

THE DIARY OF ELWYN DAVIS 1943

January 1, Friday — The country since last Feb. 9 remains on daylight saving or war time
Overcast – still. Light snow mussy – clearing evng.

Mariam, Bob & baby Gaye are home over weekend.
Reservoir remains frozen over since Dec. 21. Some open spots show. Have a few inches crusted snow on ground.
Mountains ice coated.

11 years ago our Little Honey Girl Lillian was fatally ill which we seemed not to realize. I celebrated New Years by working up logs on woodpile. Bob helped PM. Allan Rose took over the Wilson Terwilliger milk route to the Kyserike creamery.

Thomas E. Dewey first New York Governor in 20 years inaugurated

January 2, Saturday — 10 degrees AM 24 11 PM.
Fair, blustery, crispy – becoming quiet & overcast PM with snow flakes falling enough to be mussy & slippery.
Broke away evng.

Butchered our second wintered hog PM. Well fattened & dressed 240. Neighborly assistance by Jim Burgher, Mort Roe, Orrie Elsworth & Bob.

11 years tonight our beloved Little Honey Girl Lillian died at Kingston Hospital following a mid PM operation for acute appendicitis.

January 3, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. Lovely still clear day, becoming overcast later PM – started snowing evng.
I took Mariam, Bob & Gaye to the 9:13 AM south

bound West Shore train at Kingston. On my way home I called on Lem DuBois, Pete Crawford & Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

11 years ago this PM my daughter Cornelia underwent an acute appendicitis operation at Kingston City Hospital.

January 4, Monday — 22 degrees AM 12 degrees – 11PM. Had 2 in snow fall in night & flurries during forenoon. Turned colder & blustery PM rough snow blowing evng.

Ollie Burgher helped me cut up the hog & salted side pork also got remainder of maple tree trunk below garden sawed in lengths & snaked to woodpile, also drew out manure PM. Wrote news copy evng. Doctored the yearling heifer “Gaye” who went off her feed.

January 5, Tuesday — 10 degrees AM. 12 degrees 11 PM.

11 years ago this PM we laid at rest our Darling Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis – born 10/22/27 died 1/2/32 The passing years but little dim sad and regretful memories.

The day & evng was cold, blustery, squally & partly cloudy. Continued doctoring the heifer, condition not improved – neither ate or drank today. Ollie Burgher helped me cut the second trunk of the big hard maple tree below row of garden current bushes. Got part of the tree hauling to woodpile. Big cold job, also did some work on woodpile. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

January 6, Wednesday — 8 degrees AM 14 degrees 11 PM. Cold blustery during day – partly cloudy. Starlight quiet evng.

Worked on the woodpile AM and got barn ready. This PM Ollie helped me butcher the yearly heifer which opened up in well fatted excellent condition. Inwardly something evidently had affected the digestion apparatus.

January 7, Thursday — 8 degrees AM 8 degrees 11:30 PM. Clear winds light, cold raw air – a weather breeder.

Worked on the woodpile AM – saw in to short sections & hauled remaining trunk of hard maple tree on woodpile also drew out big load of manure. Ollie Burgher helped me. Wrote card to Mariam.

World wide broadcast of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's address to opening of 78th Congress.

January 8, Friday — 6 degrees below AM. 6 degrees below 12 PM. Continued clear still & cold. The Wittenbergs and High Point glow ice coated in the sunlight.

Mother & I made sausage AM.— 13 lbs regular & 10 lbs mixture ground beef & pork fat. I also rubbed hams with dry cure before pickling. Worked on woodpile getting log chunks ready for saw. Cut down and quartered the beef & drew 2 loads limb wood of the hard maple, cleaning up that job.

Beef weighed 247 pounds. This evng I delivered a 58 lb fore quarter to Henry Winchell & paid \$14.50 for same @ .25 lb. An all time high price due to war time meat shortage.

January 9, Saturday — 6 below AM. Zero – 12 PM.
Continued clear, still & cold day & evng. Shrubbery ice coated this morning.

Worked on woodpile AM & drew out manure. Got a big drat load of firewood from back upper woods PM. Sold 63 lb hind quarter of beef to Harry Eckert of Mt Tremper. 63 lb @.27 per lb, paid 17.00.

January 10, Sunday — Zero AM 18 degrees 11 PM.
Continued clear, still – gradually becoming overcast PM.

I went up to see Anna Every at Maple Dell Farm toward noon. She is critically ill in bed. Took a woods hike PM saw an immense gray squirrel and a small flock of partridge. 37th anniversary of Fred Bishop's wedding reception.

January 11, Monday — 12 degrees AM 30 degrees 11 PM. Murky – occasional cloud rifts – calm, southerly wind evng & noticeably milder.

Put hams in brine cure. Drew out manure. Worked on the woodpile AM. This afternoon cut & hauled to woodpile a big dray load of dead firewood poles cut in nearby Hinkley woods. Sleighing good. There was another surprise blackout evng. I did not get 'red flash' by phone from Shokan hdqrs till after Kingston radio had broadcasted the "all clear" Re'c letter mariam. Wrote news copy evng.

January 12, Tuesday — 16 degrees 11:30 PM. A day of snow flurries. Mild this morning but got colder, raw PM – clearing evng & blustery.

Got after the wood sawing job with the old Ford outfit & made a big hole in the pile. Jim Burgher, David Bender & Ollie Burgher helped. Rec'd card from Mariam. Donald Bishop went for his final selective service physical examination & will be inducted into the military service Jan.19. I am informed.

January 13, Wednesday — Sunny & pleasant AM. Mostly overcast cold and raw PM & evng – winds light.

With yesterdays help cleared up the big wood sawing job PM & put the power rig away. I paid David Bender \$3.00 & will help Jim in return when needed. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

January 14, Thursday — 6 above AM. 28 degrees 11 PM. Hazy – fair – raw cold air, driving south westerly snow storm developed evng.

Ollie Burgher helped me take a big wagon box load of firewood to Minnie Every at the parsonage, drew out manure & cleaned new chicken house. I had some indigestion this PM & feel rather tired out & grippy. Sold beef hide to Roach Bros 47 lbs @ .10 – \$4.70

January 15, Friday — 20 degrees 11 PM. The nights young blizzard left 2 to 3 inches of drifted snow. Part cloudy, bright, blustery mild day. Big circle around the moon evng.

Bert Winnie came after me this AM & I drove Bob's Oldsmobile car home from Bert's Cold Brook Garage. It has been there since Dec. 19th awaiting igniter gear from oil pump. Total charge \$10.19 – paid I also called at

Maple Dell and delivered hind quarter of beef to Mr & Mrs Deyo Van Wagener's – 61 lbs paid for same \$16.45 @ .27 lb.

January 16, Saturday — 24 degrees AM. 36 degrees 11 PM. Had a 4 in. powdery snow fall during late night and this morning turned to light rain & clearing. Mild & breezy quiet evng & the snow melted noticeably, became mostly overcast evng.

Drawed out manure toward noon. Did little otherwise but chores. I met Mariam & Jean at 4:40 PM bus at Boiceville. They came to Kingston by train. Town & county snow plow trucks opened the roads.

January 17, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. 22 degrees 11 PM. Turned colder in night & light misty rain today made for glare of ice conditions.

Mariam & Jean left noontime for Brooklyn. I drove the car over to top of Bridal Vail fill grade. They were unable to get up the long grade beyond until Don Bishop came up behind them with his car & provided an extra set of chains. Mariam phoned from Kingston and again at 9:10 soon after they reached Jeanne's home in Brooklyn. Baby Gaye also talked over the phone. They ran out of the ice at White Plains.

January 18, Monday — 26 degrees 11 PM. Same weather as yesterday – murky – icy. Light freezing mist to harder rain early PM. Everything is ice coated.

Did various barn chores. Helped clean Ollie Burghers old chicken house PM. Rec'd letter Kay. Tax day at

William Colange's store by collector John B.Davis.

Our home farm 25 acres

Valuation \$1600.00

County tax 19.86

Highway tax 5.62

Fee .26

Total 25.74

My farm

Hinkley place

43 acres – Val \$400.00

County tax 4.97

Highway tax 1.40

Fee .07

Total \$6.44

January 19, Tuesday — 26 degrees AM Continued murky with freezing rain which added to the crystal coating everywhere. During PM the weather changed to blustery, squally colder, breaking the ice from trees & wires.. Roads are a heavy glare of ice. Sanding trucks continue their task.

Drawed out manure & shelled off corn. Elijah H Shurter died suddenly at his Samsonville farm home.

January 20, Wednesday — 6 degrees AM 10 degrees 11 PM. Sunny bright cold windy day. Partly overcast evng.

Traveling miserably slippery. Fields crusted with ice, roads a 2 in. glare. Such icy conditions quite unusual. Glistening full moon rising over icy reservoir magnificent.

Feeling pretty sore and jarred up from fall on my back last night by barn door.

January 21, Thursday — 4 degrees AM 4 degrees 11 PM. The day & evng was overcast – light wind. Sun occasionally shone thru. Raw biting air.

Drewed out manure AM – Ollie Burgher helped me shell off corn & stack up porch with green firewood PM. Funeral services 2 PM of former assessor Elijah H Shurter at Samsonville church. Sermon by Rev. Merton Cady. Interment Krumville cemetery. He was a Republican town committeeman.

January 22, Friday — 4 below AM 2 above 11 PM. Continued snappy cold and fair, calm – partly overcast evng.

Did a big cold job with Ollie Burgher's help, finished shelling off corn and cleaned up the granary. Let the cows out a little while behind garage for first this week due to the slippery ice. Rec'd letter Mariam.

January 23, Saturday — Zero AM 26 degrees 11 PM. Fair, hazy, calm AM. Brisk southwesterly wind developed, becoming darkly overcast & misty. Part broke away & calmed.

Slippery as ever – Roads over hill sanded again PM. Drewed out manure & split a little wood. Sat by the kitchen fire & read evng. Haven't had car out of garage in most 2 weeks.

January 24, Sunday — 24 degrees AM. 24 degrees 11

PM. Generally fair & hazy, light winds, raw damp air – thawed a little.

Francis Whispell cleaned my car generator , put in new light bulbs & installed new horn bushing in steering column. Haven't been with the horn working in months.

January 25, Monday — 30 degrees AM 25 degrees 11 PM. Overcast, mild – quiet became quite compatibly relaxing weather PM and the severe icy conditions thawed noticeably.

Kept busy with chores in variety, cleaned out north side of woodshed for repiling wood. Rec'd letter Cornelia. Wrote news copy evng.

January 26, Tuesday --- degrees AM 22 degrees 11 PM. Overcast, raw atmosphere and light wind. Froze up again & icy, threatened storm.

Drawed out manure & got smokehouse ready, split some wood & did usual chores. Special radio 10 PM announcement that Pres. Roosevelt and Englands Prime Minister Winston Churchill has had a 10 day conference in North Africa. The President made the 5000 mile trip by army plane.

January 27, Wednesday — 16 degrees AM 14 degrees 11 PM. Had inch of feathery snow in night. Sky remained overcast till noon, then faired away. Winds light easterly, cold raw air.

Made out \$17.23 order AM to Sears Roebuck & wrote daily card to Mariam. Split & piled firewood awhile PM & went up to Maple Dell for a call. Wrote Freeman copy

evng. Rec'd letter from Cornelia.

January 28, Thursday — 16 degrees AM 22 degrees 12 PM. Overcast & set in snowing heavily about noon & continued PM & evng storm subsided pretty well by midnight. Cold storm. The snow depth is 10 – 11 inches.

Drewed out manure AM – Renewed porch wood supply. Went over to Mort Roe's for a little diversion latter PM. Rec'd letter Mariam & card Cornelia & Dick Mariam phoned from Brooklyn 8 PM that planes are grounded due to storm. She and Gaye were to leave La Guardia field for Mexico City at 8:30 PM.

My daughter Cornelia May & Richard Herrington were married 9 PM at the Baptist parsonage in Gowanda.

On Thursday evening Jan 28, at Gowanda, N.Y. Miss Cornelia M. Davis and Richard Herrington were united in marriage at the Baptist Parsonage. The bride was attended by Miss E. Carey of Kingston. The couple spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls. Mrs Herrington is the youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs E.C. Davis and a graduate of Kingston High School class of 1937. Also of the State School of Home Economics at Cobleskill, class of 1939. Mr Herrington is a well known resident of Fort Ann, N.Y.

January 29, Friday — 16 degrees AM 16 degrees 12 PM. After morning clearing was a magnificent sunny quiet day. Became partly overcast toward evng.

Put in the day shoveling snow. The big town Walters truck plowed our driveway PM. Road plowing began

yesterday 6 PM. Rec'd 1943 auto license strip to be covered over the 1942 on old license plate retained due to war conditions, one plate on rear being used.

Mariam & Dear Little Gaye left by 8:30 PM plane from La Guardia Field for Mexico City – Errata. We later learned in another letter from Mariam written Sunday the 31st that the plane flight was canceled three successive nights, letter finished Sunday evng on way to airport by taxi, that flight is finally scheduled.

January 30, Saturday — 16 degrees AM 20 degrees 12 PM Snowy all day and evng – a light feathery fall of about 4 or 5 inches.

Drawed out manure & scraped out driveway with team & dray using a squared timber chained under bob sleigh. Trued up & put set in circle wood saw ready for big filing job. This evng I attended Public Installation at Shokan IOOF Lodge. District deputy Alonzo Davis & staff in charge. Due to illness & weather attendance small. Noble Grand Frank D. Manley 2nd term. Vice Grand Alvin Markle, Warden Alonzo Davis, Rec. Secretary Harlow Mc Lean, Conductor Reginald E Davis, Fin Secretary Virgil C Gordon, Treas Arthur E Trowbridge, R.S.N.G. Arthur E Trowbridge, L.S.N.G. George Bishop, R.S.W.G. Oscar Dudley, L.S.W.G. Renne Dumont, Inside Guard Elmer F. Davis, Outside Guard Frank Booth, Chaplain Elwyn C. Davis. A service flag dedicated for 3 members in army service.

January 31, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. 24 degrees 11 PM. Generally fair at times bright sunshine. Continued

calm & snow clinging to trees. Melted somewhat PM, became all overcast evng.

Remained around home all day. Its lonesome.

February 1, Monday — 34 degrees AM 24 degrees 11 PM. Rained late in night. The day was rough & blustery with morning rain squalls & later snow flakes. Snow settled noticeably & walking sloppy, colder, froze up evng.

Took first batch of hams out of brine AM, hung up & started smoking. Rec'd several Niagara Falls cards from Kay & Dick Herrington their 3 day honeymoon trip.

February 2, Tuesday — 18 degrees AM 16 degrees 12 PM. GROUND HOG DAY. Moderately cold – thawed during day – not so blustery as yesterday, partly cloudy – but generally sunny – starlight evng.

At 6:35 PM Mrs Longyear phoned from Brooklyn that they rec'd a message from Mexico City that Mariam & Gaye arrived there safely and met Bob yesterday 3 PM. They had rec'd a letter from Mariam written on plane & mailed back from Dallas Texas describing trip thus far. They left La Guardia Field Sunday evng at 8:30.

February 3, Wednesday — Zero this AM 24 degrees 11 AM. Clear, gradually became hazy and overcast, light easterly wind with a snowy tinge.

Put in the day doing chores, smoking the hams & filing in reserve my second best circle wood saw after jointing & setting. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

February 4, Thursday — 34 degrees AM 30 degrees 11 PM. South westerly winds in night brought rain, continuing showers this AM. Remained murky PM & evng.

Busy with chores, smoking hams – drew out manure. Took saw bench on dray AM back for storage on Hinkley house porch. Mother fried ham for breakfast, delicious.

February 5, Friday — 34 degrees AM 26 degrees 11 PM. Lovely soft clear mild day – Light easterly wind with a chilly tinge. Hazed over evng.

Besides chores I put in the day splitting wood comfortably kept smoke under hams. Rec'd letter from Cornelia..

February 6, Saturday — A drab rainy day turning to wet snow evng. Started with freezing rain.

I drew out manure. Took second batch of hams out of brine and started smoking. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Had refreshments after meeting. Rec'd order Sears Roebuck.

February 7, Sunday — Snowy and rather blustery all day & evng, Froze up last night & roads slippery.

This PM I went over for a visit with Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Mother & I wrote to Mariam in Mexico City.

February 8, Monday — 28 degrees AM 24 degrees 11 PM. Snow & bluster continued thru night & this morning 2 - 3 in. snow fell & drifted. Faired away but

bluster continued all day & evng.

I started building a chicken roost for Ollie Burgher's re-modeled wood shed chicken house.

February 9, Tuesday — 20 degrees AM 14 degrees 12 PM. Cloudless day & evng – light winds. Thawing during day.

Drawed out big load manure, did chores in variety, smoke going under hams. Returned axe & pair of work shoes to Sears Roebuck. Rec'd a wonderful descriptive newsy air mail letter from Mariam in Mexico City, mailed 3 PM. Had been examined by censor. Split wood, smoked hams. Went up to Maple Dell noon time to see Anna & read her Mariam's letter.

February 10, Wednesday — 6 degrees AM 26 degrees 12 PM. Arrived cloudless. Trees and shrubs ice covered – gradually became overcast. Rained some PM & evng, enough to be slippery.

Split wood, smoked hams. Called on Minnie Every and at Maple Dell mail time. Went over to Henry Winchell's evng & read him Mariam's letter.

February 11, Thursday — 40 degrees AM 22 degrees 11:30 PM. Arrived rainy & continued till mid PM finishing off with an inch or more of wet clinging snow. Breaking away colder & blustery evng.

Smoked hams, split & piled some wood AM. This PM Ollie Burgher helped me move second cutting hay to side mow.

February 12, Friday — 8 degrees AM. 8 degrees 11 PM. The day & evng generally clear. Moderate winds. Seasonal winter weather.

Drewed out big cart load manure AM. Did more work on Ollie Burghers chicken roost PM.

Heard world wide speech of President Franklin D Roosevelt at 9:30 PM.

February 13, Saturday — 10 degrees AM. 20 degrees 11 PM. A cold snowy day – 7 inch fall of loose snow. Part cleared away.

Daisy went to Kingston on bus. I spent the day doing chores & odd tasks. Cornelia phoned 9:30 evng from Gowanda. Rec'd Feb. Readers Digest & did considerable reading. Cornelia phoned from Gowanda this evng 9:30.

February 14, Sunday — 8 degrees AM. 6 below 11 PM. 12 — at 12:30. Part cloudy — blustery snow blowing and drifting. Cold wave developing.

Did usual chores of the day. Snow plow opened road during night. Our driveway plowed latter PM.

February 15, Monday — 34 below zero AM. 24 below 11 PM. Clear blustery, quieting evng. Heaviest drifts in years – coldest weather in years.

Drewed out a big load manure after dinner. Bath room froze up which gave me an extra job this AM thawing out, draining pipes etc.

February 16, Tuesday — 28 below 7:30 AM. 16 below 11 PM. Continued clear, coldest weather to my personal

recollection in 25 years, xmas week 1917. Light raw easterly wind – moon nearing full.

Besides chores I did some more work on chicken roost for Ollie Burgher. Wrote card to Mariam.

February 17, Wednesday — 6 degrees AM. 10 degrees 11 PM. Weather changed during night. Snowy this morning, faired away & squally again latter PM. Broken clouds, moonlight evng.

Drewed out manure AM. finished making chicken roost for Ollie Burgher PM. Rec'd long interesting air mail letter from Mariam in Mexico City also letter Cornelia..

February 18, Thursday — 6 degrees AM. 12 degrees 12 PM. Clear bright sunshine. Partly cloudy evng. Crispy – quiet day.

Minnie Every at parsonage reported water frozen. I went down but was unable to remedy the cause which is outside somewhere in line. Phoned Beecher Smith in Phoenicia & Mohican Market in Kingston for calf prices. Late PM Ollie Burgher helped me dress the 6weeks old tomorrow calf live weight 144 lbs dressed with hide off 183 lbs with heart & liver intact.

I gashed inch long inside of my right hand when cutting calf's throat after being shot & strung up with tackles.

February 19, Friday — 16 degrees AM 28 degrees 12 PM. Clear day & mellow all evng, moonlight almost full. Calm, pleasantly moderated.

Wrote card to Mariam AM – also rec'd first card from

her sharing airplane she & Gaye went to Mexico on, American Air Lines. Tried splitting wood PM but cut hand got bleeding. This evng I took calf carcass up to Beecher Smith's Phoenicia Market. Paid cash for 83 lbs @ .28 lb \$23.34, .20 for lungs, 10 lbs hide @ .18 \$1.80, \$25.34 – two phone calls .50. Net price \$24.84.

February 20, Saturday — 46 degrees AM 50 degrees 12 PM. Fair – hazy – south westerly winds. Showers evng. Real January thaw developed and tonight, much of the open snow fields show bare ground. Water running freely.

Drawed out manure, split some wood and did chores. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Refreshments after – 50 year gold membership jewels are available for presentation to Ephriam Krom, Francis Hughes, Frank Decker, and Daniel Crispell.

February 21, Sunday — 30 degrees AM. 24 degrees 12 PM. Foggy this morning. Fair, hazy, sunny, mild thawing but not so warm as yesterday. Calm – crispy freezing evng. Took a snow hike in woods AM looking at some oak timber.

February 22, Monday — 24 degrees AM. 30 degrees 11 :30 PM. Froze up last night. Continued clear, soft light haze, light easterly winds. Declining moon shining evng.

Split wood AM. This PM Daisy helped spray our peach trees with lime sulphur. PM I also trimmed grape vines. Rec'd several birthday cards & 3 gift packages from Cornelia.

February 23, Tuesday — 24 degrees AM. 50 degrees 11 PM. Real balmy and springlike – clear increasingly hazy. Brisk south westerly winds PM. Mostly over cast evng – snow melting continues rapidly fields are practically bare & frost going out roads bumpy.

My 53rd birthday. Mother made my annual time honored plain soft chocolate. Daisy made lemon ice cream. Wrote news copy AM. Went up to see Anna Every noon time. Drawed out manure PM & took some hay for bedding up to Ollie Burghers & brought back cart load hen manure. Mr & Mrs Deyo Van Wagenen called evng. Served cake & ice cream. He bought Daisy's 4 guinea chickens \$4.00 & 2 hens @\$1.50 each. Cornelia phoned evng on my birthday anniversary. Peggy our Guernsey spotted cow had all light red heifer calf will raise.

February 24, Wednesday — 50 degrees AM 32 degrees 11 PM. Warm rain this forenoon. Wind shifting northerly PM Clearing evng & becoming colder.

Rec'd card Mariam. Private Raymond Kelder home on furlough called PM. I went to school house for issuing of War ration book no. 2. Bro Edward West, now an army engineering corp lieutenant is assisting Mrs West with the registering work. Piled some wood PM.

February 25, Thursday — 20 degrees AM. 8 degrees 12 PM. Froze up this morning. Raw air northerly winds. Part cloudy – sunny – all clear evng.

Drawed out manure, split & piled wood. Jenny Kerr called AM & Will Jordan PM. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

February 26, Friday — 8 degrees AM. 18 degrees 11 PM. Set in snowy about 9 AM and continued throughout day & evng. Light fall, getting heavier evng about 2 inches – cold raw day.

I split and piled wood under shed. Lieutenant and Mrs Edward West called early PM.

February 27, Saturday — 14 degrees AM. Snow continued thru night, fall is 2 ½ loose snow. Cleared this morning with day and evng clear. Thawed during day – winds westerly.

Split wood – did usual barn chores, drew out manure. Ed Every called during PM.. Cleaned pig pen & new part chicken house.

February 28, Sunday — 32 degrees 11 PM. Southerly gale force winds – part cloudy AM – became overcast with driving snow squalls, breaking away mid PM & all clear evng – later was squally. Wind quieting late evng.

Did chores, listened to radio, read considerable in Feb. Readers Digest. A laymens service in charge of Geo. Bishop held 3 PM Tongore Church.

March 1, Monday — 20 degrees AM. Calm & light overcast AM. Faired away at noon and raw southerly winds developed.

Wrote news copy evng. I split wood and did chores. Wrote card to and rec'd air mail letter from Mariam sent Feb.22, Mexico City. She told of the strange sensation of her bed & the hotel swaying in the 2 ½ number shock which occurred at 3:21 AM Monday the 22. From

windows they saw 2 flashes in the northern sky similar to yellow lightening. Later the whole northern horizon was illuminated with red glow. All telephone & electric service stopped till Monday noon, no papers were out or serious damage reported. Sunday PM the sun was said to have been large & white, also the eclipse of Sunday night was thought to have had some bearing on the earth quake . The tremor said to be worst ever known there.

March 2, Tuesday —12 degrees AM 16 degrees 12 PM. Light overcast, cold raw day – light biting easterly wind – overcast evng.

Split and piled wood, did chores & drew out manure, Mother wrote card to Mariam. I wrote one yesterday. Worked on Federal income tax report evng.

March 3, Wednesday — 12 degrees AM 2 degrees 11 PM. Arrived snowy and continued a cold blustery snowy day – broke away mid PM. Fall about 3 inches. Real winter weather.

Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at Jennie Kerr's. I did chores and split & piled wood under shed, a cold drafty job. I completed my 1942 income tax return evng on so called cash basis. Net all over income \$960. Farm share is \$241 approximate.

March 4, Thursday — 2 below AM. 16 degrees 11 PM. Clear – cold – light raw wind developed, brisk southerly evng.

Split & piled wood under shed AM. Drew out manure PM & got dray load dead sap firewood in my

back upper woods for Ollie Burgher. Made up & sent order Montgomery Ward AM. Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear with last letter of Feb. 23 , they had rec'd from Mariam.

March 5, Friday — 16 degrees AM 24 degrees 10 PM.
Clear strong south westerly winds, quieted evng.
Thawing during day pretty well clearing the open fields of snow.

Split and piled wood AM. This PM drew a big dray load of dead sapling firewood for Ollie Burgher from south side Hinkley woods. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 6, Saturday — 16 degrees AM 38 degrees 12 PM. Heavy snow storm, arrived stormy – turned to hail during PM. Moderating early evng to light rain, clearing, blustery. The packed down fall of snow & hail is fully 7 inches.

Split and piled wood under shed did chores etc. Rec'd small order Montgomery Ward. Rec'd 4 buckle dress artics to them for exchange. Snow plow opened road evng.

March 7, Sunday — 16 degrees AM. 10 degrees 12 PM.
Bright, clear, blustery winters day, calmed evng.

Snow piled 2 foot high along roads by snow plow. I called on Mr & Mrs Kizirian who bought the Nettie Jones residence. City people here over weekend.

March 8, Monday — 2 degrees AM. 4 degrees 11 PM.
Cold wintry day – fair snow squally PM. Northerly wind

– still starlight evng. New moon settled over south mountain.

Drewed out over weekend big load manure AM. This PM cut big dray load dead pole wood in my upper woods for Ollie Burgher. Wrote “news” copy evng.

PHOENICIANS HEAR STRANGE SUBTERRANEAN RUMBLINGS.

A mysterious subterranean rumbling noise was hear in the vicinity of Phoenicia, Saturday night by residents of the village. The noise was heard about 2 o'clock in the morning and lasted for more than an hour with decreasing sound as the noise rolled down from the mountains southwest of the village and toward the Esopus Creek valley. That same night Fordham University seismograph recorded two violent earthquake shocks apparently 50 miles from New York city.

Those who heard the weird rumbling apparently deep down in the earth at Phoenicia say the noise was not accompanied by any trembling as of an earthquake and there was no apparent vibration of the earth at the time of the noise. The noise was described as though there was a great cataract of water released down underneath the surface of the earth as though some giant underground lake had been released and great quantities of water were flowing down the valleys under the Catskill peaks.

The first sound was a heavy roaring noise which was plainly heard by residents of the village while inside their homes. Mrs Ella Loomis who reside east of the village, said she first heard the roaring sound back in the hills southwest of the village and the sound seemed to come

down from the hills and then follow down along the bed of the Esopus Creek. As the sound continued down from the mountains to the valley it seemed to diminish although it was clearly heard for nearly an hour.

Unlike the trembling of an earthquake with distinct and intermittent quakes, the sound was continuous.

The sound was first heard from the hills back of High Street and the roar increased for a time and then as it crept down into the valley it seemed to diminish. At the time the water in the creek was not unusually high and the sound was said to in no way resemble the noise made by large rocks being rolled down the creek bed as sometimes happens in extremely high water conditions.

Mrs Loomis explained the sound as “like some subterranean slide or rushing of water” and said the sound was very similar to that heard in the Phoenicia area of the catskills some time ago when a great landslide took place in Pennsylvania.

It has been suggested that perhaps the Catskill mountain Dutchmen may have been again at their old trick of playing a game of ten-pins as they did in the time of Rip Van Winkle. If the little Dutchmen were again at their game of ten-pins, residents of Phoenicia agree that they were rolling an unusually large ball down an unusually long alley, for the sound lasted for at least an hour.

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March 9, Tuesday — 8 below zero AM. 16 degrees 11

PM. Clear this AM raw biting southerly wind. Became overcast PM – snow flakes falling late evng.

Cut big dray load dead firewood in back woods for Ollie Burgher. Rec'd card Mariam dated Feb.20th. Had rec'd only 2 cards from us. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

March 10, Wednesday — 42 degrees 11 PM. Overcast – murky generally – sun broke thru during PM. Brisk southerly wind evng. The crusty snow softened up.

Drewed out manure AM. Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at Jennie Kerr's. This PM I got a big dray load dead pole wood in back woods for Ollie Burgher. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 11, Thursday — Snow melted noticeably during night and continued soft today, murky, still, raining evng.

I split and piled wood under shed. Jimmy Burgher called PM.

March 12, Friday — Anniversary of the Blizzard of 1888. 26 degrees 11 PM. Rained most of the night, clearing this morning, bright sunny day with northerly winds. Half moon shining cloudless evng.

Snow gone from exposed fields and east side of valley. Good sap day. Drewed 2 wagon loads brush sap wood for Ollie Burgher PM from under hill along Electric line right of way. Rec'd card Mariam, written March 4 – also card from Cornelia.

March 13, Saturday ---- 16 degrees AM Overcast, froze up raw cold air, set in snowy noontime but sun broke

thru latter PM.

Helped saw wood at Maple Dell and tapped trees for Ollie Burgher around her house and on Dolan property. To late to get to lodge so made a call on Henry Winchell.

March 14, Sunday — 26 degrees AM 28 degrees 11 PM. A near perfect day, clear and springlike, wind very light northerly, moonlight – freezing.

Excellent sap day. I tapped more trees for Ollie Burgher & helped carry sap & boil. Swamped with only one boiling kettle. Charles Langer & mother called PM.

March 15, Monday — 24 degrees AM 36 degrees 12 PM. Clear– pleasant real spring weather, southerly winds.

Drawed out manure AM. Helped Ollie Burgher with the sap AM. Got a pan arch partly laid up. Borrowed Mort Roe's evaporator and boiled tonight. Sap didn't run like yesterday.

March 16, Tuesday — 36 degrees AM. 34 degrees 11 PM. A drab rainy day – arrived rainy.

Not feeling very spruce from fall out of wagon Friday – re-hurt my right side. Went up to Gus Korittke's shop PM. Helped Ollie finish boiling down the run of sap. I called at Maple Dell found Anna Avery temporarily improved. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

March 17, Wednesday — 28 degrees 12 PM. Continued chill and rainy. Streams running full with the rise and melting mountain snow. Broke away evng.

Took Mother & Minnie Every up to Ladies Aid meeting at Jennie Kerr's just beyond the Bushkill iron bridge. Mrs Celia Roosa 79 today was the guest of honor. I went on up to Gus Korittke's and had an axe tempered & some other jobs done – paid 1.00 I also finished laying up sap pan arch for Ollie Burgher. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

March 18, Thursday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Fair, balmy, soft springlike weather. Breezy – muddy. Snow gone – except some in woods & on mountains.

Drawed out manure. Returned Mort Roe's evaporator – took it up in sap bush. He tapped today. Tried out the sap pan arch. Helped Ollie gather sap & boiled evng. The outfit works well. Sap run was only fair. Daisy went up to Phoenicia AM to see Dr Gross.

March 19, Friday — Set in rainy PM. Murky – became foggy late evng.

Split & piled wood part time, did chores etc. Helped gather and boil sap evng in rain. Had a delivery of a ton of Gov't soil conservation 20% acid fertilizer for which I paid 3.00 last fall.

March 20, Saturday — warm, foggy AM broke away & was fair & balmy PM. Somewhat colder & blustery evng.

Had sap seam soldered at Gus Korittke's PM – leveled up the sap arch in first class shape etc. Drawed out manure late PM. Early evng I made a trip to Maple Dell with Jane “red cow”

March 21, Sunday — 24 degrees AM 26 degrees 12 PM. Raw cold northerly winds. Fair AM becoming overcast PM but didn't storm.

Now getting sap weather. I helped gather & boil sap, ran a batch down tonight. Preaching service in Baptist church PM first since Jan. 10. Rev. A. Victor Kane of Kingston in charge. Mother attended.

March 22, Monday — 26 degrees AM 26 degrees 12 PM. Generally fair, light overcast but sun shining all day. Raw cold air – northerly winds.

Sap ran fairly well despite cold. I helped gather & boil also got wagon load brush sap wood under hill along electric line. This PM while carrying 2 – 5 gal pails sap, stepping up an incline I slipped and struck my forehead on a jutting rock cutting a 1 ½ gash crosswise. However got it patched up and on the ball as usual. We sent an air mail letter to Mariam.

March 23, Tuesday — 22 degrees AM. 26 11 PM. Clear, cold, windy. Winter weather. Glorious moonlight evng. However and despite sap ran well PM.

Worked on the sapping, brought a batch of syrup home. Accompanied Wm Supples Stone Ridge lumberman looking over Ollie Burgher's timber lot. Drewed a big load of brush sap wood PM. Jerry Van Kleeck & son Winston called early PM The sap is sweet and makes delicious syrup.

March 24, Wednesday — 26 degrees AM 46 degrees 12 PM. Continued fair & warmer. Became part cloudy PM

& squally looking. Developed blustery.

Finished splitting firewood ----- along with doing chores AM. Worked at the sap PM & evng. Run off two batches & brought them home. Lovely syrup.

March 25, Thursday — 28 degrees 12 PM. Clear, northerly wind – mild.

Didn't freeze last night and sap didn't run well. Daisy went to Kingston to see Dr O'Connor. I did chores & drew out manure AM. This PM drew big load brush sap wood & gathered ½ barrel – Run the batch down evng, with pan full that was left on arch to simmer. Cornelia phoned evng.

March 26, Friday — 28 degrees AM 44 degrees 12 PM. Clear – Real warm and springlike, northerly winds shifting southerly.

Mother & I piled up firewood, finished 3rd rank under shed & part rank across end of barn. Gathered ½ barrel sap after supper & boiled down the batch & brought it home.

March 27, Saturday — 42 degrees AM. 34 degrees 12 PM. Mostly cloudy – winds light all overcast evng.

Drew out manure & Mother & I piled wood along end of barn. Feel completely tired out today. I note the heavy reservoir ice field is giving way toward the upper end & showing open water.

March 28, Sunday — 26 degrees AM. 22 degrees 12 PM. Clear day & evng. Winds northerly, crispy

atmosphere.

This PM Ed Avery went along with me to Phoenicia & had a confidential talk with Dr J.E. Gross regarding Daisy's condition. He impressed me of its seriousness. This evng I took Daisy to the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. I made an advance payment of 25.00 by check. After returning I helped run off a boiling of maple syrup.

March 29, Monday — 12 degrees AM Hard freeze last night. I note this morning that the reservoir ice barrier is open water down across from Weidner's Point. Clear – crispy. Light northerly wind, became overcast late evng.

Went to Kingston PM and saw Daisy at the hospital also Dr Francis O'Connor whom she chose to take her case. Rec'd regular mail letter from Mariam written March 16th. Mother wrote card to Mariam.

March 30, Tuesday — 24 degrees AM. 34 degrees 11 PM. Ground white this AM. Later rainy during forenoon and again late evng.

Helped gather sap twice and run off a batch of syrup evng and brought it home. Drewed out big cart load manure PM. About finished covering the woods corner corn stubble field of last year. Cornelia phoned evng. The ice continues opening up on reservoir.

March 31, Wednesday — 34 degrees 12 PM. All day & evng murky weather.

Helped gather sap – re-tapped trees & boiled down a batch syrup evng. Rec'd card from Daisy from Hosp. Mother wrote card to Mariam.

April 1, Thursday — Murky — broke away — murked over — April showers — cleared away.

Sap run fairly well. Drew out manure AM. This PM I went to Kingston to see Daisy. Ollie Burgher & Mrs Clyde Winchell went with me & gave blood for transfusions. Mrs Ira Burgher & R.B. Longyear also donated blood. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam date 3/26. Finished addressing I.O.O.F. Dist Grand Comm meeting card notices evng.

April 2, Friday — April showers this forenoon, dark forbading. Seasons first grim thunder & lightening squall early PM. Turned blustery & colder PM.

Reservoir cleared of ice from direct view in front of our house. Helped with the sapping, re-tapped rest of trees.

April 3, Saturday — 20 degrees AM. 20 degrees 11 PM. Blustery partly cloudy, mountain squalls — Real wintry weather, cleared evng.

Reservoir rough & ice gone from view. Drew out manure, spread on garden AM. PM drew big wagon load brush from under telephone line down under hill for sap boiling. Mother milked the 5 cows alone tonight.

April 4, Sunday — 20 degrees AM 34 degrees 12 PM. Clear light northerly winds AM.— became overcast PM, blustery & snow & rain squally evng.

Worked at the sap. Biggest run to date — gathered tonight & boiled till 1:30 AM. Stewart Jones called PM & offered services in Daisy's behalf. Mother attended

church PM. Bob Wendzel, a visitor at Maple Dell Farm called toward noon. I have known him for 18 years.

April 5, Monday — 24 degrees 12 PM. A miserable blustery day & evng. Ground whitened by heavy late PM squall.

Worked at the sap. Run off 2 batches. Brought one 2 gal batch of syrup home. Sap didn't run much.

April 6, Tuesday — 12 degrees AM. 18 degrees 12 PM. Clear bright sunshine – scattered high clouds. Brisk northerly wind – new moon showing early evng. Winter weather.

Drawed big cart load manure after dinner also made trip to Kingston to hospital to see daisy. Cornelia arrived this AM from Helmuth N.Y. & is staying in Kingston. Expectancy is that Daisy will be operated on Thursday morning by Dr. O'Conor. Wrote news copy AM.

April 7, Wednesday — 14 degrees aM. 30 degrees 12 PM. Clear, wind diminished became overcast during PM. Set in mussy snowy evng.

Spread small load manure on garden. This PM got big wagon load sap wood in Hinkley woods. Late PM I made a trip to Maple Dell with Peggy cow.

Mother saw Don Bishop with another man call at his home PM. We hear that Don was discharged from military service March 17, due to physical unfitness. For one thing – he is deaf.

April 8, Thursday — 26 degrees AM 34 degrees 12 PM.

Partly to mostly cloudy, light winds. Moderately mild, cleared up and burned garden trash and limb trimmings from old maple tree, cut down during winter below garden.

Gathered a two barrel run of sap & boiled evng. This AM Dr. O'Connor performed a fibroid tumor of uterus removal upon Daisy. She was on operating table 2 ½ hrs, Cornelia states.

April 9, Friday — 30 degrees AM. 26 degrees 12 PM. Mostly cloudy fairing away PM. All clear evng, northerly winds.

Worked at the sap – boiled down a nice 3 gallon batch of syrup & brought it home.

April 10, Saturday — 30 degrees AM. 24 degrees 12 PM. Clod blustery snow squally day & evng, mostly on mtns. Near winter weather.

Took cart load manure down on Charley Richleir garden & brought back coal ashes AM. I drove down fence posts PM, found frost in ground. Helped gather ½ bbl sap after supper. Had no word from hospital.

April 11, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. 18 degrees 12 PM. Clear, cloudless— froze up, strong northerly winds – diminishing during PM.

A weather breeder. Leaves & grass tinder dry, severe fire hazzard. Worked some at the sapping – gathered & boiled evng. Cornelia with Elinor Carey of Kingston and friend called latter PM. Mother & I doing milking & chores. Dr O'Connor has ordered Daisy into a private

room, Friday night.

April 12, Monday — 18 degrees AM. Clear early but became overcast with easterly winds – Cold snow & rain storm PM & evng.

Finished off over nights boiling of sap AM – about 2 gal. Moved second cutting hay from back mow PM. Rec'd 2 picture cards from Mariam dated March 7th. Sap run pretty good but spoiled by storm

April 13, Tuesday — 34 degrees AM. 28 degrees 11 PM. Fair this morning but clouded over and was rainy PM & evng turning to snow.

Drawed out big cart load manure AM & spread on garden. I went to Kingston PM and saw Daisy & Cornelia in her hosp room no 75. Daisy is located in one of the finest private rooms in the Benedictine Hosp.

April 14, Wednesday — 24 degrees AM. 20 degrees 12 PM. Blustery cold, snow squally. Winter weather.

Drawed out manure & gathered big wagon load leaves for bedding, also gathered sap PM. Ollie helped – ran off the batch tonight, gal syrup.

I attended annual session of the I.O.O.F. Ulster Dist Grand Comm, held at Shokan Lodge no 491. Carl Van Bramer of Wm H.R. Raymond Lodge no 59, Saugerties, nominated District Deputy to succeed Alonzo Davis. I was re-elected secretary. Ulster Dist no 2 Rebekahs met down stairs in auditorium. They elected Grace Berryann of Kingston their Dist Deputy. Supper served after meetings. 43 past Grands attended, Frank D. Manley of

Shokan Lodge only candidate for Past Grand Degree.
Rebekah crowd about 35.

April 15, Thursday — 16 degrees AM. 22 degrees 11 PM. Continued wintry, blustery and snow squally along all day, with intermittent sunshine. Heavy snowfall reported in surrounding areas both sides of Catskills & north.

To cold for unnecessary outdoor work — did chores etc. To cold for sap. Rec'd card from Cornelia written while with her mother in hospital.

April 16, Friday — 14 degrees AM 28 degrees 11 PM.. Fair early AM gradually clouding over & set in for snow storm, continuing all PM & earl evng – coming with southerly wind, fall fully 2 inches.

Worked at chores & clean up jobs, helping Ollie Burgher. Cornelia arrived back in Buffalo at 7:05 this AM having left Kingston by train last night 10:40.

April 17, Saturday — 44 degrees AM 26 degrees 12 PM. Decidedly warmer. The snow blanket disappeared over night. Winds northerly – weather fair, colder evng, glorious clear moonlight.

Sap ran fairly well, gathered PM& ran the batch off tonight, brought syrup home. Took over load manure PM on last years potato patch above 3 corner lot, and plowed early garden patches for Ollie Burgher. Mother rec'd card from Cornelia.

April 18, Sunday — 24 degrees AM 34 degrees 12 PM.

Light winds, lonesome day. Sky streaked lightly with haze. Became overcast and rainy evng.

Mother attended church service PM. Mrs Belle Burgher & Mrs Rose Aud called AM. Charles Langer & mother came PM. Mother & I did usual daily chores. Gathered sap after supper & boiled down the batch.

April 19, Monday — 32 degrees 12 PM. Rainy, changed to snow PM & again to rain evng. Ground covered by an inch or more of slushy snow tonight.

I went to Kingston PM. Attended re-showing of famous Civil War southern picture “Gone With The Wind” at Broadway theatre – also visited Daisy at the Benedictine Hospital. Mother had milking done.

April 20, Tuesday — 40 degrees 12 PM Continued light rain till early forenoon. The snow disappeared except on mountains, overcast still all day & evng.

Wrote Freeman news copy AM, first in several weeks, also mailed Ulster County News copy. Mother rec'd letter from Cornelia.

International radio broadcast 11 PM of Good Will addresses by President Manuel Avila Camacho of New Mexico (in Spanish) and our U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Monterey, Mexico.

April 21, Wednesday — Continued rainy day & evng. Heavy fall during forenoon.

Did chores etc, with Mother helping, milking etc. Wrote letter to Lute Bell AM also helped Mother out writing air mail letter to Mr & Mrs Carnwell Longyear at

Albuquerque , N.M.

I let Charley Hesley have about 3 pecks of potatoes to plant, to be returned when harvested.

April 22, Thursday — Cleared away this morning – some cloudy – glorious clear evng, winds light, mild, chilly evng.

Wrote Easter card letter to Mariam & other cards AM, sent Mariam's air mail. Took cart load manure over on last years potato ground above 3 corner lot PM also plowed patches for Ollie Burgher.

April 23, Friday — 30 degrees AM 48 degrees 12 PM. Glorious cloudless day & evng. Developed windy PM – strong evng.

Spring so long delayed has broken at last. Gathered load leaves along back road also took up washed & stored sap buckets, pan etc. with Ollie Burgher's assistance. Rec'd 2 cards from Daisy from hospital.

April 24, Saturday — 38 degrees AM. 38 degrees 12 PM. Mellow springlike – gnat flies made first general appearance PM. Generally fair to partly cloudy all clear & a bit crispy evng – winds northerly.

Faster Shultis & Aaron VanDeBogart of Wittenberg came after seed potatoes AM. I let them have 3 bu @\$2.25.

Spread load manure above 3 corner lot & drew away old north side foundation wall of Ollie Burgher's great grandfather's barn, plowed it up.

April 25, Sunday — 54 degrees 11 PM. Warm real balmy. Fair, becoming increasingly overcast PM. Light rain evng. Strong south westerly wind.

I celebrated Easter moderately by eating but 9 eggs. Mother attended church service PM.

April 26, Monday — 42 degrees 11 PM. Decidedly cool, magnificent sunny clear day & evng. Brisk northerly winds, moderating.

Spread cart load manure above 3 corner lot, and drew away old barn foundation stones & plowed at Ollie Burgher's.

April 27, Tuesday — 30 degrees AM 36 degrees 11 PM. Cool & fair this morning. Easterly wind developed and became overcast. Rainy PM also showers evng.

Wrote Ulster County news copy AM, spread small load manure on garden. Started working at Ollie Burgher's finished drawing away north east sides of old barn foundation stones, ready for harrowing. Rain intervened after dinner. Wrote per capita assessment bill letters later PM to Dist I.O.O.F. lodge.

Missing Pilot's Body on Mountain

The wreckage of a plane containing the body of a pilot was found on Eagle Mountain, near Fleischmanns by two Boy Scouts on Monday afternoon. The youngsters reported their find to Leon Furch forest ranger at Fleischmanns who immediately got in touch with other authorities

State troopers and forest rangers were ordered later to guard the plane until army authorities had completed their investigation. Because of army regulations, no other information was given out. The Margaretville state troopers said they had been instructed to withhold any information until it is released by the army.

The section in which the plane was found is said to be particularly wild country and it was only by accident that the two Boy Scouts happened to run across the wreckage.

Identified as Nyack Man,
Army authorities later have announced that the pilot whose body was found in the wreckage of a plane on Eagle Mountain, near Fleischmanns, by two Boy Scouts today was Air Cadet Robert E. Horn, 24, of Nyack, N.Y. The young man had been missing since December 4th when his plane crashed on a routine flight.

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April 28. Wednesday — 40 degrees AM. 40 degrees 12 PM. Had midnight thunder & lightning to south east. Mostly overcast, turned decidedly raw & cold & blustery, rain squally early PM, cleared evng.

Spread overnight accumulation of stable manure above 3 corner lot, got Ollie Burgher's early potato ground harrowed & marked out & partly planted. Ed Every called early evng & had supper with Mother & I. Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

April 29, Thursday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Cool — beautiful sunny bright day. Northerly winds, becoming

overcast evng.

Helped Ollie Burgher finish planting the early patch of potatoes , about 2 bu. Drove down some fence posts. I went over to see Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell evening. Rec'd card from Daisy.

April 20, Friday — 38 degrees AM. Down pouring during south west rain all morning and part afternoon, clearing blustery evng.

Rec'd card from Daisy saying to come after her at hospital sometime Sunday PM.

May 1, Saturday — 32 degrees AM. 36 degrees 11 PM. Mountain snow squalls AM – mostly overcast, clearing brightly – cold raw blustery weather.

Spread big cart load manure above 3 corner lot on corn & potato patch of last year. Helped Ollie Burgher spread several loads chicken manure on planted potato patch.

Mr & Mrs Merwin Heshner of Niagara Falls called latter PM while en-route home from business trip by auto to N.Y. city.

May 2, Sunday — 32 degrees AM. 40 degrees 12 PM. Thin ice formed last night. The day was generally fair, became overcast evng & set in rainy.

I made trip to Maple Dell this AM with Betsey cow. Mr & Mrs Ira Van Ness called PM they have just returned home to Woodstock from Florida. I went to Kingston and brought Daisy home from the Benedictine Hospital. She was there just 5 weeks. I paid up the bill in

full \$264.50.

A church business meeting was held PM. Mrs Helen Tweedy was elected to succeed me as treas. at which I have served since mid July 1919.

May 3, Monday — 44 degrees 11 PM. Arrived rainy, continued till around 8:30 AM – afternoon showers followed with thunder over south east.

I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage this AM and had car greased & checked over. After the showers I took cart load manure over above 3 corner lot. Wrote News copy evng. Rec'd air mail letter written April 26, from Bob Longyear.

May 4, Tuesday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Mostly cloudy – cool – light winds northerly – faird evng.

I was re-called for Grand Jury duty as forman of the May 1942 panel continued in session concerning investigation of the affairs of the Nuzzo labor Union case, known as Local no 17. International had carriers and common Laborers Union.

Bought 2 excellent buck shad @ .10 lb – .68. I attended Dist no 8 school meeting evng. Mabel Weidner trustee, Mrs Marvin VanDeMark coll. E.C. Davis clerk, all elections unanimous. Voted to raise by tax on Dist \$2,610.00. Small attendance.

May 5, Wednesday — The weather was fair and pleasantly warm. The song of a Whipporwill last evng indicated the presence of spring.

Spread load manure above 3 corner lot and drewed off

2 cart loads stone. I went to Kingston this PM on Grand Jury duty. Served as warden duty evng on test black out extending from New York city north to Kingston.

May 6, Thursday — 50 degrees 11 PM. Continued generally fair, except for brief shower early PM warm, light winds, all clear evng.

Disced over garden and woods corner last years corn stubble field, to be re-planted AM. Took over small cart load manure and spread above 3 corner lot, then plowed and harrowed Ollie Burgher's garden patch alongside her house.

May 7, Friday — 56 degrees 11 PM. Warm, partly cloudy to cloudy. Light showers late PM. All cleared evng.

Partly plowed garden AM. Went to Kingston PM on Grand Jury duty. Charles Langer & mother called PM also Mrs Grace Winnie & Mrs Howard Winnie of Kingston, the latter brot & fitted on Daisy, Spencer corset which cost me \$18.20 – Wow.. Our nights can milk sent back rejected tagged 66 degrees.

May 8, Saturday — Partly cloudy – warm – showery around. We had thunder shower late PM, rained along till dark.

Spread load manure above 3 corner lot and along with chores etc finished plowing and disced our garden. Mother and I were late with milking and chores tonight and couldn't get to lodge. Mr & Mrs Charles Hesley, Mrs Geo. Terrwilliger and Mrs Celia Roosa called the

meanwhile.

May 9, Sunday — 44 degrees 11 PM. Partly cloudy – warm, pleasant day – all cleared evng – light winds.

Made a mid day call at Maple Dell Farm. Anna Avery's condition is bad. Seem to have caught more cold and feel it. Ed Avery called and had some supper with us.

May 10, Monday — Rainy most of day and evng, cool and glum. Good grass growing weather.

Bought dozen Hudson River shad at .10 each & had 9 of them canned. Wrote card to Mariam.

May 11, Tuesday — 44 degrees 11 PM. Continued rainy, mussy all day & evng. 11 PM drenching thunder shower.

Kept busy despite the messy weather. Wrote news copy after breakfast. Took over and spread load manure above 3 corner lot. Helped Ollie Burgher with the team & cart cleaning up rubbish etc. She came down & helped me clean chicken house. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

May 12, Wednesday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Drenching downpours – clearing away evng.

Rec'd letter from Mariam. Busied with chores & odd jobs. During PM I went over & called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell also went to Olive bridge and saw James Tweedy regarding a horse try out. Another Ulster county blackout was held last night but we were blissfully unaware.

May 13, Thursday — Beautifully clear & warm this AM. Northerly wind s became overcast & light rain at evng.

Started driving posts for new pasture fence AM. Took over load manure PM above 3 corner lot, also spread 3 loads chicken litter manure for Ollie Burgher. Rec'd letter Cornelia. We rec'd phone call this evng that a very dear friend and Brother Mason Ira D. Van Ness died suddenly in his garage at their beautiful home in Woodstock about 4:30 PM. He was found lying dead behind their car by Mrs Van Ness.

May 14, Friday — 40 degrees AM 36 degrees 12 PM. Clear bright day and cloudless chilly evng.

Plowed and harrowed garden for Ollie Burgher also disced ready for planting last years potato and sweet corn ground above 3 corner lot. This evng Mother & I drove over to Woodstock & called on grief shocked Katheryn Van Ness.

Ira Van Ness Is Discovered Dead

Ira Dodge Van Ness 59, was found by his wife lying dead in his garage on Maple street, Woodstock about 4:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr Van Ness with Ben Snyder, had been working about his place Thursday and about 4:25 Mrs Van Ness told investigating officers and Coroner McCardle, she saw him go to the garage to put away the garden tools. When he did not return to the house she went to the garage and found him lying there.

The sheriff's office was notified and deputies Segelken and Rennenberg went to the home, as did Coroner Frank J. McCardle. The coroner learned that

while employed in New York city, with the Consolidated Edison Co. Some years ago, Mr Van Ness had suffered from a heart attack and had retired from active work. He and his wife came to Woodstock, where they built a home and where they have since spent their summers. Winters they have been going south and they had returned from Florida only a couple of weeks ago. They are well known residents of Woodstock, having spent their summers there for 25 years.

Coroner McCardle gave a verdict of death from coronary occlusion. The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Victor Lasher.

May 15, Saturday — 32 degrees AM. 36 degrees 12 PM. Cool, bright fair day – partly overcast evng. Light winds.

Went up to Maple Dell this AM. Anna Avery who has been ill all winter has improved enough to be moved down stairs. Not feeling very brisk, fagged out. Spread load manure on garden re-disked it over and with Mother's assistance planted ½ bu – 3 rows Irish Cobbler potatoes along lower side of garden. This evng I went alone to Lasher's Parlors, Woodstock and took part in Masonic funeral services for Bro Ira D. Van Ness, in charge of Kingston Lodge no 10 O.E.S. ritual preached.

May 16, Sunday — 60 degrees AM Murky – Light showers PM & early evng. Warmer evng with brisk westerly winds.

I got in wild mustard pulling jobs. Wrote air mail letter to Mariam. This PM I turned over my Olive

Shokan Baptist church treasurer records to my elected successor , Mrs Helen Tweedy with a balance of \$110.61.

Funeral services for Ira D. Van Ness held at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. Sermon by Rev. Harvey I. Todd. Reformed minister. The remains placed in vault for later internment, Woodstock cemetery. Wrote letter to Mariam regular mail.

May 17, Monday — 68 degrees AM. Partly cloudy – murky like – brisk south westerly winds and high humidity brought a cracking dashing late PM thunder shower – another evng.

This PM after spreading load manure, I planted most of strip of ground above 3 corner lot. Just before shower James Tweedy of Olive Bridge brought on truck an 8 year old chestnut mare to try out for work with Molly. He took Nigger one of my horses to keep during the trial.

May 18, Tuesday — 58 degrees 12 Pm. Continued muggy warm, high humidity. Showers in night & morning. Faired away hot PM followed by thunder showers all evng.

I took Daisy to Kingston to see Dr. O'Connor. I saw Mr Whittier at Orthmann's Sanitarium , his condition is hopeless it appears – left arm & leg helpless. Mrs Whittier who was down to see him rode back with us. Dr O'Connor's charge \$3.00.

May 19, Wednesday — 56 degrees 12 PM. 38th anniversary death of Martin H. Crispell.

Continued muggy, murky– showers settled in late PM – hard rains evng.

Spread load manure above 3 corner lot, finished plowing the strip & hauled off 2 more cart loads stone. Tried out the new horse with Molly. This PM Ollie helped me repair chicken yard fence & plant row of Laxtons Progress peas across lower part of garden. Started taking nights can of milk over to Mort Roes spring for cooling, same as last summer. Funeral 2 PM of Florence Davis at Tongore church. Sermon by Rev. Merton Cady. Internment in Tongore cemetery.

Freeman notice

Miss Florence Marie Davis of Olive Bridge died at the New York Hospital, New York city, Saturday May 15, after an illness of several weeks. Miss Davis was the daughter of Mrs Anna Davis of Olive Bridge and the late Leroy Davis. Before her illness she was employed as a laboratory technician at Beechmont Dairy at Bridgeport, Conn. Surviving relatives besides her mother are; one brother, Arthur E. Davis of Ithaca; two sisters Mrs Glenn Marlatt of Brooklyn; Miss Carol J. Davis of Olive Bridge, and also her grandmother Mrs Katie Oakley of Olive Bridge. Funeral services will be held at the Tongore Methodist Church of which Miss Davis was a member, Wednesday, May 19, at 2 PM. They will be conducted by the Rev. Merton F. Cady of Olive Bridge pastor of the church. Burial will be in the Tongore cemetery.

May 20, Thursday — 52 degrees 12 PM. Still, mussy, rainy this morning. Murky all day & evng – tried to break away mid PM – cooler tonight.

Busy with chores etc. This PM Ollie Burgher helped me build a strip of new 3 barb wire pasture fence down along woods from end of stone wall to boulevard

may 21, Friday — 46 degrees 11:30 PM. Continued rainy thru out the day and evng – cool still.

The garden is pretty well absorbing the super abundant water and streams are not high. Serious floods prevail in mid west.

Did little other than chores.

May 22, Saturday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Rained most of night, cloudy – cool. Finally cleared away evng – real cool.

Drawed out manure. Helped Ollie Burgher with team PM moving pile of unsplit firewood. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Initiatory Degree conferred on Lester S. Davis (18) & Robert Haver.

May 23, Sunday — 36 degrees AM 54 degrees 12 PM. Lovely fair warm day – developed overcast latter PM but faired away during evng. Fresh south westerly winds developed. White frost reported last night.

Jeanne Longyear phoned from Brooklyn AM that they rec'd message from Mexico City that Mariam had her second baby yesterday a 5 ½ lb daughter or more correctly 11:50 last night, Mexico City time, 12 hours later than our time. We had known nothing of her

condition.

Charley Langer & his mother called PM. I went with Phoenicia Post American Legion detail PM and put flags on the graves of soldiers dead in Olive cemeteries.

May 24, Monday — The day and evng was fair, part cloudy with southerly winds – cool.

Put in a busy long day. Hauled a big double wagon box load of wet chicken house manure over and spread above 3 corner lot, also a cart load stable manure and disced the ground both ways ready to mark out. There was a test air raid alert called between 11 o'clock & noon. I was unable to officiate as air warden, being on the road with load of manure when the call reached me at Ollie Burgher's corner. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam written the 16th, no mention made of expectant baby. A year ago this noon lightening struck hemlock tree over hanging rear of barn garage.

May 25, Tuesday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Murky – muggy light southerly winds, occasional light showers.

Ollie Burgher helped me mark the ground above 3 corner lot and planted in hills about 4 1/4 bu potatoes. Kept going despite the rains. Ground in excellent mellow condition. Left space for sweet corn. James Tweedy brought my "Nigger" horse back & took his home – I had the try out this past week. Was a good worker but of mustang type.

May 26, Wednesday — Murky, warm & muggy. Had a deluge of rain this forenoon & occasional showers PM. –

Cleared quietly evng.

Streams rose rapidly, cellars & gardens flooded. Ladies Aid quilters at the church had to move up stairs as basement floor flooded to an approximate depth of 6 inches. Rec'd April milk check net \$83.07. I kept busy with chores etc.

may 27, Thursday — 52 degrees !2PM. Continued warm, fair tilll mid PM when a dashing crashing thunder shower quickly developed from the west. Fresh south westerly winds, turned cooler evng, wind shifting more northerly.

Ollie Burgher helped me clean up and spray the cow stables. While we were busy the State Dairy Inspector came. Milton Wakely from Glens Falls. He said he knows Cornelia's husband Dick Herrington and gave him a good recommend. Cornelia phoned early evng on occasion of her mother's birthday.

May 28, Friday — 46 degrees !2 PM. Partly cloudy – warm. Light winds northerly. Mountain rain squalls PM – cooler evng.

Sprayed the apple trees near home AM This PM with Ollie Burgher helping planted 3/4 bu more of potatoes and finished filling out the ground with sweet corn, Whipples Early Yellow, Late Evergreen & Bantam Evergreen. Also spread big cart load manure out along woods corner. A big & tiresome days job.

May 29, Saturday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Continued pleasant, partly cloudy. Fresh northerly winds.

Ollie Burgher helped me spray the Hinkley apple trees and several in her orchard. I also harrowed over her late potato ground. We marked it out and cultivated her early patch of potatoes. Tonight I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – had refreshments. Initiatory Degree conferred on Edward Wendt and Floyd Brown.

May 30, Sunday — Pleasant – partly cloudy – southerly winds – all cleared evng.

Had no callers. Took the day easy aside from chores.

May 31, Monday — Continued partly cloudy – light southerly winds. Warm – muggy evng. Strom seems gathering.

I helped Ollie Burgher plant her patch of late potatoes, about 2 ½ bu. also few rows sweet corn. Also put load manure on potato hills, planting above 3 corner lot also disced over the garden. Another long hard days work. Wrote “news” copy evng.

June 1, Tuesday — Rainy – murky – from late PM till midnight there was a continuation of unusually severe drenching electrical storms.

During let up of the rain this PM I started sythe haying, mowing about the house and paths. The growth is unusually heavy. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam mailed from Mexico City, May 26.

June 2, Wednesday — 72 degrees 12 PM. Hot muggy weather. Brief shower during latter PM from west, followed by fresh warm northerly winds. Partly cloudy.

I helped Mort Roe with horses & stone boat haul a cow which died in calving, from lower end of his pasture lot along line fence out through our woods. Helped skin and bury it on lower side of our woods corner field corn stubble.. Investigation showed a large bull calf (dead) with one of its front legs caught which prevented its being born normally.

Took over cart load manure on potato hills also during PM.

June 3, Thursday — Beastly hot, muggy weather – light winds northerly – partly cloudy.

Morton Roe & I started re-building dilapidated pasture fence running parallel with city boulevard.

June 4, Friday — 66 degrees 7 AM. 72 degrees 11 PM. Continued mid summer humid heat, partly cloudy. Some breeze – thunder showery evng – storm broke 11 o'clock.

Morton Roe & I continued re-building fence. Finished setting new posts & re-wiring partly done. Ollie Burgher helped us PM.

Ernest Elliot a 10 year old boy drowned late this PM in flooded Spillway waste channel, near stone church “ruins” He was unable to swim.

P.S. Body not yet recovered Sunday PM, June 6th

P.S. June 8, PM Found about a mile down stream from drowning scene, caught head first in crotch of tree in center of creek.

June 5, Saturday — 66 degrees AM. 52 degrees 12 PM. A magnificent brilliant June day & evng. The weather

was warm but much less humidity than yesterday. Fresh northerly winds – cooler tonight.

Drawed over cart load manure & put on potato hills AM after morning chores. Ollie helped me finish the 3 strand barb wire fence. A big & long needed task done. I attended late I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. 1st Degree conferred on Bob Haver, Lester S Davis. Edward Wendt & Floyd Brown.

June 6, Sunday — 58 degrees 12 PM. Pleasant part cloudy, bright day – light southerly day winds. Became overcast, muggy evng.

I let Albert Van Gaasbeck have my team to harrow his garden & in return he plowed & harrowed Minnie Every's AM. Took a walk PM looking over the exuberent hay crop etc. Found some of my potaoes have rotted in the ground. This evng I attended the Odd Fellows annual memorial service at Tongore church. Big crowd – excellent program. Rev. Merton S. Cady speaker.

June 7, Monday — 48 degrees 12 PM. Another drenching rain fell most of the day – cool murky.

I busied around with odd jobs – chores & cutting grass for cows. Wrote news copy evng. Mr & Mrs Ritterbusch (Judy & Dick) and Mrs Kathryn Van Ness of Woodstock called early PM.

Body of Ernest Elliot Recovered from Creek

The body of 10 year old Ernest Elliot, of Pacoma, was found Tuesday afternoon about a mile down stream from

the spot where he was swept over the falls at Lomontville while swimming Friday afternoon. The body had been caught head first in a crotch of a tree in the center of the creek.

Paul Joyce and William Lane of West Hurley, first noticed the body and informed the authorities. Sheriff Anderson and Coroner McCardle were summoned to the scene by deputy sheriff's who along with other volunteers had been grappling in the deep water and keeping a close watch downstream for the lad's body. Those who participated in the search for the sheriff's office were Deputies Segelken, Vredenberg, Barley, Dewitt, Young and Under Sheriff Winne.

The boy was the son of Mr & Mrs Alvin Elliot, of Pacoma and in addition to his parents is survived by three sisters, Anna, Janice and Bernice and a brother Alvin Jr. The funeral will be held from the parlors of A. Carr & Son, 1 Pearl St, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, with burial in Marbletown cemetery.

June 8, Tuesday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy, pleasant, light southerly winds – overcast evng.

The top soil in garden & corn stubble field dried out considerably today. Ollie Burgher helped me repair pasture fence, also drew out big cart load manure.

June 9, Wednesday — Overcast to partly cloudy – moderately cool. Fresh westerly winds developed latter PM, quieting evng.

Ollie Burgher helped me re-plant ½ bu potatoes, due to seed rotting in ground along upper end of patch.

Brought over mowing machine out of storage. Cultivated Ollie's early potatoes. They look thrifty. Planted 25 hills pole beans , some re-planting sweet corn. Also disced over our garden late. Rec'd letter Kay & Dick – she also enclosed a letter she rec'd from Mariam.

June 10, Thursday — 52 degrees 12 PM. Part cloudy – brisk southwesterly wind developed and brought PM showers & overcast.

Re-harrowed the garden twice & this PM with Ollie Burgher's help re-planted 2 rows potatoes across lower side, also planted patch yellow sweet corn on north end.

June 11, Friday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Bright pleasant day – light northerly winds. High scattered clouds – chilly evng.

Did big days work – machine mowed the weed choked sweet corn patch behind barn & last years woods corner corn stubble AM. This PM brought home rake & tedder from old barn storage also with Ollie's help cleaned up the grass & weeds from behind barn patch & got in barn.

June 12, Saturday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy – warm – shifting winds.

Plowed last years sweet corn patch behind barn AM. Jim Burgher with private 1st class David Bender called PM. Later Ollie Burgher helped me gather remaining weeds & grass cut yesterday in 2 wagon box rigging loads. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – 2nd and 3rd degree conferred on Robt Haver, Lester S. Davis, Floyd Brown & Edward Wendt. Refreshments served after

meeting. Daisy made a trip to Kingston to see Dr O’Oconor.

June 13, Sunday — Partly cloudy, hot, sultry, brisk westerly winds, developed showery PM. Showers passed around – cooled down evng.

Not much doing. Went over and checked on the potatoes & sweet corn PM. Spuds are coming pretty good & corn is 4 – 5 inches height. Find more potato hills need re-planting. Wrote letter Mariam & sending with it current issue Ulster Co. News. Bro. Francis Whittier died 7 AM at Orthmann Sanitarium in Kingston.

June 14, Monday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Pleasant bright warm day, light southerly day winds. High fleecy clouds. Cool beautiful moonlight evng, nearing full.

Did a big days job plowed over half of woods corner corn stubble field. After supper I disced well three times over, plowed ground behind barn. Milk came back this AM high temp. 65 degrees.

June 15, Tuesday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy hot August like weather – breezy.

Finished plowing the corn stubble field – a sweating job. Also harrowed and marked out patch behind barn Rec’d letter Case Gwinn who had a light cerebral stroke some weeks ago & was flat in bed 4 weeks. Also rec’d letter Kay & Dick.

June 16, Wednesday — Brisk northerly winds quieting at

evng. High broken clouds. Cooler than yesterday. Dry atmosphere, moon shone hazily evng.

Did a big job cleaned out the hog yard in 6 wagon loads, Ollie Burgher helping.

June 17, Thursday — Full moon 60 degrees 12 PM. Overcast, murky. Light southerly winds. Had drenching thunder showers late PM & evng.

I sowed oats & grass seed for Morton Roe AM. This PM I drew out manure & disced over lengthways the corn ground. Milk came back this AM for hi temperature.

June 18, Friday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Pleasant bright warm day some clouds, brisk northerly winds. Full beaming tonight.

To wet to work corn ground, plowed out ditch along path. Planted in more potatoes. This PM cultivated twice in row both ways the potatoes & sweet corn patch. A big needed job & tired one. Potatoes that are up look fairly well & corn thrifty. Mailman missed leaving our mail today. Still using the box Uncle Watson Bishop made in 1918. Frank A Barringer 66 of Shokan died in Kingston Hospital.

June 19, Saturday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Hot – fair – some clouds. Light winds Mellow moonlight night.

Another hard day of toil. Spread a load manure and disced south end of corn ground ready AM. PM Ollie Burgher helped marked out a patch & we planted Yellow Evergreen sweet corn & 3 bu potatoes 1 of russet – 2 of

white.

Tonight I attended Republican caucus at Colange's Hall. Francis Every chairman, E.C. Davis secy — meeting called to order by committeeman Peter Crawford Delegated elected attend Rep. County Convention June 24 in Kingston. Helen Marshall, Pauline Lortz and myself.

June 20, Sunday — 66 degrees 11 PM. Continued clear & hot, brisk westerly PM winds – quiet evng.

Tried to rest up home all day. Mother attended church service PM. Mr & Mrs Ray Davis of Lyonsville called PM I wrote V mail letter to Lieut. Lester Personus Jr. n in England in response to one rec'd from him recently.

Kingston Leader Obituary 6/21/43

Frank A. Barringer

Funeral services for Frank A. Barringer, of Shokan, who died Friday at the Kingston Hospital, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Shokan Reformed Church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in the Tongore cemetery. Mr Barringer, a life long resident of the town of Olive, had been employed for 30 years by the Dept of Water Supply of New York city as a water shed inspector. Fraternally he was a member of Kingston Lodge, J.O.U.A.M. Phoenicia Lodge Knights of Pythias, and Mt Tremper Grange. He is survived by his wife, Mrs Helen Barringer and an adopted daughter Mrs Grant Avery of Boiceville.

June 21, Monday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Continued fair & hot. Became showery PM & several thunder showers passed around nearby. Except for a few sprinkles the rain missed west side of reservoir. Faired away late evng.

I helped spray Ollie Burgher's potatoes AM. This PM we planted the patch behind barn with yellow and late white sweet corn. I disced over the corn ground both ways. After supper planted 6 rows Evergreen fodder corn next to potatoes. Funeral services 2:30 PM for Frank Barringer in Shokan Dutch Reformed Church. Interment in Tongore Cemetery.

June 22, Tuesday — 60 degrees 6 :30 AM 60 degrees 12 PM. Continued fair and hot, winds westerly. Looked showery off to north late PM. All clear evng, declining moon rising out of deep south about midnight.

Accomplished another big job, re-harrowed & marked out corn ground before 1:30 dinner. Starting about 3o'clock planting corn my good helper Ollie Burgher stuck it out and finished all but a little north end corner patch for fodder. Planted yellow flint except for 4 rows red cornell variety for trial. Mother milked both AM & tonight. 5 cows. Latest date I ever planted field corn. Sent letter to Mariam with birthday card for Gaye.

June 23, Wednesday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Mothers 56 Wedding Anniversary. Clear – cooler than yesterday – light winds. Serene June weather.

AM planted fodder corn out in woods corner completing the field, did chores, cut grass for cows etc. This PM started haying. Cut the field of new seeding in

front of house, mixed everywhere with a rank growth of dock, also cut the corner behind chicken yard. The grass is heavy. Also put part of wagon load of hen manure & acid fertilizer on corn hills after supper. Ollie B. helped again today.

June 24, Thursday — 62 degrees AM 66 degrees 12 PM. Beastly hot, part cloudiness, winds light – all clear hazy evng.

Spent most of the day tedding over the new mown hay, and raked it in winrows late PM. Finished putting the load of chicken manure on corn before dinner. Jesse Shurter's truck brought me a load of sawdust for hog yard & stable bedding \$3.00 paid. Sent Cornelia a birthday card with \$1.00 bill enclosed.

June 25, Friday — 66 degrees AM. 66 12 PM. Another clear glaring, scorching hot day — 108 degrees mid PM porch sun temperature. Light winds.

Magnificent for hay curing. Ollie Burgher & I got in 4 loads hay in quite well cured condition. Also drew out load manure & spread between fodder corn rows. Worked till dark.

June 26, Saturday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Continued sweltering, fair, hazy – weather developed showery PM with a shower passing over the Brodhead Olive Bridge sector. Early wvng our home locality was drenched with a boisterous electrical shower, another shower in night.

I got a ride both ways attending the Republican County Convention as a delegate. Supervisor Albert

Cashdollar of Woodstock chosen as candidate unopposed for County Treas to succeed Chester Lyons. Coroners elected as candidates Arthur Chipp of Kerhonkson & Wm McCardle of Rosendale. Henry A. Lamouree of Saugerties defeated for nomination. Got in load of hay after getting home.

June 27, Sunday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Continued sweltering – close – somewhat hazy – part cloudy.

Cornelia's 25th birthday. 29th anniversary of my steam roller accident to my right hand. Did usual grind of chores. Took a walk PM looking over the Hinkley farm heavy growth hay fields.

June 28, Monday — 74 degrees 12 PM. Yet another sweltering day, especially this PM – somewhat breezy. Heavy thunder showers passed around to north & south PM & evng. We had only sprinkles evng.

Sprayed early planting of potatoes AM. PM raked & cleaned up big load rakings, drew out manure & planted in sweet corn behind barn. Together with the run of the mill chores, Ollie helped & well.

June 29, Tuesday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Overcast with light rains AM. Faired away PM. Shower went around to north – decidedly cooler evng. Breezy at times.

Cultivated Ollie Burgher's potato patches also my patch above 3 corner lot with hiller cultivator using Molly horse.

June 30, Wednesday — 50 degrees AM. 50 degrees 12

Pm. Very decided cool. Broken clouds to mostly cloudy – all clear evng, brisk northerly winds..

I mowed the heavy stand field of hay behind barn AM and patch by current bushes yard etc. Tedded it after dinner, then Ollie & I hilled up potatoes, cultivated garden corn patch etc after supper. Mrs West called evng.

July 1, Thursday — 44 degrees 6:30 AM 44 degrees 12 PM. Brisk northerly winds, bright atmosphere, part cloudy – cool.

Drawed out manure, tedded over the hay & cultivated sweet corn patch behind hog yard AM. Mother & I got in 2 loads hay PM. She loaded for first in her life. After supper Ollie Burgher & I got the 3rd load.

July 2, Friday — 42 degrees AM.. 46 degrees 12 PM. Continued delightfully cool and pleasant. Light winds – occasional clouds, cloudless evng.

Perfect haying weather. Finished hilling up early patch potatoes AM.& turned over hay winrows. This PM Ollie helped get in 3 fine loads hay & I raked up the rakings. A big clean up.

June 3, Saturday — 44 degrees AM. Weather changing to unsettled. Fair this morning gradually becoming overcast with south westerly winds.

I helped Ollie Burgher work in her garden AM. This PM we got in nice load rakings – put cart load manure on sweet corn, also cleaned new part hen house & put litter on sweet corn.

July 4, Sunday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Overcast sun broke thru briefly. Set in rainy during PM with southerly wind, heavy rain evng.

Tried to rest up a bit. I went over to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell's evng for my first visit in several weeks. This is the quietest 4th of July I ever recollect. Auto driving greatly curtailed due to gas restrictions.

July 5, Monday — 60 degrees AM. We had a marvelous well needed over night rain. The day was warm & murky with nearby passing afternoon thunder showers – cleared evng.

Mother & I set out cabbage plants in garden AM. During the afternoon I cultivated thru twice in row the field of corn & late potato planting.

July 6, Tuesday — 60 degrees 12 PM Part cloudiness warm and rather muggy – winds southeasterly.

Today is Mother's 75th birthday. She celebrated it as any other day. Milked the 5 cows and worked in her garden & flowers. Ed Avery called this AM & expressed his fond affection for her. This PM I mowed the upper part of side hill lot heavy hay & spread load manure in sweet corn rows. Ollie Burgher helped PM.

July 7, Wednesday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy threateningly overcast during PM. Winds light southerly – fairly cool.

Worked at the cut hay – teded it twice and finally raked in winrows – also mowed remaining lower part of side hill lot PM. Cultivated sweet corn patch behind barn

after supper. We finally rec'd a letter from Mariam first since June 1st.

July 8, Thursday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Moderately warm— southerly day winds. Partly to mostly cloudy — unsettled.

Worked at the hay — opened up the winrows & teded under part of hill AM. Put in a long hard PM getting in 4 loads hay, Ollie & Mother helped.

July 9, Friday — 66 degrees 12 PM Continued unsettled. Partly to mostly cloudy — showery PM but we only had sprinklings — warm & muggy.

Put in the day working with the hay. Drawed in 3 loads PM & raked & cleaned up the whole field. Ollie & Mother helped.

July 10, Saturday — Hot, muggy, moderately fair AM showery all around PM. We had only sprinkles faired evng. South westerly PM breeze.

Did big days work. Cultivated garden also corn field & late potatoes going lengthwise twice in row. Also planted in sweet corn behind barn & put on cart load manure.

Anglo Invasion of European continent began with assault on Island of Sicily.

July 11, Sunday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Hot, humid, generally fair except for brief shower mid forenoon. Late PM a shower passed from around High Point & across over the east side.

Made out order to Montgomery Ward & Co. Tried to take the day easy, but pretty warm for comfort.

July 12, Monday — Partly cloudy – hot & humid – breezy PM westerly.

Cleaned Ollie Burgher's two chicken houses & brought part of manure home, also cleaned the old section of ours and after supper put the combined load on corn hills, mixed with acid fertilizer. I sent Dr Frank E. O'Connor \$50.00 check on Daisy's operation bill of \$250.00.

July 13, Tuesday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Another hot muggy day – occasional light showers. The day was both overcast & fair.

Poor hay weather. Busy with chores, tinkered on car etc. This PM I mowed the remainder of hay below wall, where I have been cutting it & putting over fence for cows. Also spread cart load manure between sweet corn rows behind barn.

July 14, Wednesday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Another day of heat – high humidity and thunder showers passing. We had several light showers.

Usual daily routine, hoed up garden potatoes and sowed over some turnip seed in sweet corn etc. Also shovel cultivated the corn field cross ways. After rest on cot during showers I cleaned up the green cut hay below wall in small load for stable feeding, cleaned toilet and spread 2 cart loads manure in sweet corn.

July 15, Thursday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Change to fair weather – part cloudy – fresh westerly breeze developed. Magnificent clear serene moonlight evng.

Helped hoe up Ollie's late potato patch AM. Mowed & tedded 3 corner lot heavy hay PM. Hay past its best, should be cut 3 weeks ago.

July 16, Friday — 56 degrees AM. A magnificent clear day, brisk westerly winds but warm. Became overcast at eve but faired away – soft moonlight.

Morton Roe gave me a hand this AM. changing to the big hay rigging. Raked the 3 corner lot hay and drewed 3 big loads, the last one by moonlight – all but the rakings. Ollie Burgher helped.

July 17, Saturday – Hot, clear, westerly winds – clouded over during PM & had brief showers supper time – Later broke away.

Put off load of hay AM. PM cleaned up the 3 corner lot rakings & spread cart load manure on sweet corn. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. District Deputy Alonzo Davis & staff installed officers as follows – Junior P.G. – Frank D. Manley, Noble Grand – Alvin Markle – Vice Grand Renne Dumont – Warden Alonzo Davis – Conductor Reginald Davis – R.S.N.G. – Arthur E. Trowbridge – L.S.N.G. William Jordan – R.S.S. Floyd Brown – L.S.S. LeGrand Shultis – R.S.V.G. Oscar Dudley – L.S.V.G. Robert Haver – I.Guardian Elmer F. Davis – O. Guardian Edward Wendt – Chaplain E.C. Davis.

July 18, Sunday – 56 degrees 12 PM. Cleared away this morning a brilliant glaring day with brisk nor westerly winds – warm – Lovely moonlight night & pleasantly cool.

Tried to rest up a bit – Wrote Freeman news copy. This PM I took advantage of the grand haying weather and mowed most of the lower lot.

July 19, Monday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Grand haying weather. Part cloudy AM. Brilliant clear PM & evng. Brisk nor westerly winds, moderately cool.

Mowed remaining upper corner of lower lot and drew two big loads hay also cut about half of orchard lot. Another big days work. Ollie Burgher helped.

July 20, Tuesday — 52 degrees AM. 58 degrees 12 PM. Warmer – clear AM part cloudiness developed PM with brisk westerly winds & became thunder showery around – cleared evng.

Cleaned up lower lot in small load and got a whopping big one from orchard lot. Worked late getting hay unloaded – 9:30- supper. Pretty well tired & worn tonight -- Ollie helped. This morning I went up to Charles Hesley's by Bushkill Bridge after late cabbage plants. They have a marvelous producing garden.

July 21, Wednesday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Quite hot, part cloudy – breezy, developed showery late PM. Locally we got but brief rain . Fierce lightening storm over High Point.

About 8:45 this evng, Grover Winchell's hay filled

barn was burned by lightening. We were about to put off load hay & saw the fire glow. Later I went over – he got bull & calf out ok. Woodstock Fire Dept came with booster pump truck.

Mowed rest of orchard lot hay & around old house, cleaned up yesterday's cured hay & rakings in one good load, from lower part.

July 22. Thursday — 58 degrees 12 PM. Had a wonderful early morning rain. Warm – muggy – unsettled – part cloudy sun shone hot – Became showery mid PM & we had a refreshing 20 minute shower.

Spread big cart load manure in sweet corn & got hay wagon unloaded before dinner. Went over & started tedding hay but had to hurry home to get ahead of shower. After supper I took the tedder up to Gus Korittke's for repairs. Wrote card to Mariam. Skimmilton tonight for Howard Lucht.

July 23, Friday — A serene clear June like warm day. Noticeably cooler evng.

Went after my hay tedder to Gus Korittke's AM. Had broken right fork crank welded and other minor repairs \$2.00 This PM with Ollie's help drew big load hay, pretty well dried after tedding & raking, also unloaded it. Rec'd letter from Mariam.

July 24, Saturday — Magnificent hot drying hay day, light winds. Gorgeous fleecy lace sunset clouds, later became muggy and overcast.

Mowed the heavy over ripe hay behind old barn and

made a one load clean up of orchard lot. Also drew out manure on corn. Ollie Burgher helped.

July 25, Sunday — Warm muggy – mostly cloudy AM. Thunder showers PM & evng.

Cleaned up the winrowed hay behind old barn in big load, getting drenched in High Point shower coming home with hay.

Mrs Hattie Henry with sister Louise of Chicago & Mrs Emma Feiter called latter PM.

Benito Musseloni Facist Premeir of Italy in power 21 years, resigned with the nation crumbling about his infamous regme.

July 26, Monday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Warm muggy partly cloudy – quiet day & evng,

Drew out cart load manure AM on fodder corn. This PM Ollie Burgher helped me weed the late patch of potatoes also cultivated and got them partly hilled up. Run the load of hay out of barn for drying off and after supper unloaded same. Thus my first crop haying is completed aside for some brush & weed cutting. Wrote news copy evng. This my esteemed Father's birthday 1858 – 1934.

July 27, Tuesday— 56 degrees AM. Hot partly cloudy – Developed showery late PM. We had a sprinkle.

I helped Ollie today – cleaned her spring & sprayed part of chicken house also dug up & planted beans in garden. After having supper, she helped me hill up potatoes.

July 28, Wednesday — 56 degrees !2 PM. Part cloudy, bright atmosphere, light winds – not so hot as yesterday.

I cultivated patch sweet corn behind barn, mowed second crop seeding in front of house also tilled it over. This Mariam's 29th birthday.

President F.D. Roosevelt addressed the nation in a half hour fireside radio chat at 9:30 PM.

July 29, Thursday — Thunder shower and lovely rain beginning about 4 AM. The day was close and murky, showers – hard rain evng.

Spread big cart load manure in fodder corn AM. I helped Ollie Burgher PM finished cleaning & spraying her chicken house & set cabbage plants.

July 30, Friday — Partly cloudy, warm – serene – quiet mid summer.

Tilled the rain soaked hay twice also raked & cocked for the night. Ollie Burgher helped.

July 31, Saturday — Continued hot, partly cloudy – showery PM & early evng – clearing. Light winds. We got some rain at evng.

Drewed out manure. Worked at the hay getting it pretty well cured & got in 2 loads in barn. Ollie helped. Went to Olive Bridge got hair cut at Bill Lortz – meeting was over when I stopped at lodge.

August 1, Sunday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Midsummer heat, partly cloudy to clear – winds light.

Tried to rest up a bit. Charley Langer & his venerable

mother called PM. Started writing letter to Mariam on front porch early evng.

August 2, Monday — 74 degrees 12 PM. Hot, clear, brisk south westerly wind developed & continued into night.

Hottest night of summer. Mother & I finished our letter to Mariam this AM & sent it by air mail. Raked the second cutting stubble and re-cured the load of hay on wagon in field & re-loaded it & put on mow. Also spread load manure & did other jobs. Ollie Burgher helped. Very serious riot in Harlem negro section last night & this AM. Several killed & near 200 injured — 5000 New York city police put on duty. Wrote news copy evng.

August 3, Tuesday — Miserably hot, continued brisk south westerly winds — fair becoming partly cloudy & showery toward evng. We had a sprinkle.

I started cutting Ollie Burghers hay. Rec'd letter Mariam, written July 26 th — air mail — also letters each from Cornelia & Dick.

James martin our down street neighbor a retired New York butcher died last night 11 o'clock. He had cancer. A fine gentleman.

August 4, Wednesday — Muggy — murky — occasional light sprinkle showers. South westerly wind developed & brisk evng.

Have a sore jaw & take the tuck out of me — however I did quite a job cutting the strip of weeds & brush out along woods corner.

August 5, Thursday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy – fresh westerly winds, cleared beautifully at evng with brilliant new moon – cooler.

I assisted Fred Weeks, Shokan truckman haul me a big truck load sawdust from Jesse Shurter's Samsonville mill. He had dinner with us. He made me a very moderate charge of only \$2.00 – paid. Latter PM I cut some hay at Ollie Burgher's & brought a supply home for fodder – also drew cart load manure & spread below wall.

August 6, Friday — 52 degrees AM 50 degrees 12 PM. Grand harvest weather – bright clear & northerly winds – chilly evng.

Worked at Ollie Burgher's haying.

August 7, Saturday — 46 degrees AM. 56 degrees 12 PM. Clear cool northerly winds – became unsettled had sprinkles of rain mid PM – later part cleared.

Worked at Ollie Burgher's haying.

August 8, Sunday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Mostly cloudy, showery looking AM. Generally fair PM with showers passing in distance. Light winds all clear & cool evng.

Tried to rest up. I went over to Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell's evng.

August 9, Monday — 60 degrees 12 PM. Clear – developed part cloudy PM overcast evng. Warm quiet day.

Finished Ollie Burgher's hay, cut & cleaned up the

“Little Meadow” brought some hay home on wagon to feed.

August 10, Tuesday — Had light early morning rain, gradually fairing away. Hot sultry August weather.

Served 12 to 9 PM as Inspector for the Advanced Fall Primary Election. In dist no 8 there were 13 Democrats – 9 Republicans and 1 American Labor ballots. Cast. Peter R. Crawford & Francis Every were re-elected members of County Committee.

August 11. Wednesday — 58 degrees 12 PM. Hot light winds – scattered high clouds, clear moonlight evng.

Cut remaining brush around lower lot clump of trees AM. This PM I started repairing north side milk house roof – replaced lower half of sheeting boards.

August 12, Thursday — 64 degrees 12 PM. Fair gradually becoming murky – overcast PM. Southerly winds PM, muggy evng.

Did chores & drew load manure below wall AM. Wrote card Mariam & sent lost wallet ad to Freeman – Black leather bill fold with my name on & Masonic emblem, with \$6.00 in bills, auto registration & drivers license, vocational registration, lodge cards, pistol permit, Accord Farmers Co-op 1942 dividend check \$15.06 & clipping of Lillian’s death – missing since July 23rd. I have no recollection of having it after paying Gus Korittke for tedder repairs. I carried it at time in left hip pocket. Worked at new roof covering north side milk house PM.

August 13, Friday — The day developed murky and muggy with south westerly winds & occasional squirts of rain PM. The evening brought a 1 ½ hour drenching driving electrical storm, which was general.

Finished milk house roof repairs AM This PM Ollie Burgher helped me rebuild wire pasture fence around Bishop's corner by hemlock grove. Pete Crawford was here evening during the storm. Funeral 2 PM in Tongore Church for Mrs Francis Winchell. Sermon by Rev. Merton Cady. Interment Tongore Cemetery.

August 14, Saturday — Picked first sweet corn. Fair – warm – part cloudy. Had brief shower during PM Beautiful moonlight and clouds tonight – winds light.

Drawed out manure below wall, forked over hog yard PM for possible finding of my lost pocketbook. This evng attended Democratic Town Caucus held Olive Bridge I.O.O.F. hall. Frank D. Manley chairman. For supervisor – Justus North, Supt of Highways – Grant Avery (re-nominated), Town Clerk --LeGrand Shultis , Collector – Lester B.Davis, Justices 4 & 2 years-- Frank D. Manley & Fred Weeks, Assesors 4 & 2 years – Asa Barringer & Chas Gustavson, School Director – Mrs Floyd Merrihew.

August 15, Sunday — 52 degrees 12 PM. Bright pleasant warm day – norwesterly winds – some clouds – cool clear evng.

Did chores – not much doing tried to rest a bit. Cornelia and her hubby Dick Herrington arrived with their car supper time from Gowanda

August 16, Monday — 64 degrees 12 PM. Warm partly to mostly cloudy. Lowery August weather.

Did odd jobs in variety. Got sweet corn above 3 corner lot with Dick's car. Supervisor Lem DuBois called early PM in regard to his re-nomination at Republican town caucus this Friday evng. Raked & heaped up cut dried brush along woods PM. Cornelia & Dick went for a ride to Saugerties evng.

August 17, Tuesday —46 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy, pleasant bright day. Real cool evng Moderate winds northerly.

Got more sweet corn this AM done chores etc. Mrs West & her sisters Ester and Anna Risely called early PM. I drew out load manure below wall & got cart load sweet corn stalks PM. Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell paid us a pleasant luncheon call evng. They brot a large long honey sweet watermelon. Mother served an excellent "supper". Cornelia, Dick & Daisy went on trip to Kingston & Saugerties for supper. The Battle of Sicily was officially ended after 38 days of conquest.

August 18, Wednesday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy, bright day – fresh northerly winds – cool – magnificent scenery. Real cool cloudless evng.

8th anniversary of Aunt Cornelia Bishop's death. Went up to Gus Korittke's AM. Put new battery in car PM. Dick bought it yesterday at Montgomery Wards, Kingston store – 2 year guarantee. Cornelia & Dick went to Wassaic PM. Rec'd letter from Mariam dated Aug. 5th.

Death of John McKelvey, aged bachelor, Boiceville resident in Kingston Hospital.

August 19, Thursday—44 degrees AM. 48 degrees 12 PM. Pleasantly cool and partly cloudy, light winds, cloudless evng.

Dick and I took my car up to Gus Korittke's for radiator and fender repairs – yesterday before installing new battery I forgot to remove starting crank & on my way home from post office the crank handle caught in the road causing a hole to be jammed thru radiator core. Bernard Austin Dwyer 46 died 4:30 AM in Kingston Hospital after heart attack last Sat. He is oldest son of our 80 year old esteemed neighbor Philip Dwyer.

August 20, Friday — Partly cloudy, bright atmosphere, pleasant day – light winds – clear cool evng.

Didn't get much accomplished. Entertained Willis Eckert (77) who paid us an unexpected visit. This evng Dick & Cornelia, Daisy & I attended the Republican town nominating caucus. Lemeul E DuBois up for supervisor for 5th term easily defeated Claude Bell also running for nomination 131 – 61. County Treas. Chester A Lyons chairman. For Town Clerk John Marshall re-nominated. Supt in of Highways Chas Jansen. Collector Earl Brundage. Assessor 4 years Wm Lortz for 2 year term Ed Secor. Justice of the Peace Louis Thiel & Chris Giles. For School Director Leroy Shurter. Meeting had over flowing attendance. Funeral 2:30 PM for John McKelvey at Gormley's Parlors in Phoenicia. Interment Hudler Cemetery.

August 21, Saturday — Partly cloudy – warmer – light winds south westerly.

Drawed out manure below wall & mowed the second cutting behind barn also got in week end grass for cows.

August 22, Sunday — Warm –calm -- partly cloudy. Had a door stone wetting sprinkle early PM.

Stuck around home did chores, raked hay behind barn after early supper. Charley Langer & his sprightly 86 year young mother called PM. Mother & I gave them sweet corn, potatoes & garden sass. Tomorrow is Charley's 53rd birthday.

August 23, Monday — Hot – fair– fresh south westerly winds developed.

Painted chicken house roof. It took 11 – 12 gallons of asphalt paint, also cured and cleaned up the hay behind barn in a nice well cured load. Finished covering grass patch below wall with manure.

August 24, Tuesday — 58 degrees 12 PM. Mostly to partly cloudy – warm south westerly day winds developed. Threatening at times had sprinkle PM.

I helped thresh oats at Maple Dell Farm.

August 25, Wednesday — 56 degrees 12 PM. A magnificent clear day. Light northerly winds – warm dry atmosphere.

Sold 2 chickens 14 lbs alive @.40 lb – \$5.88. Drawed out manure. Got cart load hay for bedding from school yard also load sweet corn & stalks above 3 corner lot.

Tired out tonight.

August 26, Thursday — 48 degrees 12 PM. Magnificent brilliant day, pleasantly tempered with northerly winds – chilly still evng.

I painted part of north side of barn roof (old part) Fred Weidner now 77 past called toward noon. Funeral services 2 PM at Connors Parlors, Kingston for Pvt. Kermit Crispell, burial Tongore Cemetery.

August 27, Friday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Cool overcast & set in rainy mid forenoon & continued into the evening.

Took over cart load manure & brought home load sweet corn and stalks in the rain. Wrote Freeman news copy evng the first in many weeks. It was a grand much needed soaking rain.

August 28, Saturday – 44 degrees 12 PM. Broke away this morning, partly cloudy & muggy. Clear & real cool evng.

Busy with chores etc. Put up the hay standing on wagon PM & got old Ford T car out & used it to get sweet corn above 3 corner lot. Rec'd card from Mariam mailed Aug. 18.

August 29, Sunday — 48 degrees 12 PM. partly cloudy – quiet day – cool with a look and feel of coming autumn – clear evng.

Mother and Daisy attended church service PM. My day passed with little ado other than usual chores routine.

August 30, Monday — Warmer – continued partly cloudy

– pleasant day – calm.

Took over load manure & spread on orchard lot, brought back big cart load green stalks and sweet corn. Got scaffold up & making ready to put new composition roofing on south side of milk house. Which was built 10 years ago in August. Rec'd letter from Mariam from Mexico City wrote August 18th. Wrote news copy evng. State wide black out this evng, except New York city. I did post as air raid warden up the road.

August 31, Tuesday — Hot, bright day – scattered clouds. Had light shower evng, clearing south westerly day winds.

Put new roofing on south side milk house a tiresome job alone.

September 1, Wednesday — Mostly cloudy, still muggy till noon then cleared away hot & brisk south westerly winds PM which brought passing thunder showers early evng – only sprinkles at our place. Heavy showers on east side of reservoir

Busy at chores etc, burned heaps of brush out along woods AM. This PM I got things ready and re-painted the milk house, red with white trim. Grover Winchell delivered fire insurance policy evng. Olive Co-operative \$45.00 on house, rate 1.10 per hundred. \$800.00 on barn rate \$2.00 per hundred. Policy expires Sept 30 – 46. Paid in full premium 65.50

Kingston Daily Freeman
Obituary August 14, 1943

Bernard Austin Dwyer, 46 of 17 Clinton Ave, radio artist on Station W K N Y, died at 4:50 o'clock this morning in the Benedictine Hospital where he was admitted as a patient on Saturday. He suffered from heart disease. For the past three years Mr Dwyer played the part of "Josh" in the radio skit "Sophia" and "Josiah". He also appeared regularly over the local radio station as a homespun philosopher. Surviving is his father, Phillip Dwyer, of West Shokan; a sister, Mrs Catherine A. Markle of New York and a brother Charles P Dwyer of West Shokan. Mr Dwyer was a former resident of West Shokan. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9o'clock from St Joseph's Church, where a Mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul. Burial will be in St, Mary's Cemetery.

Ulster County News
Issue -- September 2, 1943

In the untimely passing of Bernard Austin Dwyer the Town of Olive has lost a neighbor who had deep and abiding affection for the folks. Few men have been gifted with the strength of thought and the inspiring power and the beauty of soul such as Bernard Austin Dwyer demonstrated in his daily life. To him beauty was everywhere. He saw it in children, in youth and in the aged and his admiration and kindness was an elevating influence touching all the neighbors.

He used his rare gift of expression to bring to the attention of these neighbors the beauty of nature that abound here and which he saw with such discernment that those who would read his writing carefully found much that was new to them although it had always been so near....and overlooked.

How much Bernard Austin Dwyer enriched life! Those who knew him well cannot help but realize that eyes which helped them to see, a mind which helped them to think and a soul that helped them to feel the blessings of everyday. Has returned to its source after completing so nobly, its human assignment.

September 2, Thursday — Murky and had sprinkle of rain this AM. Broke away hot toward noon, overcast evng.

Took load manure over on orchard lot & brought back big load stalks & sweet corn. Rec'd power radio tube from Dick Herrington for my R.C.A. table radio also box 30 – 40 hard point cartridges for his Krag rifle left in my care.

September 3, Friday – The day & evng was calm& murky & moderately cool – misty.

Kept busy with chores and odd jobs – repaired barn door casings PM.

September 4, Saturday — Murky overcast – still – rather muggy.

I painted both sides of the new milk house roof AM. PM with Joey Massimo helping I took over cart load manure& spread on orchard lot lower end along wall.

Brought back a load of sweet corn with stalks. Peggy Wagner, former neighbor girl who lived in Smith's house, now of N.Y.C. called early evng

September 5, Sunday — 64 degrees 12 PM. Heavily easterly mist falling this AM. The weather continued muggy & murky, with misty showers.

Not much activity. Did chores etc. Daisy attended church PM. Mother remained home & entertained a call by Peggy Wagner.

Miss Doris L. Miller of Brodhead, married 2 PM to Eugene Szentmiklossy, petty officer 2nd class, at Olive Bridge M.E. parsonage.

September 6, Monday — Hot & muggy. Partly fair. The heat brought PM showers – cleared late evng.

Mr & Mrs R.L. Longyear Sr. Returning to Brooklyn from Phoenicia stopped & had dinner with us enroute home.

I attended Boiceville Labor Day Picnic PM. Good attendance – unusual number of young people present. West Shokan Ladies Aid had refreshment stand. They did a sold out business of \$67.67. Chas Hesley remains President. I remain as Secy – Treas. Millard Davis, Master of Cermonies at business meeting. Music furnished by Hillside Ramblers – good entertainers. Collection taken \$34.50. Expenses for day \$15.00 for music, \$3.00 for transporting chairs. Voted to build new toilet & put cement floor in refreshment stand. Balance in treasury for next year \$103.12.

September 7, Tuesday — 58 degrees 11 PM. Hot sultry – Fair this morning but became showery by mid day. Heavy showers passed around north & south. We had locally little rain – cooling off tonight.

Took over a big load manure & spread on orchard lot. Brought back sweet corn & apples. Got cart load fodder corn PM and took run up to Maple Dell with the old Ford T car.

September 8, Wednesday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Mostly overcast, fairing latter PM. Glorious clear evng& decidedly cooler, calm day.

I started repainting the barn PM with customary deep red and white trim. I bought the Master Mixed Paint 2 yrs ago of Sears Roebuck & Co. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam written Sept 1st also letter Kay & Dick. Italy surrendered unconditionally to the United Nations.

September 9, Thursday — 44 degrees AM.. Clear this AM but became partly cloudy & breezy. Light showers late PM – clear moonlight evng – moderately cool.

Painted on south side of barn.

September 10, Friday — 44 degrees 11 PM. Partly cloudy – cool moderate winds. Bright clear atmosphere. Real chilly, calm evng.

Continued painting on south side of barn, finished red work & part of trim.

September 11, Saturday — 36 degrees AM. Cool, breezy partly cloudy – magnificent clear chilly moonlight evng.

Took big cart load manure over & spread on lower side orchard lot, brot back apples PM. Got load fodder corn stalks for cows, also painted on west side barn garage,

September 12, Sunday — 32 degrees AM. Beautifully clear cool – northerly wind cloudless almost full moon shining from early evng. The Harvest Moon.

Mother & Daisy attended church PM. I took an enjoyable hiking trip on south mountain, up by Lewis' shanty, my first climb of the season.

September 13, Monday —30 degrees AM. Real crispy this AM but with out frost. Magnificent pleasant cool day with light winds and gorgeous resplendent full harvest moon shining tonight.

Jim Burgher came after me this AM as I doing chores to help cut corn, which I did. After getting home I finished painting west side of garage.

September 14, Tuesday — 40 degrees AM. Another pleasant clear day, becoming overcast latter PM – winds light.

I helped cut corn at Maple Dell. Got my car home from Gus Korittke's after three weeks. Repair bill paid \$8.00

September 15, Wednesday — 52 degrees 12 PM. Rained a little in night, cleared away this morning. Warmer, mellow moonlight evng.

Took over a big cart load manure on 3 corner lot, picked bag apples, cut big load fodder corn stalks for

cows – repaired sagging porch floor. Pete Crawford called evng.

September 16, Thursday — Strong south westerly winds developed and became overcast & threatening early PM gradually clearing & cooler. Wind stilled evng.

I helped again cutting corn at Maple Dell. Rec'd letter from Mariam written Sept. 10 also letter from Cornelia.

September 17, Friday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Bright clear cool day and evng.

I helped Jim Burgher cut corn. After supper drewd over manure & got load fodder corn for cows, an after dark job.

September 18, Saturday — 34 degrees 12 AM. Magnificent clear day & evng. Real cool — light southerly day winds.

I mowed the side hill second cutting AM. I finished postponed painting of north side old part barn roof PM. After supper Mother helped me get grass on hay wagon for cows.

September 19, Sunday — Light frost in sections. 30 degrees AM. 40 degrees 12 PM. Another magnificent day & evng – chilly early – ice reported in Bushkill section. The day became warm with fresh south westerly winds.

Bette Elizabeth Snyder and Rev. Merton S. Cady married at 3 PM in Tongore M.E..Church. Large public attendance.

Mrs Anna Avery died at Maple Dell at 5:25 PM after a long tedious illness & suffering is ended. I went up after supper. PM I picked the tree of fall pippins and raked side hill hay.

September 20, Monday — Became overcast & the day cloudy – cleared evng. Southwesterly winds. Trend to warmer.

Cleaned up the side hill second cutting well cured – made 2 drawings with rakings, with help of Ollie Burgher. I called at Maple Dell evng. Mother dug about 5 bu late planting potatoes.

September 21. Tuesday — 46 12 PM. Warm – hazy – part overcast. Light winds southerly. Faired evng & cool.

Put in a busy day – Ollie helped me dig & put 22 bu late planting potatoes in cellar, after dark job. Yield is excellent – find some rot.

I called at Maple Dell again evng and viewed our Dear Friend Anna Avery tlying in her casket. Wrote news copy AM.

September 22, Wednesday — 44 degrees 11 PM. Clear and warm somewhat hazy, light winds.

Made call at Maple Dell after morning chores Belle Burgher kindly gave me a needed hair trim Ollie finished digging & picking up the remaining late planting potatoes, another 4 bushels. (The last 8 bu are Russetts) others white variety. I mowed for third time the seeding in front of house. This evng Mother & I went up to Maple Dell. Dear Anna Avery lies in her casket surrounded by so

many magnificent flowers pieces. There were 23.

September 23, Thursday — 50 degrees 12 PM. A magnificent summerlike day, with brisk developing westerly winds, becoming overcast latter PM.

I tedded over the hay noontime. Attended funeral at 2:30 PM of Mrs Anna Avery held at her home. Rev. F.S.H. Bailey officiated. Interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Large attendance including Ladies Aid in body – bearers were Stewart Jones, Claude Bell. Lester S. Davis, Raymond Bell, Clayton Burgher & myself
My faithful black mare Nigger was sick when I came home, apparently with colic. I gave her several doses of Humprey's colic drops, but she failed to get relief and died about 10:PM.

September 24, Friday — 34 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy – cool autumn like – light winds northerly – cleared evng.

Busy with chores etc. Dug 3 bu potatoes above 3 corner lot – find rot and plenty scab but yield good. Morton Roe raked up my hay with his team PM. The town compressor outfit drilled and blasted loose a burial place for poor “Nigger” just above stone row and corner of woods in dug over potato ground, and there I buried her.

September 25, Saturday — Part & mostly cloudy – chilly – northerly winds.

Started cutting corn cut 23 stouts with Ollie Burgher helping. An otherwise excellent well eared stalwart crop is pretty much a shambles due to most unusual damage by

raccoons. Caught a raccoon in corn field.

September 26, Sunday — Magnificent bright clear chilly day & evng with brisk nor westerly winds.

Mother & Daisy attended church PM. Ed Avery & Mrs Rose called AM. This PM Morton Roe with his team, very neighborly helped get in medium load of well cured alfalfa hay – all but rakings.

September 27, Monday — 40 degrees 12 PM. A magnificent warm summer like day & evng. Cool evng – south westerly winds. Jim Burgher & Ollie helped me cut corn.

I sold our old cow now a farrow 1927 vintage, a faithful servant down thru the years to Harris Mones, veteran buyer for \$47.50 cash. She was thin and lame. After work I went up to the John McKelvey farm at Boiceville to look over a horse in pasture. Wrote news copy evng. Rec'd letter from Bob Longyear dated Sept 20th.

September 28, Tuesday — Another grand warm day & evng. Hazy – easterly day winds.

Jim & Ollie helped finish cutting the field corn. Caught another raccoon in fish baited trap.

September 29, Wednesday — There was a cool cloudy spell this morning, otherwise the day & evng was fair & mild – winds light.

I used Morton Roes horses to rake up hay stubble & gather, draw out manure & get load fodder corn. Went up to Watson Hollow late PM to see Bob York about a horse.

September 30, Thursday — cloudy – storm brewing, had noontime shower & occasional sprinkles PM & evng. Easterly winds.

Ollie helped me dig potatoes above 3 corner lot, had 14 bu sorted potatoes and about 3 more small scabby & showing rot. Ed Avery called evng.

October 1, Friday — Murky – warm – rainy in night & recurring showers thruout the day – down pours at times.

Busied with odd jobs about the barn.

October 2, Saturday – 48 degrees 12 PM. The rain continued during the night and was misty this AM. The day was one of broken clouds and mild northerly winds developed PM & turned cooler, cleared late evng.

I put a new green ash pole tongue in my Deering mowing machine .

October 3, Sunday — Mostly overcast, drab – chilly day. Light northerly winds – faired evng.

Spent a quiet day except for usual chore routine. Charles Langer & Mother also Stewart Jones called PM. Wrote letter Mariam evng. Charlie presented Mother with a beautifully made 3 drawer Gadget Box he made, one of several. Wrote Freeman copy AM. Closing day of Big League baseball season.

October 4, Monday — Mostly cloudy – chilly – northerly winds.

Ollie helped me dig potatoes PM above 3 corner lot. Had 8 bu of sorted potatoes and 3 more small & showing

rot.

October 5, Tuesday — 30 degrees White frost – cloudy – chilly – northerly winds.

Ollie & I finished the potato digging had 9 ½ bu sorted, 3 bu small & a sack of rotting potatoes also finished getting home the pumpkin crop – a good one – used my Chevrolet car for hauling.

The 1943 Worlds Series opened at Yankee stadium in New York city. Where the Yankees beat the St Lois Cardinals 4 – 2. Winning pitcher Spud Chandler, loser Max Lenier.

September 6, Wednesday — Killing frost last night. Gorgeous colorful cloudless day & evng. Still – Half moon warmer tonight.

Morton Roe let me take their black horse to use with my white mare Molly. Got corn stalks & pumpkins vines on hay rigging and mowed 3 corner lot second cutting. Heard part of thrilling second game of world series between the New York Yankees and St Louis Cardinals. The latter won 4 – 3 Morton Cooper winning pitcher – loser Bonham. Church supper tonight.

October 7, Thursday — 40 degrees AM. Warmer – magnificent cloudless day & evng. Westerly day winds.

Served as Inspector for first days Registration – hours 7 AM – 10 PM.

Paid school tax to collector Mrs Celestia VanDemark. Old Hinkley place, val \$400.00 .73. – Our home farm val. \$1600.00 – \$2.91 – rate .18 per hundred.

October 8, Friday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Another soft warm colorful day and moonlight evng. The high atmosphere was somewhat hazy – winds light.

Put new tongue in hay rake. This PM I tedded & raked 3 corner lot also mowed the second cutting above.

October 9, Saturday — Summer weather – clear becoming part cloudy PM. Muggy, turning cooler with northerly winds late tonite.

Worked at the hay – Tedded yesterdays cutting & mowed alfalfa by the old Hinkley garden wall & patch thick cutting behind old barn. Ollie helped PM. Drawed out manure, got load sweet corn & cleaned up well cured load hay on 3 corner lot.

October 10, Sunday — 32 degrees AM. Decided drop in temperature during night. Magnificent clear colorful day and bright moonlight evng. The atmosphere was chill with fresh southerlyday winds – diminishing.

Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell made us their 9th annual Worlds Series dinner visit. Henry and I enjoyed the radio broadcast of the thrilling 4th game of the series at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis. The Yankees won the nip and tuck contest 2 – 1. Winning pitcher Marius Russo & Bill Dickey loser Lanier & Cooper. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

October 11, Monday — 20 degrees AM. Heavy frost and ice on barn gutter iron kettle. Glorious clear crisp day & evng. Southerly day winds. Big moon almost full.

Ollie helped me clean up all the hay cut in 2 well cured loads. Got second cutting behind old barn by early

moonlight. Heard latter part 5th & final game of Worlds Series played in St Louis. The N.Y. shut out the Cardinals 2 –0. Winning battery Chandler & Dickey losers Cooper & O'Day.

October 12, Tuesday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Had frost last night – another gorgeous clouded day & evng. Turned decidedly warmer – light winds.

I mowed the orchard lot & got part of apples picked & brought home, with Ollie's help. Also spread load manure on 3 corner lot. Rec'd letters both Mariam & Cornelia. Discontinued for more than a year by war time instructions, the broadcasting of weather reports resumed.

October 13, Wednesday — Continued cloudless, warm & hazy. Magnificent early rising full moon tonight. Late evng fresh south westerly winds developed & started clouding over.

Finished the apple picking job and raked the hay. Rec'd card from Mariam.

October 14, Thursday — Warm, muggy, continuing brisk south westerly winds & cloudiness. Rain squalls developed mid day but quieted down. The evng was still & overcast.

Cleaned up the last load of hay & put the mower, tedder & rake in old barn for storage. Picked up potatoes in north side celler floor & dumped out the apples from barrels & bags.

October 15, Friday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Rained in night. The weather was warm & murky. Rainy later PM & evng.

Drawed out manure & got week end supply of sweet corn stalks in for cows. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

October 16, Saturday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Heavy rain in night. The weather was warm & murky & misty. Heavy showers with thunder evng.

Served as Inspector Second Day of Registration 1 – 10 PM. Total District no 2 registration is 582 compared with 522 last year.

Our Grace cow nearly a week over her time had a big sturdy all red heifer calf PM. This is her 3rd successive heifer calf since I bought her of Henry Winchell Dec. 30, 1941.

October 17, Sunday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Blustery raw sunny this morning but became mostly cloudy. Typical fall weather, cleared late evng.

Not much doing. Saw several gray squirrels in corn field out by woods & shot one. I wrote to Mariam evng.

October 18, Monday — 36 degrees AM. 36 degrees PM. Mostly cloudy, sour and blustery. Rain squally evng.

I helped Ollie Burgher dig potatoes.

October 19, Tuesday — 1st snow on High Point and Wittenberg's. 36 degrees 12 PM. There was a dull snow fringe well down over the mountains crests. Mostly cloudy blustery, sour weather day & evng.

Helped Ollie dig some potatoes AM. Faster Shultis & Geo Shultis called. This PM we finished shucking the sweet corn 12 stouts & got in the rest on the hay wagon. —

also drew out manure & got a cart load leaves, was dark getting home. After a very busy active summer & fall Mother has become real lame & sore of late.

October 20, Wednesday — 36 degrees AM. 40 degrees 11 PM. Blustery sour, mostly cloudy clearing at evng.

Attended administrators sale of live stock at the farm of John McKelvey deceased at Boiceville and I bought at appraised value, a sorrel horse for \$60.00 cash. Mrs Sarah E. Brown of Kingston is administratrix.

October 21, Thursday — 38 degrees AM. Clear – warmer – northerly winds. Bright pleasat weather.

Helped Ollie Burgher finish digging her potatoes & concreted rat holes & drain in her celler. First thing after breakfast I walked & got rides to Boiceville & brought the McKelvey horse home uneventfully. Lem DuBois & Earl Brundage called, Republican candidates for supervisor & collector.

October 22, Friday — Clear, bright, light northerly wind this AM.— becoming drab & overcast PM.

I sprayed Ollie Burgher's celler this AM. Supervisor Lemeul DuBois had dinner with us & we had quite a visit and general discussion bearing mostly on the political situation. I harnessed Molly and the new horse Dick on hay wagon & went around the block up Watson Hollow Inn road. Find he travels well but shies out for passing trucks. Drewed in first load corn & spread load manure on grass. This had she lived would have been my Little Honey Girl Lillian 16th birthday. Old dad thinks of you daily thru the

passing years.

October 23, Saturday — Continued sour, mostly cloudy – sprinkles evng – winds northerly.

Lem DuBois called AM. This PM & evng Ollie helped me husk off the load of corn.

October 24, Sunday — Wittenberg crest white. Partly to mostly cloudy – chill & glum – light winds. Sun broke thru pleasant awhile PM.

Doing usual chore routine. Charley Langer & his mother called PM.

October 25, Monday — High Point & Wittenberg well frosted. Light rain in night. Continued cloudy & chill – drab weather.

Drewed out manure & got load corn AM. This PM I gave Ollie a hand killing 18 hens. Husked corn evng.

October 26, Tuesday — All days rain and continued into the night, most of the time a downpour – cold storm.

Not much could be done but chores. I went to school house this PM & registered for Ration Book no 4 – one issued for Mother, Daisy & myself. I also was issued A Gasoline ration book. I made a call at Maple Dell, also on Ed Avery, who has moved into his bungalow nereby . Wrote news copy this AM.

October 27, Wednesday — Downpour continued most of night and the day and evening was mussy, misty & drab & still.

Not much accomplished did chores etc. & finished husking load corn. However Mother & I did a good big job this PM making crock of sauerkraut.

October 28, Thursday — Weather continued generally rainy, started to break away late PM with fresh northerly wind.

I went to Pete Crawford's garage & had some motor work done on car – new set spark plugs, new condenser etc. Before and after supper Ollie helped me pick up & sort pile of potatoes in barn & get down cellar. A big job. Rec'd long typed letter from Jeanne Longyear visiting Bob & Mariam in Mexico city. Mariam also added short letter.

October 29, Friday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Rain squally yet this morning, clearing away PM, mild & windy.

I did a kitchen porch rotted foundation sill concrete wall job for Ollie Burgher and pointed up or cemented cracks in stone porch floor.

October 30, Saturday — 36 degrees 12 PM. Overcast mild AM. Blustery, rain squally & somewhat colder PM.

Finished concreting for Ollie Burgher AM. This PM in turn she helped me spread a big cart load manure under apple trees, get load leaves along back road, also 11 stouts corn in barn husked evng.

October 31, Sunday — 28 degrees 12 PM. Brilliant, clear, seasonal, cool weather – northerly winds. Crispy evng, early setting new moon over south mountain.

Busy with chores all AM. Mother & Daisy attended PM

church service. I went over to Sunny Cliff Farm for a visit with Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. Pete Crawford called.

November 1, Monday — 24 degrees AM. Heavy white frost & thin ice. Magnificent clear day & evng. Gentle southerly day winds.

Ollie helped me draw out manure, get in a load of corn and husked most of it. Mrs Ruth West & sister Ester Riseley called early evng. I sold them 4 bu potatoes \$8.00 paid.

November 2, Tuesday — Clear early AM but became overcast & had dark rainy day – So called democratic weather.

I served as Inspector of Election. The Town of Olive went Republican for first since 1933 – Only Rep. offices elected are town clerk & collector & school director the latter unopposed on ballot. Ulster County went strongly Republican – electing Co Treas Albert Cashdollar – Co Judge John Cashin, Arthur Chipp & Frank McCardle Coroners. Joe R Hanley elected Lieut. Gov by over 300,000 state majority, carried Ulster Co by over 10,000. Justice North (Dem) 8 yrs Justice of the Peace defeated Lemeul J DuBois for Supervisor – 8 yrs in office by 85 maj.

Caught 14 ½ lb raccoon in trap set by stout of corn.

Additional township returns in Tuesdays election follows.
Town of Olive.

Supervisor		
Lemeul DuBois, R		351
Justus North, D		436
Town Clerk		
John Marshall, R		430
LeGrand Shultis, D		332
Collector		
Earl Brundage, R		418
Lester B Davis, D		340
Superintendent of Highways		
Charles Jansen, R		283
Grant Avery, D		499
Assessor 4 years		
William Lortz, R		338
Asa Barringer, D		395
Assessor 2 years		
Edwin Secor, R		354
Charles Gustavson, D		373
Justice of Peace full term		
Charles Giles, R		319
Fred Weeks, D		403
Lewis Theil, R		327
Frank Manly, D		432

November 3, Wednesday — 40 degrees 12 PM. Part

cloudy generally. Sun shone pleasant during mid day.
Light southerly winds.

I gave Morton Roe a hand picking up cider apples.
Brought in barn 6 stouts corn on wheel barrow. Husked
corn evng.

Kingston Daily Freeman
Nov.3rd 1943

Fined for Jack- lighting Deer

Harold Constable, 43, of West Shokan, was arrested at
Boiceville this morning by New York City Board of Water
Supply Police on a charge of jack-lighting deer. Arraigned
before Justice William C. Weyman of Phoenicia. Constable
was fined \$15. In default of the cash he was brought to the
Ulster county jail to serve 15 days.

November 4, Thursday — 36 degrees AM. Generally fair &
pleasant – northerly winds – seasonably cool.

I helped Morton Roe finish picking his cider apples & get
in his cabbage. He took my cider apples & barrel over to his
mill. Ollie helped me get in a load of corn, draw out
manure. Husked corn evng.

November 5, Friday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Partly cloudy –
southerly winds & raw.

I helped Morton Roe make cider which included a barrel,
15 gal keg & 5gal jug. Husked corn evng.

November 6, Saturday — 32 degrees 12 PM. Clear, mild,
northerly winds developed. There were some clouds, crispy

moonlight evng.

Put in a long busy day – Beside usual chores – spread cart load manure under apple trees. Got load leaves along back road. Drewed in last load field corn, got cider home & down celler. Husked corn evng.

November 7, Sunday — Mild – sunny – pleasant day – calm became overcast tonight.

Busy till afternoon with barn chores etc. Mother & Daisy attended PM church service.

November 8, Monday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Rainy throughout the day & evng. Warmer & windy evng – at times a downpour.

Went to Kingston as a Supreme Court Grand Juror. Justice Sidney Foster presiding. Was named foreman of the panel with Myron Bedell of Saugerties as vice foreman.

Davis is Named Foreman Of November Grand Jury

Elwyn Davis of Olive was named foreman of the grand jury in attendance at the November term of Supreme Court which was convened this morning at 11 o'clock. Myron Bedell of Saugerties was named acting foreman. After a charge by Justice Russell the grand jurors entered upon their routine duties of organization and election of a clerk before taking up the work of hearing cases.

The panel of trial jurors was called and those presenting legal excuses were excused for the term.

At 2 o'clock the court meets for the making up of a day calendar and the trial of cases.

November 9, Tuesday — Rainy night & mussy this morning. Later partly cloudy. Moonlight – crispy evng.

Streams running full – ground thoroughly soaked. Went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. After getting home drew out big load manure on grass. Got in 7 stouts sweet corn which Ollie & I husked off evng.

November 10, Wednesday — 22 degrees AM. 30 degrees 12 PM. Frosty this AM. Partly cloudy – all overcast evng. Light winds – damp chill air.

Went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Drew in last of the sweet corn & finished husking after supper, also made batch of sauerkraut for Ollie Burgher evng. Had left lower jaw double tooth filled in Kingston by Dr E.D. Chipp – Paid \$2.00

November 11, Thursday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Seasons first snow storm. 25th anniversary after 1918. Snowed heavily till early PM – clearing evng. Clinging snow of an inch whitened fields & woods & mountains. It had pretty well disappeared from fields by night – cold storm.

I helped Ollie Burgher move chickens & clean up room. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

November 12, Friday — 30 degrees 12 PM. Mountains and north side of roofs looked white & wintry. The day was raw with chill southerly winds, except for a sunny spell mid day – the weather was partly cloudy to overcast.

Ollie & I pulled the potato patch turnips above 3 corner lot, a big load on hay rigging. Got the cattle beets from garden, & put down celler and topped 23 bushels turnips,

working evng.

November 13, Saturday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Pleasant this morning but turned blustery raw and rain & snow squally PM.

Had cold days job. Spread load manure on orchard lot & gathered big cart load leaves along back road AM. This PM cleaned up garden, pulled the best cabbage & topped rest of turnips, finishing after supper. Have 35 or 40 bushels. Ollie Burgher helped.

November 14, Sunday — 26 degrees AM. Cold raw part cloudy – Bright atmosphere – brisk northerly winds – Quite like winter.

I did chores, read some & was home all day. Daisy went to church but Mother staid home. Charley Langer & his mother called PM. I put alcohol in car radiator.

November 15, Monday — 24 degrees AM. Cloudy – cold – raw-- snowed heavily all afternoon – wet clinging storm, around 2 inches fell.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Had a hair cut in town – .65 “wow” Rec’d airmail letter from Mariam – also box of souvenirs brought back from her by Jeanne Longyear who recently visited them in Mexico City.

Wrote news copy evng. Mariam’s gifts included for me a narrow type hand sewn brown leather belt also piece of porous lava from famous Mexican volcano, Paracutire

November 16, Tuesday — 24 degrees AM. 16 degrees 12 PM. Cold damp & cloudy. Still – clearing early evng –

Frosty evng. Its winter weather. During the day yesterday's snow pretty well disappeared. But mountains grimly white.

Busy with jobs in variety. Got cabbage stored down cellar. Hay rigging off and wagon box on with Mort Roe's help and other miscelaeneous chores.

November 17, Wednesday — 14 degrees AM. 14 degrees PM. Cold – ground frozen. Clear - still AM became partly cloudy PM with shifting winds. Still frosty fair evng.

Took big load manure over & spread on orchard lot, helped Ollie Burgher bank her house with leaves & brought a load leaves home. Rec'd a variety Thanksgiving box from Cornelia.

November 18, Thursday — 14 degrees AM. Clear but hazy – calm - hard freeze again last night. Continued raw chilling atmosphere.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Had 5 qts winter oil put in car – speedometer 37210.

Went to Dr Chipps and had tooth re-filled due to defective job last week. Sweets caused ache. I bought a \$50.00 war bond series E at State NY Nat'l Bank \$37.50 – matures in ten yrs with accumulated 2.9 interest – I named my grand daughter Gaye Crispell Longyear as beneficiary in case of my prior death or cashing of bond.

November 19, Friday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Thin part cloudiness – Pleasantly milder, sun shining. Variable winds – clear - still half old moon tonight.

Another hard days job. Gathered a big wagon load of leaves AM from Dolan property. During PM spread cart

load manure on orchard lot and finished banking Ollie's house with leaves. Frank A. Myers, Shokan plumber died after a long illness. He was formerly Kingston business man.

November 20, Saturday — 20 degrees 12 PM. Partly overcast – Dam chilly atmosphere – clear still evng.

Helped pull and top Ollie's turnips AM 6 ½ bu. PM put off yesterdays load of leaves. Got in chicken cabbage out of garden. Had unexpected PM call by Air Force Captain and Mrs Lester Personeus Jr. He returned this week from meritorious service in Europe, having made 25 successful bombing trips over Germany. 2 years ago in September when he visited me he was a Private 1st class. I attended I.O.O.F. lodge evng also Elmer F Davis 74th birthday anniversary party, 47 guests present.

Mrs Viola Bell died 12:30 PM at her home in Shokan. She had partial stroke last July.

November 21, Sunday — Chill atmosphere white frost again this AM Partly overcast, increasing PM – Snowing and rainy tonight.

This PM Mother & I went over to Shokan and called at Aunt Julia Winchell's. I took her a bu of turnips & 2 pumpkins. On the ----- home we stopped and paid our respects at the bier of our old friend (Aunt) Mrs Viola Markle Bell, at her brother's Homer Markle Sr. Years ago, this was the home of my grandfather Alvah F. Davis, whose 2nd wife Mathilda Snow Markle was the mother of Mrs Bell. She was 85 last May 14. 2 horse chestnut trees by the house grew from seed planted by Mr Markle now 80, when

about 11 years old.

November 22, Monday — Snowed and blustered all day – a young blizzard. Stars shone thru evng. Ground white tonight.

Busy with routine daily chores & drew out load manure, on grass behind chicken yard.

Wrote Ulster Co News copy evng. Rec'd Thanksgiving from Mariam, mailed Oct 14 from Mexico City. Funeral services 2 PM for Mrs Viola Bell held at home of her brother, Homer Markle Sr, at Shokan. sermon by Reformed Rev. August Pfaus. Interment Lennox Cemetery, in Ashokan.

November 23, Tuesday — Cold cloudy blustery, mountains heavily snow covered. Schenectady reports the most severe blizzard storm in 25 years.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty.

November 24, Wednesday — 28 degrees AM 30 degrees 12 PM. Clear, moderated – northerly winds – cloudless evng.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. The panel completed its work and was discharged with thanks of the court. We made 7 days @\$4.00 my extra mileage allowance 150 miles @.05 per mile total \$35.50. Came home by via Hurley Mtn road & bought a plump pair of pigs at Hunts Edgewater Farm by Cantines Bridge for \$6.00. Rec'd letter from Mariam.

November 25, Thursday — 24 degrees 12 PM. Magnificent

serene cloudless day & evng. Mild – light variable winds –
crispy evng.

Celebrated Thanksgiving by gathering leaves, one big wagon load & cart load. Also drew out manure, Ollie helped. Didn't bother with dinner but Mother served a good savory supper – meat pie, mashed potatoes, coffee etc.

November 26, Friday — 20 degrees AM. 24 degrees 12 PM. Another mild pleasant day – clear becoming hazy PM. Light winds.

Drew leaves again today – but they were plenty dry for gathering.

Funeral services PM for former District Attorney Cleon B. Murray at Ellenville. He dropped dead on his lawn or driveway shortly before noon, Wed. He was 53 last June. His mother Myra Boice was a native of the town of Olive, born in Boiceville. Death due to a brain hemorrhage resulting from fall Nov. 22.

November 27, Saturday — 24 degrees 12 PM. Generally murky – sun occasionally shining thru. Became rain squally PM, turning colder & somewhat blustery.

Drew another big load leaves in back upper woods, got a bit wet coming home. Attended I.O.O.F. lodge evng. Had refreshments after lodge.

November 28, Sunday — 24 degrees AM 16 degrees 11 PM. Cold raw atmosphere, mostly over cast AM but faired away around noon time. Light northerly winds. Magnificent sunrise this AM – Reminded me of “The dawn of eternal day” Took a little woods hike PM. Chas Langer & mother

made brief PM call.

November 29, Monday — 6 degrees AM 14 degrees 12 PM. Coldest weather of season. Clear becoming somewhat overcast latter PM – Light biting winds.

Ollie helped me gather another big load of leaves in back upper woods.

Wrote news copy evng. Getting ready to butcher. Wrote cards to Mariam & WR Heshner.

November 30, Tuesday — 16 degrees AM 28 degrees 12 PM. Clear, becoming partly overcast during PM. Calm.

It was perfect butchering weather this forenoon & with help of Mort Roe, Jim Burgher & Ollie we hung up a 260 pound hog dressed in excellent condition. Gathered a big wagon load of leaves PM from lower Hinkley woods. Got hog down cellar & cut up after supper. Deer season closed.

December 1, Wednesday — 20 degrees 12 PM. Raw chill air. Mostly cloudy – clearing brightly away late PM.

Growing new moon shone early evng.

Feeling sore & tired. Did chores & unloaded leaves AM. Drew load leaves PM gathered along Ollie's quarry road. Rec'd letter from Ed Avery at Cuba Ny saying he & Jesse Burgher had each gotten a deer.

Sent Dr. F.E. O'Connor check \$50.00 on his operation bill of \$250.00 – total of \$200.00 paid.

December 2, Thursday — 28 degrees AM. 30 degrees 12 PM. The day after morning murkiness was partly to generally fair, mild & winds light.

Gathered another big wagon load of leaves in woods along back road. Also started cleaning house. Ollie Burgher helped.

December 3, Friday — 30 degrees AM. Murky – mild – calm. Had light rain mid day – clearing early evng – half moon shined.

Cleaned out chicken house and spread wagon load litter on grass, also a wagon box load wood ashes on clover & alfalfa field north side of garden. A big tiresome job – Ollie Burgher helped.

December 4, Saturday — 16 degrees AM 36 degrees 12 PM. Heavy white frost – partly cloudy – mild southerly day winds shifting northerly & strong.

Drewed out manure on grass. Cleaned Ollie Burgher's hen house, and gathered a load of leaves in back upper woods.

December 5, Sunday — Northerly gale blew all night and throughout the day quieting down evng. Cloudless day & evng.

Was home all day, Charley Langer & mother called PM. I gave him \$6.50 to get me a hundred of buckwheat flour at the Tuttle town grist mill. Harry Ecker of Mt Tremper called noontime.

December 6, Monday — 20 degrees AM. Cloudy – raw – set in stormy PM sleet and light rain.

I started plowing sod along orchard lot stone wall. Found the sod dry and tough.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAPS DASTARDLY
SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR (PS Its
tomorrow Dec.7th.

December 7, Tuesday — 20 degrees AM 20 degrees PM.
Clear – crisp – brisk northerly wind – calm frosty moonlight
evng.

I plowed sod using Mort Roe's black horse with my new
one – worked well.

Today is Mort & Mary's 25 wedding anniversary.

December 8, Wednesday — 20 degrees AM 32 degrees 12
PM. Mostly cloudy – calm. Raw air, moderating during
PM. Froze up quite hard last night.

I plowed sod using Mort Roe's horse with mine, also
trimmed apple trees. Have lower half of orchard lot turned
over except strip from row of apple trees to road on which a
town snow fence is erected.

December 9, Thursday — 46 degrees AM 36 degrees 12
PM. Fair becoming partly cloudy latter Pm, strong south
westerly winds shifting & colder evng. Real warm &
pleasant.

Ollie helped me get a wagon load of leaves along back
road AM. Charley Langer & his mother came for dinner &
he did some adjusting tune up work on my Chevy & Ford T
cars.. Worked on Income tax report evng. Rec'd Christmas
card letter from Mariam – not dated. Charley brought 100 lb
buckwheat flour from Tuttle town grist mill \$6.50.

December 10, Friday — 30 degrees AM 30 degrees 10

PM. High part cloudiness – northerly winds. Moderately mild & pleasant except for wind. Snow squally & blustery evng.

I did a big days task – plowed the woods corner corn stubble.

December 11, Saturday — zero AM. Zero 12 PM. Blizzardy night. Winter has suddenly arrived. Clear and Northerly gale blew all day – quieting evng. Full moon tonight.

Reservoir rolled high and boisterous. Did little but chores. Drew out load manure after sunset as wind let up somewhat.

December 12, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. Mostly overcast fairing mid day considerably milder today and calm compared with yesterdays fury.

Did chores etc. Charley & his mother called PM.

December,13, Monday — zero AM zero 11 PM. Clear biting cold, light to moderate northerly winds.

I went to Kingston. Had front wheels & ----- action of my Chevy re-aligned at Albany Ave. Garage – out of condition since jam last summer – paid \$6.50.

Went to Internal Revenue Bureau & made estimated income report for 1943 – no payments. Cyrus T Carle of 148 O’Neil St, son-in-law of Rouland Bell handed to me for keeping till he may come after it, Roul’s Grandfather’s flint lock rifle, said to have been carried by him during the Revolutionary War. Despite its age gun is in good well kept working order. Calibre about 50.

December 14, Tuesday — Zero AM. Zero 12 PM. Clear to partly cloudy. Winds light northerly – cold biting weather.

Wrote Christmas card letter to Mariam AM. Spread load manure on orchard lot plowed sod & drew off bumps PM.

Mother's cousin Edward Crispell of Olive Bridge, 82 last March 31st, died 1:30 PM in Kingston hospital of lobar pneumonia, following attack of hives etc. He had not been feeling himself for several weeks. I last saw & talked with him Election Day at the halls. He was removed to hospital by ambulance early Monday AM.

Daily Freeman Obituary notice

Edwin Crispell of Olive Bridge, died in the Kingston Hospital on Tuesday, after a brief illness. Mr Crispell was blacksmith and wagon maker by trade and operated a shop in the Town of Olive for many years. During the construction of the Ashokan reservoir he was employed by Winston & Co. as blacksmith and also the Ulm Construction Co, during the construction of Shandaken tunnel. Surviving relatives are his wife, Mrs Mary Crispell, one son, Corporal Robert Crispell, Army Air Corps, US armed forces; and one daughter, Mrs Herman Morris of Brown Station; two grandsons, Edward F. Crispell, machinist mate first class, U.S. Navy, stationed somewhere in the Pacific area, and Richard Morris of Brown Station; and one granddaughter Verna Morris of Brown Station; also two sisters, Mrs Rose Gordon and Mrs Emma Locke of Newburgh. Funeral services will be held at the Tongore Methodist Church, of which Mr Crispell was a member,

Saturday at 2 pm, conducted by the Rev. Merton Cady of Olive Bridge, pastor of the church. Burial in Tongore cemetery.

December 15, Wednesday — Zero AM Same 11 PM.
Continued biting cold, clear light northerly day winds.

I started wooding it. Cleaned up 2 dead hemlock trees inside pasture bars cut by telephone company men – where line comes up thru pasture lot – sawed up into logs & burned brush.

Mother attended Ladies Aid at Mrs Richters. I cleaned up & fired my “new” flint lock rifle several times. It awoke the mountain. Rec’d letter Cornelia – hear from she & Dick frequently.

December 16, Thursday — 4 below zero AM.
RESERVOIR FROZEN OVER. Continued clear and cold – northerly day winds developed & calmed after sunset.

Drawed out manure on grass patch by house & also got 2 loads dry wood PM. The reservoir was solidly frozen over last night. The rising olding moon cast a yellow bar of light across the reservoir ice.

December 17, Friday — 10 degrees AM 16 degrees 12 PM. A bit milder – the relaxing is pleasing. Overcast, clearing away around noon. The day & evng was quiet.

Mort Roe, Orrie Ellsworth & Albert Van Gaasbeck helped me butcher our Betsy cow AM. She is the fattest & one of heaviest beeves I ever killed — 553 dressed. This evng Morton Roe & I went to Olive Bridge – had our hair cut at Bill Lortz’s shop & I called at the home of Edward

Crispell & paid my respects.

December 18, Saturday — 20 AM Milder – fair & still morning but developed raw & hazy with winds off reservoir, ice cleared again & still evng.

Morton Roe helped me weigh & cut up the beef quarters AM.

1 hind quarter	156 lb.
1 hind quarter	155 lb.
1 front quarter	126 lb.
1 front quarter	116 lb.

I let Mort Roe have 70 lbs and Jim Burgher 45 lbs front quarter meat to be returned when they butcher next winter. Drewed hemlock pasture lot logs out along woods loading pile & cut beech tree in woods & sledded trunk to wood pile. Daisy attended Sunday school Christmas supper. Funeral 2 PM at Tongore Church for Edwin Crispell, Sermon by Rev. Merton S. Cady – Interment Tongore cemetery.

December 19, Sunday — 20 degrees AM. 30 degrees 12 PM. Still milder today & generally fair. Southwesterly winds, yet chill. Froze last night pretty well.

Staid home till late PM when I took 80 lbs front quarter of beef over to Henry Winchell's. Wrote Christmas cards evng.

December 20, Monday — 30 degrees AM. 22 degrees 12 PM. Blustery morning – snow squalls whitened the ground & ice covered reservoir. The snow disappeared with generally fair weather and strong northerly winds,

continuing into the night – cooler.

Drewed out manure on garden & endeavored to get a load of leaves but conditions proved dry and windy. Ollie Burgher helped after dinner – we cross cut & split up a supply of beech log green wood on woodpile & cleaned up tree top in woods.

My 33rd wedding anniversary Ye Gods. Wrote Xmas cards tonight.

December 21, Tuesday — 30 degrees 12 PM. Overcast AM. otherwise generally fair, mild. Brisk south westerly winds shifting northerly evng with snow flakes falling.

Mr M. Turner of Kingston tuned our Steinway piano this AM – paid \$5.00. Wrote Xmas cards AM. Sent a box to Cornelia by P.P Ins. 39 lbs – \$1.40 took it to PO. Ollie helped PM worked in woods cut 2 beech trees & brought 2 logs on woodpile.

December 22, Wednesday — 20 degrees AM. Mostly overcast. Cold raw – snow squalls & bluster latter PM. –clear evng.

Feeling pretty well under the miserable influence of a cold. Managed during PM to haul cut firewood logs & top wood on woodpile.

Mrs John H McRoberts 83 died (9:45 AM in Arlington VA. at home of her son Ralph. This dear old Saint died on her 63 wedding anniversary – Mr Mac (96) died several weeks ago in Centerline, Mich. Mrs Mac's body sent there for burial.

December 23, Thursday — Zero AM and 12 PM. Clear,

cloudless, snappy cold with biting light northerly winds right off the icy reservoir.

Not feeling very brisk and anyway too cold to work in comfort. Morton Roe helped me cross cut up a firewood log on woodpile after dinner.

December 24 Friday — 10 below AM. 10 degrees 12 PM. Continued clear, cold light winds. Pretty snappy this AM.

Busy with daily chores, cut up & got in green limb wood. Spread load manure PM on grass. From 3 –3:30 PM I heard over WKNY President F.D. Roosevelt's world wide Christmas eve radio address. Rec'd more cards also letter Cornelia.

December 25, Saturday — 10 degrees AM 20 degrees 12 PM. Christmas Day was generally clear – starlight – moderately cold & calm.

Did customary chores, split some green wood & piled on porch. We had no callers. Late PM I in response to a written invitation attended Egg Nog party at Estella N. Kam's formerly the Hesley farm residence. Ex Mayor & Mrs C.J.Heiselman of Kingston there among the small group present. Mary Margaret McBride radio artist was present. Mother had Christmas dinner waiting when I came home 8 o'clock.

December 26, Sunday — 20 degrees AM Fair this morning, gradually becoming thickly overcast PM. Toward evening it started sleeting turning to heavy snowfall of two inches then changed to rain.

I did usual daily chores – called on Mort Roe's early PM.

Daisy attended church PM. The storm terminates a cycle of dry and severely cold weather.

The 26,000 ton German Battleship Sharmhorst with crew of over 1800 sunk by units of British home fleet off Norway's arctic coast.

December 27, Monday — Continued rainy & mussy this AM but part broke away. The weather was mild calm & snow melting. Roads slushy – slippery.

Took over load manure & spread on plowed sod PM. Brought back saw bench from storage on old house porch. Rec'd several more Christmas cards.

December 28, Tuesday — 10 degrees AM 10 degrees 12 PM. Clear - cold raw northerly winds.

Clipped cow bags & swept down stables AM besides chores. Charley Langer & his mother called PM. After their visit Ollie helped me cross cut up a hollow beech log on woodpile. Rec'd letter & pictures from Mariam, dated Dec.16. air mail also rec'd letter Cornelia.

December 29, Wednesday — Zero AM 6 degrees 12 PM. Clear - cold - still.

Ollie helped cross cut logs on woodpile. John C. Marshall was run down & trampled by a “bulling” cow this AM on icy road by his home in Olive Bridge. He was painfully injured. The accident called off his Henry Winchell & my planned attendance to the Supervisors Assn. Banquet tonight at Schoentags resort near Saugerties.

December 30, Thursday — Near zero AM. 14 degrees 11

PM. Clear - cold - still , became overcast evng & faired away.

Did chores – worked on woodpile, spread cart load manure PM on orchard lot ground & brought home a load of leaves, gathered in part frozen condition.

Mrs Kate Barringer, 78, found dead in bed at her home in Samsonville.

Robert Adsit of Shokan, 17, accidently had his hand badly torn by a winchester 12 ga repeating shotgun he was handling.

December 31, Friday — 18 degrees AM. 28 degrees 12 PM. Clear - still, became overcast during evng & windy.

Finished working up logs on woodpile & got the Ford T outfit set up & the pile of firewood all sawed by working till dark. Ollie Burgher helped.

The year ends with an ever incurring sad & regretful reminder of the fatal illness of our Little Honey Girl, Lillian 12 years ago.

ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1944

P.F.C. Raymond Kelder who is now some where in New Guinea is in the hospital there with a broken leg. He is the son of Mrs Addie Kelder, West Shokan.

It is interesting to recall that the South Boulevard around the Ashokan reservoir was completed and thrown open to traffic on Thursday afternoon July 1, 1915.

The Great D Day invasion of continental Europe along the

French Normandy coast opened June 6th 1944. The allies invaded southern France.

January 1, 1944, Saturday, 10 degrees A M, approx. 10 degrees 12 P m. The New Year opens with continence of a general period of fair and exceptionally cold weather thru December. This far there has been very little snow. Streams unseasonable low and frozen. New Years Day was clear cold and calm. The reservoir west basin is below normal and east basin approximately half dry. Spent the day hauling part of yesterdays firewood sawing. Spread load manure on garden. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening and later visited Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell.

January 2, Sunday, Still- cold-clear, gradually becoming overcast. Home all day. Charles Langer and mother of Wallkill spent the afternoon. He brought me a cleaning rod, some round balls and a new flint for my recently presented Revolutionary flint lock rifle, descended from Roul Bell's grandfather. He cleaned barrel with hot water and we fired the gun several times at a target. 12th Anniversary of the sad and ever regrettable death of my Little Honey Girl—Lillian Ellen Davis.

January 3, Monday, 20 degrees A M, 30 degrees 12 P M. Gloomy still overcast. Had light snowfall P M, about ½ in. Drew out manure over on orchard lot, plowed sod. P M worked in woods and hauled three beech logs to woodpile. Funeral service 2 P M in Samsonville church for Mrs. Kate Barringer 78, found dead in bed and body frozen in her home last Thursday.

January 4, Tuesday, Overcast, calm and mild, thawing moderately. 34 degrees at 12 P M. Worked in the woods P M cutting and drawing firewood logs and top wood. Ollie Burgher helped.

January 5, Wednesday, Continued overcast thawing but damp chilly air. Light southerly winds, set in snowing heavily evening. Finished working up firewood logs and sawed up the wood P M with Ollie's help—a big job. Mother attended Ladies Aid meeting at Mrs Richters. Jane our sturdy cow, had a husky red and white bull calf this A M. Today is the 12th anniversary of the funeral for my lovable little daughter, Lillian Ellen Davis.

January 6, Thursday, 24 degrees 2 P M. A wet clinging 7 in. Snowfall terminated today, gradually breaking away P M, colder and blustery. This is the winters first snowfall of much consequence. Town and county snow plows opened roads. Busy with chores and shoveling snow. Cleaned kitchen stove pipe and chimney. Took over cart load manure P M and spread on plowed sod. Received letter Cornelia.

January 7, Friday, 20 degrees 12 A M , 16 degrees 11 P M. Pleasant bright wintery weather- scattered clouds- northerly winds, moonlight evening. Orrie Ellsworth and I cleaned Ollie Burghers soot clogged kitchen chimney. Piled dry load of round wood on porch, did chores.

January 8, Saturday, 4 below A M. Biting cold, light winds,

clear, becoming hazy and again clearing at evening. Snow forecast. Ollie helped work in woods P M cutting and getting out firewood, soft maple and piling of wood. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. District Deputy Nelson Van Bramer and staff of Saugerties installed officers for ensuing year. Noble Grand Alvin Markle, Vice Grand Renne Dumont, Rec. Sec. Harlowe Mc Lean, First Sec. Virgil Gordon, Treas. Arthur Trowbridge, RSNB Arthur Trowbridge, LSNG Wm. Jordon, Warden Alonzo Davis, Conductor Reggie Davis, RSS Geo. Burgher, LSS Ezra Silkworth, RSVG Oscar Dudrey, LSVG Wm. Feltman, Inside Guardian Elmer F Davis, Outside Guardian Edward Weldt, Chaplain Elwyn Davis. Oyster stew and other refreshments served.

January 9, Sunday, Bright cold winter day, scattered clouds, northerly winds. I went up to Bushkill to see Ed Every noontime. He is not well and I reported him on sick list last night at lodge. Charley Langer and his mother spent the afternoon and had supper which they seemed to greatly enjoy.

January 10, Monday, Near zero A M. Cold wintery weather, partly cloudy, northerly winds. Still , cloudless, sparkling evening-full moon. Worked up logs on woodpile, drawed dray load top wood and Ollie and I got it all sawed up. Received letter Mariam. Wrote Ulster Co news copy evening.

January 11, Tuesday, Zero A M. Cloudless, light winds, high thin haze. Continued cold moderating during P M,

becoming mostly overcast evening. Drewed cart load manure over on orchard ground. This P M Ollie and I worked in the woods, cut and trimmed a beech log and drewed load of wood. Mrs Harriet L Krom widow of the late Eugene Krom, and sister of Fred Weidner died after a long illness in Kingston early on Sunday. Burial this P M in Wiltwick cemetery. Benjamin Silkworth a native of Olive City of pre reservoir days, died Saturday in Kingston. Funeral and burial this P M in Kingston. A sister Mrs Jennie Cornich is living in Olive Bridge. Wrote Freeman copy evening.

January 12, Wednesday, 20 degrees at 12 P M. Turned colder quite blustery, part cloudy generally. Ollie helped saw up the dray load of top wood before dinner. Worked in woods P M, cut and trimmed a beech tree for lumber, near old ram pipeline. Mother attended ladies Aid at Maple Dell. Sent Cornelia a P P pkg. Containing beef, butter, potatoes etc.

January 13, Thursday, 20 degrees A M. continued bright, fair weather, brisk northerly winds, quieted with the sunset. Not so cold as yesterday P M became. Ollie helped me in the woods cutting and trimming up three beech trees. Received letter Cornelia.

January 14, Friday, 16 degrees A m. Continued fair, pleasant winter weather. Warmer than yesterday and snow thawed in sun. crispy still evening. I went down to post office this A M and paid our taxes to collector Earl Brundage. Home farm 25 acres assessed val. \$1600.00 tax

\$27.09. Hinkley farm 43 acres assessed val. \$400.00 tax \$6.77. Tax rate. This P M spread cart load manure on orchard ground. Hauled ready cut beech logs for loading along woods. Received notice of appointment for Inspector of Elections.

January 15, Saturday, 26 degrees at 12 P M. Overcast, still, storm appeared imminent. Butchered our second wintered over hog in excellent condition. Dressed 275lb. Ollie and Jim Burgher helped. During the afternoon I in turn helped Jim butcher a wintered hog.

January 16, Sunday, 6 below 12 p M. Clear, brilliant quiet day and evening. Crispy winter weather. Ed Avery called toward noontime. I gave him a slice of hog liver. Daisy attended church P M. I wrote card to Mrs Hartman and birthday card letter to Jesse Burgher. Peggy cow had a big red and white heifer this A M. This Mrs Estelle M Langers 87 birthday.

January 17, Monday, 2 below A M. clear this forenoon becoming thin overcast. South westerly winds, quieting, moderated somewhat. Busy with chores in variety A M..Ollie helped getting out beech firewood logs to woodpile and cross cut them up for splitting.

January 18, Tuesday, 14 degrees A M.. Continued fair, quiet, raw, chilling atmosphere. Busy with chores A M. This P M. Ollie and I worked on woodpile splitting up and sawing beech firewood, also drew load top wood and took over big cart load manure

and spread on plowed ground.

January 19, Wednesday, 16 degrees A M. 16 degrees 12 P M. Considerable high hazy cloudiness, still, biting raw air. Moderated P M.-- Starlight evening. Ollie and I sawed 2 dray loads top wood and I took her a load of wood later P M.

January 20, Thursday, 16 degrees A M. 16 degrees at 8 P M. Fair, soft haze, still, milder-- pleasant work weather. Ranked up sawed round wood at end of barn P M. Ollie and I worked in woods, cut and trimmed a leaning big beech over by Jacky Brook. Received a letter from Mariam. Geo. Stockin Inspector employed by Shawangunk Co-Op Dairies Inc. called this P M. and okayed our re-shipping of milk discontinued last fall, early due to milk shortage. Received letter and snapshots from Mariam.

Oscar Dudley, of the Aerator, Retires

Oscar Dudley, of Olive Bridge, who has presided over the operation of the Ashokan Reservoir control houses at the aerator center since the system was first used has retired after nearly forty years of continuous service which has been praised by his superiors, the commissioners of the New York City Board of Water Supply. It is good to hear of the commissioners' commendation of Mr Dudley's work and their words of appreciation match up nicely with the public's experience with Mr Dudley, for he has been a kindly and courteous official to the many thousands of people who have enjoyed the aerator park during the summer time. There are few people who have had mid-

summer picnics near the aerator which is one of Ulster County's most attractive bits of scenery. And even more people have driven around these picturesque roads and met Mr Dudley. Without exception they have enjoyed their visits on their trips because of the splendid condition of the park and the courteous reception from Mr. Dudley. So it is these people join with the officials of New York City in saying that Mr. Dudley has been a splendid man on the job. And it is worth noting that along with the good nature and the many friendships Mr. Dudley has operated the vast property without any mechanical difficulties from the day that the system was first opened. He well deserves many years of enjoyment of his new home at Olive Bridge.

February 1, Tuesday, 16 degrees A M. 16 degrees 12 P M. The nights $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of snow was pretty much blown away. Snappy, cold, clear and high northerly winds, typical mid winter. I put down the hams in brine and filed cross cut saw A M. This P M. despite the wind Ollie and I cut and trimmed up two beech trees and piled top wood. Received letter and cards from Kay and Dick.

February 2, Wednesday, 20 degrees at 12 P M. The ground hog could see his shadow all day as the weather was clear and crispy. Partly cloudy evening. Quiet atmosphere after the wind storm. Spread big cart load of manure on orchard lot ground A M. This P M with Ollie's help hauled out all of logs for lumber and firewood.

February 3, Thursday, 20 degrees A M. Partly cloudy but sunny, light northerly winds, nice work day—not so cold.

Overcast evening. I had to change a nail punctured slow leak right rear nubby tread tire A M. This P M. Ollie and I worked up in lengths and sawed yesterdays drawing of beech firewood top logs, a big back aching job. I keep the old Ford T and saw bench set up in readiness. Received an air mail letter from Mariam written Jan. 25th, saying they got word that Bob's mother of Brooklyn is in a critical condition.

February 4, Friday, 26 degrees A M. Clear and cold, raw northerly wind. Cloudless quiet moonlight night. Ollie helped in woods, cut and trimmed a beech tree and pile top wood and another lodged in falling—cross cutted logs on skid pile along woods.

February 5, Saturday, 36 degrees 12 P M. Cloudy threatening with raw stinging south westerly winds---- moderated evening and stormed a bit.

Spread load of manure on orchard lot ground. After with Ollie Burgher's help cleaned up yesterdays lodged beech tree, hauled out all timber and firewood logs, drew 2 dray loads of top wood and sawed up one of them. This evening I couldn't get to Lodge in time so instead called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell.

February 6, Sunday, 32 degrees A M. 10 degrees 12 P M. Bright clear sunny day, crisp northerly winds, quieting with the sunset. Colder tonight. Home all day. Charley Langer and his mother came P M. We shot target with one of his Kentucky muzzle loading rifles. Daisy customarily attended services.

February 7, Monday, near zero A M. Clear early became overcast and snowy enough to whiten ground. Sun broke through mid day and was quite pleasant and moderated. Snowed again early evening, later all cleared, colder and windy. Ollie and I did a big job cleaning up the wood drawn Saturday and another big load of dray wood hauled during P M. Wrote news copy evening.

February 8, Tuesday, Near zero A M. Clear bright snappy weather, light easterly winds, became partly overcast late evening. Ollie and I worked in woods P M. before dinner piled up round limb wood along barn and put more handy on porch. We lodged one spreading top beech tree and cut and cleaned up another along north boundary old rail fence. William Supples paid me \$50.00 on beech logs acct and took away a truck load for sawing at Henry Winchell's Cottekill mill. Received letters Kay and Dick.

February 9, Wednesday, Zero A M. 20 degrees at 12P M. Partly overcast raw easterly winds, light snow flurries. Moderated somewhat P M. I worked alone today. Mother attended Ladies Aid quilting at Mrs George Terwilliger's. I went down to P. O. A M and finished filling out an \$ 18.75 defense stamp book also bought a \$ 37.50 series E War bond—matures in 10 yrs.—draws 2.9% int. at face value \$ 50.00. I drew cut logs and top wood of beech tree cut yesterday. Took over big load manure and broke even and had to leave unloaded. Supples took away another load of logs A M.

February 10, Thursday, 10 degrees A M. 10 degrees 12

P.M. Cold raw , fair with high thin part cloudiness. Overcast evening. Distinct feeling of snow. Took over dray and got load manure unloaded and spread and repairs made. Ollie and I got one small beech tree cut and trimmed P M. and trunk log skidded out. Helped Accord Lime Co. truck unload 6 tons lime P M in Estella Karn's barn. Received letter from Mariam written Feb. 2nd.

February 11, Friday, Near zero this A M. A generally snowy day, occasionally snowed hard. Cold raw atmosphere, steady fall evening 4 ½ inches at midnight. Drew small dray load of top wood before dinner. This P. M. Ollie and I cleaned up the ready wood, sawing despite the storm and piled round wood. We received valentines from Cornelia.

February 12, Saturday, 8 in. fall of feathery snow. 16 degrees A M. The snow storm continued through the night and lingered along till early afternoon. Turned blizzardly and colder, snow blowing and drifting Busy writing Freeman news copy A M. and done chores. I filed cross cut saw this afternoon and got things snug for the night. Mr and Mrs Kirgirian our up road city neighbors here over weekend called P. M. Daisy received valentine boxes of candy from Kay.

February 13, Sunday, Near zero A M. Magnificent , clear, crisp, bright sunny day and cloudless evening. Light northerly winds, looks like a weather breeder. Home all day signed for a \$25.00 series E 10 yr. War bond this A M. with Leslie Nichols in behalf of West Shokan boy scouts troop no. 63 bond drive. Paid for same \$18.75. Charley and his

mother came P M and stayed for supper. Tonight “Old Pap Crispell’s wooden works clock stands on piano ticking off time and striking the hour as when mother was a girl, after minor repairs and an oiling by Charley Langer. Clock made by Elisha Hatchkiss ,Burlington Conn. Era of around 1825. Snowplow opened our driveway P.M.

February 14, Monday, Fair early, becoming overcast with strong raw southwesterly winds, which quieted and brought snow and hail, changing later in the evening to rain. Ollie helped me cut and clean up a beech tree, down by old mill road. Skidded 24 ft log ready for loading along boulevard and hauled top wood to wood pile. Also spread big load manure on orchard ground. Received letter from Bob Longyear’s father telling of his wife’s critical illness and hospitalization in Brooklyn state hospital.

February 15, Tuesday, Heavy rain in night , very blustery and after morning snow squalls the day was generally clear. Bright starlight evening. Slushy under slippery traveling. This P M Ollie helped saw wood drawed yesterday and small wood ranked along barn and on porch. Later we went under hill and cut a beech and soft maple tree. Daisy attended roast pork church supper.

February 16, Wednesday, Near zero A M, Fair early becoming overcast with light raw easterly wind. Had light snowfall early P M, faired away evening. We cleaned up the two trees under hill, skidded the logs and hauled top wood—2 dray loads and sawed up the first one after dinner. Mother attended Ladies Aid meeting at church.

February 17, Thursday, near zero A. M. Clear early, gradually becoming overcast with raw southerly wind. Threatening all P M. Set in snowing about dark, over an inch fell, later changing to light rain. Ollie helped clean up beech tree which lodged and later fell it self A M. P.M. sawed up yesterdays dray load of wood, hauled out the beech logs of firewood and spread big cart load manure on orchard ground. Received letter Cornelia.

February 18, Friday, Very blustery, part cloudy. At times snow squally, thawing, mushy. Turned decidedly colder P.M. another bust da. We cut and cleared up a beech tree near old mill yard. Skidded the 2 logs ready for loading and brought top log up on woodpile. We also sawed up yesterdays dray load and top log of firewood P.M. Received another letter Cornelia.

February 19, Saturday, Sub zero A.M. and 4 degrees at 12 P.M. Cloudless, calm and wintery. To appearances and feel of the atmosphere a snow breeder. Spread load manure on orchard ground. Also with Ollie Burgher's help again cleaned up on wood sawing with a big dray load of limb wood from below hill, also piled the small wood along barn completing a shoulder high rank

February 20. Sunday, 6 above zero A.M. Overcast early, faired away sunny and moderated, southwesterly winds. Was home all day. Did usual barn chores. Charley Langer and his mother made their usual Sunday afternoon visit.

February Monday, Clear, milder with light easterly winds. I

hung up and started smoking the first batch of hams this A. M. Ollie helped me cut a beech tree which over hung electric line on edge of woods behind barn P. M. Charley Langer and his mother came this P. M. he repaired mother's sewing machine and they stayed for supper. Late P. M. after milking Mary Roe fell and broke her right wrist while standing by barn yard bars. I took Mort and her to Dr, Kurt Lowenthal's, Shokan for x-rays and temporary treatment.

February 22, Tuesday, Overcast A. M. dismal, soggy snow storm P. M. turning to light rain toward evening. An inch or so of slushy snow fell. This A. M. I took Mort and Mary Roe over to Dr. Lowenthal's. He gave her a whiff of ether and put her badly fractured right wrist in a plaster bandage cast, also took another x-ray after setting. Kept smoke going under hams. Had first mess with buckwheat cakes for. Wrote Freeman copy evening, also Grammy and I wrote to Mariam. Received batch of birthday cards.

February 23, Wednesday, My 54th birthday. Mother made my time honored soft chocolate plain cake. Also received card from Cornelia. Received a total of ten birthday cards. Wrote to Cornelia evening. Seasons first thunder shower during night. Several terrific claps of thunder shook the frozen earth. The electrical disturbance seems widespread, there being a terrible storm in Ithaca N.Y. I was told tonight by Katherine Hesley who came home from there today. Blustery, mild , part cloudy, new snow gone over night. I took Mort and Mary Roe over to Dr. Lowenthal's A. M. Her arm condition is ok, as shown by x-ray taken yesterday. I called on Aunt Julia and Uncle Elwyn. I took them a bag

of turnips and potatoes. This P. M. Ollie and I cleaned up beech tree, we cut Monday P. M. and took over load of manure and spread on orchard ground.

February 24, Thursday, 22 degrees A. M. Clear day and evening, mild and spring like. Brisk northerly dry winds developed. The water merrily from melting ice. Turned colder. Hauled out beech tree logs and firewood and we sawed up the 2 dray loads and top log—big job accomplished. Wrote letter to Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell evening. Willis Eckert (78) bachelor, lifelong Bushkill Heights resident found dead on floor of his bungalow on corner of the old homestead, by his nephew Claude Bell who went to investigate. His lantern was burning apparently having died of heart failure.

February 25, Friday 28 degrees A. M. Clear- not so mild as yesterday. Raw air and light winds, also clear freezing evening. This P. M. Ollie helped cut and get out a dead yellow birch back in lower part of woods near brook. Cross cutted up the 2 logs and split them ready for buzz saw.

February 26, Saturday, 26, Saturday, Overcast raw, set in snowy mid P. M. Changing to freezing misty rain evening—about 3 in. snow and hail fell. This P. M. we cleaned up the ready firewood, sawing and took over load manure on orchard plowed sod—when the snow came. This evening I went to Olive Bridge and had hair cut at Bill Lortz's shop. Also attended and took part in conferring Initiatory Degree at Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge no.491 on Grant Avery and Raymond Markle. Refreshments served 23 present.

February 27, Sunday, Murky, slippery, crusted snow clung to trees. Damp raw air—still. At 1:30 P M I attended the funeral services for Willis Eckert at the West Shokan Baptist church. The service was conducted by a so termed “Two by Two” preacher of which sect Willie was a devout member for many years. Text 23rd psalm: church well filled, around 70 present. Interment in Bushkill cemetery. Bearers, Joe Steinlauf, Lester S. Davis, Raymond Bell, and grant Avery. Charley Langer with his mother and sister Mrs Daisy Gilbert had supper with us by invitation as an aftermath of my birthday. Gave them a dressed chicken to take home.

February 28, Monday, 24 degrees A. M. Continued overcast, threatening, chilly penetrating air, light winds, northerly, broke away evening. Thawing slowly, sleety snow pretty well went off the road P. M. I felt achy, gripe like all day. Ollie helped split up a big dray 2 cord load of the dead yellow birch we sawed Saturday and I took it up to her house. Received card from Kay’s husband. The twisted rusted wreck of the Chevrolet coupe, which carried to their deaths on September 28th, 1942 Mr and Mrs Elmer Van Demark and her sister Miss Marie Terwilliger, when it plunged from the Cold Brook curve into the raging Esopus creek. Was found today frozen in the heavy ice, opposite outlet of the Traver Hollow stream. Investigation of the reported sighting of the wreck Sat. by Mrs Ernest Davis of Kingston, was made by the board of Water Supply and Sheriffs office.

February 29, Tuesday, Continued murky and light winds.

Thawed, somewhat blustery and colder evening. Cut and hauled 2 dray loads of dead sapling poles from Hinkley woods to Ollie Burghers for sap wood. Received letter Cornelia and Dick. Wrote card to Mariam evening. John Freer was 52 as a boy lived in West Shokan and attended school when I did in the little room. He fell back dead after helping cut a tree and was watching it fall . He died in Shandaken Saturday, buried Tuesday 3–29 in Laurel Hill cemetery. He is survived by a brother Chauncey Freer of Port Ewen.

March 1, Wednesday, March came in lion like—clear, cold, bright, sunny, blustery northerly winds Drawed big cart load manure over on orchard ground and cut and drawed dray load dead pole sap wood to Ollie Burgher's Hardy Van Kleeck, 63 died about 1;00 A M of an asthmatic heart condition at the home of William Beesimer. with whom he resided in West Shokan on Sunday. He was a lifelong township resident and of late a ward of the town of Olive He is survived by a brother Ernest VanKleeck of Hyde Park. Funeral services will be held at the Samsonville church on Wednesday at 2 P M conducted by Rev. Merton Cady of Olive Bridge. Burial in the Palentown cemetery.

March 2, Thursday, Near zero this A M. Clear bright day, cold raw northerly winds. Cut dray load dead poles in Hinkley woods across road A M. and sawed up in firewood P M also cut and drawed a dray load for sap wood.

March 3, Friday, Arrived light snowfall, which had partially disappeared by noon. Set in snowing again mid

afternoon and continued. Repaired dray this A M. P M took dray load dry firewood up to Ollie Burgher's and with her help cut a load dead poles an Hinkley woods and we sawed it up. Received card from Dick saying he was shipping several boxes of their goods home here for storage.

March 4, Saturday, 16 degrees A M. Had 1 ½ inches fresh snow. Fair this morning becoming heavily overcast, partly fairing away late P M. Cold ,raw biting atmosphere. Morton Roe and Ollie helped butcher our 7 week old calf. Weighed alive 140 lbs. Then hog dress 103 lbs and beef dressed 80 ½ lbs. Also drew over cart load manure and late P M took up big dray load firewood to Ollie's. Received letter Mariam via air mail of February 26th. Kay and Dick phoned early evening from Waverly N Y, where they are staying with his uncle and aunt after giving up their furnished rooms in Gowanda.

March 5, Sunday, Near zero A M. Winter weather , clear and cold—winds light. I went over to Henry Winchell's and had dinner with them. Charley Langer and his mother came about 3 P M and had supper. Charley and Lottie Hesley with their daughter Ernestine Mc Roberts and her two children Marilyn and Ronald called evening.

March 6, Monday, Zero A M. Clear and snappy cold, moderating and became overcast. Snowed heavily evening continuing into night. Cut 2 big dray loads of dead poles across road in Hinkley woods and hauled up to Ollie Burgher's----she helped. I wrote Mariam a card this A M.

March 7, Tuesday, Snow changed to rain during night and continued falling toward noon. Slushy traveling. Faired away evening. The evident snowfall was around 4 in. Freezing evening. I took Mary Roe over to Dr. Lowenthal's P M to see her bandaged arm----condition ok. To go again the 18th for removal of cast. I got 2 boxes of Kay and Dicks belongings at Ashokan station, sent from Gowanda.

March 8, Wednesday, 20 degrees A M. Clear, raw Marchy. heavy snow squalls early evening. Windy. Drewed over big cart load manure on orchard ground and got a big dray load of dead firewood in Hinkley woods and sawed it up, Ollie Burgher helped.

March 9, Thursday, 16 degrees A M. Partly cloudy, blustery and snow squally, raw cold day. I took dray load sawed firewood up to Ollie Burgher's noontime and had dinner there. P M we cut a big dray load of mostly dead pole wood in upper Hinkley woods and got it sawed up. Received a letter and card from Kay and Dick.

March 10, Friday, Near zero this A M. Fair A M becoming overcast and generally miserable raw and Marchy, later clearing. Took dray load of dry wood up to Ollie's and after dinner we cut a big dray load of dead pole wood in Hinkley woods and got it sawed and load round wood loaded.

March 11, Saturday, Zero A M. Clear early becoming overcast and clearing P M similar to yesterday. Light raw winds, moderated somewhat. Spread load manure on orchard ground and took dray load wood up to Ollie

Burgher's. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Initiation Degree conferred on Charles Gustafson. He is 59 yrs an honorary member, by trade a carpenter, was elected town assessor last fall on Democratic ticket.

March 12, Sunday, Fair and springlike A M became overcast early P M from south west and set in rainy evening. Charley and his mother came P M and brought oysters and crackers for an enjoyable oyster supper. This evening I went to Olive Bridge and had Justice Frank D Manley complete and fill out my income tax returns, my victory tax was 94 cents.

March 13, Monday, Heavy rain during night and continuing till mid forenoon. Cleared away with brisk northerly winds, froze up evening. Sap weather is here, valley snow disappeared and much of the ice. I reshod dray sled A M. Ollie helped split wood P M. Mrs Mary Moore and daughter Genevieve Mc Lean called P M.

March 14, Tuesday, Clear except for occasional part cloudiness. Light winds and a bit raw like more storm brewing. Busy with chores and jobs in variety. Cleared out garage, split wood, spread load of manure and loaded up a wagon box load of firewood. Wrote news copies for Ulster County News and Daily Freeman.

March 15, Wednesday, Cloudy gray still day, with occasional light rains and continuing evening and slippery. Mother attended Ladies Aid meeting at church. Mrs Celia Roosa was honored for her 80th birthday March 17th. I took

2 wagon loads of firewood to Ollie Burgher's.

March 16, Thursday, Murky still and foggy. Everything clinging with ice this forenoon, slippery traveling, rainy evening. Ollie helped me remove a rank and a half of old dry dirty wood from shed and repile in rank along end of barn and some on porch. A dirty tedious job. I wrote card to Mariam.

March 17, Friday, Rainy night and continued along till early P M. Southwesterly winds A M foggy somewhat blustery and part broke away latter P M. Messed with odd jobs. Took Mary Roe over to Dr. Lowenthals P M and had cast removed from her arm and a bandaged splint applied, till return trip next Monday. Received letter Cornelia and Dick also express cardboard box sent from Gowanda. Robins made their first appearance by our house late P M.

March 18, Saturday, Blustery, partly to mostly cloudy, rather sour and a bit snow squally. Cloudless evening and much colder—changing spot display of aurora borealis. Spread load manure on orchard lot sod A M. This P M got out the sapping paraphernalia at Ollie's and boiling pan and arch ready and tested out. Red Cross benefit party at Colange's hall tonight. Didn't attend. Received card Dick.

March 19, Sunday, Cold stinging still air. Overcast set in snowing heavily evening. Was home except for awhile P M. Lena Pleasants Way and daughter Ruth here from Bridgeport for a week, called noon time and again tonight.

March 20, Monday, Snowed heavily during night continuing toward noon, about 7 in. had fallen—again set in snowing mid P M continuing till at 10 P M 8 ½ inches had fallen. Delivered 1/3 cord firewood down to Lena Pleasants Way—Received \$1.25 for same. I took a cart load manure P M over on orchard ground. The snow clings heavily to trees etc. The advent of spring is more like the heavy snows of early winter. Completed Freeman news copy after breakfast also wrote cards to Mariam and Cornelia.

March 21, Tuesday, Clear brilliant day and evening, snow clings to trees. The snow thawed, little wind and settled considerably. Snow plows continued opening road. Cut dray load of sap wood A M in Hinkley woods and took up to Ollie's. Lena and Ruth called this evening. Received letter from Dick and they phoned early evening from Waverly.

March 22, Wednesday, 10 degrees A M. Clear light southerly winds, getting overcast later P M. I helped Ollie Burgher tap her maple trees also on adjoining property. Used horses and dray on the snow to get around and drew a barrel of sap. Some trees ran excellent. Received letter Mariam written March 13th and wrote her card tonight. Mother went with Ladies Aid to Mt. Tremper as guests of the Tremper Aid.

March 23, Thursday, 16 degrees A M., Overcast and set in snowing heavily around 9 A M, gradually turned to rain by mid day and rained all P M. Broke away evening. Helped Ollie P M boil down the sap. I made 35 shumach sap spiles.

Tired out tonight. Lena and Ruth spent the evening, Daisy made waffles.

March 24, Friday, Clear bright mild day with light northerly winds, didn't freeze last night. Snow is taking a licking, slushy and water running. Freezing some tonight. Sap didn't run well due to no freezing last night. Tapped more trees P M. Took over load manure P M on orchard lot. Received letter Cornelia.

March 25, Saturday, Clear developed brisk south westerly winds continuing gusty into night, warm real springlike. The heavy snow blanket took an almost total licking by tonight, water running and muddy. I started splitting and piling wood under woodshed. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening 1st degree conferred on Grant Avery, Raymond Markle and Charley Gustafson, 24 present, refreshments served after. Gathered 2 barrels of sap late P M and Ollie kept boiling tonight and I helped awhile after getting back.

March 26, Sunday, Clear northerly winds didn't freeze last night but cooler than yesterday. Still and became overcast evening. Finished boiling down sap A M and brought syrup home. Chas Langer and mother called P M. He took me for a ride up Watson Hollow and over Peekamoose Mtn. Down toward lake and return. Looked over some of the old sites of Tannery days. Addressed Dist. Grand Comm. Card notices evening.

March 27, Monday, Overcast, gloomy, still, thundered off to the south ward about noontime. Light intermittent rains P

M, cleared away, bright starlight evening—raw air. Took over load manure on orchard lot A M, put new reach brace in dump cart truck P M. Went up and gathered small run of sap before dark. John, Helen and Harry Marshall called evening. Wrote A M, cards to Mariam and Cornelia.

March 28, Tuesday, 28 degrees A M. Partly cloudy, northerly winds, a bit crispy. Froze a little last night and sap ran some, which Ollie Burgher gathered and boiled down. Finished news copy A M. I served P M and evening on Election Board at Colange's Hall, Olive Dist. # 2 Spring Primary Presidential Election. 9 Democratic, 4 Republican, and 1 American labor voted. Board organized with Mabel Weidner chairman, Elmer F Davis, George Burgher and myself as the Board of Inspectors. Funeral services 2 P M in Olive Bridge church for Mr. Meus Jackson a 78 yr. old Norwegian resident. Sermon by Rev. Merton S. Cady, interment in Tongore cemetery. His wife died about a year ago.

March 29, Wednesday, 24 degrees A M. Overcast, threatening, southwesterly winds. Set in snowing late P M, later changed to rain. I took Mary Roe over to Dr. Lowenthals A M for electrical ray treatment to her arm. Since my last trip Irving Hesley while home on furlough took her twice. I called on Aunt Julia and Uncle Elwyn Winchell, taking along some turnips and potatoes. Spread load manure P M on orchard lot and Ollie and I gathered 2 barrels of sap.

March 30, Thursday, Freezing rain covered everything with

ice, ground white–mussy, misty all day, moderating .Boiled sap last night. Split wood under shed, gathered sap late P M and boiled again tonight.

Mrs Carl Ahrens Died Shortly Before Noon

Bertha, wife of Rev. Carl Ahrens died at about 11 o'clock this forenoon at the home of her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Albert Ellis on Maple Street at the age of 76 years, after a brief illness. Besides her husband and daughter she is survived by three sisters and a brother. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Gridley Funeral Home with Rev. Edward G Wahl, pastor of the Walden Methodist church, officiating. The interment will be in the Walkill Valley Cemetery by F.C. Gridley.

March 31, Friday, Froze some during night, mostly overcast, windy and rather snow squally. Heavy squall late P M whitening the ground. William supple called A Min regard to timber. He gave me a statement of beech he has had 1532 ft. saw measure and 240 ft. hemlock @ \$25.00 per M. \$ 44.30.

April 1, Saturday, Ground frozen, fair this morning but became overcast with strong developing south westerly winds and cold driving rain squalls P M and evening. Excellent sap day. Drawed over load of manure P M and gathered sap 2 ½ barrels. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening–2nd Degree conferred and refreshments. Ollie boiled sap and I took over several hours after Lodge.

April 2, Sunday, Didn't freeze last night, the day was partly fair to overcast. Turned colder evening with winds northerly. Helped gather sap and run off big boiling A M. about 5 gallon of syrup. Bob Longyear's father and mother, his sister Jeanne Longyear and Mr Longyear's sister came up from Brooklyn and had dinner with us. Jeanne had a large assortment of pictures taken last Oct. during her trip to Mexico City. Charley Langer and his mother also came and later Mr and Mrs Leland P Hamilton of Oneonta stopped enroute from weekend trip to N.Y. City where they visited their son who is in the Navy Sea Bees.

April 3, Monday, 20 degrees A M. Crispy, clear, sunny, northerly winds quieting, freezing pale moonlight evening. Pretty good sap running day. I drew out manure on grass behind barn. Got load of house banking leaves also gathered 1 ½ barrels sap and helped boil tonight, brought 3 gal. batch home. Our lifelong esteemed neighbor Philip Dwyer 82 Feb. 4th died at 2 P M at his home at foot of hill or rather he made his home with son Charles. Uncle Phil had been in failing health for some time.

April 4, Tuesday, Froze up hard last night, partly or mostly cloudy with developing strong south westerly winds. It was a good sap running day (the best yet) and we gathered about 2 ½ barrels and boiled tonight. I also split and piled some wood and got out and started smoking second batch of hams P M.

April 5, Wednesday, Started snowing in the night and had a good whitening of the ground, which pretty well melted.

The day was raw and squally, northerly winds, clearing evening. Sap ran good this P M and we gathered a big batch and boiled tonight. I brought about 2 gallon home. Took Mary Roe to Dr. Lowenthal's A M and she had splint removed from arm. I called on Aunt Julia Winchell also Pete Crawford. He had a another heart attack last night. Sent box to Kay and Dick and also some maple sugar to Lute Bell. Received letter from Lute. Dick Herrington phoned early P M from Waverly that Cornelia had a big baby daughter at 12:30 P M and all is well. She is at the Robert Parker Hospital just over the state line from Waverly in Sayre Penn.

April 6, Thursday, Clear except for scattered high clouds, winds generally northerly, mellow moonlight evening. Freezing lightly tonight. Helped with gathering and boiling sap. Good running day and evening, boiled tonight. Spread big load manure on orchard lot sod.

Wednesday April 5th Funeral services held 9 A M at Carr's Parlors in Kingston and 9:30 at St John's Church in Stoney hollow for Philip Dwyer Low Mass said. Burial by wife and son Bernard in St Mary's cemetery, Kingston. He is survived by son Charles, daughter Catherine Marks and grand daughter Dorothy, 2 sisters Kate Dwyer and Mrs Sarah Stark.

April 7, Friday, Clear, warmer light high haze, variable northerly winds, quieted evening and gradually became overcast late, soft moonlight. Gathered and boiled sap., The running diminished. Run down the second batch

tonight and brought syrup home. Received cards etc. from Cornelia and Dick. Their baby weighed 7 lbs. 14 ½ oz at birth. They are naming it Norah Frances.

April 8, Saturday, Rainy, foggy forenoon, springlike and still cleared away hazily P m. Mellow moonlight evening. Did chores, split some wood. Spread load manure on orchard lot and repaired sap boiling arch. This evening I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge, good attendance and refreshments. 3rd degree conferred on Grant Avery, Raymond Markle and Charles Gustafson

April 9, Sunday, 48 degrees A M. real warm, muggy and still. Murky till mid day then partly broke away, light rains evening. At a record late day the west basin ice filled remains largely intact, with open water in north end and along shores. Charley Langer and mother called P M. Helped gather sap late P M and runoff the small batch evening. Sap pretty well stopped running. Dick Herrington phoned evening from Fort Ann, Cornelia and baby are doing fine.

April 10, Monday, Continued balmy, showers A M breaking away partly. Clear moonlight night, cooler with northerly winds. Split and piled wood, did chores etc. Went to Olive Bridge evening and had hair cut to Bill Lortz's. Called on Judge Frank D Manley on my way back, also around by Henry Winchells.

April 11, Tuesday, Ice is breaking up in reservoir west basin. Clear, cool this A M becoming overcast with light

southerly winds. Set in cold sleety rain mid P M. split and piled wood. Spread load manure on grass patch behind garage and got small load of leaves along back road, drove out by rain. Received letter and announcement card from Cornelia.

April 12, Wednesday, Murky, foggy, misty and rainy all day, breaking away during evening, colder with northerly winds. Split and piled firewood under the shed. This evening I went with Harlowe Mc. Lean to Saugerties where at the rooms of William H Raymond I.O.O.F. Lodge # 59 attended annual meeting of Dist. Grand Committee. Fred Yorks of Sunshine Lodge #929 unanimously elected District Deputy. I the same as Secretary (58 present)

April 13, Thursday, The reservoir ice has disappeared. Bright, clear, crispy, strong northerly winds became mostly cloudy latter P M. split and piled wood under shed. I sold my Remington 22 cal. Shoremaster rifle # 511 for \$30.00 cash. I bought it in August 1941 at cost of \$11.13.

April 14, Friday, Froze up some last night. Clear cool, strong northerly winds, diminishing late P N. Retapped the sap trees and gathered big load leaves along back road. A tragic apple tree stump blasting accident occurred at Maple Dell Farm in right rear of garage this A M between 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock. Ed Avery had placed a charge of six or more sticks of dynamite beneath stump. Failing to explode, he placed a partial stick of dynamite near the first charge and lit fuse. The explosion failed to set off the heavy first charge as events disclosed. Ed thinking the explosion was

complete was standing by stump bent over surveying unsatisfactory results, suddenly a terrific blast sent him reeling on his back covered with debris, upon extricating himself and getting dirt from his eyes, he saw his nephew Myron Avery who had come around garage and stood watching. He suffered torn and lacerated right side of head, fractured skull and brain concussion. Upon arrival of Dr. Lowenthal and Gormley's ambulance Myron was rushed to Kingston Hospital where he was x-rayed and Dr. Snyder operated removing a chip of wood wedged in skull and removed a piece of skull bone to relieve pressure on the brain. Ed Avery miraculously completely escaped with only a small mark on his nose. I went up to Maple Dell and got first hand information.

April 15, Saturday, Gloomy, cloudy , still, set in raining early P M and continued steadily until around 8 P M. I went over to Ollie Burgher's wood lot A M with William Supple who is cutting off the oak and some other timber. Late gathered yesterdays ½ bbl. Run of sap and boiled it off during P M. also spread big cart load manure on sod out along the road.

April 16, Sunday, Gloomy, still, cool. Another steady rain set in this morning and continued till about 2 P M cold rain remainder of day, murky. Home all day. Wrote Ulster Co. news copy also news for Freeman. Mrs Langer and Charles came P M despite rain. This evening I went over to Mr and Mrs Henry Winchells

April 17. Monday, Mostly cloudy, northerly winds, clearing evening. Busy with odd jobs in variety. Repaired chicken yard fence, did chores, spread a load of manure and helped clean up Ollie's garden patches. Changed oil in car speedometer 38901. Mrs Carrie S Mathews 2nd wife of the late Delancey N Mathews died at her Pearl St home in Kingston. Received letter Mariam sent 4-10.

April 18, Tuesday, Froze a little last night, sunny fair, light winds. Quite like spring weather. I made a delayed trip to Kingston, first since mid December. Shopped up on groceries etc. Had check up and adjustments made to my car at Albany Ave. garage, to stop an annoying shimmy. I purchased 2 -\$18.75 Series E War Bonds.

April 19, Wednesday, 26 degrees A M. Clear, froze ice last night, mellow spring like day. Cloudless evening with light northerly winds. Dr. Mc Carty of Ellenville gave my stock customary periodical T B injection tests. Disced and plowed garden patches P M for Ollie Burgher. Gathered last full barrel of sap and got part of buckets took up. Boiled down the batch tonight.

April 20, Thursday, Clear, warm, mellow, light winds developed became overcast latter P M. Made a clean up of the maple syrup season. Took up rest of buckets, washed them and all accessories and put away. Had a P M call by Faster Shultis and Aaron Van De Bogart of Wittenberg. I gave Mort and Mary Roe a gallon of maple syrup for the use of some buckets and spiles. Wrote Freeman copy evening.

April 21, Friday,, Murky, chilly , still, rainy more or less. Mother and I attended funeral services 2 P M for Mrs Elmer Bedell (83) at Shokan Reformed church. Sermon by Preacher Hansen of Hurley, very excellent and brief. Interment by Lasher in Wiltwick cemetery, Kingston. On our way home we called at Aunt Julia Winchell's, Pete Crawfords and Henry Winchells –took him maple sugar cakes made by mother for his birthday tomorrow.

April 22, Saturday, Murky, still cool. Split and piled wood. Started spreading manure on twice planted sweet corn and potato patch above three corner lot and drew off load of stones. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Initiatory Degree rehearsal was held. Reginald E Davis– Degree Master and Past District Deputy, Alonzo Davis Deputy Master. Refreshments followed.

April 23, Sunday, Continued cool still and murky. Gradually set in rainy P M. Was home all day. Had no callers. Wrote news copies for Ulster Co. news and Freeman.

April 24, Monday, Rained practically all day ending up in downpours, dark and gloomy weather. Streams running quite high tonight. Practice blackout in eastern New York this evening. I split and piled wood under shed most of day. Received cards from Kay and Dick. W K N Y Kingston radio off the air acct. engineers strike

April 25, Tuesday, Warm, murky, threatening. Light northerly wind came up latter P M. and cooler, rained some

A M. Put in most of the day splitting wood, throwing it under shed. Pretty tired tonight.

April 26, Wednesday, Continued unsettled and mostly overcast. Sun shone through awhile P M. Light northerly winds. Spring flies bothered for the first this P M. Mother and I ranked up wood under shed AM. P M I spread big load manure on sweet corn ground above three corner lot and re-harrowed Ollie's garden patches. Split wood after supper.

April 27, Thursday, The day was cool and for the most part cloudy and threatening. Northerly winds developed, clearing beautifully evening with growing crescent moon, chilly evening. I helped Ollie Burgher plant early garden peas and onion sets etc. Split wood after supper.

April 28, Friday, Cloudless, cool, brisk northerly winds, quieting evening. I had delivery of 6 tons Gov't Soil Conservation lime delivered A M. from Accord Lime Industry. The material is furnished free including delivery. This P M I disced the last fall plowed corn stubble woods corner for oats. Spread cart load manure above 3 corner lot and brought lime spreader home from old barn storage. There was a brisk spreading grass and woods fire P M. over across on Coon's neighborhood, was soon gotten under control.

April 29, Saturday, Continued clear, hazy warm springlike with northerly winds, clear moonlight evening. I limed and re-disced the corner oats ground, a big job. Attended

I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, 24 present. Rehearsal of Initiatory Degree held. Hot fried hamburgers with onions sandwiches served after the session. I paid \$5.00 advance dues to Dec. 30-1945.

April 30, Sunday, Continued fair and hazy, light winds. First real ultra springlike weather, real summery. Charles Langer and mother came P M. I called on Ed Avery and visited Laurel Hill cemetery. Wrote news copy evening. Olive Bridge Honor Roll dedicated P M. on Tongore church grounds. Over 50 names are on the roll. Rev. Clarence Brown delivered the Address.

May 1, Monday, 64 degrees at 12 P M. Warm like summer, fair , hazy, light southerly winds. Did a big task, sowed, seeded, picked off stones and boated down the woods corner oats field. Ollie helped harrow and picked stones P M. May 1st Find snow and ice finally disappeared from High Point, with here and there a trace on the Wittenberg's. A fire burned over some 3 acres up the hill back of John North's

May 2. Tuesday, Cool, overcast and threatening this morning but only had a sprinkle. Later gradually broke away and the evening was all clear and growing half moon shining. Spread load manure above 3 corner lot and gathered cart load of leaves, also marked out and helped Ollie plant patch of potatoes around 2 bushel. Annual District school meeting evening but did not attend. Funeral services held 9:15 at house 213 E Chester St. Kingston and 10 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic church for Joe Mooney

(49) husband of Lennie Every.

May 3, Wednesday, 56 degrees at 11 P M. Warm like summer ,fair, hazy, and light high part cloudiness. Winds southerly, pleasant moonlight evening. I disc harrowed over last falls plowed sod corn and potato ground, lower part of orchard lot. Burned brush piles also took over wagon load hog yard manure and spread. Leaves coming out noticeably today.

May 4, Thursday, Barn swallows here 60 degrees at 12 P M. Hot summer weather continued fair with haze and part cloudiness, all clear soft moonlight evening and gradually cooled down. Brisk southerly P M winds. Drewed 2 big loads hog manure and spread on corn ground, finished cleaning out the yard after supper, Ollie helped. Received letter both Kay and Dick, as nearly every day comes some word from them.

May 5, Friday, another record breaking hot day for early May. Continued fair hazy, strong southerly winds. Smoke clouds from forest fires P M and evening, all clear soft moonlight evening and windy. Atmosphere smokey. Spread last load of hog manure —Got big load leaves from back upper woods and plowed 2 more garden patches for Ollie. Big hot tiresome days work. A fire back of High Point spread rapidly before the brisk winds P M and tinder dry conditions. Received letter Lute Bell. Kingston radio W.K.N.Y. from time to time broadcast appeals for more fire fighters.

May 6, Saturday, Muggy but cooler than yesterday, developed mostly cloudy, driving southerly winds. Spread big cart load manure above 3 corner lot. Plowed and harrowed our garden. Tired out from the weeks steady grind. Received a letter from Gowanda from Dick Herrington saying he had received his draft induction papers to report May 15th. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, I enjoyed visiting with Bro. Jarvis Burgher who told me of his experiences coon and fox hunting. Refreshments served. Received letter from Mariam.

May 7, Sunday, Brisk southerly winds brought showers and steady teeming rains, decidedly cooler. Did chores and just lopped about the house. Wrote news copy and letter to Mariam. The whole past week of unseasonably summer weather has developed leaf growth rapidly. Fruit trees flowering shrubs, shad blows etc were in full bloom.

May 8, Monday, 42 degrees A M. Clear, soft high haze. Fresh northerly winds quieting latter P M. Cool grand work day, cloudless, mellow full moon. Went around pasture lot fence and drove down posts A M. P M spread load manure on patch above 3 corner lot, and disced harrowed corn ground both ways. Limed garden after supper.

May 9, Tuesday, Fair to mostly cloudy during P M. Fair evening, brisk southerly winds. Lime sower regulating slide got stuck and took the morning to get it working. Finished liming garden P M, re-harrowed it both ways and got some rows marked out. Mother got onion sets planted. Before and after supper I plowed last years sweet corn patch behind

hog yard.

May 10, Wednesday, 40 degrees A M. Continued fair to partly cloudy, hazy. Heavy thunderstorm passed off to the north later P M. Clear, pleasant cool moonlight night. Busy with odd chores A M. spread load manure P M above 3 corner lot—re-disc harrowed corn ground and got patch marked out along east side for potatoes.

May 11, Thursday, Partly cloudy, warm and hazy, looked showery P M. I treated potatoes with Semesan Bell A M. Got potatoes cut and planted P M. 16 rows along east side of orchard lot ground, 4 ½ bushel. One bag 100 lbs of certified Kathadin's next to stone row. Ollie Burgher helped plant.

May 12, Friday, Calm, muggy, warm----partly cloudy, clear cool evening. Entertained a call by the Olive Board of Assessors A M. Homer Markle Sr. chairman and last falls new electees. Chas. Gustafson and Asa Barringer. This P M I harrowed Ollie Burgher's plowed garden patches and helped plant potatoes. Received letter and picture enlargement from Mariam of their Mexican maid Sophia and the children Gaye and Jeanne. Received card saying that Kay will occupy a 5 room apt. in Waverly @ \$40.00 per mo.

May 13, Saturday, Warm, partly cloudy, brisk northerly winds. Violent thunder squall at evening, only sprinkles of rain but high wind. Limed the sweet corn strip of ground behind barn and harrowed it over. Spread big cart load

manure above 3 corner lot and helped Ollie finish her potato planting and set 57 bean poles. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Degree rehearsal followed.

May 14, Sunday, Fair warm and pleasant, fresh northwesterly winds, real cool evening. I made a trip on South Mountain as far up the High Point trail as site of Lewis shanty. Larry Kelder has had the old woods grown fields on Raul Bell's farm cut off making a vastly changed appearance. Wrote Mariam evening also Ulster Co. News copy. Kay phoned tonight from Waverly saying Dick had gone to Albany for induction in the army.

May 15, Monday, 48 degrees at 12 P M. Partly cloudy, breezy, moderately warm. Became showery latter P M. We had only a wetting from passing showers, clear and cool evening. Heavy showers with hail over east side. I did a big job plowing patch above 3 corner lot and spread load manure. The showers drove me home 5 o'clock. After supper went up to Gus Korittke's with Mort Roe and had cutaway harrow frame piece welded. It broke while Mort was using it today.

May 16, Tuesday, Overcast muggy, occasional light rains, heaviest late P M. Cleared evening and cool. Did a big job, picked 3 wagon loads stone, limed, putting on fully a ton. I harrowed over twice, yesterdays plowed strip above 3 corner lot, Ollie helped P M.

May 17, Wednesday, Partly cloudy, hazy, light wind and warm. Harrowed over twice the orchard corn ground and

marked out both pieces, Ollie helped, big tiresome job.

May 18, Thursday, Continued fair, cool southerly winds .
Decidedly chilly evening and brilliantly starlight. Ollie
Burgher helped plant the strip above 3 corner lot with sweet
corn and field corn and got the big piece partly finished.
Sweet corn variety is Evergreen Bantam and field crop
Early Herson and Yellow Flint.

May 19, Friday, Frost reported this morning. Cool, light to
moderate winds and beautifully clear, chilly tonight and
became overcast. Had a hard bothersome day getting started
but with Ollie's help sprayed the fruit trees P M. Sold 5 ½
bushel potatoes to Grant Avery \$11.00 paid. Cecil Gray
delivered me a truck load of fine coal ashes a \$1.50 also had
early call by Faster Shultis and Arron Van De Bogart. My
grandfather Martin H Crispell died 39 years ago today. He
wrote his signature indelibly into my life.

May 20, Saturday, million dollar New England frost
damage reported. Clear cool gorgeous weather, light winds.
Did a good job getting corn planting job finished, with
Ollie's help. I got my hair cut at Bill Lortz shop and
attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Refreshments served after
meeting . Received letter from Dick Herrington, written
Thurs. P M. at Fort Dix N.J. he finds starting army life hard
going.

May 21, Sunday, Clear, beautifully pleasant, moderately
cool day with southerly to south westerly day winds. Was at
home all day no callers. Had to repair cow fence below wall

A M. Wrote long letter to Dick Herrington at camp Dix P M. also Ulster Co. News and Freeman, letters P M. My grandfather M. H. Crispell buried 39 years ago this P M, funeral in West Shokan Baptist church, in old village.

May 22, Monday, Unsettled, variable day-winds. Part to mostly cloudy occasional light showers. Closed in murky latter P M and we had a wonderful rain, more in night. Cultivated thru my potato patch to keep down quack grass patches. Spread cart load manure between corn rows and harrowed Ollie's garden and cultivated thru her first planted potatoes, which here and there are coming up. Received grand interesting letter from Mariam. Received card from Dick and Kay.

May 23, Tuesday, Murky, still-nice easy showers. Busy with chores etc. repaired chicken yard fence P M put up new strip of wire. This evening I went to Kingston with Geo. Smith and Ed Avery attended 3rd Degree at Kingston Lodge no. 10 F. and AM. Very enjoyable and impressive ceremony. Fred Weeks Jr. former Shokan boy now Wallkill prison guard one of three candidates.

May 24, Wednesday, Continued murky, still and nice showers. Drawed out manure A M on patch behind barn. Split wood and did chores in variety.

May 25, Thursday, Continued the same weather, murky, foggy, drizzling rains. Moved dray and saw bench over to Hinkley buildings for storage. Re-hung small garage door I caught yesterday back out with car. This evening I went

with Henry Winchell and my car to Kerhonkson, attended Grand Jurors Assn. Stag dinner at the old Davis hotel, now Mae Gussie and Murphys, 33 present. Asst. Dist. Atty. Fred Stang as speaker. Received letter from Dick at Ft. Dix. Wrote card to Mariam.

May 26, Friday Continued murky and foggy drizzle forenoon. Atmosphere lightened P M. but settled murky evening, later broke away, some stars and gaining new moon shining.. Did chores split and piled wood. Mother and I went to Tongore cemetery P M. The grounds are attractively cleaned up for Decoration Day. Mother set out bulbs by monument. I visited grave in old cemetery of my great great grandfather Andries Davis, Revolutionary soldier who died in 1850 at age of 90 years 11 mo. His wife Sarah Bogart died in 1845. They lived by the Tongore bridge.

May 27, Saturday, Hot, part cloudy, muggy—severe electrical storms were general this P M. The heaviest rain centered over Olive Bridge and Krumville sectors, where lightning did minor damage. Broke away evening. Spread load manure behind barn and delivered 2 cord load of chunk firewood to Lena Way's (Smith) and got caught in the shower around 4 P M. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, refreshments followed. Mrs Ida Van Ness came from Woodstock for week end visit. Daisy's birthday.

May 28, Sunday, Clear, very warm, light winds—scenery gorgeous. This P M I went with Mr and Mrs James Simpson and Mr Al Kilmer representing Phoenicia Post

American Legion and placed flags on the graves of soldiers dead in the Olive cemeteries. Charles Langer and mother also called. This evening I went with a delegation of the members of Rebekah Lodge who conducted ritualistic services for Mrs Violet Christensenm Dederick at her parents home on the Krumville Road.

May 29, Monday, Continued clear and warm, light winds, pleasantly cooler evening. Put in a bust day, Ollie helped me gather a big back side woods load of leaves and put in hog yard. Spread cart load manure behind barn and cleaned out the chicken houses. I took Mrs Van Ness to early bus this A M. Cornelia came up on bus after spending weekend with Dick in N.Y.C. He had 36 hours leave.

May 30, Tuesday, Generally fair rather hazy, clear breezy evening and warm bulging half moon. Locust groves in bloom across the reservoir. I took Cornelia to 7:30 Cold Brook bus before breakfast. Wrote card Mariam. Ollie helped me put wagon load chicken litter and acid fertilizer mixture on corn hills. I also cultivated her early patch of potatoes.

May 31, Wednesday, Continued clear, hazy, hot summer weather. Light northerly winds, soft moonlight evening. Worked in garden A M. Harrowed and cultivated and set more bean poles. I helped Ollie plant beans A M—was too hot to clean her chicken houses as planned. After supper planted north end of our garden annual sweet corn patch.

June 1, Thursday, Overcast, warm and showers— broke

away during P M, all clear moonlight evening. Helped clean Ollie's chicken houses and manured her potato patches and put last load with acid fertilizer on my corn and finished the field, with some to spare on potato hills. I attended the Olive Rebekahs 14th birthday anniversary after lodge meeting, about 75 present including members and friends. An elaborate colorful affair.

June 2, Friday, Hot, muggy with occasional showers, clear moonlight evening and pleasantly cooling down. Ollie helped me plant in corn and I helped her with her garden setting out. Received letter from Dick at Fort Dix and I wrote him tonight.

June 3, Saturday, Fresh northerly winds, broken clouds, clearing P M. Chilly moonlight evening. A M I hand cultivated Ollie's gardens. P M drew out manure and cultivated her potato patches with "Molly" Evening I attended and was secretary at Republican Dist. No.2 Olive nominating caucus at Colange's hall. Larry Kelder, Lester Davis and Pauline Lortz named delegated to attend County Convention in Kingston June 10th. Received letter from Dick at Fort Dix.

June 4, Sunday, Heavily clouded over this morning but gradually cleared into one of the most gorgeous afternoons possible. Real cool with light northerly winds. Big moon shining this evening in cloudless sky. I think longingly of Dear Mariam and Bob in Mexico City. Was home all day. Charley Langer and his mother came early this P M and she and mother went to church. Charley took them down and

went after them.

June 5, Monday, Cool morning, breezy, the day was fair, hot sunshine early. P M turned cooler with brisk south westerly winds and scurring broken whisper clouds tonight. Did a big job today, cultivated with Ollie's help the orchard lot corn and potatoes twice in row both ways. Quack grass patches had a well rooted start. Mrs West and her sister Ester Riseley and with them Mr and Mrs Robinson of Boiceville called early evening also Mr and Mrs Vahan Kizirian. Late getting finished supper 9 o'clock.

June 6, Tuesday, Partly to mostly cloudy, warm sunshine and light showers—brisk southwesterly winds. Ollie helped (led Molly) cultivated corn patch above 3 corner lot, both ways. Received letters from Mariam and Bob, mailed May 25.

THE LONG AWAITED "D" DAY INVASION AGAINST HITLER'S OCCUPIED FORTRESS EUROPE OPENED.

June 7, Wednesday, Partly to mostly cloudy, cool fresh northerly winds. Had showers in night. Spread on load manure and re-plowed and twice harrowed patch behind barn.

June 8, Thursday, Northerly winds, cool, bright day and evening. I helped hoe Ollie's early patch of potatoes and finish her garden planting. After supper did a big hand mowing job around chicken yard. Received 2nd letter this week from Mariam of 5/30. Brought over mower machine

from old barn storage.

June 9, Friday, Continued clear, dry atmosphere. Overcast evening with fresh south westerly winds developing. Prepared ground harrowing, putting on load manure, marking out and planting the road end third of sweet corn strip behind barn. Also machine mowed strip along cross path from road in, also 3 swath drive way from mid way to west end of chicken yard. Received by Ins. P.P. several silver articles from Mariam for distributing, she had them sent from El Paso, Texas.

June 10, Saturday, Rainy, murky, moderately cool. A well needed rain. Put in day getting the barn ready to put in hay. Evening I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Initiatory Degree conferred on Henry Carlson, Jackson, and Luther Walker. Large attendance— 18 cars parked by hall. Refreshments followed.

June 11, Sunday, A truly glorious day with light northerly winds. Clear, cooler tonight, moon going down toward half, warm sunshine. Scenery after the rain is refreshed and magnificent. Reservoir near high level. Home all day. Charley Langer and mother came PM. Tonight I attended the Odd Fellows annual Memorial service in Olive Bridge church. Speakers, Rev. Merton S Cady and Rev C. Fred Fatum, very impressive program.

June 12, Monday, 54 degrees at 12 PM. Started haying. Warm , humid, partly cloudy, lazy winds. Clear evening, moon back to half. This morning near noon I mowed upper

part of alfalfa and heavy dark seeding field by garden P M. Ollie helped me cultivate one way the corn and potatoes patches. Tired out tonight especially legs. After supper got wagon box load grass for cows along cross path.

June 13, Tuesday, fair, warm, light variable winds. Became overcast at evening, but later starlight and cool. I mowed the rest of the alfalfa field by garden in front and to left of house. Tedded it twice, raked and cocked the part cut yesterday. Spread big over weekend cart load manure on potato rows, and finally after supper cut the grass patches by house and along current bushes. Received letter Cornelia written Friday saying Dick had been transferred to the Infantry and shipped to Fort Wheeler Georgia for basic training., was 36 hrs. enroute.

June 14, Wednesday, cool became overcast this morning with southwesterly winds, light to heavier rain fell during P M and evening Opened up cocked hay and tedded over the field. Made a temporary rigging on wagon box and Ollie helped me get in rain dampened first load P M. Also sorted 2 barrels potatoes. Wrote Freeman copy evening. Received letter from Dick, now at Fort Wheeler, Ga.

June 15, Thursday, Murky, warmer, partly cleared early P M. Starlight evening, light winds. Did chores in variety, split wood and piled wood under shed. This P M with weather fairing I started working at the cut hay, tedded twice and raked in windrows , also took load hay out on field and spread it for better drying. Disced both ways unplanted part of patch behind barn.

Inn Is Sold

The Watson Hollow Inn on the South Ashokan Boulevard at West Shokan has been sold by Myron S. Teller to Mr and Mrs Paul W. Kearney of 225 McDonough St. Brooklyn. The Inn opened in 1916 and since then a popular mountain summer resort has been conducted for the past three years by Mr and Mrs Kearney. Located on high promontory overlooking the Ashokan reservoir, there is included in the property about 20 acres of land.

June 16, Friday, Very hot, part cloudy, developed showery late P M from northwest, which swept over this section with thunder and lightning. Morton Roe helped change to hay rigging and open up the windrowed hay A M. I gave him a hand in return P M cultivating his grassy potatoes and with his and Ollie's help got in the load of re-cured hay just ahead of the shower. Received letter Lute Bell.

June 17, Saturday, Part cloudy, fresh northerly winds. Hot but not so muggy as yesterday. Pleasantly cooler evening. I put load manure in potato rows A M. Ollie and I worked at the hay getting it dried out, and this P M unloaded the load on hay wagon and drew in the hay on field in 2 great big loads. This evening I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Initiatory Degree conferred on John Crispell and a class of 13 candidates from Bearsville Lodge. Paul Rowe, Fred Mower and Geo. Brandley. Refreshments followed.

June 18, Sunday, Fair becoming all overcast during PM Light winds, real warm, turning cooler. Ollie helped me put off load hay and get in the rakings. Tried to rest up a bit PM

June 19, Monday, Had grand showers during night and this morning. Faired away hot sunshine early P M, but later clouded over, thunder showers late evening. Busy with odd jobs, chores in variety. Wrote long letter to Mariam A M also mother enclosed last Ulster County News, Freeman clippings etc, hair ribbons from mother. Mr and Mrs George Heidenstrom called chore time with son George Jr. and a sailor friend Eddie Larsen, 1st class electrician, heading for west coast Thursday.

June 20, Tuesday, Hot, muggy a thunder showery day. The heaviest downpours went around behind High Point and east side. Rained hard in night, cooler evening. Spread cart load manure in potato rows and with Ollie's help cultivated thru orchard lot corn and potatoes, also shovel cultivated both of her potato patches.

June 21, Wednesday, Heavy overcast, cool, fresh northerly winds, part cloudy evening. Mother and I worked in garden A M. This P M I helped Ollie Burgher in her garden and spray potatoes after supper. I got part of field behind barn mowed as WKNY farm weather report indicates fair for next three days. Ed Avery called A M. Received card and letter from Dick at Camp Wheeler Ga. He is definitely assigned to Infantry training Co.D. 9th Training Battalion

June 22, Thursday, Partly to mostly cloudy, moderately warm, fresh variable northwesterly winds, clear, quiet evening. Pretty fair hay drying day. I helped Mort Roe cultivate his weed and quack infested corn and potato field. Ollie tedded the hay 5 times, also mowed the hay below

wall, due to cows getting in it. After supper I raked the tilled hay in windrows. I wrote Dick a card and Daisy sent him a box of eats.

June 23, Friday, Mostly overcast, gradually became rainy latter p M. Had heavy thunder shower down pours tonight, warm, muggy. Worked hard at the hay. This P M with Mort and Ollie's help we got in 2 loads. Re-raked and cocked the remainder. Mother's 57th Wedding Anniversary. Father died Jan.23-1934.

June 24, Saturday, heavy thunder shower down pour day break this A M. Cloudy, warm, muggy, northerly winds yet unsettled. Mort Roe helped me put off the load of hay and had dinner with us. Drawed out big load manure on grass stubble P M. I attended I.O.O.F. lodge evening. Gerald Kelsey 17 year old Samsonville youth killed near his home in automobile turn over about 7 P M

June 25, Sunday, Mostly heavily overcast with occasional light showers, moderately cool but muggy with northerly winds, cleared evening. Home all day. Wrote news copy. Charley and Mrs Langer called P M.

Freeman news clipping of June 26th, 1944

Samsonville youth is killed in crash near his home. Gerald Kelsey, 17, apparently is killed instantly Saturday night, death is County's fourth in two days. Gerald Harry Kelsey, 17, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Kelsey was killed about 7 o'clock Saturday night, when the roadster in which he was riding overturned on the mountain road, within a

half a mile of his home and threw him out.

His death makes the fourth fatality from an automobile accident in Ulster County within two days. The Ulster County sheriff's office was notified of the accident and Sheriff H.C. Anderson with Deputies Vredenburg and Frost made an investigation, with Coroner Frank J Mc Cardle.

Apparently there were no witnesses to the crash, the wrecked car and body being found by Frank Barringer, 18, who was on his way up the mountain road. He returned to the village and notified the boy's parents, who got Jesse Shurter to return with them to the scene. Shurter called Dr. K. W. Lowenthal and notified the sheriff's office. The Dr. found that apparently Gerald had been instantly killed. Meanwhile the parents, according to the report not realizing that the boy was dead had him taken to their home, where Coroner McCardle made an examination. No marks were seen on the preliminary examination, but later evidence was found that the youth had suffered severe internal hemorrhage and that probably had died almost instantly.

Frank Barringer who found the body, told the officers that Gerald had gone fishing Saturday afternoon back of the Ed Palen place near the top of what is known as the Mountain Road, leading from the main road at Samsonville up the mountain. He was accompanied by David Barringer, aged 13. Returning he let David out at his home and than started down the mountain.

Just what happened is not known but the investigation showed that on a sharp curve the car started going sideways. It continued sideways for some 68 feet, then struck the soft shoulder of the road, over turned, throwing Gerald out, and righted itself. The car was badly damaged,

the windshield being smashed and the canvas top broken.

Besides his parents, Gerald is survived by two sisters, Irene and Thelma Kelsey, and one brother, Charles Jr.

June 26, Monday, Warm rather muggy, partly cloudy, light northerly winds. Clear, cool evening. Worked at the hay, mowed the rest of hay behind barn and drew in 2 loads, making a clean up below the wall patch. Mort Roe helped P M. Harrowed and marked out sweet corn patch after supper. Bob Longyear's father and mother stopped on their way to Phoenicia to spend 2 weeks vacation. They brought Bob's ammunition he had home in Brooklyn.

June 27, Tuesday, Hot, fair except for mid day, part cloudiness, clear cooler evening. Spread out for better curing hay on wagon and cleaned up hay behind barn in a big load after dinner. Drew out manure on grass. Made last planting of sweet corn, mostly "Yellow Evergreen" behind barn, also mowed lower part of side hill field P M. Put off hay after supper, Ollie helped. 30th anniversary of my steam roller accident. Funeral services 2:30 P M at Samsonville church for auto accident Gerald Kelsey whose parents live near church. Sermon by Rev. Merton S Cady. Interment Palentown cemetery.

June 28, Wednesday, Scorching hot and humid, hazy. Partly cloudy, breezy, clear evening. I helped Mort Roe cultivate. Ollie tedded the hay and got it well cured. Cleaned it all up before and after supper in 2 small or medium loads. Mort Roe helped with last load and rakings. Received letter Dick Herrington. Republican National Convention in Chicago.

Nominated first ballot Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (42) of N.Y. and Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, candidates for President and Vice President, nominations unanimous, except one vote cast for General Mc Arthur against Dewey who got 1056 votes.

June 29, Thursday, Another scorching sweltry day. Hazy, fair A M, thunder showery afternoon mostly went around both ways, cooler evening. Shovel cultivated and hoed Ollie's last potato patch. With Mort Roes help shovel cultivated corn patch above 3 corner lot, hustling home ahead of blustering shower. Severe twister and electrical storm hit the Atwood –Stone Ridge area about 2:30 P M. Electrical service out till about 9 P M.

June 30, Friday Not so hot as yesterday. Fresh northerly winds, part cloudy to fair. I made a trip to Kingston, attending funeral 2 P M at Carr's Parlors for Mrs Carrie Pinkenstein–Weidner, interment Hurley cemetery. Bearers were Clayton Burgher, Lester S Davis, Grant Avery and myself. Rev Dykstra minister. I deposited on Savings and Loan acct. no. 182 amt of \$250.00. Also purchased at State of N.Y. National Bank 5 War Loan Series E. 10 yr. Bond face amt. \$100.00 paid cash \$75.00 in name of myself with daughter Mariam C. Longyear as surviving beneficiary. Received letter Mariam written June 19th. Note– Nov. 21 cashed the above and a previously purchased \$100.00 bond upon discovery that Mariam's name as beneficiary had been spelled Marian on bonds and replaced the \$200.00 in 6th loan, with name spelled correctly.

July 1, Saturday, Continued fair, moderately warm, winds northerly, good haying weather. I mowed the upper part of side hill field A M. This P M Ollie helped me shovel cultivate corn and potatoes. Mort Roe tedded the hay P M and raked it after supper and spread load manure on grass stubble. Howard D Myers Jr. 11 year old boy of Watson Hollow Road, died in Benedictine hospital, Kingston, of Spinal Meningitis. The family live in the former house of the late Andrew Harkness. The boy's father is employed as an Aqueduct guard.

July 2, Sunday, A perfect day, pleasantly cool with fresh southerly winds. Grand hay curing weather—Magnificent cool moonlight evening. Mort Roe and Ollie helped me put in 2 loads in grand condition and in return I helped him get in 2 loads of his clover and alfalfa. I cleaned up our rakings after supper.

July 3, Monday, Partly cloudy, light winds—Pleasant, moderately warm day, moonlight evening. Ollie and I hoed up my potatoes, a back aching days work and well done. Potatoes are in blossom and rank growth.

July 4, Tuesday, Warm fair this morning with a series of thunder showers developing toward noon. Had a heavy rain with rattling hail mid afternoon, shower came from over the reservoir and later closed in from west. Hail drove in on front porch against siding as heavy a hail fall as I ever recall. Around home all day, messing around. Started out with mowing machine but came back. Drawed out manure P M. 4th celebration at Samsonville. Wrote Mariam card

this A M and letter tonight with mother.

July 5, Wednesday, Hot, hazy, fair with fresh northwesterly winds, cooled off evening and still with big soft full moon shining. A big task accomplished, Ollie helped pull weeds and shovel cultivated corn patch and mowed and trimmed up about the adjoining 3 corner lot. Brought load green hay to barn to feed. Received letter from Dick at Fort Wheeler. Funeral services for Howard Myers Jr. at Lasher's parlors, Woodstock, and later 10 A M at Phoenicia Catholic church. Burial in Allaben Catholic cemetery.

July 6, Thursday, Hot except for stiff northerly winds. Continued fair weather. Gorgeous, cool still moonlight evening. I helped Mort Roe put in 4 loads hay. Ollie tedded and raked 3 corner lot and Mort helped get a big load after supper. Appalling circus tent fire at Ringling Bros show in Hartford Conn. 159 dead, mostly children and women, 225 injured—6000 persons in tent. Worst disaster in show biz. History. Mother's 76 birthday. She received a fine lot of cards and birthday cake from Cornelia

July 7, Friday, Fair to part cloudy, hot, hazy, not much breeze today, clear hazy evening. Mort Roe helped me put off load of hay A M. This P M Ollie and I cleaned up the 3 corner lot in another load and also mowed and raked a strip of hay above by sweet corn. Put off load hay after supper.

July 8, Saturday, Extremely hot with warmest night of summer. Fair, hazy and part cloudy. I helped Mort Roe with hay A M. This P M Ollie helped me clean up with rakings

in big well cured load, hay cut July 7th above 3 corner lot. Mother received birthday letter and pictures from Mariam sent June 27, from Mexico City.

July 9, Sunday, Continued sweltering hot, fair and breezy warmest of summer. Home all day—trying to rest up a bit. Mr and Mrs Longyear and Cy and Jane Bosturck, vacationing in Phoenicia called early evening. Mother and I wrote letter and birthday card to Mariam.

July 10, Monday, Continued hot and sultry. Fair till a series of afternoon thunder showers developed, brisk southwesterly winds brought showers. We had 2 grand rains, the second a dasher from High Point. Cleared, still evening, a bit cooler. Ollie Burgher and I sprayed my potatoes A M, put off load hay P M, drew out manure and sharpened 3 sets mower knives. Received letter from Dick.

July 11, Tuesday, Hot and muggy. Sunny till early P M where thunder showers quickly developed. We had elegant rains—another late evening. Made out and sent Sears Roebuck order A M and finished Freeman news copy. Hoed garden sweet corn and worked in patch first planting behind barn, till showers came P M. Later I got the grass and brush partly cut out along woods corner. Received another letter from Dick at Fort Wheeler.

July 12, Wednesday, Another scorcher with high humidity. The heat was tempered somewhat by strong southwesterly winds. Partly cloudy, but showers held off til late P

M—rained evening. I finished cutting grass and brush along woods corner and finished hoeing and thinning sweet corn, road end of patch behind barn A M. I helped Morton Roe put in 3 loads hay P M. Simon K Bishop(95)last survivor of the Blind Jake Bishop family of 12 children died at home of his daughter Mrs Roland Shultis in Wittenberg. He was ill a few weeks.

July 13, Thursday, Fair to partly cloudy. Fresh northerly winds, continued warm but not so humid, cooled noticeably at evening, temperature back down in fifties. All clear evening and calm. Helped Mort Roe put off load hay A M. This P M took big cart load manure over to other place and spread on corn hills. Mowed the ret of hay in corner by clump of trees and most of orchard lot adjoining field corn. Cut along stone walls and re-sowed turnip seed in potatoes. Ollie bugged the potatoes, picking off hundreds. Brought green hay back for cows. Was a late job.

Simon K Bishop

Simon K Bishop oldest resident of the town of Woodstock, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs Roland Shultis, with whom resided in the hamlet of Wittenberg, Wednesday, July 12, aged 96 years. Mr Bishop a farmer by occupation, was born in the town of Olive. Son of the late Jacob Bishop, known as the “Blind Miller” who operated a grist mill at Bishop’s Falls in pre-reservoir days. Mr Bishop was the last surviving member of a family of eleven brothers and one sister. Fraternally he had been a member of Shokan Lodge No. 491, I.O.O.F. of Olive Bridge, for 61 years, having joined the year after it was

organized in 1881. Surviving are one son, Chester J of Brooklyn; three daughters, Mrs Horace Myers of Samsonville, Mrs Herbert Markle, of Kingston, and Mrs Roland Shultis, of Wittenberg, also 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock, Saturday, July 11, at 2 PM. By the Rev. Thomas Denman, of Woodstock. Interment will be in the Tongore cemetery at Olive Bridge.

July 14, Friday, Very pleasant, moderately warm, low humidity. Partly cloudy as a whole ,light winds. Nice type of haying weather . Tedded over cut hay AM This P M raked and got in a nicely cured load with Ollie's help. Went with Ed Avery evening to Lasher's parlors, Woodstock where delegation from Shokan I.O.O.F. and Bearsville Lodges conducted services at the bier of Past Grand Simon K Bishop (95) and 62 years a member of Shokan Lodge, I officiated as Chaplain and Art Trowbridge as Noble Grand.

July 15, Saturday, partly cloudy—warm, nice haying weather. Fresh breezy evening. Shower passed around in distance to north, evening. Ollie helped me clean up the ready hay and rakings in one load. Drawed out manure spread in sweet corn, also shovel cultivated the patch behind barn. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonight. Dist. Deputy Nelson Van Bramer and staff installed Noble and Vice Grands. Renne Dumont succeeds Alvin Markle as Noble Grand. Abram Smith Vice Grand. Large attendance—Initiatory Degree conferred on 18 yr. old Seaman Norman J North. Sailors Bradford Kelder and Lester Davis also present. Refreshments follow. Funeral

services P M for Simon K Bishop at Lasher's, Woodstock, interment Tongore cemetery.

July 16, Sunday, Hot and sunny til early afternoon. Thunder showery weather developed to north quarter, an ominous looking storm brought to the west side more wind than rain. Later the skies cleared serenely and much cooler evening. Was home all day. Wrote letter Mariam, sent collection of news clippings, also wrote Ulster co. News copy. A hawk took one of Daisy's chickens this A M. here by the house on front lawn.

July 17, Monday, Very pleasant, bright, part cloudy, cool day with fresh variable winds—clear real cool quiet evening. Mowed second growth alfalfa field by garden, also about a third of the mostly logged wood corner field of oats for cow hay, grain in milk stage. Ollie helped me. I got word of the death Sat. A M of my old esteemed friend Fred Schoonmaker of Montgomery.

July 18, Tuesday, Partly cloudy bright and pleasant. Warmer than yesterday, light winds. Turned the oats and worked at cut alfalfa, also helped Morton Roe with 2 loads hay and he in turn helped us. Mrs Lottie Hesley and Mrs Cassie Terwilliger went to Montgomery to attend 2 P M funeral of Fred Schoonmaker. He died 7 o'clock Sat. A M, following a terrible heart attack early in the morning, when he went to barn 4 o'clock to feed to feed his horses. Fred was 56, had a warning attack a year ago. Funeral held at Cambell Hall, Presbyterian church. Had served for years as Supt. of Highways and was one of the best known and

respected residents of that locality.

July 19, Wednesday, Partly cloudy, southerly winds, becoming thickly overcast P M with winds decidedly strong and brief period of rain showers following. Continued wind and cloudy evening. Worked at the alfalfa and oats. Mort and Ollie helped get in load alfalfa and load cured oats hay P M. Received letter from Dick at Camp Wheeler. He is having trouble getting his rifle cleaned to pass inspection and wants a 30 caliber cleaning rod and brushes sent to him.

July 20, Thursday, Generally murky with occasional bursts of hot sunshine. Fresh southerly winds, developed showers in west latter P M and we got wonderful showers from 6 o'clock along in evening—moderate thunder and lightning. Mort Roe and Ollie helped put off loads of oats and get the remaining in field ,with rakings in another smaller load A M. Mort had dinner with us. Cultivated sweet corn behind barn both ways P M. Franklin D Roosevelt re-nominated at Chicago National Democratic Convention in Chicago for 4th term.

July 21, Friday, Muggy, unsettled this morning, but gradually broke away, turned decidedly cooler P M with fresh northerly winds, quieting at evening. Mort Roe helped me get the old Model T Ford perking this forenoon. I spread out the load of oats in field for re-drying P M and re-loaded them after finishing the machine mowing about the old house and barn and the heavy stand alfalfa mixture behind old barn. Senator Harry S Truman of Missouri on second ballot nominated Democratic candidate, Henry Wallace for

Vice President defeated.

July 22, Saturday, Partly cloudy, bright pleasant day and evening. Northerly day winds, light moderately warm. Ollie tedded and raked the cut hay. I helped Morton Roe put in load hay and he in turn helped me put off the load of oats and the 3 of us got the last load of hay from Hinking to I.O.O.F. Lodge tonight. Initiatory Degree conferred on Robert Adsit both Initiatory and First Degree on Norman North and Bob Adsit both 18 year.

July 23, Sunday, Partly cloudy, sunshine and shadows, pleasantly warm, bright day, light winds, cloudless cool evening. Did usual daily chores and otherwise rested. Wrote news copy. Went up to Bushkill evening and talked with Mrs George Terwilliger concerning Fred Schoonmaker's death. She and Lottie Hesley attended his funeral, also called on Ed Avery. Wrote cards to Mariam and Dick.

July 24, Monday, Hot, fair A M, developing showery in west mid P M. We got but dashes of windy showers along into late evening. I finished hand mowing around old house and brushy comers A M. After dinner Ollie helped clean up with left over raking making windup of haying. Late P M and early evening I helped Mort Roe put off load hay and get in another, somewhat shower dampened.

July 25, Tuesday, Expected showers did not develop. Hot, partly cloudy, bright haying weather. Fresh southwesterly day winds, still cloudless cool evening. Hand mowed grass patch for cows by Ollie's spring. Helped Mort Roe get in

hay P M. After supper I machine mowed part of my oats, mother helped clear away.

July 26, Wednesday, Nice work day, brisk southwesterly day winds, with developing cloudiness and sprinkle of rain evening. Turned over the oats before dinner I helped Mort Roe put in 2 loads hay P M. and late he drew a small load of hand mowed at Ollie Burgher's . It was 9:15 when we got in for supper. This is my dear old dad's birthday, he would have been 84, had he lived these 10 past years. Mrs. Venus Eckert 81, formerly of West Shokan died tonight in Kingston Hosp., widow of mother's cousin.

July 27, Thursday, Had nice showers early this morning and was mussy along till noon. Hot, muggy, broke away , hot sunshine and became showery in west around latter P M. Had just a wetting of rain here home, beautiful clear and decidedly cooler tonight. Mort Roe came over, we greased up the thresher A M. I picked some of the apples on chicken yard tree P M, and made third sowing of turnip seed, hard to get a catch this year, also bugged over the potatoes.

July 28, Friday, Part cloudy, hot, southerly winds. Had light shower early evening, clearing, half moon. Mort Roe, Ollie, mother and I got 2 loads oats threshed off in good shape P M . Mort came over early and we got thresher and old Ford set up A M.

Mrs Venus Roosa Eckert widow of John G. Eckert of 186 Tremper Ave. died in this city Wednesday. The funeral will be held at the parlors of A. Carr and Son, 1 Pearl

Street, Saturday at 2:30 P M. Burial will be in Wiltwyck cemetery. Friends may call at the parlors anytime. She is survived by a son Harry G Eckert of Margaretville; a daughter, Mary Rose Eckert of Kingston; two brothers, Frank Roosa of Olive Bridge, and Albert Roosa of Hyde Park and three grandchildren (Kingston Freeman, Thursday July, 27th 1944)

July 29, Saturday, Hot, muggy, mostly murky. Thunder showers all P M and evening, later clearing. Heaviest rains missed us both ways. Busy with chores and odd jobs. Ollie helped put up load threshed straw in shed P M. Cultivated sweet corn behind barn and mowed part of the remaining oats. Was late getting to I.O.O.F. Lodge but in time for refreshments. Funeral services 2:30 P M at Carr's parlors in Kingston for Mrs Venus Eckert. Interment Wiltwyck cemetery.

July 30, Sunday, Hot, part cloudy, muggy, brisk southerly day winds. Thunder showery around all P M and early evening sprinkles. Was home all day , Mother and I --- Daisy customarily attended Church P M. Wrote news copy evening. 40 years ago today, Will Jones, Dad and I made a trip up in the Canape above the "old Jones place" for huckleberries. We went with high 2 seated wagon and horses and left them at the Watson barn.

July 31, Monday, Continued hot , muggy, partly cloudy, light winds. Lovely gaining full moon evening and cooled off nicely. Helped Mort Roe put in load hay A M and this P M in turn with Mother and Ollie's help threshed off 2 small

loads of oats.

August 1, Tuesday, Hot humid, partly cloudy, calm. Busy with chores and odd tasks A m. Served as Inspector at advanced fall Primary Election in Dist. No. 2 Olive held at Colange's hall. 9 Democratic and 3 Republican ballots were cast. I had my car tuned up, brakes tightened and a new muffler (bought last winter) at the former Claude Bell's Garage, now owned and operated by Jacob Deitzer, late of the Bronx.

August 2, Wednesday, Hot, muggy, calm. Partly overcast, faired away at sunset, later murked over and started raining, cooler evening—proved only a light shower. I went with the Election Returns, a hot, tiresome trip with considerable shopping. Received letter and 2 cards from Mariam. I purchased at State of N.Y. National bank a 10 year \$25.00 Series E War Bond. Paid cash \$18.75.

August 3, Thursday, Continued hot, muggy, mostly cloudy but faired away during P M. Glorious clear evening, with big early rising full moon. I helped Mort Roe put up load hay A M Then he helped me turn the cut oats. This afternoon I mowed his piece of heavy hay by the spring brook. I drew out load manure below wall after supper. Mort helped me mow away in shed my Monday's threshed straw. Ed Avery also called and enjoyed our front porch.

August 4, Friday, Sunny, hazy and hottest weather of year. Light winds—by spells partly cloudy, big red full moon. Made a clean up of the oats threshing and machinery put

away. The threshed crop is about 25 bushels. Julian Eckert, native of Watson Hollow and descendent of pioneer Moses Eckert fell dead off the porch of his home, opposite entrance to Bushkill cemetery about 4:10 this P M after being brought home from work building fence on Axinn Farm. (Formerly Egbert Boice's) He was taken ill while at work. Julian was un-married, kindly and accommodating, honest and with a host of friends.

August 5, Saturday, Continued hot, part cloudy and more or less breezy during day. Sweltry still evening. Thunder showery around p M. I helped Mort Roe put in 2 loads hay.

August 6, Sunday, Showers broke the hot dry spell. Light this morning and a beautiful rain this afternoon—thunder accompanying lightning. Was home all day. Mother and I, Daisy attended church service P M. Charley Langer and his mother called P M and were here in the shower. Wrote Freeman and Ulster News copy.

August 7, Monday, Overcast and pleasant, cooler, light winds southerly. Had a little rain mid P M. Busy with chores etc A M. Sharpened 2 sets machine knives. Received letter from Mariam mailed July 28th. Mother and I attended funeral of Julian Eckert 2:30 P M in West Shokan Baptist church, large and respectful attendance. Sermon by Rev.Merton S Cady of Olive Bridge. Beautiful display of flowers. Interment in Bushkill cemetery. A light rain fell as funeral was out and while at cemetery. Bearers were Claude Bell, Lester S Davis, Raymond Bell and myself. Received letter from Mariam sent July 28th.

August 8, Tuesday, A very delightful bright sunny day. Fresh southerly day winds. Spread big over weekend cart load manure below wall A M. I got started cutting Ollie's hay P M.

August 9, Wednesday, Another delightful sunny day. High lacy clouds, gentle winds, cloudless cool evening. I worked at Ollie's haying and brought a small load home. Annual West Shokan church fair and supper. Gross proceeds \$308.00 Davis family not represented. Received letter from Dick Herrington at Camp Wheeler, Ga. August 16th revised receipts of the church affair is gross \$340.00 net \$284.30. This far exceeds any previous records.

August 10, Thursday, A hot, clear ,drying day. Pleasantly cooler evening with breeze. Finished Ollie's haying and brought small load home, from the Little Meadow.

August 11, Friday, Clear, cloudless, hazy, breezy—extremely hot and drying. Hottest night of summer 80 degrees midnight. Road up hill oiled and sanded. Did only necessary work, on acct of heat. Did however manage to get up ambition latter P M and started painting north side of barn. Last fall job after painting south and west sides went unfinished.

August 12, Saturday, Another extremely hot day and night. At times breezy, fair and hazy. Dry conditions again serious. Drew out manure below wall A M. Painted on barn P M , a hot tiresome job. I went over to Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell's evening, taking some apples, sweet corn

and new potatoes. At 8 P M President F D Roosevelt made a nation wide radio report from destroyed just docked after months trip thru Pacific, Walers visiting Pearl Harbor, the Aleutians and Kodiak, Alaska

August 13, Sunday, Continuing extremely warm and sultry. Fair and hazy. We had a brief squirt from a by passing north wind P M thunder shower. Hot all night, somewhat breezy. Stuck around home except for call before noon at Maple Dell. Wrote Freeman copy and sent to Kingston for mailing. Started writing letter to Mariam early evening. Milk came back for 3rd morning, so stopped sending.

August 14, Monday, Fair, hot, hazy AM. Thunder showery all afternoon. Heavy storm passed around over east side and beyond. The west side had but little rain. Started selling milk to Lester S Davis. Delivered 12 qts. down to store this A M. he furnishes bottles, pays 10 cents qt.,sells at 12 cents. Finished letter to Mariam and Ulster Co. News this morning, also sent belated birthday card to uncle Elwyn Winchell (82) last week. I painted on barn P M. Have granary and wood shed part completed. Received card from Dick.

August 15, Tuesday, Another blister, fair, except for shower looking. Part cloudiness P M. Light distant thunder, somewhat breezy. I painted on back side of barn, a hot tiresome job. Did chores etc etc. Received 2 large colored pictures of Mariam's dear little girls and a smaller plain picture of family group. Folder post marked, Mexico D F Aug 7. Allies began invasion of southern France.

August 16, Wednesday, Continued hot and muggy, fair A M. Thunder showery all afternoon. We had several squirts and one faired good rain. Drewed big cart load manure below wall A M. Between showers I finished painting back of barn P M. Also picked tree of delicious reddened Alberta peaches P M —over 2 bushels.

August 17, Thursday, Heat and humidity continued—clear A M. at times breezy, showery all P M and into evening. Cracking P M thunder. We had a grand refreshing shower both P M and evening. Usually busy with chores and did some trim painting on garage. Received letter Dick Herrington. He has had an opportunity to take officers training. Pete Crawford with grandson called evening. 110 degrees sun temperature in Kingston this P M.

August 18, Friday, The unprecedented 8 day heat wave is broken today. Cloudy, muggy this morning but broke away with brisk northerly winds, bright sunny atmosphere and part cloudiness which had gloriously disappeared at close of day. Turned decidedly, refreshingly cooler. My early planted sweet of both yellow and white varieties was hastened to maturity by the hot dry weather. The crop is now in delicious milk stage. Busy with odd jobs. Got sweet corn for canning, did some while barn painting etc. My deeply esteemed Aunt Cornelia Bishop died 9 years ago today.

August 19, Saturday, 44 degrees at 12 P M. Gorgeous bright cool autumn tinged weather. Scattered high clouds. Fresh northerly day winds , magnificent starlight, cloudless

evening. Drew out manure below wall. Got sweet corn, racoon's are making havoc in it. Helped Mort Roe get in a load of second cutting alfalfa P M. I also mowed upper part of side hill lot. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Initiatory Degree conferred on Henry Terwilliger, Winston Van Kleeck, Burton Barringer, Clayton Barringer. Refreshments followed, 28 present.

August 20, Sunday, 44 degrees A M. a truly magnificent day and evening with southerly winds. Mother and I was around home all day. Daisy attended church P M. Mr and Mrs Leland P. Hamilton and 3 ladies (their laundry employees) paid us a surprise afternoon visit. Early evening Mr Robert Evans and friend Mrs Kresge of Napanoch called. He is a gun collector—Was employed on the aqueduct in 1909-1911. Wrote Freeman copy.

August 21, Monday, Considerable cloudiness alternated with periods of hot sunshine. There were brisk south westerly winds. A brilliant thunder shower developed from west early evening with refreshing rain. Another brief rain later in night. I had a tired and achy day and laid around the house considerable. Got going P M and with dropped in help of Joey Massimo got in jag second cutting, spread load manure and got a big cart load of sweet corn stalks. Wrote Ulster Co. News copy A M. Sent Charley Langer a birthday card.

August 22, Tuesday, Overcast A M broke away at noon with hot P M. Sunshine, had several nice brief thunder showers early evening. So thankful for the lovely rain, late

evening starlight, somewhat breezy P M from south west. Had morning calls by Bob Wenzel and Mort Roe. I got started painting last end of barn gable. P M.

August 23, Wednesday, Partly cloudy with intervals of bright sunny skies and warm sun. Had overcast sky evening and light rain late. Messed around with chores etc. Mowed 3rd cutting alfalfa field in front P M also lower part of side hill and patch grass by currant bushes. Also spread load manure.

August 24, Thursday, 44 degrees at 12 P M. More rain during night. Decidedly cool and autumn like. Considerable forenoon part cloudiness with squalls. Gorgeous, sunny, bright P M, with brisk northerly winds. Got big batch sweet corn A M, did chores etc. made noon call on Ed Avery—PM painted on east end of barn. This evening Bob Wenzel who is spending week at Maple Dell came and we hunted around for corn eating racoons with light. Shot at a fox, Bob's 40th birthday. Received letter from Dick.

August 25, Friday, 44 degrees at 12 P M. Real fall like , brisk northerly winds. Partly to mostly cloudy, mountain squalls early evening. I painted on end barn A M. Raked the hay cutting P M. Got sweet corn, did chores etc.

August 26, Saturday, An unusually colorful day, cool, bright atmosphere with light winds. Magnificent billowing clouds with squally inclinations, and occasional sprinkles. Thundered to north P M, and we had a brief Bushkill shower, followed by period of bright sunshine. All cleared

evening. Worked at the hay. Drew out manure. Ollie helped me get part of it in P M, when shower came. This evening I went over to Winchell's store, had visit with Aunt Julia, on way back stopped at Judge Winchells. Dept Water Supply annual clambake P M at old nursery grounds. Mary Margaret Mc Bride with Estella Karn and Marion Strahl a Life magazine photographer called P M and took pictures.

August 27, Sunday, A magnificent sunny, bright, part cloudy day. The skies all clearing latter P m, with decidedly chill atmosphere. Light easterly day winds. Was home all day. Had several callers. Dr. Sherm Everett of Hazelton Penna. youngest son of pre reservoir undertaker George Everett of Shokan. He was accompanied by Hazel Bell of Shokan. Mother and I enjoyed visit with them.

August 28, Monday, 44 degrees A M. Chill this morning early but the day was noticeably warmer. Generally fair to part cloudy. Became overcast by mid P M, light winds. Feeling decidedly off color today. This P M Ollie helped me draw out manure, get in the jag of cured alfalfa hay and got load sweet corn stalks on hay rigging. I ate some canned Cal. pilchards for supper and put in a miserable sleepless night. 70 degrees at 12 P M.

August 29, Tuesday, had a sprinkle this A M. The weather was of general part cloudiness, at times sunny. Starlight evening, winds were light, temperature on the cool side. I put in miserable day and last night. Hardly able to navigate, so much pain and congestion in stomach and a general achy

feeling. I went over to Shokan and saw Dr. Lowenthal this evening. Received nice letters from both Kay and Dick.

August 30, Wednesday, Real breezy—generally fair and sunny. Warmed up considerably P M, conditions very dry. I got considerable rest later part of night. I felt all in and stomach very sore but brightened up P M and looked over my daily papers. Kept on my bed in dining room most of time. Ed Avery and Charley Hesley called to see me A M.

August 31, Thursday, Fair generally hot during day, light breezes—hazy moonlight evening, becoming overcast. I'm still decidedly under the weather and although up and around part of time, had severe pain in guts especially the right side region. Ed Avery called to see me A M. Mort Roe kindly drew out the load manure. This is Ed's birthday. My grandmother Crispell died 52 yrs. Ago today.

September 1, Friday, (Came September Morn) Quietly, sky hazy and showers forecast. Was pretty well hazed over when by mid P M a drenching half hour rain came out of the west, followed by a boisterous drenching summer thunder shower. I'm feeling better today and like writing for first time. However right side continues sore and touchy, ate a bit more today. Ollie helped do chores both A M and evening as each day since I got sick. Picked some 130 peaches from old sprouted out tree near old house. I wrote cards to Mariam and Dick.

September 2, Saturday.\,Hot and sunny—at times breezy. Thunder showers developed to north and passed round in

distance latter P M and evening. Glorious soft early rising full moon. I felt able to navigate today and helped with chores etc. Ollie and Joey Massimo drew out manure. This P M got a rigging load of racooned sweet corn stalks. Cornelia phoned from Waverly this A M. There was a truly glorious sunset scene on the bellowing clouds against a distant thunder storm in east. With an otherwise clear day.

September 3, Sunday, Warm, sunny, light winds. Magnificent moonlight evening. I feel rather tired and worn, but getting back on my eats. Mr and Mrs Longyear arrived unexpectedly around noon from Brooklyn for an over night visit. A card sent us didn't arrive. During the afternoon I accompanied Mr and Mrs Longyear for a trip with their car over to Peekamoose Lake. A very scenic experience for them—on way back Gus Korittke did some fender repair work on his car.

September 4, Monday, Pretty much overcast, calm, moderately cool. Mr and Mrs Longyear left for Brooklyn 3 o'clock. Mr Longyear took me up to the Boiceville Labor Day Re-union, in Lambert's Grove. Large crowd, upward 300. Refreshments in charge of Baptist Ladies Aid. At business meeting Millard Davis chairman, Invocation by Rev. Ernest Palen, Mary Margaret Mc Bride famous radio artist, made opening address. Her business manager Miss Estella Karn followed. Among others were Supervisor Justus North, Supt of Highways Grant Avery, Justice Jesse Shurter, Rev. Merton S. Cady, Rev. Colaw of Ashokan, Rev Palen, Case Gwinn, Chester Oatis, and Sam Scudder. Musical entertainment by The Hillside Ramblers. Oldest

resident present Datche Gulnac 92. Voted to build dancing platform for next year.

September 5, Tuesday, An earthquake shock of considerable intensity was felt throughout Ulster County between 12:30 and 1 A M. It was not noticed at our house where myself, mother and Daisy were in bed. It is the first noted in 10 years. The day was partly cloudy, moderately warm to hot, at times showery looking. With Ollie's help, cut a hay rigging load of racooned sweet corn for cows, drew out manure and started cutting field corn, 14 stouts, over done, pain in my side returned this evening. Labor Day Picnic finances, Bal carried forward from 1943 \$103.12, Sept 4 collection \$46.00, Expenses– Building toilet \$35.00, music \$16.00, carting chairs \$3.00, total\$54.00. Treasures bal. After meeting \$95.94.

September 6, Wednesday, Continued as yesterday, moderately warm and partly cloudy–breezy A M. I feel pretty sore and weary but managed to help at Maple Dell finish their oats threshing and jag wheat. Received letter from Dick.

September 7, Thursday, Partly cloudy–fresh west to northerly winds. Pleasantly tempered day, noticeably cooler evening. Clear and crispy, cool evening. My condition does not improve, my guts pain and hurt miserably. Did considerable home doctoring. I wrote card to Judge Winchell and Dick. Ollie ,owed 2 grass patches behind barn A M. I was too sore to ride the machine much.

September 8, Friday, Cool fall like, partly cloudy, northerly winds. Put in a fairly comfortable night after getting my painful guts quieted down with hot flannels. I went over to see Dr. Kurt Lowenthal A M at his Shokan office. He gave me a through examination and a prescription for bottle medicine which I went to Phoenicia drug store for filling. Dr. ordered me on strict diet and a week in bed. Oh well heres hoping. Ollie went along and did both morning and evening chores' I have lost 10 lbs. In 10 days.

September 9, Saturday, Overcast, cool, quiet. I hung to my dining room couch bed pretty well and had a fairly comfortable day. Rested good last night. Eating milk and a little slush 6 times daily as per doctor's orders, isn't to my liking. Cornelia called up late evening from Waverly. Mort and Ollie raked the green cut hay wagon for feeding. Tonight attended I.O.O.F. Lodge 2 and 3 degrees conferred on Norman North of U.S. Navy.

September 10, Sunday, A magnificent soft sunny day and clear evening. Pleasantly cool winds very light. Rested pretty well last night and left my cot but briefly throughout the day. Ollie did my barn chores. Had several callers including Mort Roe, Will Jordon. Ed Avery, Ben Burgher, Mr Kizirian. I feel pretty good but tire easily. Read considerable in Readers Digest.

September 11, Monday, Continued mellow, gorgeous, pleasant weather, light easterly winds. Heavy morning dew and warm sunshine. Another day spent ingloriously indoors. Guess I'm feeling better but weak. Ollie was on the job all

day. This P M she and Mort Roe drew out the manure , cleaned up the hay behind chicken yard in a nice well cured load, and finally mowed the woods corner oats seeding of clover, alfalfa and weeds. I did considerable reading and stuck to diet and medicine.

September 12, Tuesday, Overcast, cool, rainy P M and evening. Had pretty good nights rest and spent day on the cot or in chair reading. Ollie did my barn chores. Received letter from Dick.

September 13, Wednesday, Rainy night and continued down pours throughout the day and evening. The first genuine soaking rain since spring. Feel better but remained indoors and continued light diet and medicine. I feel decidedly stronger. Wrote letter Mariam A M. Daisy sent box peaches to Cornelia. We have a grand crop of peaches, bushels of them.

September 14, Thursday, With a terrific hurricane tearing up along the Atlantic coastal waters, the weather locally was murky, warm and humid, rainy night, continuing with thunder shower down pours forenoon and occasional showers. P M. with rainy evening and easterly winds becoming strong, gusty by midnight then subsiding. I'm continuing to gain strength and got out doors for first since last Friday. Ollie and Mort drew out the manure and she did chores both A M and P M. I did considerable reading. Cornelia phoned tonight that she is in Albany on the way home.

September 15, Friday, The day dawned warm and the storm clouds gone during the night. The day part cloudy, warm, with northerly winds. I gradually got back in the work harness today. With Ollie's help picked up the fallen apples, 7 bags for hogs. Rested some during the afternoon. Cornelia arrived from Waverly on the afternoon school bus. She stayed in Albany last night at The Wellington.

September 16, Saturday, Warm and fair weather—Pleasant winds light after the heavy rain. Ollie helped with chores as usual and drew out the manure and got cart load sweet corn stalks for cows. I'm getting on the mend and stronger. Pretty tired to attend Lodge. There was a livestock disposal auction sale at Maple Dell Farm this P M. Cows, turkeys, chickens, hogs etc. Due to poor health, Mr Johannsen the new owner brought about the sale. One cow brought \$200.00, a large crowd attended.

September 17, Sunday, Warm, August like weather. Part cloudy, patches of sunshine, had brief mid P M shower, followed by clearing and decidedly cooler evening. I tedded and raked up the woods corner grass cutting P M. I am feeling decidedly stronger and regaining lost weight.

September 18, Monday, Warm, overcast A M. fairing partly away around noon and again murking over late P M, gentle winds. Mort and Ollie helped me cut corn, 42 stouts. Altho tired stood the gaff pretty well. Cornelia left for Waverly on the A M school bus. Daisy went along to Kingston and returned P M. Wrote news copy A M.

September 19, Tuesday, Intermittent drizzly rains throughout day and all evening. Moderately cool and still. Drewed out manure and did chores, picked some peaches. Too rainy to accomplish much. Harlowe Mc Lean called to see me P M.

September 20, Wednesday, Warm, muggy, murky, mostly overcast, still, cleared evening. Will Jordon and I attended funeral service 11 A M for John H. Markle at his home in Atwood. Arthur Trowbridge as Noble Grand, and myself as chaplain conducted I.O.O.F. ritualistic services. Sermon by Rev. Cataldo, Stone Ridge M.E. Minister. Interment Stone Ridge Cemetery. This P M after a late start Ollie and I cut 12 stouts of corn. I feel very tired and achy today.

September 21, Thursday, Warm, muggy and murky. Southerly winds developed P M. Sun broke thru for a time, brilliant electrical shower evening, with strong winds. Ollie and I helped Mort Roe cut corn. Late P M got in jag of blackened woods corner grass cutting and drewed out manure. Reginald Davis called to see me evening.

September 22, Friday, Cooler with autumn tendencies. Part cloudy, fresh northerly winds, all clearing later P M. cool starlight evening. Mort and Ollie helped me finish cutting my corn, a total of 15 stouts. Left some sweet corn stalks standing to get for cows.

September 23, Saturday, Magnificent clear, crisp autumn like weather, brisk northerly winds. Ollie helped drawed out manure and get hay rigging load of sweet corn stalks A M.

This P M I mowed orchard lot grass and patch behind old barn. Ollie dug 5 bu. potatoes. There is considerable rot.

September 24, Sunday, White frost. Magnificent bright, clear day and evening. Light southerly winds, chilly all day. Ed Avery called A M. I went down to the Jacob Deitzer garage P M and had complete new hose connections installed \$2.00 paid.

September 25, Monday, Flowers show effects of frost also exposed trees. White frost again, part cloudy, warmer fresh south westerly day winds. Cleared beautifully during P M. Ollie and I helped Mort Roe finish cutting his corn. Later drew out manure, raked and brought home jag of orchard lot hay, cut Saturday. Received air mail letter from Mariam, written Sept. 10th from Mexico City. They have sold their household equipment for 10% above cost and plan to leave by plane about Oct 1st for Rio De Janerio. Bob has been made Production Manager for Brazil, for Sidney Ras Co. and salary advanced to \$ 6,000.00 a year.

September 26, Tuesday, Warm—partly cloudy, light winds. Spread out load hay behind chicken yard for better drying A M and took out on grass overnight jag of manure. Also mother and I entertained a call by Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones. This P M I helped Fred Weeks get me a load of sawdust with his big coal body truck from the City's mill at Brown Station. Put it in hog yard and under shed, charge \$4.00 Paid. Later Ollie came and helped get the hay behind old barn and that spread out making a nice well cured load.

September 27, Wednesday, Murky this morning and heavy dew—later faired away, hazy, warm and pleasant. Strong southwesterly winds developed later P M—quieting evening. Ollie and I dug 11 ½ bu. potatoes and got them down cellar. Brought them home on Chevy. Potatoes of Kathkadin variety are beautifully white skinned and mostly smooth.

September 28, Thursday, Unsettled, sun broke thru this morning, but became catchy weather, rainy, mussy P M and evening with warm southwesterly winds. Ollie and I dug 7 more bushels potatoes and got them spread out down cellar—also washed and made sewing repairs inside of car.

September 29, Friday, Beautifully clear brilliant bracing weather, brisk northerly winds, near frosty, gorgeous moonlight evening. Ollie and I dug 16 more bushels potatoes, completing the big patch. This yield from 7 rows planted from certified Kathadins seed was considerable more than from home grown, planted for 4th season. This evening I went to Kingston and met Jeanne Longyear at 10:39 west bound, West Shore train.

September 30, Saturday, Another magnificent, clear day and moonlight night. Except for some P M and evening high part cloudiness, cool and southerly light day winds. A little frost showed this A M. Ollie helped me dig out the remaining border row potatoes A M about 3 bushels, scabby ones. P M put up hay on wagon. Got in first load field corn in grand dry shape to husk Cleaned up some rakings and drop apples and drawed out big load manure. I

attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Large turn out and month end refreshments. Ernest Palen held an auction this P M at the Chas. Allen farm. Mrs Lena D----- among crowd present, had a stroke and later died at Kingston Hospital.

October 1, Sunday, A divinely serene, magnificent cloudless day and the evening flooded with the magnificent full harvest moon, light frost this A M. Spent the day quietly at home. Jeanne Longyear after a pleasant visit returned to Brooklyn, late P M with our neighbor Mr Herman Eckee. Afternoon callers were Mr and Mrs Raymond Boice with their son and her mother Mrs Dora Sheldon and sister Mrs Minerva North. Mother and Mrs Sheldon are nearly the same age. Ed. Avery also called. Grace cow had her 4th consecutive heifer calf.

October 2, Monday, partly cloudy, moderately cool, fresh northerly day winds, lovely cool moonlight evening. Mr and Mrs Bob Wenzel called A M—Had late start with chores and getting around. Finished Ulster County News copy after breakfast. This P M I mowed 3 corner lot (grass getting run out badly) and field above. Ollie picked greening apples and we got them over home in car. Trees loaded, apples are nice and fair. Received letter from Mariam Written Sept. 19th. They are all packed and ready to leave Mexico City by plane for Rio De Janerio, Oct. 1st. They sold furniture, dishes etc at 10% over cost.

October 3, Tuesday, overcast and atmosphere felt like snow this morning but cleared gorgeously, light winds. Early rising moonlight, chilly evening. Finished husking off corn

and got in another load late P M —After Ollie raked the yesterday cut hay and I meanwhile picked greening apples. We husked corn evening, never had more abundant yield, (husking the dent variety)

October 4, Wednesday, Former governor, colorful, plain spoken, honest, Alfred E Smith Democrat, died 6:20 this A M in Rockefeller Inst. N Y Hospital. He had been ill since his wife's death last May. Light frost last night. Another magnificent, glorious, day and evening. Pleasantly cool—light winds. Along with chores in variety, husked corn and got in another load, besides drawing out manure. I heard opening broadcast of 1944 World Series played in Sportsmans Park, St. Louis. The St Louis Browns defeated the Cardinals in a thrilling game 2–1. Trooper Ray Dunn called evening.

October 5, Thursday, Warmer, partly cloudy, light winds. Ollie and I made a clean up of second crop haying P M getting a nice well cured load from 3 corner lot and field above. We also finished husking off load of corn. Heard later part of nip and tuck thrilling 11th inning game P M, between the St. Louis Browns and Cardinals—the later winning by score 3–2.

October 6, Friday, Warm, muggy and rainy forenoon, gradually during later P M broke away with some breeze, all clear evening with declining moon back to almost half. During A M, wrote Freeman news copy and several cards. The new garage man Jacob Deitzer called early P M to see

my gun collection. Later I sorted over and bagged up potatoes in cellar, also took in World Series broadcast. The St Louis Browns beat the cardinals in a thriller 6-2.

October 7, Saturday, Hot summer weather, partly cloudy-breezy P M—which settled to a dead thick calm and clouded over threatening in west. Had a very violent electrical storm with vicious gusts of wind from High Point sector at dark. Blew in lower sash of our west gable garret window, the rain driving in—also broke off top of one of the two grafted apple trees along drive way near barn. The ground is strewn thick with hickory nuts from trees by milk house. Picked greening apples A M. P M Ollie and I got in 9 stout load corn and husked it off while hearing 4th game of world series at St. Louis. The cardinals won easily today 5-1 over the Browns. Also drew out load manure late.

October 8, Sunday, A very pleasant, colorful warm day, but not so hot as Saturday. The morning reveals our most noticeable last evening storm damage to be the north side of our beautiful spreading hard maple tree by garden, split down and broken off. Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell made their 10th annual Worlds Series dinner visit which was mutually enjoyed. Mother served a super, excellent dinner. Wendell L Wilkie 1940 Rep. Pres. Candidate died early today in a New York Hospital where he had been a patient several weeks. He died in his sleep of a 3rd heart attack. The Cardinals shut out the Browns in a brilliant 5th game contest 2-0. Radio reception excellent.

October 9, Monday, Pleasantly cool, fair A M. heavy dew gradually became overcast and had brief rains late P M. Again clearing evening and chilly. Mort Roe came and got my old Ford going. Set it up to run his cider mill on the corner(site of the old horse sweet cider press of Andrew and Barnett Eckert) gone about 50 years. Mort helped me get in a big load of corn P M and enroute I drew some bagged apples of his to mill. I heard part of the broadcast of 6th and deciding game of the World Series—won by Cardinals 3-1. Ollie went to Kingston on County Court Jury but was till Dec. term. We husked corn evening.

October 10, Tuesday, Grand soft, colorful weather, light winds. Ollie helped me finishing picking greening apples, —later I helped Mort Roe make a batch of cider. The old Ford worked fine on the grinder. Ollie and I husked corn evening in barn.

October 11, Wednesday, Clear A M. Partly cloudy P M and evening. Light winds—Just pleasantly cool, scenery so colorful. Ollie helped with picking of big high tree loaded with luscious Baldwin apples—6 bags picked from ladder and 3 drops. A big job well done. I helped Mort Roe get car going to make cider A M. Husked off rest of load corn evening—Received letter from Dick at Camp Wheeler, written Sunday.

October 12, Thursday, A serene pleasantly cool fair colorful day and clear evening. Light winds. I helped Mort Roe make up my batch of cider apples A M. Had a barrel and 15 gal. keg and 5 gal jug. This P M Ollie helped me get my last

load of field corn and husked before and after supper.

October 13, Friday, Chilly and damp this morning, threatening but later part broke away and the day was summer like and sunny P M. Got my cider home with car and stone boat and Ollie helped me get it down cellar. P M we drew out manure, cut big cart load sweet corn stalks behind barn and also after supper finished off the load of corn. Received letter Cornelia.

October 14, Saturday, Murky with down pours of rain along till P M. Part breaking away with northerly winds. Served on first day of Registration, hours 7 A M– 10 P M. Registered 565 names. Tiresome day for me. Wrote letter air mail to Mariam –Mexico City.

October 15, Sunday, First snow tinged the Wittenbergs this A M. Bright, part cloudy, blustery chill autumn weather, clearing beautifully during latter P M, winds quieting. Made my autumn sight seeing trip on South mountain and as far up the High Point ridge as “half way seat” and look off rock along trail above.

October 16, Monday, First killing frost, thin ice. Mother’s beautiful flowers are blackened this A M. Cold early but became warmer—winds light, the atmosphere clear to part cloudy and all overcast evening and clearing. Ollie helped me—Got a load of sweet corn, cleaning up patch above 3 corner lot. Drew out manure and husked corn evening. Took a brief look for squirrels later P M. Dick phoned tonight from Waverly. 167th anniversary of the burning of

Kingston by British troops.

October 17, Tuesday, A most magnificent , pleasantly cool , cloudless weather, northerly winds, stilled evening. Ollie helped me cut the remainder of the sweet corn behind barn, 17 stouts. Picked the last lot of eating corn. We also finished husking of the load of corn. Cornelia, Dick and baby Norah Frances arrived about 5 P M with his uncle Ray Herrington and wife, from Waverly. They went to Kingston to stay at the Governor Clinton. 167th anniversary of Gen. Buroyne's surrender at Saratoga. Kay and Dick went down to Pete Crawford's evening.

October 18, Wednesday, A warm cloudless soft colorful day and evening, winds light. Dick and I went down to Pete Crawford's garage with my car and had front tires changed, using spare and another used tire I had in reserve. Radiator leaks badly. Mr and Mrs Herrington came up from Kingston early P M, taking Kay, Dick and Norah back with them. They brought his Buick car back evening.

October 19, Thursday, Yet another cloudless day—bright and cooler with fresh northerly winds, quieting at evening. Cornelia, Dick and Norah taking Daisy with them for a visit, left for Waverly around 11 o'clock. After dinner I helped Mort Roe put on a cheese of cider, then dug potatoes at Ollie's. Received letter from Mariam dated Oct. 8th and post marked the 10th, Mexico City.

October 20, Friday, Cold and damp this A M—fair early but became overcast—still— set in light rain at dusk, atmosphere

feels like snow. With Daisy gone Mother and I have the chores all, milking included. I helped Ollie dig potatoes. Wrote to Mariam evening.

October 21, Saturday, Rainy night and cold rainy, mussy day. Sort of nor-easter storm, cleared, crispy evening. I served on second day of Registration 1–10 P M. Dist. No2 Olive total registration is 587–We had 12 absentee ballot applications. Pete Crawford brought me home and visited awhile.

October 22, Sunday, Crispy, cloudless, brilliant day with chilly northerly winds. Snow fringed lightly the Wittenberg's this morning. Ice also formed, freezing again tonight. I went up to Gus Korittke's this P M and had a badly leaking radiator repaired– \$3.00 paid. Was after dark when I got back home. R.B. Longyear called while I was away. Wrote news copy evening.

October 23, Monday, Ground froze last night and there was 1/4 inch ice on open tubs. Beautifully clear, moderating with brisk southwesterly winds. Drewed out big cart load manure on grass and helped Ollie dig potatoes. Husked off last of the sweet corn on wagon. Received letter Jesse Burgher. Dick phoned this evening from Camp Meade, Md. Kay is with him. Scarlet our 2 yr. old red heifer had a large red and white heifer calf this evening.

October 24, Tuesday, Mild, partly cloudy, breezy during day, still morning and evening. I helped Ollie finish digging her potatoes, a good clean yield—over 20 bushel. Received

letter from Dick. Great naval battle in progress in Philippine waters between units of U.S. and Jap fleets.

October 25, Wednesday, Hazy, warm, quite summer like, breezy, bulging half moon tonight, later became overcast. Repaired pasture fence below wall A M along with a multitude of chores. This P M I went to Gus Korittke's. Sunday's unfinished job of replacing bolts done.

October 26, Thursday, Bright, pleasantly cool—brisk—northerly winds, broken high clouds. Busy with chores and odd jobs in variety. Drawed out manure and got apple pummice and put in hog yard forenoon. P M I repaired little chicken house roof etc etc.

October 27, Friday, Wittenberg's snow tinged. Cold, raw blustery, part to mostly cloudy, cleared away evening. I made a trip to Kingston with car, did considerable shopping.

October 28, Saturday, Cool seasonable weather, bright, sunny atmosphere, brisk northerly winds—becoming mostly overcast during P M. Did chores, drawed out manure and got cart load apple pummice for hog yard A M. Cleaned out cider barrel and took it over to well P M. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening. Received air mail letter from Mariam dated Oct. 16th at Balboa Canal Zone en-route to Rio De Janerio. Bob had met them on arrival of their plane there. He had left Mexico City ahead on the 11th, Mariam and the children on the 13th.

October 29, Sunday, Crisp, bright ,sunny day and early rising big moon—High northerly winds whipped the reservoir into turbulent white capped water. Wind diminished late evening. Charley Langer and his venerable mother called P M –also Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones for butter. I wrote Freeman copy and big letter to Mariam.

October 30, Monday, Mostly cloudy, sour, and northerly winds. Wrote news copy A M and card to Kay and Dick at Camp Meade. Mother and I picked well over ½ bushel shelled hickory nuts from tree in north end of 3 corner lot—We shucked off those in shucks evening. Registration for renewal Basic A gasoline coupon books being held at West Shokan school P M also tomorrow. I went down and filled out application and received new book, to last 1 year.

October 31, Tuesday, Clear–moderated, fresh shifting day winds–still evening with mellow full moon. Somewhat hazy atmosphere. I helped Mort Roe make 2 batches of cider. He filled a barrel with custom surplus and I got it home on stone boat with car. Received card both Kay and Daisy.

November 1, Wednesday, Mild, partly cloudy, breeze at times. Calm and moonlight evening thru broken clouds. Besides chores busied with a variety of odd jobs, including drawing out big load manure on grass and getting cider pumice for hog pen and cows. Husked sweet corn evening. Received letter Kay. This A M Mort Roe helped me change hay rigging to wagon box, keep stored in garage.

November 2, Thursday, Part cloudy warm at times,

moderately breezy—calm, soft, moonlight evening. I gathered a big wagon load and a cart load of maple leaves along south side school yard fence A M. Had calls by Peter Eckert and Elmer F. Davis. Finished painting east end of barn P M interrupted by my sickness. Received card from Mariam mailed Oct. 18th from Ancon C.Z. Also card from Mrs Longyear in Brooklyn saying telegram received yesterday announcing safe arrival in Rio De Janerio of Mariam, Bob and children.

November 3, Friday, Lovely warm sunny day—most like summer. Very heavy dew this A M—light day winds—still, moonlight evening. Put up barn floor mow for leaves. Packed 2 doz egg box for Mrs Longyear in Brooklyn. Had morning call by Will Jordon—This P M I finally got going painting chicken house red, did back and west end. Received letter Kay at Fort Meade. Dick had pass last weekend and they went to N Y and Washington. Served tonight with summons by deputy sheriff Herbert Segelken to attend supreme court as a grand juror, Mon. Nov. 13th.

November 4, Saturday, Warm, soft, pleasant day. Sunny, becoming overcast latter P M. Light rain late evening. First rap this A M—When I went to barn going thru cow stables I attempted to step over 10 month old bull lying down in north end stanchion” Rhett Butler” suddenly got up throwing me off balance and I grabbed the stanchion end past and in doing so tore a bad gash in my hand on a protruding nail head, across base of first left finger. Ollie Burgher cleaned stables for me and spread load manure. This P M I managed to paint on front side of chicken house.

Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, 3rd degree for Robert Adsit. Refreshments after. Received card from Daisy.

November 5, Sunday, Decidedly colder, partly cloudy, raw and blustery. This P M I made a trip to get my hair cut at Bill Lortz on Krumville Rd. and came around home via the Acorn Hill Road, called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell. Ollie helped with the chores this A M. My cut left hand feels very comfortable. Wrote news copy evening.

November 6, Monday, Mostly cloudy, raw and blustery. First of seasons snow squalls enveloped the valley this morning. Ollie helped pull the beets and carrots and put down cellar also drawing out cart load manure. Received 2 cards from Daisy. The most bitterly contested national election campaign since 1928 closed tonight between President Franklin D Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E Dewey.

November 7, Tuesday, Overcast A M gradually clearing away, bright and sunny, northerly winds—moderately crispy, became overcast and sleety evening. President Roosevelt running 4th term defeated Gov. Dewey decisively in the national election. I served as inspector at Colange's hall, voting place for Olive Dist No 2. Dewey carried the poll by 74 majority. There were 12 regular absentee and 15 soldier war ballots voted. Total ballots cast 358. Dewey carried the towns 3 election districts by 174. Carried Ulster Co. by about 9400. All Rep offices elected by large majorities, also state sen. A H Wicks and Roscoe Ellsworth. Judge Walter Bliss for Court of Appeals by about 2000.

November 8, Wednesday, Fair, pleasant, normally cool, light wind northerly. Took most forenoon with chores etc. I helped Mort Roe make cider P M –also finished painting front of chicken house and painted cellar doors. Received letter from Dick written Sunday at Camp Meade, saying he was shipping for over seas around 8 P M Sunday.

Temporary ----- or hoping to be sent to N.Y. City, Cornelia to follow him there hoping to see him. Received War Dept card from Dick Herrington dated and post marked Mon. Nov. 6th Fort George A Meade, Maryland with his new address, Army Serial No. 42140690–Infantry Co. D–2nd Platoon. A.P.O.15608 % Postmaster New York–N.Y.

November 9, Thursday Pretty much overcast but sun shone considerable. Dark cloudy evening, winds light–mild. I helped Ollie pull and top her crop of turnips, 4 ½ bushel A M. This P M she helped draw out manure and pull my turnips. A wagon box full–We topped them and stored down cellar evening. 11 ½ bushel. Put haying machinery in old barn for winter.

November 10, Friday, set in rainy during night and continued at intervals today. Mild and still–broke away. I picked up potatoes in cellar A M and put in barrels. This P M I helped Ollie pick up potatoes on chicken house floor and store in her cellar. Mr Emil E Brunel died suddenly about 9:30 P M at his Boiceville home. He was for many years a member of a N.Y.C Masonic Lodge.

November 11, Saturday, Bright, clear with brisk northerly

winds and colder. The first world war ended 26 yrs. ago. Had a busy day, Ollie helped me pick up 18 bags cider apples at Maple Dell. Brought them up to Mort Roe's mill. Jim Burgher brought part of them on his car trailer—I went over to Henry Winchell's evening and took him a 10 gal. keg and gal. jug of cider.

November 12, Sunday, Cloudless—crispy, continued northerly winds, froze thin ice on barn drain kettles. Cleaned out and hooped long used vinegar barrel and got it soaking. Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones, Mr and Mrs Gordon Craig of Kingston and Mrs Belle Burgher were P M callers.

November 13, Monday, Cloudless, crispy, still. Ice formed and ground crust froze last night. The weather moderated somewhat P M. I went to Kingston and started serving on Grand Jury panel. I was named foreman by Justice Harry E Shirick. Received letter from Dick Herrington dated last Thursday, from a point of embarkation, but not N.Y.C. where he had expected to be sent from Camp Meade, MD. Kay expected to follow him to N.Y. but he had telegraphed her to go home, also received card from Kay, saying she arrived back home in Waverly last Wed. P M from N.Y. city. Funeral 1 P M for E.E. Brunel at his home in Boiceville. Remains to be cremated.

November 14, Tuesday, Crispy ground crust frozen this A M. The day and evening was clear and cool and still. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. One case was presented a Rondout stabbing affair in a saloon. After getting home I helped Mort Roe make a batch of my cider. A passing car

killed Sarah's black puppy.

November 15, Wednesday, Overcast, raw and damp—still. Set in rainy late P M. Mort Roe and I made a small batch of cider for myself A M. This P M Ollie helped pull cully beets and get them in cellar, also pulled the cabbage and put under barn shed. Got corn stalks in barn etc. Received letter from Dick Herrington written last Saturday un-named. Not then shipped overseas. Stamped U. S Postal service A P O, Nov. 13 PM Censored by Lt Jr. grade M H Sherman.

November 16, Thursday, Arrived rainy and continued cold, dismal rain all day and evening. Snow half way down High Point and South Mountain, as darkness fell. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Received letter and card from Cornelia in Waverly, saying she talked 20 minutes Sunday to Dick on phone, from an unknown port of embarkation. He expected to be shipped that night—somewhere.

November 17, Friday, Gloomy overcast chill and still. Surrounding mountain crests heavily snow whitened. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Wrote air mail letter to Dick Herrington. Received from Mrs Longyear, Christmas presents sent by Mariam in trunk to N.Y. from Mexico City—pair of hand sewn, lined brown pig skin gloves and an embroidered hanky for mother. Gifts for Daisy and Cornelia she sent to Waverly. I noticed the tip of old Cemetery Hill out in mid reservoir has broken water.

November 18, Saturday, Bright, sunny with scattered clouds—Light northerly winds. Became overcast evening.

Froze quite hard last night, heavy white frost. The morning sunlight reflected against the snow wooly crusted Wittenberg's, gave a mid winter spectacle. Brilliant crescent mew moon set early over south mountain. Besides daily chores, Ollie helped me gather a big load of sodden leaves along back road and drew out manure. Pvt. Stanley Dudrey is reported missing.

November 19, Sunday, Overcast this morning but cleared away, bright sunny cool day. Chores kept me busy til early P M. Charley and Mrs Langer called and Stewart Jones came for butter. I packed a 50 pound Thanksgiving box to send to Cornelia at Waverly. Wrote to Mariam evening enclosed with Christmas card.

November 20, Monday, Hardest freeze to date. Ground crusted and thick ice on barn gutter tubs. Overcast still raw. Set in cold, storm P M—mixture of rain and snow. Continued through out evening. Ground white and slippery. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty.

November 21, Tuesday, Snowed all night and continued most of day, a sodden variety of snow and rain----much of it melted as it fell on the soggy ground, but the earth is covered locally with a couple inches. A miserable wet slippery day. Part time the snow fell in sheets like a driving blizzard. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty, called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell en-route home. He has a hang on case of grippe and feels pretty miserable and weak. Bought at State of N.Y. National Bank 6th loan \$50.—10 yrs. War Savings Bond Paid \$37.50.

November 22, Wednesday, Cloudy, thawing, sour, with northerly winds. Part cleared away evening and freezing—soft wet snow on the ground. Very heavy snow fell in back mountain region. Drewed out manure on grass, big cart load A M. Gave Mort Roe a hand getting out firewood P M.

November 23, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Partly cloudy, raw moderate northerly winds, cleared, starlight evening. The snow surroundings remind rather of Christmas than Thanksgiving. Busy with chores and odd jobs. Mother and I were alone all day—Had light dinner, veal pie and dandy mashed potatoes for supper. Turkeys pretty much off the market due to Government needs. Our Thanksgiving was brightened with an air mail letter first to arrive from Mariam in Rio De Janerio—written Nov 6th postmarked Nov. 8th and Nov. 11 was censored.

November 24, Friday, Mostly cloudy, raw northerly winds. Hardest freeze to date last night. Inclined to be snow squally on Mts. P M. Busy with chores and odd jobs. Received card from Cornelia saying our wonderful Thanksgiving box came Tuesday. Especially appreciated is mother's 2 1/4 lb. butter.

November 25, Saturday, Froze hard last night, crispy northerly winds. Partly cloudy, clearing, starlight, frosty, quiet night. Made 10 gal. crock of sauerkraut which took the best of the day. Drewed out manure and got stacked stalks in bar this evening I first called on Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell, later attended birthday party and banquet in

I.O.O.F. Hall by Mrs Ingrid Thomson in honor of Elmer F. Davis, 75th birthday anniversary. The 21st was actual date. A very unique and colorful affair. 138 served at the banquet tables—A collection fund of \$164.30 was made for the U.S.O.

November 26, Sunday, About 20 degrees A M. another freeze up last night. Clear beautiful day and morning—evening. Winds practically calm, comfortably moderate and thawing during sunny part of day. Was around home most of the day—took a walk in woods P M looking over leaves gathering prospects, now pretty well under the snow. Stewart Jones called toward noon and got 6 lbs. of butter @ .55 paid. A town of Olive Honor Roll was dedicated this P M on grounds of Old School Shokan Baptist Church. Minnie's Every's 76th birthday.

November 27, Monday, Rained in night and continued a dreary slippery rainy day. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty, came home via Shokan, called on Aunt Julia and Uncle Elwyn Winchell, got gas at Pete Crawford's garage and came around by way of Henry Winchell's where I made a brief call. Secured signers Henry Winchell, Justus North, Stewart Jones and Frank D Manley for premises pistol permit. Signed up and paid for 7 tons soil Conservation lime @ \$1.20 a ton at John St. Ulster co. office.

November 28, Tuesday, Weather fair, light winds, becoming overcast latter P M ,at evening—moderately mild. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. During afternoon I had shimmy removed and knee action of my car re filled

with oil at Albany Ave. Garage. Loosening up steering rod nut was largely the cause of car shimmying badly at speeds under 38 miles per hour. I also visited Charley Dulaff at Kingston Hospital. I found him in good spirits and sitting up in bed.

November 29, Wednesday, heavily overcast set in fine rain toward noon, turned freezing and later P M changed to snow, continued evening, turning rain. Drew out whopping big cart load manure and got some leaves for hog pen bedding. Brought in barn last 2 stouts sweet corn. Killed 6 hens P M for canning. Received card Cornelia. I wrote V mail letter to Dick Herrington. A 200 pound bear is reported killed in the Canape.

November 30, Thursday, Rainy night and dreary downpour continued, changing to wet snow toward early P M. Sun broke thru 2 o'clock, turned very rough, colder with driving snow, part broke away during evening. Wintry, blustery night, roads slippery. But little accomplished, besides doing chores. Sorted over apples on cellar floor P M. Wrote card to Cornelia, Bill Heshner and Charley Dulaff.

December 1, Friday, Cold, rough, snowy weather—moderated down considerably P M. Real blizzardy this morning. Mort Roe, Henry Melchoir (Larry Kelder's man) and Ollie helped butcher our biggest hog. It dressed about 236, a wonderful carcass of meat.

December 2, Saturday, A cold wintry day and night—biting northerly winds, weather fair, sunny. Drew out big load

manure this A M. Helped Mort Roe butcher 2 hogs and about as cold butchering as I can recall—others helping were Bony Van Demark, Charley Hesley and Henry Melchoir. Daisy arrived home 5 P M from her extended visit at Cornelia's in Waverly.

December 3, Sunday, About 10 degrees this A M. Cloudless, light winds and cold wintry weather. Ice is forming along reservoir shore lines. Charley Langer and his mother came this P M and stayed for supper. Mrs West and her sister Anna came as we were ready to have supper, for her 4 bu. potatoes, paid for. Glenford Davis of Krumville came and I sold him my 6 wks. old and 2 week old milk fed calves, for only \$ 20.00 due to present low calf and cattle livestock market conditions.

December 4, Monday, Reservoir skimmed pretty well over at a record early date. Near zero this A M. The day was calm and cloudless, becoming part overcast evening. Cut up the hog this A M. Drewed over cart load manure P M and spread under apple trees, also spread 20 bags lime on corn stubble strip above 3 corner lot. Was invited to a very delicious venison supper with Mr and Mrs James Burgher. Later around 11:30 I went to the unexplained burning of the parsonage barn. The Woodstock fire truck with about 12 members of the Dept. arrived and prevented further possible spread of the fire. A line of hose was strung to the spring by Lester S Davis's store. Most fortunately the atmosphere was dead calm.

Fire at West Shokan Destroys Church Barn

Fire of undetermined origin completely leveled the Baptist Church parsonage barn at West Shokan last night. The fire which was discovered at about 11:30, was extinguished by Woodstock fire department, which was summoned by Judge Lester S Davis.

Except for a few articles of furniture, the barn contained little of value. As the building was located near the church and in the center of several other buildings, it was feared for a time that the flames would spread to other properties and cause considerable damage. The firemen however, succeeded in quelling the flames before they had a chance to spread. The church is without a regular pastor and is supplied by a lay pastor from Kingston. The parsonage at present is occupied by Mr and Mrs Thomas Gilhooley of New York.

December 5, Tuesday, Near zero this A M. Continued clear, cold and still. Warmed up during middle of day. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. We visited the jail, found everything spic and span. Even sampled delicious steak the cook, Jake Lay served for dinner. Came home around by Shokan and went up the Coons neighborhood road and visited Charley Dulaff. Found him sitting in chair and in all appearances about the same as a week ago in hospital. Left leg and left shoulder in cast, head bandaged. Received letter Cornelia.

Injured When Tractor and Milk Truck Crash

Charles Dulaff, 50, of Shokan was reported in fair condition at Kingston Hospital this morning following a

collision about 1:45 Friday afternoon between a tractor he was driving and a Carman milk truck driven by Edwin Mattice of Grand Gorge.

Trooper Raymond Dunn, who investigated the accident found that Dulaff, driving a home made Ford tractor out of Bostock road, at Shokan was in collision with the truck, which was being driven west on Route 28.

Dulaff was knocked off the tractor and into the truck and dragged about 20 feet, his foot being caught between the head of the truck and the fender. He received extensive lacerations of the head, face, and legs and also was injured about the shoulder. He was treated by Dr. Kurt Lowenthal of Shokan and then taken to the Kingston Hospital.

December 6, Wednesday, Not so cold—still, fair this morning, becoming overcast. Completed my tour of Grand Jury duty and the panel reported to Justice Harry E Shirick. 10 days, paid \$40.00 and 200 miles once each way per week @ .05 per mile \$10.00. I purchased an autographed copy of William C De Witts Peoples History of Kingston, Rondout and vicinity, from the author. Mother and I made sausage tonight—yes Daisy helped. 23 lbs.

December 7, Thursday, Remember Pearl Harbor. Fair—with high hazy, overcast. Still—milder but raw atmosphere, altho thawing. Freezing tonight and mostly overcast. Delivered bu. potatoes and ½ bu. turnips to Al Bell. Helped Mort Roe close up his cider mill and got my old Ford home. P M drew out manure below garden and finished spreading lime with cart above 3 corner lot corn stubble. About 25 bags total. Wrote letter Cornelia.

December 8, Friday, A dreary dark rainy day and evening, cold, storm. Went up to Charley Dulaff's mill noon time and got 9 bags planer shavings. Did chores etc. Wrote to Mariam evening and enclosing news paper clippings. Pete Crawford received V mail letter from Dick Herrington who is in Italy. Wet, muddy weather, living in tents and homesick.

December 9, Saturday, Brisk northerly winds, partly to mostly cloudy. Spread load manure under the old apple trees and managed to get a cart load of leaves in Hinkley woods, leaves are extremely scarce and hard to collect. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, good crowd present.

December 10, Sunday, partly cloudy, winds light, clear, calming ,moderately mild. Guess I'm taking on a cold, I feel tired and achy and sore throat. Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones came for butter A M. I was around home all day. Did some reading. Ward Beesmer, 62, of Olive Bridge, lifelong Olive resident died of blood poisoning and pneumonia in Kingston Hospital after a brief illness.

December 11, Monday, still, generally fair becoming all overcast during P M—Raw snowy air, but thawed in sun—set in stormy, sleety evening. Swept down cow stables A M, after calling up the Kyserike creamery for an inspection in order to ship milk again. This afternoon I started spreading manure on orchard lot corn stubble and got cart load leaves along back road. Received our first letter written Nov.30th from Dick Herrington who is in Italy.

December 12, Tuesday, A snowy sleety A M and more or less squally P M—Remained unsettled. I have developed an annoying achy cold. Did necessary chores, otherwise stuck pretty close to the fire and read considerably. Received another letter from Dick Herrington, written Dec. 3rd. Word has been received that Pvt. Stanley Dudrey, at first reported missing (Oct. 27) has been killed in action. He was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Benj. Dudrey. Grandson of John Dudrey, Olive's last surviving Civil War soldier.

First Olive boy killed in action, Stanley J Dudrey, technician, fifth grade, 34, was killed in action October 27, in Holland, according to a telegraph from the War Department received by his parents, Mr and Mrs Benjamin Dudrey, Krumville. He was previously reported missing on that same date. Inducted into the army march 9th, 1942, he received his basic training at Camp Polk La, and Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in June and served as a radio operator and gunner in a tank division. In addition to his parents he is survived by a brother, Kenneth Dudrey of Bridgeport, Conn. and two sisters, Mrs Henry Fischang of Kingston and Mrs Jacob Myers of Ellenville. (Freeman-12-16-1944)

December 13, Wednesday, Murky, overcast, part broke away PM—and became moderately windy, thawed during early P M. Cold is bothersome. Did chores, made hen house window replacements. Received V mail letter from Dick written Dec.3. Funeral services 1 P M for Ward Beesmer at his home in Olive Bridge. Sermon by Rev. Merton S Cady. Interment Tongore Cemetery. He died Sunday in hospital,

after brief illness of pneumonia. Started writing Christmas cards evening.

December 14, Thursday, Part cloudy, somewhat squally P M –Light northerly winds, moderately cold. I helped Mort Roe butcher a 10 mo. Old bull A M—dressed about 266. Spread cart load manure on orchard corn stubble and brought over dray from storage P M. Wrote Christmas cards evening.

December 15, Friday, Cold raw air and winds. Partly cloudy, clearing all away P M—bright and sunny. I helped butcher 2 big wintered hogs for Larry Kelder, at Mort Roe's –it took best part of the day. Dairy Inspectors came this forenoon and gave their O.K. for us to ship milk. Received letter Cornelia.

December 16, Saturday, Partly cloudy, snowy, raw air and winds. Thawed during day, snow squally, blustery evening. Packed and shipped a big parcel post to Cornelia. This P M I got another load of manure spread. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evening, and later went to Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell's. Grace served luncheon or I'll call it a midnight supper.

December 17, Sunday, Clear, sunny and mild, except for a raw southwesterly wind. Was home most of the day and had Mort Roe and Jim Burgher as callers, also Ed Avery, who brought a piece of venison. Wrote to Lute Bell evening.

December 18, Monday, Cold ,raw freezing air, biting light

southerly winds. Faired away this A M and gradually became overcast, set in snowing evening. I got a big high load of leaves from the Maple Dell Farm sap bush. Jim Burgher help load them—Surely needed for stable bedding. I also spread cart load manure on orchard corn stubble. Wrote Xmas card letters evening.

December 19, Tuesday, We had a fall of over 5 inches of dry feathery snow during the night. Cleared away this morning, cloudless and cold, with northerly wind. Busy with chores, getting mail etc—shoveling walks. Received another batch of cards and letter from Dick written Nov.28th. They had left Newport News the 12th and arrived apparently in Naples Nov. 27th—camped out doors and sleeping 8 in a big tent.

December 20, Wednesday, Reservoir solidly frozen over—Zero this A M—fair to partly overcast, strong southwesterly wind with snow flying evening, was blizzardly. My ever esteemed Uncle Elwyn Winchell died Tuesday 5:55 P M at his store corner home, after being affected a long time with a stroke and kidney trouble. I went over this P M and offered my services. En-route I called on Charley Dulaff and Minnie Every. Received a registered air mail from Mariam , written 10th and mailed the 11th. I started writing her a return air mail letter tonight. Daisy went to Kingston on bus this A M and didn't return.

Elwyn Winchell, 82, retired storekeeper and former postmaster of Shokan died Tuesday evening at his home. His ancestors had settled in this section about 200 hundred years ago and Mr Winchell spent almost his entire lifetime

in Olive. He was the only son of Azarias and Emmeline Terwilliger Winchell and was married on March 14th 1883 to Julia Simpson Davis of Olive who survives him. Other survivors are a son Clyde A Winchell; a foster daughter, Margaret, one grandchild, Olive K Winchell of Olive. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the family residence in Shokan. Interment in the family burying ground in Olive.

December 21, Thursday, Raw northerly winds, partly overcast. Finished air mail letter to Mariam this A m and sent it, mother added a note. Spread cart load manure on corn stubble. Mother milked last night and this A M—I did chores etc. Daisy came back this P M.

December 22, Friday, Sub zero this A M. Cloudless, still, cold. Half moon tonight. 10 A M I attended the funeral of Uncle Elwyn Winchell at his corner store home in Shokan. Sermon by Rev. Arthur Hansen. Lee Breithaupt undertaker—Interment Tongore Cemetery—Bearers were Paul James, Clyde Winchell, myself and Lee Breithaupt. I went back and had dinner with the family. Christmas entertainment at church tonight, co-operative with Bushkill, Brodead and West Shokan schools. Daisy went but I stayed home with mother and wrote Dick a V mail letter.

The death Tuesday evening of Elwyn Winchell marked the passing of one of Olive's oldest residents. Mr Winchell, who was in his 83rd year, was descendent of Robert Winchell, a settler at Dorchester, Mass , in 1630, and of Lemuel Winchell who had a store and foundry at

Winchell's Falls in Revolutionary War times. He has been postmaster, telephone central manager, telegraph operator in the old village and news dealer for 40 years. He was engaged in the general store business here for nearly 50 years Mr Winchell is survived by his wife who was Julia S Davis; a son Clyde, a foster daughter Margaret and a grand daughter, Alva K Winchell. Funeral services will be held at the late residence, Friday morning, with the Rev. Arthur Hansen officiating. Interment will be at Tongore. (Leader 12-22-44)

December 23, Saturday, Overcast, still but moderating. Butchered, Bill my 2 ½ year old bull. Had good help—Mort Roe, Jim burgher, Ed Avery, Henry Melchoir and Orrie Ellsworth—Ed and Jim had dinner with us, dressed 493. During P M I took over load manure and spread on corn stubble. In response to a Xmas card and letter I received a letter from Mrs Mott V—Lawyer of Middleburg stating that her husband had died last June 3—Also that her brother 3 months latter died of a heart attack.

December 24, Sunday, Overcast, still—started snowing late evening. Mort Roe went with me to Kingston after his daughter Mildred, meeting her at the R.R. Ave bus terminal, coming home from Hackensack N.J.. On way back we each bought a pair of pigs at Harry Chase's for \$2.00 a piece. Later Mort helped me saw down and quarter the beef.

December 25, Monday, Snowed an inch or so during night then turned into a freezing rain. The day was slippery,

slushy, and rainy—but not heavy. Wrote news copy A M —called on Ollie’s family Christmas gathering and Mort Roes.

December 26, Tuesday, 14 degrees at 11 P M. Partly cloudy, colder, blustery and roads icy. Snow Squally A M. Did usual chores. Went over to Ollie Burgher’s wood lot looking over last springs timber slashings for firewood---- Received letter from Dick Herrington in Italy written Dec. 8. Wrote him V mail letter in return evening. Thermometer readings again recorded due to gift of new thermometer by Cornelia. Wm. Dibbell 83 of Port Ewen who died Sunday and buried today in Tongore, for many years in the pre-reservoir building era conducted a blacksmith and wagon making business in the village of West Shokan.

William Dibbell, of Port Ewen, died at Kingston Hospital at an early hour Sunday after a brief illness. Born in Shokan, Mr Dibbell , was 83 years old two days before his death. He had resided for 30 years in Port Ewen, where he formerly conducted a blacksmith shop, but had been retired for some time. Mr Dibbell was a member of the Port Ewen Reformed Church. He leaves one daughter, Mrs Raymond Port, of Port Ewen, one son Grant H Dibbell, of Poughkeepsie, one grandson and several nieces and nephews. Private services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at the Ernest A Kelly Funeral Home, 111 West Chester street, with interment in Tongore cemetery.

December 27, Wednesday, 4degrees below zero A M. 18 degrees at 12 P M. Biting raw cold, still and overcast. Set in

suddenly snowing heavily latter P M and continued into night—6 in + had fallen 10 o'clock. I helped Jim Burgher butcher a yearling bull at Maple Dell and had dinner there, in a very sociable atmosphere. Mr Johannsen, Ed Avery and Myron Avery assisted. The snow storm caught me spreading cart load manure on orchard stubble.

December 28, Thursday, 16 degrees A M.—18 degrees at 10 P M. Sunny to partly cloudy at times a bit squally. The dense snow fall stopped before 1:30 A M about 12 inch, soon followed by strong all day long northerly gales that kept the snow swirling and piling in drifts. Snow plows kept roads open, but mail was unable to get around over the hill—Not much could be done but chores, shoveling paths out of the question. Wrote Freeman news evening. Bright moonlight evening. The big Walters town truck snow plow was stuck from 3 A M till this afternoon at south end of Bushkill Bridge. It nearly toppled head on over embankment.

December 29, Friday 3 degrees A M. 4 degrees at 12 P M. Clear, still, crispy, became overcast at evening, but later moon shone thru. Shoveled out drifted paths—had Grace cow bred over at Kelders. This P M replaced west end garret window glass—got cattle out for exercise and spread cart load of manure over on orchard corn stubble. Snow plow trucks busy opening drifted highways

December 30, Saturday, 4 below A M— 20 degrees at 12 P M. Clear early and biting cold. High part cloudiness, becoming all overcast later P M. Mountains and sky

looking dark and gloomy. Made partial plans to butcher the last hog but gave up when I found Mort Roe had a gang sawing wood. This P M I took horses and dray and got a load of left over pole sap wood sawed for Ollie and got it on her back porch, as an emergency supply. Cornelia came home for a surprise visit on the P M bus.

December 31, Sunday, Had a ½ in snow fall in night, a freezing drizzle fell this forenoon and continued misty, drizzly P M and evening—raining harder late, foggy and slippery walking. I took Cornelia up to Ed Avery's for a call noontime. She went back to Kingston after church this P M with Helen Tweedy. The weather today is typically symbolic of 13 years ago when my darling Little Honey Girl, Lillian Ellen was fatally ill, to our blinded eyes.

(No date on this death notice)

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home for James Hughes of West Hurley, who died suddenly Wednesday morning. The Rev. Harvey I Todd will officiate and burial will be in Mt. Evergreen cemetery, Woodstock. Mr Hughes is survived by two daughters, Mrs Mary Elliot with whom he resided and Mrs Frank Chase of Franklin Park N.J, three brothers, Michael Hughes of West Shokan, Francis of Shokan and Patrick of Mt Kisco; a sister Mrs. William Beesmer, of West Shokan; one grandson Donald Elliot and a grand daughter, Mrs Philip Scully, of West Hurley.

ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1946

JANUARY 1 Tuesday 12degrees/7am

12degrees/11pm

1946 began with partly cloudy weather, and northerly winds. Moderately cold.

The roads are a glare of ice, following yesterdays rain & subsequent freeze up - Did chores & drew out manure - spread on grass by house. Ollie Burgher helped mother process 6 qt cans sausage & 7 qt cans pork meat.

JANUARY 2 Wednesday 10/7am

2/11pm

Clear bright sunny cold northerly winds - Still cloudless evng.

Roads a glare of ice. Mr & Mrs Longyear drove up from Brooklyn & brought our beloved Mariam & her little girls Gaye & Jeanne - They arrived about 12.45 and after dinner Mr & Mrs Longyear left for home. 14 years ago tonight at 11.20 oco. occurred the death in Kingston Hosp. of my adorable, Little Honey Girl - Lillian Ellen Davis, - whose hallowed memory is evergreen.

JANUARY 3 Thursday 4below/7am

24/12pm

Bright sunny with some high clouds - Light winds.

Starlight still evng. Cold with slowly rising temperature.

Did daily chores, drew out manure on grass by house - Cross cut up some green firewood on dray PM.

JANUARY 4 Friday 26/am

26/12pm

Partly cloudy

milder - calm. The west reservoir baisin which has maintained areas of open water off below our house now appears closed over with ice. I made a trip to Kingston with Lester S. Davis & had my glasses fitted with new light amber plastic frames, (as I broke the old ones.) At Pitts office - Paid \$3.00 & old frames. Tonight I went to Phoenicia & saw the marvelous South Pacific war picture from the book *They Were Expendable*

JANUARY 5 Saturday 26/7am

50/12pm

Real January thaw developing. Partly cloudy. Increasingly strong south westerly winds developed early evng. Did chores, split up green firewood & piled on porch, from dray. Drewed out manure. Took Ollie Burgher to Woodstock PM to see Dr. Cohn. She has gripped. 14th anniversary of funeral and burial of my beloved Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis. Attended Shokan IOOF lodge by Dist. Deputy Fred J. Yorks & staff

JANUARY 6 Sunday 46/8am

52/12pm

Gusty gale force south westerly winds cont'd all night - cloudy mild moderate winds Sprinkles
The heavy snow blanket disappeared like magic from open spaces. Did our chores & Ollie's. Had no callers. Started working on my Federal Income Tax report PM. - Mariam & I wrote to Bob evng.
IOOF officers installed last nite were -

Cont'd acting Past Grand, Abram Smith Continuing
Noble Grand, John Crispell Vice Grand, Chas.
Gustavson Warden, Alonzo Davis Conductor, Reginald
E. Davis
R.S.N.G. Arthur E. Trowbridge
L.S.N.G. Burton Markle
R.S.V.G. Burton Barringer
L.S.V.G. Renne DuMont
R.S.S. Bradford Kelder
L.S.S. LeGrand Shultis
Inside Guardian Elmer F. Davis
Outside " Wm. Shultis
Chaplain Elwyn C. Davis
Rec. Secy. Harlowe McLean
Fin. Secy. Virgil C. Gordon

JANUARY 7 Monday 46am

38/11pm

Continued very mild cloudy, with occasional light rains & light winds

Snow gone other than mountains & here & there snow banks - Streams running full. - Did usual chores & odd jobs around. Rec'd letter from Mrs. Martin Leonhardt of Middleburg in reply to my xmas card letter sent to her mother, Mrs Mott V. Lawyer, that she had died of a heart attack last Sept. 27 & they had neglected to notify me.

JANUARY 8 Tuesday 30/7am

24/11pm

Partly overcast. Light winds - Sun shone considerably. The reservoir west baisin which was frozen over, is showing a

considerable area of open water. Drew cart load manure & spread on orchard lot plowed corn stubble, also cleaned out load chicken house litter & spread on sod. Spent the evng working on my income tax report.

JANUARY 9 Wednesday 26/7am

Ice disappearing from reservoir west baisin. Heavily overcast chill freezy rainy weather. Moderating. Did usual chores including Ollies. This PM I went to Olive Bridge & had Justice Frank D Manley compile in Income Tax report - Tax 8.00 compared with 14 last year. Gave him \$1.00 for compiling. Wrote Mrs. Leonhardt evng.

JANUARY 10 Thursday 28/7am

30/11pm

Partly cloudy quite sunny. Fresh northerly winds. March like weather.

I made a trip to Kingston and withdrew 2 accts from Kingston Savings & Loan Assn now paying 2 ½ %. Went down to Rondout and re invested \$5,700 in Income shares with The Home-Seekers' Savings and Loan Assn. Paying 3 % semi annually. Also purchased one \$50 & 1 - \$25 - 10 yr. E War Bond costing respectively \$37.50 & \$18.75.

I lost my glasses somewhere about the Kingston Wall Street stores this PM. Had Jane cow bred by Larry Kelders blooded Guerncey bull AM.

JANUARY 11 Friday 26/7am

Fair am calm - gradually increasing cloudiness with an atmosphere of snow.

Spread load manure on plowed muddy corn ground am. This pm with Wm. Colange's Dodge pick up truck took Ollie Burgher's hog "Pill" to Raymond Davis place in Krumville for breeding. Jim Burgher went along.

JANUARY 12 Saturday 32/7am

Had an inch of driving soft snow in night which disappeared from the valley during day. Rather slippery this am. Partly to mostly cloudy, mild - northerly winds. Busy with chores am. The entire mid section of reservoir ice field below Weidners Point has disappeared. This pm cleaned Ollie's chicken house. Didn't go to Olive Bridge tonight.

JANUARY 13 Sunday 24/7am

Snow squally, much colder blustery - Part cloudy - I went to Krumville am with Skin Davis Chevy truck after Ollie's hog - This pm Ben Burgher & I cleaned up Ollie's collapsed celler potato & turnip bin. Mr & Mrs Vahan Kizirian spending the weekend at their West Shokan Heights home called pm. Wrote Dick evng.

JANUARY 14 Monday 6/7am

18/11pm

Biting cold overcast. Light raw southerly winds - Sun broke thru pm & all cleared during evng. Did usual chores and odd jobs. Drewed over load manure pm on corn ground. Mariam rec'd letter from Bob in Rio written Jan. 7. Wrote news copy evng.

JANUARY 15 Tuesday 6/am

4/12pm

Cold raw windy Partly overcast, clearing pm cloudless bright snappy moonlight evng.

I cut a dray load of green pole wood out in woods am & cut it up pm & piled on porch.

Mariam rec'd another letter from Bob, written Jan 8th. He wants her to order a new Packard sedan & ship it to Rio.

JANUARY 16 Wednesday Zero/7am 2-
zero/11pm

Clear, biting cold - Still - Bright zerowy moonlight evng. Started getting out firewood for Ollie - Ed Avery called am. Mariam took out my car for the first since coming home & went after the mail. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

JANUARY 17 Thursday 2-zero/7am
10/11pm

Cold light icy winds. Partly cloudy. Cloudless bright moonlight evng. Moon rising before 6 pm Later becoming overcast.

Did up box containing 3 dressed roasters, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb butter & 2 dz egg & sent Ins.P.P. (.55) to Stewart Jones 150 Washington Ave. Kingston. This pm cut & drewed 2 wagon loads seasoned top wood for Ollie Burgher. Mr & Mrs. Oscar Dudley called to see Mariam pm. She has a cold & went to bed early with the children.

JANUARY 18 Friday 12/7am
24/11pm

Partly cloudy - Snow flurry evng. Light raw northerly winds.

Drewed 2 wagons loads firewood from below shale quarry

for Ollie. Brought some seasoned oak poles home & bucked them up evng & put on porch. Belle Burgher & Celia Roosa called pm. Tax collector Earl Brundage sat at Colange's store

Home Farm Tax General	\$18.14
Val \$1600 - 25 acres Highway	10.99
	\$29.13

Hinkley Farm

General Tax	3.40
Highway	2.07
	\$ 5.47

Val.\$300 - 43 acres

Rec'd xmas card from David Bender on Okinawa - mailed Dec. 3.

JANUARY 19 Saturday near zero/am zero/12pm

A young blizzard with an inch or so of snow howled dring the night before a gale force northerly wind. The partly frozen reservoir is wild open water. The day was sunny some cloudiness and moonlight night. Wind diminished pm.

Jim Burgher helped me butcher my 2 mo old red heifer calf am. It beef dressed 90 lbs. Live weight was 150.

Estimated hog dressed style about 110 - Drawed big cart load manure pm over on corn ground. A miserable cold task. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Initiatory Degree conferred on Percy Cook (47) I rec'd a new outdoor thermometer, a gift from Mr. Longyear.

Rec'd letter from Dick from Leghorn, Italy mailed Dec. 1

JANUARY 20 Sunday 8 below/7am new therm old therm reading 12 below

Reservoir all froze over during night. A vast contrast to the lashing white capped waters of yesterday. Biting cold fair with increasing high overcast. Light icy winds - Started snowing a little latter pm and again about 10pm set in again & ground is white. Did usual daily chores. Charley Langer & mother called pm.

JANUARY 21 Monday 24/7am
28/12pm

2in snowfall during night, turned to sleet this am - Snow & sleet showers during the murky still day, part breaking away late evng. Got the hams & bacon hung up & smoking started - Filed back saw & did chores. Went to Phoenicia to movies evng. - 1945 news reel events & several pictures shown including feature *Dakota*. Mariam rec'd air letter from Bob saying he expected to leave Rio for home today.

JANUARY 22 Tuesday 20/7am 4/11pm
Part cloudy - sunny moderately cold with northerly winds. Good sleighing. Did chores. Kept smoke under hams. Cut & drewed dray load firewood for Ollie & brought one home.

JANUARY 23 Wednesday 2 below/7am

Clear calm moonlight night - Pleasant sunny winter day. Mr & Mrs Longyear drove up from Brooklyn arriving at noon and after an abundant savory dinner - Mariam & the children returned home with them.

JANUARY 24 Thursday 6/7am
26/10pm

Fair this morning but soon became overcast with light winds moderating somewhat. Did daily chores. Kept smoke going under hams. Drewed over big cart load manure & spread on corn ground. During pm drewed dray load firewood for Ollie & brought one home.

JANUARY 25 Friday 34/7 am

Very blustery snow blowing early. Cleared away bright sunny day with wind diminishing during pm. Starlight mild evng - with increased howling winds.
Moved saw bench from old house storage up to Ollies and drewed big dray load oak top firewood for each of us.

JANUARY 26 Saturday 34/7am

Raw northerly winds Partly cloudy - Colder turn pm
Drewed out manure put on row currant bushes & around fruit trees. PM cleaned up 2 oak tree top nests & drewed Ollie & myself each dray load wood. Rec'd card from Mariam in Brooklyn.

JANUARY 27 Sunday 2/7am 8/11pm

Clear practically cloudless, snappy winter weather. Winds very light.

Busy with daily chores. During pm I took the old Ford up to Ollie's & got the rig set up & started sawing wood with Ben Burgher's assistance.

JANUARY 28 Monday 34/7am

34/12pm

Partly overcast. Raw shifting winds - veering northerly to south westerly & again nor westerly tonight. Sawed wood at Ollie's. Tonight I attended the tehicolor motion picture at Phoenicia - *Leave Her to Heaven*. Adapted from book of that name.

JANUARY 29 Tuesday 24/7am

10/10pm

Clear bright sunny with strong northerly winds. Quieting latter pm.

Busy am with chores packed & sent P.P. 19lb box farm food to Cornelia & 8 dz eggs to Mrs. Longyear. PM drawed and sawed firewood at Ollie Burgher's. Pretty well tired out tonight.

JANUARY 30 Wednesday 16/7AM

28/10PM

An all day snow storm, tapering off in sleet & fine freezing rain - Snowfall about 4 inches.

Spread cart load manure on corn ground in storm - Killed 4 roasters to send Stewart Jones. Snow plow went up the hill early evng.

JANUARY 31 Thursday 34/7am

32/11pm

Foggy this morning & murky. - Broke away pm with fresh westerly winds. Again murked over during evng. Mild & thawing. Cleaned out pullet laying house am along with usual chores. Drawed & sawed firewood at Ollie's pm & brought home a sawed dray load.

FEBRUARY 1 Friday 16/7am

12/11pm

Partly cloudy colder, raw wind, clear starlight evng. Drewed and sawed firewood at Ollie's, have rig set up by the house. Sent Stewart Jones Ins.P.P. Box containing 4 dressed roasters & 7 ½ lb butter.

FEBRUARY 2 Saturday 16/7am

Turning colder partly cloudy blustery, snow squalls - Brilliantly clear starlight night.

Spread load manure on corn ground - pm drewed out oak top log wood at Ollie's, from woods back of shale quarry. I attended IOOF Lodge evng - Initiatory Degree conferred on returned veterans Robert Crispell and Cook. Refreshments served.

FEBRUARY 3 Sunday 8/7am

6/10pm

Bright cloudless cold sunny day with raw northerly winds. Crescent new moon showed early behind South Mtn. Did daily grind of chores. Mrs Langer & Charley called pm. Made up Sears Roebuck order. Wrote Ulster Co. News copy evng. Had 7 pm phone call from Mariam & Bob in Brooklyn. He arrived 4:30 yesterday am by plane from Brownsville Texas. Wrote letter Dick Herrington.

FEBRUARY 4 Monday zero/7am

4

below/10:30pm

Cold clear, bright sunny. Winds very light. Snappy still cold evng.

Drewed and sawed oak top wood at Ollie's. Rec'd 2 letters

from Dick Herrington in Leghorn Italy, written Jan 2 & 8th.

Wrote Freeman copy evng. Sent 6 dz box eggs to Mrs. Longyear.

FEBRUARY 5 Tuesday 6 below zero/7am

26/11pm

Clear am with gradually increasing cloudiness. - Winds light southerly - Dark overcast evng. Weather moderating. Drawed over cart load manure on corn ground before dinner PM Drawed & sawed wood at Ollies & brought home a load seasoned ash top wood. Sent Mrs Jane Bostwick - a large dressed roaster, also 4 dz eggs to Mrs Longyear.

FEBRUARY 6 Wednesday 30/7am

38/10:30pm

Icy and freezing light rain am - moderated somewhat, foggy pm. & mussy - strong south westerly gusty wind evng., which is taking the snow somewhat.

Re-shod one dray runner am. - Worked up & sawed some ash top log wood at Ollie's pm.

FEBRUARY 7 Thursday 32/7am

22/12pm

Heavy ground whitening snow squals am. Blustery, colder, mostly cloudy. - Icy -

I made a business & shopping trip to Kingston. I called on Mr & Mrs Cyrus T. Carle, - who gave me Rauland Bell's 6 bullet molds. I also called on I.O.O.F. Bro. George Bishop, a pitiful paraletic, at the Albany Ave. Home of his daughter Mrs. Ray Snyder. George can help himself but his words are practically unintelligable - I went to Soil Conservation

office & applied for 10 ton lime & 1 ton acid phosphate.

FEBRUARY 8 Friday 16/7am

Bright clear sunny day. Crispy & calm. Cloudless starlight. Brilliant growing moon. Later became overcast. PM. Drewed and sawed a big dray load firewood at Ollie Burgher's Rec'd letter & card from Mariam, also card Cornelia.

FEBRUARY 9 Saturday 32/7am

28/12pm

Cloudy - at times light flurries - Cleared evng. Winds calm to light northerly.

Spread load manure on corn ground & drewed & sawed top wood at Ollies. Rec'd letter Dick, dated Jan 18.

Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Initiatory Degree conferred on - Coroner, Arthur Chipp - George Schwab, Francis Quick - Albert Davis for Bearsville Lodge No 533 40 present - Crowded lodge sponsored dance in hall auditorium.

FEBRUARY 10 Sunday 26/7am

16/10:30pm

Clear & sunny, except for increasing pm high haze - Broke away real crispy still evng.

Busy with chores, sawed up the sleigh load of firewood, left standing overnight at Ollie's.

FEBRUARY 11 Monday 4/7am

24/11pm

Clear sunny calm, with increasing high overcast - broken

overcast evng.

Worked drawing as top wood at Ollie's. Brought wagon load round wood home, and unloaded handy by kitchen porch for ready use. Wrote "news" copy evng. Rec'd card from Mrs. Lillian V. Knorpp stating that her mother died suddenly Saturday pm of a heart attack. Mrs. Dodge never fully recovered from the grippe the family all had this winter, but they never expected the end was so near. Irving Hesley, recently discharged after 2 yrs. Service in the Navy resumed his farmer job today with the Dept of Water Supply.

FEBRUARY 12 Tuesday 26/7am

26/11pm

Continued sunny and calm - cloudless till moonlight night. Some high then part cloudiness during day. Drewed and sawed seasoned ash top wood at Ollie's & brought a double wagon box load home. I wrote letter of condolence to Mrs Knorpp am. - Mail man missed picking up my outgoing mail.

FEBRUARY 13 Wednesday 34/7

A drizzling rain pizzled along throughout the day, starting with a snow shower around 8:30 o'clock - Became blustery during evng. Spread cart load manure on corn ground before dinner & pm drewed out a 16 ft ash log & dray load wedge split firewood at Ollie's.

FEBRUARY 14 Thursday 56/7am

31/11pm

Strong southerly winds during night & continuing today,

shifting nor westerly during pm & diminishing - Cleared evng. Snow has disappeared & most of the ice, before warm winds & temperature. Cloudy, with afternoon rain squalls. Drawed and sawed wood at Ollies, also drawed out logs on wet bare ground sleighing. Brought home big wagon load sawed chunk wood, mostly ash & red oak. Rec'd letter Mariam, also letter Cornelia & check \$4.00 for dressed roaster sent Jane Bostwick.

FEBRUARY 15 Friday 22/7am 4/10pm
Arrived snowing, turned into a young blizzard with thick swirling snow squalls, an inch or more of snow fell. Turning much colder, with strong northerly winds - Cleared evng. Moonlight near zero. This pm piled up sap wood in Ollie's woods, pine & hemlock limbs. Rec'd order Sears Roebuck & Co. Containing black over knee rubber boots & other articles.

FEBRUARY 16 Saturday zero/7am 32/11pm
Was overcast & looked snowy early, but soon faired awa cloudless & sunny with thin high haze. Strong raw south westerly winds pm & evng which was broken clouds & moonlight. Spread cart load manure am on orchard lot ground PM Drawed sap wood limbs from Ollie's woods. Remained home evng. Rec'd letter Mariam.

FEBRUARY 17 Sunday 30/7am 30/12pm
Considerable cloudiness but sunny. Mild. Light winds

fresh northerly evng. Early evng snow squall, clearing -
The light snow of Friday disappeared. Was tired out doing
morning chores. Went down street awhile pm, got car
gassed up.

FEBRUARY 18 Monday 20/7am

Partly cloudy this morning but cleared cloudless. Cold with
raw biting northerly winds.

Cut & drewed & sawed firewood and brought a big wagon
load of sawed wood home.

Wrote "news" copy evng.

FEBRUARY 19 Tuesday 4/7am

20/11pm

Mostly overcast am. Heavily clouded over pm & set in
snowing heavily later pm & continued into the night. Cold
raw air, no thawing. Wind howling tonight back of High
Point.

Spread cart load manure on corn ground late forenoon PM
cut drewed & sawed 2 dray loads green pole wood at Ollies
& brought cart load home.

FEBRUARY 20 Wednesday 24/7am

20/10pm

Fully 12" of snow fell during the night. - Snow squally
blizzardy. Snow blowing & drifting

Starlight evng. Had a big job this am shoveling high
piled snow off porch roofs - Busy al day with chores in
variety. County & town snow plows busy. Kingston &
rural schools variously closed. Rec'd card Mariam.

FEBRUARY 21 Thursday 4/7am 2/11pm
Bright clear cold windy sunny day. Snow blowing & drifting - Quieted evng. Snow drifts heaviest of winter - our driveway was plowed out this pm. Did chores, shipped 18 dz eggs to Mrs Longyear by Ins. P.P.

FEBRUARY 22 Friday 4/7am 20/12pm
Mostly cloudy - calm. Light PM & evng snow falls. Shoveled paths this am to barn & chicken house. Did chores etc. Tonight went to Phoenicia & saw *March of Time*, showing devastation of the war in Greece-Pathe News reel & feature film *The Lost Weekend* - Place crowded, the old IOOF hall. 36 yrs ago tonite, Pratt Boice, Hallie Simpson, Daisy & I went to Phoenicia with horses & cutters, attending Merrihew & Ennist minstrel show & dance.

FEBRUARY 23 Saturday 20/7am 14/11pm
Bright sunny cloudless day & evng. Winds northerly. Cleaned out granary this am - spread load manure on meadow behind barn, as road was slippery. During pm drew out with dray firewood oak top logs at Ollie's. Today is my 56th birthday & mother made my annual time honored favorite plain soft chocolate cake. Had lovely chicken pie supper & mashed potatoes. Too tired to go to lodge tonite. Rec'd box coolies from Kay also greeting cards. Ruth Pleasants & Clifford S. Inghram married in United Congregational Church Bridgport, Conn

FEBRUARY 24 Sunday 20/7am

26/11pm

Snowed lightly along thru out the day & evng. Still. - Moderately mild - an inch or two of snow fell. Mother & I had no callers & I tried to relax along all day, aside from the usual chore routine. Wrote "news" copy evng. Last night Shokan IOOF lodge conferred 2nd Degree on Jack Burns Robt Crispell, Arthur Chipp - Geo. Schwab, Francis Quick & Albert Davis. (3rd Degree conferred on above group Sat.nite March 2) A special church meeting was held this pm following services & it was voted to sell the Baptist parsonage.

FEBRUARY 25 Monday

Part cloudy early & a bit squally, but cleared bright & sunny. Became colder & very blustery. The new light snow of yesterday blowed & drifted surprisingly.

Shipped a 7 ½ lb P P box of evergreen tip branches to Mrs. Nellie L. Cleary of Kankakee Ill (\$.50) postage. Wrote her card evng. Drawed dray load oak top log firewood from Ollie's woods & load sap wood from Hinckly woods, pole wood, mostly dead.

FEBRUARY 26 Tuesday 8/7am

20/10pm

Snowing till mid pm & storming sleet, then rain evng. Abt. 2" snow fell. Very raw cold damp still chill atmosphere. About the only accomplishment taking most of day was getting Hoppy Myers, from the Allen farm to clean up brushes on our celler electric pump motor which was gummed up & throwing a shower of sparks. - Also took

Hoppy to Olive Bridge to store & butcher shop. I gave him a bu. of turnips & potatoes. Sent by Ins. P.M to Kay, 2 lb butter, cottage cheese & sliced ham & to Mariam 1 ¾ lb butter & piece of bacon.

FEBRUARY 27 Wednesday 20/7am

30/11pm

Ice storm, everything heavily ice crusted & slippery traveling. Freezing rain fell till early pm - Rain fell all evng. During latter pm I re-loaded manure from cart on dray sleigh & took it over & spread on lower side corn ground - completing covering the field. Rec'd letter from Mariam & Mrs. Longyear with check for eggs of \$11.00 Wrote Freeman copy evng.

FEBRUARY 28 Thursday 30/7am

Remained overcast am. Clearing beautifully by early pm Still. The crusted ice covered house & barn roofs slid off in an avalanche during forenoon - The bright pm sunlight on the heavily ice crusted trees & bushes, beggars my feeble description of the Supreme Architects handiwork - Roads are deeply ice & snow crusted. This pm worked up firewood logs ready for sawing.

MARCH 1 Friday

24/11pm

March came in like a lamb with ice crystalled trees and bushes, glistening in the bright sunlight. Sunny with some low fog like obscuring clouds - Atmosphere calm - starlight evng. - Considerable of the ice coating melted off during the day Sawed split up oak top log wood at Ollie's pm &

brought home a 2 cord dray load. Rec'd card Minnie Every.

MARCH 2 Saturday 24/7am

33/11pm

Murky overcast - Still became foggy pm - Rainy early evng. Piled load wood under shed hand for splitting this am & did usual chores. This pm spread big dray load manure on last years potato patch, along upper side of orchard lot - Then cut load pole firewood in nearby woods & brought it home. Did not attempt to go to lodge tonight.

MARCH 3 Sunday 36/7am

24/12pm

Bright windy sunny mild March sap day. Some cloudiness Starlight calm evng.

Was home all day. Did usual chores - Mr & Mrs Stewart Jones, Mr & Mrs Gordon Craig, & Charley Langer & mother were the day's callers.

MARCH 4 Monday 24/7am

40/11pm

Fair breezy turned extremely mild. The snow took a licking, roads bare and water running.

Took dray load hen house manure litter & stable manure on pretty much bare ground sleighing and spread on patch, upper side, orchard lot am. - This pm drewed 2 dray loads wood from Ollie's quarry woods for sap boiling & wood sawing - Late getting home & tired out.

Wrote "news" copy evng.

MARCH 5 Tuesday 40/7am

36/10pm

Fair early, becoming overcast continued mild & still -
Broke away early pm later becoming overcast.

Re-shod the dray sled this morning - Later sawed & drew wood at Ollies & brought some home on dray. Rec'd card Mariam Got sapping equipment from storage.

MARCH 6 Wednesday 31/7am

Sunny fair hazy, southerly winds - developed moderately pm & became overcast. Still evng.

Tapped maples around Ollie Burgher's home grounds & some across on Dolan property. Got boiling arch place ready - & drew load firewood. The sap ran fairly good till south wind dried it up. There is considerable frost in ground beneath a muddy surface, snow gone in open except snow banks.

MARCH 7 Thursday 46/7am

36/11pm

Mild murky and pretty much rainy. Unseasonable warm weather - cleared brilliant starlight evng. Split and piled firewood under the shed. The remaining snow took a further smacking during the night & today. The Jacky brook is roaring tonight. Wrote Freeman copy evng.

MARCH 8 Friday 26/7am

38/11pm

Froze thin ice last nite, fair this am, but gradually became overcast & set in rainy latter pm & continued evng. Drew 3 dray loads wood at Ollie's from lower quarry woods on exclusive bare ground sleighing. Sap ran just

fair. We gathered a half barrel. Rec'd letter Mariam & Mrs. Longyear with egg check \$25.30

MARCH 9 Saturday 50/7am

32/10:30pm

Balmy springtime this am with blustering rain squalls - Typically March, became very windy pm shifting southerly to westerly, turning decidedly cold & snow squally. Spread cart load manure on upper side orchard lot patch before dinner. PM Ran off the first pan full boiling of sap & drew & sawed wood at Ollie's & brought load home.

MARCH 10 Sunday 23/6:30am

22/10pm

Magnificent clear day & evng. Light northerly wind. Snowy chill atmosphere. Ground crust frozen. Sap ran good. Called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell pm I found him surprisingly feeble, hardly able to get around & do chores. Helped Ollie gather sap late pm had over a barrel. Mr & Mrs Vahan Kizirian called evng.

MARCH 11 Monday 20/7am

22/10pm

Part cloudy, cold raw blustery - mountain snow squalls. Became cloudless evng. Bright bulging half moon. Sawed wood, boiled sap & tapped more trees. Brought big wagon load chunk wood home. Rec'd 2 letters Dick Herrington from Leghorn, Italy. - written 5th & 20th Feb.

MARCH 12 Tuesday 18/7am

46/12pm

Froze up hard last nite. Weather was fair sunny somewhat hazy. Gusty variable winds, generally southerly. -

Moderated decidedly pm & evng.

Sap ran fairly good. Worked drawing & sawing wood, boiling sap. Brought big wagon load sawed wood home. Finished off boiling of sap evng & brought syrup home.

MARCH 13 Wednesday 36/7am

46/12pm

Fair balmy light to moderate winds - Became quite overcast pm & cleared late evng.

A real good sap day. Boiled sap, drewed & sawed wagon load ash log top firewood & brought it home. Gathered over 2 barrels sap late pm - also tapped more trees am with buckets borrowed of Mary Roe.

MARCH 14 Thursday 44/7am

64/10pm

Ultra balmy spring weather. Fair becoming overcast during pm Winds light.

Boiled sap, drewed & sawed firewood, & brought cart load oak chunks home. Also spread cart load manure before noon on patch by old house. Red Cross supper in Baptist church evng.

MARCH 15 Friday

36/11pm

Rainy & mussy still till latter pm then part broke away - moon shone thru evng.

Busy with chores & odd jobs. The ice covered reservoir West basin this pm was noticeably becoming flooded. I

attended a special school meeting tonight at West Shokan Dist. No 8.

School Supt. Reginald Bennett discussed proposed centralizing of Olive Shandaken & Woodstock schools. Rec'd letter Pfc Dick Herrington

MARCH 16 Saturday 30/7am

36/11pm

Sunny hazy mild 7 calm - Froze ice last night. Spread cart load manure. Drewed 7 sawed firewood top logs at Ollie's & brought load chunk wood home. Sap ran just fair, gathered a half barrel. Too tired & too late to go to lodge tonight. Settling of the reservoir ice continues.

MARCH 17 Sunday 36/7am

42/10:30pm

Fair hazy still. Partly overcast. Continuing mild - overcast evng.

The reservoir ice sheet has entirely submerged over night, except in side coves and the lower end. Did customary chores. Went over to see Henry & Grace Winchell pm I took them a quart of new maple syrup. This evng Ed Avery Jennie Kerr & Lottie Hesley came & we did a spell of hymn singing.

MARCH 18 Monday 42/7am

32/12pm

Mostly overcast Still, mild yet chill.

Split wood am This pm 2:30 mother & I attended funeral services for Mr. DeWitt Eckert (89) for most of his lifetime a resident of old Watson Hollow. Born & reared amid

surrounding of the booming tannery & lumbering era. - A lifelong friend of my Father Chase W. Davis.

Sermon by Rev. Merton S. Cady, Olive Bridge M.E. Pastor - Mother was organist - Bearers were Chas. Hesley, Lauren Bell, Ira Nichols & myself. Burial in Bushkill Cemetery
Funeral Text - Psalms, "This is my rest forever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it forever"

Boiled down a batch of sap tonite 7 brought syrup home.

MARCH 19 Tuesday 26/7am

34/10:30pm

Froze up a little last night. Weather fair & sunny. Light southerly winds. Continuing mild. Bright starlight evng & cool.

Re touched the sap trees am. Sap flow quickened somewhat, but it just isn't sap weather. Dr. McCartney gave cows T.B. test. Split wood this pm got tired out. Rec'd March 10th letter from Dick Herrington - answered tonight. Wrote news copy this am - Floating ice fields drifting on reservoir.

MARCH 20 Wednesday 24/7am

Elegant clear sunny day 7 cloudless evng. Light winds. Froze quite a bit last night and sap ran good today, closing off toward night.

Split wood by end of barn. Spread cart load manure pm on patch by old house, then gathered sap on dray, had well over 2 barrels. Finally rec'd card from Mariam, also from Kay. Boiled sap till mid night.

MARCH 21 Thursday 32/6:30am

42/10pm

Froze ice in hog yard. Cloudless balmy day & evng.

Gentle variable winds

Put in the day splitting wood. Helped Ollie finish off a boiling of sap after dinner & brought half of syrup home.

Tired out tonight, so didn't attend the Olive Rebekahs meeting with initiation as I had been invited.

MARCH 22 Friday

52/9pm 44/11pm

78/4pm sun temp on kitchen porch part

Continuing clear and balmy. Fresh south westerly winds developed becoming partly overcast dark squally looking latter pm. Wind shifted evng to brisk, northerly & turning noticeably cooler.

Split wood & piled some under shed - Plenty warm for such work. Helped Ollie gather small batch of sap early pm & she boiled it down. Rec'd cards Mariam & Kay.

MARCH 23 Saturday 32/7am

20/11pm

Cloudless crispy with fresh northerly winds. Profuse display of aurora borealis tonight, dull firey red effects over Wittenbergs and pale flashing and drifting lace like streamers across the horizons

No accomplishments but doing chores am. - Early PM I went to Kingston with car & met Bob & Mariam with Gaye & Jeannie at the 2:38 train. To tired to go to lodge tonight.

Rec'd letter Ray D. Herrington

MARCH 24 Sunday 27/6:30am

42/12pm

Froze ice & ground crust. Lovely cloudless & sunny am. Southerly winds developed & became overcast pm & rainy late evng. Bob enjoyed a trip in the woods with gun. He also gave me a hand cross cutting on the garden maple truck. PM callers were Mr & Mrs Steward Jones & party, Mr & Mrs Jesse Shurter, & Mr & Mrs Robert L. Bishop.

MARCH 25 Monday 40/7am

44/11pm

Mostly cloudy mild Light winds Cleared late evng. Bob returned to Brooklyn, Mariam took him with my car to the 10:05 Boiceville bus. This pm spread big cart load manure on corn ground, also spread lime on patch by old house & grass behind old barn. Also spread lime on Ollie's garden patches & lawn.

MARCH 26 Tuesday 40/7am

48/11pm

Continuing unseasonably mild - Mostly cloudy. Became all overcast pm & rainy toward night. Cleared late evng. Finished spreading Ollie's 2 ton lime allotment am - Also sawed up surplus sap boiling wood and brought a big wagon load home. - Wrote Ulster Co News copy after breakfast.

MARCH 27 Wednesday 46/7am

58/11pm

High northerly gales during night & continued fresh northerly wind all day & evng. Magnificent clear sunny day & starlight evng. Display of

aurora evng - at 10:20 a shaft of brilliant pale aurora was arched across the heavens overhead, and after several minutes faded - it extended from over Hanover Mtn easterly. Split wood am & this pm - Mother & I, also Mariam helping piled up a rank across end of barn, height of windows. Gaye & Jeannie had a busy day out of doors. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear with egg checks \$21.80 & \$3.30.

MARCH 28 Thursday 45/6:30am

66/12pm 100/pm sun temp.

Summer weather. Almost cloudless, fresh northerly winds. Still early evng, later breezy. Today's weather duplicated a year ago today, when a spell of unseasonable early spring was rampant.

Split up sawed off sections of garden maple trunk am ready for saw rig. This pm called quits on the maple syrup season & took up & washed buckets - Total make of syrup 10 or 12 gallons.

The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for this date: March 28, 1946 Kingston Daily Leader

Northern Lights Display

There was another display of Northern Lights in the heavens last night, the wide bands of light spread through the sky being exceedingly brilliant. Unlike those viewed last week, those last night appeared much more stationary and constant.

MARCH 29 Friday 48/6:30am

62/12pm

Continued summer weather. Fair am becoming hazy overcast pm. Clearing late evng Fresh south westerly day winds. Spread cart load manure on corn ground, finished sawing up remaining sap wood, and Ollie brought cart load down home while I brought the saw rig on dray behind the old Ford. - Then got set up & started sawing my wood. Bob Longyear came on 4 o'clock bus from Brooklyn.

MARCH 30 Saturday 40/7am

30/12pm

Cooler weather in brew. Fair & sunny. Becoming decidedly cooler, with winds northerly. Bright chilly starlight evng. With Mariam Bob & Mother helping sawed up our goodly sized pile of firewood. Tonight I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge, refreshments served after meeting at cost of 22 cents each present. In contrast this evng the kitchen & dining fire was decidedly needed.

MARCH 31 Sunday 30/7am

30/12pm

Clear bright sunny. Decidedly crispy - Gradually became hazy and overcast late pm. Chilly northerly winds shifting southerly pm Still evng & freezing. Was home all day. Mr & Mrs Steward Jones called pm for butter. Bob took a hike up on the old Raul Bell South Mts. Farm. Later he helped me finish cross cutting up in splitting lengths the rest of the garden maple truck.

APRIL 1 Monday 24/7am

Fair early but soon became overcast with mountain snow squalls which became general during pm as sky murked more deeply. - Had a period of thunder & lightning early evng to west & south with light rain. Cold raw day with biting light winds off the reservoir. - A rain & snow mixture fell tonight, becoming blustery. I readily April fooled Mariam this morning - she didn't see the robin - Bob went back to Brooklyn Mariam took him to 10 o'clock Boiceville bus - I spent the day splitting up the remainder of the dear old garden maple. This pm Ollie helped me saw off the shattered broken stump. Wrote news copy evng.

APRIL 2 Tuesday 40/7am
56/10pm

In contrast to yesterday the weather was balmy & sunny with fresh gusty northerly winds. Became overcast latter pm, rainy, blustery evng. With lightning flashes in distance around.

I took Mariam, Gaye & Jeannie to the 10:05 Boiceville bus, enroute to Brooklyn. Took over cart load manure on corn ground - This pm Ollie helped me draw and saw up the last of the garden maple - Bob Longyear remarked Sunday that it was the most symmetrical tree he ever saw.

Rec'd air mail letter from Dick still in Leghorn Italy, mailed 3-27

APRIL 3 Wednesday 40/7am
38/10:30pm

Morning rain squalls. Cloudy sour raw day with northerly winds, which were strong during the night. I drove down pasture fence & piled firewood under the shed. Wrote

Freeman news copy evng. My saw mill burned 23 years ago tonight. Francis Whispell's woodshed with contents burned about 3 pm. A large calf tethered inside was severely burned. His wife and one of the boys was home at the time. Neighboring help arrived also the Woodstock fire truck. Very fortunately the woods conditions were damp, or the strong north wind blowing would have caused a very serious blaze.

APRIL 4 Thursday 41/7am
44/12pm

Mostly cloudy - chilly Brisk southerly winds. Rain squall evng.

Split & piled wood under the shed. Rec'd card & letter from Mariam I did not hear till this morning of the Whispell's woodshed fire yesterday pm. Mellie cow had her second calf this evng. An all light red rangy bull with white tip on tail. Her first calf born last April 24, a spotted bull I am raising.

APRIL 5 Friday 40/7am
36/12/pm

Raw cold cloudy blustery. Snow & rain squalling all day. Put in the day working up some part decayed beech top logs out along woods & hauled them to woodpile on dray. Chore time Ollie helped saw them up, which finishes my wood sawing for the season.

APRIL 6 Saturday 32/7am
36/11pm

Another mostly cloudy raw blustery day. Rain squalls

toward noon. Snow on Wittenbergs.

Did usual chores, set & filed wood saw before hanging up for future use. -Put the old Ford in its usual storage place in back of garage. Made a hog trough & installed it for use at ollie's. I used a hollow chunk of a soft maple that Dad peeled & cleaned out year before he died. - Always kept it in dry. -Late pm took over cart load manure & spread on corn ground, also noted that Whispell's toilet had burned with their woodshed.

APRIL 7 Sunday 32/7am

30/12pm

Clear bright cold & brisk crisp northerly winds. - A few scattered high clouds.

Did necessary chores. Tired & tried to ease up.

Mr & Mrs Jesse Burgher & family & Ed Avery, also Mr & Mrs Stewart Jones called am.

APRIL 8 Monday 32/7am

34/10pm

Clear early, but became overcast, raw cold air with southerly wind set in snowing heavily late pm turned to rain evng. -Ground white with about an inch of wet snow.

Did chores & odd jobs. Split & piled wood pm. Intended to start harrowing but couldnt get going. Wrote am cards to Mariam & Cornelia. Burial pm in Bushkill Cemetery of Harvey Silkworth, funeral 2 o'clock at Lasher's in Woodstock Packed 8 dz eggs evng to shop Leonora Gorton. Electric lights off several hours this pm due to burning of "Jimmy's" Atwood Inn.

APRIL 9 Tuesday 32/7am

Last night's snow covering rapidly disappeared today except on the cold sides of the west side mtns. The weather was cold raw & windy and mostly cloudy.

Other than doing daily chores, split & piled wood under shed. Mother helped pile pm wheeling in on barrow from split heap outside. Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

The following is from a clipping dated April 8, 1946, pasted in journal:

Funeral services will be held for Harvey Silkworth of Shokan, from the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Bushkill cemetery, West Shokan. Mr. Silkworth, who died Friday at Flushing, L.I. is survived by a son, Homer S. Silkworth of Greenwich and two sisters Mrs. Nelson Bell of Shokan and Mrs. Lucas Palen of West Shokan.

APRIL 10 Wednesday 32/6:30am

34/11pm

Cold raw bright sunny day with strong northerly winds diminished evng. Partly overcast evng.

Had a rather cold job besides chores splitting & piling wood under shed. Mariam & the children unexpectedly came home on the 4 o'clock bus.

APRIL 11 Thursday 32/6:30am

28/12pm

Continued chilly bright sunny, some clouds. Cloudless moonlight night. Northerly winds were calm evng. Split & piled some wood am along with chores. PM I took a big

cart load manure up to Ollie's spread on her old barn patch which I plowed also the old garden.

APRIL 12 Friday 30/7am

40/11pm

Continued raw & mostly cloudy with occasional brief bursts of sunshine. Continued northerly winds diminished. Snow squalls played on mtns. A little milder tonight.

Busy with chores am. PM I plowed last years potato patch, by old Hinkley house out to road. Well tired out tonight.

APRIL 13 Saturday 40/am

30/11pm

About like day, considerable cloudiness cool - northerly winds - Clear evng & colder.

This morning about 11:30 as I was starting out with a load of manure I lost my balance and fell heavily from the cart box at the driveway entrance, striking the right side of my head & shoulder in the gravel, causing intense pain & crippling discomfit. Bob Longyear & Mrs Kathryn VanNess came on the pm bus. - I of course was unable to attend IOOF Lodge tonight as planned. Bob did the heavy barn chores tonight.

APRIL 14 Sunday 36/7am

Became warmer today and the weather mostly clear & sunny with northerly winds. Moonlight evng almost full. I went after Ollie this am & she did the heavy chores. Bob helped tonight & he & Mariam ran the milk thru separator. I can get around a bit better today but pretty much sore - bruised all over. Mrs. Van Ness spent the day & Mrs. Julia

Ritterbusch came for her & had supper. Mr & Mrs Stewart Jones, & Charley & Mrs Lander also were callers.

APRIL 15 Monday 50/7am

46/12pm

Cloudy mostly. Windy with rain showers. Very rough and stormy evng. Later partly clearing.

Trying to get around & do chores with my aches & pains, - This evng I went with Art Trowbridge from Olive Bridge & a delegation of Past Grands from Shokan IOOF Lodge No 491, to Highland, attending Annual Session of Dist. Grand Comm. Harlowe McLean was unanimously elected District Deputy, to succeed Fred J. Yorks, & myself re elected Secretary. 52 Past Grands attended. Supper served following by Vineyard Rebekah Lodge.

APRIL 16 Tuesday

Clear cold with high northerly wind - diminishing evng
Feeling pretty sore, shoulder, ribs & legs. Wrote news copy
am This pm - Ollie helped me ring the 2 bulls, Bill and
Ranger, also treat young bull calf Tippy's horns with
caustic. Then took up load manure & spread on her garden,
the wind blowing a gale.

APRIL 17 Wednesday 40/7am

34/12pm

Clear, winds light, shifting northerly pm - continued cool
but warmer & much more pleasant than yesterday. Still,
part cloudy evng.

I harrowed Ollies old arn potato patch & garden. This pm I
marked out & planted a bushel of small Kathkadin potatoes.
Bob enjoyed being out in the woods. - Shoulder & side

pretty sore but got to go.

APRIL 18 Thursday 30/6:30am

46/12pm

Sunny morning but became mostly cloudy gloomy looking with strong developing south westerly winds, shifting north evng & clearing. The wind was raw.

I took Mariam & Bob to Kingston for the 8:10 New York train. Had to hustle. While in town, I having had an uncomfortable night, I visited the off. Of newly returned army doctor Curtis Bight on Spring Street & had my shoulder section examined with a floroscope but despite the pain & soreness found no break injuries, instead torn muscles, fee \$3.75 Paid. This pm I helped plant another bu. Potatoes in Ollie's old barn patch. She helped with am & night chores.

APRIL 19 Friday 42/7am

48/12PM

Clear sunny with thin haze. Continued windy, northerly & getting dry. Became overcast late evng & rainy & windy. My injury continues pretty sore & catchy. However I got considerable rest last night after finally getting laid down after midnight. Ollie helped do chores & milk today, also took cart load manure & spread on her garden. Then she disk harrowed thoroughly my last fall plowed potato patch along Bishops line above 3 corner lot. I sat in my car for company & read papers.

APRIL 20 Saturday 42/7am

38/12pm

Cold raw cloudy & strong northerly winds.

I got Ollie to milk & help with morning chores. - Still unable to accomplish any work, shoulder felt somewhat better but painful & disagrees all evng. Mariam Bob & Jeannie came back from Brooklyn this pm. They got a welcome ride up from Kingston with Blanche & Julius Besrodney.

APRIL 21 Sunday 40/7am

38/12pm

A bright sunny pleasant Easter Day. Some clouds, winds light - clear still evng.

Ollie did the morning stable chores. Mariam & Bob got an ambitious streak this pm and gave the lawn a needing mowing & cleaning up. I tried to go easy easy today & rest my aching shoulder.

APRIL 22 Monday 40/6:30am Barn Swallows here

40/12pm

Continued sunny & pleasantly mild Winds light. I note the barn swallows this am at an unusually early date. My lame shoulder is very uncomfortable & I am trying not to use it. Ollie took over cart load manure on potato ground and disced the corn field both ways. Tonight I attended showing of *The Virginian* in technicolor at Phoenicia theatre. WShokan well represented. - Bob returned to Brooklyn by bus from Boiceville.

APRIL 23 Tuesday 50/7am

66/9:30pm

Continued fair and real warm seasonable weather. Became

showery looking PM was overcast still & muggy evng. Feeling plenty sore but did my chores & worked considerably regardless. Moved my yearling sow hog "Jill" down from Ollies to our hog pen am. She had 7 pigs last fall but not re-bred. This pm I helped Ollie clean her hog house & plant peat.

APRIL 24 Wednesday 56/7am

50/12pm

Bright sunny warm some clouds, fresh northerly winds - clear, somewhat hazy evng.

I went to Jesse Shurter's Samsonville Mill with car & brought home 24 bags of nice dry sawdust. I certainly was feeling tough today with a miserable cold added to my aches & pains.

Funeral 2 pm at Samsonville Church of Chas. Kunkel of that place.

APRIL 25 Thursday 50/7am

52/12pm

Increasingly murky overcast, moderately cool. Winds light - Still dark evng.

I took Mariam & the kids to the 10.05 Boiceville bus headed for Bklyn - Borrowed electric heat lamp to try for relief of my shoulder - Ollie took over load manure & I helped her spread on potato ground & picked load bumps from sweet corn ground. Later Ollie disced it over both ways. - Shoulder & side painful & annoying add day & tonight.

APRIL 26 Friday 50/7am

42/11:30pm

Had a refreshing rain during late night & early this morning.

- Cloudy cool light winds. Light rains pm & evng.

Did chores, sore shoulder continuing. Helped Ollie move her hogs pm - the brood sow into farrowing pen.

APRIL 27 Saturday 36/7am

34/12pm

Arrived snowing - continued on mtns & up Esopus valley all day. Ground white, and apple trees in full blossom.

Snow disappeared leaving the grass a refreshed deeper green. - Cloudy & sour all day & evng. Tried to work, with my shoulder lame & painful. Spread cart load manure on our plowed patch at Ollie's & got 2 loads hog manure & spread on sweet corn ground by Hinkley house.

APRIL 28 Sunday 32/6am Daylight Saving Time effective

Skim ice on barn gutter tub this morning & the mtns High Point & Wittenbergs brilliantly snow white in the morning sunshine. Was home all day. Did chores otherwise tried to rest up. Mr & Mrs Stewart Jones came am for butter - Mr & Mrs Jim Burgher & their boarder Mr. Plays called evng. He greatly enjoyed my gun collection.

APRIL 29 Monday

40/11pm

We had another nice rain today, ending mid pm. -

Continued murky still & cold.

No accomplishments other than chores, foggy evng. - Rec'd letter from Dick in Leghorn, Italy, mailed Apr.22. Wrote

news copy evng. My shoulder seemed somewhat less painful today. I am using a heat lamp twice a day.

APRIL 30 Tuesday 35/7am

60/11pm

Fair & sunny moderately cool, becoming warmer pm with strong south westerly winds developing late pm & continuing evng. Aside from the daily grind of chores, I set myself cross plowing potato ground, first spreading on cart load manure. Rec'd letter from Mariam. They plan to go to Waverly and spend the weekend with Cornelia. Mrs. Wilson Hamilton taken to Benedictine Hospital by ambulance - (I later learned Hackett's Sanitarium. She had severe heart attacks.

MAY 1 Wednesday 48/7am

46/12pm

Continued fair & sunny. Warm - clear evng. Drying northerly day winds.

I finished cross planning & disced the potato ground - also gave Ollie a hand pm setting out asparagus bed & making gardens, setting out onion sets. Sent Cornelia a 2 dz box of eggs.

MAY 2 Thursday

38/12pm

Continued clear with drying northerly winds. Pleasantly cool.

Went down to Dietzers Garage am & got gassed up & 2 qts oil. This pm spread cart load manure & Ollie disc harrowed corn ground both ways. I split & piled firewood. Tough on

my shoulder & pretty sore tonight. We sent Cornelia 2 lbs butter by Ins. P.P.

MAY 3 Friday 32/7am

34/12pm

Clear - real cool - light southerly day winds. I harrowed over potato ground & sweet corn patch before dinner. PM I plowed Ollie's big potato garden patch by maple tree & rock.

MAY 4 Saturday 34/7am

43/11pm

Pretty much overcast. Real cool. Atmosphere feels like snow - Winds light. Overcast evng.

Spread cart load manure on potato ground & picked load stone. I pre disced the garden and plowed it. The soil is nice and mellow. Rec'd card Mariam.

MAY 5 Sunday 40/7am

42/12pm

Lovely rain during night & this morning. Easy soaking kinds. Partly cleared during day quiet & warmer. Chilly damp evng. Mr & Mrs. Bob Wenzel called am, before returning home to N.J. Sold Bob 12 dz eggs @ .50 cents & 2 lbs butter @ .65 cents. Charley & Mrs Langer called pm.

MAY 6 Monday 52/6:30am

44/12pm

Part cloudy with developing strong westerly winds became overcast & squally later pm wind very strong. - partly clearing - chill evng.

Besides chores I put the barrel sprayer in working order pm. PM I went to Tongore & had my car greased, gasses & tail light repaired at Pete Crawford's garage. Also attended funeral in M E Church at 2:30 for Mrs. Wilson C. (Judith) Hamilton 71. Sermon by Rev. M E Cady. Burial Tongore Cemetery. Bearers were Lester S. Davis, Geo. Burgher, John Nichols & myself, E.C. Davis. Wrote news copy evng. On my way home I called on Will Hamilton. He was unable to attend his wife's funeral. I bought his 36" double muzzle loader shotgun \$5.00

MAY 7 Tuesday 42/7am

44/12pm

Overcast this morning & set in rainy - cool intermittent light to moderate rains continued into the night.

Busy with chores & odd jobs. Attended Annual Dist. No8 school meeting tonight. Only 8 voters turned out. Mabel Weidner re elected Trustee, Rose North, Collector Treas & myself again clerk. \$2600 to be raised by tax. Rate 1.80 per M. Voted to purchase for Dist. A 16 MM Howell Motion Picture projector with sound equipment - Don Bishop was Chairman.

MAY 8 Wednesday 42/7am

Mostly cloudy real cool & windy after the rain.

I took cart load manure & spread on potato ground am.

This pm drew 2 wagon loads of crusher dust for Ollie for concreting back porch. An unused stock pile was stored under hill several years ago.

First Anniversary of V E Day (Germany Surrender)

MAY 9 Thursday 32/6:30am

44/12pm

Raw sour blustery mostly cloudy. A period of rain squalls pm Cleared evng.

Busy with chores & odd jobs am. This pm I disced the garden both ways & started plowing for third year sweet corn patch behind barn. This evng with Mort Roe's help I took my broad sow "Jill" with Wm Colange's truck down to Saurez farm in Olive Bridge to have bred. Ollie's hog "Pill" had litter 7 pigs last night. Rec'd letter & egg check from Mrs. Longyear.

MAY 10 Friday 44/7am

44/12pm

Bright clear cool northerly winds.

Mort Roe went with me this am to Olive Bridge after my brood sow & brought her home in my car without trouble. Breeding fee paid \$1.00.

This pm plowed rest of patch behind barn & disced it well. Also took over cart load manure on potato ground. Bob & Mariam with the children are visiting Cornelia in Waverly.

MAY 11 Saturday

Rainy all morning. Sprinkled along pm evng Because warmer with fresh south westerly winds latter pm. Did chores am. - This pm I made a fools errand trip to Kingston to meet 4.53 Albany train, as Cornelia had called saying Bob & Mariam & the children were coming on it from Binghamton. Instead they returned another way arriving in NY around 4 pm. - Mariam phoned from Bklyn this evng they were home & had not known Kay had phoned me.

Mariam said that Cy Bostwick of Newark had died at noon following an operation. The remains are to be brought to Saugerties Tuesday for burial. Sometime last night a \$1000 blue blood Guernsey heifer was taken from the barn at Beechford Farms & slaughtered in orchard nearby by black market operators.

MAY 12 Sunday

Cool and rainy - frequent showers.

Sam Scudder & family & Charley Langer & mother called.

MAY 13 Monday 45/7am

40/12pm

Warm - clear bright sunny brisk northerly day winds, quieting latter pm. Becoming overcast late evng & chilly. Besides chores it took the day with Ollie's help to spray the fruit trees. A tiresome task.

Leopold Scholz (69) Internationally known sculptor died this am at his studio & country home on Boiceville upper road. Funeral services Wed. Noon with interment in Ferncliff

MAY 14 Tuesday warm

50/12pm

Fair & hazy becoming overcast pm. Rained hard all evng & continued moderately after mid night.

Wrote "news" copy this morning - Spread cart load manure on potato ground. After dinner I re disced the garden & mother & I started some planting - onion sets, beets & arrots. Feeling tired & sore. Mariam phoned from Kingston pm enroute back to Bklyn, with funeral cortege

for burial of Cyrus Bostwick in Saugerties.

MAY 15 Wednesday

52/12pm

Rained most of night muggy. Mostly cloudy. Gradually faired away pm - Brilliant full moon evng & sky clear, becoming part overcast later.

Did chores & split wood am. - PM started work on clearing out Ollie's old wood floor back porch, & putting in stone for a cement job. - Very tired sore tonight. Rec'd 2 cards from Cornelia

MAY 16 Thursday 55/7am

Cool foggy misty - Set in early evng for rainy dismal night. I put in most of day treating & cutting Kahadin certified seed potatoes.

MAY 17 Friday

Hard rains in night. Continued cool foggy misty & intermittent showers - with down pouring evening. Split wood am - worked pm cleaning out Ollie's old back porch floor & foundation. This evng I took a car load to Phoenicia to movies. Mr & Mrs Kizirian, Ollie, Mort & Mary Roe, 5 yr old Sonny Hesley.

MAY 18 Saturday

48/11pm

Continued murky cool misty after rainy night.

I made a shopping trip to Kingston. Nation Wide Rail Road strike effective 4 pm E.S.T. I met Case & Lillie Gwinn in Kingston. Later report. Strike postponed at last

moment but this did not prevent temporary confusion among engineers & trainmen, causing disruption of scheduler.

MAY 19 Sunday

46/12pm

Murky muggy this am threatened showers but gradually cleared away, sunny & magnificent PM & cloudless evng. Very light winds.

Was home all day. - Due to the rainy weather I tok over cart load manure & spread on potato ground am. Mother went to church pm and I got a bunch of callers, Mr & Mrs Geo Lounsberry with their married daughter & husband Mr & Mrs Ed Bence, the single daughter Florence. Sam Scudder, Charley & Mrs Langer & Mr & Mrs Steward Jones also callers. - Wrote short Freeman news copy, also cards to Dick & Mariam.

MAY 20 Monday

58/12pm

Fair this morning but gradually murked over, & had occasional light showers, setting in to a downpour late pm for an hour or more.

Harrowed & marked out potato ground am and pm with Ollie's help got it ready planted, except wet corner by ditch.

Pleaty tired tonight. An army plane with 5 officers aboard crashed into side of Bank of Manhattan Bldge shortly after 8 pm at the floor, & exploded. Plane enroute from Tennessee to Newark Airport. - This second similar crash in 10 mo.

MAY 21 Tuesday

50/11pm

Continued rainy. Drenching showers. Cleared evng. - Warm & muggy am - A bit cooler pm & at times breezy.- Still evng.

Did chores - Wrote news copy am - Made call on Wilson Hamilton - This pm I worked on Ollie's porch job, digging foundation ditch, under the roof cover & rain didn't bother much.

MAY 22 Wednesday

44/11pm

In striking contrast today was bright & clear with brisk northerly winds, calm evng & cool.

Pulled mustard from 3 corner lot am & drew out manure on plowed patch behind barn. This pm I dug & filled in trench for Ollie's new porch job. This evng Hazzie Wager came with truck for my yearling guernsey bull Bill to pasture for season at Charlie Duloff's on Shokan Heights. Rec'd letter from Dick written 15th.

MAY 23 Thursday 42/6:30am

54/12pm

Continued clear & warm - South westerly winds - Really feels like planing corn. I finished planing wet ditch end of potato patch - Actually used in planting about 3 bags of certified Kathadins. - PM I re harrowed sweet corn patch by old house & picked off wagon box load stones & used them in porch foundation trench. Mrs. Edward West & sister Esther Riseley called evng & got bu. Potatoes - Paid 2.50 The held off R.R. strike became nation wide nearly 100%

effective beginning 4 pm.

MAY 24 Friday

60/12pm

Continued fair, warm & breezy - Storm seems brewing.
Cultivated Ollie's early potato patch am. This pm she helped mark out and plant my patch of sweet corn by old house & put on acid fertilizer. Variety planted - Whipple's Evergreen fodder - Bantam Evergreen and Condons Strain Evergreen. The country is paralyzed by the rail strike. Only 1st class mail is being carried.
Pres. Harry Truman addressed the county tonight by radio.

MAY 25 Saturday

Hot summer weather Part cloudy, brisk south westerly winds. Drenching showers developed latter pm. And showery again evng. - There was moderate electrical accompaniment.

I went to Samsonville mill with car & got load 23 bags sawdust. I met Kathryn Van Ness coming on pm Kingston bus for weekend visit.

The R.R. Strike was officially called off at 3.58 pm by Whitney Union President of R.R. _____ & _____ while President Harry S. Truman was addressing joint session of Congress for action in the demoralizing emergency.

MAY 26 Sunday

58/10pm

Overcast warm & muggy am - Showers pm & evng & cooler

Charley Langer & mother called pm. The Nations railroad are operating again today.

MAY 27 Monday

54/12pm

Drenching night and continued all day & evng, cool.

Wrote news & Freeman copies am. I took Mrs. Van Ness to catch the 730 school bus to Kingston. Mother & I piled wood under shed part pm Tonight I took Mort & Mary Roe, Ollie & Mrs Kizirian to movies in Phoenicia, feature picture - *A Walk In the Sun*, depicting a Casablanca Italy war picture - Rec'd card from Cornelia saying Norah has the measles.

MAY 28 Tuesday

Glum overcast, chill easterly winds - Rainy awhile latter PM

The earth is thoroughly soaked and streams running full - Water stands on our garden. Mother & I went to cemetery this am & I put my annual flag on Merritt Personeus grave. We got home about noon and mother promptly proceeded to fall out of kitchen window & hurt her left leg or hip. She sat outside of the window to push up the upper sash & lost her balance. She lies on cot & can't scarcely move without severe "catches" in her leg. Ollie helped with milking & did supper & took care of churning of butter. Mother milked the 3 cows this am as I was doing other chores.

MAY 29 Wednesday 45/7am

50/12pm

Clear warm with fresh northerly day winds - Cloudless cool

evng.

Took big cart load manure & put on Ollie's potato patch between rows. The potatoes are mostly up nice & thrifty. I also machine mowed around the house & along driveway - Early haying. Ollie did the housework, churned etc.

Mariam & Jeannie came from Bklyn on pm bus.

Mother is practically helpless & lays on dining room couch. Has so many cramps in her leg, when she tries to move or get up. I took Ollie up to Bushkill cemetery after supper & cleaned up the family plot. Rec'd letter from Dick.

MAY 30 Thursday 52/7am

58/11pm

A pleasant warm fair day - northerly day winds. - Clear am - partly cloudy pm & starlight evng. Like a drying June hay day.

Drawed stone for Ollie's porch job, - now ready for wall laying. Also set out 37 tomato plants & 22 cabbage plants in garden. - Ollie helped with milking. - Bob & Gaye arrived about 7 pm from Bklyn with C. Bostwick's 1939 Nash sedan - mileage 36000 + miles which he is buying of Jane Bostwick - Mariam took care of mother. She sat up in chair considerably today & seems brighter & stronger but can scarcely stand on her feet.

MAY 31 Friday

64/11pm

Fair. Real warm & summery. Brisk south westerly day winds. Still evng. and partly overcast.

I helped John Bush employed by Justus North start laying foundation wall for Ollie's porch.

This pm - Mariam & Bob took mother over to Woodstock to have Dr. Hans J. Cohn examine her. He found no broken bones apparent, but torn muscles requiring a long time to heal. - She stood the trip pretty well. - Ollie helped with the daily milking & chores.

JUNE 1 Saturday 50/7am

46/11pm

Dismal chilly rainy day, with occasional slack ups.

I helped John Bush laying porch wall, under roof cover.

Rec'd letter Cornelia. Drawed out manure behind barn this am in rain. Mother's condition about unchanged. Mariam & Bob went up to Phoenicia tonite. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

JUNE 2 Sunday

44/11pm

Arrived rainy and continued drenching till latter pm -

Chilling storm. Then started breaking away with bright sunshine Cloudless still evng. With bright crescent new moon.

Jeannie is sick today & running temperature with eyes fire red - I predict measles. Mariam, & Bob with both children started for Brooklyn 5 pm Mother sat up in chair considerable this am.

JUNE 3 Monday 40/630am

54/11pm

Chilly am damp clear bright and sunny, becoming gloomily overcast by latter pm. Winds light. Broke away late evng, after a shower to south.

I helped John Bush with Ollie's porch wall & she kept care

of mother & did the work here home, throughout day & evng.

JUNE 4 Tuesday

48/11pm

Mostly cloudy cool calm - Thunder showery around late pm
I helped finish Ollie's foundation wall cemented house sill
- Bush put up rafters for 4 ft porch north end extension.
Same as yesterday Ollie helped with chores did housework
& took care of mother. She was able to help herself from
chair to couch. Mariam phoned from Brooklyn this am.
Saying Jeannie is better.

JUNE 5 Wednesday 46/6.30am

40/12pm

Partly cloudy - cool. Light winds. Thunder squalls went
around pm - Cleared & chilly evng. - Feels like early fall.
I helped with Ollie's porch job, built roof extension etc.
Etc. - Ollie did housework & chores & took care of Mother.
- A long hard day all around. After supper I drewed out
manure & harrowed over patch behind barn, also garden.

JUNE 6 Thursday 40/630am

51/12pm

Clear cool northerly winds this am but began to cloud over
with winds shifting and during pm & evng, had light
showers - later clearing brightly with half moon & northerly
wind -
Mother sat up considerable mended etc. - Mrs. Kizirian
came & stayed with her this pm - Ollie helped with milking
etc. & got breakfast & supper. She worked at Karn's today

I machine mowed along sides of garden & same along patch behind barn am. - PM I mowed around sides of corn ground, which due to the rank growth of dock I will have to replot. Rec'd letter Mariam.

JUNE 7 Friday 50/7am

Bright clear this am with northerly wind. Later [later] pretty much murked over & turned much warmer. Light shower over Wittenberg area at evng.

Ollie helped as usual with milking & morning housework, then I took her to Karn's. I put in a long hard hot pm re plowing corn ground.

JUNE 8 Saturday

64/11pm

Hot July weather. Fair this am & continued so with brisk changeable winds till late pm when storm clouds gathered in the west & we got a windy rough thunder shower, which put the electric lights out. Ollie helped home all here day.

Mother is stronger & has good appetite. Mariam Bob with Gaye & Jeannie arrived from Bklyn about 8 pm with the passing shower. More shower later evng. I finished re plowing corn ground. Harrowed over am garden space & disced ground behind barn. Bob brot & left here a single shot Remington 32 rifle, a [] 22 rifle & 38 S & W revolver, given him by Jane Bostwick

JUNE 9 Sunday 66/7am

Magnificent bright sunny weather with brisk northerly winds. Pleasantly warm.

The electric came back this am at 830. Mariam Bob with

Gaye and Jeannie left for Brooklyn at 645. Had several callers today. Mother walked out in kitchen with Mariam's support.

JUNE 10 Monday 50/7am

Cool beautiful clear day, with brisk northerly winds diminishing. Became overcast evng, with westerly winds.

Ollie did morning housework, then I took her to work at Blanche Rodriguez - She came & milked & did supper & evening work. Mother stayed alone PM while I disced the corn ground 3 times ready for marking out.

JUNE 11 Tuesday

62/11pm

Partly cloudy warm became muggy. - Mostly cloudy pm with a boisterous electrical storm from the north around 5 pm accompanied by heavy wind. Both telephone and electrical service are out tonight. Ollie helped as usual. I did some sweet corn & potato planting in north end of garden am. This pm we marked out corn ground till shower came & both got drenched. Ollie came across to get by mother & I went around up the hill with the horses & wagon. Rec'd letter from Dick.

JUNE 12 Wednesday

The day was generally fair, sunny & hot, became overcast evng. Another thunder storm in night - Very severe further up the valley. Electric & phone came back this pm. I made a trip to Kingston and had a troublesome loose left side lower jaw molar extracted by Dr. Saul Goldfarb. Paid \$2

Came home north side reservoir called briefly at Aunt Julia Winchell's also went up on mountain & paid my Masonic respects at the bier of Bro. Bautista Nadal, a member of Universal Lodge No 751-F&AM. Kingston Lodge no 10 conducted services at 8 pm.
Rec'd Fathers Day card from Mariam.

JUNE 13 Thursday 62/630am

48/12pm

Overcast this am & rained a little later on partly broke away, warm, & [] showers. Cleared beautifully evng with fresh northerly wind & brilliant big moon. With help of Jim Burgher & Mort Rae I got my corn planted pm - used 1944 crop dent seed corn. Planted sweet corn across south side toward the road. Ollie worked at Karns & helped morning & night. Rec'd letter Dick Herrington mailed from Italy June 3 -

JUNE 14 Friday 44/630am

50/11pm

Clear cool this morning but considerable cloudiness developed pm - then clearing. Cloudless cool evng. Winds light. Aside from chore jobs I spent most of day garden planing beans, setting out tomato, cabbage & planting 3 rows white evergreen sweet corn.

JUNE 15 Saturday 50/630am

64/1030pm

Sunny wrm with considerable part cloudiness. Winds light Busy day & a long one. Drawed out manure behind barn, re

harrowed Ollie's big garden patch, cut grass for cows also. Helped Ollie set out tomato & cabbage plants and cultivated her early thrifty looking potato patch. Ollie as usual did housework washing milking churning etc. Mother gets out in kitchen on crutche & cane but it hurts her back. - Mariam phoned from Bklyn early evng that Bob will come with a van man & bring their furniture for storage. Neighbor boy Chas. Harrison is home demobilized from service in US Navy.

JUNE 16 Sunday

66/12pm

Warm sunny with considerable clouds. Brisk breezy latter pm & evng, from Southwest forecasted showers did not develop.

Usual daily chore rounds, Ollie helped morning & night as usual. Cornelia phoned from Waverly early pm her greetings on Father's Day. Stewart & Ethel Jones Mrs. Langer & Charles Lena Smith & her new 3rd husband were callers. Luke Bell 83, died last night after brief illness due to strokes. He and my father were friends since boyhood.

The following is from a clipping found in journal:

Luke Bell of West Shokan died at the home of his son, Ralph Bell, in Boiceville today after a brief illness. Mr. Bell was a farmer and had resided in the town of Olive his entire life. Surviving relatives besides his son are two granddaughters, the Misses Kathleen and Geraldine Bell of Boiceville; four brothers, Sanford, Albert and Loren Bell of West Shokan and Lester Bell of Phoenicia; one sister, Mrs. James Norton of Kingston. Funeral services will be held at

the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock, Monday at 2:30 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Harvey I. Todd. Burial will be in Woodstock Cemetery.

JUNE 17 Monday 64/6:30am

64/12pm

Hot sultry - Partly cloudy - thickening latter pm & had light rain, & gain at midnight.

Did some needed work & planting in garden. Ollie helped here home all day. Mariam & Bob & Jeannie arrived about 3 pm with his dad's car accompanying a Bklyn moving van with their furniture & household good for storing. The van returned, but they remained for the night.

Funeral for Luke Bell held 2 30 pm at Lashers Parlors, interment in Woodstock Cemetery.

JUNE 18 Tuesday

Thunder shower in night - Murky & unsettled this am with sprinkles - Northerly winds - Partly cloudy pm & evng. Had delivery of 10 tons soil conservation ground lime from Accord Lime Industries. This pm I helped John Bush working on Ollie's porch job steps. Mariam & Bob & Jeannie left after breakfast for Brooklyn about 8 30. They expected to take plane for Miami tonite, enroute to Havana, Cuba.

JUNE 19 Wednesday 48/630am

48/11pm

Magnificent bright sunny day & clear evng. Pleasantly cool. Light winds.

I helped John Bush on Ollie's porch job he finished stone steps this pm. We put down half of the cement floor. Ollie

also helped mix. She did washing am & as usual evng work. Foster Shultis & Aaron Van DeBogard Sr called. Tonight at 10 oco. I heard broadcast of Joe Louis Billy Conn heavyweight fight at Yankee Stadium NYC. - Joe retained his World Champ title by knocking out Conn in 8th of their scheduled 15 round bout. Its their first fight in 5 yrs as both boys were 4 yrs in army.

JUNE 20 Thursday 48/615am
60/12pm

Clear early, but murked over and continued all day & evng, with an occasional brief show of sunshine. I drew out manure, helped fill in stone for remaining half of porch floor cementing. Cultivated sweet corn & potato patch, both look favorable, but the ground miserably hard. - After supper but before milking took my sow "Jill" over to Krumville to Raymond Davises for re-breeding. - Ollie helped morning & night as usual. Mother is gaining slowly. Can get out in kitchen with aid of chair support. Rec'd letter Mariam from Bklyn.

JUNE 21 Friday
60/12pm

Thunder shower 3am Continued murky, occasional light rains - misty am

Finished concreting Ollies porch floor am - Mostly busy with chores & errands am. Ollie also is having John Bush partishion off in 2 pens back part of her hog house & cutting in window & door. Mother was about the house some today by aid of chair support - Ollie did usual daily tasks & churned tonight 10 oco. Town mechanized

equipment working road up the hill preparatory to oiling & sanding.

JUNE 22 Saturday

50/11pm

The day was cool. Winds northerly and part to mostly cloudy. Beautifully clear & chilly evng.

Drewed out manure & did usual chores am. This pm I shoveled cultivated Ollies early potatoes, now coming in blossom. - Mr & Mrs Pete Crawford called evng. The highway from bottom of hill to top Kelder's hill oiled & sanded today. Mother got around considerably today.

Republican Dist 2 caucus tonight at Colange Hall.

Delegates to attend Rep.County Convention next Sat.

Lottie Hesley - Pauline Lortz Helen Marshall.

Gus Jones died am in Kingston.

JUNE 23 Sunday 60/730am

Hot sunny summer day. Winds light The mountain laurel is beautifully in full bloom. Mother was up and around most of day on her 59th Wedding Anniversary. She ate her breakfast & supper in kitchen - Was around home most of day. Ollie did usual am & evng work. Mrs. Langer & Chas. Called pm. Wrote Ulster Co news copy evng

JUNE 24 Monday 54/6am

56/12pm

Another fair hot drying day - Considerable morning high overcast Winds gentle.

I thoroughly harrowed marked out and planted sweet corn on strip behind barn. Ollie helped here home morning &

night & worked at Karn's mowing lawn. Rec'd card from Mariam written while they were in Miami. Mother keeps gaining, & she ate her meals in kitchen.

JUNE 25 Tuesday 62/630am

Continued fair and drying hot. Winds light clear breezy evng.

Planted road end of patch with fodder corn am. - Took Ollie to 4 oco Boiceville bus to go to Kingston to attend nephew Bruce Burgher's Kingston High School graduation - I met Cornelia on the incoming Kingston bus. - Then with such grand hay weather prodding me I mowed part of field behind chicken yard.

JUNE 26 Wednesday 64/630am

Continued fair hot and breezy. Worked at the cut hay and mowed another strip. - Ollie helped morning & night as usual & helped get in load hay later pm. After milking we went to Krumville after by broad sow at Raymond Davis. Cornelia's husband P.F.C. Richard Herrington got his honorable discharge from U.S. Army at Camp Dix, N.J. She met him at Boiceville on later pm bus.

JUNE 27 Thursday

Fair this morning but was hot & close & became showery at noon & continued all pm. The west side got an hour long drenching thunder shower.

I took Cornelia & Dick to 10 am Boiceville bus, enroute to Waverly. I unloaded hay on wagon & by hustling cleaned up another small load & rakings.

JUNE 28 Friday

62/12pm

Continued hot fair till early pm when became murky muggy & showers around north & south. Cleared evng. I didn't attempt to ted the cut hay - Busy with chores & odd jobs am. During pm I cultivated the potato patch again twice in row - Ollie helped morning & night as usual & worked at Karn's.

JUNE 29 Saturday 62/630am

62/12pm

Continued hot & muggy Fair in part am - Became generally showery early pm & we got a long drencher. Starlight stil warm evng. By frequent tending got the cut hay in cured shape & after dinner got in a load ahead of the deluge with Ollie's help. Republican County Convention in Kingston at Municipal Auditorium.

JUNE 30 Sunday 64/7am

Hot & humid, partly cloudy, August like weather - Fresh south westerly afternoon wind. No showers developed. Worked at the rain wetted hay pm & raked & drewed small load barn with Ollie's help after supper. Wrote "news" copy. Had several pm & evng callers.

JULY 1 Monday

70/12pm

Continued humid warm weather - Showers & thunder showers during day & evng. - Developing shower early pm I started cultivating the field corn, & badly weeded. Weeds like a carpet. Got wet getting home with Molly in rain.

Ollie worked for Blanche Rodriguez, & helped here home as usual, - also put off the load of hay. Went to Phoenicia evng, taking along Mort & Mary Roe, Mrs. Kizirian & Ollie. Saw picture *Saratoga Trunk*. Overflow crowd. Mrs. Anna Hyatt of Kingston, sister of Mrs. Henry Winchell died tonite at Benedictine Hosp.

JULY 2 Tuesday

62/12pm

Rained hard in night. Today brought a change to fair cooler weather with much less humidity. Fresh northerly day winds Still clear evng.-

Busied with chores, drewed out manure on grass & cleaned up rakings am. Ollie did the washing & churned. This pm we cleaned my chicken house & got the big load of manure on corn hills, made a late job with supper & chores.

JULY 3 Wednesday

56/12pm

Bright atmosphere. Part cloudy Southerly day wind. Still cloudless chilly evng. - Pleasant comfortable weather. I cultivated the corn field twice in a row. Nice haying weather. After supper I mowed remaining strip of heavy hay out along entrance driveway - Had mowed & fed [] partly by hand. Ollie worked at Karn's & helped morning & night. We sent Gaye a birthday card to Havana air mail.

JULY 4 Thursday 54/7am

58/12pm

Lovely weather with considerable high clouds. Winds light. Clear cool evng.

Excellent hay day. Mort Roe is rushing is harvest - Ollie tedded my cut hay this am & raked it at night. Did a big job cleaning Ollie's chicken house & putting it on my corn, finishing the job. Then we shovel cultivated the early sweet corn patch both ways. - Corn looks green & thrifty.

JULY 5 Friday 54/630am

Pleasant sunny weather, fresh High Point quarter pm winds. Clear evng.

Ollie helped morning & night. I got in the load of hay alone & mowed the corner behind chicken yard - tedded it several times & raked it.

JULY 6 Saturday

64/12pm

MOTHER'S 78 BIRTHDAY

Weather warmer & uncertain this am with brief shower from High Point, gradually faired away. Brisk __W.

Afternoon wind. Clear & cooler evng.

Ollie was home today canning peas - other than helping am & night as usual. I drawed out load manure & worked at the hay alone got it in 2 small loads pm well cured & rakings. Also cultivated sweet corn behind barn. Attended IOOF lodge tonite. Dist Deputy Fred J Yorks & staff installed officers - Noble Grand is Chas. Gustavson succeeding John Crispell. Vice Grand is John Bush. Int. Degree also on _____.

The following is from a newspaper clipping found for Saturday, July 6th:

MYRON BOICE IS HURT SERIOUSLY - Farmer Is in Hospital With Skull Fracture

Myron Boice, widely known dairy farmer of Lake Katrine, was seriously injured in an accident in his barn on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock, and was rushed to the Kingston Hospital where his condition was reported as critical.

Mr. Boice suffered a fracture of the skull and other injuries. According to the best available information he was engaged in unloading a load hay when the fork rope of the hay rigging snapped and he lost his balance and was hurled to the concrete floor.

He is a brother of Pratt Boice, the well known banker and dairyman of Ulster County.

JULY 7 Sunday

62/1130pm

Clear, warm, sunny drying day with light northerly wind. Cloudless & moonlight cool evng.

Same old daily chore grind - Ollie canned peas today & helped morning & night - The Jones & Langers were pm callers. Due to the acute no help condition & such excellent hay weather I mowed part of the woods corner, rank stand of Timothy & badly infested with dock.

JULY 8 Monday

68/11pm

Continued clear am warm & increasing humidity. Murked over pm & became showery, and we got a late pm drenching rain - Fair weather forecast failed. I mowed the rest of the woods corner this am & Ollie tedded it after doing the washing etc. She raked yesterdays cutting pm &

we got in a small load - Rec'd letter to family from Mariam, relayed from Bklyn. Wrote news copy evng.

JULY 9 Tuesday

68/11pm

Hot muggy some day breeze. Murky August like weather with spells of hot sunshine. Showery around to north, all pm but west side of reservoir only got a brief squirt.

I got cabbage plants of Chas. Hesley & set out in garden am - pm I opened out some of the sodden hay, cultivated the garden with Molly - Also put 4-12-4 fertilizer between rows of potato patch - A busy days job. Ollie helped am & night as usual.

JULY 10 Wednesday 64/7am

68/12pm

Continued warm with considerable cloudiness, & spells of hot sunshine. Winds light.

Did a big job today. Worked at the hay, sprayed the potatoes and got in 3 loads, with Ollie helping

JULY 11 Thursday

Warm, muggy murky, foggy. Heavy mist this am I went to Samsonville mill and got load bagged sawdust with car. - Called on Mr & Mrs Henry Winchell on way back. - Also teded & raked the remaining hay & got in a big load also cocked up the remainder. As usual Ollie helped morning & night. She worked at Karn's.

JULY 12 Friday

66/12pm

Continued humid murky, rained a little this am - Sun broke thru a bit pm - Cleared beautifully evng & noticeably cooler, with light northerly wind. Spent the forenoon hoeing in garden - Drawed out manure on grass stubble and shovel cultivated the promising potato patch pm now coming in blossom. Slipped in cart box & sprained my left foot which became very painful & had to give foot a good soaking in hot water & salts tonite.

JULY 13 Saturday 62/630am

Pleasant bright warm with low humidity. Part cloudy. Clear cool beautiful moonlight evng- Winds light. Put off load hay this am & mowed & tilled a strip of hay along cross path & width north side of garden. This pm Ollie helped me weed & hoe up potatoes. Mr & Mrs John Warren of Hensonville called late pm. Rec'd card from Ada Bell that she & Lute are coming east on a vacation trip.

JULY 14 Sunday

74/12pm

Sunny drying day, with brisk south westerly pm winds. - Overcast still warm muggy evng.

Due to conditions I plugged along with my haying. With Ollie's help got in 2 well cured loads before dinner. This pm I mowed another chunk of hay, tilled & raked it. Early evng Mr & Mrs Longyear called they having arrived today from Bklyn, for a 2 wks vacation being spent in Phoenicia. Mother slept upstairs tonight for first since her injury.

JULY 15 Monday

54/12pm

Light rain fell early this am - Cleared away a magnificent day with light winds & pleasantly cool - Chilly, bright moonlight evng. Ollie & I worked at the haying. Cured & got in 2 fine well cured loads & mowed the remaining chunk of heavy timothy below garden & by currant bushes. Army planes from Stewart Field, Newburgh have continued diligent 3 day search for plane lost Thurs, enroute from Bolling Field, Washington. Search continued till after dark.

JULY 16 Tuesday 46/630am

52/12pm

Magnificent clear cool day & evng, except for a period of pm high overcast - winds light.

We worked hard at the haying - mowed the larger part of the side hill piece - and got in 2 loads cut yesterday in well cured condition. Mr & Mrs Longyear called early eve.

JULY 17 Wednesday 48/6am

Another magnificent clear day & evng - wind light Grand haying weather and Ollie & I used it to advantage - Mowed rest of side hill - and this pm drew 3 fine conditioned loads. Raked up rakings after supper - Rec'd card Dick, saying they had been on a trip to Gawanda, where they formerly resided. That he expected to take back his old institutional cooking job.

Luther VanDeBogart 76 yr old Bearsville farmer killed this pm when thrown from top of load of hay on macadam road near Bearsville IOOF hall.

JULY 18 Thursday 54/6am

62/12pm

Continued clear almost cloudless. Hot dry atmosphere.
Reservoir a mirror.

Another hard day at the haying. Mowed hay below wall
tedded & raked it. Drawed out big cart load manure on
grass. Made a clean up of the side hill hay. 2 medium small
loads & rakings

The last army plane for which air & ground search
continued since Sat. Found yesterday in mountain ravine
near Seager, Town of Hardenburgh with its 2 dead
occupants Lt.Col.James ___
Heriot & Major C. Catlin both of Virginia.

JULY 19 Friday 60/6am

84/12pm

Hot & sunny, first hot night of summer. Drying brisk
breeze pm & evng. South westerly. Distant lightning off
north evng. I did a hot job shovel cultivating the corn both
ways. It is rank & green & 2ft high but needs rain & is
weedy. Ollie finished hoeing up potatoes am I sowed patch
with turnip seed. - We cleaned up the hay below wall after
supper in nice jig - Wilson C. Hamilton 76 on July 6 taken
to Hosp.in Kingston by ambulance after heart attack.

JULY 20 Saturday 82/7am

Continued fair & hot & humid becoming murkily overcast
during pm - Light shower early evng. Busy with jobs in
variety. Cultivated late sweet corn behind barn pm -
Everything needs rain badly. Rec'd card Ada Bell saying
they expected to arrive here first part of week.
8 years today I caught my left hand in hay mow gable

pulley. Funeral of Luther VanDeBogart, killed Wed as noted, held 230pm from Lasher's Parlors, Woodstock. He was a newly installed appointive officer & for many years a member & Past Grand of Bearsville Lodge 533 I.O.O.F.

JULY 21 Sunday

68/1130pm

Murky & foggy. Still Somewhat cooler - Light rains in night & this am - And during pm had grand showers & thunder shower - Drizzily evng. Glad to get a break in the hard haying grind. Wrote 6 page Freeman news copy - This evng wrote Birthday card letter to Mariam - Mother also completed letter added to day by day. - Sending by air mail.

JULY 22 Monday

Continued murky Showers pm & evng

Not much accomplished. Cultivated Ollie's big garden patch and got a terrific jam in the right ribs when the cultivator hit a stone. Lute & Ada Bell came pm from Casper, Wyo. By taxi from Kingston. After taking Ollie home tonight I got miserably sick with an attack of indigestion or food poisoning from supper. I surely violently emptied my stomach both ways, & was hours after I finally got relief.

The page for this day in the journal was mistakenly written on October 15th page and duly noted .

JULY 23 Tuesday

62/11pm

Drenching night, continued murky & muggy. Showers all

forenoon & part pm - Thunder showers evng.-clearing & cooler.

I feel very weak & done out after my last night attack of indigestion. Not much doing, Ollie did most of the chores. Lute & Ada Bell took a walk this pm for exercise.

JULY 24 Wednesday 58/630am

80/12pm

Part cloudy - sunny warm. Expected showers failed. Wind light I m feeling stronger & getting back in work harness - I made ready 2 late gaden patches for Ollie. Also late pm I mowed lower part of 3 corner lot. The hay is much heavier than last year. Lute & Ada went called pm with my car.

JULY 25 Thursday

64/12pm

Overcast am but cleared away sunny & cooler with fresh northerly winds, became part overcast at evng. I mowed the upper part of 3 corner lot & border along brush lot - Tedded & raked yesterday's mowing & got in a late pm load with Ollie helping after work at Karn's. This pm Lute & Ada went over to Ashokan with my car & called on Will Greene. Tonight took Lute & Ada, Ollie, Mrs. Kizirian & a visiting lady to Phoenicia & saw war picture of secret service operation.

JULY 26 Friday

56/12pm

Part cloudy, bright suny very pleasant weather - grand for haying. Light winds. Clear - Display of Aurora evng & chilly. Ollie & I worked at the hay - got 2 loads well

cured from 3 corner lot, all but rakings - Also mowed new seeding above & a chunk adjoining back of trees - Lute & Ada took a little trip about with car pm called on John Bell. Mr & Mrs Ben Rodriquez called evng - also Mr & Mrs Longyear, down from Phoenicia.

JULY 27 Saturday 52/7am

56/12pm

Bright clear pleasant temperated weather - winds northerly.

Grand haying weather - Ollie & I cleared up the 3 corner lot rakings & mowing above in 2 loads.

Tonight I took Lute & Adah to Olive Bridge I.O.O.F. Dance - Got there after lodge had closed but Lute met most of the brothers who attended & Both greatly enjoyed themselves with the dancing & friendly crowd. Ulster County Firemans Parade in Kingston.

JULY 28 Sunday

58/12pm

Warm bright sunny drying day & calm. Cool clear evng.

This pm I took Lute & Adah for a trip down thru Kripplebush out to route 209 and back around home by way of Patakunk. Visited Tongore Cemetery & graves of our loved ones. I also stopped at Pine Bush Cemetery & went to the presumed unmarked graves of will simpson & his wife - Stopped at Mr & Mrs Henry Winchells. Mother had a lovely supper for us - Ollie also went along & helped as usual morning & night. Mr & Mrs Longyear, with Jeanne came this am before leaving for Brooklyn.

JULY 29 Monday 56/630am

Partly cloudy, warm & rather humid - Calm atmosphere
Cloudless warm evng

Lute & Ada Bell left for Kingston on the 11 30 bus enroute to Bridgeport Conn to visit his bro Floyd & then to N.Y.C. to see his sister Lottie before returning west - Ollie helped me today after the morning wash & seeing Lute off. I mowed the rest of the hay on lower lot, tedded & raked it & we brought home a small load. Address of Lottie Stacknovitz 625 E.12 St #9 N.Y.C.

JULY 30 Tuesday

66/11pm

Hot - Part cloudy sultry. Thunder shower boomed off to near south mid-day & activity began again late pm - Showery all evng but the west side did not get much rain - Ollie worked at Karns & helped morning & night. I worked haying alone. Cleared up the overnight raked hay & cut some more in orchard lot which Ollie raked up late. Mother rec'd letter from Ermil Lounsberry, saying how sorry she missed us seeing us Sunday & so pleased to get the butter. Wrote Ulster Co news copy am

JULY 31 Wednesday

64/12pm

Murky warm. Thunder shower to north this morning followed by grand drenching showers. Messy during day with light rains. Drenching showers again early evng. Did usual chores. Wrote letter to Lute & Ada, sending Ermil's letter. Also card to Dick. This pm with Jim Burgher &

Ollie, took her brood sow "Pill" in my car to Raymond Davis service boar in Krumville and brought her back. Fee \$2.00

AUGUST 1 Thursday 62/7am
60/11pm

Rather muggy warm unsettled. Light south easterly winds. Sun shone hot am but murked over & light rain fell late pm on thru evng.

Opened up the raked hay am & with Ollie's help thinned out the ranked growing early sweet corn Found a bad infestation on many stalks of plant lice. Also set out Ollie's late cabbage & winter kale also planted 2 rows each of beans & peas, to try out.

AUGUST 2 Friday 60/630am
58/12pm

Overcast after rainy night muggy & threatening Clearing away gradually pm clear cool evng.

Cultivated garden am & drewed out manure pm went with hay wagon & got the green sweet corn stalks pulled yesterday & more pulled from later planing by field corn.

Ollie tedded over the hay Went to early 7 15 movie at Phoenicia showing *The Green Years* from book of that name a magnificent picture. Mort & Mary Roe, Mrs Kizirian & Ollie went along.

AUGUST 3 Saturday 50/630am

Partly cloudy, Pleasant - spotted day. - Winds light.

Worked at the orchard lot hay cut the remaining grass & got load hay late pm

AUGUST 4 Sunday 60am

70/11pm

Partly overcast - hot. Showery looking, but a nice breeze came up mid day, and the pm was pretty well cleared of clouds but hazy. Became overcast evng.

Cleared up the remaining orchard lot cut hay in a medium load, except the rakings No callers today.

AUGUST 5 Monday 64/630am

63/1130pm

Light shower late night Unsettled - Partly cloudy hot when sun shone - Faired away toward evng with light northerly wind & pleasantly cool. Ollie worked at Karn's & helped as usual am & night. - This am I hoed up the 2 rows potatoes bordering corn field & sowed turnip seed. Also cleaned up the hay rakings - Went to Maple Dell with team to help thresh wheat pm but proved to wet- rim off 2 loads. Came home, drawed out manure, shovel cultivated sweet corn behind barn Then went over & mowed heavy stand of hay behind old barn. Rec'd card Ada Bell & one from Cornelia. County employees in charge of Foreman Conrad Christensen started preliminary work leading to the building of a modern 2 lane concrete & steel bridge, which will replace the present narrow rickety 55 year old iron framework plank floored Bushkill Bridge.

AUGUST 6 Tuesday

62/12pm

Mostly overcast except for a sunny spell during am Set in rainy at dusk & continued into night.

I tedded the cut hay then went with team to Maple Dell & helped with the wheat threshing. After work Mr. Johannsen sent a man & helped Ollie & I get the hay in a good solid load, not very well cured - Dark getting back for supper & chores. Mr. Johannsen also gave me 2 full bags of wheat.

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

Funeral services for Harold Rudolph Wilson of Olive Bridge, who died at the Benedictine Hospital Friday, August 2, was held at the H. B. Humiston Funeral Home in Kerhonkson Monday afternoon. Burial was in the Tongore cemetery. The Rev. William H. Barringer of Krumville officiated. He is survived by a son, Harold R. Wilson, Jr., of New York City; a brother, A. B. Wilson of California, and a sister, Mrs. E. T. Jacobi of Canada and several nieces and nephews.

AUGUST 7 Wednesday

56/12pm

Rainy night & continuing this morning and pretty much during the day - Cleared cool evng.
Had considerable relaxation today. Wrote Freeman copy evening.

AUGUST 8 Thursday 56/7am

64/1130pm

Clear soft warm day. Calm - Lovely still warm moonlight evng
Busy day. Ollie & I weeded the field corn - Cleaned up rakings by old barn & spread out load hay for re-drying.

Paid ECBurgher - Woodstock Mutual Fire Ins premium policy #22838-\$62.28 Expires June 28 - 49

AUGUST 9 Friday

Typical hot mid summer day. Clear forenoon with part cloudiness pm & fresh south westerly winds - Pleasant moonlight & cloud effects tonight.

I spent the day curing & getting back in barn the load of hay, left overnight on grass behind chicken yard. Mother had a pm call from Bertha Mathews & Buelah Phillips, with Mrs. Phyllis Pritchard from Kingston. The two former were girls who grew up in pre-reservoir West Shokan. This evng took Mort & Mary Roe, Ollie Burgher & Mrs. Kizirian to Phoenicia. Saw the deeply interesting picture *Anna and The King of Siam* Rec'd cards Lute Bell also Cornelia. She & Dick are working at Gawanda State Hospital.

AUGUST 10 Saturday

Murky-warm - Strong south westerly gusty winds thru night & this am which brought brief dashing showers. - Part cleared & thunder shower off to south mid pm disrupted electric light service here. - Still warm till 9pm clear moonlight evng.

Went over to Jesse Shurter's Samsonville mill and got 22 bags sawdust with car.

Sent order Sears Roebuck Co.

AUGUST 11 Sunday

60/11pm

Partly cloudy. Pleasant bright cooler day Light winds - Glorious clear, cool moonlight evening.

I made a trip on High Point, but there are no huckleberries.
- Just here & there one or two or perchance a small cluster.
- I didn't pick a good handful, but the view was gorgeous. -
Altho hazy in distance saw Hudson in several places.
Mother & I wrote to Mariam tonight - also "news" copy

AUGUST 12 Monday 52/630am
57/12pm

Partly cloudy. Heavy dark clouds indicated showers.
Pleasant cool lazy like weather.
Mowed & cleaned up the last of the Hinkley farm hay,
including mowing out the former road across Bishop's
fence. Also mowed Ollie's corner field above road.

AUGUST 13 Tuesday 56/7am
60/11pm

Real cool damp partly cloudy am becoming heavy overcast
& rainy mid pm
I worked at Ollie's hay. Mowed little meadow & got part
cut ____ raked when came the cold downpour. Wrote
Freeman copy evng.

AUGUST 14 Wednesday 56/630am
60/10pm

Japanese Surrendered one year ago today
Unsettled lazy day, partly & mostly cloudy - Moderately
warm & muggy
Worked at Ollie's cut hay, & brought jag home to feed up.
Wrote Freeman this am, or rather finished it for mailing.
Mother churned herself this am Ollie washed down celler.

AUGUST 15 Thursday

70/11pm

Fresh southerly winds Partly cloudy Very heavy dew this am & foggy - Pretty fair haying day Wind strong evng & became overcast Worked at Ollie's haying. Put 3 small loads in her barn Rec'd card from Dick & letter Jeanne Longyear.

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

At Century's Turn By H. L. Van Deusen

The New York Central railroad on February 1, 1932, officially took title to the old Ulster & Delaware railroad, and renamed it the Catskill Mountain Division.

With the change in ownership of the U.&D., the railroad shops and the roundhouse on East Strand were closed.

Later the buildings were torn down, and the city's sewage disposal plant now stands on the site of the old shops and roundhouse.

The Rondout & Oswego railroad was the original title of the old railroad, but it was originally planned to extend the tracks to Lake Ontario, but that plan fell through.

In June, 1875, the road was re-named the Ulster & Delaware when it passed to the ownership of Thomas Cornell.

It was not until 20 years later it was in full operation between Kingston and Oneonta, a distance of 108 miles. Branches ran from Phoenicia to Hunter and Kaaterskill. The New York Central bought the U.&D. road for \$2,500,000, the price fixed by the Interstate Commerce

Commission.

AUGUST 16 Friday

Windy night from south west - Muggy unsettled partly cloudy am Continued gusty wind brought full overcast & light showers - Quieted evng.

Finished Ollie's haying despite the rain & brought small feed up load home.

Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam in Havana.

AUGUST 17 Saturday

65/12pm

Hot - sultry - sunny Thickened over during pm & was rainy evng. Later cleared & cooler. Drawed cart load manure over & spread on orchard grass stubble. Hand mowed part of yard pm I helped mother churn this morning after breakfast & chores.

AUGUST 18 Sunday

62/12pm

A pleasant warm sunny hazy day with soft northerly wind, latter pm murked over & had light early evng rain. Mr & Mrs Case Gwinn, accompanied by thier son Alex with his wife and family Alan & Barbara were before dinner callers. Charley Langer & mother called pm Wrote news copy evng 11th anniversary of the death of my Dear Aunt Cornelia L. Bishop

AUGUST 19 Monday

Gloomy rainy most of day - till mid pm

Made new grass board for mower cutting bar am Got started making a temporary pig yard pm Will use a re

modeled old toilet for shelder.

AUGUST 20 Tuesday

54/11pm

Pleasant weather Partly cloudy Light winds All clear - cool evng.

Did chores & cut grass for cows am. Served as Inspector for Primary Election noon till 10pm on the job. 21

Republican & 10 Democrat ballots cast - New Board of Election for Dist no 2 Olive remain same as past 2 years.

Mabel Weidner - Chairman Elmer F. Davis George Burgher & Elwyn C. Davis

AUGUST 21 Wednesday 48/6am

60/12pm

Pleasantly cool Gentle winds - Partly cloudy - cool overcast tonight

I worked at the pig yard & made feed trough & spout.

Ulster County Fair at Forsyth Park in Kingston - Wrote Freeman news evng.

AUGUST 22 Thursday 52/630am

60/11pm

Another pleasantly cool day. Light winds fair am - became overcast pm with late showers, broke away evng.

Finished new pig yard am - Took over big cart load manure on orchard lot grass. Also mowed grassy patch by currant bushes & got it in a cart load for cow fodder. This evng

went to Phoenicia, taking Joey Massimo, Ollie, Mrs. Kizirian, Mort & Mary Roe & saw gorgeous techicolor picture. *Smokey* about a western horse.

AUGUST 23 Friday 54/7am

53/12pm

Overcast am faired away pm - Clear cool evng. Calm
I hoed in garden & cut the brush out along the lower woods
corner. Set trap in my sweet corn, which raccoons are
ravaging before its ready to pick.

AUGUST 24 Saturday 50/7am

50/12pm

The weather is following a familiar pleasantly cool trend,
with considerable cloudiness. Clear & chilly at night -
Bright atmosphere.

I caught a 22lb male raccoon, reeking in fat, - in my patch
of sweet corn. Besides chores it took most of the morning
to skin & stretch the hide & take care of the meat, the best
parts will be canned. PM I drew out manure & machine
mowed grass on front & south side of house & gathered up
for the corn. Tonight I attended Shokan IOOF Lodge. 3rd
Degree conferred on John Bush Ernest Kinakel & Felix
Sierra.

AUGUST 25 Sunday 48/7am

60/10pm

Partly cloudy, clear atmosphere and real cool with chilly
breeze off the reservoir. Quiet - starlight evng., becoming
overcast. Was home all day. Charley Langer & mother
called pm Sam Scudder came this am for butter. Wrote
“news” copy evng.

AUGUST 26 Monday 54/630am

54/12pm

Partly cloudy - Lazy clouds, with afternoon showers Warm patches of pm sunshine - Pleasantly cool evng. Spread load manure on orchard lot grass - also spread 3200 ground lime for Ollie on her old orchard field, some on both sides of the road. Also got cart load grass fro cows cut Sat. Pm Picked first good mess of sweet corn, yellow Evergreen & delicious eating - The raccooning is not so vigorous after catching that 20 pounder.

AUGUST 27 Tuesday 48/630am

Partly cloudy, warm sunshine - Light winds. Light afternoon showers.

Went to Samsonville & got load bagged sawdust with Chevy, which took the best part of the day. After getting unloaded Ollie helped me move my 10 mo. Old sow pig home & put her in new yard. Ollie did hers & part of my washing & had supper. Wrote Freeman copy this morning.

AUGUST 28 Wednesday 54am

60/12pm

Pleasant day. Fair & sunny, becoming quite overcast pm. Warmer tonight with fresh south westerly winds. I had a skunk in one of my sweet corn traps this am - The same no.4 double long spring trap that I got the coon in, bought as a woodchuck trap for me by my grandfather Martin H. Crispell around 1898-or-99.- Getting nice tasly yellow sweet corn now which mother is boiling & cutting off cob & drying in oven etc. - Wrote Ed Avery a birthday card letter, also card to Ermil Lounsberry This pm I drawed out manure on grass & mowed grass below garden, raked by hand & got it on hay wagon.

AUGUST 29 Thursday 64/7am
54/12pm

Considerable murky cloudiness - Breezy Thundered distant had just a fine sprinkle pm - Became cooler pm & wind shifted northerly. Rain shower evng. Busy with odd jobs, repaired lime spreader lids, & sowed 44 bags lime strip below & to north of garden, on grass.

AUGUST 30 Friday 48/630am
46/12pm

Bright sunny forenoon with light northerly winds. Partly cloudy pm cool & still. Growing new moon showing this evng over south mountain - Real chilly evng. Got sweet corn for mother to dry & Ollie helped pick the beans from the corn hills am I spread 2 tons more (50 bags) lime on field blow garden out to corner of woods. Rec'd letter Dick. Wrote to John Warren, Hensonville in reply to his recent letter wanting to redeem his threshing machine I took on \$106.00 lumber bill balance 20 years ago.

AUGUST 31 Saturday 42/7am

Another "pecky" day. Partly cloudy with considerable warm sunshine. Calm Clear chilly evng. This is an unusually cool spell of weather in fact record breaking. Pretty much took the morning doing chores & getting sweet corn, which mother is industriously drying. This pm drew on manure on grass patch by current bushes. Machine mowed & gathered load grass on hay wagon, from the woods corner.

SEPTEMBER 1 Sunday 52/8am

70/12pm

Fair, breezy and considerably warmer - Partly cloudy pm
Made daily morning rounds of looking at traps & getting
sweet corn. Went down to Bill Lartz's Olive Bridge & got
my hair cut - During pm Mr & Mrs Longyear & Mrs.
Bostwick, called & Mother & I went with them for a ride
around the Samsonville-Acorn hill loop - called on Henry &
Grace Winchell, found Grace in bed from a fall yesterday
pm while carrying a pail of water slipped off door step &
fell backward on cement walk.

SEPTEMBER 2 Monday 60/7am

Fair early but became threatening with drop in temperature
& southerly winds - Cleared away again during pm I had
Frances Whispell set up my car brakes & repair tail lamp
am This pm I attended the Annual Boiceville Reunion -
altho a good crowd was present the number was not up to
last year. -No doubt due to the uncertain weather. Mary
Margaret McBride was one of several speakers. Millard
Davis was Chairman at eh informal business meting. Chas.
Hesley re elected President & myself Secy Treas. The West
Shokan Ladies Aid served the refreshments.

Bal fwd from 1941 - \$144.54

Today collection 53.82

Less expenses - new sign & labor etc. 20.00 - music 20.00 -
hauling chairs 5.00

- 45.00

\$153.36

SEPTEMBER 3 Tuesday 52/7am

49/11pm

Cool, partly cloudy, bright sunny atmosphere. Brilliant half moon high over High Point early evng. Light winds northerly. Wrote Ulster Co news copy am - This pm I mowed the woods corner 2nd growth & got load for cows. The NY stock market broke badly today, due evidently to the _____ international situation & be-clouded domestic outlook.

SEPTEMBER 4 Wednesday 52/630am

54/11pm

A lovely bright sunny day - some clouds. Light winds. Became mostly overcast evng. Took most of forenoon after chores getting sweet corn for canning & drying. This pm I spread lime on grass behind old barn and in orchard lot. Wrote air letter to Mariam tonight. Republican State Convention at Saratoga Springs re-nominated Thomas E. Dewey for Governor.

SEPTEMBER 5 Thursday 46/630am

Warmer today. Partly cloudy warm sunshine. Light wind northerly. Cloudless moonlight still evng
Busy with chores am. Got early pm start spreading lime on orchard lot & lower lot grass. Raked the woods corner second cutting.

SEPTEMBER 6 Friday 46/7am

64/11pm

Murky this morning but faired away nice sunny day with brisk south westerly winds.
I took Ollit to work at Belle Burgher's this am. Found my

patch late potatoes, woods end dead of blight, so dug part of 2 rows, found a few not affected, some mouse eaten, but generally fair & good size. Put 1 ½ bu down cellar to dry out. This pm cleaned up the woods corner second cutting in a well cure nice load.

SEPTEMBER 7 Saturday

66/12pm

Hot sunny drying day - Winds light. Looked showery toward evng & became muggy - Cooled off pleasantly evng.

Went to Samsonville mill and got a Chevy load of bagged sawdust - 21 bags. Also mowed strip second crab grass out aong road & got 2 cart loads for cows. Latter pm Mrs.

Lillian Knorph with her brother Ganet Mott, her aunt Miss Strykier and brother in law Maxwell Knorph called, on a days try to West Shokan & return to Brooklyn. This evng Mr. Kizirdan & friends Mr & Mrs John Krause & daughter Betsy Lou called.

SEPTEMBER 8 Sunday

Murky-muggy-Had shower early pm then partly broke away. Did chores, looked at traps in sweet corn & was home all day & rested. Charley Langer & mother called pm during the rain.

SEPTEMBER 9 Monday 62/6am

Murky this morning but faired away hot hazy still mid summer day-Clear evng with moon almost full, becoming part overcast. Made a delayed trip to Kingston. The stock market had another new low sinking spell today - The news at home & abroad bearish. Dry, but grand corn ripening

weather. Mr & Mrs John Warren called this pm & he redeemed in full for his thresher which I took for the balance of a lumber bill 20 years ago. Amt Paid me cash \$106.38 Wrote "news" copy evng. I bought at s_____ of my bank a 10 year US Savings \$50 Bond -@ \$37.50

SEPTEMBER 10 Tuesday 68/630am

Part cloudy-Brisk south westerly wind. Sunny and hot. Magnificent big moon shining tonight followed by dashing thunder shower. Did usual chores in variety-Took Ollie to work this am. Dug 1 ½bu nice smooth potatoes, but is hard dry digging. PM I mowed & got 2 cart loads grass for cows out behind barn. Also mowed part of 3 corner lot with some alfalfa growth & clover second cutting strip above. Mr & Mrs John Warren came & stayed tonight in their car behind milk house. Stock market slumped again today, loss 1-12 points.

SEPTEMBER 11 Wednesday

54/11pm

Cooler, northerly wind Partly cloudy-cloudless early evng with full harvest moon,-becoming part overcast. John Warren got the thresher ready to move, behind his car. They are staying over & are camping in their car over by old house. This pm he & I started re roofing the old chicken house & replacing decayed sheeting boards. Rec'd letter Jeanne Longyear enclosing card from Mariam, showing Gaye & Jeannie out riding with 2 other boys in a 2 wheeled donkey cart. Mother is super busy drying sweet corn & canning tomatoes & peaches. The stock market rallied sharply today.

SEPTEMBER 12 Thursday 50/7am

44/11pm

Partly to mostly cloudy, light winds. Decidedly cool.

Cloudless chilly evng - feels frosty

John Warren & I continued roofing job. Sept.11-Dep on my ck acc State of NY Natl Bank. Rec'd from Underwriters Trust Co. (trustees) of Bond & Mtge Guaranteed Certificate payment of 425 per m. Face value 3000 cert. & \$25 per M. Interest total of \$1,350. - This represents final net of 77.8% realyed to certificate holders of this issue. A previous total amounting to 1059 on principal has been paid. This issue covered properties on 50th st & Delaware Place Bklyn

SEPTEMBER 13 Friday 36/630am

43/10pm

Close to frost, in fact there was light frost here & there. A magnificent clear cool day & moonlight chilly evng.

John Warren & I finished re roofing the old chicken house.

Composition 65lb roll roofing was put on by Will Jones & I in Oct 1927. John P. Eckert of Brodhead suffered his second fire loss in 4 months. Last night around midnight his main barn & wooden shed adjoining the farm house was destroyed with its contents including 2 cows.

SEPTEMBER 14 Saturday 32/630am

46/1130pm

Altho 2 degrees under yesterday morning, no frost about our place was noticable. The day & night was cloudless & perfect & calm. John Warren & I started my disrupted potata digging & got out 10bu sorted potatoes - mostly

clean & with some showing rot & mouse eaten. During pm I also spread load manure on grass below garden & got hay rigging load sweet corn for cows.

SEPTEMBER 15 Sunday 46/630am
62/12pm

Another magnificent sunny day with light winds northerly. I took John Warren & his wife on a 25 miles trip up thru his old East side Coons neighborhood where he spent 32 years with the Henry Coons family. Then took the back mountain road coming out on Route 28 at the lower end of Temple's Pond (Lake Kenozia) called on Aunt Julia Winchell enroute home via Ashokan dam & up over Brodhead Heights way. A very pleasant & interesting trip. I found that somebody dug a bu or so of potatoes out last night.

SEPTEMBER 16 Monday 54/630am
62/12pm

Continued fair with some cloudiness, warmer winds light. Cloudless evng. John Warren & Ollie helped finish digging my potatoes. I discovered more had been dug out & stolen last night - A total I judge of about 2bu. Tonight I took Mort & Mary Roe Mrs. Kizirian & Ollie to Phoenicia & saw wonderful color picture, *Return of Lassie* - a war dog. - Gorgeous natural animal pictures, & reproduced war scenes in the Alaska theatre

SEPTEMBER 17 Tuesday 52/630am
58/11pm

Clear - hot drying day - Clear cool evng with gentle northerly wind.

John Warren & I helped dig out Ollie's potatoes had 15bu, nice clean spuds & scarcely a sign of rot. My 2 yr old heifer, named Ollie Jeanne - had a pair of red & white spotted twin calves, a bull & heifer, the latter with white star forehead & beautifully marked. This is the first twin calves we have ever had within mother's recollection. John North's barn on Maltby Hollow road burned early this morning around 430 o'clock - no insurance.

SEPTEMBER 18 Wednesday 54/7am
100pm sun temp.

Another hot sunny drying day with light southerly winds - Some afternoon cloudiness - Clear calm warm evng. Mr & Mrs John Warren got started for Hensonville about 1130 with the thresher behind their Model A Ford car. This pm I mowed grass behind barn & field in front of house. The Krumville Reformed Church & sheds in rear were totally destroyed by fire around noon today. School children from school adjoining first saw the fire pouring from church steeple. Building roofs including the parsonage caught fire but were extinguished. The Woodstock and Accord Fire trucks responded. The church was built about 1874, being torn down & moved from site of present Samsonville ME church.

SEPTEMBER 19 Thursday 56/7am
60/12pm

Hottest Sept 19th on record. Continued sunny & very light winds. Cloudless evng. Put in a busy day with my second crop haying. Tedded & raked yesterday's cutting, also mowed the side hill piece. The NY stock market had bad

days yesterday & today as the bear market progresses.
Work on new Bushkill bridge county job well under way.
Concreting for south approach abutment started yesterday -
Shovel excavating for mid section.

SEPTEMBER 20 Friday 56/7am

64/12pm

Continued fair & abnormally hot weather - Hazed & thickened overcast & breezy pm - later becalmed. I took Ollie to work yesterday & this am up Bushkill. Worked at my haying. Got in 2 well cured loads this pm & raked side hill.

SEPTEMBER 21 Saturday

The brewing storm settled in rainy this morning & continued pretty steadily all day with an increasing downpour toward evng. There was lightning flashes and low rumbling thunder evng & the rain later subsided. Mort Roe helped me put off last night's load of hay & changed a tire before dinner. During pm I attended cash sale of livestock and farm machinery at the former Jordan Brothers farm. Large attendance & prices quite high. The 4 section 32 page issue of Ulster County News became the Ulster County Sunday News with this issue rec'd today.

SEPTEMBER 22 Sunday

64/11pm

Murky muggy & foggy- Cleared away early pm continuing warm & calm after the refreshing rain. Pleasantly cooler evng. Wrote Freeman Sunday News copies. No callers today except

Mr. Kizirian who came for eggs & a lb of butter.

The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for this date with a penciled in date of Sept.23, 1943 (?)

MRS. ANNA A. AVERY

Mrs. Anna A. Avery, wife of Edward B. Avery, died Sunday at her home in West Shokan following a long illness. She was an active worker in the West Shokan Baptist Church and in the Ladies Aid Society of the church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, William Thurston, West Clarksville, NY, two sisters, Mrs. Nora Stickney, of Bradford, Pa., and Mrs. Daisy Covert, of Corning, N.Y., also several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2:30 at the home by the Rev. F. S. Bailey, of Liberty, a former pastor of the West Shokan Church. Burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery, West Shokan.

SEPTEMBER 23 Monday 56/630am

66/11pm

Murky warm & muggy Misty rain evng. Got sweet corn for Ollie to can this morning -
PM spread big cart load on 3 cor. Lot then got load sweet corn stalks, also load cut grass for cows & other odd jobs.
Wrote Ulster Co Sunday News copy last nite & this am.

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Winchell, widow of Abram B. Winchell, of Port Ewen, formerly of Brodhead's Bridge, died in

Kingston on Sunday. She is survived by two sons, Lawrence Winchell of Lake Katrine, and Burlin Winchell of Port Ewen; a daughter, Mrs. Frieda Krom of Middletown; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Ellen Nichols of Olive Bridge, and several grandchildren. She was a member of the West Shokan Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of A. Carr & Son of Pearl Street, with burial in the Tongore cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral parlors this evening between 7 and 9 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 24 Tuesday 62/7am

66/12pm

Light rain thru night, followed by an all day downpour, terminating at twilight & breaking away with magnificent color effects and a double rainbow over Tysteneck Mtn. Murked over & muggy evng. I had Frank Booth do some electric light repairing am. I didn't accomplish much today other than chores. Made up order evng to Sears Roebuck & Co.

SEPTEMBER 25 Wednesday

60/1030pm

Gorgeous clear warm day - Fresh winds northerly pm quieting. Pleasantly cool evng. Grand corn ripening weather. Among other jobs I finished the seasons potato digging - 4 rows across garden which yielded 3 ½bu sorted potatoes, mainly old whoppers & clean. Also 2 border rows, east side, along corn field, had about a bu. Also picked 2 bags greening apples. Rec'd letter Jeanne Longyear with 3 sugar stamps.

SEPTEMBER 26 Thursday 44/7am

53/12pm

Continued clear warm and sunny - Wind gentle. Ollie helped me pick greening winter apples. Have a nice crop on the 3 remaining old trees. Brought apples home on car & put in celler. Justus North started job of laying a new brick tile lined outside chimney on west side of her house. Rec'd card from Cornelia saying that she and Dick will change their jobs from Gawanda State Hosp to the Rome State School beginning next Monday. Funeral in Ashokan 230pm for "Datche" Gulnac, lifelong & Olive's oldest resident. Burial Tongore Cemetery.

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

Abram D. Gulnac, 94, one of the oldest residents of the town of Olive, died at the home of his son, Fred Gulnac, with whom he resided in Ashokan on Wednesday. Surviving relatives, besides his son, are two daughters, Mrs. John Bell of Brodheads and Mrs. Francis Lane of Mt. Tremper, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, also one sister, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, of Kingston. Funeral services will be held at the residence in Ashokan on Saturday at 2:30pm, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Ashokan Methodist Church. Burial will be in Tongore Cemetery.

SEPTEMBER 27 Friday 48/7am

56/12pm

Continued clear sunny & warm - Winds light. Continued picking apples - finished the greenings & part of the high

baldwin tree - Late pm got in the rain blackened jag of side hill second cutting.

SEPTEMBER 28 Saturday 56/7am

Another clear sunny summery day & evng. Light southerly wind. New Moon showed early evng over South Hollow. Finished apple picking except few odds & ends with Ollie's help - Also got load sweet corn stalks on hay rigging & spread big cart load manure on grass below garden. Tonight I listened to radio broadcast of game at Sportsmans Park St. Louis between Cardinals & Cubs.

SEPTEMBER 29 Sunday Back to Standard Time
64/12pm

Foggy & murky, broke away mid day & later murked over again. Calm atmosphere - Rained a little late evng. I went to Gus Korittke's Watson Hollow shop & had some necessary repairs made. Had call pm by Kathryn Van Ness & her studio tenants. This pm I heard broadcast of final Natl League game - Ebbetts Field Brooklyn between the Dodgers & Boston Red Sox won by latter 4-0. Mort Cooper winning pitcher with the Cubs beating Cards 8-3 the season ends with a tie for 1st place necessitating play off games.

SEPTEMBER 30 Monday
62/12pm

Rainy night & forenoon chilly storm - With increasing northerly wind & colder. Busy with chores & odd jobs. Our pantry pull chain light shorted early this evng & blew a fuse. This necessitated me going over to the Allen farm & getting Happy Mylis to make repairs. I gave him a bag of

potatoes, nearly a bushel.

OCTOBER 1 Tuesday 42/7am

40/12pm

The Wittenberg range is snow fringed - and there were mountain snow squalls all day. This to my recollection is an all time early record. Cloudy raw cold windy day, rainy early evng. This forenoon I spread cart load of manure, & got hay rigging load of sweet corn stalks. At 230pm I took time off and heard broadcast over Kingston WKNY of the first play off game between the St.Louis Cardinals & Brooklyn Dodgers, at Sportsmans Park St.Louis The Cards won 4-2

OCTOBER 2 Wednesday 40/630am

32/12pm

Continued mountain snow squally, snow fringe on High Point, and snow on Wittenbers and mountains beyond Phoenicia to right. Mostly cloudy raw cold & windy - All cleared evng wind stilled. Ollie helped start cutting corn, a miserable raccoon twisted and broken down job, stalks where they had a chance pretty well eared. Wm Suepfles the lumberman is rebuilding a woods road leading from my property on south side of Watson Hollow Inn crossroad to the site of a saw mill he plans to build on the Will Beesmer lot.

OCTOBER 3 Thursday 33/630am

44/10pm

White frost this am touched pumpkin vines. A magnificent clear day with light winds southerly. Cloudless still evng.

Continued cutting corn. The St. Louis Cardinals easily took the second play off game 8-4 at Ebbetts Field, Brooklyn with the Dodgers, and won the National League pennant

OCTOBER 4 Friday

54/11pm

Another magnificent summer like day, calm. Gorgeous clear still evng. With bright bulging past half moon. Spread cart load manure on orchard lot grass-brought back sweet corn stalks am Continued cutting corn pm Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam from Havana, written Oct 2.

The Suepfle saw mill moved (moved) from a Winchell District lumber tract is being re-assembled on the Will Beesmer lot. This mill was formerly owned & operated by the late Henry Winchell.

OCTOBER 5 Saturday 47/630am

Another cloudless warm still day & perfect moonlight evng. Served as Inspector on First Day of Registration. All day to 10pm job.

OCTOBER 6 Sunday

50/12pm

Continued clear summer weather-Calm-Glorious warm moonlight evng. I mowed the second cutting behind old barn am. Charley Langer & mother called pm They returned yesterday from a 1600 mile Chevy trip down thru Maryland. Jesse Shurter called briefly. I enjoyed the WKNY broadcast at 2 30pm of the thrilling 1st game of the 1946 World Series at Sportsmans Park St. Louis, a 10 inning game won 3-2 over the Cardinals by

the American League Champions, The Boston Red Sox.
Wrote Mariam air mail letter evng.

OCTOBER 7 Monday 48/6am
52/1030pm

Still another hot sumery practically cloudless mellow day,
and lovely moonlight evng considerably cooler than last
night. Continued corn cutting with Ollie helpin, finished
the field corn. William Suepfle's mill on the Beesmer lot
started sawing pm - The St.Louis Cards shut out eh Red
Socks 3-0 in the 2nd game of the World's series this pm at
St Louis. - Harry The Cat, Bertine the winning pitcher.
Wrote Sunday news copy evng.

OCTOBER 8 Tuesday
46/12pm

Clear this morning but became heavily overcast with light
southerly wind. However gloomy it did not rain. Cut the
sweet & pop corn before dinner, except some standing &
broken down stalks by old house. This pm cleaned up the
jag of second cutting & brought corn stalks atop the load.
Dark getting back home.

OCTOBER 9 Wednesday
47/1030pm

Partly cloudy, becoming all overcast during pm Light rain
tonight Southerly winds.

I spread load manure re-dried the load of hay behind barn &
took it up & put in Ollie's barn for winter pig feeding. Also
got load sweet corn stalks by Hinckley house Grover C.
Winchell called evng & brought renewed Olive Co-op Fire

Ins Policy - premium \$71 paid. I note Wm Shultis started work building the new bungalow above us at Jim Harrison's pasture lot.

OCTOBER 10 Thursday 46/7am
46/12pm

Cool - Partly overcast. Beautifully sunny bright & colorful pm Magnificent early full moon rise behind broken clouds. Did chores etc. am Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell made their 12th annual Worlds series dinner visit. Mother had a wonderful dinner, mashed potatoes, sqush, roasted down veal & squirrels, gravy, apple pie, sliced tomatoes, beets. Henry & I enjoyed the WKNY broadcast beginning 115 of the 4th game of the Worlds Series at Fenway Park, Boston - The Cardinals won easily over the Red Sox 12-3 -Cards got 20 hits, equalling the 1921 record of NY Giants over Yanks.

OCTOBER 11 Friday 50/7am
60/12pm

A gray overcast day. Still set in rainy late evng. Drewed out manure & got 2 cart loads sawdust from Sueples mill. Went to Phoenicia evng & saw Elaborate color picture *Holiday in Mexico*. The Red Sox defeated the Cardinals 6-3 this pm in 5th Worlds Series game in Boston. - 6th will be played Sunday pm in St. Louis. Around noon a small pontoon equipped plane gracefully landed on placid waters of reservoir, pretty well across opposite our house. It took off with a loud roar in about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. This pm I moved my brood sow Jill, soon to farrow back up to Ollie Burghers pen.

OCTOBER 12 Saturday

48/12pm

Warm muggy. Rainy night & forenoon & Again evng later clearing. Cooler with the day's moist southerly wind shifting freshly northerly. Busy with chores in variety am - Served 1 - 10pm as Inspector on Second Day of Registration. Rec'd air mail card from Mariam that the Cuba Hurricane did them no harm in Havana, despite a two day rain & blow.

OCTOBER 13 Sunday 42/7am

36/12pm

Beautiful bright, crisp clear sunny day, with fresh northerly winds dimmishing pm Cloudless chill quiet evng Did usual chores etc. This pm Charley & Mrs. Langer called. They brought 6 Hubbard squashes (paid \$.75) I enjoyed the WKNY broadcast of the 6th World Series game at St. Louis, won 4-1 by the Cardinals over the Red Sox. Harry Bertine, the winning pitcher. The studded frame of the Harrison bungalow took form today. Wrote "news" copy evng.

OCTOBER 14 Monday 32/630am

44/10pm

Some frost this am but no damage. Another clear bright day, winds light. - Some overcast.

I spread cart load manure on grass & got 2 hay wagon load slabs from the Suepfle's mill & took them to Ollie's for sap wood & hog yard. Wrote air mail letter Mariam evng.

10pm I heard radio broadcast of Pres. Truman nation wide

talk on the desperate meat situation. O.P.A. Controls on meat & cattle abolished tomorrow.

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

ASA BARRINGER

Asa Barringer of Samsonville, died at the Benedictine Hospital on Saturday night. A farmer by occupation Mr. Barringer had lived in Samsonville all his life. He is survived by his wife, Rachael Barringer, a son, Alvin V. Barringer of High Falls, two daughters, Mrs. William Beesmer, of Olive Bridge and Mrs. Harvey Marshall of Grand Gorge and five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the Samsonville church Tuesday at 2pm Interment will be in the Palentown cemetery.

OCTOBER 15 Tuesday 40/7am

Cool-Light wind off reservoir-Partly cloudy. All clear calm evng. Did chores odd jobs am This pm I put my kitchen radio outside window & heard full broadcast of 7th & final Worlds Series game at St Louis, while I split up firewood. In a tense exciting see saw game the St.Louis Cardinals, won the Worlds Championship for 1946 by defeating the Boston Red Sox 4-3.

OCTOBER 16 Wednesday 40/7am 169th Anniversary

Burning of Kingston by British Troops

Sunny & warm South westerly winds. My "Jill" sow had litter of 11 pigs (1 born dead) between early last evng & this morning 7 o'clock. Did chores am & oiled outer side of

front porch & steps. This pm I started building a cellar potato bin for Ollie Burgher, replacing old one that collapsed last winter.

OCTOBER 17 Thursday

49/11pm

Warm, like summer. Partly cloudy to becoming overcast & mountain showers latter pm. South westerly winds - still murky evng. Did usual chores & odd morning jobs including mowing a strip of grass behind barn. This afternoon I worked at Ollie's potato bin. Uncle Watson Bishop died in Kemble's Sanitarium 25 years ago tonight at 925

OCTOBER 18 Friday

A warm rainy day-a downpour- Brisk south westerly wind pm & evng. I finished the potato bin job, putting to good use the rainy weather.

OCTOBER 19 Saturday

Pleasantly cool, part cloudy fresh northerly winds. Bright colorful day overcast still evng.

I busied with chores & odd jobs. Got cart load sawdust from Suepfles mill during pm We had a noon call by Mrs. Nellie McNeil of Bklyn & three of her daughters. I granted Wm.Suepfle permission for a period of 6 mo. From Oct 15, use of a wood road over my property, leading from the Watson Hollow Inn mountain road to his saw mill on the Beesmer wood lot. For this privilege he paid me 50.00 & agrees to saw me 1000 ft lumber without charge, me to furnish the logs. I also am to have for the hauling, slabs &

sawdust.

OCTOBER 20 Sunday 30/630am

38/11pm

White frost - Lovely clear & chill this morning but became overcast, the atmosphere having the feeling of snow Doing daily chores etc. Afternoon callers were Edward Avery - Kathryn Van Ness & tenants Mrs. Diedrick & Mrs. Lahers.

OCTOBER 21 Monday 32/630am

A truly magnificent bright sunny day with light winds & the colorful autumn scenery at its crest. Mother recalls vividly the death of her grandfather "Old Pap" Henry M. Crispell on Fri

Oct 21-1881, on a magnificent day, similar to this - He was within about a month of 80. With help of neighbor Swan Brewster I drew 2 big loads of saw mill slabs, one for him am - pm I drew out manure & got cart load sawdust & sweet corn stouts. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear, with \$17.00 check for eggs - Completed Sunday news copy this morning Wrote "news" copy

OCTOBER 22 Tuesday 32/630am

36/1030pm

White frost this am. Another glorious mellow cloudless day & evng. Ollie helped me husk several stouts corn in the field forenoon. PM raked the cut grass behind barn & got last of sweet corn stalks by old house & several stouts field corn which we husked off before supper. Wrote Freeman news copy evng. This date is my darling "Little Honey's" birthday. Had she lived my Heavenly Angel would be 18.

The following is from a clipping pasted in journal for this date (clipping has hand written date of 10-28-46)

Leroy H. Shurter of Samsonville, died in the Benedictine Hospital Saturday night. He was a son of the late Justin and Georgia Chichester Shurter, and is survived by two brothers, Wendell C. And Orien P. Shurter, both of New York City. Funeral servies will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Kukuk Funeral Home, 167 Tremper avenue, with burial in the Rosendale Plains cemetery. Friends may call at the Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock and that evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

OCTOBER 23 Wednesday 34/7am
42/10pm

Continuing magnificent cloudless serene warm weather.
Light northerly day winds.
Ollie helped me husk corn in field.

OCTOBER 24 Thursday 42/7am
64/10pm

Sunny but with some cloudiness developing. Southerly winds - Warmer, summer like.
Mort Roe & I made a barrel batch of cider for me, apples in bags so long getting pretty mushy.
PM Ollie & I got hay wagon load corn & husked it off before supper, about 12 stouts.

OCTOBER 25 Friday

62/12pm

Clear this morning fresh southerly winds becoming overcast by mid day - Continuing warm. Ollie & I husked off 11 stouts corn in field before dinner. During pm drew out cart load manure & got the last load corn on hay wagon, with Swan Brewster's help. Tonight went to Phoenicia and saw stupendous technicolor picture *Ceaser & Cleopatra*.

OCTOBER 26 Saturday 54/7am

46/10pm

Raining hard this morning but let up around 9 o'clock. The afternoon was sunny & warm & all clear still evng, & cooler. Grand day for squirrel hunting. Ollie helped me butcher Sam Scudders pig which took the heart out of the day. Finished husking off the last load of field corn evng.

OCTOBER 27 Sunday

80mid pm

54/1130pm

Partly cloudy, calm, balmy summer like. Stuck close around home-waiting for Sam Scudder to come for his butchered pig which he did late pm. I cut it up for him. Charley & Mrs Langer called pm. The rafters were raised today on the new up hill Harrison bungalow, by James Harrison & carpenter Will Shultis.

OCTOBER 28 Monday 54/7am

66/12pm

Light rain this morning. Pretty much murky overcast. Rainy again latter pm & mussy evng. Warm & still. Drew out manure and filled in sod under eaves on north side of house,

also got cart load saw dust.

OCTOBER 29 Tuesday 66/630am 86mid pm Sun
temp 70/1130pm

Brisk southerly winds. Partly cloudy Starlight evng. Real summery weather - Katydids chirping

With Swan Brewsters help, we drewd 3 big loads slabs, two for him under the hill, also took 2 pine logs to mill for sawing - using hay wagon. Wrote "news" copy evng. Ladies Aid served roast beef supper at church for all who helped with recent new basement cement floor.

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

The tax rate for Olive school district No.3, in 2 which a part of Shokan village is located, is .0074 this year. The rate for district No.4 and Hurley No.13, embracing Ashokan is .0062.

October 30, 1877, Jacob Coons, owner of the present E.S.Bostock place, had in his barn and granary the following season's crop of grains: 185 bushels oats, 87 bushels rye, 75 bushels buskwheat and 184 bushels of ear corn. Not bad for a mountain farm. The place was later farmed by Henry Coons whose heirs sold it to Leonard Ruckert. Mr. Bostock bought the property in 1929 for a summer home. Some hay is cut on the old farm but general cropping has been discontinued, as is the case with numerous other mountainside farms which have come into the hands of city people.

OCTOBER 30 Wednesday 62/7am

70/1130pm

Partly cloudy. Brisk southerly winds. Warm summer weather. All clear evng with growing crescent moon, & windy - northerly. Had 184ft pine boards sawed this am at Suepfles mill, out of 1000ft swing he agreed to give me. Swan Brewster helped take them up to Ollies with load slabs. Afternoon hauld load slabs for him & he helped get load corn stalks stacked in field.

OCTOBER 31 Thursday 73/6am

54/10pm

Hot summer morning. Mostly cloudy, squally looking with gusty northerly wind, turning decidedly cooler. Swan Brewster & I drew slabs, one load up to Ollie's & one for him. Also had hemlock log sawed for him 77ft. New York weather records reveal this Oct. Hottest recorded & driest since 1924. The reservoir west basin has receded drastically in recent weeks.

NOVEMBER 1 Friday 40/7am

50/11pm

Partly cloudy, mostly sunny, became overcast gloomy at evng. Winds light northerly. Drew out manure & got 2 cart loads sawdust from mill. Also Ollie helped me butcher the bull of the twin calves late pm. It dressed skinned, beef style - 55lbs. Rec'd blue denim jacket (42) from Cornelia price \$3.66

NOVEMBER 2 Saturday

50/12pm

Magnificent clear crispy sunny windy day - seems warmer tonight. I made trip to Kingston with Election Returns. The Republicans swept the county in a landslide that elected most Rep. Governors & took the Democratic control over both houses of Congress, after 14 New Deal years. Had new lenses fitted in old frames at Harry Pitts, optician, cash paid \$8.00

NOVEMBER 7 Thursday 52/7am

52/9pm

Fair early but because high overcast, mild & calm. I drew 2 loads mill slabs, mostly hardwood; took one up to Ollies & one here home. Also drew out load manure on grass.

NOVEMBER 8 Friday 46/7am

52/10pm

Rained in night. Murky still this morning; partly cleared, & dark threatening clouds, fresh nor westerly winds. I drew home a big load of mill slabs, changed over from hay rigging to wagon box, getting a hand from neighbor Brewster.

NOVEMBER 9 Saturday 46/630am

48/10pm

Drab overcast chilly weather-northerly wind. Rain squally this am.

I gave Swan Brewster a hand last evng & this am cementing celler bottom & he in return helped me get a big high wagon box load leaves along back road.

NOVEMBER 10 Sunday 38/7am

51/12pm

A drab chilly overcast day & evng. Light winds; Blustery evng.

This afternoon I took a trip up over the Bostock Mtn road & to see how my bull Bill is making out at Charley Duloffs. I likewise visited the little secluded Coons family cemetery.

NOVEMBER 11 Monday

62/12pm

Overcast mild-variable winds. Became mussy pm & light rain evng.

Busy with odd jobs, drew out manure, husked off pop corn stouts. Mr & Mrs John Warren came pm & they camped tonight in their car in Ollie's barn. I took Mort & Mary Roe & Ollie to see picture *Sister Kenny* at Phoenicia evng.

NOVEMBER 12 Tuesday 52am

40/10pm

Blustery. Partly cloudy-Turning noticeably colder pm & evng. Beautifully clear tonight.

Mr & Mrs John Warren who spent last night in Ollie's barn returned to Hensonville pm. Ollie helped me get a big wagon load leaves along the old quarry road.

NOVEMBER 13 Wednesday 38/630am

Rather chilly, partly & mostly cloudy, somewhat bluster. I started plowing the orchard lot corn stubble, taking over small load manure & bringing home sawdust.

NOVEMBER 14 Thursday 36/7am

36/10pm

Blustery night & blustery raw day & evng. Partly cloudy & a bit squally. Looks like the “summers” over. Busy with chores & putting off load leaves am. This afternoon I drew 2 big wagon load mill slabs mostly hardwood.

NOVEMBER 15 Friday 28/630am

24/12pm

First killing frost & freeze up of season. Ground crust frozen & hard ice on barn gutter tub - Clear raw cold & windy diminishing - Still & frosty tonight.

I spread load manure, plowed corn stubble & got load sawdust. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear containing letter written Monday in Havana by Jeanne Longyear - She left for Havana by plane from Newark Mond. Nov 4 at midnight.

NOVEMBER 16 Saturday 18/645am

48/9pm

Hard freeze and half inch ice-Ground froze hard. Clear, brisk south westerly winds developed gradually became overcast pm.

Busy with odd jobs & drew load slabs to Ollies - A woods fire on the opposite side of Toran's Hook gained considerable noon time headway, but was got under control within an hour or so.

NOVEMBER 17 Sunday 46/630am

40/1030pm

Raining lightly this morning but stopped later - overcast

gloomy - Wind S.W. this morning- Calm pm Colder evng.
Dim starlight Nice time for deer hunting. Francis Whispell
is reported having got one. I was busy all day with chores
& odd jobs.

NOVEMBER 18 Monday 30/630am

19/10pm

Beautifully clear sunny day, crispy atmosphere, feeling of
snow, winds light. Pulled our fine crop of garden cabbage
this am & stored in celler, with Swan Brewster helping. He
also fixed my Chevy tail light - During pm I spread load
manure on grass & got a strip of corn ground plowed.

NOVEMBER 19 Tuesday 16/630am

Another snappy freeze last night. Continued clear, chilly
bright sunny day, light winds. Freezing again tonight.
I gathered a load leaves along upper back road am - pm
spread load manure, plowing another strip of corn ground &
got cart load of sawdust. Wrote "news" copy evng. Funeral
2 pm at Olive Bridge Church for Mrs. Mary Bush Crispell
widow of Edward Crispell. Interment in Tongore Cemetery.

NOVEMBER 20 Wednesday 28/7am

32/12pm

Continued sunny with chilly air & winds light. Froze up
quite crispy last night.
Finished plowing corn ground & took load sawdust up for
hog pens at Ollie's & during pm pulled load turnips from
my potato patch.

NOVEMBER 21 Thursday 28/630am

34/10pm

Continued sunny weather, winds light. Nice & warm mid day but chilly morn & night.

This am I screened & cemented Ollie's celler window and this afternoon topped the load of turnips We pulled another load which I partly topped after supper.

NOVEMBER 22 Friday 50/7am

34/12pm

Arrived mussy & foggy & was gloomy & rainy pretty much will early pm then broke away getting windy & colder.

Finished topping load of turnips this am & kept busy with chores pm I cleaned out the pig pens at Ollies. Cornelia & Dick paid us a surprise visit arriving around 7 o'clock.

They drove down from Rome.

NOVEMBER 23 Saturday 26/7am

30/10pm

Cold raw windy day. Mostly clear sunny. Gathered a load of leaves along back road and spread cart load manure.

Cornelia & Dick left for Waverly at 11 15 am.

NOVEMBER 24 Sunday 22/7am

44/12pm

Considerable high overcast otherwise fair. Froze up crispy - Generally calm during day blustery evng from southwest.

Moderate. Doing customary chores. This pm I took a walk over thru our woods & down Jacky Brook. I noted site of Norman Crispell's heading mill in turn of stream, on present Karn property, formerly Whittiers. Several long bolts protrude above buried bed timbers. Also visited my

former mink sets below, also site on former s.w.corner Hesley farm of the foundations of black “Jackie Crispells” log cabin a former slave of Thos. Crispell a Revolutionary soldier. Wrote letter evng to Minnie Every. Mother & I enjoyed an excellent supper.

NOVEMBER 25 Monday 46/7am

54/11pm

Generally sunny, to partly cloudy, brisk southerly all night & day wind-Still warm evng. Swan Brewster helped me put up load leaves on barn floor storage mow this morning. This afternoon Ollie helped pull the last load of turnips & top them. Total yield about 30bu Mildest Nov 25 in annals of NY City weather bureau.

NOVEMBER 26 Tuesday 40/630am

58/11pm

Noticably cooler this am but the day was mild partly cloudy, with southwesterly wind becoming rainy by mid pm - Blustery & rainy tonight. Had morning callers. Foster Shultis, Aaron VanDeBogart Sr., also Theodore Kerr. This pm Ollie helped me make sauerkraut, 15 gal keg & 2 gal jar. Tonight I went with Ed.Weldt, Wm Jordon and Harlowe McLean, as part of delegation from Shokan IOOF Lodge, to Humiston’s parlors Kerhonkson & as Chaplain & Art Trowbridge, as Noble Grand, conducted bruial services for Bro Frank Decker (82) a lodge member over 50 years.

NOVEMBER 27 Wednesday 32/630am

42/11pm

A serene mild cloudless day till latter pm grew squally &

blustery evng. I plowed most of the potato & turnip ground & got cart load leaves along back road. Finished writing Ulster County Sunday news copy this morning.

NOVEMBER 28 Thursday 32/7am

36/12pm

Froze up some this morning, fair & rather blustery, quieting & becoming glum & overcast pm - and blustery again evng. Pretty nice Thanksgiving weather. I finished plowing potato patch & got a big load leaves in upper woods. We had no callers. Mother & I enjoyed our nice Thanksgiving supper together.

NOVEMBER 29 Friday 40/7am

24/11pm

Rather chilly & windy. Mostly clear - turning colder. I started plowing new sod, weedy strip of ground on upper side 3 corner lot for next years potato patch.

NOVEMBER 30 Saturday 24/7am

Gloomy, cold, & snow & hail shower this morning, showering a pepper & salt sprinkling on mtns Later partly broke away, turning warmer & windy. Finished plowing new sod potato patch am and pm did odd jobs. Tonight before lodge I went to Bill Lortz's & had hair cut. 50cents on Krumville Road. Attended Lodge I.O.O.F. Initiatory Degree on Lester Osterhoudt & Stephen Jurowski. Refreshments followed.

DECEMBER 1 Sunday 50/7am

28/11pm

Mild murky this am. Blustery becoming decidedly cooler pm, evng - partly cloudy - did chores & odd jobs. Swan Brewster & his brother from Canaan, Conn called latter pm. Writing news copy evng.

DECEMBER 2 Monday 6/7am

14/12pm

Windy cold night. Much colder snappy winter weather, with strong biting northerly wind. Clear, calming down somewhat tonight. Put off load leaves this am & did necessary daily chores.

Mrs. Jennie Cornish (79) lifelong Olive resident widow of Ward T. Cornish died this am at her home in Olive Bridge.

DECEMBER 3 Tuesday 16/7am

28/11pm

Generally fair - Thin high overcast developing, slowly moderating with raw south westerly wind evng. Other than daily chores I spread cart load manure on potato ground & got load sawdust.

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

Mrs. Jennie S. Cornish, widow of T. Warren Cornish, died at her home in Olive bridge Monday morning following a prolonged illness. She was born in 1867 in the town of Olive the daughter of the late George and Ellen Silkworth. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Milton Gelbert, at home; two sister, Mrs. Edith S. Smith, Hurley, and Mrs. George Miller, Kingston; a brother, Charles Silkworth,

Schenectady; four step children, Mrs. Grover Christiana, Olive Bridge; Mrs. DeForrest Bishop, Stone Ridge; Mrs. Lulu Winne, Arlington, NJ, and Irving D. Cornish, Stone Ridge; and several nephews and grandchildren. Mrs. Cornish spent her entire life in that section of the county and was a lifelong member of the Tongore Methodist Church. Funeral will be held from the Sutton Funeral Home in Hurley Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. D.H. Williams of the Tongore Methodist Church will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited. Burial will be in the Silkworth plot in the Hurley cemetery.

Also found in journal for this date:

Ellenville, Dec. 3 - Chauncey VanDemark, 63, of 124 South Main Street, died at the Kingston Hospital, Sunday, after an illness of several months. Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hanse of Ellenville; a brother, Lester VanDemark of Saugerties and several aunts and cousins. He was born in Stone Ridge on March 4, 1885, a son of Davis and Cora Ayers VanDemark. Mr. VanDemark had resided in Ellenville for the past several years. Funeral services will be conducted at the Pulling Funeral Home, Wednesday at 10am by the Rev. William Coombe. Burial will be in Fair View Cemetery, Stone Ridge.

DECEMBER 4 Wednesday 18/7am

24/11pm

Generally fair - Wind southerly - Chilly atmosphere. Jim Burgher and David Bender helped me butcher my yearling hog, Rebecca. Dressed 205. We did a nice clean job, under favorable butchering conditions.

DECEMBER 5 Thursday 24/7am

36/10pm

Partly overcast. Light winds - became overcast pm & broke away evng. Pleasantly mild.

I helped Mort Roe butcher a 265 lb dressed hog and got a load of saw mill slabs for firewood. Rec'd air letter from Mariam & Jeanne Longyear. I cut up the hog after supper.

DECEMBER 6 Friday 28/7am

24/11pm

Dark & murky this morning, faired away around noon & became overcast again late evng. Raw damp air.

Unloaded the wagon load of slabs this am along with doing chores. Spread an accumulation of several barrels of ashes pm & took a load of summered over chunk wood up to Ollies.

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

LUCHT- At her home in West Shokan, NY, on Friday, December 6, 1946, Henrietta Lucht, wife of Charles R. Lucht and mother of Harry and Howard Lucht and Mrs. Walter Schmoekel. Funeral services at the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock, NY Monday, December 9, 1946 at 2 pm Interment in Tongore cemeter. Friends wishing to see Mrs. Lucht may call at the Funeral Home anytime Sunday afternoon and evening. (dated 12/7/46)

DECEMBER 7 Saturday 34am

30/12pm

Sunny somewhat hazy mild but chilly atmosphere - calm. Big almost full moon shining evng, rising early. Mort Roe & Ollie helped me butcher husky 5 weeks old, James red bull calf early pm In fine condition & dressed 90, beef style (hide off) This is Mort & Mary Roe's 28th wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 8 Sunday 34/7am

Considerably overcast, mild & calm. I took a walk down on the reservoir property over the old mud flats, where once was our old farm and other places of interest. 5 years ago yesterday I made a similiar trip only then the water level was considerably lower. It now backs up by our old Grove House while then I was able to walk down to the main street corner, at the site of Aunt Cornelia Bishop's home. Today I crossed the field on Worman Crispell farm & then over the road oozing in water to Almira DeLong's house foundation - across past Swamp Academy - up main road past Alvena Housons then headed west along trace of left angle of road toward Colange's store visiting the John North & Heb Bush home site, then striking to left across Uncle Jake Crispell's old fields. Visited his farm site, thence up the hill heading home.

DECEMBER 9 Monday 40/7am Warmest Dec 9 on record 60/11pm

Springlike weather. Warm. Considerable cloudiness, became breezy during pm. Spread cart load manure n potato ground & got load saw dust, besides doing usual daily chores. Mother & I made 16lb sausage after supper which she had prepared today. I put the hams in brine cure -

also side port yesterday. Funeral 2 pm at Lashers Woodstock for Mrs. Chas Lucht Interment Tongore Cemetery. Early morning Winecoff Hotel fire in Atlanta GA took the lives of 121 persons. Worst U.S. hotel disaster.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday 50/7am

50/12pm

Hottest Dec 10th on record. Calm & part overcast am becoming breezy & cloudy pm with light showers - Part clearing & windy tonight. Busy with necessary odd jobs. Tonight Swan Brewster & I went with Edward Weldt to Kingston and attended the conferring of the Master Mason Degree on 5 candidates at Kingston Lodge no10. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear.

DECEMBER 11 Wednesday 32/7am

28/11pm

Crispy, bright sunny day. Northerly wind. Part overcast evng. Decidedly colder than yesterday. Packed & sent by PP bundle of Xmas greens also box gifts to Mr & Mrs Longyear for them to take with them to Havana. This pm Swan Brewster helped me get a big load of bedding leaves from Hinkley woods. Rec'd letter Mrs. Chas Duloff

DECEMBER 12 Thursday

54/11pm

Pretty much a rainy nasty day dark & misty pm Warmer blustery rainy evng.

Altho it rained thruout I thoroughly plowed the Swan Brewsters garden. I wore a slicker coat to keep dry under &

the mud off. He helped with pick & bar getting out rocks. Lena Smith Brewster served a good hot dinner. During the pm I got a cart load of sawdust & did the chores at Ollies, she being on jury duty. Recd letter from Cornelia with Xmas card picture of Norah.

DECEMBER 13 Friday

30/11pm

Colder, crispy, fair & windy. Bright atmosphere Blustery - overcast evng.

I made a trip to Kingston Mort Roe went along. Went up over Bostock Mtn road & called on Charles Duloff - Found my bull "Bill" ok. Paid 4.00 on feed for fattening. I called on Aunt Julia Winchell & she gave me a 20 gal crock. I presented her with 2 lb _____ of butter - and told her I'd remember where I butchered a beef. Coming back by way of Marbletown Spillway road, bought 7 gal sweet cider of Byron Baker @ .25 gal. Bought KWIK START - 18 MO. Chev battery Montgomery Ward \$7.45 Purchased thru Kingston Trust Co \$300.00 - 2 3/4% American Tel & Tel Co. Debenture Bonds (convertable after April 1947, into stock @ \$150.00 share. Was issued 20 Rights by AT&T - 1 for each share stock freed. - 6 Rights for each \$100.00 bond purchase requirement. Cashing the remaining 2. Mother rec'd a Xmas fruit cake from Cornelia. Wrote Freeman news copy evng.

DECEMBER 14 Saturday 22/7am

24/11pm

Raw blustery generally fair & sunny - Inclined to be a bit mountain snow squally. Froze up quite hard this am with

half inch ice on barn gutter iron kettle (the big one used in sap boiling arch on the old reservoir farm) Drawed over manure on plowed potato ground & got big cart load bedding leaves along back road. Letter from Mrs. Longyear saying our Xmas pkgs sent PP Wed arrived in fine condition. They will leave Newark Air Port Mon 830 & arrived 345pm in Havana Via National Line.

DECEMBER 15 Sunday 22/7am

Blustery cold & snow squalls. Fields & mountains whitened this afternoon. I am developing a miserable runny head cold & feel accordingly - Kept on the go doing chores.

DECEMBER 16 Monday 20/7am

24/12pm

Cold raw air & wind bright Sunny - The atmosphere has a feel of snow brewing. Became overcast evng. & snowed to whiten the ground. My head runs miserably almost a constant trickle - I put in the day doing odd jobs & chores. Gathered a batch of evergreen braches pm Packed a shoe box full of pine-hemlock-cedar, balsam, silver spruce, laurel to send Evelyn Longyear in Albuquerque, N.M. Also a bundle to send Jane Bostwick in White Plains. Recd Christmas card from Mariam.

DECEMBER 17 Tuesday 34/7am

40/11pm

Turned warmer during night and was rainy this morning awhile. Murky, mild, & somewhat windy. I spread cart load manure on potato ground & brought back saw bench from old house porch storage. Took Ollie to catch 1205

Boiceville bus to Kingston for afternoon court duty. Later pm I gathered a load of leaves over along by back road. Wrote Xmas cards evng Recd letter from Gene Longyear in Havana, written

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

EVELYN DAVIS MARRIED IN GLENDALE, CALIF., TO ROBERT J. MULLER

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald E. Davis of Olive Bridge announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Evelyn Louise Davis, to Robert J. Muller. The double ring ceremony was performed Saturday at 8pm in the North Glendale Methodist Church, Glendale, Calif. Westly Muller of Denver, Colo., was his brother's best man and the bride's only attendance was Mrs. Edward Nash, sister of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Muller is a graduate of Kingston High School and Methodist School of Nursing, Brooklyn. Mr. Muller served two yearss in the Merchant Marines and at present is a student at the University of Southern California, where he is majoring in dentistry.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Laguna Beach, Calif., and will be at home, 514 West Dryden Street, Glendale, Calif., after January 1.

DECEMBER 18 Wednesday 26/7am
24/11pm

Overcast this morning but cleared away, sunny pleasant day - Winds light. Wrote Sunday news copy this morning also Christmas cards. Spread cart load manure on woods corner

grass. This pm Swan Brewster put new Ward's Kwik Start battery in my Chevy & put old one in Model T. Ford. He got it running. We set it up and started sawing my pile of mill slabs.

DECEMBER 19 Thursday 16/630am

12/11pm

Crispy calm & bright sunny day. Cloudless still & colder tonight. Mort Roe helped me saw up the pile of mill slabs for firewood. All dry condition for sawing. Made a fine heap of mostly hard wood with some hemlock - Ollie Burgher finished her jury duty. Wrote batch Christmas cards tonight.

DECEMBER 20 Friday First real snow of season

28/11pm

Heavily overcast. Cold and raw & still Set in snowing early pm & continued snowing heavily, at midnight had turned to rain. Swan Brewster came up this am & helped with chores & drew out manure - We took a load of sawed wood up to Ollies & brought back load slabs & sawed them. We then moved the sawing rig down to his place, set it up & got some slab wood sawed for him in the storm.

DECEMBER 21 Saturday 34/7am

36/12am

The snow fall was fully eight inches - Rainy night and continued till around mid pm. Cold rain, but settled the snow half and made slush slippery conditions. County & town snow plows opened the highway. Wrote more Xmas cards am & continued receiving them.

DECEMBER 22 Sunday 34/7am

Blustery squally & mostly cloudy. Roads very slippery. Did usual routine daily chores. - Wrote more Xmas cards also card letter to Mrs. Hartmann tonight. Shortest day of year.

DECEMBER 23 Monday 34/7am

36/1030pm

Mostly overcast, mild & winds - Rough blustery tonight with snow flurries & melting.

Drawed over manure on orchard lot corn ground, got the dray sled out of storage & drawed some wood for Swan Brewster. Also doing daily rounds of chores, letting out the cattle in pasture lot for exercise & drink, getting green wood on porch, etc. Wrote & recd more Xmas cards.

DECEMBER 24 Tuesday 34/7am

32/11pm

Somewhat windy & moderately mild. Bright sunny day & starlight night. Continued sending & receiving Christmas cards. Did usual round of chores & odd jobs. I called down on the Swan Brewsters during evening. Their lighted balsam Christmas tree & presents beneath in front room is pleasingly symbolical of the Yuletide. Bob Pleasants & family had arrived from Bridgeport early evng.

DECEMBER 25 Wednesday 26/7am

18/11pm

Raw blustery squally and mostly cloudy.

We had as callers, Robert Pleasants, and his sister &

husband Mr & Mrs Cliff Inghram. Also Swan Brewster. By very special invitation Mother and I went down and greatly enjoyed Christmas turkey supper at the Brewster family party.

DECEMBER 26 Thursday 20/7am

10/10pm

Heavy snow squalls this morning, clearing away cold raw blustery day & evng.

I went to Kingston with Bob Pleasants & Swan Brewster got back home about 1.25pm

After dinner I hooked up & took over load manure & spread on plowed ground. Rec'd a few more Xmas cards today.

DECEMBER 27 Friday Zero/7am

22/11pm

Coldest of season. Clear this morning but became overcast pm - calm - set in sleeting late evng.

Stacked up the porch with split slab wood, did chores etc.

Took Ollie to work for Blanche Rodriquez this am. Butter prices have dropped .10 lb overnight. I got .90 yesterday of Sam Scudder. Sent order Montgomery Ward for car muffler & tail pipe, bracket & pr sneaker shoes for mother.

DECEMBER 28 Saturday 30/7am

18/12pm

Freezing rain fell during night & this morning. Everything clinging with ice. Murky & foggy sun tried hard to shine thru this am - Ice melted from trees. Colder freezing tonight & murky. Roads a glare of ice, sanding trucks were busy. Drawed over cart load manure & spread on this years

plowed potato patch. Also got load sawdust from Suepfles mill. Also helped Swan Brewster saw some slabs. Tonite I attended Shokan IOOF lodge no 491. Delegation of 13 from Saugerties with candidate Thos. McGuire, on whom 3rd degree conferred with Harry Osterhoudt & Stephen Jurowski. Excellent oyster supper served after the meeting.

DECEMBER 29 Sunday 17/7am

30/10pm

Set in this morning around 9 o'clock miserable murky sleety day moderated to light freezing rain. Was home all day except for a brief latter pm call down at Brewsters Bob Pleasant & family had left for Bridgeport around noon. Mr & Mrs Kizirian up from the city over the week end called chore time & bought eggs & butter. I wrote Freeman news copy & started working on Income Tax report.

DECEMBER 30 Monday 20/7am

6/11pm

Cleared away in night. Magnificent clear still sunny day & crispy starlight night - Hard crust & roads a solid sheet of ice. Rec'd letter from Mariam with picture of Gaye & Jeannie taken before their Christmas entertainment. Mariam says she has a painful runny abscess. - I was busy with chores in variety. During pm I helped Swan Brewster finish sawing pile of slabs. Wrote to Mariam evng.

DECEMBER 31 Tuesday 2/7am

20/12pm

Still - cold with high overcast - The suns attempts to shine were feeble - Hazy half moon evng.

Drawed over load manure & spread on plowed ground
patch before dinner. I spit some wood pm Jennie Kerr
conveyed by Connors Ambulance to Benedictine Hospital
pm Charles Richter also removed by ambulance am to
Benedictine Hosp. Due to former abdominal troubles.
President Harry Truman declared U.S. hostilites for World
War no 2, ceased.