
 Justices 4yrs -John W. Kelder  
                   2yrs -Lewis Joseph  
 School Director -John Marshall  
 Comm to fill vacancies - Chester A. Lyons - Martin  
 Javery - Ira Elmendorf  
 Chairman of meeting - Irs Elmendorf  
 Secretary of meeting -Lester S. Davis

SEPTEMBER 28 Tuesday

Rainy mussy all along till mid PM - Remained unsettled.

Light wind from north.

Finished “news” copy AM & wrote cards Mariam & Kay.

Attended Democratic nominating convention PM at Olive Bridge IOOF hall.

Following ticket tentatively named.

Supervisor	Alonzo Haver
Town Clerk	Wm Beesmer
Comm of Highways nominated	Claude Bell - re-
Collector	Edward Crispell
Assessor 2 yrs	Fred Weeks, Sr.
“ 4yrs	John B. Davis
Justice 4 yrs	Leonard F. Ruckert
“ 4yrs	Joseph Steinlauf
Comm to fill vacancies	Grover Winchell
	Floyd Terwilliger
Chairman	Grover C. Christiana

Secretary

Millard Bell

SEPTEMBER 29 Wednesday

Overcast this morning but cleared away, warm and still - Chilly and clear evng.

Daisy and I finished cutting the field corn,

Prayer meeting was held at our house this evng. -

mother was able to play the piano for singing - She

hobbles around & gets up and down stairs alone. Rec'd lovely letter from Mariam.

Wrote Freeman copy evng.

SEPTEMBER 30 Thursday

Came close to frost last night - Clear lovely day and evng - Light winds northerly.

Tired myself out at odd jobs - cut sweet corn stalks and pop corn in garden - Spread load manure on meadow, got green stalks fodder for cows etc. - Mother is doing pretty well, getting around with Grandpa Crispell's schumac cane. - Recd letter Kay - Wrote cards to her & Mariam. - Wrote to her (Cornelia) tonite & enclosed \$6.21 Her school expenditures to date are \$78

OCTOBER 1 Friday

Lovely fair warm day & evng - south westerly winds - quiet evng.

Daisy and I dug out bu potatoes No 9s behind chicken yard rotting pretty badly. Newly appointed U.S.

Supreme Court justice senator Hugo Black spoke over Nation wide net work at 9:30, explaining his [alleged] membership in Ku Klux Klan.



### OCTOBER 2 Saturday

Cloudy murky AM cleared away PM winds northerly cool -

Recd card Cornelia she wrote Sept 14 - postmarked Oct 1 Drawed out manure & cut green corn for cow fodder AM Daisy and I finished digging potato patch behind chicken yard PM 7 but, good and bad, included Cobblers. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. - Big crowd, about 50 including visitors. Henry L. Winchell and Virgil R. Merrihew were presented with 50 year membership jewels.

### OCTOBER 3 Sunday

Overcast, chilly drab October like weather. Daisy and I attended church service AM Mother is down stairs and working every day, but finds walking a difficult problem, getting around with a cane. Busy along with customary daily chores. Wrote to Cornelia evng, also Freeman copy.

### OCTOBER 4 Monday

Overcast - clearing very pleasantly toward noon - Light southerly winds.

Daisy and I dug out 11 bu potatoes from patch in mid corn field - 5 bu were showing rot or small. Season to wet for heavy soil. Wrote news copy evng.

### OCTOBER 5 Tuesday

Storm brewing from south - otherwise cloudy except for part breaking away during AM - Set in rainy late PM

We finished digging and gathering the potatoes - rotting badly about 50 percent. Donald helped finish. I went to Maple Dell PM & helped thresh off 2 loads buckwheat. Rec'd card Mariam. She finished her 5 or 6 week case Saturday at Beth-El Hosp. Bklyn.

The stock market is still wavering.

Mother got out of doors & to the garden for the first since her fall.

### OCTOBER 6 Wednesday

Rainy night - Cleared up this morning sunny and warm, a still real summer's day. Brisk westerly wind evng. 80 degrees this PM on porch post ther. Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell made their third annual World Series time visit with us. - We had a real good and much enjoyed dinner - The Judge and I took in the radio broadcast of the opening game of the World Series PM at Yankee Stadium, N.Y.C. The Yankees AL won 8-1 against the Giants NL. Balteries, Gomez & Dickey - Yankees Hubbell & Mancuso for Giants. Till Hubbell was knocked out of the box in 6 inning Wrote letter Cornelia evng & Freeman copy. Recd letter & card from Cornelia.

### OCTOBER 7 Thursday

Fresh westerly winds. Generally sunny and pleasant - Turning cooler, Part cloudy and squally  
October like evng. Daisy and I picked beans in sweet corn AM after I had finished letters to Cornelia & Mariam & Freeman news PM - Listened in to part of second game of Worlds Series - The Yankees again

bumped the Giants 8-1- Game almost a complete duplicate of yesterday's - Red Ruffing pitched for Yanks - Giants used \_\_\_\_\_ I attended prayer meeting evening at Mrs. Rachel Kevis & Jennie's

### OCTOBER 8 Friday

Blustery - Rainy in night Mountain snow squalls all day  
. Raw typical fall weather - Big change from Wednesday's balmy summer. Daisy & I finished picking the fall pippins & brought them over with old Ford. - Spread big cart load manure behind chicken yard, completing covering potato patch - cut & got in barn a batch of sweet corn for cows A busy day - Daisy cut off flowers to keep from freezing. The Yankees readily won 3rd straight World series game 5-1 - pitching Montie Pierson. Giants used Hal Schumaaker, Cliff Melton

The following article was pasted in journal for Friday, October 8, 1937:

#### **Snow Squalls Hit Mountain Areas**

Colder weather has followed the summer temperature of earlier in the week. On Friday there was a sudden change from summer to winter in the Catskills. At Tannersville snow fell steadily for two hours and the ground was white with it. Heavy snow squalls were also reported at Hunter, Lexington, Prattsville, Halcott, Windham Valley, Pine Hill and many other places in the mountain area. A resident of Lexington reported that Friday there was a heavy snow storm there and flakes as big as nickels were falling. The storm lasted for more than an hour but the snow melted quickly.

### OCTOBER 9 Saturday

Thermometer on porch 31 this AM - but no killing frost yet. Partly cloudy, AM Chilly raw day, overcast PM & set in rainy evng.

Served on First Day Board of Registration, 508 names registered. Bob and Mariam arrived home at 6:30 in time for nice hot supper. Rec'd letter & card Cornelia. The Giants defeated the Yanks 7-3 - in 4th game of World series played at Polo Grounds. Hubbel winning & Hadley losing pitcher.

### OCTOBER 10 Sunday

Rainy night and continued mussy gloomy day - still - Daisy had a miserable time with nervous indigestion AM. Listened in to W.O.R. Broadcast of 5th and deciding game of Worlds series at Polo Grounds. Score 4-2 in favor of the Yankees - Lefty Gomez winning & Clif Melton losing pitchers. Had a savory late chicken dinner, Edna included in the family group. Bob and Mariam left for Brooklyn around 5 o'clock - Mr and Mrs Condon called after.

The following article was found in journal this date:  
Mrs. Sallie A. Sahler, wife of Jesse D. Sahler, of Hurley, died at her home Thursday, aged 63 years. Besides her husband, survivors are four sons, Eli of Pittsburgh, Pa., Paul of Accord, Herbert J. Of Tuxedo Park, and Howard T. Sahler of Monroe; one daughter, Mrs. Hasbrouck Decker, of Kerhonkson; one brother, Fred Simpson, of Accord; one sister, Mrs. Russell Trowbridge, of

Kyserike, and nine grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the H.B. Humiston Funeral Home, Kerhonkson, Sunday at 3 p.m. Burial will be in Fair View Cemetery, Stone Ridge. Religious services will be conducted by the Rev. Leonard Braam of Lawyersville. Bearers will be Samuel Kelder, Charles Osterhoudt of Mettakahonts, Arthur Davis of Whitfield and Percy Barley of Accord.

#### OCTOBER 11 Monday

Snow caps on Wittenberg and Cornell this AM  
Generally fair and pleasant winds northerly - Clear crispy evng - growing, low moon.  
Busy with needed odd jobs - picking beans in sweet corn, picking apples, drawing out manure, picking a load of stone behind chicken yard, getting stalks for cows etc.  
Wrote "news" copy evng

#### OCTOBER 12 Tuesday

Warmer - Brisk - Fair south westerly wind all day, brought increasing cloudiness and showers evening.  
Busy with chores and odd jobs AM This afternoon Don and Edna and Daisy and I picking the Greening apples, - clean, bringing them home in barrels and bags - A fine lot of them. Rec'd letter Cornelia & wrote her usual card.

#### OCTOBER 13 Wednesday

Raw, mostly cloudy, northerly winds - Still and frosty tonight. Don Edna & I picked the tree of baldwin apples and put in cellar - Tree was loaded with lovely

apples. This afternoon Don & I got the cider apples together & he took them over to Morton Roe's mill. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Recd card Mariam Mothers autumn flower's continue in their colorful blooms.

#### OCTOBER 14 Thursday

Hard freeze last night, first killing frost of season - Thermometer 24 this AM - 3/16" ice on iron kettle by barn. Part cloudy - chilly air - winds northerly Snow squally early evng, clearing beautifully. Put in usual busy day, various odd jobs AM - drew out manure & got stalks for cows & pumpkins in cellar. Ploughed the potato corner patch behind chicken yard PM - a big job I attended prayer meeting tonight at Mart Every's. Rec'd letter Cornelia - sent cards to her & Mariam.

#### OCTOBER 15 Friday

Yesterday's freezeup duplicated. Thermometer this AM 24 degrees Raw, part cloudy - northwesterly wind. Overcast late evng after beautiful moonlight early - wind stilled.

Busy day - Drew stone off patch behind chicken yard & cut last cart load of sweet corn stalks & grass AM for cows. Harrowed and sowed the patch with rye PM - Don & I got 2 barrels of cider from Mort Roe's mill - \$4.00 Cornelia came home supper time, with Don Patterson and another student going home to Port Jervis - after a hot supper the boys resumed their way.

#### OCTOBER 16 Saturday

Not so cold as night before - Thermometer at 32 this AM

- Part cloudy this AM - Clearing beautifully later - chilly raw air - winds northerly. Gorgeous quiet moonlight night, and very frosty

Opened up ditches along rye patch & out to road along path - gathered grass for cows AM. PM & evng -

Served as Inspector for Second Day of Registration -

Total 530 names. Recd card Mariam & Leah. Paid school tax - Clarence Burgher - Coll. Our property-\$1600 val - \$2.99 Hinkley farm - 600 val - \$1.16

### OCTOBER 17 Sunday

Coldest night to date 23 degrees this AM - Cloudless cool day & magnificent nearing full moon - light evng. Winds southerly during day.

Daisy, Cornelia & I attended church service AM. Harry Jordan called, also Lena Pleasants and children PM.

Don & Edna went to Hobart. Olive Bishop came home with them. Don Patterson & Welling VanDuzer came for Cornelia, & they left for Cobleskill 9.25 PM

### OCTOBER 18 Monday

Much warmer - Fresh south westerly winds, with increasing cloudiness - Rainy evng.

Drawed out manure & got in first load of corn for husking AM I went to Kingston PM with

Registration returns. Montgomery Ward & Co gave me 8 gals - white Lincite paint and \$15 in cash for replacing unsatisfactory paint job on south & west side of our house last fall. In all day selling the New York Stock exchange suffered one of the most [disasterous] declines on record.

OCTOBER 19 Tuesday

Rainy night and practically steady all day and evening downpour, with driving southerly wind Warm and muggy. The stock market continued in very severe decline until checked by a decisive rally - Heaviest sales transaction since July 21, 1933 - 7,290,000 shares Spent the forenoon writing news and Freeman copys. PM I made a trip with Mrs. Fanny Boice's heifer to Maple Dell. Daisy & I husked first 5 stouts of corn this evng.

OCTOBER 20 Wednesday

Continued murky and downpours this AM \_ Sun broke thru mid forenoon but clouds thickened and had intermittent showers all day. Cleared early evng. With magnificent full moon & Cooler. Busy writing this AM A letter (with mother's) to Verne & May Eckert. Cards to Mariam & Cornelia. Busy with odd jobs PM & husking a few stouts corn - Recd card Cornelia. - Attended prayer meeting evng at Mr & Mrs John Breithaupt's. The stock market rallied after early selling.

OCTOBER 21 Thursday

Sunny this morning but clouded over from south west. Gloomy afternoon - mild. Wrote Freeman copy this morning. Made 3rd mowing of orchard alfalfa seeding PM - Then took over big cart load of manure & spread & brought back green cow fodder. I attended annual installation evng of Olive Rebekah Lodge. Very large [attendance] - many visitor.



On my way home I made a 1 A.M. visit to the graves of our loved ones in Tongore Cemetery.

OCTOBER 22 Friday Little Honey Lillian born 10 years ago today

Unsettled - Mild - Still Overcast AM faded away noon time, & again it gloomed over later PM- Set in rainy late evng. Busy with chores AM & drew in load corn, also got cart load of alfalfa cutting. I went to Kingston PM to check up on market. Bought Chevy car battery 3 year guarantee from Sears Roebuck store \$6.95 and old battery. Daisy & I husked corn evng.

OCTOBER 23 Saturday

Downpour continued thru night and with few let ups till mid afternoon, a driving storm - Mild - Cleared beautifully early evng - Still.

Met with the 3 Olive Election Districts board of Inspectors at Winchell's hall Shokan for instructions in the operation of the new voting machines.

Streams very high. Did not attend lodge tonite.

OCTOBER 24 Sunday

Part to mostly cloudy. Winds northerly - sour day - mountain snow squalls.

Mother Daisy and I attended church service this AM - This was mother's first attempt to go to church or in my car since her injury, Sept. 12. PM I took Daisy to a Family reunion & 30th wedding anniversary at Mr & Mrs Arthur Trowbridge's home.

OCTOBER 25 Monday

Clear, south westerly winds - Still and chilly tonight, and this morning.

Daisy and I picked up 10 bags apples at Will Jones place this forenoon. Don took them to cider mill. PM - Spread cart load manure on 3 corner lot along stone wall, put up corn stalks overhead in garage, also drew in a load of corn. Daisy & I husked awhile after supper - Rec'd card Mariam.

OCTOBER 26 Tuesday

Brisk Southerly winds - mild after frosty morn - Fair, increasing cloudiness PM.

Had barrel and 10 gal keg cider made at Morton Roe's mill. Don brought it home with his truck. Wrote "news" copy this AM Daisy & I husked corn - raked and clean up the rest of the alfalfa clipping in orchard lot. - Put up stalks over garage, and drew in a load of corn by electric light. We husked 5 stouts this evening.

OCTOBER 27 Wednesday

Mild - Generally cloudy, murky - Still Sun shone thru around early PM

Mother attended Ladies Aid meeting at church.

Supervisor L J DuBois had dinner with Daisy & myself.

- His Dem. Opponent Alonzo Haver also called PM

Husked corn at convenience. Attended prayer meeting evng at Will Jones.

OCTOBER 28 Thursday

Arrived rainy, and continued at pretty much all day.

Daisy & I finished husking off load corn & sorted potatoes on garage floor and carted them down cellar - After dinner during a let up in the rain I took over cart load manure & spread on grass. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Troopers Ray Dunn & Geo. Wright called late evng & I took a ride with them on patrol.

#### OCTOBER 29 Friday

Cleared away sunny and warm this forenoon - Moderate winds westerly. Became overcast evng. Drawed in 2 loads corn - morning & late PM - Put up batch of stalks over garage - Daisy & I put in the day & evng husking corn. Wrote card Cornelia.

#### OCTOBER 30 Saturday

Clear - warm - High south westerly or west winds, shifting northerly at evening. Became squally late evng.

I was invited to pigeon dinner at Maple Dell and filed their wood saw. Daisy and I finished husking off corn in barn and brought in another load & also drawed out manure & put up stalks. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Halloween Rebekah Masquerade dance at Olive Bridge.

Ruth Fadden & Bob Fields were married 8 PM at church of the Intercession, NY City.

#### OCTOBER 31 Sunday

Colder - Partly cloudy Continued high northerly winds thru night and all day.

Mother - Daisy & I attended church service PM The Fadden family of Norwich made us a surprise call late

PM on their way home from Ruth's wedding. Wrote Freeman copy.

NOVEMBER 1 Monday Deer season opened Clear and calmed down after the big blow Froze ice last night. Pleasant sunny day.

Had 13 gal. Cider made at Mort. Roe's - Husked corn - drewed out manure - Drawed in the last 10 stouts of corn. Getting ready for Election tomorrow. Funeral of Hiram Montgomery (84) this PM in Roxbury. Funeral of Mrs. Frances O. Merrihew (81) held PM in Krumville church - She was the widow of Benj. Merrihew.

NOVEMBER 2 Tuesday Election Day

Mild - Fair this morning becoming overcast and windy- Rain squalls & hailed some

Recd card Cornelia. Served as Chairman of Board of Inspectors, Election District No 2. Voting machines were used in Olive for the first time replacing the time honored paper ballots. Total vote in district 383 including 7 absentees. Protective counter on machine registered 2224 before polls opened and 2600 after close & locked with curtain lever read no 10392.

NOVEMBER 3 Wednesday

Northerly winds - crispy - part cloudy inclined to be squally. Went to Kingston with Election Returns. Recd letter Mariam. Mother & I attended prayer meeting tonite at Mr and Mrs. Charles Richter's.

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Majorities of Olive Town ticket

Lemuel J. DuBois (R)-Supervisor 110 over Alonzo Haver

Reginald R. Davis (R) town clerk 65 - over Wm Beesmer

Kenneth Bailey (R) collector 244 - over Edw. Krum

Claude Bell (D) Supt. Highways 18 - over Eph. Krum

John B. Davis (D) Assessor 4 yrs 237 over Elijah Shurter

Martin J. Every (R) “ 2yrs 110 over Fred Weeks Sr.

John Marshall (R) School Director - 228 over Nelson Bell

Vote on Justices full term -

John W. Kelder (R) 443 votes

Lewis Joseph (R) 357 “ Tie vote

Leonard Ruckert (D) 357 “

Fred L. Weidner (D) 68 “ - machine write in

Horschenrode (D) 4 “ -machine write in

NOVEMBER 4 Thursday

Cloudy this morning but cleared away lovely pleasant mild day - moderate northerly wind PM

Finished last of the corn husking & busy with odd jobs AM. - Put lock on our chicken house door and put better protection over windows. Drewed over big cart load manure PM & spread on lower lot, [barted] cows & got load leaves for bedding. Wrote Freeman copy evng. - Wrote & recd letter Cornelia.

NOVEMBER 5 Friday

Fair this morning. Frosty, becoming overcast with brisk south west winds developing. Chilly air.

I started plowing sod across the roadside end of lower Hinkley lot. Charles Thompson (88) died in his chair - His brother John (2 years senior) died about 2 years ago. They spent their last years with their sister Mrs. Mary Marshall of Winchell District.

#### NOVEMBER 6 Saturday

Rain squally this AM but cleared away with strong northerly winds - moderately mild.

Drawed over manure and got cart load leaves - Plowed sod PM Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

#### NOVEMBER 7 Sunday

Frosty this morning Mild Clear lonesome day, south westerly winds. Mother Daisy & I attended church service AM Around home PM walked around over in the woods.

#### NOVEMBER 8 Monday

Real warm - Cloudy this morning with light showers & cleared away hazy balmy - Clouded over again late PM brisk south west wind evng. & sprinkle. Daisy & I took over cart load manure & got load leaves for pig yard AM - I plowed sod this afternoon - Rec'd letter Cornelia - Wrote Mariam letter tonight & enclosing Kay's 2 last letters. Wrote news copy.

Richard Charles Thompson's funeral PM at home of his sister Mrs. Mary Marshall.

NOVEMBER 9 Tuesday

Rain squalls in night. Clear bright day - mild - High Westerly winds.

Put in available time plowing sod - Hard dry plowing. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Ed Avery shot a 10 point buck. Deer are very scarce & hunting conditions very dry and noisy in woods. Herbert Hyde got his Entered Apprentice Degree in Kingston Lodge no.10.

NOVEMBER 10 Wednesday

Clear - pleasantly mild - westerly winds squall clouds banked up PM - All clear & colder tonight.

I took mother to Ladies Aid at church & brought her home - Drawed over manure & got in available time plowing sod. This evng went to Kingston taking Mr & Mrs. Henry Winchell attending annual banquet Grand Jurors Assn. At Hotel Stuyvesant.

NOVEMBER 11 Thursday

Chilly air all day - Thermometer down to 20 % tonite. - Clear - light southerly winds.

I put in available time plowing sod - broke new side hill plow share on rock. Recd cards both Mariam & Cornelia. Mother and I attended prayer meeting at Mrs. Bertha Bell's.

NOVEMBER 12 Friday

Pretty frosty this AM ½ " ice & ground frozen. Chilly, snowy air - Overcast, sun shone thru early PM. Very Light winds - Set in cold rain evng. Took over manure & got 2 cart load leaves & put in 3 ½ hours

plowing. Leaves so lovely and dry, but rather loose handling.

#### NOVEMBER 13 Saturday

Rainy night and continued throughout the day and till late evng. Streams became very high.

Messed around home. Wrote Freeman copy AM. - Daisy and I make half 15 gal keg sauerkraut PM. Daisy & I attended a surprise shower for Mickey Crawford Shultis. She and Bob Shultis had a secret marriage in Penna July 31. Their secret only recently leaked out. I first attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Wrote to Cornelia, enclosed in Ulster Co. News, with endorsed check \$1.50

#### NOVEMBER 14 Sunday

Fair and mild after the big rain. Still unsettled became partly cloudy PM

We attended church AM Had a batch of callers late PM - Herman Weidner, - Virgil Winchell and his wife - Mr & Mrs P.H. Carey and Elinor - Ralph Langer - Stella - and Richard Wright.

Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### NOVEMBER 15 Monday

Glum weather. Set in rainy mid AM and continued till late PM

Herman Weidner & I went to see Clayton Burgher AM - Clayton and I went to Kingston PM to see Ray Brower, Past Master Kingston Lodge no 10. Herman also went to Kingston and had an interview with Ernest Kearney, lodge secy.



NOVEMBER 16 Tuesday

Partly cloudy - a bit crispy with winds noetherly. High Point and Wittenberg snow capped.  
Helped saw wood at Maple Dell & enjoyed venison stew dinner - Took over big cart load manure & spread late PM. Rec'd letter Mariam & card Cornelia.

NOVEMBER 17 Wednesday

Mild - Mostly cloudy - sun shone thru mid afternoon .  
Light rain - mussy. I took mother to Ladies Aid annual meeting at church - Mrs. Nettie Jones re-elected president. Put in available morning and afternoon plowing sod - leaving upper end unfinished along clump of trees.

Wrote Cornelia tonite & enclosed her check \$4.92.  
Funeral of Romer E. Hinkley Sr. Held PM at Carrs Parlors, Kingston, burial Krumville Cemetery

NOVEMBER 18 Thursday

Partly cloudy - crispy North Westerly winds Beautiful mellow full moon rose with a radiant glow over the reservoir at eve. Daisy & I gathered 2 big wagon loads of leaves from back upper woods. Finished Freeman copy this a.m. after breakfast. Daisy and I attended prayer meeting tonite at Maple Dell. Don & Edna returned home from several days visit to Schenectady.

NOVEMBER 19 Friday

Seasons first snow storm - A mixture of rain and snow

fell, principally PM. Moon broke thru murky clouds evng. Drawed over cart load manure AM & spread on plowed ground - Daisy and I got a good wagon load leaves PM over along woods & back road. The storm got thicker & made us work fast. Recd letter Kay and card Mariam - Stock market had bad sinking spell today, averages going below Oct 18 & 19 lows.

#### NOVEMBER 20 Saturday

Snowy - mussy - Ground white, but mostly melted during PM - Turned raw and somewhat windy during PM Continued overcast. Finished writing "news" copy AM for early next week issue. Wrote letter Cornelia with Ulster Co. News enclosed also card to Mariam. She and Bob who have been living with his father and mother 489-E-34St. Bklyn, were to be settled tonight with all new furnishings in Apt 4.F 145 Lincoln Road. Daisy discovers 13 R.I.R. Roasters missing from coop. Did not go to lodge tonite. Daisy bank north side of house, around to [celler] door with leaves PM Drawed out manure on grass.

#### NOVEMBER 21 Sunday

Partly cloudy - raw, somewhat blustery and snow squally - Ground white this AM from snow fall in night. Melted off during day. Heavier snow to south. Mother Daisy & I attended service AM. Mr & Mrs Pete Crawford called evng. - gave them a dressed roaster makings for Thanksgiving. Daisy killed her yearling 9lb roaster for our Thanksgiving. Wrote to Capt Daniel E. Fox, Troop C. State Police telling him about our chicken

missing.

NOVEMBER 22 Monday

Fair - raw northerly winds - Quite like winter -  
Thermometer 22 degrees tonight.

Daisy and I got wagon load leaves AM over along back road. Took over cart load manure PM & brought a well packed load leaves. Mother is busy making goodies for Thanksgiving. Wrote Freeman copy tonite.

NOVEMBER 23 Tuesday

Clear - northerly winds - continued cold - Air feels like snow brewing. Ther. tonight - wind stilled. After a late start with barn work Daisy and I gathered a double wagon box load leaves along back upper road. Oiled porch floor PM unloaded the leaves in barn and drew out manure. Cornelia arrived home from Cobleskill at 6:30 with Don Patterson and Welling VanDuzer - mother had a lovely hot supper waiting.

NOVEMBER 24 Wednesday

Froze up this morning. Fair - Sunny - crispy atmosphere - Part cloudy tonight, freezing but slightly warmer - Light winds northerly.

Daisy and I spent the day getting two big loads leaves in back upper woods. Card from Mariam says they are unable to come home for Thanksgiving as planned, she being on an important case of Dr. Eastman, at Peck Memorial Hosp. Cornelia & I attended Odd Fellows Thanksgiving oyster supper at Olive Bridge. Big crowd.

NOVEMBER 25 Thursday

Continued fair, quiet warm during day. Ideal

Thanksgiving Day -

Drawed over cart load manure AM & brought back leaves.

Busied myself PM making more secure Don's chicken house & put on new lock. - Daisy missed 2 pullets this AM - Made trip to Maple Dell with 'Red' cow.

Trooper Ray Dunn called PM checking up on chickens. Mother Daisy Cornelia & I enjoyed our big 9 lb roaster for supper.

NOVEMBER 26 Friday

Unsettled - mild mostly cloudy Still occasional sprinkles

Daisy and I gathered big load leaves this forenoon in back upper woods. - Patched granary roof seams & chicken house roof leads after dinner. Took over manure & [brot] back cart load leaves - also made late at dark trip to Maple Dell with -Molly- cow. Trooper Ray Dunn had dinner with us, he also came twice evng. Checking on chicken case - He took Harold Constable to Kingston for questioning evng.

NOVEMBER 27 Saturday

Cloudy - still - mild - Rained occasionally and finally settled down to steady rain at eve.

Went to Herman Weidner's AM after load chicken manure. This afternoon I took Cornelia to Kingston and re-outfitted her. Rec'd letter Mariam.

NOVEMBER 28 Sunday

Rainy night and all day and evening almost steady downpour - warm & murky - Cleared 10 PM with brisk S.Westerly winds - Lightning flashes to south. Mother - Daisy - Cornelia & I attended church service this morning - Wrote Freeman copy evng. Don Patterson & Welling VanDuzen came for Cornelia & after lunch left at 945 for Cobleskill.

#### NOVEMBER 29 Monday

Clear - moderate northerly winds - Somewhat cooler - Spread the wagon load chicken manure along upper side 3 cor.lot & drew over cart load stable manure on plowed sod, this forenoon. Chopped up some firewood PM & made ready in barn for stalk cutting. Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### NOVEMBER 30 Tuesday

Lovely clear day & evng. - Shifting winds Heavy white frost this AM - Pleasantly mild. Spread wagon load ashes on orchard lot grass AM - Ashes accumulated due to not using on corn hills as usual. PM - Got the old Ford and stalk cutting hooked up and started cutting stalks. Went up to Maple Dell evng.

#### DECEMBER 1 Wednesday

Another cloudless day - mild and muddy, crispy with sundown. Light variable winds - All still evng & freezing like sap weather. Cleaned up the stalk cutting and butchered a hog PM Dressed 248, in prime condition. Mort Roe and Hardy VanKleeck helped this

afternoon, also Don. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church.

DECEMBER 2 Thursday

Coldest night of season 14 degrees. Froze up hard - Fair, raw snowy air - Light northerly winds. Crispy, still tonight.

Took over manure & spread on plowed ground AM  
Daisy & I gathered a big load leaves PM in back upper woods. Prayer meeting at our home evng. Small [attendance.] Rec'd letter Cornelia

DECEMBER 3 Friday

Cloudless day & evng - Hard freeze - Thermometer 20 degrees - morning & evening. Crispy snowy air - Light winds. Cut up the hog & started the brine AM. This afternoon Daisy and I gathered a big load leaves in upper back woods. Rec'd letter Mariam Wrote card Cornelia

DECEMBER 4 Saturday

Continued fair quiet day - became part cloudy at evening and considerably moderated.

Drawed over load manure on lower lot ground AM  
Daisy and I gathered another big load leaves from Hinkley woods PM Mother made sausage & headcheese. Attended IOOF lodge evng and called on Mr & Mrs. Henry Winchell.

Lawrence Kelder wrecked his 1937 Buick sedan about 7 PM on curve just north of Ashokan main dam. The car crashed against a maple tree & he was pinned fast in the drivers compartment. Charles Dwyer traveling close

behind enroute to Kingston rescued him from the wreck & with Lester S. Davis took Larry to Benedictine Hosp.

#### DECEMBER 5 Sunday

Generally fair - warmer - Becoming all overcast late PM  
- Light southerly winds -

Mother Daisy & I attended church service AM At home rest of day.

Walter Willer here from Peekskill C.C.C. Camp. Spent the night with us. Todays report is that Lawrence Kelder has his left leg broken at the knee & other injuries. Wrote "news" copy evng.

#### DECEMBER 6 Monday

Soggy snow storm of about 2 inches, turned to rain AM and continued on far into the night. Slippery traveling. Packed and shipped a big Parcel Post food box to Mariam & Bob. Spent the day otherwise doing chores - This evening Ed Avery and W.C.F. Frankle went with me to Rondout Lodge no 343. The most dramatically impressive conferring of the Master Mason degree ever seen in Rondout Lodge was put on by Monticello Lodge. We got back around 2 o'clock.

#### DECEMBER 7 Tuesday

Colder - mostly cloudy and snow squally all day - Wind got quite blustery PM

Drawed over big load manure AM This afternoon Daisy and I started drawing [dray] wood from our woods - Got 1 big load. Nice slip of sleighing for wood hauling.

Recd letters from Cornelia & Mariam.

DECEMBER 8 Wednesday

Raw cold day - Fair - Part cloudy warmer & all overcast evng. Started snowing 11 PM

Took mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church - Daisy & I drew out dry firewood - Wrote to Cornelia evng. A "brown bear" which dressed 133 pounds was shot this PM on Hoopole mountain back of the old Jones place by Herman Weidner, Ralph Bell, Abel Avery and Abel Jr. The rare specimen was a female, with 2 brown & 1 black cubs which escaped.

DECEMBER 9 Thursday

10 above and all clear this morning, the snow storm having petered out with only a flurry - Clear and cold - Light winds westerly - Wintry conditions and snow are widespread. Sent Freeman news copy. Drew over manure AM on plowed sod. Jennie Kerr and her feeble old mother had dinner with us. Daisy and I gathered a big dray load of firewood PM

Sent Cornelia her skates and check \$5.24

DECEMBER 10 Friday

12 above - Clear - cold - Biting south westerly wind - Still, half moon evng.

Finished another Freeman copy AM Daisy and I cleaned up a nest of old boards and wood rubbish by corner barn - Stepped on a nail and tamed me down PM.

Church party at church evng, but we did not attend. - Sent donation for Mr & Mrs Bender - \$1.00 bill & piece salt pork.



William D. Brinnier Jr. shot himself thru the stomach at his home North Manor Ave. Kingston - while police officers waited at the door with warrant for charge grand larceny - 1st degree.

DECEMBER 11 Saturday

Coldest night of the young winter - 4 above zero on our kitchen porch post thermometer. Continued fair and cold - quiet day.

Drawed over load manure PM - Don helped me draw 2 dray loads firewood PM, a load for him & 1 for us. Recd letter Mariam & card, also card Cornelia. Didn't attend lodge tonight.

DECEMBER 12 Sunday

Continued fair still and cold - 10 degrees morning & tonight

Mother & Daisy attended church service AM Mr and Mrs Condon called PM

DECEMBER 13 Monday

Clear - cold - biting northerly wind. 10 above morning and evening. Drawed over load manure AM This afternoon Daisy & I gathered a big dray load firewood. Wrote "news" copy evng. - Wrote cards to Mariam & Cornelia.

DECEMBER 14 Tuesday

Cold and cloudless with biting northerly wind. Little change in temperature from yesterday, but slightly moderated tonite. Francis Whispell helped Daisy and

I saw up our pile of firewood and a needed job well done. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia. 2nd anniversary of John Jordan's death.

#### DECEMBER 15 Wednesday

18 above this AM - Overcast, fairing away toward noon, and again becoming hazy overcast during PM Milder - thawing in warm midday sun - 26 degrees - 10:30 PM Busy with chores and odd jobs AM Stocked up porch with firewood - This afternoon I tool over cart load manure and made a (return trip) to Maple Dell with Red cow.

#### DECEMBER 16 Thursday

Sleet storm in night. Everything a glare of ice this AM - Mild & thawed considerable during day - Broke away sunny - becoming overcast during PM Light winds. - We sent Cornelia a box of goodies, potato chips, cakes, a dollar bill, apples etc. I went to Kingston PM for Christmas shopping. Got back home about 8 o'clock. Mother tripped her foot in mat on kitchen porch & got a sore fall after dinner. Mrs Margaret Theil - died at her home in Shokan - aged about 90.

#### DECEMBER 17 Friday

Rainy in night - murky, soft day - Set in cold rain mid afternoon and continued into the night. Drawed out manure AM - Made a return trip noon time to Maple Dell with - Molly-cow. Gathered a bag of laurel greens in wood PM & this evng. Mother Daisy & I made a big wreath to put on cemetery monument.

Rec'd letters Mariam & Cornelia.

DECEMBER 18 Saturday

Rainy night and continued showers this forenoon -  
Gradually clearing away PM - with fresh northerly winds  
- Lovely moonlight - full moon yesterday. Snow and  
sleet blanket gone - except in [sheldered] places and on  
mountains. I went to the cemetery decorated our plot  
with pine bows and placed wreath on monument. I did  
not attend lodge tonight,

DECEMBER 19 Sunday

Unsettled - Partly cloudy- northerly winds - Mild but  
lonesome glum day. Mother and Daisy attended church  
this AM Mr. & Mrs. Condon had dinner with us &  
spent the afternoon, also visiting Don & Edna.  
Disturbance in chicken coop again last night & 1 missing  
- Called Trooper Ray Dunn & he came after dinner &  
made another routine investigation. Wrote Freeman  
& news copies. Funeral PM of Mrs. Thiel at Shokan  
Reformed church.

DECEMBER 20 Monday 27th Wedding Anniversary

Partly cloudy, Sunny northerly winds - like sap time,  
became overcast, still & snowing lightly evening.  
Spent the morning completing news letters writing etc. -  
Sent Cornelia check \$4.00  
Will Bender took dinner with us - He is putting on new  
west side parsonage barn roof - Slate surface. This  
afternoon Daisy & I gathered a load of leaves under hill  
& mulched strawberry patch. I went over & called on

Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell evng. Sent Mariam 2 dog box eggs.

DECEMBER 21 Tuesday

Snowed an inch last night - Partly cloudy AM overcast and glum raw air PM - Snowed lightly evng  
Temperature around 20 degrees. Drewed over big cart load manure AM Recd letter Mariam - requesting a bag of evergreens for decorating - Same I gathered and packed this afternoon. Cornelia called up from Cobleskill evng saying she will be home tomorrow eve. Tonya - 4 mo. Old daughter of Rev. & Mrs August Pfaus of Shokan Reformed Church strangled to death with nursing bottle.

DECEMBER 22 Wednesday

Mild - Partly & mostly cloudy. Fresh southerly winds which cleared up the little snowfall.  
Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at church. Sent Mariam sack of greens - Helped Don get out a tall whitewood tree that he cut in woods behind his barn, - PM I got a couple small drags below the hill & drewed out manure. Cornelia arrived home from Cobleskill 7 PM with Don Patterson & Mr. VanDuzer - Mother & Daisy had a hot supper waiting.

DECEMBER 23 Thursday

Raw - cold air - Fair - Winds variable - 16 above tonight  
I helped Don get 2 drag loads firewood from woods behind his barn - This PM Don took my hay tedder to Bert Winne's garage for brazing cross frame irons.

Rec'd box Christmas presents Mariam & Bob. Cornelia & I sent out a batch of greetings - This evening Daisy Cornelia Walter Willer & I attended elaborate school program held this year in Colange's Hall.

#### DECEMBER 24 Friday

14 above this AM Cloudy, chilly snow air - winds southerly - Set in snowing during PM - Temperature moderating - Changed to rain evng. Walter Willer came yesterday PM for Christmas staying place. Cornelia & I went down in our old fields on city property and got cedar Christmas tree. Drawed out manure PM also put 4 panes of glass in big swing window on north end kitchen porch. Sent box presents via Nelson Terwilliger to Mr & Mrs Winchell - also left gifts at P.O. for Math & Minnie Every & his bro Ed. Recd another batch cards which have been coming daily all week. Cornelia, Walter Willer, Mildred & Sarah Roe & I attended Bushkill School entertainment evng.

#### DECEMBER 25 Saturday

Partly cloudy - light winds - mild, thawing  
The inch or less fall of snow and sleet yesterday made locally a White Christmas, but had partly disappeared by afternoon. At home - [Tryed] to maintain a Christmas spirit. We received a lovely box of gifts from Mr and Mrs Winchell. Cornelia was around bright and early looking over the big variety of Christmas presents, from Mariam & Robert and others. Busy with usual chores etc., and drawed out manure PM - We had a light dinner but a bounteous roaster supper with chocolate ice cream

- Walter Willer is here with us & Mildred Roe also for supper.

DECEMBER 26 Sunday

Fair and mild - Brisk westerly winds PM & evng 11PM  
temperature 32 degrees

Mother, Cornelia, Daisy & I attended church service AM

Daisy Cornelia & I called on Mr & Mrs Henry  
Winchell PM and viewed their Christmas presents.

Trooper Ray Dunn paid us a surprise call this evening.

Wrote 'news' copy tonite.

DECEMBER 27 Monday

Fair - snowy air & hazy - Light winds -

Will Bender and I tore down the old saw mill buildings,  
& burned the rubbish. I took over load manure & spread  
on plowed field AM - Drew up the old roofing and  
several loads timbers & boards. I am getting a grippy  
cold & feel just about all in tonight. Our old yellow cat

"Dicker" came home this AM having been in a trap -

The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for  
this date:

BEESMER - At Samsonville, NY on Monday,

December 27, Mary Jane Beesmer, wife of the late John  
Beesmer.

Funeral services at the Samsonville Church on Thursday,  
December 30th, at 2 p.m. Interment in Palentown  
cemetery.

DECEMBER 28 Tuesday

Arrived snowing turning to light rain & stopped storming

before noon. Have 2 1/2" snow with light crust. Partly cleared during PM Felt pretty grippy all day, and remained indoors, except going out to barn & right back. Mr & Mrs James Harrison, daughter Helen & year old Albert also her unmarried sister Edith Lindquist - Daisy made waffles for them.

The stock market had a severe break, going to lowest levels since 1937. Gen.Motors laid off 30,000 employees - Rec'd big letter from Mariam.

### DECEMBER 29 Wednesday

Clear - quiet day - Pleasantly warm in sun, crispy tonight down to 14 late evng.

I still feel grippy and weak but got around & helped Daisy with the barn chores. This afternoon, Ed Avery, Jim Burgher, & Will Bender with only my passive assistance butchered our condemned cow. Shot - one of the pair I bought from John Krein at Woodland Valley March 1936 costing \$92.50 each. Wrote Freeman copy evng Cornelia returned from 2 nights visit at Mrs. West's.

### DECEMBER 30 Thursday

Generally Fair - Warmer - Thawing all day. Winds generally northerly and a bit raw.

Ralph Longyear came for dinner & we quartered the beef, dressed 392 lbs. Sold him a side as follows:

Hind qr.	98lbs @	13C	12.74
Fore "	97lbs @	11	10.67
Hide	58lbs @	5C	2.90

L E DuBois - Hind qr.

99lbs @ 14 13.8  
\$40.17

Henry Winchell Jan 3, '38

65 lbs. Of remaining quarter beef @ .11C \$7.15

Total \$47.22

Drawed over big load manure PM Recd card Mariam.

DECEMBER 31 Friday

Cloudy - biting raw air - Set in snowing during PM & continued on into the night. Temperature 12 degrees evng slowly rising with the dawning of 1938.

Around home all day - Ed Avery made a friendly call PM

Mariam & Bob arrived in the snowstorm, about 9.45, in their Chevy, having left Bklyn 4 PM - Don & Edna came over & enjoyed 11 o'clock supper & saw the New Year in.

I am vividly reminded that our Darling Little Honey Girl was taken fatally ill 6 yrs today. - So passes the old year.

## ELWYN C. DAVIS DIARY 1938

JANUARY 1 Saturday Yesterday's snow continued thru the night and til mid forenoon, terminating with light rain. All day was dark and gloomy with rain setting in late pm & changing to dense snowfall - which stopped around 9pm. Drawed over cart load manure pm and spread on sod plowed lower lot. - I hitched Nigger to Aunt Cornelia's old cutter pm & all the younger generation took a ride. We enjoyed a



wonderful chicken supper together - Mariam-Bob-Cornelia-Don & Edna - Mother, Daisy, Helen Thompson Tweedy & myself.

JANUARY 2 Sunday Mild-Continued murky, till around noon, when sun shone thru lovely & later clouded over again - Snow on ground pretty well packed is about 10 inches. The town's newly bought \$11,000 Walter's snow plow & truck was put to good use, starting in yesterday with road opening. Commissioner Claude Bell, opened our drive way this am. We all enjoyed a lovely dinner with Don & Edna. Mr & Mrs PH Carey & Elinor called pm. Mariam & Bob with their car loaded with home stuff left for Brooklyn about 3 o'clock - Don Patterson & Welling VanDuzer came for Cornelia and they started for Cobleskill around 5:15pm

6th anniversary of the sad, sad, death of our Little Honey Girl, Lillian.

JANUARY 3 Monday Clear-sunny-quiet day and evening - Snow settling. The reservoir is pretty well clogged with snow slush. Mild but snowy feel in the air - Temperature dropping evng - 12 degrees Shoveled off porch roofs & drew out load manure pm. Congress reconvened after Dec adjournment - special session - Radio broadcast Pres. F.D.Roosevelt's message at 1:30pm Went over to Mr & Mrs Winchell's pm, taking them 65lbs front qr beef @.11 - Paid \$7.15 Butchered beef Dec.29 - remainder sold last week. Total sold including hide \$47.32

JANUARY 4 Tuesday                      The reservoir is now closed over with frozen slush. Overcast am Cleared away pm. Still - Trees & bushes clinging with frost this am. Pleasantly mild - 16 degrees at 10pm      Went up to Maple Dell awhile am. - with possible intent for killing our hog - However I got things in readiness this pm & drew out manure. My grippy cold is hanging over miserably from last week. Wrote Freeman copy evng. - Rec'd card Cornelia.

JANUARY 5 Wednesday      Partly cloudy - mild - Westerly winds. Ed Avery and Jim Burgher helped me butcher our second wintered over hog - It dressed 307 pounds. Cut up the head and busy with chores pm. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church. Rec'd card from Mariam. Our Darling Little Honey Girl - Lillian Ellen Davis was buried 6 years ago today - Her Dad never forgets - Little Honey -

JANUARY 6 Thursday                      Fair - gradually becoming overcast at evening - 12 degrees above this am. - moderating for storm. Set in rainy late evng. Split up wood & loaded up the porch am. Drew over load manure pm & Don & I scraped the driveway with team & dray, with a post chained under runners. Wrote Freeman copy evng also cut up the hog down cellar. Rec'd shipment Montgomery Ward.

JANUARY 7 Friday                      Rainy night and continued mussy am. Murky - Still part clearing late pm - Very heavy and slippery traveling. Made ready to go to

Kingston but changed plans due to road conditions, and still feeling glum from my hanging on cold. Sent order Sears Roebuck 5 gal can zinc \_\_ white paint (replacement) delivered by Montgomery Ward & Co.

JANUARY 8 Saturday Fair - crispy - colder tonight & snow squally - Drawed over manure am - Ground sausage and slated the hams and pork pm. - also scraped over ice rutted driveway. Don brought my hay tedder back after having frame welded at Bert Winne's garage & store it and horse rake in old barn. I attended IOOF Lodge evng.

JANUARY 9 Sunday Clear - cold - very still - 4 above zero this am & down again tonight. Mother Daisy and I attended church service am. Charles Langer and mother called pleasantly this afternoon - He brought me 100 lb bag old fashioned ground buckwheat flour from Tuttle town grist mill \$3.65. Mrs. John P. Eckert (51) Brodhead Postmistress died at her home 1pm following a stroke Wed.

JANUARY 10 Monday Still - cold raw air - Mostly cloudy all day, clearing away, lovely soft moonlight during evening. 10 degrees at 10:30pm Wrote card Mariam - Drawed over load manure am. This pm I helped Don get 2 dray loads firewood - Wrote Ulster County News copy evng.

JANUARY 11 Tuesday Cloudy, still biting cold - occasional snow flakes and wan sunshine am. I went to Kingston. Stopped on my way at the home of

Mrs. John Eckert at Brodhead and offered services for the funeral. The reservoir is frozen over again, after several days of open water showing across from below Weidner's point from outlet Bushkill stream.

JANUARY 12 Wednesday Gloomy - still - cold raw day - Tried to snow but seemed to cold - Set in early evng as weather slowly moderated up to 20 degrees - and had a fall of over 2 inches. Rec'd letter Cornelia, & wrote her card - Drawed over load manure - took mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church & went after her 4 ocolock. A pancake and sausage dinner was served. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Funeral 1:30pm of Mrs. John P. Eckert (Edith Silkworth) held at home, Brodhead - Burial Krumville Cemetery.

JANUARY 13 Thursday  
Partly cloudy - generally mild - Got rough and squally late pm. Overcast evng. Busy with usual chores etc - Went up to see Charley Duloff pm - Vetinary Wright called early pm. Kept close to the warm fireside evng and read "Story of the Bible from Adam to death of Christ"

JANUARY 14 Friday  
Mild snow squally this morning - All cloudy pm & evng. Light winds. Drawed over load manure pm. Split wood and done chores. Rec'd letter Mariam. Rec'd letter from Uncle John B. Davis, Hollister, Idaho

JANUARY 15 Saturday Bright sunshiny day -

crispy cold. Light northerly winds. Partly cloudy evng,  
 after early bright as day big round moonlight. Busy  
 around home with chores, splitting some wood etc.  
 Called on Mr & Mrs Winchell before attending Public  
 Installation at Shokan IOOF Lodge, by District Deputy  
 Everett J Hannay & staff of Saugerties.  
 Junior Vice Grand - Lawrence J. Van Gaasbeck  
 Noble Grand - Edwin Schwab Vice Grand - Gilbert  
 Bloom Warden - Alonzo Davis  
 Conductor - Reginald E. Davis Right Scene Supporter -  
 Edw. Van Kleeck  
 Left Scene Supporter - Lester B. Davis R.S. Noble  
 Grand - Arthur E. Trowbridge  
 L.S. “ “ - Grover C. Christiana R.S. Vice  
 Grand - Wilson Terwilliger  
 L.S. “ “ - Herman Quick Inside Guardian -  
 William Shultis Outside “  
 - LeGrand Shultis Chaplain - Elwyn C. Davis Rec.  
 Secy - Harlow McLean  
 Fin. Secy - Virgil C. Gordon Treas - Arthur C.  
 Trowbridge

JANUARY 16 Sunday Cloudy - still cold -  
 6 above this am. Threatening - 20 tonight. Mother  
 Daisy & I attended service am. Charles Langer and  
 his mother spent the pm. Trim and sry on her 81st  
 birthday. Mr & Mrs P.H. Carey also called. Charles  
 Langer returned my Davis Eckert single barrel bear rifle  
 after putting new nipples and drums in each of the  
 separate rifle and smooth bore barrels.  
 The following is taken from a news clipping found in

diary on this date:

HOWARD - In this city, January 16, 1938, Mary Josephine Howard, wife of Lemuel Howard, mother of Elizabeth Ann Swift, Mary J., Nellie Ondrey, Ruth Best, Pearl, Evelyn Winne, Priscilla May, Geraldine, James William, Lemuel, Paul C. And Russell Howard; sister of Lizzie DuBois and Mary Catherine Comeskie, James and Robert Edward Winne. Body may be viewed at any time at the W.N.Conner Funeral, 296 Fair Street, where funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Relatives and friends invited.

JANUARY 17 Monday Cold - snowy day.  
Coming from the south, but the fall was light 1 1/2"  
Waning full moon shone thru late evng. 6 degrees at  
11pm & turning colder. Had a snowy trip taking over  
big over week end cart load manure before dinner. Ed  
Every called this morning. Mr & Mrs Walter Schmoekel  
and daughter Lonzette called pm. Wrote "news" copy  
evng.

JANUARY 18 Tuesday  
10 below zero this am. Clear still - snappy cold - Still  
colder tonight. Packed and sent a food box to Mariam  
which took the morning making ready, along with  
writing a letter, also to Henry Winchell. Stock up the  
porch with night wood pm & busy with usual chores.  
Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

JANUARY 19 Wednesday 20 below zero this am  
recorded here. Coldest in several years - 10 above 11pm

Biting clear and still, gradually moderating and finally becoming overcast late pm. Took mother to Ladies Aid meeting, and spent the most of the day doing chores etc. Wrote card to Cornelia. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Funeral of Mrs. Lem Howard pm in Kingston.

JANUARY 20 Thursday

Clear - still - Pleasant winter's day - 10 degrees this am & 12 tonight - quite hazy pm Drawed over big cart load manure am. Don helped me cut a big dead yellow birch firewood tree short distance in woods near the driveway, pm. Drawed 2 loads top dray wood for his woodpile. Sent Cornelia a box this am & 5.00 - Rec'd letter from her. Charles Carlson of Samsonville died 5 am at Benedictine Hosp.

JANUARY 21 Friday

Cloudy 14 above this am. Cloudy - moderating, still - Snowing lightly along all afternoon, heavier evng. Had 3 in. Fresh snow at midnight. Recd letter Mariam, & wrote her a card. Sent 3.00 to Wall Street Journal for 3 mo - 10 day sub. Collector Kenneth Bailey set at Colange's store - Went down am & paid taxes. Rate \$19.92 per "M" asset valu 25 acres - County Tax 16.80

Highway tax 15.80 Fee .33 Valuation \$1600 Total \$32.93 Hinkley Farm 49 acres - County tax \$6.05 Highway tax 5.92 fee .12 total \$12.09 Valuation 600

Cleaned up this evng my Grandfather Crispell's double barrel muzzle loading rifle & shot gun in shooting order. I loaded & fired both barrels. Listened in to 11:15 pm - 10 round heavy weight Madison Sq Garden, broadcast

bout between ex Champ of World James J. Braddock & Champion of England Tommy Farr. Braddock won decision.

JANUARY 22 Saturday      Still, mild, murky. Light rain early evng turned to snow of brief duration. Sent Cornelia this week's Ulster County news and wrote a letter with it. Wrote card Mariam. Drewed out manure pm and scraped the driveway. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

JANUARY 23 Sunday      Mild - partly cloudy. Wind northerly - clear still evng. A March like day. Snow settling and roads getting bare, after the plowing yesterday. Mother Daisy & I attended church service am. Chas Langer called noontime & had dinner with us. I attended pm funeral at Samsonville Church of Charles Carlson. Delegation of officers and members Kingston Lodge No 10 - Conducted ritualistic services at church - Remains placed in Tongore Cemetery vault. Bro. Carlson was a member of Citizens Lodge Bklyn  
4th anniversary of Father's Death.

JANUARY 24 Monday      Cloudy - mild, southerly wind - Set in for a rainstorm late pm Continued into the night. Drewed over load manure on plowed lower lot am. - Daisy & I cut a big yellow birch tree for firewood pm just in woods opposite driveway entrance. Recd card Mariam Wrote "news" copy evng. Started receiving the Wall St. Journal for 3 mo. 10days subscription.



JANUARY 25 Tuesday Rainy windy night, mild, slushy. Real January thaw. Driving south, west downpours during morning and early pm. Cloudy except for brief periods of sunshine - Unusual aurora borealis display early evng, yellow streamers and fire red reflections showing overhead among broken clouds. Blustery evng & turning colder. Filed cross cut saw am. Daisy and I managed to get the yellow birch tree to the woodpile in 3 very mussy trips. Recd letters both Cornelia & Mariam.

JANUARY 26 Wednesday Cold - blustery - partly, cloudy - all clear evng. Sudden freeze up. Took mother to Ladies Aid at church - Daisy and I cut a dead beech tree for firewood out in woods near SW corner. Mr & Mrs. Ralph Longyear had dinner with Daisy & I - Ralph also stayed to supper. Butchered Wild Cat old yellow cow pm. In wonderful fat condition - Ralph - Don - Jim Burgher & Will Bender helped. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Recd lovely letter from Lem Howard about his wife's death.

JANUARY 27 Thursday Continued cold, fair, northerly winds. 10 above zero this am. Daisy and I drew out firewood with team and dray. After dinner took over big cart load manure and spread on lower lot. Rec'd card Mariam & letter from Leah Van Benschoten. Wrote cards to Mariam & Cornelia.

JANUARY 28 Friday Continues clear & crispy cold - Light northerly winds. Zero this am - 6 above 11pm

Donald helped me drawing wood - we cut a tall "pepprage" in woods opposite driveway pm, & got it out. Recd letter Cornelia Wrote cards to both girls.

JANUARY 29 Saturday 10 above this am. Cloudy still - cold raw air - somewhat moderated tonight at 22 degrees - Snow flurry 11pm. Don and I worked in back woods, cutting and draying out firewood. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng Wrote cards both girls.

JANUARY 30 Sunday Continued overcast this morning but cleared away lovely warm and brisk south westerly wind pm & evng. Mother Daisy & I attended service pm. Took a walk in our woods pm. Wrote Ulster Co news copy evng. Mr & Mrs Theodore Kerr, Jennie & her mother called pm Don & Edna went to Hobart & brought Olive home with them for a visit.

JANUARY 31 Monday Rainy in night and this morning early - Turned colder with strong all night winds shifting from south west to north. Was a bit snow squally, and finally cleared away early evng with colorful red sunset. Reese Smith helped me cut a big tall dead yellow birch down in mid woods & hauled it out in 3 trips, also drew a dray load top wood for Donald - He helping. I made 3rd trip to Maple Dell late pm with Molly cow. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

FEBRUARY 1 Tuesday Clear and cold - Moderate Northerly winds. 8 above 11:30p.m still Drawed over load manure pm Daisy helped me pm

started working up firewood logs - cross cutting in 4 ft lengths & splitting, ready for buzz saw. Don & I quartered and weighted the beef pm 454 lbs. I let Don have a hind quarter 110 lbs. Without charge. Recd letters Mariam & Cornelia. Keeping the other hind qr for ourselves.

FEBRUARY 2 Wednesday 8 above this am.

Unsettled. Mostly cloudy, but part the time sunny. Cold raw air - Overcast evng. Brer woodchuck had numerous opportunities to see his shadow. Took mother to Ladies Aid at Church. Will Bender helped me working up firewood logs. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Funeral pm at Tongore church of Arndt Anderson, he having died in Brooklyn. Has large summer boarding house on Acorn hill. Interment Tongore Cemetery He was a mason.

FEBRUARY 3 Thursday Gloomy foggy - cold freezing rain - Cleared windy evng and warmer. Ice coating melted. Around home all day. Completed Freeman copy this am. - wrote cards Henry Winchell & Mariam. Aslo wrote letter Ira Warren of Kingston Daily Leader. Recd letter Cornelia & card Mariam. This afternoon I set myself to the task of setting, truing teeth and filing firewood buzz saw. Very slippery traveling all day. Mother Daisy & I spent the evening serenely together.

FEBRUARY 4 Friday March like weather - Thawing during day. Part cloudy bright day - northerly winds. Stilling. Will Bender and Reese Smith helped

finish working up firewood logs - Set up the old Ford sawing outfit and made a big hole in the sawing job - sawed till supper 6 o'clock. Took over cart load manure & spread after dinner. Ralph Longyear came pm & took 205lbs front quarters beef also hide. Cornelia arrived during pm from Cobleskill with Don Patterson & Welling VanDuzer.

FEBRUARY 5 Saturday Mild - Generally fair. Winds southerly. Made a complete clean up of the wood sawing, finished our am & moved the outfit over to Dons pile and sawed his this afternoon. Will Bender - Reese Smith - Jim Burgher. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Smith charge me \$3.50 working since yesterday mid forenoon & having 5 good meals.

FEBRUARY 6 Sunday Warm - Still - Overcast - sun shone thru this morning. Set in rainy at eve. Later wind came up from northwest. Mother Daisy Cornelia & I attended church am. Around home pm Donald & Olive took supper with us - Edna is not feeling well. Don Patterson arrived late due to foggy driving, and after having a bit they left for Cobleskill at 10:45.

FEBRUARY 7 Monday Mild and muddy - Mostly cloudy am - All clearing early pm. Brisk northerly winds freezing up hard evng. Busy around home all day - drew over manure am. Got out first lot of 4 hams for smoking pm Wrote news and Freeman copy's evng - Feeling blue and lonesome.

FEBRUARY 8 Tuesday      Crispy raw light southerly winds. Fair, somewhat hazy. Warmer thawing pm - Thermometer 28 evng Started smoking the hams & split wood. Rec'd card Mariam. Wrote card Cornelia. John Secor (52) life long back road heights section Ashokan farmer died suddenly at his home. His funeral was held Sat - 12th 10am Old School Baptist church Shokan- Interment in Winchell Cemetery.

FEBRUARY 9 Wednesday    Mild - Cloudy - fresh southwesterly winds am. Light rains pm & evng. Took mother to Ladies Aid. Will Bender gave me a willing hand splitting wood, having dinner & supper with us. Drawed over manure after dinner.

FEBRUARY 10 Thursday    Typical March sap weather. Froze up during night. Fair - Fresh northerly winds, diminishing. Lovely clear pm & evng. 16 degrees late tonight. Spent the day making ready to rank up firewood under shed next to sliding barn door. Mr & Mrs John Breithaupt had supper & spent evng with us. My plans for news writing went hay wire. Kept smoke going under hams. Charley Langer's garage at Wallkill destroyed by fire last night.

FEBRUARY 11 Friday                      6 above this am. Part to mostly overcast - Cold raw air all day - Quiet. Snowed a little late evng. Aside from chores, spent the day splitting & piling wood. Cornelia called up tonight from Cobleskill saying she had been out of school 3 days sick in bed, but now feeling better & attended classes

today. Call collect 75 cents. Scout troop entertainment tonight at Colange Hall.

FEBRUARY 12 Saturday Cloudy - moderately mild - Fresh westerly winds developed during pm. Took over load manure am & spread on plowed lower lot - Split wood pm and Mariam & Bob ranked up the first tier next to sliding barn door. They arrived with their car from Brooklyn around 2 p.m. Don-Edna & Olive spent the evening with us. I did not attend lodge.

FEBRUARY 13 Sunday Rained toward morning. Another mild unsettled cloudy day & evng. Foggy evng. Mother & I attended church service am. Mariam & Bob slept late. We had dinner 2 o'clock and they left for home around 5.

FEBRUARY 14 Monday Mild - partly cloudy - Turned colder & windy during pm and was snow squally and blustery evng. Busy around home - Split some wood. Will Jordan called after dinner - Mother Daisy & I attended oyster supper at church evng.

FEBRUARY 15 Tuesday 12 above zero this am. Clear - biting northerly wind - 12 tonight. I helped Donald Bishop put Celotex wall board on ceiling of mother's bed room - part of plaster had fallen off over her bed. Also pm I took over big load manure & spread, also drew two wagon load firewood for Jim Harrison from his back pasture lot. Funeral pm in Kingston of Sylvester Every, with burial in Bushkill Cemetery. Jim

Harrison was a long evening caller - Recd letter Cornelia & card Mariam.

FEBRUARY 16 Wednesday 10 above this am - Clear - bright sunny - cold - raw air & light wind - Split wood along with routine of daily chore doing - Took mother to Ladies Aid at church. By necessity made this pm third trip to Maple Dell with "Red" cow for breeding - Previous trip Dec 15 -

FEBRUARY 17 Thursday 12 above this am Fair, becoming overcast Brisk south westerly winds developed - moderating. Completed Freeman copy this morning - Split wood, ranked up a tier under shed - drawn over manure etc. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

FEBRUARY 18 Friday Warm - April like weather - Cloudy occasional sprinkles. Fresh westerly winds pm - Sun broke thru awhile early pm. Will Bender came and gave a helping hand - Put a small swing out window for light and ventilation in horse stable. I managed to pile some wood along with chores etc. Daisy got a bad fall on her right knee this am going out to barn. Wrote letter Cornelia and sent her C & O check for \$7.50

FEBRUARY 19 Saturday Continued mild - rainy mussy am. Set in snowing heavily late evng. Will Bender stayed over night and today we split and piled wood, have 3 new ranks under shed and pile along barn. He went home after supper. I attended IOOF lodge evng

and later visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell - Was snowing so hard coming home had to stop twice and clean windshield. Daisy is having a pretty hard time with her banged knee. Rec'd card Cornelia.

FEBRUARY 20 Sunday      Have a 5 inch snow fall - stopped during night - trees beautifully clinging with the soft heavy snow - Gradually cleared away beautiful pm. Northerly winds diminishing - Temperature in mid twenties tonight. Mother & I went down to church but was no service - Bro. Bender did not come. Charles Langer & his mother came pm. He has repaired for me Ray Dunn'd old cap & ball London Colt pistol & WA Scott & Sons - double barrel 12ga muzzle loader which I bought two years ago of Will Jones.

FEBRUARY 21 Monday      Magnificent bright still crispy day & evng. Thawing during day 10 above late evng. I finally made trip to Kingston - coming back called briefly on Henry Winchell and at Mr & Mrs Wilson Hamilton's along Mountain road. Wrote "news" copy evng.

FEBRUARY 22 Tuesday      Moderated about 20 degrees during night. Clear dawning but became overcast am. Light snow fall early evng. Rather chill light southerly winds. Wrote card Cornelia & recd letter from Her. Took over load manure & spread am. - PM drew up 2 dray loads cold saw mill lumber. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Mother made my time honored soft chocolate cake, like Aunt Cornelia did for so many years.



FEBRUARY 23 Wednesday My 48th birthday. Mild - Generally cloudy - Sun shone thru awhile - Murky pm & evng. Spent the day around home - Took mother to Ladies Aid at church. West Shokan and Bushkill schools were dinner guests. Put in the day busy with usual chores and pulled nails out of some of old mill lumber. Recd birthday card & letter from Mariam - Daisy invited Mr & Mrs Ed Avery & Mr & Mrs Jim Burgher for the evening. Pleasant visit and refreshments, sandwiches, chocolate ice cream & my birthday cake. Heard 10pm broadcast of scheduled world heavyweight bout at Madison Sq. Garden Challenger Nathan Mann vs Champion Joe Lewis - who K.O. Mann in 3rd pout.

FEBRUARY 24 Thursday Cloudy - mild - Part clearing late pm & turned somewhat colder. Became blustery evng. Pulled nails out of old mill lumber & piled the planks, mostly 2 x 6s. Took a lonely walk out thru the woods late pm looking for bridge plank timber. Seem to feel all in - no pep. Recd lovely letter & birthday card from Cornelia.

FEBRUARY 25 Friday                      Faired away bright sunny day - crispy northerly winds. 14 late evng. Mountain squally to north latter pm Wrote card Kay - Rec'd 1938 Bannerman catalog. Took over cart load manure am. - Spread 2 wagon loads horse manure on alfalfa patch pm. Cornelia called up from Cobleskill at 4:30 saying she would be home around 7 o'clock with Don Patterson & Welling VanDuzer - We invited Mr & Mrs Chas Duloff for supper - All dined together

pleasantly.

FEBRUARY 26 Saturday Bright sunny crispy day - Light winds - Broken clouds pm & evng. Thawing during day. Worked on woodpile loaded up the porch with handy firewood. Cleaned up last load of horse manure from Prince's stable pm & spread on lower lot plowed sod. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Cornelia went to Kingston tonight with Mr & Mrs Oliver Tweedy.

FEBRUARY 27 Sunday Snowing mussy along all day - melting as it fell - Cleared evng - Still. Mother Cornelia & I attended service pm Charles Langer & his mother called pm. We did some target work with a heavy German American muzzle loading match rifle. Harry Jordan also called. A first born son last night at Benedictine Hosp to Mr & Mrs Thos. Burke - She is former Dorothy Smith.

FEBRUARY 28 Monday Much colder - near zero all day - Northerly gale - Cloudy snowing lightly this morning, broke away around noon - Windy tonight Clear - The windiest and one of coldest days this winter. Blowed off & broke one of Don's garage doors. Did but little today aside from chores - Fired several shots with single muzzle loader, using the interchangeable shot barrel, for first time - The first shot I use powder & shot I found in my great grandfather Crispell's tool chest, in lower till. Cornelia left for Cobleskill 9 am Wrote "news" copy evng.

MARCH 1 Tuesday Much moderated today but blustery, Partly cloudy - All clear evening. Thermometer 41 tonight. Drawed over load manure am. Busy with usual chores and during pm I called on Mrs. Ole Burgher. Raymond Millers and Mr & Mrs Wilson Hamilton. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Recd letter Mariam. Mrs. Carrie Weidner is ill with pneumonia.

MARCH 2 Wednesday Mild - All day temperature about 40 - Became overcast am. Strong south westerly winds - rain squally late afternoon. Snow has disappeared, only on mountains. Took mother to Ladies Aid. Will Bender came dinner time & we spent the pm piling a rank of small wood along barn, His wife came home with mother from Ladies Aid at Church & both stayed for supper. Edna was called this am as private nurse for Mrs. Katherine D.Boice at her home ill with pneumonia.

MARCH 3 Thursday Much colder - raw southerly wind. Mostly cloudy - Clear evng. Zero 10:30pm Started smoking second batch of hams. Daisy & I finished piling small wood. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Paid in advance premium my Provident Mutual policy No.409693 due June 26 - \$36.83 also Cornelia's policy No.753520 - in advance - due 12/27 \$20.11 less .16 due \$19.95

MARCH 4 Friday 4 below zero this am. Fair, becoming overcast early evng. Raw light southerly winds - slowly moderating 20 above tonight. Finished

splitting firewood & piling Drawed over load manure & spread pm Kept smoke under hams. Rec'd letter Mariam.

MARCH 5 Saturday Had driving storm of 1 1/2" sleet during night and rainy & windy throughout the day & evng. Thermometer up to 50 degrees late tonight and the snow gone like magic. Around home all day - Went to IOOF lodge evng and then called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

MARCH 6 Sunday Crispy March weather - Sunshine and northerly winds - Part cloudy inclined snow squally on mountains. Mother Daisy & I attended service am. Took a walk in woods pm with Grandpa Crispell's double rifle shot gun, just for remisence sake. Started "news" copy evng.

MARCH 7 Monday Decidedly March like weather - Westerly winds snow squally this morning but fairing away sunny. Mostly cloudy evng. And warmer. Will Bender came this am and we worked in woods cutting trees for a 2000 ft county order for bridge plank. Finished "news" copy tonite.

MARCH 8 Tuesday Snow squalls in night, ground showing white. Colder - Northerly winds overcast snow squally this am but like yesterday cleared away bright & sunny. Ground froze & didnt thaw much during day. Will Bender stayed over night and we spent the day working in woods cutting beech trees for bridge

plank & firewood - I drew over load manure this am before going to woods. Recd letters Mariam & Kay. Mr. Bender went home after supper.

MARCH 9 Wednesday Clear, crispy, northerly winds. Half moon tonight in cloudless sky. 22 late evng. Will Bender helped me cutting logs again today - His wife came to the Ladies Aid meeting at church & they had supper with us before going home. Recd card Cornelia.

MARCH 10 Thursday Froze up hard - overcast threatening snow this am but later cleared away beautiful. Crispy air - thawed some during day - Quiet - 18 late evng. Don helped me work in woods am - Drewed out manure. This afternoon I drewed out logs along woods for loading.

MARCH 11 Friday Fair - hazy - chill southerly wind - becoming overcast pm - Snowing evng. Ground white. Don helped me in woods - made 2 trips hauling out logs - broke sleigh - We cut & trimmed up 2 trees - Have enough logs cut to saw over 2000 ft in 16 in plank - I estimate. 50 Anniversary of Blizzard of 1888. Listened to radio broadcast tonite, Madison Sq Garden 15 round heavy weight bout between Ex world champ, Max Baer & British contender Tommy Farr - Baer won decision.

MARCH 12 Saturday Last nites ½ “ snow fall disappeared - Fair - mild - winds northerly. Became overcast evng. With Daisy helping we finished sledding

out along road the cut saw logs. Busy day - with numerous hindrances. Attended IOOF lodge evng.

MARCH 13 Sunday Arrived rainy - mild brisk south westerly winds, fair, becoming mostly cloudy during pm. Mother Daisy & I attended church am. Charley Langer & his mother called this afternoon. He & I went up to Maple Dell awhile and saw their steam boiler maple syrup making system in operation. Wrote "news" copy evng. And card to Leah VanBenschoten.

MARCH 14 Monday Arrived rainy - Cloudy, raw, gloomy day, with occasional light rains - Moon shone thru evng. Light southerly wind. Started smoke again under hams. Drewed over manure am. Repaired wood sleigh - Made trip to woods pm after fire wood logs, then quit due to wind. Went up to see Charley Duloff late pm about getting bridge plank sawed. Funeral pm in Kingston of John Hess, who died Thursday. He played ball mostly as pitcher with famous Shokan team of 30 years ago, several seasons. Had been Kingston mail carrier 20 yrs.

MARCH 15 Tuesday                      16 this am Ground froze, but became soft during day. Lovely fair day. Light winds southerly. Glorious big mellow moon shining evng. Freezing. Put in the day sledding out to woodpile all available fire wood logs. Muddy sleighing. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

MARCH 16 Wednesday                      Gloomy rainy day &

evng. Set in rainy about 9 this am. Not a steady downpour. Took over load manure this am & spread on corn ground lower lot. Started working up fire wood logs on woodpile, filed cross cut saw etc. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

MARCH 17 Thursday Misty gloomy day rained hard evng. Chilly - Made a trip to Kingston for grocery supplies etc. I attended fish supper tonight at church. My grandfather Martin H Crispell's birthday born 1829 - Died 1905 - May 19th. The stock market continues declining.

MARCH 18 Friday Mostly cloudy - mild - light northerly winds. Muddy. Worked on woodpile cross cutting & splitting logs ready for buzz saw. Stock market broke badly due to European war scare conditions.

MARCH 19 Saturday Warm - real spring like Fair - sunny - northerly winds - becoming overcast evng. The ice cleared out from the entire upper section of the reservoir west baisin - It has been in the breaking up process for several weeks. Worked on woodpile finished working up the firewood logs Daisy helped. - Pretty tired, & was late getting over big cart load manure. Hurried getting supper & bath & getting off for IOOF lodge - rec'd card Mariam.

MARCH 20 Sunday Cloudy April showers am Real

warm - Partly cloudy pm. Light showers evng winds westerly. Temperature above 50 tonite. Mother Daisy & I attended church service am. Charles Langer and mother called pm Charles, Ed Avery & I visited Bushkill Cemetery, did some target shooting. Mrs. Grace Winchell, suffered a very critical hemmorage evng, from her gums, follow 2 tooth extractions Friday.

MARCH 21 Monday The first day of spring and the balmiest weather - Fair, sunny Northerly winds, diminishing. Thermometer in sun 78 this pm - 44 at 10:30pm Got out the old Ford saw rig set up, and this pm - Ed Avery & Jim Burgher helped me saw the pile of worked up logs. Wrote "news" copy evng.

MARCH 22 Tuesday A real summer day. Clear, light haze - south westerly winds, shifting northerly late evng. Temperature 84-86pm porch thermometers - down to 56 at 10:30pm Split and piled wood, starting a tier against end of barn. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Worked with sleeves rolled up. Went up to see Ves Jones tonite - he having had a heart attack during last night, but he has recovered. The Stock Market continues drifting lower. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

MARCH 23 Wednesday Hot summer's day - 82-84 degrees afternoon temperature. Fair, Fresh south westerly gusty winds becoming overcast evng. With sprinkles of rain - 64 at 11:30pm Worked splitting & piling wood in shade of barn, comfortable in sleeves rolled up. A field & woods fire at Coons neighborhood



starting on Nadel farm burned about 100 acres. I went over to see Henry Winchell evng.

MARCH 24 Thursday Cooler - Fair - some cloudy - Fresh northerly winds - Thermometer 36 - 10:30pm Took over load manure am., also drew wagon load coal ashes from Will Jones & at the parsonage - Split and piled wood pm. Walter Willer showed up at 10:30pm for nights lodging.

MARCH 25 Friday Froze ice last night. Warmer - fair - Fresh westerly winds evng, becoming overcast. Kept at my splitting and piling wood. I called on Mr & Mrs Ves Jones evng. Walter Willer staying again tonight. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

MARCH 26 Saturday Stormy Day - Rainy & snow - Driving showers from south west, becoming very blustery evng with wind shifting north. Drew over load manure am before squalls started. This pm taking my car Ed Avery & I went to Wallkill & return via Minnewaska trail to see Charles Langer's gun collection at Wallkill. Had supper with Chas and Mrs. Langer - An interesting trip Stock Market sell off continued from yesterday.

MARCH 27 Sunday mountains showing white Heaviest wind of the winter last night - Reservoir rolling high this am & magnificent spectacle in sunlight. The

day was raw & Marchy - Heavy snow squalls pm.  
Clearing evng. & northerly winds. Mother Daisy & I  
attended service am. Charley Langer & mother came pm.  
He & I went to Watson Hollow & with Ed Avery shot  
target a few times - was too cold & snowy.

MARCH 28 Monday                      Froze thin ice last night.  
Clear, light haze, warmer - light northerly winds. 10 pm  
temperature 40. Daisy and I started spring farming am.  
Took over load manure and drew stones off lower  
plowed sod lot This afternoon I throwed out hog yard  
manure accumulation - Wrote "news" copy evng.

MARCH 29 Tuesday                      Fair - Mild - becoming  
overcast late pm Light northerly winds 52 - 11pm  
D.W.S. Started removing 3 corner lot stone row. Daisy  
& I took load leaves banking away from house - Busy  
odd jobs pm. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Stock Market  
sell off continues.

MARCH 30 Wednesday                      Gloomy day - nasty rain  
pm & evng. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church I  
went to Kingston. Wrote addresses 356 past card notices  
for IOOF Dist Grand Comm Meeting, evng. Recd card  
Mariam.

MARCH 31 Thursday                      Mussy rainy night  
and continued along during day & evng Still - foggy  
Went to Kingston again today - watching the market, but  
did nothing. Most stocks continued selling off to new  
laws since 1932-35.

APRIL 1 Friday April Fool Lovely, warm. Clear day - Light winds. Spread big cart load manure on garden am. Made a clean up job of tearing down the old hog pen & yard fence. This evng I attended banquet and reception at Gov. Clinton Hotel Kingston tendered IOOF Grand Master Jacob Levy and Assembly President of Rebekah's Bertha (Wulford) The stock market turned stronger today

APRIL 2 Saturday Cloudy except for brief breaks of sunshine. Snow squalls on mtns light southerly winds, shifting fresh northerly evng. Chilly air clearing later evng. Poor day for trout season opening. Put in the day burning old hog yard and coop rubbish behind barn - sawed the best of firewood & cut up part of same. I attended IOOF Lodge evng.

APRIL 3 Sunday Raw blustery day northerly winds. Partly cloudy this morning, clearing. Mother Daisy & I attended church service am. During pm I made a little visit at Maple Dell - Wrote to Lute Bell evng having recently read a letter from him.

APRIL 4 Monday Ground white with a surprise snow this am. Raw and Bushkill snow squally about all day - Fair and freezing evng. Geo North and son Erastus papered my bedroom. I went to Kingston. Bought dozen chicks for Daisy @ 10 cents each. The stock market is perking up somewhat after last week's big sell down. Wrote news copy evng.

APRIL 5 Tuesday Froze hard last night. Mostly cloudy raw cold day, blustery Bushkill squalls on mountains. I harrowed over the corn stubble field behind barn - Drawed over big cart load manure pm. The D.W.S. men finished drawing away the old stone row wall along upper side 3 corner lot. Makes a big improvement. Wrote Freeman copy evng Recd letter Cornelia.

APRIL 6 Wednesday Raw cold day - cloudy - set in for a snow storm early pm - Continued into night - Temperature in low twenties. Don & I drawed manure 2 loads spread on his garden & 2 loads over on corn ground - cleaning up the pile of hog manure. George North & son Erastus papered our diningroom yesterday and today. Paid \$7.00 for their papering work.

APRIL 7 Thursday Soggy clinging 5 in snow this am. Arrived cloudy glum, clearing away around mid day - Light northerly winds. Thawing - Part of snow melted. Chester Lyons went along with me to Kingston & return. Stock market had very quiet day. Also called on Mr & Mrs. Chas Duloff on my way around home. Bought 7 more chicks for Daisy @ 10 cents each. RI red & few barred rocks. Drawed \$20 from Cornelia's Savings & Loan Acct & had checks sent her - Had tooth refilled & teeth cleaned at Dr. E.E.Henry's \$3.00

APRIL 8 Friday                      Cloudy gloomy set in snowing about 11 am. Turned to steady freezing rain early pm - continuing into night. 1/3 of Nation snow & sleet covered in worst April blizzard in history. Stayed around home, doing odd jobs. Stock market enjoyed a brisk rise today. - The House of Representatives defeated Pres. Roosevelt's Govt Reorganization bill late this pm considered as country wide repudiation of faith in President.

APRIL 9 Saturday    Everything heavily covered with ice & sleet. Looks like a mid winter scene - Continued rainy gloomy add day. Ice melting from trees etc. Evening change to colder windy and part clearing. Stock market strong in morning session. I went along to Kingston from Ashokan with Chester Lyons. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Winchell.

APRIL 10 Sunday    High northerly winds. Bright sunny day. Cold - but snow disappearing - Bulging moon & glorious clear evng - thermometer 11pm - 26 Mother Daisy & I attended church service am. The weather favors early March. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness of Woodstock called pm.

The following newspaper clipping was found this date in diary:

OTIS BISHOP SUCCUMBS; FORMER RESIDENT OF OLIVE Monday April 11, 1938

Otis Bishop, a former resident of the town of Olive, died Saturday morning at his home, 574 West End avenue,

New York city. One brother, Granville W. Bishop, survives. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 from the W.N.Conner Funeral Home, 296 Fair street, with burial in Tongore cemetery.

APRIL 11 Monday Froze ½ inch ice last night - clear - Moderating with fresh southwesterly winds - Considerable snow remains here and there - and High Point shows white as mid winter. Drewed over big cart load manure on corn ground & clean out from stables on garden. This pm Daisy and I made spring repairs along pasture rail fence. Wrote Ulster Co. News copy evng.

APRIL 12 Tuesday Lovely warm day. Clear and somewhat hazy. Wind pretty well quieted down today. Daisy and I put in the day repairing pasture wire fence. Very tired sore tonight. The assessors called today. Martin J. Every - Homer Markle sr & John B. Davis. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Spent the evng getting ready my secys report for Dist Grand Comm meeting - Mother & I wrote Easter card & notes tonite to Leah VanBenshoten.

APRIL 13 Wednesday Warm, April like - Partly cloudy. Showery around pm. - sprinkles. Light winds. Took mother to Ladies Aid at church. Daisy and I worked fixing fence. Attended with Arthur Trowbridge Annual Meeting of IOOF Ulster District Grand Committee at Saugerties evng. Reginald J. Lapo of Bearsville Lodge no533 was elected District Deputy and I was unopposed for secretary.

APRIL 14 Thursday                      Real summery - Fair -  
somewhat hazy & cloudy. Quiet day & evng.  
Thermometer 64 tonight. Put in part day clearing &  
whitewashing cow stables. Daisy and I tore down old  
fence (strip of wire) below hemlocks and got new posts  
set. Warmest April 14 in NYC on record (77)

APRIL 15 Friday                      Hottest April 15 in NY  
city history 81 degrees. Continued like summer -  
Cloudy this am faired away but became overcast again  
during pm - Showers from north early evng. Light  
winds. Wrote up acct for Freeman this am of Grand  
Committee meeting. Daisy & I finished making fence  
repairs. Strung 4 barb wires for new strip of fence below  
hemlocks. Recd letters Mariam & Cornelia.  
Decomposed remains of Theo. Bell (36) of Kingston,  
found in Rondout Creek, was interred this pm in  
Monterepose cemetery at Kingston. Funeral held 2  
oclock at Connors Parlors, Kingst. He had been  
missing since November. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

APRIL 16 Saturday                      Fair - bright day some  
clouds - light southerly wind - Continued warm, but  
cooler than yesterday. Daisy went to Kingston on bus. I  
took over big cart load manure this morning. Then  
called to see Ves Jones who is not too well. This  
afternoon I rebuilt part of chicken yard wire fence.  
Attended IOOF lodge evng, afterward called on Pete  
Crawford.

APRIL 17 Sunday Fair this morning with light southerly winds, becoming overcast rather gloomy pm. - Light showers at eve - South wind carried a chilling touch. Mother Daisy & I attended Easter service at church am. Meeting held in auditorium newly renovated and equipped with new carpets & church flag. The interior was repainted and varnished early last fall. Improvements sponsored by Ladies Aid Society. Winter services held in basement Charles Langer & his mother came this pm only ate 4 eggs today, an all time low record.

Ida Mae Davis & Glen E. Marlott married 12:30, after Easter Service at Tongore Church.

APRIL 18 Monday Murky still. Occasional light showers am. Settled down rainy all afternoon part clearing during evng & foggy. Muggy. Drawed over load manure am & put sleighs away under shelter. Took lime sower behind car to Bert Winnie's Garage pm for repairs. Wrote news copy evng.

APRIL 19 Tuesday Fair - continued warm - broken clouds - westerly winds, diminishing pm. Spent forenoon pulling out roots with team in old removed stone raw above 3 corner lot. After late dinner Daisy & I picked a big wagon box load stone from behind barn and put in hog yard for filling up. After supper I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage and brought home repaired lime sower. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

APRIL 20 Wednesday Season's first thunder shower



Continued warm fair gusty southwesterly winds -  
Became showery early pm to West and North - Had  
recurring showers from mid pm into evng. Cloudy evng.

I burned stump roots in old stone row am, and started  
harrowing the corn & potato ground. Continued til  
stopped by shower. After supper I went down to Pete  
Crawford's Garage and had car serviced for summer.  
Speedometer

APRIL 21 Thursday Slightly cooler than yesterday -  
Clear this am, becoming increasingly hazy & part  
cloudy. Light southerly winds. I finished harrowing  
over corn lot this forenoon. The pm Daisy & I made a  
big clean up job of the old stone row, drawing off and  
dumping stones along city road. Went over with spring  
tooth harrow which loosened up about 8 cart loads.  
Then sowed grass seed on upper half of row. Rec'd card  
Mariam saying Bob had his tonsils removed Monday.

APRIL 22 Friday Rainy this morning. Looked an all  
day downpour but finally part broke away - cooler and  
northerly wind. I went to Cobleskill School and  
brought Cornelia home for 10 day vacation - Covered  
148 miles. Uneventful trip and Chevy purred merrily  
without a miss. I visited Fred Bishop's grave reverently  
in Prattsville cemetery.

APRIL 23 Saturday Beautifully clear cool - Light  
northerly winds - 36-11pm. Light frosts forecast.  
Daisy went to Kingston on bus & was fitted for new  
glasses at Dr. Harry LeFevres - \$16.00 This am I took

over cart load manure & spread on upper seeded half old stone row - Then sowed on oats & harrowed in & picked off load stones & another from corn field. Attended IOOF Lodge evng - 50 year Jewel presented Ira Elmendorf. Arthur Trowbridge made presentation speech - Refreshments served.

APRIL 24 Sunday Daylight Saving Time begins Froze window pane thick ice last night at Maple Dell Farm. Lovely clear cool day - becoming overcast late pm & clearing evng. Light northerly winds. Mother Daisy Cornelia & I attended church am. We afterward rode up to Watson Hollow to see Mrs Kerr and Jennie, coming home over Bushkill Hill. Mrs Langer & Charley called pm. He and I went up to Roul Bell's old place. Mr & Mrs Chester Lyons & Geo Brooks also called. Mr & Mrs Chas Duloff & her mother Mrs Mary Kiersted had supper with us & spent the evening.

APRIL 25 Monday Clouded over early this am - & had light shower, later clearing. Moderately cool - Light winds. Took over load manure am & spread - Daisy & I picked several cart load stones from behind barn and filled in muddy ditch along side Dons barn where cows go thru to pasture. Cornelia went up with Mrs West to stay overnight. Wilson Terwilliger delivered me 2 ½ tons Accord bagged burnt lime @7.75 per ton, hauling 1.00 ton extra. Wrote news copy evng. Mrs. Rachel Kerr ( ) died at her old home Watson Hollow 1pm

APRIL 26 Tuesday

Continued fair and moderately cool - Light winds

westerly. Had a visit from Dairy Inspectors this am - Everything OK. Drewed stone with cart from behind barn & filled in along west end of Don's barn, cow lane. Mother Daisy & Cornelia helped pm. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

APRIL 27 Wednesday Clear - a bit hazy - Warmer - Winds southerly - Strong south westerly evng. Finished picking off stone behind barn - filling in old sunken hog yard. Daisy & Cornelia helped. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church - I plowed Don's garden late this afternoon. This evening Cornelia & I went up and paid respectful tribute to Mrs. Kerr.

APRIL 28 Thursday Clear - Hot - South westerly winds all day and evening. Thermometer 98 degrees in sun on porch past mid pm - 72/9pm Got started plowing out along road, the corn stubble field behind barn - Very hard cakey plowing and dry. Wilson Terwilliger delivered me pm - ½ ton 20% acid fertilizer. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell had dinner with us & made short afternoon visit. Funeral of Mrs. Rachel Kerr held 2pm DST at her old home - Sermon by Rev JB Glenwood - Ashokan M.E. Minister. Interment Tongore Cemetery . Recd Craftsman Lawn Mower Sears Roebuck.

APRIL 29 Friday Comfortably cooler - Continued south westerly winds - occasional passing showers about. We had touch of shower passing to north mid am - Became overcast early evng. Ploughed behind barn - after supper harrowed till dark. Cornelia went to

Kingston got new shoes & 2 teeth filled.

APRIL 30 Saturday Decidedly cooler. Mostly cloudy. Light rain from west mid pm. Winds westerly - Temperature 42 midnight. Plowed behind barn - bothered by the rain pm. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn supper time in their Chevy. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Signed milk shipping contract for year with State Hill Milk & Cream Co.

MAY 1 Sunday Crispy cool - Magnificent bright clear day with Fresh northerly winds. Forest fire on back side of High Point this pm. Mother, Daisy, Bob, Mariam, Cornelia & I attended church service am. Wrote Ulster County News copy evng. The leaves are coming out - fruit trees and lilacs are in full bloom - unusually early.

MAY 2 Monday Continued clear warmer - fresh westerly winds. I drew out manure and spread behind barn am also harrowed the strip of ground ploughed Saturday. Don harrowed & planted most of his garden. Daisy & I left 1pm with Cornelia taking her back to Cobleskill School. Esther Risely went along from Allaben. We went thru Schoharie and visited the intensely interesting old Revolutionary stone church fort museum. Arrived back home 9pm DST.

MAY 3 Tuesday Mostly cloudy, gradually clearing away beautifully during afternoon. Lovely pleasantly cool work day. Winds to north quarter. I plowed behind

barn -the ground is dry & very hard plowing. DeForest Bishop came after bull calf about noon - Paid me \$3.00. After supper harrowed over the days plowing. Did not attend annual school meeting tonite.

MAY 4 Wednesday Lovely cool work day with southeasterly winds. Fair till early pm when sky became part overcast, clearing evng. I plowed behind barn & harrowed after supper - Took time out pm to spray fruit trees, Daisy helping. Mother attended last of season Ladies Aid quilting at church. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

MAY 5 Thursday Continued fair warmer-Part cloudy at times. Winds northerly. Finished plowing and the first harrowing of oats ground behind barn. Then disced the garden & got it pretty well poughed. I attended Brothers Night at Olive Rebekah Lodge.

MAY 6 Friday Muggy and mostly cloudy am showery looking - had just a sprinkle - Clearing pm with northerly winds and cooler. Beautifully clear, with brilliant half moon evng. Finished plowing garden and limed & harrowed thoroughly. In very fine condition, very dry for so early. Directly in opposite contrast with last years sodden ground. Mother & I planted peas, Irish Cobbler potatoes, beans & sweet corn as a starter - The earliest garden planting by 2 weeks we ever made. Rec'd Mothers Day remembrances from both Mariam & Cornelia.

MAY 7 Saturday      Cool northerly winds - Partly cloudy. Charles Duloff trucked my logs along road to his mill for sawing. I disc harrowed corn ground on lower lot am. This afternoon Daisy & I sprayed the Hinkley apple trees. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Then called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

MAY 8 Sunday                      Overcast and cool - Gradually clearing late evening - with thermometer at 46. Light winds. Mother & I attended church "Mothers Day" service am. Charley Langer and his mother called pleasantly this pm. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. Bernard Dwyer placed in my possession an old long barrel muzzle loading smooth bore gun, with rather crude and clumsy stock which was made by Jake Smith when a boy. The gun came from Uncle Jake Crispell.

MAY 9 Monday      Overcast, cool - with occasional light showers. (merely sprinkles) Westerly winds pm. Clear at eve with mellow early rising moon. Daisy & I picked stone behind barn, 7 cart loads and dumping them in old hog yard. Wrote news copy evng.

MAY 10 Tuesday      Light intermittent showers - dry weather type - Mostly to part cloudy - Fresh northerly winds pm & evng.-continued cool. Daisy and I picked 4 more cart load stones & put in hog yard. Then, during pm using lime spreader put 20% acid fertilizer on field & after supper worked till dark putting on lime.

MAY 11 Wednesday                      Kenneth Barley -

Town Collector died of stroke

Part and mostly cloudy - continued cool and dry -  
Cleared early evening, beautiful almost full moon.

Northerly winds. Thermometer 11pm. Dorville  
Boice delivered me ½ ton 20% acid fertilizer @ \$21.50  
ton - Peck tomatoes @.70. Finished the liming job this  
forenoon - after dinner put on 300 lbs more acid fertilizer  
- Then did a big job discing the whole field finishing  
after supper. Chas Duloffs younger brother Archie of  
Claryville shot himself.

The following is from a news clipping found in diary this  
date:

**KENNETH C. BARLEY DIES AT HOME IN  
SAMSONVILLE**

Kenneth C. Barley died at his home in Samsonville on  
Wednesday, May 11 after a long illness. Surviving are  
his wife, Mrs. Zenia Barley and daughter, Miss Verna  
May Barley of Krumville; one sister, Mrs. Fred Haver of  
Samsonville, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral  
services will be held in the Samsonville M.E. Church on  
Saturday, May 14 at 2:30 pm (DST) with interment in  
Krumville cemetery.

MAY 12 Thursday Thermometer down to freezing  
this am. Partly cloudy - Cool - more or less breezy -  
Light squalls at evening. Lovely big moon tonite.  
Sowed the oats this am 7 ½ bu - harrowed them in pm  
and sowed on grass seed after supper. Reserving a strip  
along entrance driveway width of barn for fodder &  
sweet corn patch.

MAY 13 Friday Frost and ice this am but without apparent damage to lilac blooms etc. Fresh northwesterly winds - Mountain squalls passing all day - Glorious moonlight & clear evng. Daisy & I made the third and final stone picking from oats field and late pm started boating it over, finished after supper. The whole field is dusty as an ash bed. Ira Elmendorf died 5 pm at his home in Shokan.

MAY 14 Saturday Total Eclipse full moon during night Frost again this am. Light damage is reported here & there Continued cool - Fair am becoming overcast by mid day - southwesterly winds - Set in rainy at eve. Downpour on in night. Started re-plowing lower lot for corn & potatoes. Sod was turned over last November. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Funeral of Kenneth Barley held pm at Samsonville Church. Interment Krumville cemetery.

MAY 15 Sunday Snow on mountains Drenching cold rain continued thru night and till mid forenoon, gradually diminishing. Continued cloudy with winds northerly. Streams levels raised (raised) highly. No church service. At home all day. Charley Langer & his mother called awhile pm. Charles Duloff called early evng to tell us about his brother Archie's suicide and funeral.

MAY 16 Monday Part cloudy - Cool - fresh northerly winds - Mountain snow squalls - Mt Cornell and Wittenberg showed snow belts half way down their



crests. I plowed corn ground am. - PM attended funeral of Ira Elmendorf (77) at Shokan Reformed Church - Took chaplain's part in IOOF service at Tongore cemetery. Daisy went to Albany on school picnic trip by bus. Wrote news copy evng. Ordered sweet corn & seeds from W Atlee Burpee & Joe Harris Co.

MAY 17 Tuesday Pleasantly cool, fresh northerly winds - Fair, some clouds. Worked plowing and drawing 2 load stone at lower lot. Started making ready for small seed garden planting after supper. Rec'd letters both Mariam and Cornelia.

MAY 18 Wednesday Lovely clear day & evng - Pleasantly cool - fresh westerly winds, quieting. I finished cross plowing the corn field - PM harrowed it over - a hard job tearing up the old sods. Used Nigger & "Old Prinner Buck" - Have been tiring "Nellie" the red horse out during the afternoons. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

MAY 19 Thursday Continued cool - Fair this am becoming overcast, southerly winds - Set in light showers late pm. Daisy & I picked 3 cart load stones from corn field am. I gave it a good disc harrowing pm with Nigger & Nellie who got pretty laggy. 33rd anniversary of death of my grandfather, Martin H. Crispell. First air mail plane flown from Kingston to Floyd Bennett field & return - in 3 hrs - National Air Mail Week.-

MAY 20 Friday      Murky gloomy - Light rain showers early with light thunder. Cleared beautifully early evng, with fresh westerly winds. I went to Kingston on shopping trip.

The following news clipping was found in diary for this date:

**BUZZANCO TAKES MAIL FOR YOUNGEST CITIZEN (Kingston Daily Leader)**

Pilot John Buzzanco, who left here yesterday morning in charge of the first plane to carry air mail direct from Kingston, lays claim to having carried a letter to the youngest United States citizen to receive an air mail message. Mr. Buzzanco carried a letter to his infant son - born Wednesday night - on his flight to New York, and the letter will be delivered today to John Buzzanco, Jr.

MAY 21 Saturday      A lovely fair day. Broken clouds - Northerly winds. Pleasantly cool. Disc harrowed corn field am & final going over pm with spring tooth harrow - Then late pm Daisy & I got marked out one way. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. & they went to Judge Winchell's. Cornelia & her friend Andy Cary with his new Pontiac came home late evng from Cobleskill.

MAY 22 Sunday      Refreshing showers in night - Warm, lovely refreshing day - Part cloudy. Light westerly winds. Cornelia & her friend left on return rip after breakfast. Mother Daisy & I attended church service. This pm I went with Jim Simpson, Jerome Neuman & Oscar Eisbe of Phoenicia Post American

Legion on annual flag decoration of Olive cemeteries. They had on way here visited Cold Brook, Mt. Tremper & Bushkill cemeteries.

MAY 23 Monday Cool - Murky Light showers pm southerly winds. Daisy and I finished marking out field am. - This afternoon Ed Avery Jim Burgher & Lou Burgher helped up wit the planting f flint field corn, a patch of sweet corn and about 5 bu potatoes. The weather became pretty rainy but we finished in good shape. Wrote news copy evng.

MAY 24 Tuesday Rain in night and continued murky, muggy with showers along all day - with thunder pm. Clearing evng, cool fresh northerly winds. Daisy and I cleaned out the chicken house litter, ready on wagon for corn hill use. Rain during pm prevented unloading. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd card Mariam.

MAY 25 Wednesday Thermometer 40 this am. Fair, cool, winds southerly. Mostly overcast evng. Daisy and I put the load of chicken house letter mixed with 300 - 20% acid fertilizer on corn. This afternoon spread cart load manure on fodder corn ground back of barn. Then cleaned out Don's chicken house, & loaded on wagon. Mother & I set out some tomato plants after supper. (Jane) our red heifer had her first calf - a bully -

MAY 26 Thursday Part cloudy becoming all overcast mid day - set in rainy mussy during pm. Moderately

cool. Daisy and I put the load of litter and 300 acid fertilizer on corn am, had some left for potato hills - pm we put fertilizer over the remainder potato patch and set polls for putting up twine over field - Put up some twine.

MAY 27 Friday Pleasantly warm - somewhat muggy - Partly cloudy - All clearing early eve - rather cool. Finished putting up twine over corn field this am using 6 new balls. Set 52 bean polls in garden pm getting half new polls. Also spread load manure on strip back of barn & harrowed it over. Daisy's 47th birthday. Recd letter Mariam.

MAY 28 Saturday Unsettled, muggy. Partly cloudy - showery looking pm. Overcast evng. & cooler. Kept busy with a variety of odd jobs - during pm I got a wagon load of coal ashes from school house, for cow stable. Mariam and Bob & Mr & Mrs John Surplless arrived from Brooklyn at 6:40pm - Lester Personcus and his wife came from Suffern and staid over night.

MAY 29 Sunday Cool - Mostly cloudy gloomy - southerly East winds. Clearing evening. Bob and Mariam, Jean & John & I attended church service am. Lester & Hattie left before noon. During pm I went along with the family group to Woodstock. Had a lovely chicken supper combined with a birthday part for Daisy.

MAY 30 Monday Born to Mr & Mrs Robert Shultis a 7 ½ lb son. Death of Mrs. Elthea McCracken at Napanoch, sister of Chester Lyons.

A magnificent day - cool - south Easterly winds. Chilly tonight - still. I went with Bob and John to Olive Bridge am for having motor work on his car at Pete Crawford's Garage. We visited the new and old cemeteries & I reverently placed flowers on Little Honey's and Aunt Cornelia's graves. PM we all also with Mr & Mrs Longyear Sr. - coming from Phoenicia enjoyed a picnic lunch at the site of where Raul Bell's house once stood on the Constable farm. I bought 2 nice feeding jogs at Maple Dell @ 4.00 each. Jean & John Surpless returned home to Brooklyn with Mr & Mrs Longyear.

MAY 31 Tuesday White frost on roofs early this am. Cloudless bright cool day & evng. Light winds northeasterly. Spread big cart load manure, harrowed and marked out part of strip of ground behind barn am. This pm Daisy and I planted 7 rows Evergreen fodder corn and 4 rows in hills of Whipples Early Yellow and Bantam Evergreen, expect planted part of one road in bush beans. After supper we picked off 2 cart load stones & dumped in hog yard. Mariam & Bob left for Brooklyn at day break.

JUNE 1 Wednesday Another cloudless day - slightly hazy. Easterly winds. Somewhat warmer. Busy with jobs in variety - Looked over the corn field - mostly coming up, planted in some am. PM I cultivated the garden with old Prince. Then went down to schoolhouse & got load coal ashes for under shed - After Daisy & I went with team over to A. Constables and got some cut

grass for cows. Charley Duloff brought me 728 ft boards & other lumber from my logs besides sawing of 3013 ft bridge plank, which County Highway Dept took delivery at mill on Mon. May 23.

JUNE 2 Thursday Warmer - continued clear till afternoon when began clouding over, brisk south westerly winds. All overcast evng. Funeral at Napanoch pm of Mrs. William McCracken, who died Monday. Busy as usual - Finished Freeman copy am. Wrote card Mariam & recd one from her. Made holes for setting tomatoes in garden which mother & I did after supper. Floyd Ecks - Soil Conservation Supervisor came after dinner. I then drawed out manure & spread behind barn, put up twine over planted part of patch, & busied at other odd jobs. Probably a dog killed 11 out of Daisy's 17 big 2 month old chickens last night. She forgot to shut up coop.

JUNE 3 Friday Had lovely rain in night. - Fair and warm today. - Part cloudy. Ralph Longyear went along with me from Phoenicia, going to Cobleskill after Cornelia. Went by way of the scenic East Windham route to Middleburg. Visited grave of Frontiersman Timothy Murphy in Middleburg cemetery. I called on Justice Walter F. Bliss at Schoharie Court House. Visited the old stone Fort Museum - and attended senior graduation at State School. Returned via Gilboa dam & Westkill Notch route. A mother hen was missing from coop & torn up - chicks not harmed. June 3 P.H.Carey resigned as agt. Provident Mutual Life Ins Co

JUNE 4 Saturday Warm - Murky - Part cloudy.  
Drawed out manure am and did odd jobs. PM -  
Cornelia, Daisy & I with team & wagon brought over the  
old toilet from Hinkley place which after repairing I plan  
to use for a pig coop. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng &  
Cornelia & I enjoyed a visit & luncheon with Mr & Mrs  
Henry Winchell.

JUNE 5 Sunday Partly cloudy-winds northerly-  
warm-cooler at evng. Mother Daisy Cornelia & I  
attended church service am. Kept close around home -  
toward evng took a walk down to corn field & called on  
A. Constable. He is now able to be up around the house.  
Assessor Marilyn J. Every called evng & made out claim  
for the apparant dog killing of Daisy's chickens. Wrote  
Freeman copy evng.

JUNE 6 Monday Part cloudy - Pleasantly cool -  
southwesterly winds. Will Bender came this morning  
and we remodeled the old (Hinkley) toilet into a rat proff  
chicken coop. He is staying over night and will build a  
pig pen. After supper we made a brief visit up to Maple  
Dell Farm.

JUNE 7 Tuesday Fresh south westerly winds - Fair,  
became showery pm - Thunder showers, we getting a  
lovely refreshing rain supper time. Will Bender & I  
started work on pig pen - Building it behind corn house.  
Finished "news" copy this am.

JUNE 8 Wednesday Lovely rain during night continued

till after breakfast. Part cloudy-warm-winds southerly. Broke away during am - Lovely clear cool moonlight evng. Will Bender & I put in a full day working on pig pen - Drawed out manure after supper. He went home tonight. Moses Palen died 4:30pm Benedictine Hosp. Kingston, follow operation Monday.

JUNE 9 Thursday      Lovely balmy clear day-southwesterly winds-Magnificent moonlight evng nearing full - cool. Will Bender and I put in most of day on pig pen. He went home 3 o'clock & came back with his family for church hot roast beef and strawberry shortcake supper. Cornelia & I attended. She assisted with serving. - Recd letter Judge Winchell saying 85 of his big chicks had smothered in coop.

JUNE 10 Friday      Fair and warm-Fresh southwesterly winds-becoming overcast during late pm. Part clearing evng. Will Bender came early and had breakfast with us. He & I worked at the hog pen, Put on metal roofing, siding, hanging door & window etc. Practically finishing the big job. The entire pen is unusually substantially built. I paid him \$11 upon his leaving after supper.

JUNE 11 Saturday Mrs Jane Ann Longyear Burgher's 85th birthday  
Showers in night and during forenoon. Part fair away during pm - Warm muggy. Severe electrical shower heavy rain evng, clearing lovely big bright moon. Worked in pig pen am. This afternoon I attended the



funeral of Moses Palen in Shokan Reformed Church and burial in Tongore cemetery, beside his wife who died in July 1916. "Mose" buried on his 62 birthday. Attended IOOF lodge evng & session following of Ulster County Past Grand Assn.

JUNE 12 Sunday Warm muggy, partly cloudy becoming showery late pm & all evening rain. Mother Daisy & Cornelia attended church service am. Mr & Mrs Arthur Condon called pm from Palenville. Wrote "news" copy evng

JUNE 13 Monday Pleasant warm bright day - Part cloudy-Light winds cool evng. Cornelia & I, taking along Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell, went to Kingston with my car and viewed the 125th Annual Conclave Knight Templars parade held this pm - Approximately 2,500 uniformed Knights in line of colorful march. Daisy recd check \$14 from county treasurer for loss of chickens apparently killed by dogs.

JUNE 14 Tuesday Partly cloudy, warm pleasant day, winds southerly - Cool evng. Beautiful clear moonlight. Cornelia took down twine on corn & potato field & I put in a hard day cultivating-grassy & soddy. After supper took down twine from sweet corn patch behind barn & cultivated twice in a row. Used Prinner Buck today & he did well.

JUNE 15 Wednesday Southerly winds-warm fair day & evng-cool evng. Put in a busy day cultivating,

finished the field going twice in row both ways. Daisy & Cornelia started pm planting in & hoeing corn. Spread load manure in fodder corn rows after supper, also harrowed over patch for late planting.

JUNE 16 Thursday Fair and warm-lovely June weather, southerly winds-Becoming partly overcast during pm. Daisy Cornelia & I put in a busy day going over the corn field hoeing, & planting in here & there.

JUNE 17 Friday Continued fair warm. Fresh southwesterly winds pm & evng. Partly cloudy-Clear evng. Daisy Cornelia & I hoed the patch of potatoes in corn field. They finished pm while I attended IOOF funeral of Mose Resiner, held 2 o'clock in IOOF hall, due to repainting interior of M.E.Church. Officiated as Chaplain at grave in old Tongore Cemetery - Arthur Trowbridge as Noble Grand - Before & after supper planted 8 rows sweet corn, along entrance drive, mostly yellow Country Gentlemen.

JUNE 18 Saturday Partly & mostly cloudy-hot muggy August like weather. Showery pm Shower passed over upper part reservoir mid pm - we at home had just a dash of it. Clear-cooling off evng. With light winds to northerly. Drawed out load manure & put between fodder corn rows am, then got cart load grass for cows. PM I finished painting pig pen roofing sheet siding & some inside on sheet floor, using black roofing paint. Also built pig yard - Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

JUNE 19 Sunday      Northerly winds hot drying bright day, becoming cooler during pm. We did not attend service Cornelia went on a picnic trip to Lackawack with Don & Edna. Wrote news copy evng.

JUNE 20 Monday      Hot haying weather. Bright clear day. Occasional clouds. Winds light northerly. Daisy & I put the 2 pigs in new pen, after keeping them in chicken house. Busy also am with jobs about the barn. Started haying. This afternoon Cornelia & I got 2/3s of heavy stand in orchard lot mowed. A hot tiresome job. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Recd 2 lovely ties from Mariam for Father's Day.

JUNE 21 Tuesday      Fair-hot July weather. Light winds. We put in a long busy day working at the hay. This pm Cornelia finished machine mowing of orchard lot - I cleaned up sythe mowing around old house and elsewhere. Cornelia rake yesterdays cutting Daisy & I kept busy till 10:45 getting in barn evng. Sharp rally in Stock Market.

JUNE 22 Wednesday      Mostly cloudy-warm-muggy. Clearing eng. Worked the haying hard - This afternoon with Francis Whispell helping - We drew in 4 loads, nicely cured for green hay cut Monday pm. After supper Cornelia & I cleaned up the rakings, Daisy also helping. Troopers Ray Dunn & Stickles called pm. Joe Louis in less than 1 round knocked out Max Schmelling of Germany at Yankee Stadium. Louis is now undisputed heavy weight World's Champion.

JUNE 23 Thursday Hot, mostly cloudy. All cleared at eve. Became showery. Had sprinkle at noon & heavy shower passed to south east pm. Worked hard at the hay- We cleaned up the orchard lot drawing 3 loads with rakings -The hay was not too well cured. Ed & Anna Avery called evng.  
Mother's 51 wedding anniversary.

JUNE 24 Friday Fair-part cloudy. Blistering hot day. Somewhat breezy, stronger evng, and clear. Cornelia mowed the heavy stand of Timothy mixed with Alfalfa., behind old Hinkley barn, tedded it several times and finally raked in winrows for over night curing. This afternoon I had a hot job cultivating thru corn & potatoes, using shovels. Listened in on President Roosevelt's Nationwide Fireside chat evng. 10:30-11oco.

JUNE 25 Saturday A 8lb son, Richard John, born to Mr & Mrs Francis Whispell at Benedictine Hosp. Hot partly cloudy southwesterly winds strong evng. Catchy, Light passing sudden showers pm. Just a dash of rain. Driving electrical storm evng. I finished cultivating thru corn one way am. Kay & Daisy worked curing the hay, getting one load before dinner and another pm making a clean up of the patch behind old barn - Total 10 loads for the week. Cornelia machine mowed the hay patch along current bushes etc etc - I cleaned up with sythe - Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

JUNE 26 Sunday A rainy day and evening, breaking the hot muggy weather. Wonderful needed showers. We all remained at home today - This evng Daisy Cornelia & I attended I.O.O.F. Annual Memorial Service at Olive Bridge church. The church interior is newly re-decorated.

JUNE 27 Monday Cornelia's 20th Birthday  
Rainy night and continued throughout the day. Streams are high and the ground drenched. At home all day. Busy at odd jobs. Ed West called this am. Navy crew won PO Keepsie boat race-on rain drenched Hudson. 24th anniversary of the mangling of my right hand in gear of steam roller on Main Dam north wing dike. Don & Edna came over evng giving Cornelia a birthday party. Young cow freshened-bull calf.

JUNE 28 Tuesday Continued showers along most all day - clearing evng - cool. Made a trip to Kingston.

JUNE 29 Wednesday Lovely fair warm bright day - moderate northerly winds. Cloudless evng, pleasantly cool. Spread big cart load manure on grass stubble behind old barn. PM I mowed upper part of lower lot, above the corn & potatoes, and strip along Tellers brush lot. Then tedded over the heavy cutting. Daisy helped - Cornelia returned from Kingston after overnight visit. After supper Daisy & I sprayed the potatoes with barrel sprayer on hay wagon.

JUNE 30 Thursday Ella Krum & J. Watson  
Bailey KHS teacher married am at Tongore Church.

Reception & wedding breakfast after at Watson Hollow Inn.

Partly cloudy, becoming all overcast late pm - Light northerly winds, shifted to West pm Thermometer 48 this am - warmer. Fairly good hay day. Cornelia mowed 3 corner lot am & I cleaned up with sythe. She also kept the tedder going and during pm we drew 2 nice loads (cut yesterday) and topped out last one with hay along garden cut Saturday. Recd check from County Highway Dept 3000ft bridge plank \$120.00

JULY 1 Friday Light showers this morning and again latter afternoon. Southerly winds warm, muggy - Cloudy, sun shone thru a short while pm. Drew out load manure am and put up load hay on mow. This pm managed to get rakings from yesterday's drawing also Cornelia raked 3 corner lot and we started to top out a load of hay on rakings when showers set in.

JULY 2 Saturday Cloudy, murky gradually clearing beautifully, with fresh northerly winds. The sunset was as a glimpse of the glories of heaven with the setting sun shining thru light lacy clouds, reflecting the colors of the rainbow, combined with a growing new moon above South Mountain.

Cornelia & I worked hard curing the rain soaked 3 corner lot hay - tedding & spreading the winnows before noon. During pm with Daisy's help we drew a big load. Mariam & Bob arrived for supper & after they helped Kay and get the last load with rakings.

JULY 3 Sunday

Northerly winds.

Magnificent bright day - becoming mostly cloudy pm. Pleasantly cool - Remained around home all day. We all enjoying Mariam & Bob's visit. Don Patterson & friend

Miss Goldsmith called am. Mrs. Dodge & son Garret Mott, also Don & Edna had supper with us, which included birthday cake & anniversary for mother - the 6th being her 70th birthday. We heard WOR broadcast of Gov. Earle's & President Roosevelt's dedication of Eternal Light monument at 6:30pm on 75th joint GAR & CSA anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg.

JULY 4 Monday

An ideal cool 4th Northerly winds.

Part and mostly cloudy - cleared magnificently at eve, with beautiful half moon. We celebrated the grand and glorious 4th by an all days task mowing the side hill lot new clover and alfalfa seeding along with a too generous rank growth of dock & tall daisies - Mowed the field all one way due to lodged condition. Cornelia did most of machine mowing, Bob Mariam & I forking back the heavy swaths.

The following is from newspaper clipping found in diary this date:

Shokan, June 30, 1913, five Olive Civil War veterans left Kingston to attend the Gettysburg 50th anniversary celebration and encampment. The old soldiers making the trip were as follows: Granville Boice and Hugh Donahue of the Krumville sector; Irwin P. Winne and Joseph Shelightner of Shokan, and Asa Bishop of Olive Bridge, James Walton, father of Senator Charles Walton

and a former resident of Olive Branch, also was one of those included in the veteran's party.

JULY 5 Tuesday Frank Elmendorf (60) shot himself today noon in loft of barn at his home 72 Clinton Ave., Kingston. He was a native of Brown Station.

Good hay day. Northerly winds-moderately cool. Partly cloudy. Cornelia & I worked the haying job pretty strong. We mowed a strip of heavy growth, mostly tall daisies, out along path, making a good opening to side hill cutting - Cornelia tedded over several times and raked the clover after supper - We also put a small load of timothy in Don's barn, cut on his field yesterday. Mariam & Bob left for Brookyn 6am

JULY 6 Wednesday Today is my esteemed Mother's 70th birthday. Lovely clear & pleasantly cool with brisk northerly winds. Cool evng. Cornelia Daisy and I put in a busy day. The side hill clover is cured in fine shape and we drew 4 loads. This evng I went to Kingston with IOOF delegation, and Arthur Trowbridge as Nobel Grand, and myself Chaplain, conducted bruial ritual at the bier of bro Frank Elmendorf at Carr's Parlors

JULY 7 Thursday Overcast this am-clearing away lovely toward noon. Winds light northerly. Moderately warm. I took over big cart load manure & spread behind old barn. Cornelia machine mowed the woods corner stand of heavy hay-am. During pm we drew 2 loads closer hay, -and after supper put on load of coarse hay cut yesterday and Cornelia raked today's cutting, having



tedded twice over.

JULY 8 Friday Fair-hot-South westerly winds- Became showery late pm to west, getting a thunder squirt over High Point - All clear moonlight evng. Hot haying- This am-made a clean up of the clover rakings in a good load, putting same in Don's barn - Drewed 2 big loads timothy from woods corner pm & jag rakings after supper- making clean up of all cut hay.

JULY 9 Saturday Fair hot with fresh southwesterly winds. Clouds thretsened early pm became showery. We had a drenching thunder shower from the west. Continued light showers, part clearing late evng. Got late start cultivating potatoes am. Got soaking wet cultivating this pm. A wonderful rain & needed. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. - After lodge Cornelia & I visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

JULY 10 Sunday Howard Hughes & 4 companions left Floyd Bennett field at 6:22om on round world flights. Continued hot, but a truly lovely bright sunny day and magnificent moonlight evng. Became slightly cooler during pm Light winds. Cornelia attended church service am - Mother Daisy & I remained home all day - Had a number of afternoon callers, including Mrs. Langer & Chas. Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess of Woodstock and her mother Mrs. Baxter. Ganett Mott & mother Mrs. Violetta Dodge, Lester Personeous Jr, of Suffern & his cousin Clifford Wells of Woodstock - also Mrs. Helen Tweedy. She & Kay enjoyed a prime outing.

Wrote Freeman & news copy's.

JULY 11 Monday Fair and warm, becoming showery early afternoon-With grim thunder showers from the west. The heaviest of the storm passed around to north. Cornelia machine mowed the last strip of our big front lot this am while I cleaned up with sythe - She tedded it after dinner before the storm broke. Otto Numann, a friend of Bob & Mariam called this pm on a trip from and back to Brooklyn.

JULY 12 Tuesday Hot-muggy-Part cloudy-Several showers pm. Clearing early evng.-Beautiful full moon. Drewed out manure am & had Cornelia ted over cut hay, which proved useless. Busy with variety odd jobs pm. Sent checks total \$14125 to Ernest H Perkins Gen Agt paymt premium policy 637039 - Due June 30 - amt \$14092.

JULY 13 Wednesday Hot-muggy-part & mostly cloudy-Cleared away beautifully early evng-with gorgeous moonlight, & somewhat cooler-Day winds southwesterly. Cornelia kept the tedder going all forenoon-raked the ay in winnows after dinner. We drewed 3 good loads, two after supper-Quite well cured considering the soaking yesterday & Mon pm. Daisy and I sprayed the potatoes this forenoon.

JULY 14 Thursday Howard Hughes & companions completed round world plane flight arriving back at Floyd Bennett field at 2:36pm(DST) - Distance covered

14,824 miles - 6 stops made for re-fueling, first stop Paris. Time 91 hrs 16 min total elapsed  
August like weather-Hot, muggy-Part & mostly cloudy. Fresh southwesterly day winds - Thunder showers worked around to north pm & evng. We made a nice clean up of the hay field in front, getting a big load pm and rakings. I cultivated with Prinner Buck fodder & sweet corn patch behind barn after supper.

JULY 15 Friday Great reception given in New York City for Howard Hughes & round the world fliers. Continued warm muggy - Fair-showers passed around just to north. Rained twice at Traver Hollow. All cleared beautifully at eve & cooler. Cornelia mowed heavy strip of hay below wall & on Don's side of hemlock. I pecked around with sythe. She teded this afternoon. Daisy & I went thru potatoes pm with shovel plow & Prince-also sowed turnip seed. Bob Bishop came from Hobart pm driving a new Oldsmobile sedan.

JULY 16 Saturday Mrs. Sarah Bell (80) died at her home in Shokan. Widow of Herman W. Bell. Bright day-not so warm. Fresh south westerly winds pm-Partly cloudy. Good hay curing day. We cleaned up hay below wall by Don's hemlocks, with 2 jags adding to last load from Don's big field, -putting both in his barn. Cornelia mowed part of the heavy stand this am and we cleaned up the most of this drawing a well cured load in our barn. Attended Installation at Shokan IOOF Lodge Dist.Deputy EJ Hannay & staff installing officers Noble Grand-Gilbert Bloom Vice Grand-Wilson Terwilliger

Warden-Alonzo Davis Conductor-Reginald E.Davis  
R.S.N.G.-Arthur E.Trowbridge  
L.S.N.G.-Grover C.Christiana R.S.S.-Wm.Jordon  
L.S.S-Francis Whispell R.S.V.G.- Herman Quick  
L.S.V.G-Jerry VanKleeck Inside Guardian-Wm.Shultis  
Outside Guardian-John Barringer Chaplain-E.C.Davis

JULY 17 Sunday Fair,hot westerly breeze,  
becoming increasingly overcast late pm with thunder  
back of High Point. None of us attended church service.  
This pm Bob Bishop with his new car drove to  
Po'Keepsie, taking Don & Edna, Daisy & Kay. His  
friend John Conrad took the train there for his home in  
West Hartford,Conn. Ruth Pleasants came pm for a two  
weeks visit. I wrote Leah VanBenschoten a card this pm.  
Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JULY 18 Monday Fate delt me another cruel blow  
Murky-muggy-mussy light rains - Drenching shower past  
around to north early this am. Weather typical of June  
27, 1914. While mowing away Saturday's load of hay  
this am about 11 o'clock high in peak of east end of barn  
- Cornelia was on the nearly finished load operating hay  
fork - Daisy driving the horses - In some manner as a  
fork full of hay was coming up on the mow my left hand  
was caught and drawn in the pulley. Little finger was  
torn off hanging by strings at first joint at hand. Next &  
middle fingers were badly torn off at ends & sides to  
middle joint. Edna took me & Cornelia with my car to  
Dr. Hans J. Cohn's office in Woodstock - then to  
Kingston City Hospital where Dr. Joseph Jacobson took

off little finger & dressed other wounds requiring several stitches. We then returned home. I took the dressing without.

JULY 19 Tuesday Continued murky muggy with light easy showers. I put in a pretty comfortable night considering my severe hand injury, and passed the day casually and very quietly - Had several callers. 7 o'clock Edna took me to Dr. Cohn's Shokan office for dressing to my hand. He pronounced all apparant conditions favorable. Cornelia & Ruth Pleasants went along. Dr. Cohn's charge \$2.00

The following clippings were attached to diary for this date:

WEST SHOKAN MAN SUFFERS BAD INJURY TO LEFT HAND (Kingston Daily Leader)

Elwyn D. Davis, of West Shokan, lost the little finger of his left hand and suffered severe lacerations of the next three fingers while unloading hay at his farm at West Shokan Heights yesterday morning. His hand became caught in the pulley operating the hay fork. He was taken to the office of Dr. H.J.Cohen at Woodstock and then brought to the Kingston Hospital, where the small finger was amputated and the other fingers treated.

Twenty four years ago Mr. Davis suffered a similar accident, when he lost the little finger of his right hand while working on the Ashokan water works.

DIED BELL - At Shokan, NY on Saturday, July 16, 1938, Sarah M. Weeks, wife of the late Herman W. Bell. Funeral services at the home on Tuesday, July 19, at 2pm, daylight saving time. Interment in Stamford

cemetery at Stamford, NY on Wednesday. Friends are requested to kindly omit flowers.

JULY 20 Wednesday Warm-muggy-Murk & sunshine-Thunder showers pm-We getting a NorthEast drencher at eve. Put in a comfortable night, but feeling the inevitable re-action today. Kept rather quiet-but with a weather eye on home duties. Had several callers, including, Jack Henriksen & Ernest Every - Central Hudson meter reader am. This afternoon, Mrs. Moore, Genevieve, Ann Cody - Edith Allen. We sang a few old favorite songs & cheered me up a bit. Mrs. Chas Duloff called right after supper-just before shower.

JULY 21 Thursday Thunder shower early am - Broke away toward noon-warm-muggy-Sunny pm. Storm clouds gathered at evng and had drenching thunder showers - Had real restful night and feel more like myself today - Had numerous callers- Mrs. Langer & Charles drove from Wallkill evng to see me. Mr & Mrs Alonzo Davis brought a lovely basket of fruit from Olive Rebekah Lodge evng. Nellie Jones & Flo Phelan called. Mrs Ida Synder came pm also Mabel Ed and Anna also this evng & remained with us for a 28th birthday party lunch for Donald with Edna.

JULY 22 Friday Streams high. Downpour continued thru night letting up around 8 o'clock. Broke away like yesterday-then murky clouds gathered for evening thunder showers, continuing downpour into night. Kept pretty close to house and hand dining room

cot. Put in a quite uncomfortable night. After breakfast took a walk over to Hinkley place & down around corn & potatoes.

JULY 23 Saturday    Downpouring night and continued most all day-winds southwesterly. Warm-muggy-Tropical storm conditions almost country wide. A time of high waters. Late pm with showers letting up Daisy & Cornelia, got out big load manure spreading behind old barn. Had uncomfortable night and kept pretty quiet today.

JULY 24 Sunday        Continued unsettled muggy-murky-favoring away pleasantly pm - a little cooler evng.-Winds south westerly    Hand is sore-and feel rather gimpy in general - The pm & evng batch of callers included- Mrs. Langer and Charles-Ralph Longyear, Herman Englehart-Richard Wright- Mr & Mrs Herman Quick & family, Lauren Hesley & Family, Mary Roe & Mildred, and last but by no means least old faithful Ed Avery - both am & evng. - Ralph Longyear paid \$10.00 on beef acct.

JULY 25 Monday    Partly cloudy - continued warm & muggy, with light southwesterly winds. Despite the sodden earth I had Cornelia machine mow the remainder of Don's field during pm & went over with tedder. After supper Cornelia went with me, driving my car over to Dr. Hans J.Cohn's Shokan office & had my sore hand dressed and stitches removed. All indications favorable as process of healing begins. Bob Longyear's father &

mother called am. Don & Edna started taking summer boarders, booking Mr & Mrs Grecian Bessrodney & son Julius. Wrote news copy evng.

JULY 26 Tuesday      Cloudburst at Shokan pm  
Continued warm-muggy, southwesterly winds. Generally fair forenoon and good drying sun. Became showery early pm - There was a cloudburst on the east side with the Butternut Kill flooding the road 2ft deep around turn by Myers Gasoline Station & resort. The west side had drenching thunder showers. Cornelia tedded the hay cut yesterday pm several times am raking it after dinner and we cleaned it up getting in a nice big load just ahead of the rain, while the north & East side of reservoir was getting drenched. Faired brisk SW wind evng.

JULY 27 Wednesday Continued humid. Fair during forenoon. Thunder showers coming along easily during pm. The east side cloudburst yesterday pm caused trains to be held up at Ashokan till tracks west could be examined. The deluge also covered the Brown Station dykes section - Said to be the heaviest rainfall ever experienced. Around home as usual, managed to install a new brass 3/4" hydrant water tap cock in barn pm. Annual Baptist Fair & Supper at church. Daisy & Cornelia, & Ruth attended. An unknown animal, presumably dog got in Daisy's chicken coop & killed 29 RI Red part grown chicks. Recd card Mariam.

JULY 28 Thursday Humid-unsettled murk clearing. Generally fair am. Drenching thunder showers pm -



Clearing away. Everywhere the earth reeks with water. My hand condition continues favorable, but my system is fatigued, and feel tired out. Put in day doing nothing, and a hard job. Morton Roe called this afternoon - After supper he & Julian Eckert came & helped put away the load of hay in barn. Rec'd letter Leah VanBenshoten - Daisy helped clean up a church am. Wrote Freeman copy am.

The following is from a news clipping found in diary for this date:

John B. Davis, a native of Olive, died July 28, at Twin Falls, Idaho. Funeral services were held Sunday. Mr. Davis was born at Watson Hollow, a son of Alva F. And Isabelle (Vandevoort) Davis who kept a store at that place during the years of the tanning industry there. He was a descendant of Isaac and Andries Davis, early settlers of the town of Marbletown. Mr. Davis as a young man went to Canaan, Conn. Where he was employed in the post office for several years. Later he removed to Southport, N.C. Where he conducted a brick making plant, a business which he continued upon taking up his residence in Idaho many years ago. During recent years he had operated a mountain sheep ranch. Surviving Mr. Davis are several children and grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Elwyn Winchell of Shokan and several nephews. (Freeman - Aug. 2, 1938)

JULY 29 Friday      Warm-muggy-Cloudy murky  
breaking away am - Drenching cracking thunder showers  
early pm - Clearing at eve. New moon showed over crest  
of South Mountain. Hand irritable - didn't rest a bit

comfortable last night. Had Henry Bell cut some green sodden oats am. Peter Eckert had dinner with us. Ralph Longyear & Herman Inglehart came evng for musical visit.

JULY 30 Saturday Continued warm - but a lovely fair drying day for a most agreeable change - Light northerly winds. Broken clouds - Daisy & Cornelia spread the usual thrice a week load manure am finishing patch behind old barn - am. After dinner I cleaned up cut brush out along woods & got completely tired out. Had several afternoon callers, including Larry Kelder & Mr & Mrs Stewart Jones. Spent part of pm resting on dining room cot. Recd my [Burlington] watch back from watch repairman Giles of North Front St. Kingston. \$2.50 I dressed my hand tonight.

JULY 31 Sunday Continued warm-Partly cloudy-Westerly to northerly winds-Looked showery to north late pm - evng. Going it easy at home- Took a walk down to Colange's store & back pm. Ed Avery called twice. Lena & Bob Pleasants called, Ruth is returning home with them to Bridgeport after spending 2 weeks with us. Rec'd word yesterday pm from aunt Julia Winchell that Uncle John B. Davis died in Idaho the 28th & to be buried today at Twin Falls. It appears he was 76 in April.

AUGUST 1 Monday Warm & muggy-Had rain in night-South westerly winds-Sun came out during forenoon, but dashing showers and thunder storms from High Point

quarter featured the afternoon - the rifted storm clouds provided a most colorful & unusual sunset effects overcast evng. I feel more like myself today, but have to take it easy with my injured hand - such is life. Wrote Freeman copy am & for Ulster County news evng. I dressed the hand again tonight, putting on Balsam of Peru for healing.

AUGUST 2 Tuesday Fair and hot-Light winds-Clear-bright half moonlight evng. I feel considerably off color today and did but little - Layed down and kept quiet a considerable part of the day- Just living a new the summer of 1914 - Rec'd sympathy cards Mr & Mrs Condon & Mr & Mrs Ed West. I wrote card Leah VanBenchoten and Joker Burgher.

AUGUST 3 Wednesday Fair-Some clouds-Very hot-Winds S.Westerly. Lovely clear mellow moonlight evng. I feel somewhat more lifelike today. Cornelia mowed upper part of orchard lot second cutting alfalfa am - She tedded & raked it pm Rec'd letter Mariam. A 9 3/4lb daughter born to Mr & Mrs Dorville Boice of Olive Bridge at Benedictine Hosp. Kingston.

AUGUST 4 Thursday Hot-partly cloudy. Westerly winds-brisk evening. Cornelia machine mowed another section of orchard lot second growth alfalfa-Tedded it over several time & raked in winnows for over night. This afternoon Daisy Cornelia & I made a clean up of yesterdays cutting in a well cured load & unloaded it. This evng Mr & Mrs P.H.Carey & Elinor

made a long call.

AUGUST 5 Friday Continued very hot. Partly cloudy, fairing away pm. Beautifully cloudless moonlight evng. Predicted showers did not materialize. I feel pretty sturdy today & kept on the go all day,-but the fingers are sore. Daisy Cornelia & I worked at our haying. Drawed in a nice jag pretty well cured & unloaded it pm. Cornelia mowed the lower corner part of orchard lot pm - tedded it twice & raked in winnows supper. Doughlas Corrigan was given a wild welcome by New York City upon returning from Dublin, Ireland, after \_\_\_\_\_ non stop flight from Floyd Bennett Field in 1929 model \$900 plane (Curtis Wright Robin)

AUGUST 6 Saturday Muggy-warm-Part cloudy hazy-Thunder showers afternoon & evening. We worked at yesterdays hay cutting and managed to get it to the barn as the mid afternoon storm broke. I went to Shokan to see Dr. Cohn after supper but he was not there - I then attended IOOF Lodge & afterward visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. My hand gave me an uncomfortable night. Barbara Ruth-infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Dorville Boice died due to a collapsed lung.

AUGUST 7 Sunday Hot and humid-Partly cloudy-Several thunder showers passed back of High Point during early pm- Beautifully clear moonlight evening. I dressed my hand this am. The process of healing is slowly developing. I feel lagged out today - Had a number of afternoon & evening callers. Wrote Freeman

copy

AUGUST 8 Monday Hot-muggy-More thunder showers at intervals. Heaviest storms passed us by at home. Charley Duloff and Roy Lane helped making a start cutting my 2 acres of heavy badly lodged oats behind barn. They used sythes & Cornelia handled mowing machine. I tried to help with one hand. Wrote news copy evng.

AUGUST 9 Tuesday Continued hot, but not so humid-Bright day-part cloudy. Afternoon thunder showers from north. The west side had only sprinkles but quite a drencher passed down along the east side. Magnificent moonlight evng-& pleasantly cooler. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane helped finish cutting the oats & hand mowed corner rye patch - an all day's job. They had dinner & supper with us as yesterday. This is Roy's 21 birthday. Cornelia & I cleaned up left over rakings in orchard lot after supper.

AUGUST 10 Wednesday Partly cloudy-warm-but not so muggy. Became overcast late pm & set in rainy. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane helped again today - Got barn ready-oats turned over am set up thresher - used my recently bought Model T Ford for power, which runs like a top. We got three loads oats threshed off, working late. Infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Dorville Boice buried in Tongore cemetery.

AUGUST 11 Thursday

All night

downpour-with thunder storm near morning - Bright-continued very warm-partly cloudy with fresh northwesterly winds. Magnificent full moon evng. Daisy & Cornelia turned the oats pm with ground oozing in water. I did but little-fingers sore & no pep. Rec'd letter Mariam. Streams again flooded.

AUGUST 12 Friday A magnificent bright drying day-Brisk northerly winds, quieting evng. Some clouds Cloudless moonlight evng-Pleasantly cooler. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane helped Daisy Kay & humble I with the oats job - We threshed three good sized loads. Pretty tired tonight. Will Jordon called this evng.

AUGUST 13 Saturday Partly cloudy-northwesterly winds. Lovely clear moonlight evng. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane assisted faithfully in making a grand clean up of the oats threshing, also the patch of rye. Had 43 bu oats. Each worked 5 days - I paid Charley total of \$9.00 & Roy \$8.00. I am pretty thoroughly tired out tonight. Daisy helped change dressing on my hand, which continues slowly healing but sore.

AUGUST 14 Sunday Continued fair warm-Westerly winds. Ideal midsummer's day. Colorful sunset. Spent the day quietly. Charley Langer & his mother called pm - Mr & Mrs Condon came & staid for supper. Had our first mess of sweet corn for supper.

AUGUST 15 Monday Very hot-Westerly winds. Partly cloudy-74 degrees at 11pm. Hottest day of year in

NYC 93+ degrees. Tried to keep my sore hand more or less inactive. I went on granary and woodshed roofs and patched seams for leaks. Wrote "news" copy evng.

AUGUST 16 Tuesday Partly cloudy - Thunder showery pm-but we had only a sprinkle. Hot and muggy afternoon. I just loafed today hoping to favor the healing of my fingers. I dressed the hand tonight using Burdsalls Arnica liniment instead of Balsam of Peru. Cornelia went to Kingston and got a permanent hair wave. Price 5 bucks. We wrote Freeman copy evng.

AUGUST 17 Wednesday Warm-muggy. Partly cloudy am. Murky threatening pm with sprinkles - light winds southerly. Dashing shower at Bushkill. Cornelia mowed some second cutting am around upper part lower lot. Stewart Jones had dinner with us. I took the day easy. Had real comfortable night with my hand. Ed Avery called evng. Recd letter Mariam.

AUGUST 18 Thursday 3rd anniversary of Aunt Cornelia Bishop's death. Rained in night and continued murky muggy rainy along till early pm - Gradually breaking away and all clear evng-with fresh northerly winds & cooler. My good neighbor, Abram Constable died at 3:20pm he having lapsed into a coma this morning. He was a bachelor-age coming 58-Sept 10 - Had been employed on the NYC-DWS Labor force for 24 years. Wrote Freeman copy am. This pm I went over to Shokan north boulevard for a hair cut -stopped at

Charley Dulofts & had supper.

The following is a news clipping found in diary for this date:

DIED CONSTABLE - At the residence of his brother at West Shokan, NY August 18, 1938, Abram Constable in his 58th year. Funeral services from the Baptist Church, West Shokan, NY Saturday, August 20, at 2:30pm The Rev. C.F.Ahrens of Walden will officiate. Interment in Tongore cemetery.

Abram Constable died at the home of his brother, Ernest Constable, at West Shokan, August 18, in the 58th year of his age. Surviving are four brothers, William of Galveston, Texas; Charles of Phoenicia; John of Kelley's Corner; Ernest of West Shokan. Funeral services will be held from the Baptist church at West Shokan, Saturday, August 20, at 2:30 o'clock and will be in charge of the Rev. C.F.Ahrens of Wallkill. Burial in Tongore cemetery.

AUGUST 19 Friday                      Beautiful bright clear day-  
warm-northerly winds-cool evng.    Cornelia mowed a  
strip of second cutting along upper side of 3 corner lot  
am. Also tedded it over with the cutting of Wednesday.  
She raked it during pm & we left it lie for better over  
night curing. Don Edna & Cornelia attended Olive  
Bridge church fair & supper at I.O.O.F. Hall. This evng  
we had a surprise call by Mr & Mrs L.P.Hamilton her  
sister Mrs. Mollineaux of Hempstead, LI, also Miss  
Hazel Hurst, internationally know blind girl & her seeing  
eye dog Babe.



AUGUST 20 Saturday                      Lovely weather-  
Fair & warm-Light winds northerly. Cool evening.  
Daisy Cornelia & I cleaned up the hay in curing, during  
mid day-had a nice load. Mother Daisy & I attended  
funeral at 2:30pm of Abram Constable at Baptist Church.  
Mother played & I took part with the singing, also Mrs.  
Moore & Genevieve & Mr. Ahrens. Former pastor Rev.  
Carl T. Ahrens officiated. Text "If a man die, shall he  
live again?" H.Lee Breithaupt undertaker. Interment  
Tongore Cemetery - I visited cemetery evng & attended  
IOOF Lodge.

AUGUST 21 Sunday                      Continued fair  
pleasant warm day. Partly cloudy by spells-Cloudless  
evng.- Fresh Southwesterly winds pm At home all day-  
Hand keeps up its annoyance in aches and twangs.  
Charles & Mrs Langer - also Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess of  
Woodstock and friend Miss Julia Crozier were pm  
callers. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Funeral this pm at  
Shokan Old School Baptist Church of Mrs. Sarah  
Elmendorf 80. - widow of Henry Elmendorf & a lifelong  
resident. She died Thursday

AUGUST 22 Monday                      After a light  
morning shower the weather gradually cleared with fresh  
northerly wind. Pleasant warm day. Part cloudy. Morton  
Roe gave us a hand putting up some oats straw on mow  
and unloading the Saturday load of hay am. This  
afternoon Cornelia machine mowed the heavy second  
cutting side hill field in front of house. Recd letter &  
card from Mariam and Bob. They are touring to Nova

Scotia on a weeks vacation trip. Wrote news copy evng.

AUGUST 23 Tuesday Continued fair warm-lovely day. Winds northerly, shifting to fresh Southwest late pm. Became part cloudy-showery around evng in distance. Cornelia tedded the side hill cutting twice and late pm raked it in winrows. She & Daisy drewed out the load manure am. We entertained Charley Langer & his girlish 82 year old mother for supper & the evening on the occasion of his 48th birthday.

AUGUST 24 Wednesday Partly cloudy-cool-strong northerly winds all day & evng. All clear evng. Excellent hay curing weather. Cornelia mowed more second growth out woods corner am. John Bell helped us put in 3 fine loads of alfalfa from side hill. Cornelia raked the stubble & todays cutting after supper. Hard day for my weak hand & arm. I made a trip after supper to Ira Nichols with young cow. Recd 2 cards from Mariam & Bob.

AUGUST 25 Thursday Continued northerly winds-Partly cloudy-Pleasantly cool-A bit chilly evng. -and all clear. Cornelia finished mowing of the long field in front of house. We - Cornelia Daisy & I - cleaned up side hill rakings & yesterdays cutting in a fine beautifully green cured load pm - Cornelia raked the day's cutting after supper.

AUGUST 26 Friday Thermometer 52-this am. Partly cloudy-and pleasantly cool, yet somewhat muggy -

Still. Morton Roe helped us unload the hay this am. During pm yesterdays cutting cured fairly well and we made a clean up of our second crop haying in a nice load. Hand sore and annoying - Dressed it tonight. Wrote Freeman copy am.

AUGUST 27 Saturday Warm-Partly cloudy with drying sunny afternoon & north westerly winds. I feel pretty much weak & tired out, fingers sore- I gave the hand an epsom salts soaking and clean dressing pm - Cornelia & Daisy spread the load manure am -& Kay raked over yesterdays hay drawing - We also stored the machine & tedder in old Barn - This pm Mrs. West & her sister Esther came after Cornelia to stay over night. Daisy & I enjoyed an evening visit and luncheon with Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

AUGUST 28 Sunday Fair and cool northerly winds. Lovely bright day. At home all day - Mrs. Langer and Charles called this pm We enjoyed some target shooting with his favorite Kentucky muzzle loading rifle. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Lena Pleasants & Ruth had supper with us. Mr & Mrs. Case J. Gwinn also were evening callers. Cornelia arrived home from Mrs. West's early eve.

AUGUST 29 Monday Warm-Partly cloudy-quiet. All clear. Cool evng- with wind light northerly. Morton Roe helped Daisy & I put off our last load of hay standing on barn floor am. Took it easy pm. Went over in woods by Jacky brook - but saw no

squirrels. Mother & I went over to lower lot & got sweet corn & pail of potatoes. Recd several cards and very interesting The White Mountain Scrap Book - containing Early stories & Legends - from Mariam & Bob. Cornelia went to New York with Laurence Kelder this am.

AUGUST 30 Tuesday Warm-Partly cloudy. Showery looking . Cool and pleasant evng .with growing new moon. I helped Daisy take over and spread load manure on grass am bringing back a load of sweet corn stalks. Rested awhile pm then got going and painted kitchen porch & bay window roofs, with one hand. Recd interesting historical book - Advance & Retreat To Saratoga - Burgoyne Campaign. My little finger stub is very annoying tonight. Sent order Montgomery Ward.

AUGUST 31 Wednesday Murky threatening am.- Faired away noontime-Moderately warm & muggy- Became overcast & late evng set in rainy with driving Southwest wind. Mother & I went over to potato patch with my car am & dug out 4 bu Irish Cobbler potatoes. This pm I went to Kingston with Lena & Ruth Pleasants. My 2 injured fingers have become healed enough over the dubbed off ends to leave bandage off occasionally. The nails are starting to grow out.

SEPTEMBER 1 Thursday Refreshing rain in night- Warm-muggy this am looking showery-Cleared away cooler with fresh northerly winds. Beautifully clear evng with half moon. AM helped Daisy take over load

manure & brought back sweet corn stalks. This PM I painted part of chicken house roof - got to shaded to finish with the heavy black asphalt paint.

SEPTEMBER 2 Friday                      Cool northerly winds-Fair bright day-Broken clouds-Glorious moonlight evng-Real chilly 48 at 11pm Finished painting hen house roof am. Had a batch of pm callers - Mr & Mrs. Henry Gehle, their daughter & family of 2 children - Mr & Mrs Grant Howard - & Henry Gehle Jr. Lean Pleasants called evng. Recd order from Montgomery Ward & Co

SEPTEMBER 3 Saturday      Unsettled Partly cloudy. Cool this am but no frost. Light winds southwest. I helped Daisy take over load manure & spread - brought back load sweet corn fodder. I busied myself at odd jobs along with afternoon calls. Adeliade Kornau & friend called pm Bob, Mariam & Cornelia arrived from Brooklyn about 5 o'clock

SEPTEMBER 4 Sunday      Warm-Pleasant bright day-some clouds-Light SW winds- Had nice showers during late night. This afternoon I went with Bob and Mariam to Phoenicia. I went to Lee Breithaupt's funeral parlor and viewed remains Benjamin Burgher (76) brother of my old neighbor Wm.Burgher (deceased). He died yesterday at Kingston Hospital, result of a fall. Daisy & I went with Bob & Mariam & had 20 cent duck supper at Father Divine's extension heaven, former Ben Davis farm. We called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell coming

home.

SEPTEMBER 5 Monday A magnificent clear bright day-cool-Fresh northerly winds. Cornelia made 3rd mowing of upper part of orchard lot this forenoon. The family group except mother -Daisy -Bob- Mariam- Cornelia & I attended the Labor Day Picnic pm at Lambert's Grove. Case J. Gwinn was elected president and I re-elected Sec'y & Treas. Bob & Mariam left for Brooklyn 10:30pm R.B.Longyear paid me 5.00 on beef balance acc. Fishermen found an unexploded aero-type dynamite bomb about 40ft up stream from Traver Hollow bridge.

SEPTEMBER 6 Tuesday Another bright pleasantly cool clear day - Light southerly wind. Cornelia finished 3rd mowing of orchard lot also cut the lower part of 3 corner lot pm also tilled and raked yesterday's cutting - She & Daisy also spread cart load manure on grass stubble. Mr & Mrs Case Gwinn called both morning and afternoon. Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

SEPTEMBER 7 Wednesday Cloudy-muggy-Fresh southwesterly wind am - Showers pm & evng. We drew jag of Monday's alfalfa cutting pm but is very green. This pm Cornelia & I went to Kingston & she got outfitted for school. Miss Mervill was with us for dinner & supper & went along to Kingston. I bought at M. H. Herzog's 5 rolls-55lb roofing @ 1.16- 2-5gal pails Moores black asbestos roof paint @ 2.20 pail 5lbs 1 1/2"

roofing galv nails .40 1lb tin caps 1 pkg copper rivets  
500-22short-Hispeed Remington cartridges 1.55

SEPTEMBER 8 Thursday Magnificent clear cool-  
Becoming overcast at eve-Light winds northerly. Daisy  
went to Kingston with Mrs. Duloff & her mother. Kay &  
I worked at the hay-Dried out yesterdays load by  
spreading on Don's field & re-loaded it nicely cured.  
She tedded and rake Tuesdays cutting. I went to Maple  
Dell for call after supper.

SEPTEMBER 9 Friday A cool magnificent  
clear day with southerly winds. Glorious full of  
September harvest moon floods the heavens tonight. My  
injured fingers continue sore and annoying - Altho the  
ends of 2 fingers are lightly healed over and nails  
showing growth. Morton Roe helped put up the small  
load of hay this am. This pm Daisy Kay & I loaded the  
cutting from 3 corner lot & left wagon standing above to  
put on alfalfa after over night curing in uppers.

SEPTEMBER 10 Saturday Light frost this am Lovely  
clear cool with winds moderate southerly - becoming  
overcast pm & clearing evng. Helped Daisy draw out  
manure & get load fodder corn am. This pm-Daisy  
Cornelia & I made a clean up of the 3rd crop haying-in  
yesterdays small load. Stored haying machinery in old  
barn. I am not feeling very spruce - pretty much tired out  
- Cornelia & several others went to Wittenberg  
Sportsmans Club dance. I went over to Mr & Mrs Henry  
Winchell's evng.

SEPTEMBER 11 Sunday Pleasant bright day. Scattered clouds-Fresh southerly winds. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell came over this pm- The judge & I went to Phoenicia in my car and attended a worth while baseball game between the famous Old Kingston Colonials & Phoenicia. The latter won 5-1. Wrote news copy evng.

SEPTEMBER 12 Monday Cloudy-southerly winds-became rainy mussy during pm Temperature moderate. I took Cornelia to Cobleskill to resume her Home Economics course in NY State School of Agriculture. Daisy & Mrs. Bertha Duloft went along - Had a pleasant easy trip-Visited the Old Stone Fort at Schoharie on return trip. Mrs. Ida Snyder (83-Sept5) spent the day with mother. Recd letter Mariam.

SEPTEMBER 13 Tuesday Murky & showers this am but cleared away beautifully refreshed and warm. Re-soled my work shoes this am. This afternoon I took advantage of the warm sunshine and used 5 gallons black asbestos paint on North part of old Hinkley house roof, over both sides. Helped Daisy take out load manure & got fodder corn for cows.

SEPTEMBER 14 Wednesday Warm-muggy-Still. Unsettled overcast became mussy light rains late pm & evng. Daisy & I have colds & not feeling a bit peppy. Wrote Freeman copy am. After dinner we took team & cart over to Hinkley place, picked up drop apples & got



load sweet corn stalks with heavily loaded ears.

SEPTEMBER 15 Thursday Heavy rains during night-Warm-Broke away during am-with westerly wind- Showers went around pm. Real summery. Daisy & I sprayed cow stable this forenoon-Used the barrel sprayer, doing a nice white job. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane started cutting our corn pm - Daisy helped. I went to Kingston on business. Bought at Crafts Super Market 200 granulated sugar 8.70 2-1/8 sacks Gold Medal flour 1.58 12-lb cans Premium coffee 2.52 2-5gal pails roof cement 2.78 6lbs Oleo .60 6lbs 4XXXXsugar .33 12lbs sweet potatoes .22

SEPTEMBER 16 Friday Cooler-Northerly winds- Partly cloudy. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane cut corn with Daisy & I helping- Rather tough going with a sore weak hand. Mariam & Bob arrived this evng about 10 o'clock. Bob brought me a 5.00 Waterman's fountain pen at wholesale cost of \$3.00

The following news clipping was found in diary for this date:

Monday, September 17, 1900, the death took place in Kingston of Charles Davis, a native of Olive. Dr. VanSlyke officiated at the funeral services and the interment was in Wiltwyck cemetery. Mr. Davis was a son of John B. And Affie LeFevre Davis and a brother of the late Alva F. and DeWitt C. Davis of Shokan.

SEPTEMBER 17 Saturday Overcast-cool-Set in rainy during latter pm. Charley Duloff & Roy Lane helped

with the corn cutting finished mid afternoon & then we dug potatoes - Mariam Bob & Daisy & humble me helping. Mrs. James Shurter of Phoenicia brought us the unexpected word thru a telegram from Mrs. Cornwall Longyear of Albuquerque, NM that our dear esteemed cousin. Mrs Leah VanBenschoten died suddenly last night with a stroke. Funeral to be held Monday & body cremated, by her request.

SEPTEMBER 18 Sunday Still-misty-rainy day & evng. Somewhat muggy. At home all days. Took walks thru the woods, but didn't see even a chipmunk. Bob & Mariam left for Brooklyn after supper.

SEPTEMBER 19 Monday Drizzling night & this morning set in with an all day and evening downpour - a warm rain. Feel all tired out & just rested most of day on dining room cot. Wrote "news" copy evng. Joker Burgher & Ray Kelder called noon time.

SEPTEMBER 20 Tuesday Continued rainy all day and evening. Occasional thunder. I served as Inspector at Fall Primary Election 12-9pm Board organized with Grover C. Christiana, as chairman. Clayton Burgher & Charles H. Weidner complete the lineup. - the ballot score was 13 Democratic 13 Republican, 1 Socialist.

SEPTEMBER 21 Wednesday Drenching rain continued thru night and all day-High northerly winds developed pm-reaching gale force-Streams flooded. At home all day. Wrote Freeman copy am. Wrote cards Mariam & Kay. Back to the kerasene lamps tonight. Our

old neighbor Sylvester Jones died 5 o'clock am from heart attack - Had recurrences for 5 years- Roads strewn with trees branches and leaves. Telephone & Electric service gone. Apples trees stripped & damage seen everywhere. Generation old tall locust trees about. Herman Weidner's house toppled over.

The following news clipping was found in diary on this date:

JONES - At West Shokan, NY Wednesday, September 21, Sylvester Jones, husband of Nettie Eckert Jones and brother of William of West Shokan, Frank of Haines Falls, Augustus of Kingston and Ella Service of Tampa, Florida. Funeral service will be held at the West Shokan Baptist Church Sunday, September 25, at 2 pm Interment in the Mt. Tremper Rural Cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 22 Thursday                      Hurricane of yesterday worst ever hit Ulster County.

Partly cloudy-Brisk southwesterly warm forenoon, turning cooler pm. Helped Daisy get out & spread on grass 2 loads manure & got load sweet corn stalks which took till early pm - Repaired broken aerial pm - Set up the down corn stouts am. Heavy damage to apple orchard & grape vineyard at Gildersleeves farm. Don repaired mess of tree strewn electric line at Chas. Hesleys. We greatly miss in proportion electric pump-radio-lights & telephone.

The following clippings (2) were found in diary for this date:

New England's 1938 hurricane destroyed a third of Vermont's hard maples, and two-thirds of new England's

syrup-producing trees. (5/1/41)

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9/21/38 Elwyn C. Davis WE CREDIT YOUR  
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SEPTEMBER 23 Friday Cloudy-mussy-this am but  
was sunny part cloudy pm Clear evng Moderately cool -  
winds westerly. I made a trip to Kingston via north shore  
Route 28. The storm damage from fallen trees enroute &  
in Kingston is enormous. Our electric service came on  
unexpectedly at 8pm

I called up to Ves Jones again this evng. Bought 5 gals-  
Sherwin Williams Commonwealth Red barn  
paint @\$7.45

SEPTEMBER 24 Saturday Lovely fair warm day-  
Became squally blustery from north mid afternoon, but  
later cleared again. I helped Daisy get out load manure  
am & cut fodder corn for cows. 11 o'clock I went over  
to old Hinkley house and did a good needed job painting  
south side of roof, taking till squalls threatened 4  
o'clock. Used Moores absbestos asphalt black roof  
coating. I went over to Genevieve McLeans this evng to  
rehearse singings for funeral. Coming I stopped at Ves  
Jones in honored respect. Mr & Mrs Virgil Winchell Jr  
also Mr & Mrs Case Gwinn were pm callers.

SEPTEMBER 25 Sunday A magnificent clear day-cool-fresh northerly winds. The day's principal event for the community at large was Sylvester Jones funeral, held 2:30 o'clock in the Baptist Church. I acted as a bearer, the others being, Morton Roe, Lester S. Davis, Claude Bell, Clayton Burgher, Chas. Dwyer. Rev. C.F. Ahrens officiated Mother played the organ. Genevieve McLean-Mildred Allen-Mr. Ahrens & myself were singers - Selections, Sweet By & By - Good Night & Good Morning - It Is Well With My Soul. Interment in Cold Brook Cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 26 Monday Ice on porch roof & white frost showing this am-Magnificent clear warm day-southerly winds developed. Charley Duloff-Roy Lane, Daisy, mother and I made a clean up of the potato digging. Had all told about \_\_\_\_\_ bu. After dinner I painted kitchen end roof of Hinkley house-taking about 4 gallons We also shacked rest of sweet corn 5 or 6 stouts, blown down & blasted by the hurricane - Recd card Mariam - I gave the bum hand a good workout today.

SEPTEMBER 27 Tuesday Warm-unsettled-Bushkill squall this am with a magnificent rainbow-Thunder showers came from north pm We had a light rain-All cleared cooler evng with winds shifted to northerly-Northern lights evng. I wrote Freeman copy both am & evng. I helped Daisy get out & spread load manure am & cut sweet fodder corn for cows. This afternoon we started putting new asbestoes felt roof on north side of

old Hinkley house. Miss Merrill had supper with us.

SEPTEMBER 28 Wednesday      A magnificent  
balmy clear day & evng. Southwesterly winds shifting  
northerly. Daisy & I worked at the re-roofing job on the  
Hinkley house. Both tired out tonight.

SEPTEMBER 29 Thursday      Unsettled mild, increasing  
cloudiness Moderate winds. I finished roofing and  
repainting job on Hinckley house-PM-I repaired corn  
house roof. Mr & Mrs L.P.Hamilton & Hazel Hurst &  
her Seeing Eye Dog "Babe", arrived latter pm.-All  
including Daisy mother & myself attended hot roast pork  
supper at church - after which Hazel gave an address-  
met people informally & won favor in the hearts of all.

SEPTEMBER 30 Friday      Mostly cloudy-murky.  
Occasional sprinkles am.-Light winds southerly-Gales-  
forecast failed to develop. Helped Daisy get out manure  
& load fodder corn for cows am. We picked up fallen  
winter apples pm. Feeling plenty tired out & hand  
miserably sore. Daisy & I went to Kingston after  
Cornelia evng. She having arrived at P.H.Carey's &  
phone about 5:30. School tax-Clarance Burgher-Coll  
Hinkley Farm assessment \$16.00 .97      Our Home  
Farm 16.00 - 2.59

OCTOBER 1 Saturday      Partly cloudy-  
Northerly winds. Moderately cool-Clear evng.- Don-  
Daisy & I did a fine job picking up the windswept  
apples. He took 24 bags to Mort Roe's cider mill & put

the best in our cellar. Lena Pleasants & family called early evng.-they having come from Bridgeport. The hustling Chicago Cubs won National League pennant by defeating St.Louis in game of double header while Pittsburgh Pirates lost to Cincinatti Reds.

OCTOBER 2 Sunday Magnificent clear cool day-southerly winds. Chilly moonlight evng. Mother, Daisy & I & Lena Pleasants attended at 1:30-burial service at Cold Brook (Mt.Tremper) Cemetery, in family plot of Mrs. Leah VanBenschoten. Rev.August Pfus of Shokan Reformed Church officiated. The can containing her cremated remains were deposited beside her deceased husband Golden VanBenschoten. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

OCTOBER 3 Monday Heavy white frost this morning, but not damaging to pumpkin vines. Magnificently clear-cool-with winds easterly. This am Daisy & I spread cart load manure on grass, cut fodder for cows-then hitching to hay wagon brought to barn for husking first load of field corn. PM-I machine mowed second crop hay for Morton Roe. Wrote "news" copy evng. Rec'd \$30 from Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge no 491 - sick benefit - 10 weeks July 18 to Sept.24

OCTOBER 4 Tuesday Frost again this am.-thermometer 32 Another magnificent clear cool day & evng. Winds southerly. I re painted part of south side of barn roof, using Moores roof cement, black. Latter pm I went over to Mort Roe's with horses & finished his

mowing, using his machine. Well tired out-Daisy & I husked 5 stouts corn after supper. Had my cider made at Mort Roes 120 gals-\$4.60 Paid for same Oct. 7 -

OCTOBER 5 Wednesday Third successive frosty morning, but not damaging at our place-Lovely clear gradually becoming hazy & overcast during pm Winds light northerly. Warmer. I finished repainting south side (old part) barn roof Daisy drew out load manure am - At dusk we got another load corn - Husked evng. Chicago Cubs N.L. Won 1st game of Worlds series at Chicago - defeating NY Yankees 3-1 Charley Ruffing winning pitcher over Bill Lee.

OCTOBER 6 Thursday Mostly cloudy-glum chilly day & evng. Winds southerly. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell had dinner with us, making their annual World Series visit - We listened in over W.O.R. Broadcast of 2nd games of series-Won by Yanks over Cubs 6-3. Winning pitcher Lefty Gomez- loser, Dizzy Dean - catchers as yesterday, Dickey & Hartnett.- Thrilling game. Daisy & I husked several stouts corn - Recd card Mariam.

OCTOBER 7 Friday Cleared during night Thermometers 30 and under this am. Magnificent clear colorful day and nearly full moon evng. Light northerly winds. This am I re - cemented seams & nail heads on south side (new part) barn roof. Daisy & I husked corn, finishing load after supper.



OCTOBER 8 Saturday Froze windowpane ice last night. Thermometer on our kitchen porch read 26 this am. Clear-colorful this forenoon, becoming overcast pm. Change to warmer. Daisy & I got our third load of corn 22 stouts this am. Drawed out & spread manure on grass, cut last of sweet corn stalks & brought to barn for fodder. I listened in on 3rd World Series game pm. Played at Yankee Stadium in New York City. Won by Yanks over Cubs 5-2. W\_\_\_\_\_ Pearson winning pitcher - loser Clay Bryant. Daisy & I husked corn evng. Recd card Mariam.

OCTOBER 9 Sunday Mild-Partly cloudy-Northerly wind-Magnificent "full moon" shining all evng. At home all day-trying to rest up. Took in broadcast of 4th Worlds Series game pm at Yankee Stadium between Yanks & Cubs. The Yanks cleaned this series-in 4 straight wins todays score 8-3. Charley Ruffing pitched for Yankees- Cubs used 6 hurlers during the hectic game. The Yankees have beaten all baseball records by winning the 3rd consecutive Worlds Series.

OCTOBER 10 Monday Light Northerly winds. A cloudless colorful Divinely Perfect warm day and equally magnificent moonlight evening. Prince, our faithful retired old white horse, was down in stable this am. Got him on his feet with tackles. He got down again in the yard by barn, after Daisy took picture of him enjoying his feed from a pail. Hauled him on stone boat out in field near corner woods and left him to enjoy himself eating grass within reach till sun went behind

South Mountain. Then most regretfully I shot him in head. Prince, was bought by us in December 1922. He then was probably around 12 years old. Daisy & I husked corn & got in another load late pm.

OCTOBER 11 Tuesday Warm,clear,soft hazy-colorful summerlike day & moonlight evng. Ernest Constable and Morton Roe helped bury our old Faithful Prince out near corner woods-aboe the round (blast cracked) rock. I paid Ernest .80 & per bargain with Mort. I took him & Catherine to Kingston during pm. Rec'd my Waterman fountain pen back from Mariam, after having pen point exchanged. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

OCTOBER 12 Wednesday Real summer weather Fair, mellow, becoming overcast pm Clearing evng. Light south westerly winds. Ernie Constable gave Daisy & I a hand today. We got a load corn am 25 stouts- Put up batch of stalks pm over garage & did some husking. Daisy & I husked evng.

OCTOBER 13 Thursday Continued like summer. Fair, hazy, Fresh south westerly winds pm becoming overcast & part clearing evng. I got started painting- Painted north end of barn garage am. PM painted west gable end. Mother is painting front porch ceiling. Daisy & I got a big load corn at dark. Ed & Anna Avery called early evng. Exchanged with Daisy 6 R.I.R. Pullets for 6 roosters. Rec'd card Mariam.

OCTOBER 14 Friday Summer continues-

Fair-hazy-Light easterly winds. Part cloudy early evng. Later all clear with half old moon. Did a big job finished painting garage, all but sliding door. Daisy husked corn & we husked evng. We wrote cards to Mariam & Cornelia.

OCTOBER 15 Saturday Warm-mellow-Rather foggy & murky this am but faired away. Served as Inspector at first day of Registration - enrolled 513. Daisy drew out the manure & husked corn.

OCTOBER 16 Sunday Continued clear hazy-Summer weather-The woods are tinder dry. Feel pretty well tired out. Took a little ride up Watson Hollow way around noon, also drove up to Francis Every's farm.

OCTOBER 17 Monday Mid summer weather in mid 80's-down to 60/10pm Clear-soft hazy-Moderate winds southerly. 17th anniversary of Uncle Watson Bishop's death, at 9:20pm at Dr.Kembles sanitarium, Kingston. Daisy & I got the last load of field corn this am -17 stouts & drew out manure. I did a big job painting on back (north) side of barn. Rec'd letter Mariam-Wrote news copy

OCTOBER 18 Tuesday Clear-hazy-continued warm but somewhat cooler than yesterday. Light winds. Put in a busy day painting-finished around north side of barn & east end of wood shed. All hunting banned in 4 Catskill mountain counties due to unusual dry woods condition. Adirondack areas closed yesterday am.

OCTOBER 19 Wednesday Foggy this am but cleared away hazy warm and sunny-Fresh south westerly winds developed & gradually became overcast. Thermometer 70 evng. Donald Daisy & I made a final clean up of the apple picking. Drewed the last 6 stouts of sweet corn & Daisy & I husked it off evng. My corn crop is excellent-variety 8 row-early yellow flint. I got in some painting late pm on south side barn over open shed. Wrote Freeman copy evng. We husked corn tonight with big barn door wide open & sitting warmly comfortable with shirt sleeves rolled up & bare arms.

OCTOBER 20 Thursday Gloomy-Light rains along during day & heavier fall during evng. Cleaned off south side barn, and did a little painting under eaves- Painted Garage door.

OCTOBER 21 Friday Partly cloudy-unsettled-cooler-winds northerly. I put in a busy day painting, nearly finished south side of barn.

OCTOBER 22 Saturday Fair-mild-Became overcast pm. Light winds, southerly. Served afternoon and evening as Inspector at Second day of registration. (Total enrollment 524) Mariam and Bob arrived from Brooklyn in time for supper. Finished painting south side barn & put white trim on milk house am also helped Daisy with spreading load manure. 10AM Harvey W. Clancy 40, was shot dead on porch of his Phoenicia, Main Street grill, by Charles Ford (76) - 2 buck shot loads fired from

repeating shot gun. Tragedy outcome of a real estate deal.

Saturday Eve Oct. 22-1938 Lauren Hesley and Alvera DePilla married at Stone Ridge by Justice of Peace Louis D. Sahler. He divorced his first wife Grace Alexander Hesley about 2 yrs ago. He retained custody of 2 children.

OCTOBER 23 Sunday Cloudy-drab,  
dreary day, Mild, Quiet Set in rainy evng. Mariam Bob & I took a little ride up Watson Hollow around noon - & called at Maple Dell. John McKelven of Boiceville called on us this pm. Mariam & Bob left for Brooklyn after supper. We had a lovely chicken supper & had Don & Edna join in.

OCTOBER 24 Monday Continued rainy, a  
good soaker. Clearing evng, colder & northerly winds. This am mother, Daisy & I cleaned out the kitchen stove and burned soot out of chimney. During pm I did some repatching with old roofing sheets along sides of hen house. Nettie Jones & Lauren Boice called evng Wrote "news" copy evng. Gov. Lehman lifted the hunting ban this am.

OCTOBER 25 Tuesday Partly cloudy-Mild.Fresh  
variable winds. Quieting. All clearing late pm - First glimpse of new moon low over South Mountain. Helped Daisy spread load manure am & busy with odd chores etc. Finally got settled down to painting pm and finished the milk house, in red. Kept me hustling. Rec'd

letter & card from Kay & 2 cards from Mariam.  
Neighbor James Harison had electric light line hook up made.

OCTOBER 26 Wednesday Clear-warm-Fresh south westerly winds. Strong evng. Don helped me painting east end of barn-He took the high work. Wrote Cornelia- endorsing \$10 check for expenses.  
Dairy Inspector Dr. Wright made visit at milking time.

OCTOBER 27 Thursday Light rain this am but broke away - Mild with light winds easterly. I finished painting east end barn down to piled rank of wood, also did window painting & painted 2 sides of toilet (white)

OCTOBER 28 Friday Mild-Mostly cloudy-winds northerly - Set in rainy late evng. Daisy and I gathered first load of leaves of season for stable bedding forenoon. Rested up some pm & this evng went alone to Kingston and attended Dinner and reception in honor of IOOF Grand Master, Francis L. Carrano, at Governor Clinton Hotel.

OCTOBER 29 Saturday Rained during night. Continued warm shirt sleeve weather. New York City temperature 10 above normal. Mostly cloudy-sun shone pm Winds generally Southerly. This forenoon I baited the cows in orchard lot, & meanwhile cleaned up and burned apple tree tops wreckage from the Sept 21 hurricane. This we drewed out & spread manure on grass also gathered another load leaves along back road. This

evng I called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

OCTOBER 30 Sunday First trace of snow  
on Wittenburgs this am  
Northerly winds- Partly cloudy clearing beautifully early  
pm. Continued mild. I baited the cows in orchard lot  
this am. Mr & Mrs Condon & Mrs. Langer and Charles  
called pm

OCTOBER 31 Monday Harvey Roosa (50)  
died in Hacketts Sanatorium, Kingston at 12:05  
midnight

tonight.

White frost on roofs this am. Thermometer 30.  
Magnificent clear day and evng brilliant half moon.  
Light winds northerly. I did chores and finished  
painting toilet am. Put in the afternoon cementing roof  
seams on new shed part of barn - (north side) Rec'd  
back from Bob Longyear Waterman fountain pen,  
exchanged for a finer point. Also rec'd (enclosed) a  
Waterman (sample) no52 pen Rec'd card Cornelia

NOVEMBER 1 Tuesday Thermometer 26 at 7am  
Heavy white frost and 1/8" ice in big iron sap kettle by  
corner barn. Beautiful clear day & evng. Light winds  
northerly. Daisy & I gathered a big load leaves am  
along back Hinkley woods road, while cows pastured in  
orchard lot. Supervisor Lem DuBois had dinner with us.  
He brought me new battery for my Ford Model T. Priced  
to me for \$2.75 -paid. I cemented north side barn roof  
seams pm. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

NOVEMBER 2 Wednesday Another magnificent clear day & evng. Frost this am but warmer. Quiet Magnificent weather. Daisy & I picked stones on lower lot corn stubble and mean while baited the cows nereby.

NOVEMBER 3 Thursday Unsettled-mild-Partly cloudy. Light winds. Daisy & I drew 2 cart loads stone from corn stubble field am and baited the cows. Pm I attended funeral of Harvey Roosa, held at Lashers parlor, Woodstock and then went to Kingston. Bought another 5 gal pail Moores black roof paint. This evng I attended home coming installation of District Deputy President Mabel Weidner and staff, at Olive Rebekah Lodge.

The following news clipping was found in diary this date:

#### rites for Harvey Roosa conducted at Woodstock

The funeral of Harvey Roosa, superintendent of streets in Kingston was held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the V. N. Lasher parlors, Woodstock. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hudson of the Woodstock M.E.Church Mayor Heiselman, Superintendent Loughran of the county highways department, and a large number of employes of the Board of Public Works and the county highway system attended the services. Burial was in the family plot in Mt. Tremper Rural cemetery.



NOVEMBER 4 Friday Warm-fair-south westerly winds - became overcast late pm - Set in rainy evng. Daisy & I picked 2 cart loads stones from corn lot this am & baited cows. This pm I did a big job, finished cementing seams on north side barn, also on wood shed roof. Republican sound truck caravan touring county, passed thru during pm. This evng I attended Democratic rally at Olive Bridge IOOF hall, followed by refreshments and dancing.

NOVEMBER 5 Saturday Warm-temperature mid sixties. Rainy night - southwesterly winds. Rain squalls along all day and had hard blustery showers early evng. Busied myself all day with necessary odd jobs. I planned to attend IOOF Lodge but have a cold & decided best not to go in rain.

NOVEMBER 6 Sunday Rainy night - Murky foggy still - mussy day & evng. Fresh southwesterly winds evng - Warm-muggy midnight temperature 64. At home all day. Daisy & I went over & spent the evng with Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Made out order Sears Roebuck & Co.

NOVEMBER 7 Monday Continued warm - mid sixties temperature. Unsettled-southwesterly winds, quite strong evng. Partly & mostly cloudy, clearing evng. The rifting of the obscuring clouds early evng, gave a view of the passing of total eclipse of moon. Drewed out manure am & filled in low spots with gravel out near road entrance. This pm I went to Winchell's hall for

annual test in operation of voting machine. Wrote news & Freeman copies evng. Rec'd card Mariam.

NOVEMBER 8 Tuesday Continued warm-Mostly cloudy-frequent showers. Fresh southwesterly winds. Served as Inspector at General Election. Total vot in Olive Dist. No2 -326. The vote was handled readily with voting machine-by the 4 Inspectors Clerks & officer at polls no longer allowed. Gov. Herbert H. Leyman (Dem) re-elected in see-saw race with NY Dist Atty Tom Dewy (Rep) 64349 maj. Dewy carried town of Olive by 180 majority. County sweepingly Republican. Big Rep gains nationally.

NOVEMBER 9 Wednesday Beautiful cloudless day-cooler-northerly winds-Magnificent moonlight all evening. Quiet evng-temperature at freezing. Daisy & I gathered a big load of leaves this am in upper Hinckley woods. PM spread load manure-picked cart load stones & finally got started lowing corn stubble on lower end by boulevard.

NOVEMBER 10 Thursday Magnificent clear day. Quiet-Just a breath of Northerly winds - Frost & 1/16" ice on big iron kettle this am. Becoming milder. Worked at corn stubble plowing-Pretty tired tonight. Wrote Cornelia evng. Sending her check \$11.76

NOVEMBER 11 Friday 20th Anniversary at 11am of ending of the World War. Frost on roofs this am. Calm serene cloudless Indian summer weather.

Fresh northerly winds evng. Magnificent moonlight reflections on reservoir. This am Daisy & I spread load manure on grass & picked 3 cart loads stone off plowed corn stubble This afternoon & got the plow going. Have badly swollen right leg tonight as result of plow hitting a boulder & trace breaking, hit my leg left side just below right knee on side hill plow swivel bar. Rec'd letter Mariam. She's working.

NOVEMBER 12 Saturday Continued Indian summer. Clear-hazy quiet, becoming overcast evng. My leg is swollen & gimpy. Wrote Freeman copy am. This afternoon Daisy & I repaired small chicken house, put new roofing on west end. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge and after Daisy & I called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Sent Rev. Geo. A. Palmer-Phila \$1.10 for box scripmal Xmas cards. Bought pair 5 weeks old plump pigs of Ed Every \$5.00

NOVEMBER 13 Sunday Cloudy-mild-Brisk southwesterly winds. Showers during pm. Clearing evng. Tried to rest my leg conveniently as possible. Had several callers Mr & Mrs Harry Eckeert & family of Margaretville. Mrs. Emma Beatty & Bertha Merrill from Stone Rige - Blanche Bessrodney. Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess of Woodstock came & were our guests for supper & evng. Mabel Synder paid her last Dewey for governor election bet 12 o'clock noon by giving Joe Winkler a wheel barrel ride from Lester Davis store to Traver Hollow Inn where treats were free - a gala occasion.

NOVEMBER 14 Monday First touch of Winter Blustery-Snow squally day-Raw white showing this afternoon on higher mountain levels. Daisy & I did chores am and unloaded wagon load leaves in barn. Molly cow was out in woods overnight & came to barn this with big heifer calf-guernsey. This pm we spread load manure on grass out in corner by woods also repaired some pasture fence. Went with Harlow McLean to Saugerties evng attending big Regional IOOF celebration . Group class of 47 got Initiatory Degree at Wm. H. Raymond Lodge.

NOVEMBER 15 Tuesday Clear & crispy-Westerly winds, became overcast during pm. Had light snow storm, partly melting as it fell. Cleared during evening. Colder and blustery. Donald Bishop and I installed a new frost proof hydrant in barn-Total cost \$8.00 paid Nov.24 - then drew out small load manure, and sat by the comfortable kitchen stove after 4pm. My right injured leg is quite sore & swollen tonite & I held on hot compresses nearly an hour. Robert and Lawrence Jerry seriously injured it auto accident at Pataukunk this evng. Taken to Kingston Hosp. The following clipping was found in diary this date:

KRUMVILLE PUPILS PREFER DIVINE'S  
HEAVENLY NAMES

A question between "earthly names" and "heavenly names" has invaded the usual quiet of the little red school house at Krumville, where a dozen of Father Divine's young followers are now seeking the pursuit of

earthly knowledge. The negro children insist that the school teacher and their schoolmates call them by their “heavenly names,” while the teacher insists that they be enrolled in the school register and known by their earthly cognomens.

Just how the question will eventually be settled is still unknown, with both sides holding firm.

The influx of negro children from the Krumville “heavens” of Father Divine is adding to the complexity of the school situation in Krumville. The school will hold 40 pupils, and in order to take care of the 12 or 14 children from the Krumville “heavens” it was necessary when school operated this fall to install a number of new seats.

“The school is able to take care and seat all of the pupils now enrolled,” said Ephraim Krum, of Krumville today, “but many of us think that 40 pupils is too much for a single teacher to cope successfully with. We understand that next year the number of pupils will be greatly increased and is going to prove a problem for the school trustees to handle.”

Father Divine is the owner of the two largest farms in Krumville, and, it is said, he is the largest taxpayer in that village.

NOVEMBER 16 Wednesday      Surrounding  
countryside white with snow this am. Had partly  
disappeared from mountains by noon. Clear - becoming  
overcast pm with southwesterly winds. Chilly raw air.  
I took mother to Ladies Aid at church this am then got in  
a lick at plowing - first since knee injury. PM Daisy & I

gathered a big load leaves along upper back road, also plowed about an hour. Leg very sore tonight can hardly bear my weight. Bathed it with hot compresses for 1 ½ hours. Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, wife of Merritt Bell, & mother of Lewis, Floyd, Clarence & Lottie Bell, died in Casper, Wyoming. Buried there Nov. 18 She had been in poor health several years.

NOVEMBER 17 Thursday Cloudy-mild-clearing away calmy early pm. My leg is very sore and lame-However I took Morton Roe to Kingston to see Dr. Harry P. VanWagenen, getting back home 4 o'clock. This evng I again went to Kingston to attend the Annual Grand Jurors Banquet at Hotel Stuyvesant taking Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell and Mr and Mrs John Marshall. My friend Judge Walter F. Bliss of Appellate Division - Supreme Court, was guest speaker.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date: GREENFIELD - At Bradford, Pa. November 17, 1938, Elizabeth Hill Greenfield, wife of Willis R. Greenfield and sister of Mrs. George H. Lapp and Mrs. William Burr.

Body may be viewed at the W. N. Conner Funeral Home, 296 Fair Street, any time after 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening, where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 pm. Relatives and friends invited. Interment in Tongore cemetery.

NOVEMBER 18 Friday Dark murky-foggy day-Light rains and misty- Clearing evng. With strong southwesterly winds and much warmer-thermometer rose

to 64 at 11pm. -later 1am down to 60 & rain squally. Didn't do much but chores - My knee is continuing very bothersome. Held on hot water compresses several times and bathed with Omega Oil.

NOVEMBER 19 Saturday Set in raining around 9:30 this am and was a gloomy down-pouring day - Didn't storm evng. Daisy went to Kingston on bus and had 5 teeth pulled at Dr. Henry's. John Bell came to help pull turnips but rain set instead - I took him home & called on Nettie Jones & Addie Kelder coming back. My leg continues sore and achy. Rec'd card Mariam saying she is coming home tomorrow pm by train to Kingston. Nettie & Addie called evng.

NOVEMBER 20 Sunday Beautiful clear quiet day and evng, the atmosphere was chill with a feel of snow, yet sunny. Wrote Freeman & Ulster County news copies. This pm - I had change to winter oil in my Chevy at Pete Crawford's. Speedometer 20, 381. I met Mariam at the 3.44 West Shore train in Kingston.

NOVEMBER 21 Monday Continued quiet cloudless day & evng. Heavy white frost on roofs. Moderate temperature, with a feel of coming snow. John Bell, Daisy Mariam & I pulled 4 big double wagon loads of wonderful turnips. My poor leg is terribly achy tonight, after a big days work.

NOVEMBER 22 Tuesday Warmer-south westerly winds - Generally fair. Mariam & I went to Cobleskill and brought Cornelia home for Thanksgiving - Went by

way of Prattsville and Gilboa Dam. Stopped at Fred Bishops grave and points of interest. Visited Middleburgh cemetery and Mariam took my picture at Tim Murphy's grave - also visited old fort at Schoharie. - Returned by way of Catskill & Kingston, bringing 2 school girls enroute home to Middletown. Traveled miles.

NOVEMBER 23 Wednesday Murky-gloomy-still day-Rainy & mussy pm & evng turned to snow flurry during evng. Not feeling near par today-leg bothersome. Daisy & I started topping turnips pm. Mariam Cornelia & I attended the Odd Fellows annual oyster supper at the Olive Bridge I.O.O.F. Hall. We came home about midnight - Bob Longyear arriving from Brooklyn at this time. Mrs. Elizabeth Allen-widow of Loring T. Allen died this am in Lomontville. The following clipping was found in diary for this date:

Mary E. Allen, wife of the late Loring T. Allen, formerly of Broadhead, town of Olive, died at her home in Lomontville on Wednesday, November 23. Surviving is one son, Charles L., of Lomontville, and five grandchildren, Miss Elizabeth Shultis and Flora Jane, Harriett, Anna and Ralph Allen; also two brothers, William Berryann of Kingston, and James LeRoy Berryann of Oneonta, and five sisters. Mrs. Jane Westbrook, Mrs. Edward Elmendorf and Miss Lucy Berryann of Kingston, Mrs. S.G.Dixon of Schenectady, and Mrs. Henry Hoffman of Mt. Tremper. Funeral services will be held in the Tongore M.E.Church on Saturday at 2 pm Burial in Tongore Cemetery.



NOVEMBER 24 Thursday Thermometer 22 this am- Froze 1/2" ice on iron kettle by barn. Cold-gloomy day, set in snowing hard from north East early pm. Driving storm - Thermometer 16 10pm - snowing & drifting. Daisy & I spread load manure am. Don and Edna joined our family group for Thanksgiving dinner served around 4 o'clock. Mariam & Bob left for Brooklyn about 5:30pm in the driving snow storm.

NOVEMBER 25 Friday Snow fall about 5-6 inches  
Cold blizzardy night 12 this am. Clearing away beautifully snug winters day-winds northerly. Still evng - thermometer 11:30 pm 2 above zero. The entire east was crippled by the early blizzard, which brought one of the heaviest early snows on record. The county's toll is about 50 dead. County and town snow plows in busy operation opening drifted highways. Besides chores I buck sawed some night wood. Daisy & I put up strip of chicken wire inside over recently vito Ray cloth covered hen house windows - Topped turnips etc.

NOVEMBER 26 Saturday Zero this am Cold raw snowy air-Mostly overcast. Sun shone thru some. Slowly moderated-light northerly winds. Set in snowing late evng-temperature 14 at midnight. Daisy & I took over load manure & spread on 3 corner lot. This afternoon I buck sawed another supply of night wood-We also topped turnips & put in celler. This evng I went to Olive Bridge & had Pete Crawford put on my rear snow tires - then called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Funeral 2 pm

at Tongore Church of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen - Burial  
Tongore cemetery.

NOVEMBER 27 Sunday 14 this am. Had 1 inch  
snow fall in night. Mostly overcast. Snow squall pm.  
Later clearing away with light northerly wind - 20 at  
10pm. I took Cornelia ack to Cobleskill this pm going  
by way of Kingston & picking up the two girls who came  
down with us last Tuesday. Found highways well opened  
but rather slippery with coating of snow and ice. Arrived  
back home at 7:50 by way of Prattsville - covered 176  
miles

NOVEMBER 28 Monday Partly cloudy, but sunny.  
Southwesterly winds-thawing some, but the atmosphere  
remains wintry. All clear evng & temperature at  
midnight down to 14. Daisy & I topped turnips & put  
them down cellar. Rec'd new Eclipse animal clipper  
exchanged by Sears Roebuck & Co, put it in use late pm  
& did required clipping of the cows. Recd letter Mariam  
- Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd Soil Conservation check  
\$24.08

NOVEMBER 29 Tuesday Fair-sunny-Winds southerly.  
Snow settling and water running. Part overcast evng with  
10pm temperature at 34. Daisy & I drew load  
firewood this am had to load it twice dure to an upset.  
PM we took over cart load manure & spread on 3 corner  
lot. After supper we made a finish of the turnip snigging  
job. Have fully 110 bushels. Mart & bro. Ed. Every  
called right after dinner.

NOVEMBER 30 Wednesday          Lovely mild  
thawing day-Fair,sunny. Part cloudy. Light winds. 8pm  
temperature 38. Daisy and I drew 5 dry loads  
firewood. Mother attended Ladies Aid Church quilting.

DECEMBER 1 Thursday      Deer hunting season  
opened.

A typical March day. Colder-Crisp northerly winds-  
Snow squally. Beautifully clear evng. 16 - 10pm  
Daisy & I got out another five loads dray wood, a busy  
day's job. Rec'd cards Mariam & Cornelia. Rec'd  
Securities survey and first copy on 6 mo.sub.Financial  
World. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Ed Avery & Jesse  
Burgher each shot a nice buck deer.

DECEMBER 2 Friday                      8 above zero am -  
Clear-cripy day- Still-Becoming partly overcast evng. 8 -  
11pm      Daisy & I worked in woods trimming up  
windfalls and drawing 2 loads on woodpile - Also spread  
cart load manure on 3 corner lot. I went up to Maple Dell  
before supper to see their deer & get help for hog killing.

The following is from clipping found in  
diary for this date:

**MILTON B. NICHOLS DIES; FUNERAL TO BE AT  
TONGORE**

Milton B. Nichols of Kingston died at his home, 31  
St.James street, Friday, December 2, aged 58 years.  
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mabel Barringer Nichols;  
three sons, Wilford, Fred and Ronald; one daughter,  
Doris, all at home; three brothers, John E. Nichols, of

Kingston; Ira, of West Shokan, and Orrie, of Roxbury and two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Winchell, of West Shokan, and Mrs. Van Townsend of Kingston. Funeral services will be held at the Tongore M.E.Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Tongore cemetery. Rev. William R.

Peckham of the Clinton Avenue M.E.Church and Rev. Mr. Hewitt of Olive Bridge will officiate. Bearers will be relatives.

DECEMBER 3 Saturday Overcast mild. South westerly winds. Set in light rain at evng, developed into a driving downpour - continuing into night. Spent the forenoon getting ready for butchering - Early pm - Ed.Avery Jim Burgher & Jesse Burgher helped in killing a pig. It dressed 152. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Had social program, refreshments, card games - dart ball.

DECEMBER 4 Sunday Clear and spring like after the night's downpour. Temperature in 50s 36-8pm. A magnificent day - Light winds. Snow pretty well has disappeared except on mountains. At home all day - Rather lonesome - no callers. Made up orders. Sears Roebuck 7.85 Montgomery Ward 4.65  
The following clippings was in diary for this date:  
Jonas VanWagenen died at the home of his son, Peter Deyo VanWagenen, with whom he made his home in West Shokan, on Sunday, aged 82 years. Funeral services will be held from the H.B.Humiston Funeral Home in Kerhonkson on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, with burial in the Fantinekill Cemetery in

Ellenville. The Rev. Harold Schadewald of Kerhonkson will officiate.

DECEMBER 5 Monday      A gloomy foggy rainy day and evening. Set in rainy during night. Ground is bare & muddy. We cut up the pig and made sausage. Wrote "news" copy evng.

Newspaper clipping was found in diary at this point: Monday, December 2, 1850, funeral services were held in the M.E.Church for Andries M. Davis, Revolutionary War Veteran, who died in his 91st year. The Rev.Samuel Harlow preached the funeral sermon, and the Rev.J.H. Voorhis, pastor of the Shokan Dutch Church, made an address. Mr. Davis, a surveyor, soldier at Valley Forge and, still earlier, a dispatch bearer between the forts of Phoenicia and Hurley, resided at the present Ellison Oakley place in Tongore.

Andries M. Davis was my great great grandfather. In 1832 he had moved to Tongore from what in later years was the Silas Terwilliger farm on the (Dickenbar) now Ashokan reservoir submerged property. The old Ulster & Delaware RR cut crossed the farm. Mrs. Davis died in 1845. Dewitt C. Davis grandson - made his home with them from 1832 till their death.

DECEMBER 6 Tuesday      Rain continued thru night-cloudy squally & mild-with fresh westerly winds-Clearing evng-10 o'clock temperature 36. Streams are running high. Daisy & I took over cart load manure on 3 corner lot am also pulled last of turnips. This pm I took Mort & Mary Roe to Kingston, to see Dr. VanWagenen.

His fractured arm must remain in brace for 3 ½ more weeks. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

DECEMBER 7 Wednesday Westerly winds-Mild-Partly cloudy & cloudy-Occasional sprinkles - 34-11pm  
Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at church. Daisy & I picked 3 cart load stones from potato patch part of corn stubble field am This pm we got a load of leaves in back upper woods. Very tired tonight.

DECEMBER 8 Thursday Cloudy-mild still. Froze little last nite. 42-11pm Put in the day plowing for first since Nov. 16. Very tired tonight.

DECEMBER 9 Friday Arrived rainy and continued all day and evng - dreary still-very foggy evng. Mild. Spent the day at odd jobs- Filed cross cut saw. Salted down the hams, etc. "Red" cow had big red bull calf am. I called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell evng while mother was attending an evng quilting at the parsonage, at Mary Hydes.

DECEMBER 10 Saturday Had thunder & lightning at 2:30 in night. Rainy continued thru night, became blustery this am rain kept up till mid pm. Part broke away & wind quieted evng - Continued mild 46 - 11:30pm. This pm Daisy & I spread load manure on grass out in corner also drew load firewood. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Martin J. Every fell and broke his right leg pm - just below hip. Pretty well crippled with rheumatism, he fell while going up hill path to his barn.

This is his third bad fall since election. He was taken to Kingston Hospital. The following is from a clipping found in diary this date:

#### DECEMBER LIGHTNING AMAZES LOCAL PEOPLE

The phenomenal weather of this season which began with a sustained autumnal mild spell from late September to late November and was climaxed on Thanksgiving with a snow storm of the blizzard variety, took another sudden shift early this morning in the midst of recent warm rains.

Residents of the area were awakened about 3 am, by the rolling peal of thunder and some report seeing several flashes of lightning. The brief electrical storm was accompanied by a heavy downpour for several minutes. Local weather prophets seem to disagree as to whether lightning in December is a forecast of warmer or colder weather. December 12, 1938 Kingston Freeman.

DECEMBER 11 Sunday Dreary cloudy lonesome day & evng. Raw air. 32 at 10:30pm - Wittenbergs freshly snow covered. No callers - at home all day. Don & Edna have a new 1939 Chevrolet DeLuxe Town Sedan color dark brown. He traded in his 1935 Chevy-Master 6 Coupe. Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

DECEMBER 12 Monday 15th Anniversary of Fred Bishop death Showers this am-part breaking away and blustery. Becoming somewhat colder pm - Starlight evng. 28-10:30pm Mother & I went up to see Minnie Every during forenoon called on Mr & Mrs Fred L. Weidner on way home noon time. Took over load

manure & spread on 3 corner lot-then plowed till 4:30.  
Wrote "news" copy evng. Mart Every's condition reported favorable at Kingston Hosp. Sold young red calf to DeForest Bishop - \$3.00 Recd card Mariam.

DECEMBER 13 Tuesday Partly cloudy snow flurries northerly winds-Clear evng 26 at 11pm I finished the plowing job this forenoon. Daisy & I got a big load leaves in upper back woods pm. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

DECEMBER 14 Wednesday Brisk windy day & evening. Partly cloudy-Raw air- Clear & colder evng. 20 at 11pm Took mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church this am & shut off the water. This pm we drew over two dray loads of apple tree wood. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Sent Cornelia check 10.00 Davenport's delivered me 500 - 24% milk maker @ \$1.67 - \$8.35

DECEMBER 15 Thursday 16-7am. Cold-raw-crisp northerly wind. Broken clouds- All clear evng- & colder. Ed.Every - Charles Duloff & Roy Lane helped with our wood sawing using Model T Ford power. Duloff's horse died last evng with colic.

DECEMBER 16 Friday 6 this am. Clear crispy atmosphere, moderating & overcast evng.-Light winds South 25-11pm Ed-Charley & Roy came this am & we finished sawing wood & put rig away. They left right after dinner to bury Charley's horse. Daisy & I got a load leaves in woods under hill pm. Mr & Mrs John Breithaupt had supper & spent the evng with us. Rec'd



Christmas goods order from Sears, Roebuck & Co.

DECEMBER 17 Saturday Murky - glum - set in cold freezing fine rain toward noon - Foggy evng rain stopped. Rather slippery evng. Daisy & I gathered a big load leaves am from back woods, also spread cart load manure on grass. Tired & rested pm. Attended IOOF Lodge evng - & after visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

DECEMBER 18 Sunday Continued muky day temperature at freezing - Snowing & melting, thru mid section of day. At home all day - No callers - Mother & I started writing Christmas greeting cards.

DECEMBER 19 Monday Cloudy threatening am. Partly clearing pm with winds northerly. Chilly raw air - Pleasant clear evng - 26-11:30pm Daisy and I gathered a big load leaves am in upper back woods. PM we spread cart load manure on 3 corner lot-then drew 2 load stone from plowed old stone row, & brought back Christmas greens for sending Mariam. Lee Breithaupt called this pm but I missed him - He made me a generous gift of 10 dollars. Wrote "news" copy evng.

DECEMBER 20 Tuesday Fair-Light northerly winds- Atmosphere a bit crispy. Froze up quite hard, 16 this am. This am we packed and shipped a big box of Christmas greens to Mariam - Also sent big batch cards. This afternoon we gathered a big load leaves from Hinckley woods. Today is Daisy's my 28 Wedding Anniversary. This evening we entertained pleasantly Mr & Mrs

Chester Lyons, Mr & Mrs John Marshall & Harvey - and Pete Crawford.

DECEMBER 21 Wednesday Murky with sun occasionally peeking thru-Had light snowfall, ½ in - whitens the ground. Chilly atmosphere. Cleared away evng with light northerly wind. Pretty well tired out we didn't get to bed till around 2:30 this am. We made a big laurel wreath & this pm I went to cemetery & put wreath on monument & evergreens on the graves. Place a full length blanket of boughs over our beloved "Little Honey", Lillian. Wrote Freeman copy evng.-Both Mariam & Cornelia called up evng.

DECEMBER 22 Thursday Quite blustery Reservoir choppy Diminishing northerly winds evng. Fair. Crispy - Temperature hovering around 20 during day - colder at night. Split some firewood. We spread load manure pm on 3 corner lot. Rec'd Christmas packages from Mariam. Rec'd & sent out more Christmas cards. West Shokan school & community Christmas entertainment held evng in Colange Hall.

DECEMBER 23 Friday Cloudy-chilly raw air- Had light snow fall during pm Just a renewed whitening of the ground. I went to Cobleskill and brought Cornelia home for Christmas vacation. Left 7:10am & was back home around 1:30pm. Mrs. Diefendorf (where Kay rooms) loaned me a family heirloom Simms History of Schoharie County published 1845, which I read far in the night.

DECEMBER 24 Saturday Cloudy - threatening storm-still - Temperatures in the twenties & up around freezing. Daisy & I spread load manure on 3 corner lot am I split wood pm. Recd box gifts by mail from Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. No lodge tonight. IOOF hall, home of Aretus Lodge No172 - Kingston badly damage by fire early this am Sent box gifts for Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell for delivery with Wilson Terwilliger driving milk trucks. Funeral 11am of Mansfield McKelvey at Gormley's parlors in Phoenicia.

DECEMBER 25 Sunday Inclined to be squally. Partly cloudy- Clouds thickened pm with a heavy snow squall. Light winds northerly. Temperature hovering around freezing. I went over and called on Mort Roe toward noon. Helen Tweedy called during pm. For me a rather lonesome Christmas. Mother, Daisy, Cornelia & I had our Christmas dinner & supper in one - Savory baken chicken with dressing. Thermometer given me by Judge Winchell registers 4-6 degrees higher than the old one on porch past.

DECEMBER 26 Monday Fair am becoming overcast midday. Temperature around freezing and above. Set in snowing hard during evng. Split wood - & Daisy & I spread load manure on 3 corner lot. I am absorbed in reading portions of Simons history of Schoharie.

DECEMBER 27 Tuesday Had 6 inches & over heavy

snow fall during night. Light rain this morning, clearing mild fresh westerly winds - became soft & slushy. Turned much colder evening, temperature dropping to 20 at midnight. Wrote Ulster County news copy am. PM went down to Pete Crawford's garage & had Chevy winter serviced. This evng Daisy & I went over to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchells to see their Christmas presents.

DECEMBER 28 Wednesday Very blustery this morning-reservoir rolling white caps. Partly cloudy-Cold raw day-temperature thru day and evng around 20. Country wide cold snap. I took Mother to Ladies Aid at church - & went after her quarter of 4. Didn't attempt to do much today besides chores. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

DECEMBER 29 Thursday Mostly overcast. Had light snowfall evng. Later clearing. Half moon settling over crest South Mountain. Temperature 20 this am rising to 28. Light winds. Daisy & I got over big cart load manure & spread on 3 corner lot am. Split several wood hand sleigh loads wood pm & piled on porch.

DECEMBER 30 Friday Fair-Light northerly winds-Rather crispy. Became overcast early evng & light snowfall developed. 11pm-10  
Cornelia & I went to Kingston-we called to see Mart Every at Kingston Hospital. On way back called at Pete Crawfords, Judge Winchell's & Mrs Ole Burgher's.

DECEMBER 31 Saturday Had about 1 inch snow last

night-Clear this am - gradually becoming hazy & overcast - Snowing again during pm & early evng - becoming warmer, temperature rising above freezing. Slippery traveling- Daisy & I spread load manure this am. I took Morton Roe & daughters Catherine & Mildred to Kingston. Morton had the body & arm brace removed. I visited Matt Every at Kingston Hospital, found his condition real favorable. He broke his leg 3 weeks today. I bought a blue serge suit of Walter Ostrander price \$20. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Clark Vredenberg(15) & Robt Ostrander (11) running trap line broke thru thin ice & drowned in reservoir East Baison in 20 ft water, in cove westerly about 800-1000 feet westerly West Hurley RR station. Their bodies were recovered before dusk.

## ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1939

All from the beginning of the diary:

### The Hudson River and Drought

In this period of drought, the worst that many old timers can remember, the majestic Hudson River flows with its usual depth and volume. What abundant springs must supply this stream, a mile of which at almost any point between here and New York, contains more water than all the reservoirs in this area including the combined Ashokan - Gilboa. It's a great old river when it can keep up its average when other streams are either dried up or

reduced to a trickle.

(Ulster County News)

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 1939.

### Remembrances

The honey bee has a red hot foot,  
the wasp has a slender tail;  
A bumble bee sits down quite hard,  
while the hornet turns you pale.  
The sting of the bee is hard to bear;  
it makes you ache and fret;  
But the sting that is made by a trusted friend,  
is the one you don't forget.

April 25, 1861, following a military parade in the old village, Capt Davis Winne's company of Olive and Shandaken militiamen left Shokan to entrain with other units of Col. George W. Pratt's 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment for Washington. On the way down the Plank Road stops were made at P.C. Bonesteel's, J.C. Vandemark's and the Van Deusen place. Many local residents joined the throng in Kingston where great excitement prevailed for several days previous to departure of the regiment on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

January 1, Sunday — Pleasant fair moderately mild quiet sunny day. Thinly overcast evng. Ground remains snow covered – several inches.

At home all day. Charles Langer & his mother came from Wallkill PM had supper with us. He brought 100 lb bag of old fashioned milled buckwheat flour from Lattingtown \$3.00.  
We are fully mindful that 7 years ago our Little Honey Girl was so seriously ill.

January 2, Monday — Warmer – A January thaw – Broken clouds – sunny and windy – somewhat colder evng, thermometer 32 degrees.

I took Cornelia back to Cobleskill today to resume her after Christmas vacation studies at the State School of Agriculture & Home Economics. Ralph Longyear accompanied on the trip from Phoenicia. Visited historical places enroute, on return trip, including Timothy Murphy family household collection and saw one of his guns – a long barreled smooth bore, at home of a great grand son Mott, lawyer in Fultonham. Our Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis died 7 years ago tonight at 11:20. My heart yet burns with regrets.

January 3, Tuesday — Cloudy dismal day & evng – variable winds – Temperature under freezing – down around 22 this AM.

Charley Duloff and Ed Avery came this morning and helped butcher our second hog. It dressed 186 – in excellent condition. They had dinner with us, also Roy Lane. Drawed over big cart load manure on 3 corner lot AM. Mrs Sarah Every died widow of Andrew P. Every died this PM due to strokes – sick 3 months. Birthday July 26 – same day as my fathers.

Double funeral 2 PM at West Hurley M.E. church of the Dec.31 drowning victims Clark Vreenburg and Robt. Ostrander, in east basin reservoir – opposite West Hurley R.R. station Bob Bishop came & staid over night with Don & Edna. 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Fred Bishop's marriage. George B.Snyder 75 formerly of Saugerties died at home of his daughter Mrs Harold Davis in Olive Bridge.

January 4, Wednesday — Continued murky, still – damp atmosphere – made several attempts to storm AM. Temperature under freezing.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church – and went after her 4 o'clock. Cut up the hog after dinner. Heard part of Pres. F.D. Roosevelt's radio address to 76<sup>th</sup> Congress which convened yesterday. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Returned pkg goods Sears Roebuck & Co.

January 5, Thursday – Continuing murky, still. The bare roads and walks are slippery with a fine freezing mist. Moderating evng & gradually developed rainy.

Seven years to day we buried our beloved Little Girl – Darling Lillian – Little Honey. Time passes but regrets and cherished memories remain.

I took Molly cow for servicing AM to Maple Dell Farm. Busy with chores etc. Started reading tonight "Smokefires in Schoharie" presented by Mariam & Bob for Christmas.

January 6, Friday — Mild – murky. The fog broke and sun shone toward noon and again the gloom gathered. Partly clear evng.



I made a trip to Kingston. Rec'd card Mariam. I spent the evng reading Smokefires in Schoharie.

January 7, Saturday – Mild – generally fair and springlike – light winds.

Daisy & I piled firewood along end of barn, did chores etc, also PM spread load manure on 3 corner lot. Jacob V Merrihew from Kingston called PM with renewed fire insurance policies for church and parsonage. I attended IOOF installation evng. Reginald Lapo & staff of Bearsville Lodge, installing officers.

Junior past Grand – Gilbert Bloom

Noble Grand — Wilson Terwilliger

Vice Grand — William Feltman

Rec. Secy. — Harlowe McLean

Fin. Secy. — Virgil Gordon

Treas. — Arthur E Trowbridge

Warden — Alonzo Davis

R.S.N.G. – A E Trowbridge

L.S.N.G. – Wm. Jordan

Conductor — Reginald Davis

R.S.V.G. Jerry vanKleeck

R.S.S. Edward VanKleeck

L.S.S. Wm Jordan

Inside Guardian – LeGrand Shultis

L.S.V.G. — Elmer Davis

Outside Guardian – William Shultis

Chaplain — E C Davis.

January 8, Sunday — Blustery, partly cloudy – snow squally on mtns – mild but a bit raw 10:30 PM 36

degrees.

At home all day. Oscar Crispell paid us an unexpected call this PM & had supper with us.

January 9, Monday — fair – mild – sunny, like spring – light northerly winds. Became overcast evng. 10:30 PM 36 degrees.

Daisy & I ranked up wood along barn, beside doing the daily round of chores. Sent package to Cornelia. Mailed my book Smokefores in Schoharie to Mr & Mrs Mott Lawyer at Fultonham for reading & return. Wrote news copy evng.

January 10, Tuesday — Fresh westerly winds – Like spring. Partly cloudy – rain squalls PM all clear evng. Real blustery early evening — 10 PM – 44 degrees.

Split and piled wood. Daisy & I spread big cart load manure on 3 corner lot PM. Rec'd letters both Mariam & Cornelia. Returned a pkg – containing house slippers to Sears Roebuck & Co. Wrote news copy evng.

January 11, Wednesday – Blustery – mostly cloudy – snow squally. Mild but turning colder evng – 11 PM 32 degrees and starlight.

I split and piled firewood PM. Cleaned up trash in garden AM. Took Mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church and went after her at 4 o'clock. Wrote card to Cornelia..

January 12, Thursday – Froze up last night – colder raw snow squally, blustery – part cloudy 10:30 PM 26

degrees.

Split and piled firewood. Ralph Longyear had dinner with us. He paid \$5.00 more on beef acct from last winter. Rec'd card Mariam.

January 13, Friday — Sun shone thru AM but became heavily overcast – cold – raw atmosphere. Set in snowing late PM continuing into night. 11:30 PM 22 degrees.

Daisy & I piled round wood – making the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank along end of barn. Jay Every of Kingston called PM also A H Carey. Drewed over a big cart load manure & spread under apple trees, was bothered with broken wheel.

January 14, Saturday — Snowed along lightly this forenoon 5 plump inches loose snow. Started breaking away P.M. all cleared evng. Cold raw air – still, 20 tonight midnight.

Wrote both girls cards AM. Put new handle in axe P.M. & drewed out small load manure. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. 5 candidates conferred. Initiatory Degree. Frank Clearwater, Abram Smith – Floyd Miller, Herman Quick – Chas C. George – Refreshments after lodge.

January 15, Sunday — A lovely winters day with everything snow covered. Sunny quiet, becoming partly overcast hazy during PM. Thawed in sun — temperature down to 13 at 11 evng.

Rather lonesome – no callers – at home all day. Reservoir west basin clogged with frozen snow.

January 16, Monday — 16 degrees this morning — 32 — 10:30 PM. Fair quite wintry this morning. Reservoir appears solidly frozen over, except lower end Quiet day — moderately breezy evng.

We packed a box and sent to Mariam by P.P. Daisy & I took over a load manure on 3 corner lot AM. Piled up porch with firewood PM & busy with chores. Wrote news copy evng. Electric lights were off 2 hours evng. Rec'd card Mr & Mrs Mott lawyer — Fultonham, acknowledging receipt of my book — Smokefires in Schoharie.

January 17, Tuesday — Moderate northerly winds — partly cloudy — pleasant thawing in sun.

Wind and waves breaking up the reservoir snow ice. Took an observing tramp around thru the woods AM. Worked awhile with the axe PM. Don and Edna's second wedding anniversary. Trooper Ray Dunn & Joe Winkler & Kinne Cole rescued an injured doe deer on the reservoir ice off Traver Hollow Point. Too badly hurt to travel the deer was shot. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

January 18, Wednesday — 20 this AM — light snow this AM with sun shining thru. Faired away but became overcast PM. Quiet day — snowed lightly late evng.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid & met her 4 o'clock. Busy with chores etc. Drawed over load manure PM on 3 corner lot.

Daisy & I — Mr & Mrs Chester Lyons — John & Helen Marshall & son Harry surprised Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell this evng on the occasion of their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding

anniversary. We took a freezer of chocolate ice cream.

January 19, Thursday — Snowed lightly in night and along most of day with sun shining thru. Cold raw air – still, starlight evng with temperature 10 at 11 PM. Have about 2 in of light snow.

Wrote Freeman copy AM. Didn't pretend to do much but chores. Too snowy to work in woods. Roads slippery & pretty good sleighing. Took Red cow to Maple Dell for servicing PM. We rec'd 2 letters from Maraim.

January 20, Friday — A lovely crisp still sunny winters day. Colder tonight 8 – 10:30 PM.

Busy writing this AM. Took 1<sup>st</sup> cure hams out of brine. Daisy & I worked in woods PM cleaned up fallen beech tree along Jacky Brook high bank.

January 21, Saturday — 8 degrees this AM. Clear still, lovely day. Slowly moderating, becoming overcast evng and set in snowing about 12:30 – midnight about 22 degrees.

Started smoking hams PM. Daisy & I took over big cart load manure AM on 3 corner lot. Drewed 2 dray loads firewood for Don from his woods. Lost my good axe off load wood in snow. Attended IOOF lodge tonite – five candidate class rec'd 2<sup>nd</sup> degree last night at Bearsville. Saugerties lodge conferred third degree this evng. Large attendance – Dist Deputy Reginald Lapo & Marshall present. Hot oyster stew & cake, sandwiches, pickles, coffee & cigars as refreshments.

January 22, Sunday — Warmer – part cloudy – strong westerly winds. Heavy snow squalls noon time and later PM – quite blizzardly turning colder – thermometer 12 degrees 10:30 PM.

Daisy went and spent the day with Mr and Mrs Walter Schmoekel. I walked over to Mort Roe's after doing early chores PM.– returned home 6 o'clock and found Charley Langer & his mother had come during my absence. Was about 9:30 when they started for Wallkill. Harry Jordan called AM.

January 23, Monday — Windy night – 10 degrees this AM – clear and somewhat windy – quieting down. 14 degrees 11 PM.

Collector Ethel Haver sat for taxes at Colange store. Hinkley farm – 49 acres val. \$600. – total tax – \$10.94. Our home property 25 acres val \$1600 – total tax – 29.06. Rate \$18.05 per thousand.

This afternoon Daisy & I spread load manure on 3 corner lot. Busy with usual chores, loading up porch with firewood, smoking hams etc. Break in stock market, continued from Saturday. My dear father Chase W. Davis died five years ago today – Jan. 23 – 1934

January 24, Tuesday – Warmer – snowing and blowing rough from south west this morning, later subsiding – continued mostly cloudy. 32 degrees – 11 PM.

I went to Kingston arriving about noon. Did some shopping about town, and Chester Lyons & I visited Mart Every at Kingston Hospital. Market sold off but rallied PM.

10 PM, Jan 25 – Madison Square Garden – Joe Louis, Detroit brown bomber won by technical knock out after 2 minutes – 29 seconds in first round of scheduled 15 round bout, over challenger John Henry Lewis also colored – respective weight ----- 202 vs 182 both 25 years of age. Louis retaining Worlds Heavyweight crown. Fight broadcast over radio.

January 25, Wednesday — Snowing and blowing rough this AM – an inch or more of loose snow. Faired away blustery snow flying all day – coldest roughest day of the winter –8 midnight.

Rec'd letter Cornelia – Wrote her card. Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church, also called on Will Jones. Busied with barn chores PM and fixed up a barrel of cider for harvest – 20 lbs melted granulated sugar & 3 pounds prunes. Don brought Mother home from Church. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

January 26, Thursday — fair – continued cold, light winds, becoming overcast evng. 8 degrees this AM & 6 tonight 11 o'clock.

Daisy & I took over a big load manure and spread on 3 corner lot AM. Jennie Kerr had dinner with us before funeral. Mother, Daisy & I attended funeral 2 PM of Mrs Sarah Every (74) in Baptist church. Sermon by Rev. J.B Glenwood of Ashokan ME church, undertaker Victor Lasher. Burial in Bushkill cemetery. Mother played the organ & I helped with singing. Mrs Every & Father were within 1 day of same age at time of their deaths. Stock market still sinking.

Kingston Freeman Jan. 25 — 1939

Mrs Sarah A. Every, wife of the late Andrew P Every, of West Shokan, died at her home on Monday, January 23 after a long illness. Surviving are four sons, John and Roy of Endicott, Grant of Boiceville and Francis of West Shokan; one daughter, Mrs Raymond Miller of Brodhead, 14 grandsons and 13 granddaughters; two brothers, St Clair Barnes of West Shokan and Walter Barnes of Lomontville, and one sister, Mrs Ezra Green of Ashokan. Funeral services will be held at the West Shokan Baptist church on Thursday, January 26, at 2 PM. The Rev. John Glenwood of the Ashokan M.E. Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Bushkill cemetery.

January 27, Friday — 4 below zero this AM on our porch — clear crispy — light northerly winds 14 degrees — 10 PM.

Rec'd letter Mariam. Stock market rallied. Daisy & I crosscut & split beech logs I had drawn from woods & piled wood on porch. During PM I drew out some saw logs for Don.

January 28, Saturday — Fair and crispy, light winds. Becoming overcast evng and somewhat moderating.

Daisy & I cut and trimmed up a wind broken beech tree out in woods AM. This PM hauled it on woodpile and took over load manure on 3 corner lot. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and went to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchells.



January 29, Sunday — Mild – part cloudy this AM becoming overcast, had a sap snow mid afternoon turning to light rain which was brief – winds southerly, mild – thawing 34 degrees 11 PM.

At home all day. Busy with usual daily chores. Mrs Langer and Charley called PM. He brought me 2 ram rod wormers and 2 axes drawn out and re-handled by Walden blacksmith \$1.25 each.

January 30, Monday — Snowing this AM and was a mussy stormy day and evng. — snowing and sleeting – easterly wind evng.

Bad traveling – snow plows busy PM & tonight. About home all day, busy with chores, smoking hams etc. This evng I went with Ed Every attending birthday surprise party for Stewart Jones, 74 Wall St, Kingston. 10 guests present – all old Winston & Co employees at Brown Station.

#### Ex –Reservoir Employee Given Surprise Party

Former associates of Stewart Jones, of 74 Wall Street, all one time construction employees on the Ashokan reservoir, gathered at his home last night for a surprise birthday party in observance of Mr Jones' 48<sup>th</sup> birthday. One of the last employees to be laid off at the completion of the dam, Mr Jones now is a West Shore Railroad engineer.

Among the guests at the party were Hubert Roosa, Ashokan reservoir yard master; James Herrick, foreman of the pipe gang; Tracy Munson, brakeman; Charles

Hutton, machinist; Bert Jones, saw mill foreman; E.J. Kearney, brakeman; James Cave, foreman of the west dike and spillway; Clair Evans, steam crane operator; all of this city, and Edward Every, locomotive engineer; and Elwyn C. Davis steam roller operator; both of West Shokan.

Kingston Daily Leader 1-31- 1939

### Reservoir Group Enjoys Reunion

Several men employed by New York city during construction of the Ashokan Reservoir from 1907 to 1915 assembled last evening at the home of Stewart Jones, 74 Wall street, where a surprise birthday party was given him. The party was in the form of a reunion of the group.

The surprise party was so cleverly arranged by Mrs Jones that her husband had no inkling of the event until his friends walked in on him as he was dressed waiting to attend a card party.

Many of the guests had not met since the dam was being built and the affair last evening gave rise to a plan for a possible larger scale re-union next summer.

Several brought their collections of pictures showing the group of railroad men employed on "O.B. Dam Railroad" Others were of construction work. Some of the pictures were panorama views and as the pictures were looked over many familiar figures and many forgotten names were recalled to memory. In one group of 20 persons, it was discovered that 10 were now deceased

Mrs Jones and her mother served luncheon to the guests. The following guest were present: Hubert Roosa, yard master of the Olive Bridge Dam Railroad system; James Herrick, foreman of the pipe gang; Tracy Munson, brakeman; Charles Hutton, machinist; Bert Jones, saw mill foreman; Edward J. Kearney, brakeman; James Cave, foreman of West Dyke and Spillway; Clair Evans, steam crane operator; Stewart Jones, locomotive engineer, Edward Every, locomotive engineer; Elwyn C. Davis, of West Shokan steam roller operator.

It was suggested that sometime next summer a re-union of all veterans of the Ashokan construction period be held near the reservoir. Listed among the group are many men who have sought work elsewhere since the Ashokan job was finished and who would appreciate an opportunity of returning to the scene of their former employment.

Each guest present Monday evening was presented with a favor in the form of an ash tray which bore the legend, "Ashokan Dam Construction Gang, January 30, 1939."

January 31, Tuesday — Have about 5 ½ additional snow and sleet. Snowy night cloudy – still, set in snowing again PM & got somewhat blustery – but didn't storm evng. Clearing – this AM 22 degrees AM – 14 – 11 PM. Town snow plow busy opening roads.

I took Julian Eckert to Phoenicia to see Dr Gross. He was struck between eyes by cows horn while feeding Sunday PM, causing an infection which has developed

seriously, head swollen and eyes closed. Late this PM Joe Winkler took him to benedictine Hospital. Daisy & I took over big load manure on 3 corner lot. Supt. Highways Claude Bell plowed our driveway tonight.

February 1, Wednesday — 4 above this AM Below zero also reported. Clear – still– haze developing. Big circle around nearing full moon early evng. 20 degrees 11 PM.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church, also brought her home. PM Daisy & I worked on woodpile, cross cut & split up beech log & got wood piled on porch..

Julian Eckerts case diagnosed at Benedictine Hospital as black erysipelas . High Point and Wittenbergs glistened magnificently in morning sunlight.

February 2, Thursday – Cloudy set in snowing this AM but petered out. Easterly wind PM and misty.

Moderating later PM & evng 36 degrees – 11 o'clock. Moon shone thru late evng.

Took over load manure AM on 3 corner lot. Went to Samsonville attending 1 PM funeral at church of Noah Barringer. Shokan Lodge members attended in a body. Arthur Trowbridge as Noble Grand and I as chaplain read the burial ritual – commitment at church – remains taken for temporary deposit to Woodstock cemetery vault. Tonight I attended Olive Rebekah Lodge. Rebekah Degree conferred on Mrs Carrie Davis and Mrs Genevieve McLean. Woodchucks and bears saw no shadow today.

February 3, Friday —Rainy this AM changing to wet

snow, continuing till late PM & set in snowing again during evng. A gloomy mushy day 32 degrees – 11 PM.

Wrote Freeman copy AM. Went over to Harlow McLean's awhile PM. Loaned him my Sylvester's History of Ulster County. Julian Eckert reported improved. Wrote letter Cornelia & sent check 10 dollars.

February 4, Saturday — Snow squally blustery this morning but cleared beautifully. Somewhat colder, crispy, magnificent bright moonlight night – 16 degrees at midnight. Was partly cloudy early evng.

Daisy & I took one load manure AM on 3 corner lot. PM we brought two dray loads firewood to woodpile. Evng I attended IOOF Lodge, later called on John & Helen Marshall also Pete Crawford's. Rec'd letter Mariam.

February 5, Sunday — 16 this AM – 20 11 PM. Lovely fair sunny day & moonlight evng. Slightly hazy – quiet.

Excellent sleighing & coasting. Field crust hard enough to walk on. Went over to Morton Roe's around noon bought \$1.00 worth of beef. Francis Every & family called PM– also Charles and Mrs Langer.

February 6, Monday — 20 degrees AM – 30 11 PM. Overcast, still, sun shone thru awhile AM. Set in snowing early evng.

Daisy & I cleaned up a wind fallen ash & small hemlock and got it all hauled on woodpile. Also I took over load manure on 3 corner lot. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd Sears Roebuck spring & summer catalog.

Mr W.G. Moore of Samsonville died AM at Hacketts Sanitarium, Kingston, after a long illness of TB. Wrote card to Kay.

(Obituary)

Weller G. Moore of Samsonville died at Hackettes Sanitarium, Kingston, Monday, aged 69 years. Surviving are his wife Mary Palen Moore; two daughters, Mrs Raymond Allen of Bayonne, N.J. Mrs Harlowe McLean of Samsonville. The funeral will be held from H.B .Humiston Funeral Home, Kerhonkson, Wednesday at 2 P.M. Burial will be in Palenville cemetery. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr Hewitt of Olive Bridge. Bearers will be George Van Kleeck, Harry Keator, Victor Beesmer and Gilbert Quick

February 7, Tuesday – Mild 30 degrees AM – 32 - 11 PM. Snowing thru night and this morning 5 inches of packy snow. Broke away and blustery – wind quieted evening. Snow plows busy opening roads. Mostly cloudy evng.

Busy with usual chores. Missed the mail man & walked to Post Office with mail. Addie Kelder called PM. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia & wrote her a card. Mother wrote card to Mariam.

February 8, Wednesday – A fair mellow day. Light winds – stronger evng. Snow settled considerably, temperature 44 degrees 11 PM.

I took the day and attended the funeral 2 PM of Mr Weller G. Moore at Humiston's parlors in Kerhonkson

with interment in Palentown cemetery.

February 9, Thursday — Froze up – 30 degrees AM – 26 11 PM. Pleasant mild day – fair, gradually becoming overcast at evening, quiet day – chilly light southwesterly wind evng

Rec'd card Mariam & letter from Kay. We took over big cart load manure on 3 corner lot AM. Then went to Kingston taking Addie Kelder, Mort & Mary Roe. We visited Julian Eckert at Benedictine Hospital also Mart Every at Kingston City. He sat up in wheel chair for first this PM. Bought new Black Raven 3 3/4 lb axe. Rec'd freight shipment \$190 – Sears Roebuck & Co. Set team harness – garden cultivator & other merchandise.

February 10, Friday — 26 degrees AM — 36 11 PM. Gloomy still, cold storm – sleeting and fine freezing rain – moderated & turned to rain evng.

Wrote letter to Sear Roebuck & several cards. Went up to Charlie Duloff's mill PM with car & got 9 bags saw dust.

February 11, Saturday — 36 degrees AM – 16 midnight. Overcast this AM, gradually clearing. Beautifully clear PM & evng. Strong westerly winds developed quieting – considerably colder evng.

Drawed over load manure AM. PM Daisy & I cross cut ash log on woodpile which I split & brought on porch for green wood. Attended IOOF Lodge evng after which I visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

## Obituary

Mrs M.D. McCafferty DIES;  
FORMER ASHOKAN RESIDENT

Mrs Majorie Davis McCafferty, wife of Eugene McCafferty, of Elmhurst, Long Island, died at the Post Graduate Hospital, New York city, Saturday, February 11. Mrs McCafferty, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Davis, formerly resided in Ashokan. Surviving besides her husband are one brother Clifford Davis of Port Ewen and two sisters, Mrs Chester Lyons, of Ashokan and Mrs Burton Christiana, of Shokan. The body may be viewed at any time at the Victor N. Lasher Funeral Parlors, Woodstock. The funeral will be held from the Shokan Reformed Church, Thursday, February 16, at 2 PM. Interment will be in Mount Pleasant cemetery at Mount Tremper.

## Cooper – Quick

Announcements have been received in this city of the marriage of Miss Judith Quick, daughter of Mrs Albert Quick of Olive Bridge to Albert Clyde Cooper. The wedding took place at 2 o'clock Saturday, February 11 at Olive Bridge. Mr & Mrs Cooper will make their home at 23 East avenue, Middletown, N.Y.

February 12, Sunday — A magnificent snow glistening sunny day. 6 degrees this AM. Moderating 34 – 11 PM – winds southwesterly.

At home all day and lonesome. Mr & Mrs Case J.Gwinn called PM,. while on a weekend trip from



Woodridge, New Jersey. Mrs Walter Capuzzo (53) formerly Agnes Smith of Samsonville died at Ashokan.

Obituary February 12, 1939

Mrs Agnes F Capuzzo wife of Walter G. Capuzzo, of Ashokan died at her home Sunday, aged 53 years. Surviving, besides her husband, are four sisters, Mrs William Davis of Olive Bridge, Mrs Mary Polinsky of Stone Ridge, Mrs Walter Palmer of Stratford, Conn, and Mrs Louis Hendrick of Westport Conn; three brothers, George H. Smith of Trenton N.J. Jeremiah of Stratford and Ralph Smith of Stratford, also several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held from the home of her sister Mrs William Davis of Olive Bridge, Wednesday at 2 PM. Burial will be in Krumville cemetery. Elder Broadbent will conduct the service.

February 13, Monday — 34 degrees this AM — 26 – 11 PM. Lovely mellow fair still warm day & evng, turning somewhat colder tonight.

Daisy & I cleaned up some wind topped saplings out in woods, snaked several to woodpile using “Nigger” I have developed a grippe cold. Church supper evng served by Ladies  
Aid for Boy Scouts in observance national Boy Scout week. Didn’t attend. Wrote news copy evng.

February 14, Tuesday — 20 degrees AM 36 PM.  
Continued fair, hazy still – warm – snow melting and settling.

Daisy and I hauled 3 dray loads firewood cleaning up

all that's cut. During PM took over big load plant food on 3 corner lot. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Homer Sheldon died 8 PM at Acorn Hill.

### Obituary

Homer B. Sheldon of Krumville died at his home Tuesday, aged 68 years. Besides his wife, there survive one daughter, Mrs Raymond Boice, of Hurley; one brother, Henry Sheldon, of Olive Bridge, one sister, Mrs Sylvia Styles, of Kingston; one grandchild and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held from the Tongore Church, Saturday at 2 PM. Burial will be in Tongore cemetery. Relatives will be bearers. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr Hewitt.

February 15, Wednesday — Freakish weather – Dense fog – rainy day. Thunder & lightening noon time – gusty south westerly winds turning to snow early evng at times. Turning colder – clearing evng — blustery 36 degrees AM – 48 noon — 28 11 PM.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church, called on Will Jones – brought her home 4 o'clock. Funeral 2 PM of Mrs Walter Capuzzo, held at home of her sister Mrs William Davis, at Olive Bridge.

February 16, Thursday — 10 degrees AM 2 – 11 PM. Crispy sunny snow crusted windy day. Real winters' weather.

I did a lousy job filing wood saw this AM in sun under barn shed. Busy with usual chores. Went over to John Bell's on errand during PM also drew out load

manure. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. Funeral of Mrs Marjorie Mc Cafferty held 2 PM at Shokan Reformed Church – sermon by August Pfaus. I did not attend due to my cold. Rec'd letter Mrs Matt Lawyer & card Cornelia

February 17, Friday — 6 degrees AM 32 – 11 PM. Cloudy – sun broke thru occasionally AM. Cold raw – became quite blustery from southwest and gradually moderated. Set in snowing about 3:30 PM but broke away before dusk.

John & Henry Bell helped saw our pile of firewood – finished about 2:30 and put away saw rig. Paid them \$2.00 and good dinner. Rec'd letter Cornelia. She is assigned her senior co-operative 2 weeks work in cafeteria of Cobleskill High School beginning Monday.

February 18, Saturday — Fair, some clouds – mild – brisk south westerly winds. Quiet evng – mid day 40 degrees. Snow settling and melting.

Piled up along barn the small sawed round wood. Daisy & I went over with load manure on 3 corner lot AM. Feel pretty well tired out with my cold and now Daisy is developing a cold. I attended IOOF Lodge evng & latter called nearby on Mr Mrs Wm. Lasher. Rec'd letter Mariam. She's still working.

February 19, Sunday — A gloomy day – still, set in rainy mid AM and continued most of afternoon – AM 34 10 PM 38.

Home all day. Did chores and reading Gone With The

Wind – Famous southern Civil War stor

### Obituary

Charles L. Davis aged 66 years, died at his home, 1910 Delaware avenue, in Detroit, Mich.; February 17. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Anna Scully and three brothers, Lester Davis of the Town of Olive; Gordon Z. Davis of East St. Louis, Mo; and S. Levan Davis, Newark N.J. Funeral was held at St Mary's Church, 12 street, Detroit, on Monday.

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February 20, Monday — 40 degrees AM – 70 in sun mid PM — 38 – 11 PM. Warmest day of winter. Showers this AM – strong southwesterly winds — clearing generally.

The snow surely took a licking today under influence of warm cutting wind and sun. Tonight the exposed ----- of the landscapes is practically bare. Wrote card Cornelia.

February 21, Tuesday — Cloudy – chill air, light southerly wind 30 degrees AM 32 – 11 PM. A freezing rain fell during evng.

I split and piled wood. Daisy and I went over to 3 corner lot with load manure PM. Rec'd excellent letter & birthday card from Cornelia also a fine white silk shirt from Mariam. I spent the whole evening reading Gone With The Wind till 1 AM.

February 22, Wednesday ---- Arrived snowing somewhat blizzardly, an inch or more snow fell. Cleared away about nine o'clock – grew colder & quite snappy & somewhat windy all day – quiet clear evng. 20 degrees AM – 10 – midnight.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church. Mrs Ralph Longyear called & attended Aid quilting & brought Mother home. Bony VanDemark & Mart Eckert visited me, had lunch & we put together and fitted my new set Sears Roebuck harness on horses. Mr and Mrs Chester Lyons, Mr and Mrs John Marshall & Harry were supper guests & spent the evening. I wrote cards to Mariam & Kay.

February 23, Thursday — My 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fair – cold piercing air and light wind all day – clear & new moon over south mountain evng. 12 degrees — 16 9 PM.

Feel fagged out today and didn't turn the world upside down. Split and piled some wood. Drewed over manure on 3 corner lot. P.H. Carey called AM. Rec'd letter Cornelia saying she had cut a finger severely in electric bread cutting machine at Cobleskill High School. Mother made my time honored plain soft chocolate cake for my birthday. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

February 24, Friday — Another inch snowfall during late night and this AM blustery from the east. Broke away during forenoon. Became squally PM but all cleared. 20 degrees – AM – mid 30's during day – 24 – 10 PM.

Wrote card Cornelia AM also rec'd card from her. Will

Jordan called toward noon. Finished splitting & piling wood PM.

February 25, Saturday — Clear – winds easterly – chilly air. Becoming hazy and overcast late PM. 30 degrees AM – 32 evng.

Busy with chores and odd jobs – drew out manure PM – spread on grass out near corner woods. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Second degree secret work given candidate Martin T Thomson. After lodge I visited Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell. Wrote card Cornelia. Funeral for Mrs Ellen Davis Merrihew 2 PM, Tongore Church – undertaker & minister from Ravena – Interment Tongore Cemetery – Big attendance.

February 26, Sunday – A gloomy down pouring day, cold storm – cleared away evng – windy freezing storm.

I finished reading *Gone With The Wind*. 32 degrees AM – 46 – 11 PM. At home all day, Don & Edna had supper with us, chicken, mashed potatoes, chocolate ice cream etc.

February 27, Monday — Fair some clouds. Fresh raw easterly winds all day. Quiet, clear, mellow evng – half moon. Thawing – 28 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I cut an oak tree with top out in lower woods, also slim dead beech which brought to woodpile with horses & hauled the 2 – 16 ft oak logs out along road for loading. Wrote card to Cornelia.

February 28, Tuesday — Another gloomy down pouring

freezing rain storm during the day. Stopped at evening – became windy late evng 50 degrees – 11 PM. Got much warmer

At home most of day went over to Morton Roe's awhile during late PM. Ruth & Robert called evening. They are in town from Bridgeport for a few days. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia & wrote her a card.

March 1, Wednesday — Partly cloudy – windy – mild thawing. 30 degrees – 11:30 PM – freezing up evening.

I took Mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church. Then made a trip to Kingston. Visited Julian Eckert at Benedictine and Martin J Every at Kingston Hospital. Robert & Ruth Pleasants called evening. Rec'd shipment Sears Roebuck & Co. A large flock of hungry robins seen in Forsyth Park, Kingston.

March 2, Thursday — Clear, cold, windy – quieted at evening – froze up hard AM. 26 dgrees AM – 20 evng. Cold raw air & wind. Serene moonlight night.

Wrote card to Cornelia AM, busy smoking hams. Ralph Longyear had dinner with us. PM Daisy & I spread cart load manure on 3 corner lot. Rec'd Montgomery Ward spring & summer catalog.

March 3, Friday — Clear, moderating – light variable winds. Magnificent moonlight evng. 20 degrees 36 – 11 PM.

Daisy & I crosscut up firewood sticks on woodpile AM. This PM I drew out firewood for Donald. Wrote

Freeman copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Sent Mariam my new Waterman pen for repairs, having lost clip top & broke tip from pen point.

March 4, Saturday — 34 AM – 40 – 11 PM Clear this morning becoming unsettled & mostly cloudy. Real spring like, light winds.

I drew out 2 dry loads firewood for Don AM. also spread load manure on 3 corner lot. Busy with odd jobs PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

March 5, Sunday — Light occasional rains during AM. Fog and murk and occasional sunshine. Still – mild.

At home, we looked for the Langers but had no callers. Lonesome day. Got well into reading Northwest Passage. Tale of Rogers Rangers & their expedition against St Francis in 1759.

March 6, Monday — Raining this AM. Westerly winds – warm – muggy. Clearing during PM. Lovely moonlight evng, but windy (strong) & getting colder. 34 – 10 PM.

I made a trip to Watson Hollow this AM to see Gus Korittke ( a welder & machinist) living on the Egbert Boice homestead. Saw a flock of robins at Maple Dell Farm, their having arrived recently. Busied myself with odd jobs PM. Daisy rec'd letter from Walter Willer, mailed February 21 in Honolulu. Wrote news copy evng.

March 7, Tuesday — A day of March bluster, snow squalls and sunshine. Magnificent moonlight evng –



colder 32 AM 18 – 11 PM.

Daisy went along with Edna Bishop to Kingston. I drew over and spread load manure AM on 3 corner lot. Busied with odd jobs about barn PM. Rec'd letter & return of book Smokefires in Schoharie from Mr & Mrs Mott V. Lawyer, Fultonham. They had the book autographed by the author, Don Cameron Shaffer in Schoharie. Saturday they had buried their one and only 9 months old granddaughter, sick a week. I wrote them a letter evng.

March 8, Wednesday — Clear – crispy – cold. Light raw winds. 14 degrees on our porch 7 AM — 22 – 11 PM. Ground froze up hard. The ice on the reservoir holds intact. There is no snow left about the valley.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church AM. Then called on Ollie Burgher who is ill with grippe. This PM – set up my Ford sawing rig & started helping Donald saw his firewood. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 9, Thursday — Arrived snowing – gloomy lowering day – snowed heavily at times. Temperature average in mid twenties. Have 3 inches fresh snow.

Finished Freeman copy AM and otherwise not much doing. I helped Don Bishop finish sawing his firewood PM & got the saw rig put away. Mrs Emery Personeus of Kingston died in Kingston Hospital after brief illness.

March 10, Friday — Crispy part cloudy – fair – winds northerly. Thawing & slushy during day.

I made a trip to Kingston. Chester Lyons rode back

home to Ashokan with me. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Also rec'd check \$20.00 payment of principal on \$1000 Series F NY Title & Mortgage Co-certificate.

March 11, Saturday — 8 degrees AM – 22 – 11 PM.  
Cloudy – cold raw day. Set in snowing PM continued into night, snowing heavily.

Daisy & I spread big load cart load manure on 3 corner lot AM. Tinkered around barn PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng, after went to Judge Winchell's. Martin J Every was brought home from Kingston Hospital PM, he having been a patient 3 mo. 1 day.

March 12, Sunday — Snow continued thru night, all day today and into another night. Heaviest storm of winter – 11 inches has fallen 24 degrees AM –30 – 11 PM.

At home no callers, continued reading Northwest Passage. We talked with Mart Every on phone – he is happy to be home, slept well & ate 4 pancakes this AM.

March 13, Monday — 12 inch snowfall . Stopped snowing this AM about 7:30. Partly cleared – mild – snow settling. Became very blustery PM & evng. 34 degrees – 10 PM. The storm came on the 51 anniversary of the famous blizzard of 1888.

At home – shoveled snow did chores and ironed off whiffletrees. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd lovely letter from Mariam. She is still working at Peck Memorial Hospital. Wrote card Cornelia.

March 14, Tuesday — Lovely clear sunny day – snowy

air – light wind northerly. Thawing – snow settled – 30 degrees AM – 20 – 11 PM.

Daisy & I went over with load manure on 3 corner lot AM. This afternoon Mother and I went up to call on Mr & Mrs Martin J Every. He is cheerful sitting up in bed, gets about rooms in wheel chair but as yet unable to step on either foot. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Finished reading Northwest Passage evng. Olive Rebekah Lodge entertained visit from State Assembly President, Lillian Waterbury.

March 15, Wednesday — Warmer – unsettled – mostly cloudy AM. Rainy PM & evening.

Julian Eckert is home again from hospital. Took Mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church and went after her 4 o'clock. Called on Julian Eckert and Ollie Burgher AM. Ollie is down with the grippe but getting better. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 16, Thursday — Cloudy this morning, clearing during forenoon. Soft thawing – colder at night – light winds – 24 degrees 11 PM.

I went to Kingston going with Chester Lyons from Ashokan. Bought from Max Baker's furniture store North Front street – Davenport couch bed for dining room \$19.95. – was delivered this PM.

March 17, Friday — Partly cloudy – sour march weather, mountain squalls. All clear evng – thawing 14 degrees at midnight.

Daisy & I took load manure over on 3 corner lot AM. I

also made Olive Rebekah Lodge write up for Freeman AM. Banquet and reception was held Tues. evng for State Assembly Pres Lillian Waterbury. Tinkered around barn PM. Mr & Mrs Chester Lyons had supper with us & spent the evening. Sharp drop in stock market yesterday & today due to European situation.

March 18, Saturday — 16 degrees AM – 18 – 11 PM. Partly cloudy – thawing during day – but typical raw March weather – light winds. Snow squally evng.

Rec'd letter Cornelia. Made whiffle tree evener AM. PM spread small load manure on garden & Daisy & I drew dray load firewood from lower woods, which we piled when cutting oak tree a few weeks ago. Didn't attend lodge evng. Spent the evening reading new Financial World. Stock market broke sharply at opening.

March 19, Sunday – 2 – 4 degrees below zero early this AM reported – 22 degrees 11 PM Quiet just light but chilling air stirring . Became windy & squally late evng. A magnificent clear shiny winters day. A weather breeder. Feels and looks like mid winter.

Went up to Gus Korittke's at Watson Hollow PM to pay for some welding work, also called at Maple 'Dell. Charley Langer & his mother had supper with us. European situation tense over Germany's seizure of Checkaslovakia.

March 20, Monday — Partly cloudy, winds westerly – moderating, but colder evng – Clear evng 30 degrees AM – 30 – 11 PM.

Did chores – ironed off new whiffletrees and took over load manure PM on 3 corner lot, coming back right cart wheel came off & smashed end of axle. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd card Mariam. Wrote Cornelia letter, Mother and Daisy also adding notes with check 15.00 enclosed in last weeks Ulster Co. News. European atmosphere tense.

March 21, Tuesday — 20 degrees AM – 24 – 10 PM Fair raw northerly wind – thawing during day – clear evng.

More like winter than peep of spring. Reservoir basin remains ice covered and heavy snow blanket covers the landscape.

I went to Kingston going with Chester Lyons from Ashokan. I sold thru Morgan Davis Company 15 shares United Aircraft @  $38 \frac{7}{8}$  – this stock bought in April 1936 at 25. Bought from Sears Roebuck store linoleum for kitchen floor 14.95 – brass binding \$1.28 roll – floor base covering \$ 2.29. Also from M.H. Herzog 19 gals black roof paint – Moores A – @ .43 gal 8.17. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 22, Wednesday — A magnificent clear day & evng. Light chill northerly winds 20 degrees AM – 18 – 11 PM. Thawed some during day but winter penetrates the atmosphere.

Mrs Alfred Bell died suddenly at her home this morning about 10 o'clock. She was formerly Annie Rutherford of Shokan. Took Mother to Ladies Aid at church & went after her at 4 o'clock. Another sharp sell off in stock market. Chopped up some firewood & piled

on porch. Changed wheels on wagon PM —Putting new steel 28 in. wheels on front in place of the original 32 in which I put on rear in place of 36 in. that I will use for dump cart. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Wrote card Cornelia.

March 23, Thursday — 24 degrees AM 34 – 11 PM.  
Continued clear & calm. Warmed up quite like spring.

Sent order to Sears Roebuck for 75ft roll linoleum binding & other items. I called at the home of Alfred bell and paid my respects, also made brief business call on Howard Lucht AM. Took over manure on dray sled PM to 3 corner lot.

Springlike Weather  
Just Take a Look at Last year

Spring was in the air definitely this time last year, according to temperature records in the city engineers office at city hall.

The mercury on March 22 a year ago showed a low of 42 and a high of 80 for the day, while the low this morning was 19 degrees. The low this year for yesterday, the first day of spring was 22 degrees and the high 36, which seems to prove that winter is lingering a bit longer over the official deadline this year.

March 24, Friday — Continued fair and balmy – some clouds. 40 degrees morning & late evng. & PM sun temperature on porch in mid 70's. Light winds northerly.  
Wrote card Cornelia. Rec'd letter frm her. Snow

melted noticeably. Sent order to Sears Roebuck & Co. for 54' cabinet sink - steel - white enameled 42.95 – 1 gal linoleum wax & mop 1.65 – sink trap 1 ½ 1.19. Made a whiffletree evener AM. PM worked on axle for dump cart. I found over head in granary a 4x6 oak timber, sawed on old time up & down water power mill – hauled down from Grandpa Crispell.

March 25, Saturday — Continued warm and fair – sunny but hazy. Light showers evng. Quiet atmosphere and snow lessening.

Rec'd letter Mariam & card from Cornelia. Attended funeral services at house and Ashokan M.E. church at 1 PM for Mrs Alfred Bell formerly Annie Rutherford. Sermon by Rev. J.B. Glenwood, burial in Bushkill Cemetery. Bearers were Edw. Every – Lester S. Davis – Chas. Hesley & myself – large funeral. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & later visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

March 26, Sunday — Arrived cloudy and foggy but faired away – hazy and balmy day & evng. Still – afternoon temperature on porch in seventies. 34 degrees AM – 66 – 11 PM – overcast & fresh warm westerly winds evng.

Called on Fred Weidner AM, boiling sap with his evaporator and syruping off equipment. He has made over 50 gallons of syrup.. During PM I went to Tongore cemetery, removed Christmas greens from the graves & hoop wreath from monument, also called on Ed & Geo Crispell. Wrote news copy. Pete Crawford & Charley Young called evng.

March 27, Monday — Warm SW wind during night finds the snow practically all gone this AM. Light showers becoming raw and colder thru the cloudy day & evng. 64 degrees AM — 38 – 10 PM. Winds shifting northerly. Reservoir ice fields holds intact.

I made a trip to Kingston coming back via Olive Bridge. Stopped to Ed Crispell's for thimble cart axle which I left yesterday for working – price 2.00 Due to breaking keys in tire carrier lock cap had to have lock tumbler bored out & bought new cap – cost \$2.50. Bought 100 lbs granulated sugar 4.39.

March 28, Tuesday — Freezing rain this AM – turned to snow enough to whiten the grass & trees – Cloudy, chilly, gloomy day – clearing later evng – colder – wind westerly.

Howard Lucht and his father worked putting down our new kitchen linoleum, but did not finish. I took over a dray load of manure on 3 corner lot AM. Helped along some with the linoleum PM. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd a grand letter from Mrs Matt Lawyer – also card Kay.

March 29, Wednesday — Clear gradually getting hazy & part cloudy. Overcast evng & set in snowing about midnight. Froze up this AM. Raw snowy air – 28 degrees AM – 34 – 11 PM.

Howard Lucht and his father finished putting down kitchen linoleum, cemented 2 cracks in wall & painted baseboard & fitted baseboard trim. Each 2 full days – paid \$9.00.



Wrote 309 post card notices IOOF District Grand Committee annual meeting. Spanish Civil War ended – started July 1936.

March 30, Thursday — 32 degrees AM 46 – 11 PM. Had an inch of snow during night, turning to rain and continued most of day. Cold storm but snow disappeared. Partly cleared evng – westerly winds – warmer – squally.

I put in the day re-painting woodwork in kitchen – pearl gray, also painted hot water tank & pipes with aluminum paint. Mailed out District Grand comm meeting notices at West Shokan P.O. Wrote card Kay. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Stock market had an afternoon sell off. I bought 10 shares Electric Auto Lite Co @ \$30 5/8

March 31, Friday — Cloudy this AM but later partly cleared. Light winds rather sour air 34 degrees – 11:30 PM.

Spent most of the day working about the kitchen, doing painting etc etc.

Wrote letter Mrs MV Lawyer & cards to Mariam & Cornelia. Heavy sell off in stock market on anniversary of big break to Dow Jones 98 averages a year ago today. European situation very critical.

April 1, Saturday — April Fool. Reservoir vast ice field holds intact. Fair this morning but became overcast. Set in mussy rainy early PM – continued rainy into night. Mild quiet but chill in atmosphere 38 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother & I painted the kitchen ceiling this forenoon – light gray. This PM Daisy & I spread big dray load manure on 3 corner lot. I went down to Lester S Davis store & had flat tire fixed. Didn't attend lodge tonight. The market rallied in todays short session in heavy buying.

April 2, Sunday — Ground white with snow this morning. Blustery during storm from north – rain & snow squalls all day. Mountains beautifully white with the clinging snow, but snow disappeared from valley levels Brisk northerly winds all day & evng – which cut the upper end of reservoir clear of ice. Temperature AM 38 degrees – 10 PM – 36 . Sour day. Mr & Mrs Arthur Condon came early PM & staid for supper. Went over to Mort Roe's awhile evng.

April 3, Monday — Moderate northerly winds – snow squally, raw air. Temperature during day in upper 30's – 34 degrees AM – 32 – 11 PM.

Ice continues breaking up on the reservoir west basin under cutting action of wind and waves. Put second coat paint on kitchen corner table & put up new curtains AM. This PM I re-painted interior of milk house. Wrote card Cornelia & Mother to Mariam also wrote letter Sears Roebuck.

April 4, Tuesday — Continued raw and windy – partly cloudy – froze up last night. Snow squally this AM. 30 degrees – 10:30 PM The relentless strong northerly winds has nearly cleared the ice out of the reservoir west

basin in three days.

Rec'd letters Mariam & Cornelia also wrote letter with Easter card to Mr & Mrs Cornwell Longyear at Albuquerque N.M. This afternoon I got started with the job of fence repairing. Stock market sold off to lowest levels of year

April 5, Wednesday — A lovely mellow fair clear day & evng. Quiet — warmer — 32 degrees — 11 PM. Mountains glistening snow white.

.Daisy & I took over a big dray load manure AM on 3 corner lot, AM also got the dump cart in readiness to use with the pair of 36 in" steel wheels from team wagon. Mother attended Ladies Aid at church & I went after her at 4 o'clock Mrs Frank Myers died suddenly at her home in Shokan after attending card party at neighbors.

April 6, Thursday — Driving south rain most of day till 5 o'clock. Wind shifted to north evng.

Made a trip to Cobleskill arriving back home about 7:30 PM. Had dinner at the home of Mr & Mrs Matt Lawyer at Fultonham. They went along to Cobleskill & Kay & I made a brief stop at their home on way back. I had my hair cut this AM at Phoenicia.

April 7, Friday — Northerly winds — clear — crispy. Ground frozen — became partly cloudy — squally on mountains PM. Clear evng

Worked at fence repairing job — chilly raw air. Rec'd Sears Roebuck & Co 54 inch white enamel cabinet sink with fittings & gal linoleum wax & mop. Don brought it

from Ashokan station freight charges \$1.90..

April 8, Saturday — 26 degrees AM — 34 midnight.  
Cloudy – mixed snow & rain squalls PM – overcast  
evng.

Cornelia & I went to Kingston. Market sold off to lowest of year. Sold 10 shares General Electric @ 32 1/4 — bought May 1933 @ 23 1/4 Attended IOOF Lodge evng & session later of Past Grands Assoc. Card & checker games & refreshments accompanied. Helen Tweedy had supper with us & staid over night Mrs Henry Winchell called AM she brought a blue colored tom kitten.

April 9, Sunday — Had snow flurry during night – whitening on ground this AM. Clear, crispy – light northerly winds. Froze up last night. 30 degrees AM — 24 – 11 PM.

Mother, Daisy, Cornelia & I attended Easter service in church at 2:30 PM Sermon by Rev. Bailey, Baptist minister of Phoenicia. Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess of Woodstock had supper and spent the evng with us.

April 10, Monday— Ground white this AM and continued snowing till mid morning –cloudy – misty at times — 38 degrees — 11 PM.

I made a trip to Kingston to watch the action of the stock market – which was steadier after Saturdays sell off. Elinor Carey came PM for two day visit. Wrote news copy evng.

April 11, Tuesday — Cloudy foggy this AM winds southerly – warmer – set in rainy during PM.

I made another trip to Kingston. Went to Palen's sales stables in regard to a work horse. Spent part of time at Morgan Davis & Co. brokerage office. Stocks sold off to new lows for year in mid session selling wave but recovered. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

April 12, Wednesday —Partly cloudy after a rainy night. Northerly chilly winds. Dense blizzardly snow squalls developed PM – cleared evng.

Assembled new Sears cabinet sink AM & took Mother to Ladies Aid at church. Took over load manure on 3 corner lot PM. I went with Pete Crawford, Herbert A. Dibble and Chas Young of Kingston in delegation of companions of Ancient City Council no.21 R & SM to St Georges Council in Schenectady & witnessed exemplification of Super Excellent Degree. I left home 4:20 PM.

Martin J. Every developed pneumonia & taken by ambulance late PM to Kingston Hospital.

April 13, Thursday — A lovely clear sunny day – continues cool – northerly winds. Ground frozen this AM.

Martin J Every died of pneumonia 4 AM at Kingston Hospital. I arrived home from Schenectady trip about 5:30 this AM. I went up to Mart Every's this AM & by request of Aunt Minnie spent the day making funeral arrangements, also called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

April 14, Friday — Partly cloudy, becoming overcast & rainy late PM with mountain snow squalls – continued rainy mussy evng. Light winds.

Wrote up sketch to Freeman about life of Martin J Every also Freeman news copy AM. Took over load manure on 3 corner lot. During the afternoon Mother, Cornelia & I went up to pay respects at the bier of Mart Every. This evng went with Will Jordan, Francis Whispell and Clayton Burgher to IOOF District Grand Committee meeting at Bearsville. I was re-elected Secy-Treas. and Harvey F Tompkins of Highland, District Deputy.

April 15, Saturday — Partly cloudy – northerly winds continued cool clear evng.

I took Cornelia to her friend Marjorie Hillman's where we had dinner then to Christ Episcopal church at Duanesburg, 7 miles distant, where wedding ceremony was rehearsed 3 PM. Wedding tomorrow 3 PM with Cornelia the bridesmaid, groom is Mr White. This historic old edifice built & endowed by Col. Fredrick Duane, was erected 1793 and remains in its original form of architecture. 6 persons are buried in brick crypt beneath floor. Arrived back home 9 PM. We stopped at Mr & Mrs Matt Lawyer's enroute at Fultonham.

April 16, Sunday — Fair – hazy – raw light southerly wind. Atmosphere feels of more snow 32 degrees – 10 –PM.

I built fire at church AM and went up to pay another tribute at Mart Every's. Mother Daisy and I attended

funeral 2:30 PM in Baptist church. Largest ever held – estimated 300, crowded auditorium, hallways, isles & basement & many remained outside. Sermon by C.F.W. Ahrens, prayer Rev. August Pfaus of Shokan Reformed church. Scripture reading Rev. Doughlass, a nephew of deceased. Text – Till the day break and the shadows fall away. Subject – Behold The Man. Duet Pilot of Galilee, Mrs Pfaus & Mrs Genevieve McLean. Chair — It Is Well With My Soul. Duet – God Be With You Till We Meet Again, Rev Ahrens & Mrs McLean. Singers Jennie Kerr, Genevieve McLean, Mrs Mary Moore, Mrs August Pfaus, Homer Markle Jr. Rev. Ahrens, E.C. Davis. Organist Mrs Matie Davis. Burial in Bushkill cemetery. Undertaker Victor Lasher. 16 magnificent floral pieces Mr & Mrs R.B. Longyear & Richard Wright had supper with us.

April 17, Monday — Cloudy – cool set in rainy mid afternoon & continued evng.

Made Freeman write up this AM on District Grand committee meeting.

Minnie Every, Lennie Mooney (her daughter) and Aunt Odie Markle called AM. They were highly pleased with my part in funeral arrangements. This PM Daisy & I spread load manure on 3 corner lot and drawed off 3 load stones from plowed oats field above. Wrote news copy evng.

April 18, Tuesday — Rainy night and continued quite steadily throughout day. Became warmer evng & foggy. First thunder and lightening of the season late evng. 46

degrees – 11 PM.

Our neighbor Mrs Ole Burgher died suddenly in bed 3 AM. She had been in poor health several years. Mrs Burgher and her devoted daughter Ollie had lived alone since the death of Mr Wm. Burgher in June 1932. She was almost 66.

Mrs John Breithaupt 73 or 74 went to Kingston with her husband this morning and getting off their Chevrolet truck fell dead on Lucas Avenue. Don Bishop & I tore out old kitchen sink & installed new white cabinet 54" sink. He worked at it till late evng.

April 19, Wednesday — Arrived rainy – murky, still foggy day. Thunder showers PM and drenching rains, cleared evng. 40 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother, Daisy & I paid our respects at the home of our dead neighbors Mrs Ole Burgher and Mrs John Breithaupt. Fred Weidner called AM. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. Wrote daily card Cornelia.

### Obituary

Mrs Ole Burgher Expires At Home In West Shokan

Mrs Ole Burgher, widow of William H Burgher, died yesterday at West Shokan. Three sons, William V. Of Asbury Park N.J. – Ira A of Kingston, and Benjamin L of Mt Tremper survive, also one daughter Miss Ollie Burgher with whom she resided and one grandson, Bruce Burgher, of Kingston. The funeral will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial in the Bushkill cemetery. The Rev. Mr Bailey of the Phoenicia Baptist Church will officiate

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April 20, Thursday – Mostly cloudy AM. Heavily overcast PM & evng. Light westerly winds – mild.

Made trip to John Breithaupt's home AM also to Maple Dell to see Ed Every & drew over manure on 3 corner lot. Mother and I attended Mrs Addie Breithaupt's funeral at the house 2:30 PM and made trip with my car to burial in Hurley cemetery, taking Chas Duloff, Jack Hendricksen and Ed Every. We went on to Kingston & home via north boulevard. Don & Edna took Daisy along with them to Kingston evng. Gormley of Phoenicia undertaker.

#### Freed Pending Good Behavior Case Resulting from Death Of His Uncle

County Judge Traver Friday afternoon sentenced Floyd Weeks of this city, to Clinton State Prison, Danmora, for a two and one half to five year term but suspended imposition of the sentence on good behavior. Mrs Dora Wilkins, of Highland was sentenced to the Bedford Hills State Prison for Women for an indeterminate term of three to six years.

Weeks had pleaded guilty on Tuesday to a first degree assault count, in an indictment which also charged him with attempted murder in the first degree for the death of his uncle, Henry Weeks, who died in November, 1935. Weeks was accused of placing poison in a bottle of liquor which his uncle drank. The younger man was living with his uncle in the town of Ulster, just outside the city line, at the time.

Although a suspension of his sentence was rumored even before he was brought before the court yesterday,

Chris J Flannagan one of the defense attorneys, made a long and impassioned plea that leniency be extended his client. Weeks, Mr Flannagan said, is out of work and at present is receiving work relief from the WPA. In addition his physical condition would be seriously impaired by the prison term. Weeks, a cripple, has undergone a number of operations in past years.

While under indictment before he was able to furnish bail, Weeks served more than 11 months in the Ulster County jail. This time which he served is believed to have exerted some effect upon the length of his sentence, but the suspension was attributed to Weeks present physical condition by District Attorney Cleon B. Murray. Weeks was directed to report to Probation Officer Robert Service.

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Thursday, April 20, 1939

April 21, Friday —Partly cloudy – southerly winds – moderately warm.

Called at Mrs Burghers this AM – also busied with odd jobs – burned grape vine trimmings down by wall. This PM 2 o'clock Mother, Daisy and I attended funeral service for Mrs Ole Bugher at her home. I officiated as a bearer with burial in Bushkill cemetery, other bearers were Lemuel E. DuBois, Claude Bell, Lester S Davis, Raymond Bell & George Burgher. Sermon by Rev Bailey, Phoenicia Baptist pastor. Undertaker Victor N. Lasher of Woodstock. Wrote letter Sears Roebuck & Co.

April 22, Saturday — Rained in night – partly cloudy –

moderately cool – north westerly winds.

Daisy & I spread load manure AM on 3 corner lot and finished hauling off stone from plowed last fall corn stubble lower lot for oats.. Harrowed over the ground PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and called at Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell's his 67 birthday. Wrote Freeman news copy AM.

April 23, Sunday — Partly cloudy – clear evng – wind north west – mild 48 degrees 10:30 PM.

I called on Mr and Mrs Fred Weidner AM. This PM Daisy & I took a ride over the WPA Boiceville mountain road up to the Bostock ( former Henry Coons) property then took back road leading past old Winchell cemetery & Alva Bogart farm, coming out by Chet Lyons store formerly AD Winnies. We called on Chet & Dot – saw his 1200 electric broodered chicks & got back home 6:20. Mother entertained a call during our absence from mrs Langer & Charley.

April 24, Monday — Had light rains this AM but faired away hazy, clear evng. Pleasant work day 52 degrees – 11 PM. Winds light southerly.

Daisy & I took over load manure on 3 corner lot, picked load stones from oats ground and got started plowing the heavily sodded 3 corner lot – also plowed PM. Rec'd letter Mariam & card Cornelia. Wrote News Copy evng.

April 25, Tuesday — Warm – hazy – light southerly winds– became increasingly overcast at evng. Worked with sleeves rolled up PM.

I kept busy plowing 3 corner lot sod. This evng Ed Every & I went to Kingston with his car, attending conferring of sublime Degree of Master Mason upon 5 Fellowcrafts at Kingston Lodge No – 10.

April 26, Wednesday — Overcast – lowery, light rains AM – cooler than yesterday 54 degrees – 10:30 PM.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid meeting at church. This PM I spread load manure on 3 corner lot and ploughed sod. Wilson Terrwilliger delivered PM 2 ton hydrated lime, 2500 – 20% G.L.F acid fertilizer. Miss Bertha Nerrill had supper & staid over night with us. Rec'd letter Mariam.

April 27, Thursday — Continued murky – mild, still. Sprinkle after dinner and thunder shower evng.

I plowed 2 hours both morning and afternoon in upper corner of lot. I went up to see Ollie Burgher a few minutes this AM – this being her mother's birthday, her 66 had she lived.

Mother Daisy & I attended chicken supper at church, served by Ladies Aid Society. Table receipts \$38 +\$15 donation.

April 28, Friday — Arrived rainy & misty cool but stopped during forenoon & continued overcast – 40 degrees – 11 – PM.

I made a trip to Kingston. This evng I attended Court of Honor Scout meeting at Colange Hall. Bought 2 – 100 lb sacks Green Mountain certified seed potatoes @2.65.

April 29, Saturday — Fair-- cool – hazy AM. Lazy

southerly wind shifting to northerly. Bright moonlight cloudless evng.

Finished plowing 3 corner lot AM Daisy & I drewed off stone PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

April 30, Sunday — Clear high wooly clouds this AM becoming overcast PM with mountain squalls. Chilly – drab northerly winds – moon shone thru hazily evng.

Feel tired – rested all day. Went up after Ollie Burgher & she took supper with us & I took her home with car. New York 1939 World Fair opened at Flushing Meadows – ceremonies 2 PM broadcast over radio – Chairman Grover Whelan – Mayor Flarilo La Guardia & president Franklin D. Roosevelt principal speakers.

May 1, Monday — Cool – northerly winds – fair this morning but became partly overcast, cloudless brilliant moonlight evng. 46 degrees – 11 PM.

I sowed 1500 – 20% acid fertilizer and over a ton of hydrated lime on oats ground, using team & lime sower. Was a big job. Wrote card to Mariam & Cornelia. The snow on High Point and the Wittenbergs has finally disappeared but the mountains are barren and drab as late autumn. About the valley the soft maple buds are reddening and lilac & whitewood leaves showing green, but on every hand spring remains 2 weeks behind.

May 2, Tuesday — Continued cool – northerly winds. Fair AM becoming overcast & glum, part cleared away evng.

Got started harrowing oats ground but Daisy came after me due to Ollie Burgher's kitchen chimney burning

out. However I put in a full afternoon disking oats field & started on ploughed sod corn lot. I attended annual school meeting evng. I served as chairman. Mabel Weidner was unanimously re-elected trustee – Clarence Burgher collector & Don Bishop clerk. Voted to raise \$27.00 by tax on district. Mrs Ruth West to be re-hired as teacher.

May 3, Wednesday — Same as yesterday – part & mostly cloudy – northerly winds – cool – chilly. 46 degrees – 11 PM.

I sowed the oats this AM under handicap of little finger gone from my left sowing hand. Harrowed over the field with spring tooth & then finished disking one way the 3 corner lot. Jane – young red cow had red bull calf PM.

May 4, Thursday — Continued cool & northerly winds — part & mostly cloudy. 54 degrees – 11 –PM.

Daisy & I picked 6 cart loads stone off oats field. After supper as wind quieted I sowed on grass seed, a mixture of Grimm alfalfa, red clover, alsike – timothy, red top.

May 5, Friday — Partly cloudy – warmer – northerly winds developed after early morn calm.

Daisy & I picked 3 more cart loads stone off oats field AM. After dinner I boated the field down, finishing the job. I went to Kingston 4 o'clock attending Royal Arch Masons District convention at Mt Horeb Chapter. Had supper at Fair st Reformed church.

May 6, Saturday — Northerly winds – partly cloudy.

Real warm today.

Big huckleberry fire going strong on Canape side of High Point and Hoopole mountain.

I harrowed over 3 corner lot twice. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and visited Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell after. At midnight a string of fire was burning along the crest of High Point. A woods fire also occurred on Acorn Hill.

May 7, Sunday — Generally fair – hot summer weather – light winds northerly. Still clear evng. Was 96 degrees in sun on porch at 6 PM. 64 — 11 – PM.

The High Point fire was out today. The Conservation Dept had about 50 men on the mountain. Pretty tired today – Went up to Gus Korittke's in Watson Hollow PM called on Ollie Burgher this evng.

May 8, Monday — Warm – muggy – mostly cloudy – hazy smoky south westerly light winds becoming fresh evng & all cleared away.

Daisy & I picked 3 loads stone off 3 corner lot AM. Spread on cart load pig and hen manure PM – harrowed over corner by hickory tree & we marked out patch ready to plant potatoes. Rec'd letter Mariam.

May 9, Tuesday — Warm – muggy – murky & passing misty showers with occasional sunshine. Had electrical shower at evng with refreshing rain. More rain later. 62 degrees — 11 PM. Electrical service was disrupted for two hours.

Daisy & I planted potatoes this AM & this PM Charley Duloff and Ed Every helped finish & put on acid fertilizer. Planted 2 – 100 lbs sacks of certified Green

Mountains & 1 ½ pecks Irish Cobblers. Cornelia called up evng, has a bad cold & Dr advises her to come home & recuperate. Wants me to come after her tomorrow.

May 10, Wednesday — Warm summery day. Fresh south westerly winds. Fair becoming showery at evening – had sprinkle of rain.

I went to Cobleskill after Cornelia – Took Ollie Burgher along and on way back we visited the old stone Fort Museum at Schoharie. The day was ideal and trip was pleasant – car worked perfectly.

May 11, Thursday — Fair – fresh westerly winds – brownish haze in atmosphere. Pleasantly warm but cooler than yesterday. Wind north evng and noticeably cooler 52 degrees – 11 PM.

Drawed hog yard manure on 3 corner lot, also harrowed Don's garden with cutaway & spring tooth. They did some planting this PM. Cornelia was up and on the go all day, apparently feeling better at home. Mariam called up 10:45 evng asking about Cornelia & saying she & Bob will be home tomorrow PM.

May 12, Friday — Fresh northerly winds. Bright day high clouds – beautifully clear evng – chilly 46 degrees – 10 PM.

Spread last load hog yard manure on 3 corner lot AM. This PM I disked the ground both ways. Ground is dried out again & top dusty.

May 13, Saturday — Cloudy – chilly southerly winds – clear evng. 40 degrees AM – 36 – 11 – PM.



I plowed strip of sod AM for Don out along end of his field. Disked it PM also gave our garden a thorough harrowing over. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn about 4:30 PM Their first trip home since Thanksgiving time.

May 14, Sunday — Partly cloudy – cool – light northerly winds. Frost and thin ice variously reported this AM.

Mariam & Bob were favored with nice weather for their visit, yet cool amid the surrounding of May blossom time. This PM Mariam & Bob, Cornelia, Daisy & I went for a ride PM around to Judge Winchell's & beyond Olive Bridge over the Vly road past Arthur Trowbridge's & so home. Had a lovely chicken supper together with Don & Edna over. Mr & Mrs Condon called PM. Mariam & Bob left for home about 7:00.

May 15, Monday — White frost again this AM. Continued fair and cool. Light winds southerly. 46 degrees – 10 PM.

Harrowed over the corn ground AM – ground dusty. Daisy & I marked out both ways PM with Nigger. Stewart Jones called evening.

May 16, Tuesday — Roofs again showed early white frost – clear continued cool. Light day winds southerly – 44 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy, Cornelia & I planted corn on 3 corner lot. Put in 8 rows yellow Evergreen and 6 big white Evergreen along side next to potatoes. Planted early yellow Flint field corn. Well tired out tonight. Rec'd card Mariam.

May 17, Wednesday — Warmer – partly cloudy – had a few drops of rain this morning. Quiet all day. 58 degrees – 10 –PM.

Daisy & I finished planting corn this forenoon – didn't complete the job yesterday. This PM we cleaned the hen house & loaded ready for putting on corn. Finished Freeman copy this morning. Cornelia invited Mildred Roe for supper. Had strawberry shortcake. After dinner we found one of our wintered pigs lying dead in the yard. Edna & I opened it up & found big intestines filled with dirt & gravel. It had eaten this AM & seemed ok – buried it behind garage.

May 18, Thursday — Continued fair, clear – Fresh northerly winds. Pleasantly warm during day but cool tonight. 48 degrees – 11 –PM.

Daisy & I had a hard busy day putting two wagon loads of hen manure, ashes and acid fertilizer on corn. Stewart Jones had supper with us. Peggy cow had spotted heifer calf lat night.

May 19, Friday — Very chilly early this AM but no frost showing continued generally fair and breezy. Became much warmer.

Daisy went with chartered bus trip leaving school house 6:45 to the New York Worlds Fair – The World of Tomorrow. I sowed Morton Roe's oats & started to cultivate potato patch to get ahead of quack grass. Cornelia milked the cows tonite.

May 20, Saturday — partly cloudy murky August like weather. Warm – rain to north evng.

Daisy & I finished double cultivating thru potato patch AM to break up the quack grass -- potatoes are not up This PM I went up to Maple Dell to see Ed Every. He fell from house roof to porch roof while painting this AM The ladder gave way. Coming back home spread load manure on garden & did some tinkering on car. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & then visited Ed Every.

May 21, Sunday — Muggy – murky. Had wonderful refreshing showers PM.

I took Cornelia back to Cobleskill – Ralph Longyear went along from Phoenicia. We stopped both ways at the Mr & Mrs Matt Lawyer's at Fultonham. Also Ralph & I made a brief visit at the Old Stone Fort. Ollie Burgher had supper with us. I called on Ed Every. Xray taken today showed fractured bone at left shoulder.

May 22, Monday — Foggy – muggy showers, light thunder accompanied Sun broke thru PM. – 64 degrees – 11 – PM.

Rested up some today. Went up to see Ed Every noon time. Mr Arthur Condon called from Palenville and I accommodated him with a loan of \$50. To be returned by July 1. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd replacement right center door to Sears Roebuck sink cabinet.

May 23, Tuesday — Continued foggy – murky and misty rain showers. Had moderate thunder shower late PM. All cleared away during evng and cooler. 54 degrees at midnight. Puttered around all day don't feel very ambitious. Faster Shultis & George Shultis of Wittenberg called PM – I sold Faster 2 bu potatoes @

1.25 bu

May 24, Wednesday — Pleasant day – part cloudy – sunny. Light easterly winds, all clear evng. 54 degrees – 12 PM.

Took Mother to last of season Ladies Aid quilting at church AM. Then went over to Ashokan station on errand in regard to kitchen sink cabinet. Stopped to Pete Crawford's Garage & had new set cross country spark plugs installed in Chevy. Had transmission refilled for summer & gas tank replenished also got motor oil. Daisy staid with Mrs Wagners children tonight, she was called to come to County T.B. hospital as Mr Wagner is very low. Daisy & I sprayed apple trees PM. I spread load manure behind barn & disked garden & patch for Don.

May 25, Thursday — Partly cloudy fair and warm & somewhat muggy – Light winds 60 degrees – 11:30 PM.

Ploughed and thoroughly harrowed the garden – required most of day. Mother & I attended church business meeting evng after which we called on Ira Burgher. Mr William Wagner died 7:20 AM at Ulster County Tuberculosis Hospital.

May 26, Friday — Showers this AM and others passed around to north PM – moderately warm.

This AM I took Mrs William Wagner and four children to Kingston to take bus to New York to attend Mr Wagner's funeral. Ollie Burgher went along. We got back home mid PM. I went up to see Ed Every before supper.

May 27, Saturday — Daisy's 48<sup>th</sup> birthday. Partly cloudy – still – warm muggy August like weather. Fresh westerly winds developed evng & had light brief shower. 76 degrees – 12 PM.

I plowed the strip back of the barn along entrance for 3<sup>rd</sup> season of sweet and fodder corn. Heavy stand of dock made tough going. I also spread load manure. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn supper time.

May 28, Sunday — Strong southwesterly winds during night. Breezy all day & evng. Real hot summer weather occasional showers but no thunder. 74 degrees – 11 PM.

Mariam & Bob, Daisy & I took trip PM via Samsonville to Napanoch & up Lackawack valley and home over Peekamoose trail. This evng Daisy & I called on Mr and Mrs Wichell – Took Ollie Burgher along. Cornelia paid a surprise visit coming for ride from Cobleskill with a boy friend Pete Francher. Had supper with us before leaving.

May 29, Monday — Warm – muggy continued brisk, westerly winds – part cloudy – Had early PM showers but no thunder cooler – lovely moonlight evng. 62 degrees – 11 PM.

Cultivated twice in a row one way thru the corn . The field is badly infested with quack. Daisy, Mariam & Bob took turns leading Nigger. Nettie Jones & Addie Kelder called evng.

May 30, Tuesday — 60 degrees – 7 AM D.S.T. – 76 – midnight. Fair – lovely day and glorious moonlight night. Fresh westerly winds all day & evng. Warm summer

weather but low humidity.

Mother & I went to the cemetery this forenoon. Mother set out flowers along the monument and decorated Little Honey's grave. I put my annual flag of respect on Merritt Personeus grave. This PM I harrowed garden and plowed strip behind barn also Don's patch & spread load manure. I harrowed again after supper also marked out rows in garden for Mother's planting. Mariam & Bob enjoyed the lovely day & left for home after supper. I called on Ed Every evng.

May 31, Wednesday — Hot and clear – light winds. Shower back of High Point evng 70 degrees – 11:30 PM Heavy electrical shower at Metachonts.

Daisy & I put in a hard hot day cultivating potatoes and corn with Nigger, gradually getting the better of the quack grass. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

June 1, Thursday — 60 degrees this AM Partly cloudy somewhat cooler – light winds southerly.

Daisy and I finished cultivating the corn cross ways twice in row AM. Planted 2 rows cobbler potatoes along lower side of garden PM. Then planted in the 16 rows sweet corn on 3 corner lot. This evng I attended Olive Rebekah Lodge 9<sup>th</sup> birthday party & regular meeting.

June 2, Friday — Overcast AM Partly cloudy PM & evng. Moderately warm – light winds 60 degrees 11 PM.

Harrowed over and marked out Don's patch ready for planting and this PM Daisy & I planted in field corn. Rec'd card Mariam also State School of Agriculture graduation from Cornelia. I planted Irish Cobbler

potatoes across garden

June 3, Saturday — Lovely fair day – partly cloudy evng. Light winds, pleasantly cool – 64 degrees 2 AM  
–Sunday.

Daisy & I finished planting in and straightening up the corn AM This PM along with a variety of home jobs I plowed and harrowed Ollie Burgher's garden patches. Too late getting around for lodge evng. Called at Maple Dell – then later went to Boiceville and had midnight lunch and visit at Mr and Mrs Charles Duloff's.

June 4, Sunday — Had refreshing early morning showers but broke away a most magnificent clear day with fresh northerly winds. Cool and gorgeous evng – 56 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother, Daisy, Ollie Burgher & I attended opening summer service 2:30 PM at church. Rev. Mr Bailey, Phoenicia Baptist minister in charge. After service we visited the Bushkill cemetery.

June 5, Monday — Continued clear and warmer. Drying westerly winds – hot this PM. 74 degrees – 12 PM.

This AM I re- plowed and harrowed the piece of ground behind barn AM. PM I went to Kingston and met Mariam at the Rhinebeck ferry slip at 3:30 D.S.T. I went up to see Ed Every evng also wrote news copy. Bought 6 new ivory shades for big dining room and parlor. Finished Freeman copy AM.

June 6, Tuesday — Beautiful clear day, brisk north westerly winds. Warm during day but very cool tonight

and wind stilled. Gorgeous cloudless waning full moon.  
44 degrees – 2 AM

We did chores early and Mariam, Daisy and I went to Cobleskill, stopping enroute & had supper with Mr and Mrs Matt Lawyer at Fultonham and Mrs Lawyer accompanied us to Cornelia's graduation at new York State School of Agriculture and Home Economics. We arrived back home 2 AM.

June 7, Wednesday — Warmer & continued beautifully clear with light variable winds – northerly evng. 62 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I planted Evergreen fodder and yellow Evergreen sweet corn in strip behind barn leaving part for later planting. Daisy, Cornelia, Mariam & Edna Bishop went after strawberries AM down along dykes. Mariam & Edna went fishing PM & caught 3 bass.

June 8, Thursday — Hot summers day – partly cloudy – variable winds. Became showery PM around to north & we had a wetting of rain on west side of reservoir supper time. All cleared evng 70 degrees 10:30 PM.

I put in a hard hot day cultivating thru the corn & potatoes going twice in row up & down hill.

June 9, Friday — Clear, scattered high clouds – fresh northerly winds. Drying hot day but low humidity – Quieted evng.

I worked cultivating 3 corner field. Finished going twice in row cross AM – Went thru once in a row length ways. PM Mr and Mrs RB Longyear, Richard Wright and his mother, Daisy, Mother, Cornelia & I & Don &



Edna & Ollie Burgher enjoyed picnic supper in grove. I called at Luke Bell's evng. Suicide 9 AM of Mrs Luke Bell 68 in toilet at their home on Maltby Hollow road. She blew off the top of her head with ball shell in shotgun, placing muzzle in her mouth or under chin.

June 10, Saturday — Moderately warm & muggy — partly cloudy to overcast. Cleared evng 62 degrees — 11 PM — light winds.

Spread big cart load manure behind barn in corn rows AM also got big wagon load coal ashes from school house for cow stable use PM. Cornelia helped me get over the haying machinery from old barn. Bob Longyear arrived from Brooklyn PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Paid 8.20 dues to July 1 — 40 x \$2 extra. Called at Judge Winchell's after lodge.

Regarding the suicide yesterday of Mrs Cora Bell — Investigation shows that a 12 gauge charge of buckshot was used in single barrel gun. Her head was completely blown off leaving some of lower jaw & stub of neck.

June 11, Sunday — Hot sultry weather. Part cloudy, southwesterly winds. Became murky overcast during PM. Drenching 2 phase thunder shower from west early evng. 90 degrees — 5 PM — 70 — 11:30 PM

Toward noon Bob, Mariam, Cornelia & I went over to Ashokan and paid visit on Chet and Dot Lyons at their new general store. This PM we all except Mother attended church service. After bounteous chicken supper Mariam, Bob and Cornelia left for Brooklyn with plans for Cornelia to visit the Worlds Fair. Funeral of Mrs Luke Bell 2 PM at Lashers Parlors, burial there.

June 12, Monday — Fair and warm – fresh westerly winds. High clouds all clear evng 70 degrees – 10 PM.

I sprayed the patch of potatoes this forenoon with arsenate of lead solution. I started haying at a record early date. This PM I mowed the 2 acres of clover and alfalfa seeding behind the barn. The growth is well infested with dock & other weeds but in excellent green condition. After supper I set 49 bean poles in garden. Finished news copy evng.

June 13, Tuesday — Unsettled partly and mostly cloudy became mussy and showers PM & continued easy rain throughout evng.

Spread load manure between fodder corn rows AM and harrowed unplanted parts of garden. This PM I got a big double wagon load of chicken house manure litter from Herman Weidner's. Wrote Freeman copy evng & went up to Maple Dell to see Ed Every. Rec'd card from Cornelia.

June 14, Wednesday — Muggy this morning with shower, fresh westerly winds, clearing and wind shifting northerly. Lovely day – part cloudy – all clear & cool evng. 50 degrees – 11:30 PM.

This AM I cleaned down the cobwebs and white wash lime sprayed the cow stables, doing a good thorough job. This PM I tedded the hay twice over.

June 15, Thursday — Lovely fair this morning but fresh south westerly winds developed and became part and mostly clouds. Sprinkle showers evng. 50 degrees AM 72 – 12:30 PM.

Daisy & I put a load hen manure litter on sweet and field corn AM. PM tedded the hay twice & raked it. After supper Morton Roe & Harold Constable helped cock it. I attended Olive Rebekah Lodge last meeting till Sept and enjoyed the supper served by the Cloudy Losers to the Sunshine Winners in birthday collection contest – total proceeds about \$40.00.

June 16, Friday — Beautiful clear warm day, fresh northerly winds during day. Became partly cloudy evng. 64 degrees – 11 PM.

Was excellent hay curing weather PM. We worked at the hay – opening up the cocks – tedding, raking cocking up and drawed in & unloaded two big loads after supper. Francis Whispell gave a wonderful helping hand in the hay.

June 17, Saturday — Unsettled sprinkle showers AM Mostly cloudy murky – moderately warm 60 degrees – 12 PM.

Daisy & I cleaned up the field behind the barn getting the rest of the hay in one load with rakings. Also spread load manure between corn rows AM. This PM we planted 10 rows yellow Country Gentleman sweet corn in last part of strip right behind barn. Mariam, Bob & Cornelia arrived from Brooklyn 5:30 PM. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Bob & Olive Bishop came from Hobart.

June 18, Sunday— Pleasantly cool, lovely bright atmosphere & blue reservoir waters. High thin clouds throughout day 54 degrees – 12 PM.

Mother, Cornelia, Ollie Burgher & I attended church service PM. When ready to leave Mother fell from kitchen porch steps on doorstone & sprained her right ankle. However she insisted on going to church & playing the organ. Mariam & Bob spent the day pleasantly & left for Brooklyn after early supper. This evng Daisy, Kay Ollie Burgher & I attended impressive IOOF annual memorial service at Olive Bridge church. Speakers Rev. Hoffman of Stone Ridge & Rev. Wm. Barringer of Krumville.

June 19, Monday — Cloudy – cool – light southerly winds 50 degrees – 7 AM – 61 – 11 PM. Light rain developed evng.

This AM I cultivated Don's garden patch out along entrance. Then I machine mowed the corner field of hay between cross path and lower woods. PM I shovel cultivated the corn field one way, up & down hill. Mother is hobbling around with her sprained ankle & working. Bob Bishop went to Kingston and had specialist put his tubercular right arm in plaster cast. Mariam called up this evng to inquire about her Grandma.

June 20, Tuesday — Lowry – murky mostly cloudy. Had refreshing shower at evng later cleared. 68 degrees – 12 PM>

Worked in garden AM. Planted beans PM. sun broke thru the murk by spells & I tedded the cut hay twice – drew out load manure & spread on stubble. Cornelia raked the hay just before the shower.

June 21, Wednesday — A truly magnificent day and evening. Pleasantly warm with drying northerly winds. 64 degrees – 11 PM.

Worked at curing the hay and we drew in one load in excellent condition late PM – Cornelia helped. I mowed another adjoining strip of hay, also part of side hill field below, mixture of alfalfa, timothy and weeds. The stand is quite heavy. L.P. Hamilton, daughter Lois and friend Lorraine Pierce of Oneonta called late PM. After supper I planted north end of garden in Country Gentleman yellow sweet corn. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

June 22, Thursday — Beautifully clear this morning – Southerly winds developed and became mostly cloudy PM & threatening. Pleasantly warm – 68 degrees – 11 PM.

We worked with the hay – Cornelia tedding and raking. We made a clean up of two well cured loads from the woods corner sector. Also raked and cocked yesterdays cutting of the alfalfa mixture Long hard day. Spread load manure after supper. Pete Kranches, Cornelia's boyfriend from Johnstown called PM & gave a ready hand cocking up and pitching hay.

June 23, Friday — Overcast this AM broke away around noon and developed showery early PM. Had a sprinkle from a thunder shower that passed down over and back of High Point, another passing around to north. Cleared away with winds north westerly. Glorious clear evng – half moon.

Daisy & I cultivated corn patch behind barn AM after

putting off big load hay. This PM despite the shower we made a clean up of the cut side hill alfalfa – 3 good big loads, besides jag rakings well cured. Francis Whispell helped after supper.

June 24, Saturday — Clear AM – became part cloudy and showery PM from north. We had just a passing sprinkle late PM. Pleasant evng showers – flashes in distance – moderately warm – cooler evng 60 degrees – midnight.

We mowed the rest of the side hill field AM lower part. Cornelia tedded over twice PM. I harrowed over & marked out last strip for sweet corn along current bushes in garden. Also sprayed the potatoes with hand pump sprayer. They look very thrifty & coming in blossom. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & went to Judge Winchell's.

June 25, Sunday — Fresh northerly winds – cool – partly cloudy clearing beautifully at evng. Cool chilly in shade – evening became partly cloudy & wind quieted – 58 degrees –midnight.

Mother, Daisy, Cornelia & I attended church service PM. Charley Langer and his mother called.

June 26, Monday — Partly cloudy – light northerly winds shifted southerly during PM. Cool lovely bright work day – 60 degrees – 11:30 PM.

This AM Cornelia machine mowed the remainder of the field in front of house and patches along current bushes & hemlock grove, making a nice looking clean up. I pecked around with sythe PM, she tedded the hay and we drew two beautifully cured loads from side hill

and got the jag of rakings after supper. Made last sweet corn planting patch along south end of garden yellow Country Gentleman – a long busy day. Wrote news copy evng.

June 27, Tuesday — Partly & mostly cloudy – murky August like weather – moderately warm – quiet.

We put in a busy day with the haying. I drew out a big load manure on grass stubble AM after chores. We got in 3 fine loads of hay and after supper the jag of rakings. Made a grand clean up of all cut hay – completing the whole big lot in front. 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my steam roller accident to my right hand. This is daughter Cornelia's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

June 28, Wednesday — Continued August like weather. Part and mostly cloudy AM Fair PM – warm with fresh southwesterly winds – mellow moonlight evng. 74 degrees 11:30 PM.

This AM Cornelia machine mowed the strip below wall – patch on Don's side of hemlock grove and behind the old Hinkley barn. She raked the hay after supper and we drew in a nice load. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Joe Louis colored heavy weight worlds champion won by a technical knockout over two ton Tony Galento 10 R match at Yankee Stadium N.Y.C. – 4 rounds.

June 29, Thursday — Mostly cloudy – murky with occasional patches of sunshine – southwesterly winds. Rains developed mid PM and had lovely showers along throughout the evng 68 degrees – 12 PM

We cleaned up all cut hay & rakings. Had one nice

load & rakings. Wrote another Freeman copy AM. Drawed out manure& unloaded last nights load hay. Late PM I took my hay tedder behind car up Watson Hollow to Gus Korittke's & had welding repairs made \$2.00.

June 30, Friday Rainy during night and light showers this AM. Warm & muggy clearing but became thick from west and showers early evng 68 degrees – 11 PM. – cooler.

I went to Kingston with Lester S. Davis. Bought 5 doz cabbage plants & Mother set them out in garden.

July 1, Saturday — Lovely bright day – warm – partly cloudy – northerly fresh winds developed PM. A most magnificent clear quiet moonlight night with brilliant mellow full moon 56 degrees – midnight.

Spent the forenoon making repairs on tedder. Drawed out manure after dinner – then shoveled plowed up the patch of potatoes both ways. They are rank in growth & in blossom. Also I mowed the greater portion of orchard lot. Bob & Mariam, John & Jeanne arrived 6:30 for week end. I attended IOOF Lodge & Installation evng by D.D.G.M. Reginald E Lapo & staff.

July 2, Sunday — A truly gorgeous day – cool and brisk northwesterly winds. Magnificent moonlight evening – diminished winds and almost chilly – 54 degrees midnight. Wrote Freeman news copy. Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended service PM. Bob & sister Jeanne went back to NY evng by train for work tomorrow. July 1 – 39. Installation of Shokan IOOF Lodge no. 491 Noble Grand – William Feltman



Vice Grand – Edward VanKleeck  
Warden – Alonzo Davis — Arthur Trowbridge as proxy  
Conductor – Clayton Burgher  
R.S.N.G. – Lester B Davis  
L.S.N.G. – Gilbert Bloom  
Inside Guardian – Martin Thomson  
R.S.V.G. – Abram Smith  
Outside Guardian — Frank Clearwater  
L.S.V.G. Charles George  
Chaplain – E.C. Davis  
R.S.S. – Wm. Jordan  
L.S.S. – Wilson Terrwilliger

July 3, Monday — Another magnificent clear cool day and moonlight night. Day winds southerly.

We finished mowing the orchard lot and drew three excellent loads of hay. Raked over stubble after supper. Arthur Condon called this evening and re-paid the \$50 I loaned him May 22. Bob Longyear & sister Jeanne returned this evng. Mariam, John and Kay met them in Kingston.

July 4, Tuesday — 54 degrees AM – Turned decidedly warmer – clear AM becoming partly cloudy but promised thunder showers failed to materialize. Faired away evng – southerly day winds. 74 degrees 11 PM.

Celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> working with the haying. We made a clean up of the orchard lot, getting one big load and small jag of rakings. I sowed purple top white globe turnip seed in potatoes and sweet corn on 3 corner lot. Bob and Mariam – Jeanne & John left for Brooklyn after supper. John Surpluss, father and two brothers Al and

Don & Mr Aaron Eastman paid a call noon time. Wrote news copy this AM.

July 5, Wednesday — Southwesterly winds – warm. Part & mostly cloudy – black storm clouds rolled off to north & we had a few sprinkles late PM. Faired away evng 74 degrees – 11 PM.

However threatening Cornelia & I finished mowing hay patches around clump of trees above oats & strip along Watson Hollow Inn brush lot. We made a clean up this PM getting one good solid load of hay but not well cured. The cleaned up fields look very attractive and the corn is past cultivating & growing rank also potatoes are well advanced.

July 6, Thursday — Muggy – murky – showers came down over High Point toward noon. We had just a sprinkle. Faired away PM but became murky at evng & we had another light shower from High Point.

Daisy & I put hen manure & acid fertilizer on sweet corn patches AM behind barn & in garden – cultivated thru them PM & drew out manure. After supper I mowed part of Don's hay. This is my Dear Mother's 71 birthday. She rec'd a shower of cards etc. Ollie Burgher had supper with us. Mrs E.E Henry, Mrs Emma Fietter and Mrs Lowdy of Kingston called PM.

July 7, Friday — Hot — thermometer 94 noontime – 80 – 11 PM. Partly cloudy – southwesterly winds Clear evng.

Worked at hay. Finished mowing and cleaned up Don's hay – 3 loads. Francis Whispell helped after

supper, also re-cured the load of Wednesday's hay & put on mow. Cornelia wasn't feeling good due to the heat & I had a long hard day. Mrs Fannie Boice's 67 birthday.

July 8, Saturday — Sweltering hot – mid 90's. Part cloudy southerly winds. Showers developed in west mid afternoon and we had a driving shower from High Point. Faired away evng & cooled slightly 70 midnight.

Put in the finishing touches AM with our haying, mowed along Davis pasture fences & gathered it with cart after spreading load manure, This PM I went after Mr Charles Lucht and we put down binding strips and side moldings on kitchen linoleum. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & later called on Mr & Mrs Winchell.

July 9, Sunday — Continued hot but breezy. Part cloudy – light showers developed early PM following along the mountains to south and north clear..

Mother, Ollie Burgher and I attended church service PM Sacrament was administered at close by Rev Bailey. Ollie had supper and spent the evng After church callers were Mr & Mrs Condon ( Kay went home with them) Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness and friend Miss Julia Creighton. Mr Albert Way (65) died 4:30 PM at Lena Pleasant's cottage. Mr & Mrs Ray, his son Winston, Mrs Pleasants & daughter Ruth had just arrived from Bridgeport, Conn for a brief visit.

July 10, Monday — Part cloudy – fresh northerly winds developed AM. Hot but turned cooler – Lovely clear evng – 64 degrees at midnight.

Fine haying weather. I relaxed today from the

strenuous tasks of haying. Went up to Bushkill to Roy VanDemarks after cabbage plants AM. which Mother set out in garden. Took a nap after dinner and busied myself at odd jobs – cut brush and weeds out along lower woods. P.H.Carey called. Daisy & I were invited up to Ollie Burgher's this evng. Had delicious cherry pie.

### Alvah B. Ray Dies At West Shokan

Alvah B Ray of Bridgeport, Conn died of a heart attack Sunday shortly after he had arrived at the summer home of Mrs Lena Pleasants at West Shokan where he with his family had planned to spend some time. With his wife and other members of his family he had arrived at West Shokan about 15 minutes when he complained of feeling ill. Dr Hans Cohen was summoned but Mr Ray was dead when the physician arrived.

Coroner Howard B Huminston of Kerhonkson was notified and removed the remains to his undertaking parlors and later the body was taken in charge by B.C. Porter of Bristol, Conn, from where funeral services will be held.

Mr Ray was a salesman for a hardware concern and was well known in this locality. His territory included a large section of new England and New York and he was a frequent caller in Kingston. He was a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 56, F.& A. M. Bristol, Conn, and was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason. He also belonged to Ionic Council, No. 32, R.& S. M, of Bristol, Conn.

July 11, Tuesday — Partly cloudy – northerly winds.  
Moderately warm – clear evng.

Finished cutting brush out along woods and busy with various odd jobs. Spread load manure PM, starting to cover over hay stubble behind old barn. Rec'd letter Case Gwinn.

July 12, Wednesday — Partly cloudy – high clouds, brisk northerly winds. A bad drying hay – although not very hot. All clear evng 60 degrees midnight. Early morning mountain shower went around north.

Wrote Freeman copy AM.& card to Henry Winchell. Worked on the threshing machine making a new shaker spout. Grand haying weather. Sent 3.00 for 3 month 10 days sub. to Wall Street Journal. Rec'd card Mariam. Sanford Bell's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He continues in rugged health & capable of doing an honest days work with his horses. He and father were 2 weeks difference in ages – Dad's is July 26. Don installed wash tubs in cellar for Daisy.

July 13, Thursday — Overcast AM and had light rain. Cleared sunny PM with southwesterly winds.

Finished repairs on thresher and did various other odd jobs. After supper went up to Gus Korittke's in Watson Hollow and had 2 teeth plates welded for horse rake \$1.00. Daisy rec'd letter Gene Surplus.

July 14, Friday — Had thunder shower 3 AM but only light rain here. Fair became showery looking toward noon. Hot drying day. Fresh northerly winds & cooler – beautifully clear evng.. 68 degrees – 11 :30 PM.

Continued – – with odd jobs. Daisy and I cultivated sweet corn patches, behind barn & in garden, also spread

load manure behind old barn. Rec'd first trial sub issue Wall Street Journal. After supper I went up to Charley Duloff's mill & bagged up saw dust. Mr & Mrs Condon brought Cornelia home evng.

July 15, Saturday — Partly cloudy – cool fresh northerly winds. Lovely bright day. Rain greatly needed.

Daisy and I whitewash sprayed chicken house and PM sprayed Ollie Burgher's also, going up with sprayer on hay wagon. Mr & Mrs Lewis Bell arrived on afternoon bus from Kingston coming last from Casper, Wyoming. Lute & I attended Shokan IOOF Lodge evng. He joined March 11 – 1905 his application was sponsored by my dear old Dad. He was given a royal welcome by the brothers & after lodge refreshments were served.

July 16, Sunday — part and mostly cloudy – cool – northerly winds. All clear evng – 56 degrees 11 PM.

Mother, Lute and Ada, Daisy, Cornelia, Ollie Burgher & I attended afternoon church service. Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones called early PM Mr & Mrs Martin Gulnac of Ashokan came after Cornelia this evng to work for them a few weeks.

July 17, Monday — Continued pleasantly cool – partly cloudy, northerly winds – quieted at eve. Wonderful work day 56 degrees – midnight.

I mowed the light second cutting of alfalfa field behind barn AM. I cut the upper half of oats field to cure for hay. The straw is rank and stood upright, heads just leaving the milk stage. Lute and Ada went up to Bushkill to call on old friends PM with my car.

July 18, Tuesday — A year ago this morning I caught my left hand in hay mow pulley losing the little finger & crippling next two.

Continued fair — part cloudy — moderately warm — winds variable to northerly. Beautiful clear cool evng. 57 degrees — midnight.

Lute and Ada visited up to Bushkill PM. Wrote news copy this AM. This PM took over cart load manure behind old barn. Then Daisy cleaned up the small load alfalfa behind barn and raked & brought over a big load of well cured oats. Wrote card Mariam.

July 19, Wednesday — Continued fair with not much change in temperature. Light winds — beautifully clear and cool evng 56 degrees — 11 :30 PM.

Lute Bell helped me get the second load of cured oats with rakings AM. This the first since 1908 that we have worked together. PM Lute & Ada, Daisy & I went to Kingston. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Older residents consider this the most severe July drought they ever seen.

July 20, Thursday — Fair with usual high dry weather, day time part cloudiness. Light winds northerly — clear evng 62 degrees — 11:30 PM.

Lute and Ada, Daisy & I took an 86 mile trip today going over Peekamoosie trail to Grahamsville and thence down the Lackawack valley to Kerhonkson — up the Minnewaska trail over the crest of the mountain and returned to Kerhonkson. We came home thru Samsonville and having fried chicken supper at the Father Divine Townley Lodge on the mountain above Palentown. Mr & Mrs Condon called evng accompanied

by Miss Betty Perry.

July 21, Friday — Pleasant warm continued fair – somewhat hazy – light winds southerly. All clear & cool evng with air in north 57 degrees tonight 11 o'clock

Drawed out manure AM. This PM Lute and Ada, Daisy and I took 45 mile drive via Mt Tremper to Woodstock, visited Ashokan Headworks & went around thru Krumville & home over Acorn Hill. Mrs Hartmann and Mr Gries visited us and had dinner, They are stopping in Stanford. Lute and I had a farewell visit this evng till past midnight.

July 22, Saturday — Southerly day winds. Brighter than yesterday – part cloudy. Glorious clear evng and cool 56 degrees midnight.

Lute and Ada Bell left on the 10:45 bus this AM for New York City and Worlds Fair. They will return home by way of Kentucky and Missouri. Daisy and I took them down to Lester Davis store. PM I spread the over night load of manure. Got the Ford car ready for threshing and after supper machine mowed the lower wider end of the oats for threshing. Republican election district caucus tonight at Colange's Hall. Daisy and I attended & brought Cornelia home from Ashokan. We called to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell's. Mariam & Bob & Mr & Mrs Longyear left Brooklyn on auto trip to Florida.

July 23, Sunday – Southerly day winds. Warm and dry air. Looked showery to north PM Again beautifully clear evng – half moon and cool 64 degrees midnight.

Miss Merrill spent the day with us. She is recuperating



from a serious operation. Mother, Daisy, Ollie Burgher & I attended PM church service. After supper took Cornelia back to Ashokan and we called on Mr & Mrs Charley Duloff's coming back.

July 24, Monday — Warmer – muggy became showery PM. Had touch of shower that passed down over the reservoir and Ashokan – Showers further to north evng.

Morton Roe helped me set up the thresher and Ford T and with Daisy's assistance we got a load of oats before dinner. Charley Duloff & Julian Eckert came and helped thresh the load off but the shower wetted the rest in field. Mr & Mrs Duloff staid for supper. Mariam and Bob's second wedding anniversary.

July 25, Tuesday — Hot – scattered high clouds but no sign of showers. Warm bulging half moon evng. Light south easterly day winds. Clear mellow evng 74 degrees – 11 :30.

Julian Eckert, Mort Roe and John Bell helped thresh the second load of oats AM & put the threshing machine away. Oats and straw bright and clean. PM John, Daisy & I cleaned up the dried up cut grass on church yard & I took John home. Japanese beetles & European corn borers and drought is – — ravaging Ulster County farmers.

July 26, Wednesday — Hot – muggy and hazy – thunder showers developed PM. All cleared moonlight evng. Had hard rain at head of reservoir and at Olive Bridge – 70 degrees – 11 PM.

I made a trip to Kingston and got back home 1 PM. Annual Baptist PM church fair & supper. Mother, Daisy,

Ollie Burgher & I attended evng. Cornelia was over from Ashokan. This would have been had he lived my father's Chase W. Davis 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### The Why of Forest Fires

Sunday afternoon an automobile driver, stopping his car at the Shokan aereator lawned circle, nonchalantly stepped to the edge of the dried up plot of grass, struck a match, lit a cigarette and threw the blazing match on the grass which immediately ignited and the fire started to spread. Attendants at the gate house seeing the blaze rushed with brooms to the spot and beat out the fire after it had burned over quite a patch of lawn. After they had extinguished the blaze and surveyed the blackened spot of lawn they looked for the careless automobile driver. He was gone. They were surprised at this for he seemed to be curiously interested in seeing the grass burn. He made no effort to extinguish the flame or to summon help. In other words he didn't give a damn. Thus we have forest fires – because some people don't give a damn.

### Drought Unearths Reservoir Village Prattsville, N.Y. July 26, 1939

A ghost town rose today – exhumed by drought in the mountains of Rip Van Winkle and the Headless Horseman.

Silt covered pavements, charred beams and rusty pipes appeared above waters of the Schoharie reservoir, lowered in record proportions by dry weather in the Catskills.

Tangled remains of shrubbery and trees still line the deserted streets of Gilboa – a valley hamlet abandoned, burned and submerged 100 feet under water when the reservoir was filled 18 years ago.

Kingston Daily Leader – July 27, 1939

July 27, Thursday — Cloudy – warm – humid.  
Occasional light thunder showers and rains – had a lovely shower late PM – 70 degrees – 11 PM

Around home all day – feel tired out. Mother and Daisy helped clean up at the church. Ravaging for days – the rain has drenched very serious huckleberry mountain fires near Ellenville and Napanoch. Hundreds of men were called night and day in fire fighting service.

July 28, Friday – Continues muggy and murky – wonderful showers during night and this morning. Sun broke thru the fog & murk at times and moon shone thru broken clouds evng. 70 degrees – 11 PM.

Didn't do much but chores and late PM took over load manure behind old barn. Feel all tired out and nerves on tension. Today is Mariam's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. I dug first new potatoes – they are nice & smooth & fair size considering the vines dried up.

July 29, Saturday — Continued muggy – murky – sun shone thru part the time. Wonderful showers breakfast time & lighter showers during day. 70 degrees – 12 PM.

I went to Kingston and attended Republican County Convention at Municipal Auditorium. Had dinner with the town of Olive group at McCabe's restaurant and returned home. I note a vast change since Kingston trip

Wed. when corn fields stood withered in the blighting drought. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. N. Levan Haver son of Will Haver town of Olive stock nominated Dist. Attorney – Supervisor Robert Snyder of Saugerties, County Clerk. Former ro succeed Cleon B Murray – latter James A. Simpson.

### The Cost of the Lack of Rain

Entering the final week of July, and without having any considerable rain in this section since the advent of Spring Ulster County fields and orchards are drying up with a tremendous loss to our farmers. If there had been a great flood causing property damage, or a hurricane which swept our fields and farms, or a widespread fire, or a plague of insects which attracted the attention of our people to the loss to our farmers there would be a different realization of the plight which our agricultural people suffer.

Coming along slowly and steadily, hitting all crops alike, and the entire area, the lack of rain this summer has made has made the hurricane and flood damage which has hit this region at one time or another, look small indeed. Not only have our farmers lost the greater part of their labor of the summer but their income has been cut to a very great extent. Our Ulster County farm income, running into the

July 30, Sunday — Continued warm muggy and murky occasional easy light showers – clouds keep coming from out of the south. 74 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother – Ollie Burgher & I attended church service

PM. A 9 pound daughter born 5 PM to Mrs Martin Gulnac of Ashokan, at hospital. Cornelia continues in their household employ.

July 31, Monday — Continued warm but fair — Fresh south westerly winds shifted northerly. Glorious clear moonlight evng, moon at its full 78 degrees – midnight.

Henry Bell worked on my Ford T car changing and connecting up key switch. John Bell broke the key switch off in lock when helping thresh oats. Busy with usual chores etc. Mother set out some celery plants in garden, which I bought on the Kingston flats Saturday. Spread load manure behind old barn AM. During PM I got 2 cart loads gravel from Jacky brook. Mother & I called on Mrs Dodge & son Garret Matt evng. They are returning to Brooklyn to tomorrow after 2 weeks stay.

August 1, Tuesday — Fair and hot fresh northerly winds – Glorious pleasant moonlight evening. 74 degrees – 11 PM>

Worked in garden this morning, set out some cabbage & rutabaga plants Ed Avery gave me. Went thru garden with hand cultivator. PM took over load manure and got cart load shale from bank along back road, also got load gravel from Jacky brook fro concrete work. We had a very pleasant surprise call this evening by Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Daisy made waffles which they enjoyed eating. Moonlight sitting on our front porch was beautiful.

August 2, Wednesday — Continued fair – warm – Light winds variable – partly cloudy evng. 74 degrees – 11 PM.

Drawed cart load gravel AM from Jacky brook. I

helped thresh oats to Maple Dell PM. Wrote Freeman copy this morning. Lena Pleasants & Ruth called this evng. They are here from Bridgeport for 2 weeks at their bungalow. Rec'd a very descriptive letter from Mariam from Miami, Florida.

August 3, Thursday — Unsettled – warm – breezy – mostly cloudy – thunder showers went off around north all afternoon & evng. We had touch of heavy wind accompanying shower that swept Bushkill sector. Had another sprinkle of rain evng. I helped finish threshing oats at Maple Dell, got back home around 3 o'clock.

August 4, Friday — Warm muggy mostly cloudy. Had light shower breakfast time and late PM a wonderful rain – cleared cooler evng – 62 degrees – 11 PM.

I went to Kingston, had dinner with P H Carey 108 Foxhall Ave, and spent several hours making a careful check up on my Provident Mutual Life Insurance Policies. Made various changes as suggested. I took out Special Farmers and Farm Hands Sick and Accident policy, issued by Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Assn. of Omaha, Neb. Paid first annual premium \$ 15.00 cash Rec'd Sears & Roebuck & Co Fall & Winter catalog # 179.

August 5, Saturday — 64 degrees – 6:30 AM clear – warm – northerly winds – Lovely starry & late moonlight evng. 64 degrees – 11:30 PM.

I drawed cart load manure & spread behind old barn, and got 3 loads gravel from Jacky brook. Pretty well tired out tonight. Attended IOOF Lodge. Rec'd Montgomery

Ward fall catalog no.131.

August 6, Sunday — Fair – real warm. Became hazy partly overcast during PM. Quiet.

Not feeling very brisk dragging back ache. Mother – Helen Tweedy, Ollie Burgher & I attended church service PM.

August 7, Monday — Hot – humid – partly cloudy. Thunder shower loomed up back of High Point noontime but drifted off south – 72 degrees – 11 PM.

Spread cart load manure and spread 1050 lbs. hydrated lime on grass behind old Hinkley barn and 550 lbs on upper corner lower lot. Rested awhile after dinner and had call from Everett & Treadwell's John Dere tractor salesman. Four o'clock I hooked team on cart and got load gravel from Jacky brook. After supper I mowed biggest half of side hill alfalfa second cutting, rather short crop due to drought.

August 8, Tuesday — Warm – muggy – had light shower this morning. Heavier rains passing to north. Partly cloudy – all clear evng. 66 degrees – 12 PM.

I made a shopping trip to Kingston. Supervisor Lem DuBois treated me to a blue plate steak dinner at McCabes restaurant opposite court house. Rec'd card Mariam saying they arrived home in Brooklyn 3 AM, Sunday from their two weeks vacation trip south.

August 9, Wednesday — Continued mostly cloudy, humid, sticky weather. We had a light thunder shower. Heavier rains passed by. Fresh variable winds southerly

70 degrees – 12 PM – all clear evng.

August 10, Thursday — Continued warm with dryer atmosphere developing , part cloudy – northerly winds. Beautiful clear evng & pleasantly cooler – 72 degrees – 11 PM.

Wrote Freeman copy AM and did little else besides chores. Still feel dragged out. Began taking Doans kidney pills. This PM I mowed lower corner side hill alfalfa and raked and cocked Monday's mowing. Went up to Maple Dell evng & Ed gave me more cabbage plants.

### The Father Divine Scare

According to newspaper reports two communities are now in the jitters because of the threat that followers of Father Divine will turn their community into a “heaven”. Some time back when New York newspapers displayed the plans of the Divine followers to make Ulster county a “promised land” and some newspapers here picked it up in screaming headlines and pages of pictures, we advised Ulster county people to not take it too seriously for even though purchases of property were consummated the Divine followers had no mystic method of utilizing or holding property. Now a New York newspaper features the fact that many of the “heavens” in Ulster county have reverted to new owners and followers of Father Divine have gone to other places outside of Ulster county “promised land” scheme proved to be a delusion just as we thought it would. There are no more boat loads of fanatics coming here and with a few years added a bugaboo will be but a memory.

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## A year Ago There Was Water

A year ago this week Ulster county was surveying the result of a flood which swept down through the Rondout Valley and through the Esopus Valley, carrying away bridges and washing out highways and culverts. The Rondout creek reached flood heights, crops were washed out in some places and reservoirs were filled to overflowing. The contrast this year is marked with the county in the grip of a prolonged drought and farmers praying for water. With the earth now parched all through the county and in the woodland section beyond a sizeable flood could be absorbed with great profit to our farmers and fruit gro

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August 11, Friday — Warm – high scattered clouds – light winds northerly – Lovely starlight mellow evening – still.

Working at the hay cutting — Daisy & I got in the cured small load PM & I raked and cocked yesterday's mowing. Feeling pretty well petered out.

August 12, Saturday — Continued warm winds southerly – light – partly cloudy, murky – typical August weather. 74 – midnight.

Spread load manure on upper grass corner of lower lot and Daisy & I got in jag of alfalfa on side hill AM. During PM Ed Every, Lon Burgher, Jenny Kerr and I went to head of Watson Hollow with my car & I took pictures of the old foundation walls of Watson Tannery. The site was

cleared away of brush in connection with W.P.A. road rebuilding. Attended IOOF Lodge evng, called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

James K. DuBois 86 died in Phoenicia at home of his daughter Mrs AP Loomis.

August 13, Sunday — Hot – humid – brisk south westerly winds developed PM. with drenching thunder storms passing to north. We had a brief sudden downpour around 1 o'clock and heavier during tail end shower from west supper time. Became showery again late evng, swinging off to north & south. We had moderate shower 11 o'clock – thermometer 72 degrees.

Mother, Daisy & I attended church service PM followed by communion.

August 14, Monday — Cleared during night – Light northerly winds – continued warm pleasat part cloudy – clear evng. 64 degrees – 11 PM.

I made a trip to Kingston this AM During PM I pulled wild carrots& started cutting shumacks and laurel brush in pasture lot below old Hinkley barn. Wrote news copy evng.

“Newspaper item”

August 15, 1871, 500 persons attended a picnic, held at the maple grove on the west side of the Esopus creek, under the auspices of the West Heurly M.E. Church. One week later the Baptist Sunday school of Kingston also came to the Crispell grove on a railroad excursion.

August 15, Tuesday — Continued fair and warm – dry

air. Broken clouds – all clear evng – breezy 74 degrees – 11 PM.

Spread cart load manure on grass AM and got load gravel from Jacky book. Took a good rest on cot after dinner, then went over and cut brush. After supper I went up to Boiceville picnic grove to see how conditions are for the Labor Day picnic. Then called on Minnie Every and “Aunt” Odie Bell. First I have been there since Uncle Mart died – I surely missed him. Nettie Jones and sister Flo called this evng. Pearl H. Carey called late PM. I made him a cash loan of \$20.00 to be repaid in 6 weeks.

August 16, Wednesday — Hot – scattered to part cloudy – light winds. Became showery in west PM. We had sprinkle from heavy late PM thunder shower passing off beyond High Point. Had heavier rain over along mountain. Faired away evng.

Finished my brush cutting below old barn. Cornelia finished her job in Ashokan at Gulnacs and came home. This evng I took Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell to base ball game played under are lights at the new Kingston stadium. House of David (Bearded Beauties ) coached by famous former national league pitcher “Old Pete” Grover Cleveland Alexander defeated Kingston Colonials by score 12 – 6.

August 17, Thursday — Hot and fair. Looked somewhat showery PM. All clear & pleasantly cooling off evng. 70 degrees 10:30 PM – day winds – light northerly.

Spent the morning writing Freeman news copy. Took a good after dinner rest on cot. Then mowed the orchard lot second cutting alfalfa – dwarfed by the dry weather. After

supper I took over load manure & spread on grass. Quite tired tonight. Rec'd card Mariam saying she & Bob will be home Saturday.

August 18, Friday — Hot and humid – partly cloudy – hazy. Developed showery late PM in west and we had evening thunder showers with wonderful rain – 11 PM – 70 and stars shining overhead.

Sears Roebucks service man from Kingston came this morning and made adjustments to sink strainer faucet. I spent considerable time during day putting new double shafts in horse rake. Then I raked and Daisy cocked up the orchard lot alfalfa cutting but after hurried supper got caught in showers trying to get it on wagon. Brought back 7 uppers. 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aunt Cornelia Bishop death.

August 19, Saturday — Cloudy –humid occasional southerly winds – set in rainy during evng. 68 — midnight.

Spread load manure and brought back sweet corn – potatoes & soggy alfalfa. Got another cart load PM also made repairs on thresher – bolted on side iron strap to present top sag. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn in their Chevy about 6 o'clock.

August 20, Sunday — Drenching downpour during the night late and continued humid– showers all forenoon. Streams are running freely for first in months. Wells, reservoirs, springs etc are replenished to near normal levels. Faired away partly during PM – 72 degrees – 11 PM.

Helen Tweedy staid over night with Cornelia & we all including Bob and Mariam attended church service. They left after chicken supper for Brooklyn about 7:30. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness & friend Julia Creighton of Woodstock called evng.

August 21, Monday — 90+ degree humid weather – overcast this AM but gradually faired away. Showers went to north noontime. All clear PM & evng. Fresh northerly winds evng. Half moon shone beautifully early evng. Broad display of pale aurora borealis evng – 78 degrees – 11 PM.

Spread card load manure & brought back last of the sodden alfalfa in orchard lot. I spent the hot afternoon resting. Wrote news copy evng.

August 22, Tuesday — Hot humid and partly cloudy AM. Beautifully clear PM & evening. Pale northern lights put on an arched display evng. Moderate variable winds – cooler evng 64 degrees – 11:30 PM.

Busied with chores and odd jobs AM. Daisy & I dynamited out rocks back of chicken yard along path and stone row along border of woods. I also cleaned up cut brush and put in heaps for burning. Had phone call from Charley Langer evng.

August 23, Wednesday — Warm easterly winds. High broken clouds. Beautiful mellow moonlight evng.

Farm Bureau picnic at Forsyth Park – Kingston. I spread cart load manure – got load sweet corn fodder from 3 corner lot, burned 10 heaps piled brush, also took after dinner rest. Completed 11 page Freeman news copy AM

Tonight I went to Kingston alone & saw Cuban Stars –vs Colonials base ball game under lights at new stadium grounds. Cuban Negroes speak Spanish & easily outclassed the Kingstonsians score –1.

9 day old Dairy Farmers union milk strike ended today in compromise price of \$2.15 per cwt flat for 3.5 milk. \$2.35 was asked for 3%.

August 24, Thursday — Continued warm and fair this morning and heavy dew. Developed showery in west noon time and had thunder showers & lovely rains thru the afternoon. Heaviest storms went around north and south. Mostly cloudy thru evng – 64 degrees midnight. Rec'd letter Mariam also Case Gwynne. European war clouds hover low.

August 25, Friday — Occasional showers AM – murky – muggy. Mostly cloudy, cooling evng – 66 degrees – 12 PM.

Wrote Freeman news copies of Case Gwynne's Labor Day Picnic article to Freeman and Ulster County News. This PM I spread load manure & brought back sweet corn stalks.

August 26, Saturday — Continued warm quiet day & evng. Mostly overcast, cleared beautifully early evng – cooler tonite 58 degrees midnight.

Sent orders Sears Roebuck & Co & Montgomery Ward & Co. Wrote card Mariam. Took over manure before dinner & brought back big cart load sweet corn for cows, also during PM drew several boat loads blasted rocks into chicken yard for proposed west end addition to hen

house. Attended IOOF Lodge evng then called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell & had late luncheon.

August 27, Sunday — A very pleasant day – winds northerly. High broken clouds – a noticeable chill tinge in the evening atmosphere – 64 degrees 11 PM.

Mother, Cornelia, Ollie Burgher & I attended church service PM. Mr & Mrs R.B. Longyear came from church & had supper with us. Miss Merrill also came for supper. Charles Langer & mother, Peter Eckert and a neighbor, also Mr Condon called.

Mrs Margaret E. Berry 46 (long deranged) died at home of her mother Mrs Thomas S Braithwaite and brother Harry at North Boulevard Heights. Deceased leaves a little - - - of or seen son about 18 or 19 years of age.

August 28, Monday — Pleasant day – fir light winds northerly. Became mostly cloudy evng 64 degrees – 11 PM.

Took over manure & spread on grass AM & got load sweet corn for cows. Took rest on cot after dinner. Then hauled foundation stones to chicken yard. Mr & Mrs Case Gwynne ( at Burghers on vacation) & Ira Van Ness called evng.

August 29, Tuesday — Partly cloudy moderately warm – pleasant – 60 degrees – 12 PM.

Wrote news copy AM and did chores etc. This PM I went up to Bushkill looking for sand also took walk down on reservoir property. The water was lowered so that I was able to walk dry shod over foundations of our old sap house, blacksmith shop and house and barn foundations

which are high and dry. I salvaged from foundation stones of our old kitchen chimney, a 5ft x ½ x 2in iron and fastening bolt and clamp also one of the swing crane fastening irons.

Boiceville Reunion On Labor Day  
Editor, The Freeman

A generation ago the demands of a teeming civilization called upon residents of one of the most beautiful sections of the Catskills, to abandon the land of their fathers. Originally settled by white men two hundred and more years ago the land had seen its sons go forth to battle to preserve their country in four different wars. The valley of the Esopus, rich in its historic traditions, beautiful to the eye and peopled by thrifty citizens, has become the “reservoir section” the source of an unailing water supply for millions of people hundreds of miles away.

Beautiful as it was, it is still more beautiful today. The man made lake, surrounded by the everlasting hills, has transformed the “Gate of the Catskills” into an American Luzerne. And what of its people?

As the residents started to leave the valley in 1908, a meeting was called in Boiceville by young Millard H. Davis and it was resolved to gather each Labor Day to commemorate the days then vanishing. At first a Boiceville “picnic” it was gradually extended to include all residents of the reservoir section, and annually since then, former residents of Boiceville, the Shokans, West Hurley, and Brown’s Station have gathered in the beautiful pine grove on the little knoll in Boiceville. At first the people met informally. There was no organization



and there were no officers. After a time Jacob V. Merrihew was elected president. Afterward Delancey N. Mathews held that office for many years. Joseph Hill also served, as did Jesse B.Boice and Martin J. Every afterward, and all four have passed away. But always and up to the present, the Hon. Millard H .Davis has been “chairman of the board” and has presided at the meetings which are a part of the “picnic” on the afternoon of Labor Day, and while a generation has gone, and the children of 1908 are passing on into middle age, their children are proud of their heritage and still gather at the “picnic” to have lunch on the pine needles of the grove, to”visit round,”renew old friendships, and to join in prayer and song at the meet in which closes the day.

So on Labor Day the surviving members of the Davis, Winchell, Bishop, Crispell, Beadle, Mathews, Hill, Winne, Burgher, Boice, Weidner, Longyear, Avery, Trowbridge and many other families which date back to pre-Revolutionary days, will gather once more, and the Boiceville Reunion Association, with no constitution , no by laws, no dues to pay, no officers other than an honorary president, Case J Gwynne, and a working secretary-treasurer, Elwyn C .Davis of West Shokan, with no membership requirements other than past or present residence in the “reservoir section,” will again praise God for His blessings, and His mercies, under the spreading branches of the pines on the little hill in Boiceville, the peaceful haven so dear to the heart of its former owner and kindly benefactor, the late Catholina Lambert.

Signed, C.J. Gwynne

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You can't plough a field by Turning it over in your mind.

August 30, Wednesday – 62 degrees – 11 PM. Cool, lovely bright morning – winds northerly. Part & mostly cloudy with occasional mountain squalls and showers drifting in from the east. The thundered weather noontime indicated a first trend to autumn.

Took over manure & spread on grass & brought back load sweet corn – got caught unexpectedly in the showers. Put in part of PM breaking up blasted up boulder behind chicken yard. After supper I went up to Charley Duloff's & he drew me a load of fine sand & bagged sawdust. Rec'd P.P. shipment Montgomery Ward.

August 31, Thursday — Partly cloudy – fresh easterly winds PM Pleasant work day. Looked rainy to south PM. Warmer than yesterday – lovely moonlight evng still and dewey. 62 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I repaired chicken yard fence AM and this PM started cutting field corn on 3 corner lot – cut 26 stouts. Stalks are heavy and fairly eared out considering adverse drought. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd P.P. order Sears Roebuck. C.C. Dunham delivered me 10 bags cement @ 70 cents (charged).

September 1, Friday — Fair – warm – hot brisk south westerly winds PM. Showery around early evng.

Daisy & I cut 50 stouts of corn – was pretty hot working till past mid PM. Germany started long threatened undeclared war on Poland at dawn today – Invasion by sea, land and air along 400 mile border front, modern mechanized warfare.

September 2, Saturday — Hot weather – partly cloudy – increasing hazy variable breezes. Showery around early evening.

Case Gwynne & I went up Watson Hollow this AM and he took several pictures of the old Watson tannery site. The walls are being used in the W.P.A. road re-building program at the head of the hollow. I took over big cart load manure & brought back sweet corn. Mr and Mrs Matt Lawyer and their eldest daughter & husband Mr & Mrs Frank Robinson came this PM from Fultonham. Cornelia came home from visit at Grahamsville with Helen Tweedy. We went over to Palentown & had supper at Divines Lodge. Attended IOOF Lodge evng.

September 3, Sunday — England & France have declared war on Germany today. Redeeming their pledge to besieged Poland

Hot partly cloudy AM. Thunder showers all afternoon and evening. Wonderful rains – cleared late evng 64 degrees – 11 PM.

This AM Mariam & Bob & friends Mr and Mrs Al Haas took a walk down on our old home sites. Mariam & I had our pictures taken on our old sap house boiling kettle foundations & on our old home kitchen chimney ruins. The group including Mother & Ollie Burgher attended church service PM.

This evng lightning struck the big tall whitewood tree in woods opposite driveway. It was struck in August 1935.

September 4, Monday — Muggy, murky – threatening – sun tried bravely to brake thru mid day. 70 degrees – 11 PM.

Drawed over load manure and got sweet corn for cows AM. This PM Bob– Mariam – Cornelia – Ester & husband & myself attended Labor Day Olive Reunion at Boiceville pine grove. Phoenicia band entertained. Collection taken \$37.65. Will Boice – elected president to succeed Case J. Gwynne. I was elected treas & secy. Millard H Davis chairman of meeting. Principal speaker Rev. Ernest Palen, Invovation Rev August Pfau of Shokan Reformed church – Remarks by Case Gwynne, Will Boice, Supervisor Lemeul DuBois – Henry Winchell – Chester Oatis. Bal from last year 38.01. Days expenses – Band \$28.00 – Lester S Davis trucking chairs \$3.00 collection \$37.65 – Bal carried over – \$47.60. Mariam – Bob & friends left for Brooklyn 9 o'clock they have bought a new 1939 Oldsmobile deluxe – 6 cyl. sedan – black.

September 5, Tuesday – had drenching shower this morning. Then gradually broke away with brisk westerly to north winds. Warm & muggy but became cooler PM. Was a delightful bright afternoon, becoming overcast evng. 62 degrees – 10:30 PM.

Case Gwynne called this AM & made Freeman write up on Labor Day picnic.

Wild war boom in stock market – Anaconda copper opened at 40 – 10 points above Sat close. I made trip to Kingston – Bought 200 lbs. granulated sugar @ \$4.70 cwt. Heavy window glass 26x28 –.97. Daisy & I cut 15 stouts of corn after supper.

September 6, Wednesday — Cool early fall like weather. Brisk northerly winds, clear visibility – partly cloudy.

Daisy & I put in a busy long day finished cutting field corn (62 stouts) & 3 small stouts of pop corn. Total 153 stouts flint corn. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

September 7, Thursday —Bright warmer part cloudy – all clear evng – northerly winds 60 degrees 10:30 PM.

Daisy & I took over a load of manure & brought back sweet corn stalks AM. After an after dinner rest, I drew foundation stones in chicken yard on stone boat. Went up to Maple Dell evng. Mr & Mrs Case Gwynne called this AM, as they left en-route home via Penna after vacationing at Burgher house.

September 8, Friday — Warm partly cloudy AM – developing thunder showers early PM from west – others went around – 64 degrees – 11 PM.

Busied myself with foundation work preliminary's AM. Mr Condon had dinner with us & spent the PM. We went over to Divine Lodge at Palentown to chicken supper. Called at Judge Winchell's coming back. The Ashokan reservoir property is ordered closed to all fishing and trespassing as precautionary measure.

September 9, Saturday — Pleasant bright day . Winds northerly – high broken clouds becoming overcast evng.

Took over manure & brought back sweet corn stalks AM Worked at foundation wall PM. completed south side 16ft. This evening Mr W. C F. Frankle & I went to Kingston & attended dedication ceremonies of the former Gray property newly transferred into Masonic Temple jointly owned by Kingston Lodge No. 10 and Rondout Lodge No. 343.

September 10, Sunday — Murky – showers – broke away mid PM Then had rough wind squall at evng – part clearing & quieted evng – 62 degrees 11 PM.

Mother, Ollie & I attended church service PM Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness, her mother Mrs Baxter and another gentleman from Worcester, Mass called evng.

The Dominion of Canada officially declared herself at war with Germany.

September 11, Monday---- Brisk northerly winds diminishing. Part cloudy bright cool day. – All clear evng – 54 degrees 10:30 PM.

Took over manure AM & brought back sweet corn. This PM I laid the west end 14ft chicken house foundation wall. Cornelia made 3<sup>rd</sup> mowing PM of field behind barn. Wrote news copy evng Rec'd card Mariam. Cornelia is learning to drive my car. Big bull market in War stocks, continues.

Newspaper story.

Thursday morning, September 11, 1913, there was 14 feet of water in the Esopus Creek gorge at the base of the new Ashokan dam, the hole in the masonry having been sealed up two days previous. On the 15<sup>th</sup> the water was level with the top of Bishop's Falls, or 27 feet deep. The work of clearing the west basin of vegetation was still in progress, and the Esopus water was being diverted to the headworks waste channel, pending completion of the clearing job and construction of embankments. Contractors had just begun work on the new boulevards around the reservoir.

September 12, Tuesday — Sun shone this morning but became overcast – cool – Light rain evng.

I laid the north 16ft side foundation wall. Used 2 bags cement making 3 walls – 5 shovels sifted sand to 1 of cement.

Cornelia spent most of the day practice driving the car. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

Bought thru Morgan Davis & Co 10 shares National Biscuit @ \$22 ½ tax.45 + commission \$3.00 total \$228.45.

September 13, Wednesday — A truly magnificent clear day – Light northerly winds. Pleasantly cool – became overcast late PM clearing evng – still. 56 degrees – 10 PM.

Cornelia went to Kingston with Edna Bishop & took preliminary tests & was issued learners driving 4 mo permit. Busy at odd jobs AM. PM entertained call from Mr & Mrs Percy VanDemark of Schenectady – also two Sears Roebuck Kingston store plumbers, made inspection of sink faucets. Cornelia raked the cut hay behind barn after supper.

September 14, Thursday — Partly cloudy this AM but developed into a lovely warm sunny day. Fresh westerly winds PM & early evng.

Kept busy curing the hay and Cornelia raked it and Daisy & I cocked it to stand over night. This PM Daisy & I drew stone for chicken house foundation fill in and pounded up the stone making the job ready for leveling & chinking with gravel. Mrs Jane Ann Burgher 86 and Mrs Ida Snyder 84 spent the afternoon and early evng with

Mother & had supper.

September 15, Friday — Another clear mellow day of September harvest weather. Hot – summery – light variable winds generally northerly – 68 degrees – 11 PM.

Cornelia mowed most of the side hill 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting alfalfa AM. Finished curing field behind barn & drew in a fine big load & put on mow. Cornelia tedded & raked the alfalfa cutting & we cocked for sweating, also made clean up raking behind barn. I also did some concrete work with chicken house foundation AM Wrote freeman copy evng.

September 16, Saturday — Hot summer weather, continued clear. Fresh south westerly winds developed PM Lightening flashes in distance evng – 84 degrees – 8 PM 74 – 1 AM – Sunday D.S.T.

Cornelia finished alfalfa mowing under hill AM We opened & cured yesterdays cutting and cleaned it up in a big load late PM also rakings behind barn included. Spread big load manure. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn in time for supper. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and called On Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. The N.Y. Yankees – American League clinched their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive pennant

September 17, Sunday — Rain to north this morning, with this locality having light participation, clearing beautifully as day advanced with strong northerly winds PM and turned much cooler 54 degrees – 11 PM.

Mariam & Bob had an enjoyable day – leaving for Brooklyn after supper. Cornelia & Edna went with my car to Esopus to see about an open job as cook for Cornelia.



Cornelia did the driving. Mother, Ollie Burgher, Mariam, Bob & I attended church service PM.

Soviet Russia has entered European war & invaded Poland. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

September 18, Monday — 38 degrees – 6:45 AM D.S.T. Glorious clear day – cool southerly day winds – still and chilly evng 42 degrees – midnight.

Unloaded Sat. load hay AM. Cornelia mowed the oats stubble seeding of clover, alfalfa and weeds. Drewed out manure & got fodder corn PM also cleaned up remaining alfalfa under hill in small load. After dinner I dug a bushel of Green Mountain potatoes. They are smooth & good size mostly. Wrote News copy evng. Rec'd first issue 6 mo sub of Financial World. Sarah Jordan 72 – died late PM due to long illness of stomach cancer.

September 19, Tuesday — 38 degrees this AM Killing frost at Krumville reported. Another fair cool day – southerly day winds 52 degrees – 12 PM.

Served as Inspector on Fall Primary Election – 12 – 9 PM. Polling hours. 30 Republicans – 8 Democratic ballots cast Cornelia raked the hay cutting of yesterday & cocked it PM.

September 20, Wednesday — Partly & mostly cloudy – southerly day winds – Light showers at eve. Warmer – 60 degrees – 12 PM.

I put down two 5 ft strips of concrete bottom on chicken house foundation. Also made attempt to cure the hay on oats field. Cornelia re-raked it and Daisy & I cocked up while rainy. Brought over some on wagon for

feeding cows. Cornelia went to Kingston with Don & Edna.

September 21, Thursday — First anniversary of the big tropical hurricane also death of Sylvester Jones. Partly & mostly cloudy – Light winds. Beautifully clear and chilly evng – 44 degrees – 11:30 PM.

I finished making cement chicken house floor AM. Drew out manure PM and late PM Daisy, Cornelia & I got the load of hay from oats field. Used 7 bags cement making the chicken house floor. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Lennie Mooney & her mother Minnie Every & Mrs Odie Bell called PM. Miss Merrill stayed overnight.

Sarah E Jordan died at her home in Brodhead on Monday, September 18 ,after a long illness. Surviving are two brothers, William and Frank S. Jordan; one half brother, Fred Johnson of Brodhead; one sister, Mrs Henry Delamater of Kingston, five nephews, Francis Conro, Burton, Henry, Walter and John, one niece Mary Roe. Funeral services will be held at the home on Friday, September 22, at 2 PM D.S.T. with interment in Tongore Cemetery

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September 22, Friday — First touch of frost this morning, but no damage resulted. A magnificent clear bright cool day & gorgeous moonlight evng – Light northerly winds – 52 degrees – 11 PM.

Put off the load of green hay behind barn for better drying & Daisy & I re-loaded it & brought to barn late

PM. Mother & I attended funeral of Sarah Jordan 2 PM, held at Jordan homestead. Rev. Carral of St James M.E. church – Kingston – minister -- Interment Tongore cemetery. Victor Lasher undertaker, bearers – 4 nephews. Burton – Harry – Walter – & John Jordan Jr. Cornelia went home with Miss Merrill & staid over night. I went up to Charlie Duloff's mill after bagged sawdust.

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Charles R. DuBois died at his home in Ashokan on Thursday, September 21, after a along illness. Mr DuBois owned and operated the farm where he resided for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs Stella Krom DuBois; one son, Supervisor Lemuel E. DuBois; three grandsons, Donald, Robert and Merlin DuBois; one granddaughter, Muriel DuBois, all of Ashokan; and two sisters, Mrs Lillian Hale and Mrs Joseph Hickey, both of Walden. Funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday, September 23, at 2 pm. The Rev. John Glenwood of the Ashokan M.E. Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Tongore Cemetery.

September 23, Saturday – A lovely mellow fair warm day. Fresh westerly winds – Becoming partly overcast during PM – 58 degrees – midnight.

Did chores – drew out manure & got fodder corn for cows AM. Lester S. Davis and I attended funeral 2 PM of Charles DuBois (father of supervisor Lemeul DuBois) at his farm home in Ashokan. Sermon by Rev. J.B. Glenwood, Methodist pastor. Interment Tongore Cemetery. Undertaker Victor Lasher. Also picked part of tree fall pippin apples. Attended IOOF

Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

September 24, Sunday — Back to Standard Time. Partly cloudy – occasional light sprinkles – moderately cool. Light winds – 56 degrees – 11 PM.

Miss Merrill stayed overnight and spent the day with us. We all except Daisy attended afternoon church service. Wrote news copy evng.

September 25, Monday — Fair and warm after early morning murk. Nice moonlight evng. Light winds.

Cornelia, Daisy and I finished picking the fall pippin apples & picked up the drops. Put the picked apples down cellar. PM drew out manure & got fodder corn on hay wagon for cows. Henry Winchell, Daisy & I attended Republican town caucus evng in Olive Bridge IOOF hall. Ticket adopted – Lemuel E DuBois re-nominated supervisor – Town Clerk – John Marshall – Collector – Ernest Palen – Supt of Highways – Ephriam Krom – Assesor 4 years Francis Every – 2 years Homor Markle Sr.( re-nominated) – Justices – 4 years Lester S. Davis(re-nominated) Lewis Joseph – 2 years – School Directors – Ezra Green – Harry Braithwaite

September 26, Tuesday — Cloudy chilly glum day – Fresh northerly winds this AM – quieting, occasional light rains. Thunder shower to south AM Set in steady rain evng. 44 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother, Daisy & I dug 13 bu potatoes & put down cellar – Good yield, smooth and many large potatoes – very few little potatoes & rots. Variety Green Mountains certified. Cornelia & Edna Bishop attended Democratic

town caucus evng at Olive Bridge hall. Democratic ticket adopted. Supervisor – Grover C. Christiana – Town Clerk – Ezra Silkworth – Collector Ernest Palen endorsed – Supt of Highways – Edmund C. Burgher. Assesor 4 years – John Barringer – 2 years – Fred Herschenroder. Justices of Peace – 2 year term Harlow McLean – Justus North re-nominated Full term. School Directors – Leonard Ruckert – Elthea Quick

September 27, Wednesday — Chill gloomy rainy day. Drenching thunder shower mid PM & again early evng & later the full moon broke through the murk – 54 degrees – 11 PM.

Wrote Freeman copy AM. Not much of consequence doing. Rec'd card from Mariam stating she is working. Went up to Clayton Burgher's evng.

September 28, Thursday — Warm and fair after the storm – light winds. Beautifully clear and full moon evening – cool tonite – 46 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy, Mother & I dug 16 bu potatoes, drew out manure before breakfast. We are well tired out tonight. Mrs O.R. Hilderbrant of Port Ewen, came after Cornelia this PM to work for her as cook.

The Cincinatti National League Reds clinched the pennant by defeating the St Louis Cardinals 5 – 3. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

September 29, Friday — Murky and warm – muggy – Drenching mid afternoon shower and mussy, misty evng 64 degrees – 11 PM.

We finished digging potatoes 13 bu. the total yield

from May 9<sup>th</sup> planting of 3 ½ bu. Two – 100 lb sacks of certified green mountain potatoes is about 43 bushels. Supervisor Lemeul E. DuBois called PM. Pretty well tired out tonight.

September 30, Saturday — Partly cloudy warm summer weather – southwesterly day winds – clouds thickened late PM & had thunder showers early evng. & more rain later – 60 degrees – 11 –PM.

Spread load manure, got fodder corn for cows & did odd jobs also went up to Charlie Duloff's mill & got bagged sawdust. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Mrs Maud A Graves (52) native and recent former resident died last night in Kingston.

October 1, Sunday — Cloudy – cool, occasional light rains – winds northerly – part broke away evng. 50 degrees – 10 PM.

A dreary rather lonesome day. Mother, Ollie Burgher, Mary Crispell and I attended church service PM. Wrote part news copy evng.

October 2, Monday — Moderately cool, mostly overcast – light rains PM & evng. 58 degrees — 11 PM.

Daisy & I drew first load corn for husking AM  
Drew out manure PM & cleaned up granary.

October 3, Tuesday — Arrived rainy & continued showers thru forenoon & early PM Sprinkles later, continued gloomy overcast. 52 degrees – 10 PM.

Daisy & I husked off the load of corn, finishing after supper. Funeral of Mrs Maud Ann Graves, held 3 PM at

Connor's Parlors, Kingston. Interment in Willow cemetery. She was a daughter of David Every. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness called PM.

October 4, Wednesday — Continued overcast, gloomy AM. Gradually cleared beautifully PM. Lovely warm in the afternoon sun. Beautiful half old moon evng. 48 degrees – 11 PM – chilly – light winds.

Drawed out manure & Daisy & I got another load corn AM. We husked in barn PM & enjoyed W.O.R. radio broadcast of 1<sup>st</sup> Worlds Series Game at Yankee Stadium N.Y.C. between NY Yankees & Cincinatti Reds – an exciting game. Yankees won 2 – 1 getting winning run in 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Batter's Red Ruffing & Bill Dickey, Paul Gerrerger & Ernie Lombardi. Mother & I attended church business meeting.

October 5, Thursday — Mild – pleasant quiet day – partly overcast 56 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I got a big load of corn noon time & kept busy with the husking – also after supper. Mr and Mrs Chas Richter and her mother Mrs Mary Toman called PM to see Mother's flowers. Plugged in radio in barn light socket and enjoyed excellent broadcast of second World Series game. The New York Yankees won 4 – 0 – Montie Pierson allowed only 2 hits & not a Cincinatti Red reached second base. Bill Dickie catcher. Ciccinatti batters Bucky Walters and Lombardi. Wrote 10 page Freeman copy AM.

October 6, Friday — Summer weather – Partly cleared away after morning shower. Cloudless quiet evng – Fresh

southwesterly winds 54 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I husked corn also got in another load late PM. Husked 10 stouts evng.

October 7, Saturday — A magnificent cloudless day & evng – light winds northerly . Just pleasantly cool.

Drawed out manure AM and got a cart load sweet corn for cows behind barn. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell made their fifth annual world series dinner visit. We sat in on the 1:30 PM – W. O.R. broadcast ( world wide) of 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the worlds series played in Cincinatti – won by the Yankees 7 – 3. Batters for Reds – Thompson, Griscomb, Whitey Moore – Lombardi catcher. For the Yankees – Lefty Gomez 1 inning ( undefeated in 6 world series games) Bump Hadley and Bill Dickey, catcher. Went to Olive Bridge evng but too late for lodge. Then went to Pete Crawford's.

October 8, Sunday — A drab dreary cloudy day & evng. Mild – shower early evng. Lightening to west and north and brisk south westerly winds developed.

Mother & I only attended church service PM. The church voted a ten dollar donation to the Crawford family – Will Jones \$1.00 & I gave 2.00. I went to Pete Crawford's to Olive Bridge evng and gave the 13.00 to his mother – most gratefully appreciated. Cornelia came from Port Ewen on the early PM bus & after supper went back with Bob & Mariam returning to Brooklyn. The Ora Crawford family home burned early Saturday. The members of the family Mrs Crawford – invalid daughter – Mr & Mrs Ollie Crawford & 3 year old son – Teddie Crawford barely escaped with their lives – oil stove



caused the fire – also granddaughter & 2 year old son. Their home was the old Embree stone house on Krumville Road built in 1817, had story and half frame addition in rear.

The Yankees won their fourth straight world series games from the Reds – 7 –4 – 10 innings.

October 9, Monday — Summer weather – winds northerly – clear this morning became part overcast PM. All clearing again evng. 60 degrees – 10:30

Ed Every came after me this AM & I helped thresh buckwheat at Maple Dell Farm. Daisy & I got a 22 stout load corn after I came home also husked – raked grass out in corner I cut Sat. PM. We also husked evng.

October 10, Tuesday — Hot summer weather. Fair and fresh southwesterly winds day & evng. 78 degrees – 7 PM – 68 –11 PM.

Daisy & I husked corn and made a clean up of the hay in a nice well cured load. Husked after supper. PM I mowed the grass below garden. Finished writing news copy AM. Lemeul DuBois came after 5 bu potatoes PM – Paid – \$1.50.

October 11, Wednesday — Cool northerly winds – Partly to mostly cloudy – clear evng.

I made third mowing of orchard lot AM Drawed out big load manure & spread on grass stubble out along cross path also Daisy & I got a load of corn PM. Husked evng. Busy day. Rec'd letter Cornelia & card from Mariam. Don was called out 6 o'clock this AM. Mrs Gessner's chicken coops burned, but garage adjoining was saved.

Completed & mailed Freeman copy AM. John Birmingham (94 ) Ulster County's second last surviving Civil War veteran died at his home in Maple Hill, near Rosendale,

October 12, Thursday – Mostly cloudy– occasional sunshine. Wind southwesterly – 54 degrees – 10:30 PM.

Daisy & I got the last small load of corn and finished husking PM for an all time early record. Have a nice crop of ears from 153 stouts. This year is noted first infestation of the European corn borer. Raked & got in the hay cutting below garden & along current bushes – also raked the orchard lot. A big job & both Daisy & I are plenty tired tonite.

October 13, Friday — A magnificent clear cool day & evng. Quiet – white frost this AM – 38 degrees – 7 AM – 46 10 – PM.

I made a morning trip to Kingston got back 12:30. This PM Daisy & I drew out manure & cleaned up the orchard lot 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting in nice compact load. Also stored away haying machinery in old barn. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

October 14, Saturday — Rain squalls AM. Clearing – chilly and brisk northerly winds.

Served as inspector on Board of Registration – Olive District no.2. Enrolled 555 names for an all time high. Have a miserable cold & feel accordingly. Elmer F. Davis and Raymond Bell served as inspectors in place respectively of Democratic candidates Grover C. Christiana & Clayton Burgher – Charles H. Weidner

serving as chairman for balance of election year. Pete Crawford called evng & I made out canvas list for him. Lem DuBois loaned me his 410 gauge single shot gun.

October 15, Sunday – A magnificent day & evng. Light to brisk winds northerly. 32 degrees – 11 PM.

Kept close all day. Mother & Ollie Burgher attended church service PM. Ira Van Ness paid a PM visit & had supper. Cornelia made a brief call from Port Ewen early evng. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell called AM & got 4 bu. potatoes – Paid \$5.00. Due to dry rot had to sort over twice that many.

October 16, Monday — Hard freeze last night, froze solid ice – First of the season – killing frost. Mother's beautiful flower beds which she so greatly enjoyed and admired by all are hard hit – 40 degrees – 12 PM. Magnificent clear day and evng. South westerly day winds. Turned pleasantly warmer. It was a day doing odd jobs – spread Friday's load of hay behind barn & re-dried it & put back in barn – drew out manure. Got sweet corn stalks from garden for cows. Went out for squirrels on opening day of season. Went up to Watson Hollow evng to see Jennie Kerr.

Seymore B. Winnie Dies  
Was Resident of Ashokan

Seymore B. Winnie, of Ashokan, died at Benedictine Hospital Saturday, October 14, after a long illness. Surviving are his wife, Mrs Vivian Winnie; three sons, Seymore A; Robert S; and Duane; of Ashokan; four

daughters, Mrs Frank Harrison, of Detroit, Misch. Mrs Kenneth Glass, Mrs Joseph Ogden and Miss Joyce Winnie of Ashokan; nine grand children; one sister, Mrs Julius Rider of Ashoakn, one half sister, Mrs Charles Vincent of Port Ewen, and one half brother; Floyd Golman, of Ashokan. Funeral services will be held at the Ashokan M.E. Church tomorrow at 2 pm. Rev. John Glenwood, pastor of the church, will officiate. Interment will be in Mt Pleasant cemetery at Cold Brook.

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October 17, Tuesday — Mostly cloudy raw and blustery. First snow squalls of season evng. – 36 degrees – 11:30 PM.

Finished news copy this morning. Busy with chores and odd jobs. Daisy & I picked our scant crop of baldwin & greening apples PM. – cut sweet corn stalks for cows etc. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Funeral services held in Ashokan M.E. church 2 PM for Seymore Winnie. Sermon by J.B. Glenwood. Burial Cold Brook cemetery.

October 18, Wednesday — Hard freeze up again last night. Continued cool – Fair – winds northerly all clear frosty evng. Temperatures reported as low as 20 this AM.

Busy with odd jobs. Went out for squirrels briefly. Bagged up some cider apples etc. I attended meat loaf and vegetable supper at church evng.— sponsored by Ladies Aid Society.

October 19, Thursday — Clear and warmer. Brisk south westerly winds. Lovely warm day 64 degrees – 10 PM –

became overcast evng & had light showers.

Rec'd letter Mariam yesterday. Daisy & I got the small load of hay on mow AM. Along with other chores. PM I spread big load manure below wall and took 11 bags apples down to Winklers cider mill also loaded up out door stacks of corn stalks & got in barn. After supper Morton Roe and Julian Eckert gave me a good lift putting up stalks on mow.

October 20, Friday — Summer like weather – clear and brisk – westerly day winds. Half moon quieting – 44 degrees – 11:30 PM.

I painted outside strip along front porch – also steps AM PM cut last of sweet corn stalks in garden also went up to Charley Duloffs mill & got bagged Chevy load saw dust.

### Vermont Town Is Celebrating Most Northerly Engagement Held During War of Rebellion St Albans, Vt; Oct. 19

Twenty five years ago today the northernmost engagement of the Civil War took place in St Albans, not far from the Canadian border; and the town took a little time out today to commemorate the anniversary.

At 3P M, October 19, 1864 Lieutenant Bennett H. Young, 20 year old Confederate soldier gave the signal, and 22 southern raiders swooped down on three banks, killed one man and rode off into Canada with \$208,000 in bank funds.

Members of the group had stollen through Union lines and made their way north, masquerading as travelers,

fisherman and vacationist. All assembled in St Albans.

Fourteen raiders were arrested later in Canada and brought before an extradition hearing in Montreal but finally were dismissed on a technicality and \$88,000 of the stolen money was given back to them.

Five raider, including Young, were recaptured but by the time Confederate agents brought the young officer's commission from Richmond to prove he was acting as a Confederate in the attack, the Canadian charges were dropped.

Many years later, the Canadian government returned \$50,000 in gold to the banks. This represented the gold equivalent of the \$88,000 returned to the raiders.

Young became a noted lawyer and author in Louisville, Kentucky; and died 20 years ago.

The day was observed in St Albans by re-telling the story in all schools, and by the presentation to the state of a panel of enlarges artist drawings of raid scenes which appeared in newspapers of the time.

The panel was the gift of John Branch, 87 year old retired banker who witnessed the raid.

October 21, Saturday — Continued fair and warm — thickened up in west during PM & had drenching severe electrical storm all evng. Heaviest rainfall in many weeks.

Drawed out manure AM & racked off into another barrel a full barrel of year old cider which had sprung a leak. Had barrel of cider made at Winkler's Paid \$2.00, Lester Davis brought it home for me with his truck. PM & evng served as Inspector for second day of registration. Heavy enrollment of 571. Mrs Hilderbrant brought Cornelia home from Port Ewen after first late PM shower

in which they were caught coming.

Kingston Daily Leader  
Monday Oct. 23, 1939  
Obituary

Frank Ennist, for 20 years an employee of F.B. Mathews and Co, Inc. Died on Saturday morning at his home on Albany Avenue extension. He is survived by his wife Mrs Florence Shaw Ennist; a son Robert, at home and a daughter, Geraldine, wife of Edwin Ashdown, of this city. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of A Carr and son, No 1 Pearl street, with interment in Wiltwyck cemetery.

October 22, Sunday — Continued warm — thunder squalls & drenching showers with driving winds from west. PM mostly cloudy, evng cooler — windy — 48 degrees — 10:30 PM.

Took a very enjoyable stroll thru the back woods AM. Mother, Cornelia, Ollie Burgher & myself attended church PM. Helen Tweedy had supper with us.

October 23, Monday — Mostly cloudy brisk northerly winds — clearing evng — crisp autumn weather.

Cut and cleaned up dead hemlock tree in our grove below garden. Drewed out manure PM and Cornelia & I made a late trip to Kingston, bought her a steamer trunk \$17.00 at Flanagans on Wall street. Wrote news copy evng.

## OCTOBER

October rolls around again  
And fills me with content;  
There ain't a man more glad than me  
On this here firmament  
The summer's long hard work is done,  
The crops are mostly "in,"  
An' heaped to over flowin' now  
Is every crib an' bin.  
The cellar's filled with apple smells,  
And on the shelves are set  
Jars of Ma's preserves and sech,  
The best you've ever et.  
The smoke house ain't been emptied yet  
An' if the Lord is willin'  
When winter snow comes floatin' down  
We'll have shoats prime for killin'  
Ma's pullets raised from chicks last spring  
Are startin' in to lay;  
With pasture nearly gone, our cows  
Are munchin' grain an' hay.  
They've givin' down rich milk enough  
For us to use, as well  
As givin' just a whole lot more  
To take to town to sell.  
I've picked that gobbler over there,  
Each day throw him some corn;  
(If he knowed my Thanksgiving plans  
He'd be a mite forlorn)  
The kids have got a pumpkin marked  
To carve for Hallowe'en,



An' 'twon't be long — Fall's here for sure;  
The trees last week were green.  
Today they're blazin' yellow, red —  
Like that clump on the hill;  
I've known no scene more beautiful,  
Don't guess I ever will.  
The papers say the world is sad  
And burdened down with woe,  
It's sort of hard to think of them  
That has to struggle so.  
I feel a'most that I've no right  
To be secure from harm,  
Enjoyin' all the blessings of  
October on the farm!

Bill Sims

October 24, Tuesday — Clear – crisp – brisk northerly winds. Frosty – near full moon evng.

I took Cornelia to Albany to the Albany Childrens Home where she has obtained a position as cook in one of the cottages – thru efforts of Cobleskill State School. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness of Woodstock accompanied on the trip. Went by way of Woodstock up the valley by Schoharie reservoir, called on the Matt Lawyers at Fultonham, visited Middleburg cemetery, old stone fort – Cobleskill State School, thence to Albany & home, by way of Catskill, Saugerties & Woodstock.

October 25, Wednesday — 26 degrees this AM – fair but gradually clouded over. The morning was chilly and raw but the afternoon warmed up, brisk southwesterly day

winds. Set in rainy at eve. 48 degrees – 11 PM.–light rain.

AM drew out manure & hauled hemlock tree logs cut Friday, over along edge of woods for loading. This PM we cut and sledded a dead hemlock tree from back upper woods. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

October 26, Thursday — Mild – light southerly winds – overcast this AM but partly cleared – clouded again & had light rains at eve. Partly clearing 54 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I cut a tall trunk decayed hemlock out along woods — Placed the logs in readiness for loading – PM we cut & sledded out two dead hemlocks from upper back woods. Veterinary Stewart Wright inspected the cows PM.

October 27, Friday — Warm very foggy – threatening – Intermittent light rains, becoming a downpour at dusk and stopping early evng – Fog lifted – 68 degrees – 11 PM.

Shot two gray squirrels & saw two more Have taken quite a few to date. Went up to Charley Duloff's mill & got 15 bags saw dust AM. During PM he came with his truck after load logs along woods. Rained hard while loading.

October 28, Saturday — Downpour during night, enough to raise dried up streams — warm, turning colder PM. Brisk northerly winds – Partly cloudy rain squalls PM. & evng – snowed on mountains.

Went out for squirrels this AM but saw none. Drew out manure AM. Started plowing sod field in front of

house PM – strip to corner lower woods. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Mayor Florelio Le Guardia of New York City ----- & police guards in fleet of 12 cars visited Ashokan reservoir headworks.

October 29, Sunday — Crisp bright autumn day – northerly winds, quieting evng – glorious full moon in cloudless sky 30 degrees – 11 PM.

PM callers were Mr & Mrs Condon also Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness & Mrs Chas Lasher.

Mother, Ollie Burgher, Mary Crispell & myself attended PM church service. Dr. Bower a missionary for 34 years in India, returned recently, proved a very interesting speaker.

Nelson Bell, 82 lifelong Olive resident died suddenly PM at his home in Shokan. Harold Johnson, Kingston mail carrier died suddenly PM – Husband of Verna Boice.

October 30, Monday — Cloudy gloomy – still – occasional light rains & set in for late PM & early evening rain. Mild – 46 degrees – 11 PM.

Drawed out manure AM. Worked in hen house PM getting ready to put in a rear north side cement foundation sill. Wrote news copy evng.

October 31, Tuesday — Rained in night. Good soaking all day rain. Mild 46 degrees – 10 PM. Stopped raining evng & wind started blowing from north.

Francis Whispell and I put a concrete 24 ft back side sill in hen house. Took 3 bags cement. Big job in the rain. Paid Francis \$1.50. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Bought

thru Morgan Davis & Co. 10 shares National Biscuit @  
\$22 ½ comm.3.00 – tax 45 – total\$223.45.

November 1, Wednesday — Rec'd freight shipment 7  
rolls smooth surface roofing from Sears Roebuck & Co.  
— Trojan Guaranteed 15 years – ordered Oct 16 1 3/4 in  
nails 1.45 – 1 in nails 1.35 per roll Freight 1.96 average per  
roll \$1.69.

Wittenbergs snow capped first of season. Part cloudy,  
right day – Fresh westerly winds – moderately cool.  
Quieted evng – 34 degrees – 11 PM.

Work in chicken house AM getting roost boards back  
in and nests place etc. This PM I attended funeral 2:30  
PM of Nelson Bell at his home in Shokan. Rev. JB  
Glenwood & Rev. Frank Bailey. Interment Cold Brook  
cemetery. Funeral of old Johnson PM in Kingston. The  
lowering of west basin is checked & slow rise noted along  
the northerly fringe of Cemetery Hill.

#### Nelson Bell Of Ashokan Dies Suddenly At Home

Nelson Bell, 82, died suddenly at his home in Ashokan  
on Sunday October 29. Mr Bell was born in the town of  
Olive and lived there his entire life. For several years he  
had been a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the  
West Shokan Baptist church and of the Phoenicia Lodge  
Knights of Pythias. Surviving are his wife Mrs Nancy  
Bell two sons, Jervis and Justin Bell of Hurley; Two  
daughters, Mrs Frank Sharwell of Norfolk, Va. And Miss  
Chloe Bell of Ashokan; One granddaughter, Virginia Bell  
of Hurley; five brothers, Sanford, Lucas, Albert and Loren  
Bell of West Shokan and Lester Bell of Phoenicia and one  
sister, Mrs James Norton of Kingston. Funeral services

will be held on /Wednesday at 2 pm with interment in Mt Pleasant Cemetery at Cold Brook.

November 2, Thursday — Partly cloudy – Squalls passed off to distant east PM. Clear – late moon evng – quiet day & evng,

Drewed out big load manure AM. Finished covering strip below wall. Got in a few hours plowing sod. Ladies Aid started first fall & winter quilting sessions in church – Mother attended.

Donald Bishop is re-roofing his barn with smooth roll roofing. The north side is covered by the original roofing when barn was built in fall of 1911. The south & west sides of slate surface roofing I helped put on spring of 1924.

November 3, Friday — Part cloudy early but cleared lovely. Winds northerly 32 degrees – 11 PM. Froze last night.

Wrote Freeman copy AM. Kept the sod plow going. Ed Every also Pete Crawford called evng.

Police Justice – Past District Deputy IOOF Henry E, McKenzie 89 instantly killed 7:15 PM while crossing street in Port Ewen when struck by an automobile. His father Dr McKenzie of Delaware County attended Deputy Sheriff Steele when shot in the anti rent war – 1844.

November 4, Saturday — Continued fair light southerly winds, becoming overcast evng. Ground froze hard this AM – ½ in. ice on tub by barn – thermometer 24 degrees - - 12 midnight 34.

Nice quiet pleasant work day and I did a big job

finished plowing sod along cross path. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Mariam & Bob arrived from Brooklyn supper time.

November 5, Sunday — Gloomy drab still. Set in for a cold storm around noon – rainy & big splashy flakes of snow, rain continued evng. Mountains were white before dark – 38 degrees – 11 PM.

Bob and I took a walk thru the back woods & Levi VanKleeck's quarries. He has a new Winchester model 72 – 22 cal bolt action repeater. Mother & I attended church service PM. Mariam & Bob left for home after supper.

John Robbins died at Flatbush on Sunday in his 96<sup>th</sup> year. Surviving are three daughters, Miss Hester Robbins of Lake Katrine, Mrs Harry Ludde of Brodhead, and Mrs Willian Swart of Flatbush. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon 2 O'clock from Seamon Brothers Company funeral parlors in Saugerties, with burial in the Tongore Cemetery.

Mr Robbins spent his lifetime until recent years in town of Olive.

November 6, Monday — Mountains are white with snow Glum drab – clearing away during PM – northerly winds. 42 degrees – 10 PM. Heavy snowfall in Catskill mountains.

Drawed out manure AM & did odd jobs. Made pen in chicken house ready for little pigs. This PM I clipped the cows bags and flanks in compliance with sanitary rules. Getting in readiness for tomorrow's election. Wrote news copy .

November 7, Tuesday — Ephriam B. Weeks 78 died at his home in Shokan.

Looked dubious this AM but cleared away, nice pleasant Election Day. Winds westerly – Became overcast evng & rain squally. 12 PM 50 degrees.

Served as Inspector on Olive Dist 2 Board of Election. 411 voted machine & 8 absentees . The county went sweepingly Republican. Robert Snyder, Saugerties elected County Clerk by 10,000 & Levan Haver, Dist Atty by 8,000.

Lemeul E DuBois (R ) re-elected Supervisor for 3<sup>rd</sup> term over Grover Christiana by 98 maj. & entire town republican ticket elected except Justus North re-elected Justice for short term over Lewis Joseph by 46 votes. Collector Ernest Palen ( adopted by Dem. ticket Supt of Highways, Ephriam Krum over Clayton Burgher by 38. Town Clerk John C. Marshall over Ezra Silkworth by 147 – assessor full term Francis Every over John A Barringer by 166 – assessor 2 year term Homer A Markle sr. over Frederick Herschenroder by 244. Justice full term – Lester S Davis re-elected over Harlowe McLean by 35. Ezra green over Leonrd K Ruckert by 94 short term. School Director Harry Braithwaite over Elthea E Quick by 128 maj.

Vote on Justices of the Peace, Ezra Green (Rep) – 436, Lester S Daivs (Rep). 424 – Lewis Joseph 355 – Leonard Ruckert (Dem). 342 – Harlowe McLean (Dem). 389.

## OBITUARY

Ephraim B Weeks died at his home on Tuesday, November 7 after a long illness, aged 78 years. Mr Weeks

was a farmer by occupation and was born on the farm where he has resided his entire life. Surviving are two sons, George H of Stone Ridge and Fred of Shokan; three grand sons, Fred Weeks Jr. of Neversink, N.Y. Irving Weeks of Shokan and William Tuceling, Jr of Shokan; two granddaughters Miss Barbara Tuceling and Miss Mary F Weeks, daughter of Sally Ann Weeks also one sister Mrs Carrie Satterlee of Kingston and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at the Shokan Reformed Church on Friday, November 10, at 2 PM Rev. August Plaus, pastor of the church will officiate. Interment will be in Mt Tremper Rural cemetery.

November 8, Wednesday — Strong westerly winds – mild except for the chilly wind. Fair and sunny except for afternoon and evening rain squalls with snow on mountains 12 PM – 38 degrees.

Called up Dr Phillip Poley, Kingston veterinary for call to see our Red cow, that was weakened by calving Monday AM & unable to get up. He gave her skin injection of 500 cc – calcium and left several doses medicine. Cow shows decided improvement tonite & can handle herself readily. Charge for visit \$10.00. This afternoon I harrowed over part of plowed sod field & drew out load manure & spread on. Miss Bertha Merrill spent the night with us.

Picking one seat in the County Board of Supervisors the next two years line up will be 26 Republicans & 7 Democrats.

I note rise in reservoir west basin has since Monday again covered point of Cemetery Hill.

Homer A. Davis, Dad's cousin died suddenly at



Fireman's Home in Hudson.

November 9, Thursday — Blustery snow squally night — Ground showed white this AM. The day was clear, raw & strong northerly winds quieting at eve. 26 degrees — 10 PM. Snow blanket hangs to High Point & Wittenberg's.

Busied myself with barn chores etc AM This PM I finished hauling of stone & harrowing over the plowed sod. Also pulled the cabbage & mangled beets in garden. The Red cow is able to help herself but remains weak. Delos Eckert burned out in Watson Hollow last night. He lived alone in a cottage built near the site of the old farm house — burned several years ago.

Joseph Mayer 48 died suddenly at his home near Samsonville. Funeral Sunday 2:30 — Tongore Church, burial Tongore Cemetery.

November 10, Friday — Continued fair — westerly winds — 26 degrees AM but turned decidedly warmer, became overcast evng — 50 degrees — PM.

Finished Freeman copy this AM. Busied myself with chores & odd jobs AM. Mother, Daisy & I changed hay rigging to wagon box & this PM we pulled a big load turnips also got a cart box load PM from potato patch in 3 corner lot. Big turnips & big crop. We topped 20 bushels & put down cellar after supper. Funeral of Ephriam Weeks 2 PM at Shokan Reformed Church. Sermon by Rev. August Pfau, interment Cold Brook cemetery.

November 11, Saturday — Rained some in night — continued clear moderately mild — north westerly winds — chilly PM. 34 degrees — 12 PM.

Mother, Daisy & I snigged off the load of turnips AM PM drew out the manure & Daisy & I pulled another big load of turnips. Daisy topped off the load evng. Total today's snigging 47 bu. I attended IOOF Lodge tonight & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

### Obituary

November 10, 1939

Homer A Davis, who died Wednesday, was a member of the Charles Dewitt Council, No. 91 Jr. O. U. A. M. And of the Central Hook and Ladder Co. He is survived by one son Arthur Davis; a sister, Mrs Addie North of Shokan; a brother Charles Davis of Prattsville; three grandchildren, two great - grand children, several nieces and nephews. His remains are at the W N Connor Funeral Home, where friends may call at any time and where funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 PM Burial will be in Montrepose Cemetery.

November 12, Sunday — Fair – mild – except glum – mostly cloudy PM 34 degrees – 11 PM.

Took a walk thru back woods AM. Also did some muzzle loading target shooting PM. Mother attended church service PM. Mr & Mrs Ira VanNess also attended & came home with Mother & had supper & spent the evng with us.

November 13, Monday — Crisp atmosphere – Fresh northerly winds– continued clear. High Point snow hangs white & heavy – part cloudy evng – 26 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I pulled the last load of turnips AM. This PM I drew out load manure, did chores & topped 5 bu

turnips. Rec'd card Mariam. Wrote news copy evng.

November 14, Tuesday — Froze up hard – mercury in low 20's this AM Cloudless day & evng. Chill northerly winds diminished evng – 28 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I finished topping the load of turnips – taking most of the day. All told the yield is around 110 –115 bushels. Went up to Maple Dell evng to see Ed Every. Rec'd letter Cornelia & wrote card to Mariam. Rec'd first 100 days sub to Financial Daily – Boston News Bureau.

November 15, Wednesday — Deer hunting season opened. Froze up hard last night. Thermometer down to 24 degrees this AM Continued cloudless throughout day & evng but was crispy evng. Winds were light easterly.

Daisy & I got our first load leaves AM. from back upper woods. Drawed out manure PM & busied with odd jobs. This evening Mr W C Frankle, Lem DuBois, Chet Lyons, Pete Crawford & myself attended meeting of Mt Horeb Chapter in new masonic temple in Kingston. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in something of its old time form. Wrote Freeman copy & mailed it in Kingston.

November 16, Thursday — Much warmer – continued lovely, clear day & evng Fresh westerly winds – Real Indian summer 56 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I got another big load leaves AM. This PM did some odd jobs& went up to Duloff's mill for Chevy load bagged sawdust.

November 17, Friday — Continued cloudless day & evng. Northerly winds – quieting during PM. Cooler than

yesterday 32 degrees – 10 PM.

Francis Whispell & I put up frame & rafters for new 16ft west end addition to chicken house.

November 18, Saturday — Continued clear – mild – Indian summer. Quiet atmosphere – became overcast evng. 40 degrees midnight.

Francis Whispell worked on the chicken house. We drew out manure and got load boards from pile along woods before getting the sheeting job started. Finished putting on the sheeting. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & called On Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell.

November 19, Sunday — Slight haze, quiet – some cloudy forenoon. All clear PM & evng. Pleasant but chill in atmosphere – 28 degrees 9 PM.

Took a walk in woods AM Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended Service PM. Wrote news copy also Freeman evng.

November 20, Monday — Hard freeze up 22 degrees this AM Cold raw air – easterly winds – hazy & becoming lightly overcast during PM. Moon shone thru evng 30 degrees – 11 PM.

Francis Whispell & I worked on chicken house. Put on sheeting boards & laid two strips of roofing, but was too cold to continue. Very tired tonight. Daisy went to Kingston with Mrs Donald Bishop.

November 21, Tuesday — Unsettled mostly overcast – drab raw day – winds light easterly.

Francis Whispell & I worked AM putting cement bags

& news papers over sheeting boards & started putting on siding.

I went to Kingston during PM, did shopping and attended first evening show Technicolor picture – Drums Along The Mohawk. Then on my way home attended surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Elmer F. Davis in Olive Bridge.

November 22, Wednesday — Partly & mostly overcast – raw atmosphere light winds – easterly 30 degrees 12 PM.

Francis Whispell & I worked putting novelty siding on north side of old chicken house & completed the new part.

I attended the IOOF Annual Thanksgiving oyster supper at Olive Bridge – small crowd but excellent supper. Rec'd Thanksgiving card Mariam also had letter from Cornelia Tuesday. Bought thru Morgan Davis & Co. 10 shares Cutter Hammer Inc. @ \$22 comm 3.00 – tax .90 – \$223.90.

November 23, Thursday — Pres. Roosevelt's new Thanksgiving Day. Clear – damp – raw air. Light easterly winds. Glorious crisp moonlight evng. Froze up hard last night. 24 degrees – 10 PM.

Francis Whispell & I worked on the chicken house. Put siding on front of old part AM. PM hung a door – connecting & finished putting on the roofing – 4 more strips up & down. Pretty well tired out tonight.

November 24, Friday — Clear – raw –damp air – Quiet, light easterly winds. Beautiful early rising rounding moon – becoming partly overcast evng – 24 degrees – AM – 28 degrees – 10 :30 PM.

Daisy & I got a load leaves AM from back upper woods. I also spread load manure. This PM I put priming coat red paint on front & west end of chicken house.

November 25, Saturday — Mostly overcast – raw chilly air – broken clouds – moonlight evng 30 degrees – 12 PM still very light easterly winds.

Daisy & I gathered two loads of leaves from back upper woods. Attended IOOF Lodge evng & went to Winchell's. Mrs Charles Giles died at her home in Shokan.

November 26, Sunday — Clear quiet chilly atmosphere. Drop in temperature during night to near 20 degrees – 34 – 10 PM. Glorious full moon rose over reservoir at eve. High broken clouds evng.

Staid close around home – Except Mother, Daisy & I attended Thanksgiving church service PM. Sermon by Rev. Frank Bailey. Helen Tweedy had supper with us. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

November 27, Monday — Clear and moderately mild with northerly winds. Beautiful – all night moonlight 34 degrees 10 PM.

Mother and I painted front porch AM. This PM I painted back side of chicken house. Using Sherwin Williams red barn paint. News copy evng. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

A fire on the ridge high above the AF Oakes farm at Boiceville burned over about 25 acres & kept a group of fire fighters on duty all night.

November 28, Tuesday — Lovely clear day & moonlight evng. Fresh northerly winds – warmer evng 40 degrees – 11 PM.

The woods is tinder dry. Moderately mild – real pleasant in sun. Put in a busy day re-painted west & front of chicken house also a strip across end of barn, which was ranked with firewood last fall when I painted the barn. Drove out big load manure after dinner. Dairy inspectors came AM – Funeral 2 PM of Mrs Florence May Giles in Shokan Reformed church Interment in Tongore.

November 29, Wednesday — Clear – mild – pleasant day – light winds southerly. Partly overcast evng. 30 degrees – AM – 34 11 PM.

Daisy & I gathered a wagon load of leaves AM from upper back woods. This PM I painted around windows on old part of chicken house, also put second coat of red on 40 ft rear. Had a busy day. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

November 30, Thursday — Russia opened an undeclared war on Finland.

Mild part overcast – all clearing away PM. Quiet atmosphere. Colder soon as sun went behind the mountains 28 degrees – 11 PM.

I put in the day working on chicken house window frames. Went up to see Ed Every evng & they gave me a big chunk of deer meat. Closing day of deer hunting season. Woods tinder dry and noisy. Mother, Daisy, & I enjoyed a baked rooster Thanksgiving supper. Rec'd card Mariam. Wrote card Cornelia & W.R. Heshner Jr – 33 years ago today he came & spent 2 weeks with us.

December 1, Friday — Mild, calm part overcast – hazy.  
Had sprinkle evng 38 degrees – 10 PM.

Helped Morton Roe cut corn stalks AM. PM worked finished making 3 chicken house window frames & painted them. Pretty tired again tonight. Rec'd letter Mariam.

At 3 PM Justice Lester S. Davis of West Shokan married Freda Fuss (40) of New York City and Ferdinard Reiner of Olive Bridge – town of Olive Welfare Officer.

December 2, Saturday — Calm – murky – warm – Arrived rainy & was mussy all day. Downpours late PM & evng – clearing.

Ed Avery, Lon Burgher & David Bender gave me a hand butchering our hog AM had good success. It dressed 302 Ed brat me a pair of plump 7 week old pigs – weighed 55 lbs. – Paid \$5.00.. Truck delivered me Montgomery Ward Super Power – 51 plate 36 month guaranteed Chevy battery – price \$6.44 & junk battery. Installed same in car PM. Mariam & Bob came unexpectedly supper time. I attended IOOF Lodge evng.

December 3, Sunday — Mild mostly cloudy – blustery.  
Rain squally mostly on mountains 46 degrees 10 PM.

The ground is pretty well soaked on top from the intermittent showers of Saturday.

Around home all day except Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended church PM. Also Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness, who called & came home & had supper with Bob & Mariam, Mother, Daisy & myself. Bob & Mariam left for Brooklyn 640 PM.



December 4, Monday — Mostly cloudy day & evng.  
Northerly winds – sour atmosphere 35 degrees – 11 – PM.

Drawed out manure AM and finished writing Freeman news copy. PM Daisy & I got a big load leaves along back woods road. Leaves pretty wet for easy hauling. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Wrote news copy evng.

December 5, Tuesday — Was sunny early but became mostly overcast – calm chilly atmosphere 32 degrees – 10 PM.

Made brine & got meat ready for salting. Mother made headcheese PM. Daisy & I gathered a big load leaves in back upper woods, put them up on side mow. We ground sausage meat after supper. Had 45 lbs pork & 10 lbs beef – Rec'd card Kay.

December 6, Wednesday — Dismal cloudy day – scarcely a breath of air stirring. Cleared early evng then clouded over. Raw snowy atmosphere 32 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I gathered a monster big load leaves from back woods. Mother & Ollie Burgher attended Ladies Aid church quilting. I went after them 4 o'clock Wrote Freeman copy evng.

December 7, Thursday – Mild – strong westerly winds – partly cloudy – became very rough and rain squally evng. 44 degrees – 11 PM.

Daisy & I gathered another big load of leaves AM from Hinkley woods. We had cleaned up the customary gathering places. Got in some work on chicken house window casings PM. Rec'd card Lute Bell & card from Mariam. Wrote Lute Bell tonite.

December 8, Friday — High northerly gales – snow squally – partly cloudy – sprinkles of snow on ground this AM. Raw very disagreeable day. 28 degrees – 11 PM.

I spent the day working in chicken house putting in window frame braces etc. Put cello glass covering on windows. Pete Crawford called late evng We sent P.P. box of sausage & meat to Mariam & Bob.

December 9, Saturday — The wind storm subsided during the night. Weather was fair – moderately mild, some wind – Froze up last night. 36 degrees 11 PM.

Drewed out manure & cleaned up in barn AM. Daisy helped me hang chicken house windows PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Wrote cards to Mariam and Cornelia.

December 10, Sunday — A mild dismal quiet day. Had light rain during PM & evng – foggy evng.

Not feeling very spruce – grippy like. Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended church service PM. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. Mother & I called on Charles Hesley after church. He is recovering from an infected hip, which followed serum injection for rheumatiam.

December 11, Monday — Raw cold day – northerly winds – overcast AM. Fair PM & evng 22 degrees 10 PM.

Ed Avery came and had one of Mother's old fashioned hot buckwheat cakes and sausage breakfast with us, by special invitation. Drewed out manure AM. I worked in chicken house PM. Wrote News copy evng. Rec'd letter & wrote card to Cornelia. Wilson Terwilliger's Chevrolet milk truck struck Jennie Lee (13) as she was walking along road with her mother near Samsonville this evng.

He turned out to pass a car & 2 bicycles & failed to see the walkers.

December 12, Tuesday — 16 degrees 7 AM – 20 degrees – 11 PM. Coldest night of season – clear cold raw piercing air. Calm somewhat hazy evng.

I spent the day at Pete Crawford's garage having my Chevy checked and winter serviced. Had pair Montgomery Ward Power Grip tires put in service on rear wheels. Speedometer 26,104 – 5 qts 10 winter oil new in crankcase, new gear box oil etc. New muffler 3.60 & tail piece pipe \$1.80 installed. New condenser.50 etc etc.

Mrs Nettie Jones & sister Addie Kelder spent the evng with us.

Jennie Lee hit last evng by Wilson Terwilliger's truck died 4 PM in Kingston Hospital. She had numerous internal injuries of chest & abdomen.

December 13, Wednesday — Murky & still – 28 degrees – 7 AM. Set in rainy near noon & turned to snow. First snow storm, continued all afternoon – had about 3/4" – murky evng – 34 degrees 10 PM.

Spread load manure AM & cut up rubbish wood on woodpile AM. Straightened dented right running board on car PM. Mother & Ollie Burgher attended Ladies Aid.

Driver Is Exonerated In Young Girls Death  
Mombaccus Man Is Cleared of Blame In Fatal Injuries to Jennie Lee

Wilson Terwilliger, of Mombaccus, driver of the truck which struck and administered fatal injuries to 13 year old

Jennie Lee, of Samsonville, has been exonerated of all blame in connection with the girls death, Sheriff A.F. Molyneaux announced yesterday.

The sheriff said that an investigation completed yesterday disclosed that the striking of the girl by a fender of Terwilliger's truck was accidental. No charges will be preferred against Terwilliger.

The girl was hurt Monday evening while she was walking along the road with her mother, Mrs Orren Lee. Terwilliger told Sergeant Hopkins of the state police that he had been blinded by the headlights of an approaching car and was unable to see the pedestrians.. His machine struck the girl as he swerved to one side to allow the other machine to pass. Funeral services for the girl will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church. She is survived , in addition to her parents, by six brothers, Stewart of Accord; Joseph, of Modena; Bnjamin, of Pataukunk and Arthur, William and Alfred Lee, at home. Burial will be in Palentown cemetery.

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December 14, Thursday —Cold raw day – wind northerly. Mostly cloudy AM. Clearing mid day 18 degrees – 11 PM.

Worked in chicken house making roost Picked bag laurel greens in woods late PM. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

Funeral services for James K Bois held in Phoenicia. He died there at the home of his step daughter Mrs A. Perry Loomis. A native and life long Olive resident he died in the mid eighties.

December 15, Friday — Clear – calm – cold– coldest night of season 10 degrees 7 AM 22 10 PM.

I worked in chicken house – covered board bottom with old roofing sheets & painted it.

Funeral of Jennie Lee 2 PM – Samsonville M.E. Church – sermon by Rev. Chas. Hewett. Interment Palentown Cemetery. Rec'd card Kay & wrote card to Mariam.

December 16, Saturday — Warmer 30 degrees – 7:30 AM – 34 evng. Westerly winds – partly overcast – murky. Had light sleet evng & snow flakes preceeding late PM clearing.

Drawed out big load manure AM. This PM I repaired my house roof end of radio aerial broken by recent high wind. Attended IOOF Lodge & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell evng. Claude M Rose Shokan carpenter & builder died in Kingston Hospital following stomach cancer operation.

December 17, Sunday — Mild murky gloomy day – light rains. Sun broke thru awhile after morning shower. Winds were westerly – blustery evng 44 degrees – 11 PM.

Took walk thru woods AM Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended church service PM.

December 18, Monday —Overcast but cleared away pleasant AM. Northerly winds – mild 32 degrees mid night.

Drawed out manure and Daisy & I gathered a monster load of wind deposited leaves along back woods road. Late PM went up to Maple Dell and had pleasant chat with Ed Avery & Jim Burgher. Wrote news copy evng

Rec'd letter from both Mariam and Cornelia..

December 19, Tuesday — Murky and becalmed. A light mist continued during the day & evening. 38 degrees 11 – PM.

Took my car and got Christmas greens this AM, and mailed a packed feed sack to Cornelia, at Albany Children's Home. Made a new board cow pasture gate for cross road to Hinkley place PM. Mr and Mrs Ira Van Ness of Woodstock called PM. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Rec'd Xmas pkg from Cornelia.

December 20, Wednesday — A gloomy down pouring day till late PM – part broke away evng.

Took Mother to Ladies Aid & sent Christmas box to Cornelia. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness came during AM having left her pocketbook yesterday. I went to Kingston evng with Pete Crawford. Attended annual meeting of Mt Horeb Chapter & turkey supper. Cornelia phoned this evng to meet her 6 PM tomorrow in Kingston. Funeral of Claude M Rose 11 AM – Shokan Reformed Church. Sermon by Rev. August Pfau – Burial Woodstock Cemetery.

December 21, Thursday — Snow squally & blustery all day and evng. Turned colder & raw. Ground white this AM.

Drawed out big load manure PM & cleaned up garden. Went to Kingston and met Cornelia at PH Carey's 6 PM. She came on Albany bus. Evng I attended Olive Rebekah Lodge and annual Christmas party.

December 22, Friday — Cold raw – blustery – partly & mostly cloudy – snow squally. 24 degrees AM.

Made perches in chicken house. Cornelia went around with my car making calls.. Done up presents for Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Rec'd & sent more Christmas cards.

December 23, Saturday — Continued cold & blustery – snow squally. Partly cloudy – clear moonlight evng – 16 degrees – 12 PM.

Drawed out manure AM. Busied with chores. Took Cornelia to bus – She returned to Albany. Put up nests in new chicken house PM. Attended IOOF Lodge evng and called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell. Rec'd gifts from them & left ours to them, as follows. Elec Perculator – Elec heat pad. 1 lb Kentucky Club tobacco, Tearless onion chopper. Pair each ladies & gents cloth work gloves 1 ½ yd ribbons for cats. Rec'd grand pkg of presents from Mariam and Bob.

December 24, Sunday — Clear – cold raw day – northerly winds – 16 degrees AM. Partly cloudy slowly moderating evng 24 degrees – 11 PM.

Mother – Ollie Burgher and I attended service PM. Started writing news copy evng.

December 25, Monday — Night snow squalls and a young blizzard this morning gave a whitening effect for Christmas. The day & evng was blustery & partly cloudy, turning colder PM, 34 degrees AM 24 11 PM.

A rather lonesome Christmas – Mother & I ate supper together, while Daisy dined sumptuously with Don & Edna & her mother. I finished working in the chicken

house by making feed trough and drop lid cover also put a galvanized strip along front bottom of windows. Opened the presents after dinner. Mariam & Bob gave me a Waterman fountain pen & pencil set with my name in gold letters.

### My Christmas Wish

What do I want for Christmas?  
Friendship and love and cheer;  
Faith in my fellow comrades  
To last through the coming year.  
Fill up my Christmas stocking  
With laughter and mirth and song;  
Tuck in plenty of patience  
To have when things go wrong.  
Leave out all greed and self pity,  
Give me the strength for my task;  
Give me more wisdom and courage  
This Christmas; that's all that I ask.

(Mine too E.C. Davis)

Mrs E M Friend, Corunna, Indiana.

December 26, Tuesday — Continued clear — cold --  
Northerly winds — Glorious moonlight early rising full  
moon. Quiet evng. 12 degrees 11 PM.

Finished news copy AM. & letter to Mariam &  
Cornelia, card to Judge Winchell. Drewed out over week  
end load manure PM. Cleaned out chicken house & Daisy  
put in chickens. Wrote Freeman copy evng. Cornelia went  
from Albany to Brooklyn to spend the weekend with  
Mariam.



December 27, Wednesday — Reservoir frozen over. Coldest night and continued biting still cold all day & evng. Overcast day, all clearing early evng – bright moonlight. 6 degrees AM.

Worked in woods awhile AM – cleaned up lightening blasted top wood from big whitewood tree. Busy with odd jobs PM.

December 28, Thursday — Colder than last night, our porch post thermometer read 2 below to 6 above zero. Continued clear & still – became overcast evng – slowly moderating 16 degrees midnight.

Daisy & I cut and partly cleaned up beech tree along edge lower woods, burned the brush. Drawed out load manure after dinner. Re-reading “Smokefires in Schoharie” evening diversion. Rec’d letter Mariam saying Cornelia was taken sick Tuesday night with grippe. 21 from town of Olive attended Supervisors Assn annual banquet tonight at Stuyvesant Hotel, Kingston.

December 29, Friday — Cloudy all day & evng. Raw cold air – Light southerly winds – 16 degrees AM – 26 11 PM and snow starting to fall lightly.

Daisy & I finished cleaning up the beech tree AM. Busied mostly with chores PM and looked after water in parsonage. Spent the evng reading Smokefires.

December 30, Saturday — 1 ½ “ snowfall. Still snowing this AM but broke away sunny with northerly winds – turned colder PM.

Daisy & I cross cutted up firewood log on woodpile. I also spread load manure & sledded out the beech tree

from corner lower woods – 2 tops to woodpile & 1 – 16 ft log for bridge plank ready for loading along road. Started to attend IOOF Lodge evng – stopped at Pete Crawford's garage & he broke fuel pump after cleaning & had to go to Kingston with his car after a new one. Mariam, Cornelia & Bob arrived 6 PM from Brooklyn.

December 31, Sunday — Moderately mild, snow flurries this AM then faired away – sunny light winds. 14 degrees 11 PM.

Helen Tweedy stayed over night with Cornelia. Mariam, Bob, & Daisy went with Cornelia to Kingston PM where she took the train to Albany. Mother, Ollie Burgher & I attended service PM. We had a lovely supper & this evening all went over for a call on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell & saw their Christmas presents.