

ELWYN C. DAVIS DIARY 1950

JANUARY 1 Sunday 28/7am

New Years - and its a glum chilly still day. It tried to storm a bit this am. - The clouds were rifted so the nearly full moon shone thru this evng.

I was more or less busy with daily chores & bucked up green wood & put on kitchen porch. A lonesome day & no callers. Both the east & west basins of the reservoir are unseasonably very low, especially the east. - The New York City Water shortage has been extremely serious, now a bit improved. There is no snow to be seen anywhere, since mid December. The new year finds mother & I in tolerable good health.

JANUARY 2 Monday 34/12pm

Murky-foggy-chill & dismal with occasional rains. - Moon shining late.

I went up to Gus Korittke's in Watson Hallow, for car bumper & miscellaneous other repair jobs, which took the heart out of the day. Bucked up green firewood after supper & piled on kitchen porch. - Did usual chores etc.

18 Years ago tonight, at 11:20 occurred the ever sad & lamented death of my beloved Little Honey Girl, Lillian Ellen Davis, at Kingston Hosp, following operation for ruptured appendix. Time passed but the heart wound has not healed.

JANUARY 3 Tuesday 38/7am 54 mid day

54/12pm

Cloudy - very mild, with occasional light rains. Record breaking warm weather reports say throughout the east, while the west has severe blizzards & sub zero weather. I made another trip this am to Gus Korittke's for repairs. Drewed out manure & got cart load sawdust pm. Mrs. May McGreevey 82, died about 5 oco this am in the _____ Hospital. 18 years ago today noon Cornelia was operated on for appendicitis & tonsils at Kingston Hospital while Darling little Lillian lay dead here in our dining room. ---- The 1950-51 Olive Town board held their organization meeting today in the Olive Bridge IOOF hall, headed by Claude Bell, re-elected Republican Supervisor. Supervisor Claude Bell gave the Town Board a dinner at Holiday Inn (Dick Large's)

JANUARY 4 Wednesday 66 mid day
63/10:30pm

Exceedingly warm. Generally sunny but some cloudiness. Warm brisk southwesterly winds. Overcast evng.

Really to warm for comfort, so unseasonable. Busy with chores & warm weather jobs am. - This pm Ollie helped me get a big wagon load of leaves along the back road woods. Jimmy Burgher in Kingston Hosp a week for x-rays & observation, underwent his second operation in 6 months this am. - had growth removed from rectum. Rec'd check Morgan Davis & Co net proceeds from sale of 3 - \$100 AT&T 2 3/4% bonds due 1961 \$316.89. Bonds bought at \$100 3yrs ago.

JANUARY 5 Thursday 46/7am

36/11pm

Cooler and rainy this morning - Continued pretty steadily most of day, drizzily tonight. Dismal foggy wet weather. I went up to Gus Korittke's for more repairs am. A group of local residents attended funeral 2 pm for Mrs. May McGreevey, held at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. Rev. John Skete of Kingston officiated. Interment Tongore cemetery. 18th Anniversary of the funeral held at our home for our Darling Little Honey Girl - Lillian Ellen Davis at 2pm.

JANUARY 6 Friday 36/7am

31/12pm

Rainy night and all day & evng continued dreary & chill & foggy. This morning when I went to the barn 9 oco my sorrel Dick horse was down on his left side in stable, breathing heavy & short. Within a few minutes he stiffened out his legs against stable partition & was dead, due apparently to a cerebral hemmorage as frothy blood was splashed against partition & front of stable was sticky wet. I pulled him out in the field behind barn with his stable mate "Molly" I bought Dick in Nov 1943 of the John McKelsey estate for \$60.00. He was a faithful servant. Otherwise I did chores, filed cross cut saw & worked on dray repairs. Made arrangement for delivery of another horse on trial.

JANUARY 7 Saturday 30/7am

24/12pm

The drenching rain ceased during the early hours & turned colder windy & everything coated in glistening ice as the clouds gave way to bright sunshine by mid forenoon. Snow squally evng & colder.

Roach Bros sent their dead horse truck this am from Kingston & took Dick for his hide & rendering purposed. About 11 o'clock L. Basch of Hurley brought me a very dark (almost black) rangy horse weighing around 1150 for trying out. I hooked him up with Molly & spread cart load manure on the soft muddy garden & this pm gave the a tryout with Ollie helping get a big wagon load of mostly rock oak pole firewood from across the back road. The worked real good together, other than the new horse being higher & longer legged & younger than Molly.

JANUARY 8 Sunday 2/7:30am
4/12pm

Clear cold snappy weather. Northerly wind. Still & cold tonight - wind from High Point quarter late. I went to Herman Weidner after my weekly batch of infertile incubator eggs for stock feeding. Did daily chores. Dick Harrington stopped briefly around 6 pm enroute from Rome to PoKeepsie where he will spent 3 weeks at the Hudson River State Hosp attending cooking school course.

JANUARY 9 Monday 11/7am
30/12pm

Partly overcast. Becoming milder. Considerably sunny. Became overcast tonight. I made a business trip to Kingston. Stopped at collector Lemuel E. DuBois, Ashokan & paid our tax. Home Farm 25 acres, assessed Val 1600 - General Tax 27.12 Highway 16.13 Total \$43.25 Old Hinkley Farm (my personal ownership) 43 acres Val \$300 General Tax \$5.09 Highway \$3.02 \$8.11 Combined rates are \$2.71 per hundred. Mariam & the children & Mari drove up from Brooklyn with their Oldsmobile 88

JANUARY 10 Tuesday 31/7am

54/12pm

A dismal foggy drenching day, just on the verge of freezing. Warmer & windy tonight. Clearing beautifully - moon down to half. Did usual chores, but otherwise little. Donnie Bishop was over here most of the day playing with Mariam's kids - There wasn't a dull moment. I wrote news copy evng.

JANUARY 11 Wednesday 34/7:30am

Colder blustery & snow squally, became bright and sunny, but continued very windy all day from the north. Cloudless, cold snappy tonight. Did chores, drew out manure on garden & this afternoon Ollie helped me get a wagon load of firewood from back woods across the Mtn road. Bob arrived from Bklyn on the pm bus. Tonight as guests of supervisor Claude Bell Bob & I in a 2 car party attended the Ulster Co Supervisors Assn

annual dinner held at the Williams Lake Resort, near
Binnewater. Over 400 were present.
(banquet menu glued to this page)

JANUARY 12 Thursday 14/7am
24/11pm

Clear still and cold, a weather breeder. Became overcast
at evng & set in snowy around 9 o'clock. I put in a
busy day doing chores in variety am. This pm Ollie
helped me cut a big load of firewood across the back
road. I bucked up wood & put on porch, this evng.
Mariam & kids spent the day home. This pm Bob went
up to Woodland Acres & saw prop. Joe Brattain in
regard to a new ice cube making machine proposition.

JANUARY 13 Friday 31/7:30am
41/12pm

Dismal foggy freezy rain fell most of day - Clearing
away tonight & milder & windy. Mariam & Bob,
Gaye Jeannie & Maria, concluded their final visit & with
their car packed left for Brooklyn about 11:15am - It was
a somewhat tearsome parting for both Mariam & her
devoted Grandmother who feels that at her age of 81 its
conceivably the last. I did chores & this pm went over
to Traver Hollow Inn to see Joe Snyder about making out
my Federal Income tax report for 1949. Recd Sears
order. Note - car battery charger 6.39 plus P.P.

JANUARY 14 Saturday 52/7:30am
30/12pm

Cloudy this morning. Clearing beautifully with increasing Westerly to Northerly extremely high gusty winds, somewhat diminished evng, colder & freezing. Muddy, mild springlike weather. Dick Harrington came from PoKeepsie this am to spend the weekend. I spread wagon load manure on the muddy 3 corner lot and bro't saw bench home from old house storage. This pm Ollie Burgher helped me cut load firewood along back road. I attended Shokan Lodge IOOF. Installation evng by Dist. Deputy Aaron Gray & staff of Bearsville Lodge No 533. Excellent attendance, large Bearsville delegation. Refreshments after meeting. Officers for ensuing term are - Lester S. Davis of Obridge as Jr. Past Grand - Noble Grand James McGlocklin - Vice Grand, Ms. Stephens.

Rec.Secy - Harlow McLean - Fin.Secy -Virgil C. Gordon. Treas.-Arthur E. Trowbridge is ill. Installed by proxy.

Warden - Chas. Gustavson Conductor-Jas.Fox RSNG-Alonzo Davis LSNG-Wm.Jordan RSS-Jack Darling LSS-Eddie Jurkowski RSVG-Chas Smith LSVG-Norman North Inside Guardian-Lester Lawrence Outside Guardian-C. Jurkowski Chaplain-EC Davis

JANUARY 15 Sunday 24/8am

40/12pm

Clear this morning calm but gradually became hazy & overcast. Had a whitening of snow & sleet this pm & slippery. I did as per usual the daily grind of chores & odd jobs. Dick Herrington went back to

Poughkeepsie pm.

JANUARY 16 Monday 50/7am

24/11pm

Overcast this morning but cleared away. Windy & colder pm Blustery cloudless cold raw tonight. Besides the daily chores & I got the old Ford sawing right set up & operating this pm with Ollie's help. - I recently had the saw gummed out jointed & filed in Kingston Cost 5.00 & it works excellent - Wrote news copy evng. Called up Mariam in Bklyn tonight.

JANUARY 17 Tuesday 20/7am

32/12pm

Froze up hard last night. Pleasant sunny quiet day, somewhat hazy. Typical March sap weather. Became overcast tonight- Brick southerly wind developed. Did chores & spread load manure on garden am. - This pm Ollie helped me cut a load of firewood along back road & we sawed up some.

JANUARY 18 Wednesday 36/7am

22/12pm

We had a surprise driving snowstorm of an inch during the night - Blustery mild, partly to mostly cloudy, turning colder latter pm. The snow disappeared during the day.

This pm Ollie helped me saw up my pile of firewood, - a big afternoon job. Mrs. Matila Gordon Wright widow of Harry Wright died suddenly at her home in Kingston. She was a native of Brown Station.

JANUARY 19 Thursday 10/7am

14/12pm

Snow flurries. A still biting cold gray day, clearing at evng cloudless. Busy with chores around home am. This afternoon Ollie helped me cut a big wagon load of rock oak polewood in upper back woods & sawed it up. I'm dog tired tonight.

JANUARY 20 Friday 14/7am

12/12pm

Clear, stinging cold - Raw light wind. New moon over South Mountain setting early. Became overcast during evng & set in snowing late. Busy with usual am chores. This pm Ollie helped me spread load manure on 3 corner lot & cut load firewood under hill. Loosening my axe which became fast the back shifting load of wood, it suddenly came loose pulling on it & end of handle banged me just over right eye, cutting a nasty gash

JANUARY 21 Saturday 10/7am

23/11:30pm

Snow over an inch in the night. Murky. Cold & still - Snowed lightly again at evng. I have a dandy discolored eye (shiner) this morning from the axe handle jam - Busy with morning chores & ranked up some round wood under shed. This pm Ollie helped me saw up yesterdays load of wood, & piled up some. As mother was alone & lonesome & with my black eye, I didn't go to lodge tonight as I had wished. We had a 5 minute fone talk

with Mariam in Brooklyn 10pm. They are unable to leave for Mexico tomorrow as planned. Dick Harrington stopped this pm on his way home from PoKeepsie.

JANUARY 22 Sunday 30/7am

34/12pm

Murky. Milder. Sun broke thru toward noon but soon murked over & a cold freezing rain fell intermittently during pm. Did usual chores & went over to Herman Weidner's for my weekly supply of infertile incubator eggs - had 3 ½ cases - Around 4:30 I heard the Olive Bridge fire siren & 10 minutes or so later the fire truck went past as I was getting the cows & calves in the barn. I got in my car & found a line of cars along by Lester Davis store & fire truck in driveway by the Hoffman house (2nd house in) A carelessly placed cardboard box of hot coal ashes set by SW corner of house had set fire to the siding & eaten inside between the studding & was breaking out in places up to the roof when equipment arrived & put out the blaze. Extra water for the small hose booster pump was carried from nearby brook behind house. The Ashokan firemen also responded. Dick Herrington had supper with us on his way back from Rome to PoKeepsie.

JANUARY 23 Monday 34/7am

36/11pm

Still, murky - mild but damp chill atmosphere. Was misty latter pm - Dark still evng. I finished temporary useable repairs to dray sled this am along with chores

done in variety. Spread load manure on 3 corner lot pm & got some leaves along back road & helped clean Ollie's pig pens & move her boar hog "Red" Recd letter from Mariam in Brooklyn.

JANUARY 24 Tuesday 30/7am

36/11pm

Wet night and dismal rainy day & evng. Icy and slippery this forenoon. Rainy at times quiet heavy.

Busy with chores & odd jobs. Made a hog feeding trough pm. Mother & I spent the evening quietly.

JANUARY 25 Wednesday 34/7am

56/12pm

Dismal foggy damp weather - Became windy evng from High Point quarter & moon broke thru & cleared. Wind increased & much warmer. I went to Accord to the accord Farmers Co-op stockholders & patrons annual oyster stew dinner but did not stay for pm business meeting. Instead I went to Kingston did some shopping & had a right side & upper jaw loose tooth pulled by Dr. Goldfarb Price \$2.00 paid. I bought thru Morgan Davis & Co 50 shares Pacific Coast Finance @ 20 5/8 Tax 30. - Comm 13.64 - net 1045.19

JANUARY 26 Thursday 54/7am

44/11pm

Record breaking warm Jan weather. Sunny this am strong gusty winds westerly Overcast pm & set in rainy toward evng (summerlike light showers) Turning

noticeably cooler tonight.

I worked on Ollie's kitchen porch roof replacing worn shingles with 90lb green sand surfaced composition roofing. Rec'd letter Mariam from Brooklyn they are delayed in starting back to Mexico due to their trunks getting lost between Bklyn & Newark by Express. Mrs. Katherine Graham Boice, widow of John I. Boice (died Dec 1914) buried this pm in Tongore Cemetery. She was about 90. She died Jan 24, in a Kingston Hosp. Her home was Spring Glen Farm, Winchell District.

JANUARY 27 Friday 42/7am

14/11pm

Blustery & glum this am - Clearing early pm. Decidedly colder. Cloudless - brilliant starlight evng with bulging half moon & wind quieted & froze up hard. Started smoking ham & bacon. Ollie helped me spread big load manure on the mud soft 3 corner lot & cut load firewood. Dick Herrington stopped & had lunch this pm on his final trip home from Po'Keepsie.

JANUARY 28 Saturday 6/7am

31/12pm

Reservoir mostly skimmed over last night. Sunny this morning but cloudiness developed with raw southerly wind. Still & snowing evng mixed with sleet. Busy with chores etc am. This pm Ollie helped me saw up the wagon load of wood & rank up firewood. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Good attendance & refreshments served.

JANUARY 29 Sunday 40/8am

46/12pm

Warmer snow gone - some sunshine this am but otherwise cloudy. 50 mid day temp. Southerly wind. Mussy rainy tonight. Did chores & went after eggs to Herman Weidner's had 3 ½ cases. The clutch on my '34 Chevy has gone bad & it is difficult to change gears. Mr & Mrs Frank Tisch of Brodhead, have a son born tonight. They have 2 other boys 10 and 12 yrs of age.

JANUARY 30 Monday 34/7am

24/12pm

Damp raw gray day, evng. Biting northerly wind quieting. I took my car up to Bert Winne's garage this am for a new clutch job. He brought me home. This pm Ollie helped me spread load manure on 3 corner field & we cut & sawed up a load of firewood. Mariam & Bob talked with mother & I this evng on fone from Brooklyn. They will leave in the morning for Mexico. Their trunks were located & shipped on to Brownsville, Tex.

JANUARY 31 Tuesday 18/7am

24/12pm

A fall of about 4 1/2" snow started during the night & continued till around mid morning changing to sleet & freezing drizzle. Still & cont'd overcast tonite. Snow plows were out for the first since the early winter before mid December. I was busy with chores & odd jobs. Ollie Burgher's 6 year old sow (Pill) had a wholesome

litter of 18 pigs this pm. 4 being born dead.

FEBRUARY 1 Wednesday 20/7am

28/12pm

Chill damp still glum overcast day & evng. Snowing lightly tonite. Busy as usual with chores & odd jobs. I packed and sent by PP 14 ½ lbs of smoked ham & bacon to Mrs. Knorpp. Doc McCartney of Ellenville called noon time & put a ring in my sturdy Ollie-Gene's cows nose for easier handling. This pm I used my dray for first in near 2 months & took load manure over on 3 corner lot & cut small load firewood. Funeral 11am at Gormleys in Phoenicia for Mrs. Lester Bell Sr a former old West Shokan neighbor. Burial Cold Brook Cemetery. Funeral pm for lifelong Shokan resident Mrs. Jennie Windrum Greene, at Reformed Church. Sermon by Rev Coons. Interment Tongore Cemetery.

FEBRUARY 2 Thursday 30/7am

36/11:30pm

Arrived snowing, changed gradually to drizzling rain which stopped about noon. PM damp & dismal, became foggy. Clearing & windy late evng. No woodchuck shadow today - About 1 1/2" snow feel during night. Busy with daily chores. This pm I spread the overnight supply of stable manure & got load of firewood. Due to the chill damp weather the last of Ollie's 18 pig litter died today. A severe loss. Rec'd card Mrs. Longyear that Mariam Bob & family got started 6:30 Tues am in rain.

FEBRUARY 3 Friday 20/7am

12/12pm

Overcast this morning clearing, crisp bright sunny day with biting northerly wind. Some high clouds. Brilliant crisp moonlight night. Did chores & spread small dray load manure on 3 cor. Lot. This pm I attended with Claude Bell, Joe Winkler, Mr & Mrs Lester S Davis the very large funeral services 2 oco for James E. Burgher at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. Opening prayer by Rev. CTW Ahrens, eulogy by Rev. Walter A. White. Interment Woodstock Cemetery. The bearers were Claude, Joe, Skin & myself. 30 beautiful floral pieces. Jimmy had great respect shown.

FEBRUARY 4 Saturday 11/7am

20/12pm

Northerly wind - Pleasant winter weather - Bright & snny with some cloudiness. Clear & somewhat windy tonight, bright moonlight. Bert Winnie brought my car back this am & I took him back home. Had new clutch & bracket installed which with grease for knee actions & labor cost \$19.90 which I paid. This pm Ollie & I sawed up the wood I drewed, took over manure on 3 corner lot & cut dray load firewood & sawed that. This evng, I took Mort & Mary Roe & Ollie to Phoenicia & saw Rosanna McCoy concerning the Kentucky feuding between the Hatfields & McCoys.

FEBRUARY 5 Sunday 12/7:30am

27/11pm

Bright and sunny but a tingly winter atmosphere & some thin high overcast. Wind light. Became windy & slow moderating late evng. I went over to Herman Weidner's noon time and got 3 cases infertile eggs. This afternoon we had a caller by Charles Langer & mother from Wallkill, the first since October. I sold him 7lbs bacon @50cents. Paid 3.50 I also delivered 21 ½ lbs to Mr & Mrs Ludwig Scherik @.50 paid \$10.75

FEBRUARY 6 Monday 20/7am

27/12pm

Murky snowy day, with a fall of 2 inches. Still & murky tonight - Snow plows were scraping roads tonite, with traveling slippery. Busy with usual chores. When the snow storm let up this pm I took dray load manure over on 3 corner lot. I wrote an obituary about Jim Burgher for The Freeman & Ulster Co News copy tonight. Recd card from Mariam sent last Thurs from Birmingham Ala. They had traveled thru 3 days rain-saw flooded areas in Tenn. In Alabama pears, daffodils, forsythia & quinces in bloom.

FEBRUARY 7 Tuesday 24/7am

10/12pm

Overcast this am. Clearing, cloudless pm & evng, becoming much colder - Light southerly mid today. Ollie Burgher helped me cut down a big tall limby dead hemlock tree, upper one in the little grove below house. We got it trimmed up & the brush burned finished by

light of fire.

FEBRUARY 8 Wednesday 10 below zero/7:30am
6/7:pm 27/12pm

Coldest night of winter and reservoir is all frozen over for the first time. Beautiful clear sunny still wintry day - became overcast tonite, with a S.Westerly wind & steadily moderated. Took over manure & spread before dinner. During pm Ollie helped me cut up the hemlock in 3 saw logs & sawed up dray load of limb wood. Recd brief letter from Mariam Gay & Jeannie from Brownsville Texas Sunday night & card from Beaumont. Card said they had 3 days rain & 2 sunshine. Fruit trees all in bloom & about 60 degrees Feb 4. I started letter to them tonight.

FEBRUARY 9 Thursday 37/7:30am
36/11:30pm

An inch or so of snow fell in night which changed to a steady cold driving southerly rain which continued till early afternoon, wind shifting westerly with light showers. Cleared away evng. Slippery. NYC had weather 12 above normal. Did chores - Shoveled off front porch roof pm. The snow was slushy & melted considerably. Finished writing letter to Mariam tonight. The electric lights were off this evng from 8:15 - 10:35, due to transformer failure in Olive Bridge.

FEBRUARY 10 Friday 22/7am
32/12pm

Storm brewing. Froze up this morning. Early part cloudiness became all overcast - wind calm. Snowing all evening. I went up to Bert Winnie's am & had blown out car muffler & broken rear bumper repaired, \$1.50 paid This pm Ollie helped spread dray load manure & cut and saw up a load of firewood. Arthur E. Trowbridge DWS Supervising Engineer of Ashokan Headworks died at his desk, seated in his swivel chair at Brown station Gate House. He was employed by NYC for 44 years & almost from the very beginning of the Ashokan Reservoir. He sustained his 3rd & fatal heart attack.

FEBRUARY 11 Saturday 30/7am
26/12pm

Pretty much overcast this morning but later faired away pleasant bright & sunny afternoon & clear still evng, just a bit crispy. Busy with usual chores. This pm spread the overnight dray load of manure & Ollie helped me get load firewood & saw it up, also cut down a tall dead hemlock struck by lightning year ago over in Hinkley woods. I attended IOOF Lodge tonight, 20 present. There was much regret shown over the death of Shokan Lodges most outstanding & influential member, Arthur E. Trowbridge. I also went to Bill Lortz's to get hair cut.

FEBRUARY 12 Sunday 24/7am
28/12pm

Clear still & pleasant becoming gradually overcast pm. Still crispy & cloudy evng. Busy with usual chores. Ed

Avery called am. This evng I went to Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock with Mr & Mrs Edward Weldt, Mrs Maggie Delamarter, Will Jordan & Harlowe McLean, attending IOOF, Rebekah & Masonic services at the massive dark green plush lined casket of Arthur E. Trowbridge. Noble Grand, James McGlocklin & myself, chaplain, read the IOOF ritual for Shokan IOOF Lodge. Delegations of brothers from Bearsville & Wm H Raymond Lodges also took part. Noble Grand Mrs. Verna May Osterhoudt & Mrs. Ruby Brown as Chaplain, conducted the Olive Rebekah Service. Kingston Lodge No.10, conducted their ritual last. The place was packed. The Olive Fire Dept members held their service at 4pm

FEBRUARY 13 Monday 28/7am
27/12pm

A chill damp snowy mussy day settled down snowing steadily during pm & continued into the night. Allan Rose took one of my yearling hogs to the Pine Bush Market. _____ Gray, 61 dropped dead while leading a cow near his home in Attwood late pm. Funeral services for Arthur E. Trowbridge packed and overflowed capacity of Olive Bridge M.E. Church 2pm - Eulogy The Message of Death by Pastor Chas. Boss. His wife was organist. Choir sang *The Old Rugged Cross & Rock of Ages*. Mr Newman as soloist rendered and at canopies gave service in Tongore Cemetery. Bearers were - Virgil C.Gordon, Grover C. Christiana, Stephen Jurkowski & myself, E.C.Davis. There were 24 floral pieces - Marvin "Bony" VanDeMark's 84th

birthday.

FEBRUARY 14 Tuesday 24/7am

28/11pm

Snowy night and continued all day as frozen rain or sleet. A freezy mist fell this evng, changing later to snow. By far the winters heaviest storm. 12" of the heavy snow covers the ground atop the previous crusty snow. County & town snow plows continued on the job since last night. Many Ulster County schools closed. Travel is heavy & hazardous. I wrote news copy this am including obituary on Arthur Trowbridge. Recd letter & check from Mrs. Knorpp 27.72 fro shipment of butter eggs & bacon & ham. Mother recd letter & Valentine cards from Lewis & Ada Bells. Also yesterday from Kay & Dick & Norah.

FEBRUARY 15 Wednesday 32/7am

32/12pm

Snowy night, adding another 2-3 inches of snow & sleet. Continue storming, cold freezy rain, snow & such pretty much all day & evng. Still & murky. The evergreens are heavily burdened & leafless trees encrusted with ice on the higher levels. The town plow opened our driveway during the night. Roads everywhere heavy with the sleety snow. I helped Ollie shovel out & this pm when the rain let up, she helped me get out the stacked up dray load of manure & shovel out in front of our garage. Sent Norah a Valentine card & new dollar bill. Later this pm a posse of 10 Federal Revenue men & State troopers raided a 40,000 gal alcohol still operating in the barn on

the Joseph Juliano farm formally the Tilden Bell property.

FEBRUARY 16 Thursday 30/7am

28/11pm

A half inch of feathery snow fell during night. Continued murky & generally mussy, with snow showers. Despite the bogged down snowy conditions, with help of Jim Harrison, David Bender, Ollie Burgher we butchered my remaining yearling hog, had good scald. It dressed 264 & in fine condition. Recd letter from Mariam from Mexico City, where they arrived Feb 8 - All is well. Kingston streets in bad condition & all over the county as well. Also shoveled off the snow laden house porch roofs.

FEBRUARY 17 Friday 26/7am

32/12pm

Continued murky this am The clouds rifted and sun shown this afternoon for the first since Sunday. Murky again tonight. Did chores and wrote an obituary about Arthur E. Trowbridge for The Freeman this am. During pm Ollie helped me get the hog carcass from the barn down cellar & cut it up. I wrote air mail letter to Mariam & Bob tonight.

FEBRUARY 18 Saturday

30/12pm

Some cloudiness but mostly sunny. Winds light, became overcast late evng with wind somewhat blustery.

I spread big dray load manure on 3 corner lot & breaking a road thru the crusted snow down to pasture bars with team & empty dray, I got the cattle out of stable for first since Sunday. The Olive Post 1627 American Legion held their annual dinner tonite at the Chalet Indian, Boiceville.

FEBRUARY 19 Sunday 30/7am
14/12pm

A half inch of snow fell early this morning. Partly to mostly cloudy inclined a bit snow squally, became blustery & raw pm. Much colder tonite & cleared. Went to Herman Weidner's for infertile eggs, got 2 ½ cases. During pm went up to Bert Winne's garage.

FEBRUARY 20 Monday 4 below/7am
4 below/12pm

Cloudless bright coldest day of winter with high northerly gusty wind. Quieted evng. A beastly cold day, hardly fit to be out of doors. I did chores & that's about all - Sent order Montgomery Ward this am - also 6lb pkg butter & 10lb 10oz pork shoulder meat to Mrs. Knorpp by Ins.P.P. Recd another air mail letter from Mariam. Mrs. Oscar Dudley died 9.50 this am at her home in Olive Bridge following a long illness.

FEBRUARY 21 Tuesday 6 below zero/7am
6 below zero/11pm

Clear & wind light but icy from south portal. Gradually became overcast pm & set in snowing hard evng. Did

daily chores & spread big dray load manure on 3 corner lot, also got another load of green firewood piled on kitchen porch.

FEBRUARY 22 Wednesday 10/7:30am
17/11pm

Snowy night and continued throughout the day & into the evening. The fall at 11pm is 5 1/2" cold storm. Not much doing aside from chores Wrote "news" copy. Town and county snow plows are on the job this pm.

FEBRUARY 23 Thursday 26/7:30am
16/12pm

Snowed more during late night - the new fall is nearly 7 inches & this morning a freezing mist is falling. Gloomy damp forenoon. Cleared sunny & pleasant early pm & became somewhat blustery - Still star tightening. I went with Claude Bell & Mr & Mrs Lester S. Davis to Kingston & then on to Kerhonkson where we attended the funeral of Mrs. Oscar Dudley at the Humiston Funeral Home 1pm Rev. Merton S. Cady was the speaker. Interment in Pine Bush Stone Ridge Cemetery. This is my 60th birthday & mother made for the occasion my time honored plain soft chocolate cake.

FEBRUARY 24 Friday 13/7am 40pm
24/12pm

Became overcast this morning & set in snowy but was mostly squalls & became blustery from the south west quarter. Storm petered out with rain squalls evng. Later

clearing & colder. Spread big dray load manure on 3 corner lot pm & put load wood on porch & took load green chunk wood up to Ollie's. Was tired out tonight & after looking over my birthday card mail & Time magazine, I hit the cot till 2 am.

FEBRUARY 25 Saturday 14/7am
-2/11:30pm

Bright & clear, cold & very windy, wind diminished. Brilliant half moon tonight & snappy. A crust formed during night that prevented drifting. Took over small load manure & spread, & got my car towed & started pm with Ollie's help & put on tire chains as road is icy. Dick Herrington arrived with his new Studebaker coupe late pm from Rome. Roads & snow much worse up that way from drifts & no crust.

FEBRUARY 26 Sunday 3/7am
2/12pm

Snappy winter - Sunny this morning but became rough snow squally day & evng. I made a 200 mile trip with Dick Herrington over thru Dutchess County visiting the Wassaic State school where he & Cornelia were formerly employed & then to the new Green Haven prison where he is considering an appointment as guard. We crossed the Mid Hudson Po'Keepsie bridge both ways. The river is solidly frozen over as well as the Wallkill river coming home via New Paltz Rosendale & Kingston.

FEBRUARY 27 Monday zero/7am

8/12pm

Mostly sunny but an unusually biting cold windy day.

Did daily chores and spread load manure on 3 corner lot. Dick Herrington got started for home around 10:30 am. Recd birthday card & letter from Mariam written the 23. Also recd an appropriate Dad's birthday card & note from Cornelia.

FEBRUARY 28 Tuesday -2/7am

26/12pm

Clear this morning but gradually became overcast, set in snowing a driving drifting storm from the south latter pm. During the evening the storm had pretty well subsided. Finished news copy am. Put out the cattle for exercise first in several days. Spread small load manure pm & got load split green firewood on porch & a load chunk wood up to Ollie's with her help.

MARCH 1 Wednesday 28/7am

12/12pm

March came in with a mellow trend after last nite's young blizzard that swept in a couple in. of snow. It thawed most of the day along with mountain snow squalls, intermingled clouds & bright sunshine & blustery.

Spread the overnight manure & this pm took another dray load firewood up to Ollie's with her help. I had 7 lb sausage meat ground & bought 3lbs ground lean beef to mix in.

MARCH 2 Thursday 8/7am

4/12/pm

A miserably biting cold blustery squally day. Wind quieted considerable tonight. It's coldest Jan in March. Daniel Bosch of Hurley brought me this am a stocky somewhat dappled, pepper & salt gray mare, fat as mud & took back the black horse I've had since Jan.6 - I paid him check \$75.00 under guarantee of full satisfaction tried her out with my old reliable Molly - took over manure & broke a track in snowy woods. Results seem favorable.

MARCH 3 Friday -4/7am

+4/11:30pm

Continued cold raw (white) wintry weather with some sunshine & inclined to be snow squally. Brilliant moonlight - moon full tomorrow ight. Busy am with chores in variety & helped mother with 2 churnings. During pm I shelled off some rat infested corn in granary & got more green wood on porch. Wrote several cards this am. Rec'd long letter from Mrs. Longyear.

MARCH 4 Saturday -8/7am

12/12pm

Still cloudless bright sunny wintry day, starting to haze over later pm. Full moon tonight shining thru high past overcast. Coldest night of the winter other than Feb.8 when temp dropped to 10 below reading on our kitchen porch. Wrote to Cornelia this am & busy with chores in variety. This pm spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot

& cut small load firewood coming back in Hinkley woods. The new horse is proving its worth well. I made no effort to attend IOOF Lodge, & mother & I spent the evening by our comfortable fireside.

MARCH 5 Sunday 28/8am

Raw southerly wind this am but it mellowed & was real pleasant & sunny, but looked white sky & clouds like more cold weather. Was a beautiful clear moonlight evng, wind shifted strong nor westerly & colder. Snow settled somewhat & icy roads softened. Went to Herman Weidner's after weekly batch of infertile eggs. We had no callers. Mother & I wrote letter to Mariam tonight. NY Herald Tribune carried obituary of Rev. Roscoe D. Tarbox (74) retired Methodist Minister, Shokan Pastor in 1908, died at his native home, Kennebunkport, Maine yesterday. Survived by his wife & son Roscoe, Jr.

MARCH 6 Monday 12/7am

10/12pm

Very windy night & gusty northerly wind today, quieting down pm. The weather was cloudless with brilliant sunshine, but cold. Glorious moonlight night. Snow crusty from last nites freeze. Busy with usual chores am. Mrs. Walter Lang started getting milk. 5qts @ 16 cents, paid. I let the cattle all out for exercise, same as yesterday. This pm spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot & cut load firewood with Ollie's help. I am well

pleased with the new horse.

MARCH 7 Tuesday 2/7am

24/11pm

Pretty crispy this morning. Brilliant cloudless. Light southerly wind pm. Became overcast latter pm, cleared evng. Moonlight & by midnight again was overcast. Wrote news copy this am - & busy with chores. Put the cattle out for exercise & absorb the sunshine. This pm spread overnight manure on 3 corner lot & cut dray load firewood in upper woods. The deep snow permits getting over rocky places otherwise inaccessible.

MARCH 8 Wednesday

36/11pm

Long & severe thunder shower evng. Cold rainy day, with strong southerly wind & rolling fog from the slowly melting snow. We had an hour long early evening thunder & lightning shower with summer like intensity. Our telephone circuit was disrupted. Little doing but chores. I gathered all I could carry stored away in our attic, womens clothing, suits, coats, dresses & what not which I took to Mrs. Ludwig Scherck who sends food & clothing pkgs to war stricken friends in Germany.

MARCH 9 Thursday 18/7am

14/12pm

Very blustery cold snow squally weather. Our fone was put in order this am - fuses had blown. Lightening struck a snow covered chicken coop last evng at Kripplebush.

Ollie helped me sawed up the pile of drawn firewood with the old reliable set up & waiting Ford T outfit before dinner & pm we cut dead hemlocks in upper corner back woods. Recd another air mail letter from Mariam. Mrs. Elizabeth Whittier died at 2am at Traver Hollow Inn. She suffered a stroke. Remains of Mrs. Fred Wilcke who died in the city buried in Bushkill Cemetery pm. Mr & Mrs Wilcke own the old Mart Gubnac place on Bushkill Heights.

MARCH 10 Friday 10/7am

10/11pm

Continued blustery cold & sunny - Cloudless tonight. Snappy winter weather. Busy with chores am. This pm spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot & Ollie & I cut a big load pole wood and sawed it up. Rec'd letter Ada Bell - Wrote them card tonite.

MARCH 11 Saturday 14/7am

30/11pm

Snowy mussy day & evng. About 1" fell. Moderating evng. Spread overnight stable manure in currant bushes. Took dray load small wood up to Ollie's & got load piled firewood coming back. This evng Ollie & I went to Phoenicia & saw the realistic World War 2 picture *Battle Ground*. Mort & Mary Roe went with visitors from NJ

MARCH 12 Sunday 36/8am

28/12pm

Sunny this morning but became overcast clearing early pm & again clouding over late evng. Wind gentle. Thawed considerable & snow banks receded from the roadsides. Went to Herman Weidner's got 3 cases infertile eggs. This pm mother & I had a call by Mr & Mrs Jesse Burgher & 2 children, Gregory & _____, also Ed Avery & Jennie Kerr. 62 anniversary of the famous blizzard of 1888.

MARCH 13 Monday 26/7am
24/11pm

Arrived snowing heavily a fall of about 2" changed to a steady freezing drizzle & back snowing evng. Becoming colder & blustery. Spread dray load manure on 3 cor lot Good sleighing on roads again. Wrote news copy evng Mr & Mrs Peter Mercer & daughter - late Watson Hallow road residences, have moved back from Shavertown into the neighbor Bishop's barn apartment today. Funeral services held today at Plaza Funeral Home in NY City for Mrs. Elizabeth Whither.

MARCH 14 Tuesday 14/7am
14/11pm

Crispy, mostly sunny, northerly wind. Clear cold tonight. The snow which fell about 3 inches is crusted & glistening. Snow plows were in operation. Spread the overnight manure on 3 corner lot am and this afternoon Ollie & I cut and sawed a dray load firewood & the load drawn Sat. Also took a load sawed wood to her house. Wrote news copy evening.

MARCH 15 Wednesday 28/7am
22/1pm

Galelike Northerly wind. Snow squally during am - cloudless pm few clouds evng, wind diminished. Colder. Bright sunshine with glistening snow crust. This pm spread the manure & with Ollie's help cut big dray load firewood and sawed it up. Wrote IOOF Ulster Dist Lodges for Past Grands mailing list.

MARCH 16 Thursday 16/7am
20/12pm

Sunny & pleasant but chill wind off the reservoir. Gradually becoming overcast pm - Crispy tonite & still. Same as yesterday, spread the manure & cut & sawed up dray load firewood pm. Mother hasnt been feeling well of late - pretty much lost her appetite, but her bladder condition has bettered itself. At 8:15 am I saw a flock of wild geese flying in "V" formation northerly beyond the crest of South Mtn.

MARCH 17 Friday 18/7am
27/11:30pm

Bright cold sunny day, wind light - becoming overcast latter pm & set in during snowstorm from High Point quarter tonight. I made a shopping trip to Kingston. Stopped to Lem DuBoise's and Aunt Julia Winchell's store on way home. I stopped at Town Clerk's Office Mrs. Delia Lewis on Olive Bridge Cross road & got hunting license \$2.25 My revered Grandpa Martin H.

Crispell's 121 birthday anniversary.

MARCH 18 Saturday 26/7am

16/11pm

Several inches of snow fell during the night which provided material for blowing and drifting with the roughest day of the winter, along with snow squalls. The day was mostly sunny considering the furiously blowing snow. The wind diminished somewhat this pm & then was thawing. Snow plows kept the roads open. Turning decidedly colder tonight. I managed to get dray load manure spread during latter pm. Mother seems to be feeling somewhat better, but has lost her hankering for sweets.

MARCH 19 Sunday 14/7am

20/12pm

A magnificent sunny day, still, brilliant starlight tonight. Crispy winter, a weather breeder. The sun today honey combed the snow surface. I went after eggs to Herman Weidner's 3 1/2 cases. Also to Bert Winne's & had new ignition points & condenser on poor starting Chevy. \$2.10 paid. Mr. George B. Shimer died at 4.45 this am on his 85th birthday. He was the second husband of Mrs. John (Bertha) Thompson - They were married Sunday May 25 - 1941 by Rev. Frank Bailey in West Shokan Baptist Church. Mr & Mrs Donald Brunett living a short time in Colange Garage apartments, lost 9 year old son Wayne, this pm. Suddenly taken ill is said to had high tem. Also reported having smothered.

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

FRAME HOUSE IS BURNED ON SUNDAY Papelya place

Fire destroyed a two story frame home on the Sheldon Hill road about three miles from Olive Bridge Sunday afternoon. Chief Albert Fox of the Olive Fire Department reported that the fire apparently started almost an hour before it was discovered at 1:45pm Apparatus from Olive Bridge and Shokan was dispatched, but the house was completely destroyed before the arrival of firemen. The house was not occupied at the time of the fire, although firemen said a New York city family had been spending week-ends there. The cause of the fire was not determined. Owner of the house, according to an insurance policy, is Mrs. Anna Schoppman

MARCH 20 Monday 16/7am

24/12pm

Clear and calm - thawing with a feel of spring, yet wintry. Gradually getting hazy pm & became all overcast late eng. Ollie helped me butcher one of my last fall pigs. It dressed 95. Also spread dray load manure & got firewood

I sent by Ins.PP 11½lb fresh pork shoulder to Mrs. Knorpp - correction sent it Wed the 22.

MARCH 21 Tuesday 32/7am

28/11pm

Arrived snowing continued till around 4 pm a wet sap snow. The fall was around 4" Cleared evng. The town snow plow scraped the roads pm. I cut up the pig this morning. Got back bone & ribs ready for canning.

MARCH 22 Wednesday 22/7am

34/12pm

Clear this morning but clouded over later - quiet weather. Set in snowing late evng. Thawing during day. I spread load manure & took a dray of firewood chunks up to Ollie's. Funeral services for Mr George B. Shimer 2pm from West Shokan Baptist Church in charge of Rev Walter White & former pastor Rev FSH Bailey of Liberty. Interment in Tongore Cemetery, Undertaker V.N.Lasher - Bearers were Claude Bell, Lester S. Davis - Joe Winkler & myself, EC Davis. Cornelia, Dick & Norah arrived early evng after attending funeral at Fort Ann. Later Dick & I went to Kingston & attended the Lions Club Exposition area on parade at the State Armory. Automobile show etc

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

West Shokan March 29 Funeral services for George D. Shimer who died on his 85th birthday at his home, were held from the West Shokan Baptist Church at 2pm March 22. Services were conducted by the Rev. Walter A. White and former pastor, the Rev.FSH Bailey of Liberty. The casket was banked with beautiful floral tributes, adding dignified and silent tribute to the esteem and affection in which Mr. Shimer was held. A nephew

from New Jersey presided as musician and soloist. Mr. Shimer was a faithful member of the Baptist Church in which he and his wife, Bertha Mae Thompson, who survives, were married by the Rev. Mr. Bailey, then pastor, at the close of the Sunday morning services on May 25, 1941. During the intervening years to the time of his retirement two years ago, the couple conducted a summer tourists camp in Budd Lake, NJ. Fraternally Mr. Shimer was a member of Washington Camp, No. 181, P.O.S. Of A., at Bangor, Pa. Born on a farm in New Jersey, Mr. Shimer was an accomplished musician, playing both piano and organ and formerly was the Sunday school organist. Mr. Shimer was twice married. Besides his wife two daughters, Mrs. George B. Plush of Bangor, Pa, and Mrs. Sarah McLeod of Easton, Pa, survive. Also five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, a sister, Grace L. Shimer; a nephew, Howard Shimer of Sussasuma, NJ; three step daughters, Mrs. Marcel Maier Mrs. Francis Whispell of West Shokan and Mrs. Oliver Tweedy of Hurley; also a step-grandson, Robert M. Thompson of Passaic, NJ and nine step-grandchildren. The committal at the cemetery was by the Rev. Mr. White and the Rev. Mr. Bailey. Bearers were Supervisor Claude Bell, Justice Lester S. Davis, Joseph Winkler, a World War 2 veteran and Elwyn C. Davis, West Shokan neighbors.

MARCH 23 Thursday 34/7am
34/10pm

The midnight snow storm turned to rain. Rainy most of

day, froze on trees - slushy. Not much doing but chores. Feel loggy & tied out. Cornelia & Dick didn't go out anywhere today, but they & Norah went up to Walter Schmoekel's awhile evng.

MARCH 24 Friday 34/7am

38/12pm

Typical bustery March weather - Partly to mostly cloudy. The growing new moon hangs behind Moonhaw Mtn. Thawing. Cornelia Dick & Norah got started for Waverly around 11 o'clock. I spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot before dinner & this pm. Ollie helped me cut & saw up load firewood. The big truck mounted 60" army searchlight arc's the Kingston horizon every evng at the Armory Exhibition.

MARCH 25 Saturday 36/7am

26/12pm

Mostly cloudy with clearing trend pm. Northerly March wind. Mostly clear colder tonight. I took dray load chunk wood up to Ollies before dinner. This pm we cut a load of mostly dry pole wood & took it up & piled on her back porch. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. 23 present. Rec'd air letter Mariam. The Kingston Exposition closed tonight

MARCH 26 Sunday 32/7am

34/10:30pm

Lovely sunny and serene this morning but gradually got hazy & finally overcast set in rainy evng. Went to

Herman Weidner's & got 3 cases infertile eggs. We had no callers today. Wrote to Mariam tonight.

MARCH 27 Monday 32/7am

38/12pm

Chill damp foggy misty day & evng. Moderating tonight. Spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot before dinner & this pm. Ollie helped me cut a load of oak firewood which we sawed up and took up to her house. Wrote Ulster Co. News copy evng.

MARCH 28 Tuesday 54/8am

53/12pm

Arrived rainy & foggy. Gradually the hazy cleared and was a real warm sunny day, first balmy weather since late January. Water is running everywhere from the melting snow, streams roaring tonight and open spaces muddy ground. Cloudy evng thundered off to south - later clearing. I made a trip to Kingston especially to look at a used Kelvinator Refrigerator. Went by way of Kripplebush & took Mrs. Geo Lormsbery a 6 3/4lb roll of butter @.65lb, to be paid for when convenient. I stopped to see Lem DuBois & at aunt Julia Winchells store on way home. Marshall Roosa 87, died suddenly of heart attack 5am, in Hacketts Sanitorim Kingston.

MARCH 29 Wednesday 39/7am

28/11pm

Sunny & pleasant this morning, gradually becoming overcast. Rainy mussy pm - clearing colder evng with

fresh northerly wind. The snow blanket in exposed places has disappeared like magic field soggy with mud & water running everywhere. Took load manure on 3 corner lot am. This pm Ollie & I cut & sawed dray load firewood.

MARCH 30 Thursday 24/7am
22/11:30pm

Cloudless, a bit hazy. Froze up last night. Crispy raw day with brisk northerly wind diminishing latter pm. Brilliant moonlight. I cut a load of firewood this forenoon. Ollie & I went with Joe Steinlauf & Judge Lester S. Davis in Joe's Buick car, to Marshall Roosa's funeral at 2 pm in Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. Sermon by Rev. Olney Cook, Woodstock Lutheran minister. Interment Cold Brook Cemetery. Sawed up the load of wood after funeral

MARCH 31 Friday 24/7am
26/12pm

Cloudless, Froze up last night. Wind gentle northerly. Brilliant moonlight evng. Again crispy. Ideal maple sap weather that re-kindles the annual yearning to tap the maples & boil down the sap to delicious maple syrup - nature's inimitable sweet. Helped mother with 2 churnings. Spread dray load manure on 3 corner lot am. This pm Ollie & I cut a big dray load of polewood in back woods & sawed it up. Also took a wagon load of sawed firewood up for Ollie.

APRIL 1 Saturday 26/7am

36/12pm

Sunny, getting hazy. Southerly wind - became overcast during pm & was rainy tonight. Did usual chores - spread overnight stable manure. This pm Ollie & I worked with team snaking out hemlock logs from upper Hinkley woods & got load wood. This evng we went to Phoenicia and saw picture in color. *Jolson Sings Again*. Mr and Mrs Robert Yorks home in Watson Hollow destroyed by fire of unknown origin 4am. Nothing of account saved. Mr & Mrs. Lloyd Mahone, hospitalized & Buick car wrecked due to head on crash 7pm in hard maple tree on Mtn. Road, a short distance south of Holiday Inn driveway toward which they were headed.

APRIL 2 Sunday 40/7am

36/11pm

A nice sunny day -some cloudy. Reservoir ice field holds intact. Wind light northerly Glorious cloudless moonlight evng. Went to Herman Weidner's after weekly supply infertile eggs 3 ½ cases. Mrs. Langer & Charley called pm Wrote Easter cards evng . Am tired out.

APRIL 3 Monday

46/11pm

Mild muggy. Arrived rainy & contd till near noon - Rainy again evng. This am I got the Feb batch of bacon out of brine & hang up & started smoking. This pm Ollie helped me spread dray load manure, cut and saw up a

load of firewood - A big job.

APRIL 4 Tuesday 56/7am 75/5:30pm
64/12pm

Summer weather - Sunny Strong South westerly wind developed. Clouded over during pm. Became rainy again late evng. Reservoir ice flooded from sight pm. Busy around home am. Took wagon load sawed wood up to Ollies. This pm we cut load pole wood. Tonight I went with Reginald E. Davis to Kingston attending Kingston Lodge no 10. The 1st or Entered Apprentice Degree conferred upon Maxwell Luedtke, Reginald Davis & 2 other candidates.

APRIL 5 Wednesday 54/7am
36/11pm

More or less rainy & mussy during the day - decidedly cooler than yesterday. Sun broke thru briefly late pm. My old Ford developed a clanging motor knock yesterday, when starting to saw wood & this pm. I investigated and found a burned out connection rod bearing. So I went over to the Ashokan Ford garage & got new cylinder head gasket .95 & used connecting rod \$1.00 Maxwell Luedtke called this evng. I helped him learning his 1st Degree lecture. Norah Francis Herrington is 6 years old today.

APRIL 6 Thursday 28/7am
24/12pm

Bright crispy sunny day. Brisk chill northerly wind,

becoming decidedly colder. Cloudless evng with late rising declining moon in far south. Froze up hard tonight. Spread dray load manure before dinner on 3 corner ground. This pm Ollie helped me cut & snake out dead hemlock logs in Hinkley woods . Also cut a big tall dead white birch & brot home load wood. Tonight Max Luedtke & I went down to the DWS chlorination chamber & helped Reggie Davis on duty there with his lecture.

APRIL 7 Friday 26/7am

32/11:30pm

Bright sunny cloudless crispy sap weather. Northerly wind - clear starlight evng. Typical maple syrup making conditions. The inborn urge to be sapping it is rekindled in weather like this. Only the inability due to the deep Feb March snow to get out sap wood prevents my indulgence. Busy with odd jobs in variety am. Sent 11 3/4lb freshly smoked bacon to Mrs. Knorpp & delivered 13 1/2lb smoked ham to Mr & Mrs Scherck @.60lb paid 8.10 This pm worked on woodpile & cut & drew a beech firewood tree with Ollie's help. Mother & I each recd Easter cards from Cornelia.

APRIL 8 Saturday 34/7am

20/12PM

Generally sunny, with considerable developing pm cloudiness. Winds moderate. Set in snowing evng. Turning sour & colder pm I went up to Bert Winne's garage am & got a Ford T piston ring. Worked on the old

car pm & Ollie took over manure on 3 corner lot & helped me cross cut to splitting lengths beech tree we hauled yesterday. I attended IOOF Lodge envg Hot dogs & coffee served. The Schoharie reservoir is now spilling over at the rate of 605 million gals a day, above Shandaken tunnel capacity. New York City's rain making plans are temporarily abandoned. The Ashokan basin is rising very noticeably.

APRIL 9 Sunday 32/7am

26/11pm

Easter dawned surprisingly sunny and the ground white with snow like Christmas - Later became overcast & snow squally. Broke away again during pm & brilliant cold starlight evng. Overall it was a cold raw windy day. Went to Weidner's after the weekly supply of infertile incubator eggs. The Olive Bridge Fire Dept responded around 11am to a chimney fire call at Jennie Kerr's house, 2nd above Bushkill concrete bridge. Mother & I had no Easter callers.

APRIL 10 Monday 28/7am

34/11:30pm

Brilliant sunny day with diminishing northerly wind. Still & became overcast late evng. I got the old Ford running again. This pm sawed & drew firewood, got out dray load wood up to Ollie Burgher's. Wrote news copy evng. Recd letter Mrs. Knorpp with check \$27.83 - written Friday.

APRIL 11 Tuesday 38/7am

42/12pm

Sunny pleasant this morning but became hazy & overcast with southerly wind followed by rain showers early pm. Turned sour & wind shifted northerly. I took a wagon load of firewood up to Ollie's before dinner; but due to the rain did not cut a load as expected. Did usual daily chores - Latter pm I went over to Will Jordon's & he cut my hair. Balanced up my IOOF Dist. Grand Comm acct evng. Bal is \$130.02

APRIL 12 Wednesday 38/7am

32/12pm

Sour weather - wind northerly - Mostly on the cloudy side. Set in snowing evng. Busy with chore routine am. With an early pm start Ollie & I cut two dray loads firewood in our woods across from the driveway & sawed it up. This evng I went with Reginald E. Davis in his Studebaker car Will Jordan & harlowe McLean to Bearsville, attending the Annual session of the Dist of Ulster IOOF Grand Comm. - Delicious hot roast beef supper served by Agapae Rebekah Lodge No623 - 56 present. J.Henry Hill, presided for D.D. Aaron Gray who is sick. Winston VanKleeck one of the new members obligated. Winston was elected District Deputy by acclumation & myself as Secy, this being my 20th year.

APRIL 13 Thursday 32/7am

25/11pm

Raw cold windy. Colder & on the snow squally trend. The landscape was freshly covered with snow this morning. Mostly cloudy. I took wagon load wood up for Ollie Burgher noontime, & this pm we cut a big dra load in our woods & sawed it up.

APRIL 14 Friday 26/7am

32/12pm

Arrived snowy and ground white (7 1/2" fall reported in Schnectady) The ground was white with heavier fall up the valley, continued along rather blizzardy toward noon, then broke away & sunny pm. Raw cold day northerly wind. I went to Phoenicia this am with Joe Steinlauf, Lester S. Davis & Joe Winkler as bearers at Catholic Church funeral 11 oco for the late Gene Lohrs sister. Interment in Allaben Catholic Cemetery - only 3 members of the family made trip up from city. There was about 3" snow on cemetery. This pm I took load wood up for Ollie. This evng I took Mort & Mary Roe, Ollie to the \$1,850,000 bond issue vote at Phoenicia Parish Hall, for the Onteora Central School at Boiceville. Proposition heavily carried - 968 to 231. After voting we saw the picture, a musical comedy, *Nancy Goes to Rio*

APRIL 15 Saturday 36/7am

36/12pm

Sunny this morning but became overcast sour & snow squally on Mtns - Northerly wind prevailing. Cleared away again during pm. Busy day - did chores - Spread wagon load manure on sod for potato patch in Ollie's

field above Mountain road before dinner. PM I got a big load saw dust for bedding, from the former Ms Sueples saw mill site, & With Ollie's help cut a dray load dead firewood & sawed it. This is Ollie Burgher's 40th birthday. The Hunter Baker said there was 13" snow there yesterday am.

APRIL 16 Sunday 42/8am

34/12pm

A really beautiful sunny day, continued wind northerly, quieting Clear chilly evng. There is a noticeable trend to warmer. The woods & fields are crispy day & in need of rain. Went to Herman Weidner's & got 2 ½ crates infertile eggs. Mrs. Sarah Dwyer called on mother this pm. Hung up & started smoking second batch of hams.

APRIL 17 Monday 42/7am

52/12pm

Sunny this morning but became overcast with occasional sprinkles. Mild with shifting wind. Faired away again toward evng. I started spring farm work. Spread cart load manure & plowed a sod potato patch & last years ground for Ollie above the road. Later pm we cut & sawed a dray load firewood & took wagon load up to her house. Recd air mail letter from Mariam, letter from Dick & card from Cornelia.

APRIL 18 Tuesday 52/7am

48/12pm

Warm, sunny & pleasant somewhat hazy. Southerly day

winds. Starlight evng cooler, became overcast. I feel all tired out day. Mother cleaned up in the attic. Busy with chores in variety am. This pm I harrowed the patch I plowed yesterday for Ollie. Tonight I went to Kingston with Reginald E. Davis & saw the Fellowcraft Degree conferred at Kingston Lodge No10, on Reggie - Max Luedtke and 3 other Entered apprentices.

APRIL 19 Wednesday 52/7am

54/11pm

Sunny warm wind southerly, became mostly overcast pm with occasional sprinkles of rain. It is becoming very dry & rain much needed. Harrowed marked out & partly planted early potato patch. Maxwell Luedtke called this evng & I helped him go over the memorizing of the Fellowcraft Degree lecture. Purchased dated yesterday thru Edward A. Purcell & Co. 50 B'way NYC. 10 shares Minnesota Power & Light @\$32-amt 320-tax .60 Comm 6.00 net \$326.60. Mr & Mrs Mart Eckert & son Martin Jr moved in the old Hinckley house.

APRIL 20 Thursday 46/7am

38/12pm

Hour long or more banging thunder shower in night followed by a drenching rain that lasted till mid morning, continuing intermittently throughout the day. New moon showing back of Wittenbergs evng. Cold storm. The grass has become refreshing green over night and soft maple buds are reddening. Busy with usual chores & managed to drop the remaining rows of Ollie's potato

patch pm - Planted around 1 ½ bu small seed.

APRIL 21 Friday 42/7am

32/12pm

Sunny this morning otherwise mostly cloudy and on the sour weather side, with light wind northerly. Busy with customary chores. This pm covered the dropped potatoes & got 2lbs Thos.Laxton peas planted at Ollie's then we did a big job hauling hemlock logs on dray to the loading bank out along the woods. This evng Reggie Davis & Maxwell Luedtke came & we rehearsed their Fellowcraft Degree lecture.

APRIL 22 Saturday 38/7am

32/12pm

Clear & sunny, northerly wind quieting. Morning snow squalls on the back Hunter Mountains - 1 inch snow reported at Hunter. The snow on High Point is dimming out. Another busy day I spread cart load manure & got load sawdust am. This pm I got the dead hog hauled away in the woods, cleaned up 2 loads tripped out brush in Ollie's orchard lot & then she helped me cut 2 leaning dead hemlock logs in our woods opposite driveway & got them snaked out along the place for loading. To late & tired for IOOF lodge tonight.

APRIL 23 Sunday 44/7am

44/11pm

April showers fell this morning - broke away quite sunny pm. Wind northerly. Crispy tonight. I made my last trip

for the season to Herman Weidner's for infertile incubator eggs. Not much doing. Took an exercise walk up in the old Constable woods pm & again carved my initials, Masonic emblem & date on the bent over beech tree, where Golden VanBenschoten had carved his in 1896. The tree is up the hill from the old log road near the Nichol's line old wire pasture fence. Wrote to Mariam tonite.

APRIL 24 Monday 40/7am
31/11:30pm

Drab and overcast wind light - Clearing away at evng. Big crescent moon riding high & atmosphere frosty. I drew 3 loads hog manure & spread on 3 corner corn stubble. A big days work. Ollie Burgher started spring cleaning at the Chalet Indeian Boiceville.

APRIL 25 Tuesday 34/7am
45/11pm

White frost this am. Sunny but became overcast during forenoon. Cool & drab weather. Wind light southerly. I finished the hog yard cleaning job drew 2 loads on 3 corner lot also got wagon load sawdust. Finished "news" copy evng.

APRIL 26 Wednesday 41/7am
40/11pm

Rainy this morning but stopped around 9 o'clock - Continued overcast, then clearing away quietly pm. Cloudless chill tonight - Bulging bright moon. I put in a

good days work. I drew out load manure over on last years sweet corn stubble by old house then got cart load sawdust & put on hog yard. Also sawed up the drew firewood & took wagon load up to Ollie Burghers. I sold my 17 months old reddish brindle bull to Max for \$125 (They came after him Fri pm the 28th)

APRIL 27 Thursday 40/7am

44/11:30pm

Damp & foggy this morning but faired away sunny by 9 o'clock - Brisk southerly winds developed & became overcast pm - Showers evng with one audible peal of thunder, later clearing partly. I got the last batch of hams and bacon hung up & smoke started am. This pm I plowed Ollie's garden patches.

APRIL 28 Friday 46/7am

42/12pm

Dark dreary dam foggy & still which finally gave way to sunshine by mid pm. Clear moonlight chilly tonight. Busy the morning with home chores in variety. This pm I cut a wagon load of dead sapling firewood & spread load of pig manure from chicken house pen on 3 corner corn ground.

APRIL 29 Saturday 34/7am

38/12pm

Had early am fluffy snow shower - with continued rain falling till around mid afternoon. A cold dreary storm. Not much doing aside from chores etc.

APRIL 30 Sunday Daylight Saving Time begins
42/11pm

Drab cloudy weather. Light chill rain pm & evng. More or less busy with chores & odd jobs. Mr & Mrs Ben Shultis of Wittenberg came after bu seed potatoes, 2.00 paid. Wrote to Mariam tonight.

MAY 1 Monday 40/7am
38/11pm

Rainy night and continued awhile this morning. Dreary still murky day cold & damp. The sun finally broke thru the murk shortly before its settling behind Hanover Mtn. Brilliant full moon shining tonight. Sent Mrs. Knorpp 8lbs butter @.75 - Also 31lbs bacon to Cornelia & returned 12" Bass shoes to factory, Walton Maine for exchange to size larger, No10S - Spread big cart load manure on sweet corn ground did chores in variety & split up some firewood.

MAY 2 Tuesday 42/7am
46/11pm

Rained in late night & was drizzilly & murky yet this morning but gradually the sun cleared the mists & foggy & the day was generally sunny, calm & warmer, with May flies biting pm. Besides morning chores I pounded down pasture fence posts. This pm I seeded oats & grass seed on last fall plowed sweet corn patch across from Francis Whispells. I note the alfalfa seeding on last years oats patches has wintered pretty green. Also

harrowed both ways past fall plowed sod potato ground strip between old house & road. Quite a days accomplishment.

MAY 3 Wednesday 42/7am

56/12pm

Sunny hazy & warmer, and the tree buds are showing life. Wind developed southerly. This am I disced the potato ground both way ready for marking out. PM I manured & fertilized, limed & seed down with oats Ollie's big garden patch by maple tree & rock. I used Clinton oats, alfalfa, [Alsike], red top & timothy seed mixture. Ollie harrowed it in after coming from work at Chalet Indian.

MAY 4 Thursday 50/7am

58/11:30pm

Sunny and hazy, still & humid, overcast threatened showery evening - with some rain. I boated down the oats patches, sowed yesterday did liming and harrowing & sowed and seeded another strip of oats for Ollie Burgher pm above the road.

MAY 5 Friday 51/7am

50/12pm

Thunder showers with some rain in night. Cool foggy chilly misty weather. Did chores & cut a bag of treated (Semesan Bel) certified Kathadin seed potatoes am. This pm I took a big bundle of second hand clothing in variety over to Mrs. Ludwig Scherck, to send to their destitute

relatives in Germany. Early evng I went over to Krumville to see Ernest Miller about a wintered pig as a mate for mine in pen, but did not buy as his price was too high, & was smaller than mine.

MAY 6 Saturday 50/7am
58/12pm

Continued damp & foggy this morning but sun broke thru the murk becoming much warmer. Later became windy & showery & and during pm fairing away - Starlight windy summery evng. I drew out manure got load sawdust pm & helped Ollie set out strawberry plants above the road. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge, going with Claude N. Biedler, who due to a transformer burning out in Krumville was obligated in the Initiatory Degree by candlelight.

MAY 7 Sunday 62/7am
41/12pm

Extremely windy like March. Bright and sunny with some high thin overcast. Warm, with a noticable change colder - Brilliant chilly starlight night continuing windy. Did daily rounds of chores. Mrs. Grace Winchell was a welcome visitor for dinner. After supper I hit the dining room couch till 11:30

MAY 8 Monday 32/7am
42/11pm

Frost and ice this morning. Clear cold & continued brisk chill northerly wind. Spread load manure on last years

sweet corn patch strip across from old house. Will plow & seed to oats. Also re-dised potato ground am. This pm marked out & planted 6 rows. Mart Eckert gave me a hand.

MAY 9 Tuesday 40/7am

54/12pm

Sunny, bright and warmer with continuing wind shifted southerly. Gradually became overcast pm with strong wind and some rain evng. Busy usual routine and this afternoon with Ollie and Mart Eckert helping finished my potato planting. Fertilized the 13 rows with 6-12-6 fertilizer and used in plowing 2 bags certified Kathadins & ½ bu or so of another variety similar. Tonight I went with Reginald E. Davis to Kingston Lodge No10 - F& A.M. & witnessed the deeply colorful & impressive Third or Master Mason Degree conferred on a class of five which included Reggie and Maxwell Luedtke. Ice cream, apple pie and coffee served after meeting. A delegation of visitors present from Springfield, Mass.

MAY 10 Wednesday 53/7:30am

56/12pm

Rained hard late in night & continued showers this morning, drenching thunder shower from High Point. Windy, warm - Light pm rains. Quieted - breaking away colorful sunset. Did chores & split & ranked up some firewood.

MAY 11 Thursday

46/12pm

Partly cloudy to all overcast. Cool, northerly wind, quieting latter pm. Overcast still tonight. I plowed last years sweet corn & manured over patch across from old house for oats & run out seeding strip on upper side. Spread on load manure.

MAY 12 Friday 46/7am

46/12pm

Cool - sunny - with part cloudiness - wind gentle. Brilliant starlight chilly tonight. This am I packed & shipped 12 1/4lbs lean well smoked ham & bacon to Mrs. Knorpp. PM I did a big job getting strip opposite the old house, harrowed, limed acid fertilized & seeded to oats & alfalfa grass the mixture & load stone hauled. This evng I took Mort & Mary Roe & Ollie to Phoenicia did some marketing and saw picture feature *The Reformer and the Red Head*.

MAY 13 Saturday 46/7am

51/12pm

Bright and sunny till early pm then became overcast with black clouds & windy & rain squally. Cool tonight, fall like & windy. This pm I boated down the oats sowed yesterday picked off load stone & boated over and disced both way the newly plowed strip along upper side of field. Tonight I went with Bro. Claude Biedler to IOOF Lodge, Initiatory Degree in frill form conferred on Adolph Rosenbusch. Also went to Bill Lortz & got my hair cut.

MAY 14 Sunday 40/7am
48/10:30pm

A brilliant sunny Mother's Day, but very cool with increasing southerly wind. Became partly overcast latter pm. I went up along the Bushkill road this am above Post Office to the grading work done this week for the new Town Machinery shed and West Shokan Fire House. Mr & Mrs Ludwig Scherik called pm & mother & I gave them a large quantity of clothing & fur pieces to send to their destitute folks in Germany who lost their homes in the war. This is the 3rd lot given them this year.

MAY 15 Monday 48/7am
54/12pm

Overcast still cool murky weather. A light rain fell this afternoon & evening. I started plowing the rank weedy 3 corner lot corn stubble of last year. I also spread load manure got a load of sawdust. Rained out ploughing this afternoon. Mother rec'd air mail letter from Mariam. Wrote news copy evng.

MAY 16 Tuesday 54/7am
56/12pm

Unsettled - more or less murky overcast with periods of sunshine wind gentle. Occasional shower threat sprinkles. I made good headway plowing 3 corner lot.

MAY 17 Wednesday 52/7am
48/12pm

Lowry murky August like weather. Intermittent warm sunshine & overcast. Showers late pm & evng. I got in some good plowing this afternoon. Tonight I attended the Ulster County Grand Jurors Assn. Spring dinner at Kirkland Hotel. Kingston - Excellent turkey dinner 85 served \$2 per plate. Principal speaker assemblyman John Wadlin, Highland.

MAY 18 Thursday 46/7am

46/11pm

Drenching shower early this am with rumbling thunder. Continued rainy & chill with a few let ups throughout day & evng. Not much accomplished. Did chores, split & piled up firewood pm. Made out Ulster Dist IOOF per capita assessment bills evng.

MAY 19 Friday 44/7am

42/12pm

Rainy night & continued a cold rainy day & evng. With occasional let ups. The ground is pretty well saturated. I split & piled firewood under shed. 45 Anniversary of the death of my revered Grandfather Martin H. Crispell.

MAY 20 Saturday 44/7am

38/12pm

A wet night & still rainy this am - but tried to break away. Another brief early pm shower. Clearing beautifully at evng with brilliant gaining crescent moon over the Wittenbergs but very chilly and damp. I spread wagon load manure on 3 corner lot before dinner

& this afternoon I got a load of dead red oak top wood, from slashing beyond the back road. This evng Mr & Mrs Vaban Kizirian with his car took Ollie Burgher, Mort & Mary Roe & myself to Phoenicia. Saw thrilling civil war era western picture in color. *The Outriders* Mrs. Lester S. Davis underwent a gall bladder removal at Benedictine Hosp.

MAY 21 Sunday 38/7am

46/12pm

For a delightful change a brilliant sunny day with fresh wind northerly & quieting early pm. Cloudless chilly evng with brilliant crescent moon. Mother & I attended church service pm & heard Mr. CFW Ahrens former _____ pastor preach & sing. Mr. Ahrens will be 80 next birthday. Later I took mother for a little outing ride up Watson Hollow & called at Mr & Mrs Gus Korttike's & at Belle Burgher's coming back. We drove up over Bushkill Hill & in by Holiday Inn to see the view. Charley Langer & mother called early pm. He took my old wooden works shelf clock home for repairs. 45 years ago this pm my Grandpa Martin H. Crispell was buried in the old Brodhead Cemetery on east side Esopus Creek. Funeral in W.Shokan Baptist Church. Weather like today.

MAY 22 Monday 44/7am

42/12pm

Continued lovely clear sunny day. Cool & southerly wind. Partly hazed over evng. I finished plowing 3

corner lot & got wagon load dry topwood. Also spread load manure. Lilacs are in fragrant bloom. Apple trees loaded with blossoms. Rank grows of grass "a cold wet May for hay". This evng I went to Saugerties, saw 1st Degree conferred on 13, at William H Raymond IOOF Lodge. Claude N. Biedler & Adolph Rosenbusch among them. Ed Kelly, 51, of Shokan, real estate broker, murdered Mrs. Eloise McHugh 44, widow with 4 children as she was walking east past old Dutch Church in Kingston on way to work. She was shot thru back from car across street near St. Joseph Catholic Church, as she was passing by the Gov. Clinton monument. Kelly used a 270 Winchester rifle, then got out of car & fired a bullet in top of his head, which proved only a superficial wound. Both rushed by ambulances to Kingston hosp. But Mrs. McHugh was dead upon arrival - Kelly will face 1st degree murder charge.

MAY 23 Tuesday 44/7am

44/11pm

Sun shone early but soon murked over & became rainy - continued showers intermittently thruout the day & evng. Another cold storm. The rain prevented much being done today. Wrote news copy evng.

Ernest Palen, 60, committed suicide about 7am in his wife's bedroom by blowing the top of his head off with a blast from a 12 gauge hammerless double barrel shotgun. He & his second wife the former Mrs. Mary Wilson, occupied rooms in the east end of Wm. Colange's apartment house, behind the corner store & Post Office.

The room was littered with blood & pieces of the skull. The coroner Art Chipp & Sheriff's officer permitted me to go up stairs over living room and see his tall thin body. Clothed only in light underwear & bathrobe. He lay on floor alongside corner of bed. Upper part of his body on a rug in a big pool of thickened blood, on his left side. His blobbed out brains lay either side of him. His wife discovered the tragedy about 11:30. She had been away over night with her married daughter. I saw the tragedy scene about 3 pm before arrival of undertaker Victor Lasher of Woodstock.

MAY 24 Wednesday 55/7am

56/12pm

The early rising sun some beneath the murky clouds, but soon the curtain settled and it rained most of forenoon. There was one distinct rumble of thunder. Mostly cloudy pm with a bit of sunshine. Wind calm. Somewhat muggy.

Ollie helped me saw up the 2 loads of firewood pm & I split & piled some wood under the shed. I heard today that funeral services for Ernest Palen will be held privately 2pm Friday at Lashers in Woodstock. Theron Townsend 58 of Phoenicia, mail carrier & Shandaken Policeman shot himself 4pm in his barn thru head with 22 single shot rifle, after first shooting himself near the heart.

MAY 25 Thursday 56/7am

59/11pm

Variable unsettled weather. Muggy & murky with some between sunshine. Banging drenching pm thunder showers. The earth is soggy with water. The Shandaken tunnel has been shut off & there is no more need of the NYC rainmaking program, about much has been heard of late. This pm I spread load manure on sweet corn ground, got a load of sawdust, & got in rain , but luckily had my rain coat & hat. Also split & pile wood.

MAY 26 Friday 56/7am
54/11pm

Continued stagnated, misty murky am; partly fairing away pm. Warm & humid. Cleared gloriously evng still, cool and brilliant bulged moon. Did considerable wood splitting & mother helped with piling - Late pm I took Ollie up to Bushkill cemetery, for cleaning up her plot. After milking & chores we went to Olive Bridge hall for Free Chest X-Ray Clinic.

MAY 27 Saturday 54/7am
54/12pm

Most welcome change to a bright sunny warm, still day - cool & somewhat overcast evng. With moon shining thru This am I spread load manure & boated over the plowed but bristling weedy 3 corner lot. This afternoon I went with Joe Winkler, accompanied by Mr. Claude Biedler, over the various Olive Cemeteries also at Palentown, decorating the soldier graves with new flags & re painting the markers. We placed a new American Legion marker on the grave of John I. Coons, 1812

veteran in Coons family cemetery.

MAY 28 Sunday 50/7am

54/11:30pm

Early sunshine beneath the cloud blanket, but soon completely murked over. A chilly dreary day with intermittent light rains. Busy with chores and odd jobs about. Arthur Barringer, of Samsonville upper road, died suddenly of heart attack at his farm home about 2:45am - He had not been feeling well of late & had an attack Friday. Mrs. Barringer is in bed recovering from a blood clot.

MAY 29 Monday 53/7am

50/12pm

Arrived raining & continued more or less steadily till noon. Remained overcast & becalmed rest of day - cool - Clearing late evng brilliant big moon. I split and piled firewood aside from usual rounds of chores. Tonight Mr. Claude Biedler & I went to Saugerties with Reggie Davis and Alonzo Davis. The Second Degree was conferred on class of 13 at William H Raymond IOOF Lodge.

MAY 30 Tuesday 50/7am

56/12pm

Bright and sunny this morning - with quite considerable pm cloudiness - shower looking. Faired & becoming cloudless evng with soft hazy full moon. Real warm during day. I spread load manure on 3 corner lot am. Mr

& Mrs Longyear & Mrs. Jane Bostwick arrived early pm to stay over night. Mother & I took a ride with them after supper. Called on Grace Winchell. This pm Mr Longyear & I attended the Olive Post 1627 Memorial Day ceremonies held in front of the World War 2 marker on the Olive Bridge ME Church grounds. Post Commander Edward West in charge. Pratt Boice of Kingston was principal speaker. 3 volleys fired & taps sounded at cease. A parade up from the fire hall preceded.

MAY 31 Wednesday 56/7am

62/12pm

Sun shone thru this morning but murked over gloomy & threatening with occasional sprinkles. Light showers & mist tonight. Mr & Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick got started from home around 11am. This pm I cut grass for cows at Ollie's, cultivated the early patch of potatoes, which are up encouragily, also harrowed unplanted patches. Funeral services 2:30pm for Arthur Barringer, at Samsonville upper road farm home - with interment Palentown Cemetery. Elder Arnold Bellows of West Hurley Old School Baptist preacher officiating.

JUNE 1 Thursday 62/7am

50/12pm

Wet cold rainy weather Drenching afternoon. Thunder rumbled off Kingston way. The sun broke thru before setting & cleared beautifully evng still & chill, with late rising just past full moon in deep south. Aside from

doing chores got some wood split & piled & grass cut for cows. Mrs. Lottie M. Hesley underwent a bladder ailment operation at Hospital.

JUNE 2 Friday 52/7am
70/12pm

A magnificent bright warm breezy sunny day. Wind quieted Warm increasing strong southerly wind developed am. I spent the forenoon at Bert Winnie's garage having new left front wheel bearings installed, brakes adjusted, car lubricated etc. Price \$5.65 paid. After a late pm start letting out the cows I took load ;manure over on sweet corn ground across from old house & disced it both ways. On way home I cut grass for cows at Ollie's. Dick Harrington called briefly pm on way to .

JUNE 3 Saturday 70/7am
66/12pm

Warm & humid, brisk winds, mostly southerly. Mostly overcast, with intermitten light showers. Rainy tonight & windy. Aside from chores I spent the morning cutting grass in chicken yards. This pm cut more grass, spread the overnight stable manure & cultivated three in a row my patch of certified Kathadin potatoes fairly having broken ground & rows showing. This evng left late at 8:30 for IOOF Lodge in Olive Bridge. Claude N. Biedler recd the 3rd Degree in short form. Refreshments followed meeting. An early morning fire of unknown origin destroyed with its contents Minervini's Pizzeria restaurant & grill on Route 28 in Boiceville. The Olive

Bridge & Ashokan Fire trucks responded.

JUNE 4 Sunday 54/7am

46/PM

Surprising change in weather - Decidedly cool. Brisk northerly wind. Sunny and cleared this morning, becoming bright and cloudless - The deep blue of the reservoir water now overflowing meets the crispy green of the shore lines - A touch like of autumn premeates the atmosphere. We had no callers today. Busy with daily chores & cut grass about the house for the cows & mother helped rake it up.

JUNE 5 Monday 52/7am

50/12pm

Another brilliant sunny cool day. Light wind northerly. Starlight calm evng. I spread load manure in potato rows. Disced the weedy plowed 3 corner lot, and after a late dinner I recultivated the thrifty looking early patch of potatoes & strawberry rows in Ollie's orchard lot. This evng I went with Bro. Claude Biedler to Olive Bridge, and we went in Chas. Gustavson's Ford to Saugerties & saw the 3rd Degree very impressively conferred on a class of 12, including Adolph Rosenbusch of Shokan Lodge No491.

JUNE 6 Tuesday 52/7am

Continued fair & real warm - Somewhat showery looking - Brisk, variable wind at times. Still clear warm

evng. It feels today like corn planting. Besides chores & cutting grass for the cows got mother a load of good fried dirt for her feather beds. After dinner and a rest I re-disced the 3 corner lot, & made the weeds look thinner. Wrote news copy tonight.

JUNE 7 Wednesday 62/7am

64/12pm

Continued fair and very hot pm Considerable cloudiness. Clear & pleasantly cooler evng. Somewhat breezy. My faithful horses & I did a big job, deep spring tooth harrowing 3 corner lot - & cut grass for cows. After supper I harrowed Jim Harrison's garden. This evng mother & I called at Mrs. Kizirian's. She has 2 ladies visiting from the city & wanted mother to come up for supper.

JUNE 8 Thursday 68/7am

66/11pm

Extremely hot weather. Partly cloudy - clear evng with brick south westerly wind. Busy with morning chores and repairing corn marker. This afternoon Ollie helped me mark out the corn ground both ways & planted a lb of Early Burpee's sweet corn in north corner. The ground is mellow & loose as an ash heap. We had a hard hot job. I see Mort & Mary Roe have started haying.

JUNE 9 Friday 62/6:30am

66/12pm

Extremely hot and sunny considerably breezy pm &

evng. Ollie helped me with the 3 corner lot corn planting & working till dusk finished the job. Planted 1lb Burpee yellow, 1lb Bantam Evergreen & 1lb [Stawells] Evergreen sweet corn - and my choice yellow dent field corn, some pop corn in the south corner. The sun was so hot my face is burned red.

JUNE 10 Saturday 64/7am

Hot and humid. Thunder showery weather developed around noon with some rain, then faired away. Breezy. Thickened in again late afternoon shower. A storm of lightning wind and rain of unusual severity from the High Point quarter drenched this totalily evng. This am spread load manure in potato rows & then got wet getting a load of sawdust. During pm I got the old Ford saw rig put away & saw filed. Mr. Biedler & I went to IOOF Lodge in the driving storm & thru another deluge coming home.

JUNE 11 Sunday 48/7am

46/12pm

Clear brilliant sunny cooler & much less humid weather after last nights drenching storm. Brisk northerly wind quieted at evng & cloudless. The countryside is a deep refreshing green, the reservoir a contrasting deep blue. Was kept busy this am with chores in variety. This afternoon Arthur Scofield of the Traver Hollow Inn, came & boxed up with my help Bob & Mariam's overstuffed chair to ship to Mexico City. Tonight I went with Bro. Biedler to the annual IOOF memorial service

at the Olive Bridge ME Church. Virgil Gordon, as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Wm R. Beckham of Kingston, guest speaker. Myron Boice's wife of Lake katrine died suddenly when returning home from church.

JUNE 12 Monday 46/7am

51/12pm

Another majestic cool sunny day with fresh southerly day wind. Clear & still & cool evng. I plugged along all day. Spread load manure in potato rows - This pm I cultivated potatoes & unplanted ground at Ollie's & marked out for garden planting. Art Scofield came after work and we crated up a white leather covered chair to send Bob & Mariam. After supper I mowed over the weedy garden.

JUNE 13 Tuesday 50/7am

50/12am

Continued fair - Some overcast but quiet sunny. Southerly wind. Pleasantly cool - overcast evng. Cleared. I helped Ollie clean up 2 wagon loads stone from her new above the road garden patch; and she got some seeding done. I cleaned up the garden with house rake and disced the ground well after supper. Mother did the milking. Wrote news copy evng.

JUNE 14 Wednesday 56/7am

56/12pm

Set in rainy this morning and continued a drenching storm till latter pm with a dark misty evng. I made a

shopping trip to Kingston pm. Funeral services 2pm at Carr's in Kingston for Mrs. Myron Boice, the former Louise Jane Shaw of pre reservoir Shokan. Interment Hurley Cemetery.

JUNE 15 Thursday 54/7am

62/12pm

Arrived rainy and continued around noon. Partly broke away during pm & sun shone Cool & calm. Did daily chores including cutting grass for the cows. This pm I made a trip to Ulster Heights to look at some farm machinery Dr. McCartney took me there from his place in Ellenville. I came home by way of the Lackawack dam project thru Sundown and over the Peekamoose trail.

JUNE 16 Friday 62/7am

68/11pm

Mostly glum and overcast, brief hot flits of sunshine. Moist southerly wind, and occasional brief showers pm. Busy with odd jobs in variety - Helped Ollie set out tomato & pepper plants - cleaned out her chicken house - put in corn hills.

JUNE 17 Saturday 64/7am

48/12pm

Drenching electrical storm toward morning. Brisk northerly wind slowly clearing - Sunny pm & cloudless tonight. Change to early fall like weather. Busy with chores & variety of odd jobs, including cleaning chicken

house. I made it to late for IOOF Lodge but was in time for refreshments. I recd an elegant leather billfold & card case from Cornelia & Dick, a gift for Father's Day.

JUNE 18 Sunday 48/7am

48/12pm

Clear very cool & brisk northerly wind. Considerable high overcast pm - overcast & still tonight. The vari tinted mountain laurel, ranging from snow white to brilliant pink is of unusual profusion and beauty. Also on every hand Witchazel? Bushes are loaded with their dainty white blooms. Was busy all day with must chores & odd jobs. Mrs. Scheick up on top of Bushkill Hill reported 32 degrees at 4am.

JUNE 19 Monday 44/7am

52/11pm

Cloudy - occasional light rains - still. Snow squalls on Wittenberg & mtns around to north this am. Besides chores - Ollie helped me put load hen manure & acid fertilizer & a load of ashes & fertilizer on corn hills - had just enough to finish. The pesky crows are "paying their respects" to the corn coming up.

JUNE 20 Tuesday

64/11:30pm

Sunny this morning but murked over - Muggy still & threatening. I got out 5am to pay my respects to the corn pulling crows! Shot one from my car seat. For some reason both barrels of my 12 ga. Ithaed with heavy

loads discharged as one resulting in a sore shoulder & I subsequently noted a dent in left barrel. Cultivated Ollie's & my patches of potatoes, & spread load manure in rows, & incidentally cut green hay for cow fodder. Recd letter from Mrs. Knorff with check \$34.21. Wrote news copy evng. Mrs. Bertha Bell 76 - died of a stroke 3 am at the home of her daughter Shirley in Walden.

JUNE 21 Wednesday

62/11pm

Murky & rainy early this am. Partly cleared hot & muggy. Fresh northerly wind developed & became cooler & dryer pm. Cloudless evng cool with growing crescent moon. Got out after crows early but saw none on cornfield. Busy around with chores etc am. This pm cut wagon box load grass for cows at Ollie's. & I went thru her patch potatoes with shovel plow & then we hoed them up & picked off bugs & eggs. The rows look rank & thrifty & about to blossom.

JUNE 22 Thursday 54/6am

A pleasant summery day. Considerable latter pm overcast. Southerly day wind. Still clear cool evng brilliant growing half moon. I plowed & disced the garden am. Mother & I attended funeral services 2:30pm conducted for Mrs. Bertha Bell, 76 (widow of Tilden Bell) in the West Shokan Baptist Church - Rev. Walter A. White officiating. Mrs. White pianist - no singing. Lovely flowers. Interment Bushkill Cemetery. Bearers Lester S. Davis, Irving Hesley, Davis Bender, Francis

Whispell. After funeral I spread cart load manure in potato rows & re harrowed sweet corn ground by old house. After supper I thoroughly harrowed the garden.

JUNE 23 Friday 56/6am

76/11:30pm

Continued fair & turned hot - Breezy - Bulging warm moon tonight - brisk westerly wind. Excellent hay drying weather pm. Mort & Mary Roe have a big jump with their early haying. Ollie & I with mother's help did a big job planting garden today, in variety. Put south end in sweet corn Bantam Evergreen & White same as last year. Today is mother's 63rd wedding anniversary.

JUNE 24 Saturday 68/7am

68/12pm

Drenching driving 6am thunder shower from west. Hot & muggy sunshine - Thunder shower downpours from High Point quarter latter pm. Rained more evng & clearing. Tired out today - Spread cart load manure in potato rows & got load sawdust. Caught in first pm downpour coming home. NY City's rain making operations are blamed on our exceedingly wet weather. I attended IOOF Lodge tonight. Jack Darling - Spanish, & Philipino & World War I Vet, named Vice Grand in place of Chas. Smith who declined.

JUNE 25 Sunday 70/7:30am

70/12pm

Hot & muggy - Mostly sunny - considerable pm

cloudiness. Clear still & cooler evng. Big brilliant moonshining. Busy with daily chores. Tried to rest up some. Mother & I went over in lower Hinkley field after wild strawberries pm. We got a quart or so when hulled. Wrote Cornelia birthday card letter.

JUNE 26 Monday
72/12pm

Hot and sunny - Typical summer weather. Breezy, cooler, beautiful moonlight night. I started the week spreading load manure in potato rows, re harrowed sweet corn patch before dinner. This pm I started cultivating the 3 corner lot twice in row & planted in corn. There are weeds by the million. Field corn up about 4" high. A hot tedious task. We read from Mariam a birthday card & letter for Mother. The Stock Markets broke wildly due to the unprovoked & undeclared war, by invasion south of 38th paralled by the Communist North Korea.

JUNE 27 Tuesday 66/7am
63/12pm

A banging 5:50am thunder shower from the west & north murked out the early sunshine with a broad beam of rippling reflection across the reservoir. The spectacle was most unusual as the clouded blanket settled down. The skies cleared & the day with part cloudiness was hot & breezy, gradually getting cooler latter pm. Glorious big moon shining evng & became overcast & decidedly cooler. Wrote "news" copy this am. Busy day - this pm I cut load grass & cultivated corn. This is Cornelia's 32

birthday & 36th anniversary of crushing my right hand in steam roller gear accident.

JUNE 28 Wednesday 56/7am

58/12pm

Real cool, part cloudy brisk northerly wind quieting at evng. A grand day for haying. Big moon shining thru thin overcast. I made a big effort and finished cultivating thru the corn twice in a row each way. I bought thru Edw. Purcell & Co. As of June 26 - (order had been placed before the break) 20 shares Cavier Corp leader in air conditioning @19 ½ per share - common 8.01 - tax 10 Total amt \$398.11

JUNE 29 Thursday 57/7am

64/12pm

Warm & muggy partly cloudy - became overcast with light pm & evng rains. South westerly wind. I marked out & with Mart Eckert's help got the waiting sweet corn patch, party planted, with Bantam - Evergreen, & 2 beans to a hill. I got load sawdust pm & as it was raining came home & unloaded & with mothers help cut load of green hay by the house, south side. The NY Stock Market had a 3 million share day & slumped to Feb lows.

JUNE 30 Friday 61/7am

62/12pm

Warm, generally fair & sunny. Breezy, calm cool hazy full moon tonight. Spread load manure in rows. I went thru the potatoes first with cultivator & then twice in row

with shovel plow am. This pm I dusted Ollie's luxuriant blossoming patch of potatoes & got wagon load sawdust. Scoutmaster Bud Hamilton of Oneonta with five of his troop members & equipment camped in the edge of our woods tonight.

JULY 1 Saturday 56/7am
52/12pm

Continued fair weather northerly wind - At times considerable cloudiness - cool clear evng, with declining full moon in deep south. Sprayed and hoed up the potatoes with Mart Eckert's help. Also finished planting sweet corn patch, using "The Burpee" early yellow. Brad Hamilton and his scouts went on High Point. Brother Biedler & I attended IOOF Lodge tonight. Jimmy McGlocklin the retiring Noble Grand gave a spaghetti & meatballs, delicious supper after the meeting.

JULY 2 Sunday
52/12pm

Warm - Part cloudy. Brisk south westerly winds evng. Overcast & set in rainy, driving drenching midnight shower
I went up to Gus Korittkes and had some pre haying repairs done. I took him a bu of potatoes. Bud Hamilton & party returned home pm. High Point Camp at Brodhead has opened. The community has an influx of visitors & summer residents. Mother & I wrote air mail letter to Mariam tonite, sending a birthday card for Gaye who will be 9 July 8.

JULY 3 Monday 66/7am

Warm unsettled. Partly to mostly cloudy - some hot sunshine. Spread final load manure in potatoes rows am. This pm I worked in Ollie's garden cultivating - fertilizing & hoeing the tomatoes. Cut load grass for cows. After supper I cultivated thru our garden. It looks rather sickly. Part of the planing drained out entirely. American ground troops of 24th Inf have gone into action against the North Koreans. The US Air am is active several days.

JULY 4 Tuesday 66/7am

Independence Day

60/12pm

Cloudy warm & humid with lusty rain showers. Good drenches toward noon. Broke away evng.

I observed the once Grand and Glorious 4th by doing chores in variety and putting a new tongue in the hay rake. About the only semblance of American Independence Day was a quite vigorous discharge of firecrackers this evng from across the reservoir.

JULY 5 Wednesday 62/7am

68/12pm

Warm & humid. Hot sunshine & part cloudy till early pm when the sky murked over, with thunder showers & showers continuing till late evng. Bad haying weather. I spread load manure on unplanted ground at Ollie's - hoed in her house garden & planted some beans. Then the showers came & nothing more

accomplished. This evng I went down to Bill Lortz's & got my hair cut. The driving was wet and foggy.

JULY 6 Thursday 66/7am

52/12pm

Warm & humid. Overcast this am Gradually fairing away pm - Cloudless still tonight and much cooler. I did a variety of jobs. Sowed turnips in both potato patches - put acid fertilizer on last planting sweet corn & started shovel cultivating field corn. Also cut load green hay for cows. This is my Dear Mother's 82 birthday. She rec'd another lot of greeting cards and 3 lovely festooned birthday cakes - one from Cornelia which the former Elinor Carey brought up from Kingston, one from Mr & Mrs Ludwig Scheick & one from Lena Smith Brewster - a box of chocolates from Elinor & a hand embroidered towel from Mrs. Kizirian.

JULY 7 Friday 60/7am

56/12pm

Magnificent weather. Bright sunshine & brisk northerly wind. Some high clouds. Cloudless real cool tonight. I finished up & down hill cultivating 3 corner lot am. This pm I spread load manure got wagon load sawdust and "Started Haying" Mowed strip of the heavy hay along driveway. I saw the first "Jet Plane". It went up & back over the valley, flying high & glistening in the bright sunshine, trailing a long slender feather like white smoke, and emitting a loud resounding roar. It came back south about noon as I was cultivating.

JULY 8 Saturday 60/7am

62/12pm

Hot sunny hay drying day - Light northerly wind. Still clear, cooled off tonight. I went to Kingston with Supervisor Claude Bell, as a District No 2 Olive delegate to the Republican County. Convention at Municipal Auditorium. Had dinner at The Governor Clinton. Cluet Schwatz, nominated Sheriff over former Sheriff Howard Anderson. After coming home I cut another strip of heavy hay & raked yesterdays cutting. I attended Installation tonite at Shokan IOOF Lodge.

JULY 9 Sunday

64/12pm

Continued fair. Light breeze - not quite so hot as yesterday. Clouded over latter pm. At 2:30 pm I attended Masonic Memorial Services conducted by Rondout Lodge No343, for the late Emilie E. Brunel, at his home the Chalet Indien property in Boiceville, when his ashes were deposited in an urn at the top of his tall 3 face sculpered statue. About 25 brethern were present besides neighbors and friends. Mrs. Brunel served refreshments. Late pm mother helped me get in the first load of hay.

JULY 10 Monday 66/7am

62/12pm

Cloudy - still - occasional rains - mussy weather. I spread cart load manure in Ollie's strawberry rows -

cultivated & planted a lb of Burpee's Tender Green beans for her. I also put off the load of hay.

JULY 11 Tuesday 64/7am
70/12pm

Arrived rainy - drenching forenoon rains - and again rainy tonight thunder showers. Warm, humid weather. Wrote news copy am. Besides chores etc. Sharpening machine knives, naught accomplished. This pm I had my kitchen radio out in the barn & enjoyed the most thrilling 17th Annual 14 inning "All Star" ball game, won by the National Leaguers 4-3 - played at Cominsky Park Chicago, attendance 46, 105 receipts \$126,000 which goes for the players pension fund.

JULY 12 Wednesday 66/7am
62/12pm

Hot & humid - partly cloudy - Thundered around to west noon time but no rain. Somewhat breezy latter pm turning cooler. Clear tonight. This afternoon I cut a load of green oats for fodder, but made no attempt to mow with machine. This evng I took Ollie Burgher over to Dr. Cohn's Woodstock for treatment for a week long sore throat. Mr & Mrs Longyear called latter am. They came yesterday to Mt Tremper for their vacation. The war news is bad in Korea, Americans suffering heavy losses before the Red drive into South Korea. The NY Stock Market lumbered to largest level since Dec 21.

JULY 13 Thursday 64/7am

66/12pm

Warm humid part cloudy, southwesterly winds. Murked over mid afternoon with warm showers following , one a drencher. Clearing tonight with fresh northerly wind. I disregarded the weather & mowed oats & some hay at Ollie's - mother & I got in a small load behind the barn, cut last Sat. We received daily cards from Cornelia. Dick is driving a bus as a summer sideline to Syracuse.

JULY 14 Friday 60/7am

48/12pm

A really beautiful cool bright sunny day, wind northerly. Real chilly cloudless still tonight. Such a significant overnight change from the wet humid weather is hard to realize. I set out some cabbage plants in garden after breakfast. Put in a busy day tedded the cut hay & oats at Ollie's. Also mowed a load of hay in orchard lot & one patch of green oats. Brought a load home for cow fodder. Tonight I took Will Jordan & Harlowe McLean to the homecoming installation at Bearsville IOOF Lodge. The following is from a clipping found in diary for this date:

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED Woodstock July 17
Installation of officers was held Friday night of the Bearsville Lodge, 533, I.O.O.F. Those installed were: Oscar Lettel, noble grand; Edgar Baker, vice-grand; George Hopper, warden; John Pepper, conductor; Clifford Carnwright, chaplain; William Werner, right scene supporter; Eugene Hung, Sr., left scene supporter; Schaffer Vredenberg, right support to the noble grand;

George Braendly, left support to the noble grand; Eugene Hung, Jr. Inside guardian; Oscar Schilz, outside guardian; Eugene Hoyt, right support to the vice -grand; Earl Rowe, left support to the vice-grand; George Eichler, recording secretary; Nathan Mac Daniel, finance secretary, and Harold Reynolds, treasure.

JULY 15 Saturday

60/12pm

Beautifully clear & bright sunny am. Considerable pm & evng cloudiness with southerly day wind. I drew out manure & worked at haying lone handled & drew one load. This evng I went with Mr. Biedler to IOOF Lodge meeting with refreshments after.

JULY 16 Sunday

66/12pm

Murky muggy still with misty rains. Stars shone late evng. Pretty much busy with chores in variety. Latter pm having been unexpectedly given a ticket by Lester S. Davis & Joe Winkler, I attended a clambake at Harry Lawlers's place in Olive Bridge - coming home I called on Grace Winchell.

JULY 17 Monday 66/7am

76/12pm

Hot & mostly sunny. Brisk south westerly breeze pm & envg. Showery around to north pm - & partly cloudy tonight & very warm & humid. Good hay drying day. Busy day - alone - This pm I cut the orchard lot, alfalfa

& got a load of oats & hay - cleaning up the stuff cut at Ollie's.

JULY 18 Tuesday 64/7am
66/12pm

Continued warm & sunny this am but considerable cloudiness developed & with early pm thunder showers passing around to north - we got a brief rain from the disturbance. Later clearing with wind shifting northerly. Cloudless & stilled tonite - an early new moon showed over South Mtn. Drew out manure & loaded over cut alfalfa before dinner. After the shower I cultivated the late sweet corn both ways & re-tedded the hay.

JULY 19 Wednesday 58/7am
64/12pm

A very pleasant warm mostly sunny day calm - Beautifully clear early evng with growing crescent moon over South Mtn. - becoming considerably overcast. A pretty good drying hay day pm. Mr & Mrs Longyear were down from Phoenicia this am. I wrote "news copy" after breakfast. Hayed it also cut patch of hay oats opposite old house. This pm I cleaned up the cut alfalfa in well cured shape in 2 loads. Mart Eckert & son Buddy helped load it.

Mother & I wrote to Mariam & Bob evng. With Congratulations card for their 13th wedding anniv. The 22nd.

JULY 20 Thursday 58/7am

52/12pm

Raining this morning & continued till mid pm. A real soaking rain. Real cool - Slowly clearing tonight & stil. Resting up a bit today. Recd letter from and wrote Fred Baumgarten. Sent \$7.00 order Montgomery Ward. 11 years ago today occurred my barn hay mow pulley accident. The New York Securities Market is staging a sharp recovery.

JULY 21 Friday 51/7am

54/12pm

Brilliant sunny - cool weather - some high clouds. Northerly day wind. Cloudless still & real cool tonight. Put in a busy day - Planted some Tender green Beans for late canning. Worked alone at haying pm. Mowed lower lot old seeding hay & teded it. Also mowed strip along border sides of adjoining brush lot. The W.S. is going in full speed ahead for war preparedness. There is nation wide panic buying & prices rising. Frederick Cook () instantly killed when hit on head by 30lb piece of rock, hurled hundreds of feet by a dynamite blast at new State Teachers College where he was employed as a structured iron worker. He was a World War 2 Vet. He leaves his young wife 19, bride of 7 mo. The former Marilyn Dudley. They lived in Rosendale.

JULY 22 Saturday 52/6:30am

Another lovely cool sunny day. Some high clouds. Beautiful clear cool evng. Worked at the hay, mowed

the alfalfa L patch above 3 corner lot. Tedded & raked yesterdays cutting & got in 2 loads pm with help of Lauren Boice & Mort & Buddy Eckert. Tonight I went with Mr. Biedler to Woodstock Square Club dinner for Masons & friends at Chalet Indien, Boiceville. 70 served. Excellent dinner. Tickets \$2.25

JULY 23 Sunday 58/7am
60/12pm

Considerable haze & overcast, some sunshine Clear, cool & breeze tonight. I worked at the hay & oats alone. Tedded & raked the alfalfa & got a load of rakings & the clean up of oats pm.

JULY 24 Monday 52/7am
62/12pm

Mariam & Bobs 13 Wedding Anniversary
Brisk south westerly breeze am & mostly cloudy - Set in rainy early pm & continued mussy into the evening and drenching thunder showers. Lauren Boice helped me put off the oats this morning & I then spread cart load manure & went at the raked hay. I got one load alone before dinner & was rained out pm. Tired out I took a good nap on the dining room cot. After supper I went after cart load sawdust.

JULY 25 Tuesday 64/7am
68/11pm

Unsettled partly to mostly overcast, breezy warm & rather humid. Finally pretty well clearing tonight.

During last night's storm lightning damaged the open door on Watson Hollow Inn garage. Mother & I sent birthday card & letter air mail to Mariam. Mr & Mrs Longyear called on their way home after 2 wks vacation at Phoenicia. This pm I re-cultivated Ollie's upper garden, made last plowing of beans, also kale. I opened up the wet alfalfa hay & mowed heavy stand of hay behind old barn.

JULY 26 Wednesday 64/7am
56/12pm

A lazy mostly overcast day, finally clearing beautifully at evng. Cooler & a brilliant bulging moon. I worked at the hay alone - tedded several times & raked up behind old barn - Got the small load of brush dried out alfalfa left above 3 cor. Lot - After supper drew out manure & cultivated the garden with Molly. Wrote news copy this am. My good Father's birthday. Born 1859 - Died Jan 23-1934 - 7:25pm

JULY 27 Thursday 56/7am
62/12pm

Magnificent bright day - pleasantly cool. Some cloudiness - Fresh northerly wind pm & excellent hay drying conditions. Partly overcast evng. Kept at the haying. Opened up the raked hay behind old barn am & mowed brush rows. This pm I mowed Ollie's hay on both sides of road & with Mart Eckert's help got the load of hay in well cured shape. Marvin "Bony" VanDemark, who was 84 last Feb 13th sustained a stroke

this pm sitting on a chair on the porch & fell on the floor. Dr. Marie Bieler of Phoenicia was summoned & due to his violent condition was taken to Kingston Hosp.

JULY 28 Friday 62/7am
58/12pm

Partly to mostly cloudy. Patches of hot sunshine were followed by turbulent general afternoon thunder showery conditions. The rainfall accompanying was rather light. Full moon partly obscured by overcast. I mowed a chunk of hay behind barn after getting the load of hay off wagon - The afternoon was pretty well rained out. After supper, I spread the manure & got cart load sawdust. Everybodys friend, West Shokan's oldest resident and the last of the old time lumbermen & teamster's Bony VanDemark had another stroke this am & passed away. His daughter Gladys called on me on fone to be a bearer. Funeral 2pm Monday at Gormleys in Phoenicia Interment in Cold Brook cemetery.

JULY 29 Saturday 60/6:30am
62/12pm

A bright pleasant sunshiny day, some high cloudiness. Brisk westerly wind latter pm from distance shower activity around to the north. Part cloudy evng. - all clearing late. I worked away at the cut hay. Got a small load from Ollie's - the better hay - Also raked the strip behind barn. Claude Beidler and I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Refreshments served.

JULY 30 Sunday 62/7am

63/12pm

Another pleasant mid summer day. Part cloudy - yet mostly sunny & hot. Expected showers did not develop, until evening, 10 o'clock. Later clearing cooler & enchanting moonlight. Worked at the hay. Mother loaded & we got in 2 loads this pm besides a jag of rakings. Harry Jordan of Roxbury & bride of a week stopped this pm & I extended most cordial congratulations.

JULY 31 Monday 64/7am

Hot and muggy. Hazy, partly cloudy to cloudy - with dashing shower around 4pm. I mowed & tedded another chunk of hay behind chicken house am. This pm 2 o'clock. I attended funeral for "Bony" Marim VanDemark at Gormley's in Phoenicia - Rev. Merton S. Cady minister in charge. Many floral tributes & good attendance. Interment in VanKleecks Cemetery "Cold Brook." Bearers were Joe Steinlauf, Arthur Snyder, Joe Snyder & myself, ECDavis. Joe Steinlauf took the bearers. Rec'd letter Dr. RA McCartney that he is Harkness Pavilion Medical Center NYC for observation & treatment.

AUGUST 1 Tuesday 70/7am

Muggy & musky - with some hot sunshine pm. Occasional light rains. Busy as usual - Drawed out manure - got cart load sawdust - cleaned Ollie's hen

house - This pm Ollie got time off at Chalet Indien & we went to Ellenville to Dr. McCartney's & got 35 chickens & a bag of mash to feed them - for a time at least while he is in hosp.

AUGUST 2 Wednesday 66/7am
66/12PM

Raining this morning - and a murky muggy day & evng. Busy with writing news copy chores etc. Lute and Ada Bell came noon time, with his brother Floyd & wife of Fairfield Conn. They left sson after but Lute & Ada are staying for a visit. During the afternoon we took a ride down to Kripplebush & saw Ernie & Geo. Lounsberry & around by Stone Ridge. I stopped to see Fred Baumgarten who is in bed with leg blood clot.

AUGUST 3 Thursday 67/7am
62/12pm

Murky - muggy - only a briefie of sunshine this pm
Became cooler & finally late evng cleared away cloudless.

I drew out manure on grass & shovel cultivated the late sweet corn both ways pm. Lute & Ada took a ride around with my pm calling on old friends.

AUGUST 4 Friday 60/7am
62/12pm

Partly to mostly cloudy, pleasant bright day - rather on the cool side. Not much breeze - Cool tonight & breezy late

I put in the day working at the cut hay & mowed the chunk behind chicken house. Tedded all twice & raked the old cutting. Lute & Ada went around with car this pm visiting. I killed a 5 foot black snake in grass behind chicken yard. The Olive Bridge Fire Dept carnival opened this evng at the firehouse grounds.

AUGUST 5 Saturday 58/7am

Partly cloudy, pleasantly cool, light winds. A pretty good hay day was spoiled by a series of afternoon showers, the last with thunder & steady rain for an hour or more. I worked at the hay & with Lauren Boice's help and a little from Lute Bell got in 2 loads, as the rain came. Tonight Lute & I attended IOOF Lodge with Mr. Baidler. The Fire Dept Carnival this evng at Olive Bridge was rained out & postponed a week.

AUGUST 6 Sunday 54/7am

54/12pm

Partly cloudy- cool - & wind east - with light latter pm showers round about. Worked at the remaining cut hay behind chicken yard & Lute helped me get it in late pm. During pm I took Lute and Ada for a little ride, we called at Mr & Mrs Scheick's on the hill and were treated royally. The scenery there was gorgeous. Also called on Mr & Mrs Herbert Roosa also went up to Chalet Indien & saw Ollie.

AUGUST 7 Monday 52/7am

54/12pm

Cool - pleasant weather. Uncertain for haying as it was partly to mostly cloudy til along in the afternoon that brought more drying sunshine and at evng cleared beautifully with a decidness autumn chill in the still atmosphere Aurora Borealis display. Mrs. Ludwig Scheick very obligingly took Lute and Ada to Kingston this morning to catch the 10:45 (Standard Time) train for Albany, on the first lap of their return trip to Wyoming. Before leaving they took pictures of Mother & I. I drew out bug load manure on grass stubble. Mowed the woods corner & tedded it, also raked the first part cut.

AUGUST 8 Tuesday 52/7am
54/12pm

Beautifully clear this morning with some developing high cloudiness. Glorious clear pleasantly cool evng. The day winds were light & southerly. Good hay drying this pm. I worked steadily at the curing hay. Lauren Boice helped me get 2 loads in barn pm. After supper I mowed a strip along cross path.

AUGUST 9 Wednesday 56/7am
66/12pm

Decidedly warmer - Considerable overcast along with considerable sunshine. Breezy pm made better hay drying. Became overcast evng. Kept busy with the hay curing & hauling. Lauren Boice helped me get in 2 loads pm. Cleaned up the woods corner. Wrote news copy am.

AUGUST 10 Thursday 66/7am
74/12pm

Considerable cloudiness but mostly sunny, breezy and good hay drying afternoon. Warm tonight, starlight & breezy. Lauren Boice was taken ill in the night & unable to help me today. However I spread out & redried the last load of yesterday & kept busy generally. Mother helped me clean up in 2 loads this pm - she loaded & I pitched on the hay well cured. I also cut another chunk & tedded it.

AUGUST 11 Friday 62/7am
60/12pm

Decidedly cooler this morning. Partly to mostly cloudy. Northerly wind. Some pm sunshine - Sprinkle of rain at evng. Kept busy with the haying. Mother & I got in a load this pm I mowed the chunk of hay below garden. Cornelia Dick & Norah came around 7pm Lute & Ada Bell had paid them an overnight visit.

AUGUST 12 Saturday 51/7am
52/12pm

Sharp drop in tem. This am from midnight - Very pleasant cool day. Partly cloudy - yet mostly sunny pm. Wind light northerly. Cloudless brilliant starlight tonight & a tinge of autumn in the air. A grand day to go mountain huckleberrying. Put in a full day making hay. With Dick & mother helping we got in 3 loads hay & made a clean up of the long strip of field from the woods

corner across below the garden. Cornelia Dick & Norah attended the annual Baptist sale & supper.

AUGUST 13 Sunday 52/7am
58/11pm

A beautiful cool breeze day from north. Some light cloudiness. Kay Dick & Norah left for home around 10am going by way of Waverly. I went huckleberrying starting about noon taking Swan & Lena Brewster drove up in Canape & took fire trail up the back side of High Point. We were back home 7pm & between us got about 19 qts of nice berries. The picking was up along the brow of mtn where the brush had not grown thick. The view to west & north was magnificent. I did not have time to go over to the Look Off Rock. Charles Langer, mother caller pm - also Grace Winchell came over & brought some garden blackberries.

AUGUST 14 Monday 56/7:30am
55/12pm

Partly to mostly cloudy, pleasantly cool day. Wind light. Looked showery - All cleared cloudless tonite & cool. I mowed the side hill in two hitches this am & after supper and mowed out the old saw mill road. Tedded hay, drew out manure & got load sawdust besides doing chores for my day's work.

{Lawrence Every, who was critically injured in auto crash several weeks ago brought home by ambulance from Kingston Hosp.} Correction Mon Aug 21.

AUGUST 15 Tuesday 54/7am
54/12pm

Another day of shadows and sunshine - Serene pleasant weather. Calm. Starlight calm evng. Worked at the side hill hay, raked it & Mart Eckert & son Buddy helped me get in 2 good loads this afternoon, re-raked field after supper - 1 load left under hill.

AUGUST 16 Wednesday 66/7am
58/11:30pm

Partly cloudy, rather hazy with strong S.westerly winds. General thunder shower conditions developed latter pm. Heavy showers first went around to north before they hit the west side much, when a dasher came around 7:30. Electricity was out for awhile back 9pm Showers & rain gave way to clearing later evng & cooler. Mother & I finished haying by getting the last load & rakings under the hill. Also drew out manure & got load sawdust. The rain is much needed despite all weve had this summer. Wrote "news" copy after breakfast.

AUGUST 17 Thursday 60/7am
65/12pm

Partly cloudy warm & humid, some breezy Starlight cooled off tonight - a sprinkle latter pm from a thunder rumble over north. Besides chores etc I finished re roofing Ollie's front kitchen porch that I started the warm day last Jan 26 for which I was paid \$10.00

AUGUST 18 Friday 64/7am

70/12pm

Warm humid - murky August weather. Thunder showery around to north all pm. I relaxed a bit today. Attended burial in Bushkill Cemetery 3pm for Delos Eckert 84, last of the Chas. Eckert family in Watson Hollow. Funeral was 2 o'clock at Lasher's Parlors Woodstock. "Old Del" died early Wednesday in Hackett Sanitorium Kingston, where he had stayed for some time being an old age pensioner. Aunt Cornelia Bishop died 15 years ago tonight.

AUGUST 19 Saturday 66/7am

72/12pm

Gloomy murky. Rainy pm & evng. Thunder showery conditions - Lightning flashes general evng & wind southerly. This afternoon I cut the brush & weeds out around the woods corner - a sizable job. Took a nap after dinner & later as showers let up awhile I took big cart load manure over & spread on grass across from Whispell's This evng went with Claude Beidler to IOOF Lodge - refreshments served.

AUGUST 20 Sunday 70/7am

60

Cloudy warm & humid, with brief morning showers. Gradually clearing away latter pm decidedly cool with fresh northerly wind. Lovely half moon tonite. Everything is refreshed from the lovely rain. Did chores - Still tired out & tried to rest up. Went after

blackberries in timber slashing pm but got just a handful.

AUGUST 21 Monday 54/7am

52/11pm

Gorgeous clear day & evng. Brisk cool northerly wind this am diminishing. Still chill cloudless evng with brilliant bulging moon. I made my first trip alone on High Point. During the afternoon I met Willard Squires & Jacky Cullum. We came off together. Huckleberries were the most plentiful along the path from Tide Spring to Look Off rocks I ever recall. I got 14 quarts & they about the same together. The view was magnificent. 18 planes of various types were counted & 9 eagles. It was getting dark when we got off the mountain.

AUGUST 22 Tuesday 47/7am

62/12pm

Cool - Clear this morning, later growing partly to mostly overcast. Wind gentle. Did chores & drew out manure am. This pm & evng 12-9 the Olive District No2 Fall Primary Election held in the Baptist Church basement with last years re named Inspectors in charge. Emma Ackert Philip Coletti, Albert S. Fox Sr & myself, ECDavis.

Mr Fox succeeded me as chairman - 7 Republican & 6 Democratic ballots were voted.

AUGUST 23 Wednesday 60/7am

63/12pm

Mostly murky this morning but faired away & sunny all

pm. Clear & cool & lovely moonlight tonite, with easy westerly wind. I wrote "news" copy this morning after breakfast. Mother had Lena Brewster can 6 qt jars of green beans for her. This pm I busied & tired myself out cutting brush patches.

AUGUST 24 Thursday 56/7am
63/12pm

Foggy this morning. The day became mostly sunny and hot. Little wind. Clear warm, still lovely moonlight evng cooling pleasantly. I mowed Ollie's "Little Meadow" grass thick, drew out manure & got cart load sawdust. I got a beautiful solid 7lb head of cabbage from Lauren Boices garden.

AUGUST 25 Friday 60/7am
64/12pm

Hot & mostly sunny. Brisk S. Westerly wind during heat of the day. Pleasant quiet soft moonlight evng cooling pleasantly. Besides usual round of home chores I got a load of hay cut yesterday.

AUGUST 26 Saturday 62
63/12pm

Rather hazy but sunny this forenoon. Storm clouds gathered which brought a drenching long early afternoon cracking thunder storm from the west side. The downpour was very heavy in the Broadhead flatland area, the ground was white with hail & streams race rapidly. It was showery around till in the evng when the sky cleared

beautifully & big moon shining. I spread load manure & got load sawdust & put in Ollie's hog yard just ahead of the rain. Mr. Paul Hittinger Edw. Purcell of Albany brokerage house called to see me pm after the shower. Claude Beidler & I attended IOOF Lodge evng. D.W.S. Annual Clambake held at Olive Bridge Nursery Grounds.

AUGUST 27 Sunday 60/7am
68/12pm

Foggy this morning, but the day was mostly sunny hot & breezy. Looked showery toward evng. Beautiful warm breezy with big mellow full moon. Spent considerable time today resting up. I feet tried out. Tonight I went down to Bill Lortz's & had hair cut .50 President Truman ordered seizure of the Nations Rail Roads to thwart a strike by conductors.

AUGUST 28 Monday 72/7am
66/12pm

Mostly sunny warm humid with brisk south westerly winds this forenoon and a cap of fog on High Point brought general afternoon & evng thunder showers & wonderful rains. Later clearing beautifully & moonlight. This am I disregarded weather signals and mowed about the yard & second growth by currant bushes. Aside from starting to paint chicken house roof pm I was rained out.

AUGUST 29 Tuesday 68/7am

67/12pm

Hot morning patches of sunshine brought early pm thunder showers & continued along all pm. Rain & sunshine - Rain again tomorrow is an old adage. Partly clear tonight. Took over load manure & spread on grass below this year's potato patch before dinner. A wet pm gave me a chance to sweep down the cows stable & clean up granary. This evng I went with Joe Steinlauf, Skin Davis & Claude Beidler to the Woodstock Squal Club dinner at Whitehorse Inn. 55 were served - Ticket \$2.00

AUGUST30 Wednesday 62/7am

65/12pm

Foggy ths morning. Murky overcast all day. Cool am - warmer muggy pm - Set in rainy late evng. Busy with chores. This pm cleaned up the grass I cut Monday am & heaped up the brush along woods corner.

AUGUST 31 Thursday

76/12pm

Overcast warm & humid - Electrical showers off to north tonight & somewhat breezy. I made a shopping & business trip to Kingston. Called on Aunt Julia Winchell, Lem DuBois, Lauren Boice at Benedictine Hosp. & coming back via Stone Ride and Kripplebush, Fred Baumgarten, in bed - & Gorge Lounsberries, also stopped at Mrs. Henry Winchells.

SEPTEMBER 1 Friday 66/7am

68/12pm

Rather unsettled. Partly to mostly cloudy. Sticky weather - Hot patches of sunshine. Northerly wind pm & evng cooling somewhat. There were occasional sprinkles from mountain showers. I spread big card load manure opposite Whispells. Got load sawdust & a load of gravel from Jackybrook & filled up chuck holes in driveway. President Truman addressed the nation tonight on the state of the Nation now fighting in the United Nations War in Korea.

SEPTEMBER 2 Saturday 66/7am

64/12pm

Mostly overcast, warm & humid - winds light. Cooler - cloudy tonight. I painted the 2 chicken house roofs - spread small load manure & got load sawdust. Claude Beidler & I attended IOOF Lodge envg & having a ticket given me I partook of the Firemen's Auxiliary "Fish & Chips" supper before the meeting.

SEPTEMBER 3 Sunday 60/7am

61/12pm

A dismal chill rainy day & drizzily dark night. Mr & Mrs Longyear arrived about 4 pm having left home in Brooklyn about 9:30, going first to Phoenicia. Mother served a nice canned chicken supper.

SEPTEMBER 4 Monday 57/7am Labor Day

54/12pm

The weather took on a clearing trend during the night &

sun was shining thru fog this am. Faired away, cool atmosphere & brisk norwesterly wind. Part cloudy, sunshiny & shadows during day. All cleared evng with a distinct feel of early autumn. Mr & Mrs Longyear & I went up Watson Hollow to top of the Gulf highway. They left for Brooklyn early pm taking me up to the Boiceville Picnic. A good crowd attended. Oldest resident present Mrs. Maggie Rainey 91, of Shokan. John DePew 89 & several others in mid eighties including Will & Alonzo Haver. Boy scouts had refreshments. Pratt Boice re elected President. Lottie Hesley re elected Vice Pres myself Treas. - Speakers Rev. Ernest Palen, Rev. David Weidner, Jesse Shurter, Dr. Shem Everett. Music by Sylvester Wells 5 piece orchestra. Collection \$50. Expenses 55. Bal in treas for next year \$111.79

SEPTEMBER 5 Tuesday 50/7am

50/12pm

Crispy autumn like. Partly to mostly cloudy clear atmosphere, brisk northerly wind. Quieted & all clear evng. Wrote news copy after breakfast - Spread cart load manure on grass across from Whispell's, also cut 2 cart loads skunked & raccooned sweet corn stalks & rank green weeds for cow fodder. The schools opened today. Mrs. Alice A. VanWagner is return teacher in Dist No8 W.Shokan. Donnie Bishop started attending school.

SEPTEMBER 6 Wednesday 44/7am

48/12pm

Most gorgeous sunny day & starlight evng. Northerly morning breeze quieting. The atmosphere is tinged with autumn. I started digging my potatoes. Hauled out 5bu. Yield not very heavy & the grubs are a pest, about half the spuds grub eaten. The patch is covered with a rank growth of rag weed & red root, which has to be cut & removed before digging. Republican state nominating convention opened at Saratoga. Senator Arthur H. Wicks of Kingston Keynote speaker. The Democratic Convention is in Rochester.

SEPTEMBER 7 Thursday 44/6:30am

54/12pm

Another gorgeous cloudless sunny day & chilly starlight evng. I dug 6 more bu potatoes. They are not so badly grub infested as yesterdays. The spuds otherwise are nice & smooth. Found a few showing rot today.

SEPTEMBER 8 Friday 50/7am

57/12pm

Lovely clear early but considerable high overcast developed. Still & warmer. Stars shone overhead evng. I dug 5 more bushels of potatoes.

The following is from a clipping found in diary for this date: Wall Street Journal Fri. Sept 8, 1950

Thomas E. Dewey was nominated by Republicans for a third term as governor of New York and Rep. Walter A. Lynch of the Bronx was picked by Democrats as his opponent. Lynch, a member of Congress since 1940 and a "Fair Deal" advocate, won nomination on the first roll

call at the Democrats' state convention in Rochester. Dewey was nominated by acclamation at the Republican convention in Saratoga Springs. Both parties picked their senatorial choices by acclamation. Republican Lt. Gov. Joe Hanley will face Democratic Sen. Herbert Lehman.

SEPTEMBER 9 Saturday 54/7am

64/12pm

Hot during day - with considerable high overcast, as well as hot sunshine.. I spread big cart load manure on old sod opposite Whispell's & got load sweet corn stalks before dinner. This pm I dug 6 ½ more bu potatoes with help of 8 ½ yr old Billy Davis one of the family of 5 city boys in new house atop the hill. I attended IOOF lodge evng.

SEPTEMBER 10 Sunday 64/8am

68/11pm

Arrived rainy and continued showers & downpours day & evng. Still & muggy. Not too much doing. Did chores & spent several hours on my dining room couch. Mr & Mrs. Kizarian & several friends called latter pm.

SEPTEMBER 11 Monday 64/7am

60/12pm

Rainy night and this morning - set in drizzly again latter pm. Glum murky weather. I finished digging out my potatoes, another 3 bushels. Wrote "news" copy evng. Ollie Burgher finished her steady 7 day a week seasonal

employment at the Chalet Indien. The murder trial of Edward Kelly of Shokan opened at County Court in Kingston. Judge John W. Cashin presiding. Besides the regular panel 100 extra jurors were drawn.

SEPTEMBER 12 Tuesday 53/7am

55/11pm

Continued rainy night and early morning. Decidedly cooler - Faired away early pm & again became heavily overcast at evng & chilly. Spread load manure & got load field corn stalks & load potato patch weeds pm. The pesky coons keep busy.

SEPTEMBER 13 Wednesday 53/7am

54/11:30pm

Cool & overcast still. Sun shone thru early pm - Again murked over & set in rainy. Dark wet evening. The weather feels more of October. I made a shopping trip to Kingston, first going up to Bert Winnie's Garage for brake adjustments & re filling knee actions on car. Today is my Grandmother Sarah A. Eckert Crispell's birthday. She died Aug 31 1892 at age of 59.

SEPTEMBER 14 Thursday 54/7am

60/12pm

Partly murky, with considerable warm sunshine. Little wind, stars shone tonight. Got big batch of sweet corn for mother to dry this morning from 3 corner lot. PM I spread load manure, set around a dozen traps in sweet corn for the devastating raccoons & brought home load

of sweet corn stalks.

SEPTEMBER 15 Friday 63/7am

62/11pm

Partly murky - considerable intermingling sunshine cool & brisk northerly wind, became all overcast mid pm, sprinkles of rain pm & evng. My trap setting paid off with 2 medium sized female raccoons caught during the night. I helped Ollie get sweet corn picked & husked for canning, also dug 6 bu potatoes in her patch. Good yield & smooth.

SEPTEMBER 16 Saturday 54/7am

36/3am Sunday

Partly cloudy cool & brisk northerly wind. A brief sprinkle shower fell this morning. All cleared tonight & very chilly. I caught another coon last night, a small one. Busy with chores etc am & getting sweet corn. Spread load manure pm got big load sweet corn stalks & another load of weeds off potato patch. This evng I went with Reggie Davis in his car, & Maxwell Luedtke to Hunter Masonic Lodge No 807 & witnessed conferring of 3rd degree on 3 candidates, by Famous Fellowcraft Team of Thistle Lodge No 900, Yonkers. 200 or more present. Refreshments followed.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date:

FAMOUS DEGREE TEAM TO VISIT HUNTER MASONS Hunter, Sept.13 - It has been announced by Mt.Tabor Lodge, 807, Free and Accepted Masons, that the drama of the legend of the Third Degree will be

exemplified at the lodge Saturday, Sept.16, by the famous Fellowcraft Team of Thistle Lodge, 900, Yonkers.

This colorful team with its own soloist, drummer and pipers, dressed in full Highland costume, Stewart tartan kilts and plaids, forest green coats with silver buttons and white spats, was organized in 1912 and has been witnessed by lodges throughout the Hudson valley and in neighboring areas.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Masons to be present.

SEPTEMBER 17 Sunday 34/7am
36/12pm

A most glorious clear cool day with northerly wind. Burnished golden growing crescent moon set about 9pm behind Hoopole Mountain. First brilliant clear day in ten. No callers today. Pretty tired after the Hunter trip.

SEPTEMBER 18 Monday 32/7am
56/12pm

White frost this morning. Another lovely clear day, south westerly brick wind developed pm. Temperature moderating - Half moon tonight. Busy with jobs in variety other than daily chores. Dug out 2 ½ bu potatoes at Ollie's. Mowed the second cutting alfalfa in orchard lot. Spread load manure & got load sawdust. Dick Herington came evng on his motor cycle after attending car auction in Albany.

SEPTEMBER 19 Tuesday 62/7am

53/12pm

Mostly murky overcast occasional sprinkle showers - Cleared cooler evng. Still, with bulging half moon. I kept up a busy tempo. Got load sweet corn stalks on hay wagon & this pm finished digging out Ollie's potatoes another 3 ½ bu. This evng I went with Maxwell Luedtke in his Willy's jeep car to Kingston & attended the conferring of the First Degree at Kingston Lodge No 10. Harry D. Marshall of Olive Bridge was one of the 4 candidates.

Dick Herrington left for home this am.

SEPTEMBER 20 Wednesday 50/7am

46/12pm

Chill still overcast. Fair moonlight evng. Wrote news copy am. Did chores etc. This pm Grover C. Winchell accompanied me to the Ulster Coutny Grand Jury Association visitation to the Naponach prison. It was a unique and most interesting and educational experience. I purchased thru Edward A. Purcell & Co., Albany, NY 10 shares Discount Corp. @ 120.00 per share net - \$1200.

SEPTEMBER 21 Thursday 44/7am

54/12pm

Very damp & chilly with heavy dew this am. Beautiful sunny till early pm then started clouding over. Winds calm overcast evng. Spread load manure, got corn stalks & grass for cows & raked the alfalfa cutting.

SEPTEMBER 22 Friday 54/7am
52/12pm

Started rainy ate in night. Dismal chill rainy weather. Part broke away evng. Not much accomplished other than chores and making a chicken feeder trough. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam.

SEPTEMBER 23 Saturday 51/7am
44/12pm

Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Developing brisk northerly wind. Turning raw & colder. Overcast weather tonight. Spread load manure. Worked turning tedding sodden cut alfalfa. Got load sweet corn stalks & mowed the second crop alfalfa above 3 corner lot. Claude Beidler & I attended IOOF Lodge evng. 18 present. Refreshments after .30 each.

SEPTEMBER 24 Sunday 42/7am Mtn snow
squalls 42/9:30pm

Back on Standard Time. A miserable cold raw windy day. Mostly cloudy. The surrounding mountains to the north were white with snow squalls most of forenoon. To my recollection this is the earliest date for mtn snow squalls. Cleared away eng with big moon. I got the load of alfalfa from orchard lot pm & a cold job. Also helped Ollie get green beans picked and stuff out of the garden. Mrs. Kathryn VaNess from Woodstock called pm.

SEPTEMBER 25 Monday 30/5:30am Killing frost

50/12pm

There was a general frost this morning which made the lovely flowers & gardens look sick. Bright and sunny this morning but turned very raw & windy & overcast. Full moon shone thru early evng, but murked over. With Larry Kelder's permission I mowed part of the field of second crop hay above the house am. This pm I tedded & raked the alfalfa cutting above 3 corner lot. Spread load manure & got rakings from orchard lot. Eugene O'Neill, Jr. 40, son of the famous playwright, committed suicide about 12:30 noon by slashing wrists at his home on Woodstock Mtn road.

SEPTEMBER 26 Tuesday 48/7am

48/12pm

Last night's scheduled coppery hued eclipse of the full moon was obscured by overcast. Overcast still - but sun shone thru the smoky haze awhile pm then clouded over. Not much accomplished workwise. Wrote news copy after breakfast. Dr. McCarney of Ellenville called pm

SEPTEMBER 27 Wednesday 47/7am

48/12pm

Continued chill damp still stagnated weather. Sky & atmosphere hazy with smoke & smog from Canadian forest fires. Sun shone thru all day, but dimly its warmth scarce noted. I recall similar smoky conditions back in May 1903, which continued several days. I was busy as usual - Spread load manure, drew 2 cart loads sawdust & got grass for cows. Jerry Simpson 86, of Pataukunk

died this am. Kingston Hosp. It brought memories of the good times back in 1912 Daisy & I had at their home at Christmas time, when visiting at her father's in Kerhonkson.

SEPTEMBER 28 Thursday 51/7am

48/12pm

Murky smoky chill & damp. Sun scarcely showed thru today. Ollie was home today & gave me a hand cutting corn. We cut 13 stouts. The stalks a tall v rank & eared good. I cut them off about 2 ½ ft high & hack off the standing butts a couple times & leave to plough under. The following is from clipping in diary for this date:
LOCAL DEATH RECORD Freeman - Sept 28/50
Jeremiah Simpson, 86, of Kerhonkson died Wednesday morning at the Kingston Hospital. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Herman Quick, Leibhardt; Mrs. Charles Black and Mrs. Scott Sahler, Kerhonkson; and Mrs. Moses Oakley, Poughkeepsie; a sister Mrs. Charles Markle, Kerhonkson; a brother, Andrew Simpson, Kerhonkson 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held from the HB Humiston Funeral Home in Kerhonkson Saturday at 2pm. The Rev. Harry Christiana, pastor of the Port Ewen Reformed Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Pine Bush Cemetery, near Kerhonkson. Grandsons will act as bearers.

SEPTEMBER 29 Friday 44/6:30am

46/12pm

Weather fair - smoke haze thinning, sun shone thru brighter all day & large stars visible evng & moon shone in cloudless sky. The morning & evneing dews are very heavy. Ollie & I cut 43 stouts of corn, a big task. The New York Yankees clinched the American League pennant today. In County Court, Kingston, Judge John M. Cashin presiding, a jury of 7 men & 5 women this pm unanimously found Edward H. Kelly guilty of the 1st Degree murder of Mrs. Eliose McHugh on May 22. The jury was out only an hour. The peoples case was presented by Dist. Atty. Louis Bruhn & assistant Vincent Connelly. The trial started Sept. 11th.

SEPTEMBER 30 Saturday 46/7am

52/12pm

Cloudless day & night. Decidedly warmer. Light day wind. Thin autumn haze. Busy day, spread load manure am. PM raked the hay cut Monday on Larry Kelder's and got a load alone pm - pretty damp. Claude Beidler & I attended IOOF Lodge envg. Two term District Deputy Aaron Gray and staff of Bearsville Lodge, installed Winston VanKleeck as District Deputy and staff as follows:

D.D. Grand secy - Lester Lawrence

- “ “ Warden - Abram Smith
- “ “ Fin. Secy. - Virgil C.Gordon
- “ “ Treas. - Alonzo Davis
- “ “ Chaplain. - James McGlocklin
- “ “ Guardian. - Burton Barringer

“ “ Marshall - Reginald E. Davis
24 home members present. Bounteous refreshments
served.

OCTOBER 1 Sunday 54/7am
54/12pm

A perfect early autumn day, cloudless & warm mellow
sunshine & calm. Soft pleasantly cool moonlight night.
Busy with usual chores & went over & visited Mrs.
Henry Winchell. She is selling her Sunny Cliff Farm for
\$8,500 to a city party & will hold an auction next
Saturday. The Philadelphia Nationals defeated
Brooklyn at Ebbett's Field in thrilling 10 inning game 4-
1 and won their first pennant in 35 years.

OCTOBER 2 Monday 56/7am
59/11pm

Another summery cloudless day & evng. Southerly
midday winds. Soft hazy atmosphere. Moon back to half
tonight. I worked at the haying, re drying behind barn &
got the alfalfa pretty well cured above 3 corner lot. Also
spread load manure. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear.
Edward H. Kelly, convicted murderer sentenced this am
by Co. Judge John M. Cashin to die in electric chair in
Sing Sing Prison week of Nov. 13th.

OCTOBER 3 Tuesday 56/7am
54/12PM

Increasingly hazy, warm & breezy - becoming overcast
during pm. - Showers tonight & turning much cooler &

fresh northerly wind. I with Mother's help made a clean up of the re drying hay I unloaded & spread out behind barn. Also got cart load corn stalks. Wrote "news" copy this morning.

OCTOBER 4 Wednesday 44/6am

36/12pm

Cleared & crispy dawned the day with brisk northerly wind - Bright sunny day with some cloudiness - cloudless evng frosty tinge. Ollie didn't work today, at Chalet Indien, so helped me cut 40 stouts of corn. How my upper arms & shoulders ache tonite. The Worlds Series opened at Shibe Park, Philadelphia. The New York Yankees won 1-0 in pitches battle between Vic Raschi and Jim Constanti.

OCTOBER 5 Thursday 34/7am

34/12pm

White frost this am. Crisp, brilliant early autumn northerly wind. Considerable afternoon high cloudiness. Clear-chill tonight. Busy day besides usual chores. I went over to Will Jordan's am & got hair cut. Spread load manure got load sawdust, mowed the woods corner & finally cut a cart load sweet corn stalks. Tonight I attended Installation and 20th Anniversary at Olive Rebekah Lodge No 471. I was among a group of 16 Charter members presented with clasps.

OCTOBER 6 Friday 34/7am

40/11pm

White frost again this am. Continued not so brilliant as yesterday. Cloudless tonight. Finished with Ollie's help cutting the field corn 26 stouts. Total 114. Mrs. Margaret L. Hill, widow of Joseph S. Hill buried pm in Tongore cemetery. She died Tues at her house 29 Warren St in Kingston. They were former residences of pre reservoir West Shokan. Sat.pm Oct.7 - Kenneth Davis of Krumville & _____ Elmendorf of Shokan married by Rev. Milton H. Ryan in Ashokan Methodist Church.

The following is from clipping in diary for this date:

WOMAN HURT SERIOUSLY IN CRACK-UP

Richard W. Herrington, 32, of 112 Kossuth St., received a severely fractured left leg as well as cuts and bruises on his body and head cuts when his motorcycle and an auto were involved in a crash at Dominick and George Sts last night.

His condition was reported as "fair" today in Rome Hospital. Peter Cataldo, 61, of 1013 W.Dominick St., driver of the auto, told Sgt.John F.Kelly and Patrolman Edward J. Czynson that he was turning left off Dominick St onto S.George St when Herrington, heading east on Dominick St ran into the left side of his auto.

The cycle tipped over, Cataldo told the policemen, and dragged Herrington about 35 feet to the southeast corner of the intersection where he was found under a parked auto.

The accident occurred about 8pm. Sgt.Everson J. Clark and Patrolman Albert F. Besenfelder took the injured man to the hospital in the city ambulance. An

emergency operation was performed in an effort to save his leg.

Herrington is a cook at the Rome State School.

OCTOBER 7 Saturday 41/7am

52/12pm

Partly to mostly cloudy. Light wind. Turning milder. I served on the Board of Registration at the church polling place. - Hours 7 am to 10pm Registration 658. The New York Yankees defeated the Phillis 5-2 for 4th straight game at Yankee Stadium & became 1950 World Champions. Grace Winchell held a household auction at her Sunny Cliff Farm home. Large attendance. Doris Elmendorf of Shokan and Kenneth Davis of Krumville (World War 2 Vet) married 2pm by Rev. Milton H. Ryan at the Ashokan Methodist Church.

The following is clipping found in diary this date:

**DORIS S.ELMENDORF MARRIED SATURDAY TO
KENNETH DAVIS**

Marriage vows were exchanged last Saturday between Doris Shirley Elmendorf, daughter of Mr & Mrs Burr K. Elmendorf of Ashokan and Kenneth Davis, son of Mr & Mrs John B.Davis of Olive bridge, in a double ring ceremony at 2 o'clock in the Ashokan Methodist Church. The Rev.Milton H.Ryan of the parish officiated.

Before and during the ceremony Mrs.Charles Sickler played appropriate wedding selections. The church was decorated with baskets of white gladioli at the altar.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown, with fitted bodice, long pointed sleeves, lace

yoke and collar, a full skirt and long train. Her fingertip veil was caught to a tiara crusted with seed pearls and rhinestones and she carried a white Bible covered with a white orchid and swainsona.

Frances Elmendorf of Ashokan , sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Elmendorf was dressed in a shaded rose taffeta gown, with matching mitts and a plume trimmed half hat. She carried a colonial bouquet of white and yellow pompons.

Charles Jansen, Jr., of Hurley, cousin of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Charles Sickler of Shokan, and Donald DuBois of Ashokan.

Following the ceremony, a reception for 150 guest was held in the Ashokan Methodist Church hall.

For her wedding trip to the New England states Mrs. Davis selected a gray suit with navy (ends here)

OCTOBER 8 Sunday 54/7am

Mostly murky overcast some sunshine forenoon. Warmer & rather muggy. No callers today. Tired out - did usual chores. Cornelia foned this morning that Dick was very badly injured Friday night when he was struck by a car while riding his motorcycle in downtown Rome. An emergency operation necessitated the amputation of his left leg below the knee. He is in Rome City Hosp. With special nurses.

OCTOBER 9 Monday
60/10pm

Mostly cloudy. Muggy & warm. Dark cloudy evng. I spread cart load manure on old sod above 3 corner lot & got load sweet corn stalks along side the shocked field corn am. This pm Ollie & I finished cutting the sweet corn & picked shell & dried beans. Wrote news copy evng.

OCTOBER 10 Tuesday 57/7am

46/12pm

Rainy & thunder shower in night continued rainy toward noon. Glum wet day. Another drenching shower came 5pm & lighter rain evng., later breaking away & cooler. The rain has brought low running streams to life. Not much doing today. Wrote several cards. Got no word from Cornelia today.

The following is clipping found in diary this date:

NORMA B. BURGHER'S TROTH ANNOUNCED

Mr & Mrs George Burgher of West Shokan have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma Bernice Burgher, to David L. Barringer, son of Mr & Mrs Otis Barringer of Samsonville.

Miss Burgher is a graduate of Kingston High School, and Mr. Barringer is employed by the Healy Construction Co.

Note on clipping: 10-11-1950 Married W. Shokan Baptist Church Sun. pm 12-10-50

OCTOBER 11 Wednesday 46/6:30am

54/after midnight

Mostly cloudy, glum weather - mild - somewhat windy pm. During evng rain settled in again. Ollie helped me

pick beans in late sweet corn patch by the old house. The corn, very well fertilized & cultivated failed to ripen much. Rec'd cards from Comelia that Dick is now pretty well considered out of danger. Tonight I went with Maxwell Luedtke & Jesse Shurter to Ellenville, at Wawarsing Lodge No 582 & witnessed In special communication most impressive & dramatic conferring of the Third Degree on five candidates by Kil _____ Lodge 825, Craft Team of Brooklyn in full Scottish Regalia, bag pipe, kilts etc... Virginia ham supper followed. Around 400 were present.

OCTOBER 12 Thursday 54/7am
52/12pm

Rainy night and continued till noon, - then soon broke away bright & sunny. Clear & windy evng. Later becoming overcast & squally. This afternoon I spread cart load manure on old sod, prospective potato patch & got load several stalks sodden corn. Rec'd card Comelia & letters from Mrs. Longyear & Mrs. Knorpp concerning Dick's accident.

OCTOBER 13 Friday 51/7am
41/12pm

Blustery mostly cloudy - rain squally. Clearing evng - Autumn weather. Wrote letter & convalescent card to Dick Herrington this am at Rome City Hosp. No word from Kay today. Toward noon I helped Ollie finish picking her bush lima beans 1 1/2bu PM we cut the tangled sweet corn by old house & picked off the edible

ears - several bushels. Had 19 stouts.

OCTOBER 14 Saturday 41/7am

36/12pm

Mostly sunny, cool with brisk northerly wind - quieted chill & still evng. Dr. McCarney stopped this am & reamed out a hard milking right hand teat on Jeanne cow.

This pm & evng I served on the Second Day of Registration in Olive Dist 2. Total enrollment is 709 - 15 names removed by death. Last years enrollment 711.

OCTOBER 15 Sunday 40/7am

34/12pm

Mostly overcast this am but faired away bright mostly sunny crispy day. Cloudless still & chill tonight with brilliant growing crescent moon setting early behind High Point. Was busy all day, chores & such. Cleaned up the long cut woods corner grass, cut sweet corn in garden for cows & picked beans.

OCTOBER 16 Monday 30/6:45am

36/12pm

First withering frost since Sept 25 this morning, but not heavy. It was a magnificent sunny crispy colorful day. Wind gentle. Cloudless still evng. I made a shopping trip to Kingston, arrived in town 12:15. Stopped to see Aunt Julia Winchell (in bed) took her bag of beans in shell, bouquet of flowers, etc. Also stopped to see Lem DuBois. He was out in the sun in his wheel chair. I met Mr. Ralph Clearwater 83 and he took me inside the Old

Dutch Reformed Church (98 yrs old) A most interesting visit. I had once before been inside when I attended Masonic service for his bro the late Alphonsus T. Clearwater. I was reminded of the burning of Kingston by Bristish Troops on a crispy sunny Oct. 16 - 1777.

OCTOBER 17 Tuesday 40/7am

52/11pm

Glorious sunny warm day with brisk westerly wind, quieting at evng. Cloudless, brilliant half moon set behind High Point. I had busy day. Wrote news copy after breakfast. Cut heavy grass patch along driveway & teded it. Spread load manure & got sawdust & load grass for cows. Mellie cow had red heifer calf tonight. Rec'd card Cornelia - Dick is having a pretty tough time but gaining. 173 anniversary of Gen. John Burgoyne at Saratoga.

OCTOBER 18 Wednesday 51/7am

50/12pm

Lovely warm weather. Some pm cloudiness. Cloudless still evng with bright bulging moon. Busy day as usual. Cut strip of thick grass out along cross path to road. Drawed out manure, finished the corn hill bean picking, got few stouts field corn, & grass for cows. This evng I went with Reginald E. Davis & Maxwell Luedtke & witnessed the conferring on them of the Mark Master Degree at Mt.Horeb Chapter No 75. The road men are re surfacing up our hill from 28A to foot of hill above driveway.

OCTOBER 19 Thursday 48/7am
63/10pm

Gorgeous sunny summery weather. Developed brisk westerly wind. Warm moonlight evng. Warmest day since Sept.15th Busy day at chores & variety jobs. Cut oats patch seeding opposite old Hinkley house & several patches at Ollie's - spread load manure & got grass for cows. No word from Cornelia today. The autumn scenery predominates in browns & duns. The crushed stone re surfacing of the road up the hill finished & rolled today. - A swell looking job.

OCTOBER 20 Friday 62/7am
36/12pm

Brisk northerly wind diminishing pm. Continued gloriously clear with a distinct turn to cooler. Brilliant moonlight evng. & crispy. Busy mostly with my late haying. Cut a strip out along crosspath & another below garden. No word again today form Cornelia - I sent the usual daily cards. Mrs. Martin Eckert came after milk tonight & helped mother shell dried beans. Small game season opened. Hunters report gray squirrels plentiful.

OCTOBER 21 Saturday 32/7am
44/12pm

Frosty this morning. Cloudless magnificent weather - cool - calm. Brilliant moonlight evng became breezy. The autumn scenery continues inspiringly beautiful. I worked at my haying & cleaned up the strip along

driveway. October 21st 1881, 69 years ago on a similar sunny day my great grandfather Henry M. Crispell, 79 died of typhoid fever. I am so informed by my mother then 13. - On Nov 10th her 18yr old bro. Thompson E. Crispell died of the malady, and at that time she too was desperately ill, & just getting around Christmas time. Several other young men about the community also died of the then deadly typhoid fever.

Hand written scrap of paper in diary for this date:

List of candidates who rec'd Initiatory Degree at Shokan Lodge No 491 IOOF Sat evng. Oct.21 - 1950

Henry Maben Arthur J. Bush Maxwell Luedtke Paul DeBruyn Chas. Ginshettle Walter J. Lang John Adsit Marion Oakley Lester Barringer and Frank Tackella Benj. Pohls of Bearsville Lodge No 533

OCTOBER 22 Sunday 40/7am

46/12pm

Clear this morning & lovely but developed haze and overcast. Big moon shone evng, but later murked over & started to mist. I made an outing trip went to Tannersville & Haines Fall, visited the once famous now abandoned since 1942 the old Catskill Mtn House founded 1823 or Laurel House drove around Kauterskill Lake & State Camp - The vast view from the Lookoff Rocks was greatly dimmed by haze to the east. Went down the scenic Clove roadway to Palenville & out to the most interesting Catskill Mtn Game Farm where non ferocious animals world wide made be seen. Home via West Saugerties, Woodstock & out thru Wittenberg to

Cold Brook 28A - Drove 83 miles.

OCTOBER 23 Monday 44/7am

45/12pm

A cold storm arrived rainy and continued toward noon. Cloudy damp & chill pm & evng. I made a trip to Kingston Ollie went along regarding her unemployment insurance. Rec'd letters both from Mariam & Cornelia. Cornelia says Dick is flat on his back in bed with traction on his leg stump.

OCTOBER 24 Tuesday 44/7am

44/10pm

Still chill damp murky day & evng. Drizzling rain tonight. Busy as usual spread load manure on old sod above 3 corner lot, finishing strip for next year's prospective potato patch. Brought back several stouts of corn & got sodden raked up grass for cows. Wrote news copy evng.

OCTOBER 25 Wednesday 46/7am

46/9pm

Rainy night with wind up, showers this am. Partly cleared, northerly wind. Brilliant full hunters moon tonight.

Busy with usual tasks - Got started plowing sod pm in lower lot below the clump of woods. Sent Mrs. Knorpp first 6dz eggs in new aluminum crate. Bought eggs of Max Luedtke .65 dz Crate cost \$2.50. Recd lovely letter Mrs. Longyear.

OCTOBER 26 Thursday 38/7am
26/12pm

Crispy tangy autumn day. Brisk northerly wind, quieting at evng. Part cloudiness becoming magnificently clear at eng. With brilliant early rising moon. I raked patches of second cutting & cleaned up a cart load by the old house. Did some sod plowing pm.

The following is from clipping found this date in diary:

LOVE EMBRACED SKELETONS BURIED

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Edwrd Bush and Clara Palen, of Stone Ridge, who died in what officials said was a suicide love pact in a carbon monoxide filled car at Kripplebush a couple of months ago.

The services were private at the cemeteries, with Rev. BC Schmidt of Stone Ridge performing the last rites. The remains of Miss Palen were buried in the family plot in the Stone Ridge cemetery at 2 o'clock, and at four o'clock services were held in the Winchell cemetery at Stone Ridge for Mr. Bush. Arrangements for the funerals were by the Humiston Funeral Home of Kerhonkson.

Evidence of the suicide of the 61 year old man and the 17 year old girl were discovered by Lincoln and Simon Hornbeck last Sunday while they were hunting. They came upon a car containing the bodies. The windows were clouded from the gas which flowed from a pipe welded to the exhaust. A loaded shot gun and ammunition was also found in the car together with a

note which the sheriff's office did not make public. The authorities said there had been an attachment, which had reached the courts and the Children's Agency and Welfare Department. Efforts had been made to part the couple.

Miss Palen was employed at a Kingston factory and roomed in Stone Ridge. On August 10 last Mrs. Bush complained to the sheriff's office that the Palen girl had struck her while in her home. This led to the arrest of the girl. Justice Weber placed her on bail for a hearing and she was held in jail for a night. In the morning Bush appeared, furnished the \$500 bail and the two departed with Bush saying she would never again visit his home. From that time the couple disappeared and could not be located. A statewide teletype asked police to be on the lookout for them. Miss Palen had withdrawn money from her savings account in a Kingston bank.

Ulste Co. News.

OCTOBER 27 Friday 24/7:20am 30/10pm
34/1am

First "freezeup" of the season. Bushkill section reported down to 14 degrees - Ground frozen & ice on water tubs etc... Magnificent quiet day, with a distinct frosty chill. Brilliant big moon rose directly across the reservoir 5:45pm Busy with odd jobs - Repaired hog house floor planking. Sold my two youngest calves (reds) to Abram Molenhauer of Warwarsing for \$50.00 Cleaned up the last of the cured second cutting.

OCTOBER 28 Saturday 40/7am

58/12pm

Chill & murky - except for brief sunshine around noon. Light rains evng becoming heavier late, after midnight. Moderated evng. Drewed out manure & got first hay wagon load corn stouts - Went pm with Maxie Luedtke, Paul DeBruyn & Charley Ginsbittle, with his car to Saugerties, where a class of 42 candidates rec'd the 1st Degree at 4:30 & the 2nd & 3rd beginning about 8pm in the auditorium, by the nationally famous IOOF team with 6 piece orchestra, from Eden Lodge No 34, Wilmington, Delaware.

OCTOBER 29 Sunday 56/7am

56/12pm

Warm & sunny but hazy. Part cloudy evng & chilly. This pm I took a 71 mile trip, thru Kerhonkson up over the crest of the Minnewaska Trail, there back to Ellenville & saw Dr. McCartney also cattle dealer Abe Mollenhauer at Warwarsing. Coming home called briefly at Fred Baumgarten's & up thru Kripplebush & Krumville. The north & south Lookoff views from the Shawangunks was dimmed by haze.

OCTOBER 30 Monday 54/7am

60/11:30pm

Summery sunny weather. Clear warm still moonlight night. The reflection cast by the rising moon across the reservoir was unusually magnificent. This am I mowed another chunk of grass down below garden & drewed out

manure. Mr. Mollenhauer came after the 2 calves. This pm I made a trip to Kingston, in part car shopping found none of especial attraction except a new '51 Studebaker ½ ton truck, price \$1,418 - without heater.

OCTOBER 31 Tuesday 48/7am

50/11pm

Continued glorious summery weather - Cool evng & became part overcast. Busy with chores etc am. This pm Ollie helped me husk off load corn in barn. Very pleasingly I recd card from Dick, first since his accident. He sits up in wheel chair a little. Says he has started \$75,000 for damages. Also recd letter Cornelia. Wrote news copy

NOVEMBER 1 Wednesday 47/7am

55/11:30pm

Hottest November day on record. Breezy midday. Mostly sunny - Some cloudiness - Cooler tonight & beautifully clear with brilliant moon back to half. On the ball as usual. Painted Ollies back porch roof - Also painted & repaired the south side of Hinkley house kitchen roof pm. Got load corn & Ollie helped me husk evng. We sent Cornelia 6lbs butter. An attempt to assassinate Pres. Harry Truman was made at 2:30pm by 2 gunmen at the Blair House - Temporary White House in Washington, DC - one was killed outright, the other critically wounded by Secret Service men. - 3 of the latter were seriously wounded in the gun battle. 1 died during the night. The desperadoes were Puerto Rican Nationalists.

NOVEMBER 2 Thursday 54/7am

50/12pm

Continued unseasonably hot. Clear this am. Part to mostly cloudy pm & evng. Gusty wind. Decidedly cooler tonight with early evng lightning flashes off back of the Wittenbergs. Busy day. Got load corn, spread load ;manure & cleaned up the cured grass below garden. Also got cart load sawdust & Ollie helped husk corn latter pm& evng..

NOVEMBER 3 Friday 44/7am

42/12pm

A dreary chill rainy day and evng. Ollie helped finish husking load corn pm & put stalks on mow.

NOVEMBER 4 Saturday 44/7am

60/12pm

Wet night and continued dismal rainy weather. Dashing downpour thunder shower evng. Went over to Will Jordan's on 28A and he cut my hair around mail time. Not much doing pm. Drewed out load manure & spread on grass. The barn chores, a daily task. I went to IOOF Lodge evng with Claude Beidler & son in law, Walter Lang. Refreshments followed. A Democratic caravan with sound truck & some 10 or 12 cars toured Olive early pm Dem Club dinner tonight at Pheasant Inn, Ashokan. Rec'd 1951 Edition of Stoeger's Shooters Bible, compliments of Bob Longyear. The following clipping was in diary for this date:

MINK PELT PRICES UP: SEASON OPENS SUNDAY

Albany, NY, Nov 3 - The Conservation Department predicts mink pelts will bring good prices of around \$18 during the trapping season for mink, raccoon and skunk, which opens in the state's southern zone Sunday.

The department said yesterday, however, that the prices for the long-haired furs of the skunk and raccoon still were "way down." It added that "there was some indication demand might strengthen the market before the season's close."

A million-dollar fur crop is expected in the state, the department said.

NOVEMBER 5 Sunday 53/7am

34/11pm

Windy, part to mostly cloudy, turning raw & colder. I went down to Howard Anderson's Garage in Accord pm & looked over a 1948 Fleet Line DeLuxe Chevrolet Sedan, mileage 24000+ - Excellent condition. Howard called me up tonight in regard to same.

NOVEMBER 6 Monday 30/7am

44/11pm

Bright and sunny this morning. Was part overcast awhile mid day then cleared beautifully. Rather chill southerly day wind. Clear & still evng. Spread cart load manure on grass before dinner pm Ollie helped me get a big wagon load of corn & husked off some before and after supper.

NOVEMBER 7 Tuesday

40/11pm

A beautiful sunny Election Day - Some cloudiness pm - Calm. Clear chill evng. I served as Inspector on the Olive Dist 2 Election Board, in Baptist Church voting place - 391 machine votes cast plus 2 absentees - 2 war ballots. Gov. Thos.E.Dewey for Gov 3rd term recd 116 maj - 87 in Shokan & 54 in Samsonville - A town total of 257. Ulster Co gave him 15,449 maj. In state re got over 500,000. Later tabulation - Dewey's County Majority 15081 - carried State by 571,430.

NOVEMBER 8 Wednesday 40/7am

44/12pm

Partly cloudy, mild quiet - Had light shower late evng. Clearing, brilliant starlight. Drewed out cart load manure & got 7 stouts of corn. Ollie helped me husk pm & evng. Dick Herrington underwent second operation this am by Dr. Dixon at Rome Hosp. He was in operating room 8 - 10:30 and after suffered terribly for 2 ½ hours, despite pills & hypo. The operation was for covering the leg stump with skin flap & no grafting necessary. A letter recd from Kay Fri the 10th gave above information. The Election trend nation wide is Republican.

NOVEMBER 9 Thursday 44/7am

54/12pm

Partly cloudy warm. Brisk southerly winds. Drewed out manure & got load corn am. This pm Ollie & I helped Mr & Mrs Mart Eckert pick up a truck load of cider

apples in Gildersleeves orchard. Husked corn awhile evng & tired out.

NOVEMBER 10 Friday 44/7am
33/12pm

Partly cloudy this am but cleared beautifully. Brisk northerly wind. Quieted evng near freezing & became overcast. Ollie helped me husk off the load of corn.

NOVEMBER 11 Saturday 30/7am
26/12pm

A snow & rain mixture fell this forenoon a brief but cold storm. Part broke away pm I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage this am had some minor repairs done on car. Price \$2.20 paid. Went with Mr. Beidler, Walter Lang & Max Luedtke to IOOF Lodge tonight. Refreshments served.

NOVEMBER 12 Sunday 24/7am
28/10pm

Bleak cold damp weather. Real freezeup last night. 1/4" ice on barn water kettles & heavy white frost coating on ground. Mostly cloudy with some pm sunshine - Bright new (new) set early behind Hooppole Mtn. Later became overcast. Did little but chores. Dr. RA McCartney called supper time. Wrote letter Mr & Mrs Longyear.

NOVEMBER 13 Monday 22/7am
32/12pm

Coldest of season this am with heavier ice formation &

frosty frozen ground. Raw chill day, sunny with some cloudiness - Wind slight - Cold chill evng. I made a trip to Kingston stopped at Kripplebush to Geo. Lounsberry's, took Ernie 5lbs shelled beans, 2qts buttermilk & she bought 6lbs butter at .65 cents. Came back by way of Ellenville & took a ride up over the scenic highway in a 1947 Chevy Sedan in excellent condition, owner asks \$700. Back home thru Samsonville. John Warren arrived late pm & is spending the night in his car under barn shed.

NOVEMBER 14 Tuesday 28/7am

26/12pm

Crispy damp & generally sunny. Fine Nov weather. Cloudless cold still evng. John Warren helped me put up corn stalks on mows & get the last load of corn. Ollie helped us husk tonight. Mart Eckert brought me 2 barrels of cider & got them down cellar. Recd letter Mrs. Longyear also from Mrs. North with check \$22.50. Mrs. Eva Jones 82 of Kingston, a former native resident, widow of Augustus Jones, buried this pm in Tongore Cemetery. She died in Sleightsbury Nursing Home suddenly Nov 12.

NOVEMBER 15 Wednesday 20/7am Coldest of season 40/12pm

Heavy frost & ground frozen - Change to warmer & sunny & still. Became windy at evng & partly cloudy & chill.

Wrote news copy. John Warren helped me finish the

corn husking this am. Then he & Charley Duloff went on a trip on Mt. Tysteneck to futilely look for the traditional last Indian gold mine. I drew out manure & got cart load of sawdust. This evng I went to Kingston with Maxie Luedtke & Reginald E Davis. They got their Past Master Degree at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75 R A M I attended the highly Successful Grand Jurors Assn banquet at The Stuyvesant - 163 present.

NOVEMBER 16 Thursday 42/7am

Mild - unsettled - Partly cloudy - Had light breezy shower late pm & rainy tonight. Took the morning to do chores & odd jobs. Made a wheelbarrow delivery of 1bu potatoes, 4 qts milk, pint cream to Mrs. Swan Brewster. John Warren staid over night down to Charley Duloff's. After having dinner at Ollie's he headed his old model A Ford for Hensonville. Spread cart load manure pm & got a start sod plowing where I left off above 3 cor lot.

NOVEMBER 17 Friday 37/7am
36/12pm

Sunny this morning but turned sour & cloudy. Moon bulging half shone amid clouds evng - not very wind. Busy with chores am - Got cart load leaves along back road & plowed some sod pm but as the going was tough I started plowing 3 corner lot corn stubble. Finished letter to Mariam am. Also enclosed 2 birthday cards for Bobby 3 the 21st & a Thanksgiving card for the family.

NOVEMBER 18 Saturday 34/7am

26/12pm

Sour and mostly cloudy am - Cloudless pm & evng. Northerly wind. - still tonight. Brilliant moon nearing full. Spread load manure got last of sweet corn shocked stalks & got in considerable 3 corner lot plowing. I attended IOOF Lodge alone evng. Had refreshments. Kay Palmer 55, Saugerties hunter found a crashed & burned Beechcraft Twin Engine plane with 5 skeletons strewn about on S.side of Slide Mtn, about 1500 ft below summit. The plane had been missing since July 20 when it crashed in a heavy rain storm. The charred remains were removed Sunday Nov 19.

NOVEMBER 19 Sunday 26/7am

46/12pm

Freeze up again this morning. Milder - Pleasant sunny day - breezy cloudless moonlight evng. - later becoming overcast. This pm I took a ride of explanation down over Brown Station Hill, around over lower spillway bridge after diverting into dead end side roads leading down to the Esopus flat farms, came out at Lomontville 4 corners & home thru Atwood - Packed 3 parcel post boxes of evergreens & Thanksgiving treats to send Cornelia, Mrs. Longyear, & Mrs. Knorpp.

NOVEMBER 20 Monday 46/7am

36/12pm

Arrived rainy developed into a driving storm & drenching rains from the south quarter - continued into the night. Not much doing today but chores. Sent PP

boxes to Cornelia, Mrs. Longyear & Mrs. Knorpp

NOVEMBER 21 Tuesday 34/7am

28/2am

Very blustery, snow squally. Mostly cloudy, raw cold wintry day & evng. The mountain barrier around from the Wittenbergs to Tysteneck are white with snow. Busy, pulling beets, carrots & cabbage 2 cart loads, & load turnips, & getting in barn - Also spread load manure. Tonight I went with Charley Ginskettle, of Chalet Indien to Kingston and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason Degree at Kingston Lodge No 10, on a class of 5 candidates, the last being Harry D. Marshall. Delegations present from numerous Lodges - After ice cream served in abundance with cream puffs & excellent coffee.

NOVEMBER 22 Wednesday

16/12pm

Considerable cloudiness but sunny pm & cloudless still cold brilliant moonlight evng. Coldest night to date. I did chores & helped Mother with 2 churnings am. This pm Ollie helped me get a big wagon load of leaves along back road. There was a terrible wreck at Richmond Hill LI at 6:32 this evng near Kew Gardens, when a speeding 12 car electric train crashed in a similar train stalled - running 4 min apart, headed out from NYC. The trains were packed with about 2100 people. - The crash was similar to the one last Feb at Rockville Center when 32 died & many injured.

NOVEMBER 23 Thursday 22/7am

32/12pm

A damp still mussy snowy day. The ground is white tonight - Froze up hard last night. Did daily chores - Drawed out manure & got big cart load of leaves pm in snow storm. Mother & I spent Thanksgiving alone, a big change from last year when Mariam Bob & family, Maria & Mr & Mrs Longyear and Jeanne were here. Mother prepared a very delicious supper - canned pork pie, gravey hot mashed potatoes, cottage cheese, apple & pumpkin pie etc etc. I packed 6lb butter to send Mrs. Knorpp. 77 were killed & 322 injured in last nights LI RR wreck.

NOVEMBER 24 Friday 32/7am

36/12pm

A chilly still damp gloomy day & evng. Misty pm Drawed out manure. Busy with chores & odd jobs - This pm Ollie helped trim up the cabbage & snigged the turnip crop. 7bu.

NOVEMBER 25 Saturday 45/7am

36/12pm

A rain and wind storm of unusual violence lashed this area from the south quarter throughout the day & into the evening when the rain ceased but wind continued but abated somewhat. After midnight the clouds broke & moon, full last night was shining. Kingston hard hit by high tide & flood waters. Margaretville flooded &

highway west of Phoenicia blocked & road flooded around Mt. Tremper & Cold Brook. The eastern half of the county is hard hit south to Fla. The Appli area under snow as deep as 30" & the eastern seaboard by wind & floods. I sent a bag of greens to Mrs. Longyear for church decoration. This pm Ollie helped me make a 15 gal keg of sauerkraut in the barn. Despite the storm a benefit dance long scheduled held tonite at Olive Bridge hall for Lawrence Every.

NOVEMBER 26 Sunday 26/7am

32/12pm

High Point Wittenbergs fresh snow capped. Rained again before morning. The reservoir shows a vast rise in the water level. The death toll by the storm reported this am had reached 99. Its the worst comparable since 1913. Cleared this am colder & raw with continuing southerly wind. The sky was cloudless but pm mostly cloudy again & tonight. The upper Esopus Valley from Pine Hill to Mt Tremper was savagely devastated last night by the flood that avalanched, aided by the breaking of the Lake Switzerland and Pine Hill water supply dams.

NOVEMBER 27 Monday 27/7am

29/12pm

Generally sunny - with some cloudiness - Damp snowy atmosphere. Clouds continue coming from the frigid south. Became all overcast tonight. I made a shopping trip to Kingston, principally new car minded.

NOVEMBER 28 Tuesday 28/7am

32/12pm

A murky snowy day about 2" wet snow fell - Still & murky tonite. Some mail was delivered today. This pm I took a trip up the Shandaken Valley to Pine Hill and saw the vast \$1,000,000 destruction, to property, bridges and the railroad caused by Saturday's terrific wind rain & flood. The big [Fun] Crest Lake Switzerland dam & another at Pine Hill gave way sending a wall of water down the valley Sat evening. Electric & fone service being returned today.

NOVEMBER 29 Wednesday 27/7am

30/11pm

Murky - samp & raw. Inclined t be squally & became quite snowy & rough pm & evng. Busy with morning chores. This afternoon I spread load manure on grass & got a new start in planning the 3 corner lot corn stubble - The increasing storm finally drove me home. Schoharie Reservoir wildly over flowing & tunnel running full head into the Esopus at Allaben portal.

NOVEMBER 30 Thursday 30/7am

32/12pm

Sour, raw, wintry. A bit squally - Cloudy forenoon, somewhat sunny pm. Cloudy tonight & moderating. The deer season closed with a couple of inches of snow on the ground, enough for good tracking. I got in a good lick at plowing pm. A Red Cross flood relief station was opened today at Fred Osterhoudt's store in Allaben -

30 buildings are damaged, one washed away.

DECEMBER 1 Friday 30/7am

26/11pm

Bright clear sunny day, but the atmosphere was raw and wintry. Wind light - Overcast & cold tonight. Busy with chores & delivered bushel potatoes to Mrs. Cassie Terwilliger am. This afternoon with Claude Bell, Lester S. Davis & Joe Winkler, I was a bearer at funeral of Alonzo Burgher 2 o'clock at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. The interment was in Bushkill cemetery. Sermon by Rev David Weidner - We rode in Claude's car. Today is the 100th anniversary of the death of my Revolutionary soldier great, great grandfather Andries Davis aged 91 yrs 11mo.

He & wife are buried in the old Tongore Cemetery. She died in 1845.

DECEMBER 2 Saturday 20/7am

34/12pm

Sunny early & real frosty. Soon became glum & overcast & with intermittent pm rains. Blustery & rainy evng. Between rains I got in couple hours or so plowing on 3 cor lot. Work started yesterday with bulldozers etc breaking ground for a new Catholic Church along Bushkill road - in 2nd lot adjoining upper side of the new cement block fire house now being built, which is adjoined the new Town of Olive Garage.

DECEMBER 3 Sunday 32/7am

52/noon time

46/11pm

Clear mellow sunny day. Becoming noticeably warmer pm & overcast. Hazy like Indian summer. We had a batch of morning callers, Mr. Kizirian Lauren Boice Mr & Mrs Claude Beidler & in laws Mr & Mrs Mike Kujath of Queens Village, LI - Charley Langer & mother called pm. This pm I took a 42 mile trip down thru Lyonsville and Kerhonkson & home back by Samsonville. I stopped at Howard Anderson's Garage & looked over his second hand cars.

DECEMBER 4 Monday

36/11pm

Another drenching driving rain set in early thru am, & continued throughout the day & evng. The deluge diminished during pm. Colder windy & wet tonight. Devastated Shandaken Valley is again pouring flood waters & at 6pm route 28 at Cold Brook turn reported a foot under water. The Jacky Brook & Bushkill streams running considerably higher than the last storm. Being storm bound I accomplished only chores & odd jobs - Rec'd check for 4 days Inspector of Election from Supervisor Claude Bell. 48.00 Wrote news copy evng.

DECEMBER 5 Tuesday 32/7am

24/11:30pm

Cleared beautifully sunny this morning. Clouds disappeared as if by magic. Brisk northerly wind had the overflowing [riolly] reservoir rolling high. Became

overcast early pm & atmosphere cold & raw - Starlight evng colder & wind quieting. WKNY reported this morning that the roads in Shandaken were overflowed in several places & a temporary bridge at Big Indian washed away. The ground is saturated & ozzing with water.

Walter Kuhlman of Ellenville called this am in regard to interesting me in a Plymouth car. Too wet & cold for plowing so I spread a cart load of manure on grass & got some leaves. Recd letter from Dick. They have gone to Waverly for awhile.

DECEMBER 6 Wednesday 16/7am

22/11pm

Froze up hard last night. Beautifully clear, sunny & crispy - Wind calm. Frosty still starlight evng. Walter Kuhlman of Ellenville came with a 1947 DeLuxe Plymouth Club Coup with new tires & in excellent condition inside & out mileage 24 miles. This I agree to purchase for \$950 cash when delivered, with new seat covers & rubber front mat. This pm Ollie helped me get a wagon load of leaves. Rec'd Christmas card family group picture from Mariam air mail & letter accompanying.

DECEMBER 7 Thursday 32/7am

36/11pm

9th Anniversary of Pearl

Harbor

A chill foggy dark still musty day - becoming heavier

latter pm continuing evng. Busy with chores & odd jobs, drew out manure, cleaned Ollie's pig pen & repaired window pm. Sent Jane Bostwick a bundle of Christmas greens.

DECEMBER 8 Friday 42/7am
35/12pm

The chill downpour continued all night & this forenoon. Foggy & misty tonight. Did chores & odd jobs, fixing chicken house windows. I took delivery this am of 1947 Plymouth Club Coup 5 passenger - weight 3053 Engine No P-15-295865 - Serial No 11659895 from Sauls Motors Ellenville Agency. Speedometer reading 29476 - delivered by salesman Walter Kuhlman - accompanied by dealer Saul Polonsky. I paid him in full by check \$950. Went to Phoenicia movies evng - feature was *Two Flags West* - A dramatic Civil War western outpost picture. - Flood damage in Shandaken today included the falling of big tree on the Chas. Pete Garage & Mayor Griffins house at Route 28 & Birch Creek intersection at Pine Hill. Rondout along the creek flooded again today.

DECEMBER 9 Saturday 30/7am
20/12pm

A still chill cloudless day & en - Decidedly colder tonight. Busy with chores am & changed my CU 40 number plate from my '34 Chevrolet to my Plymouth. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Refreshments served. The members present all signed a Christmas card to send

Lewis Bell in return for card he sent the lodge.

DECEMBER 10 Sunday 20/7am

32/12pm

Still chill damp & mostly cloudy. It was sunny awhile this morning. Set in snowing midnight. This pm I took another trip up in flood ravaged Shandaken - Went up the Birch Creek road where the Pine Hill water supply dam went out - Also saw at the foot of Pine Hill the garage crushed by the falling of a big elm tree. Temporary repairs have been made to the wrecked bridge at the head of village & route 28 over the hill is open. Norma Burgher of W.Shokan & David Barringer of Samsonville married in a pompous ceremony in the Baptist Church by Rev. Walter White. Ladies Aid served luncheon following to 75 guests.

DECEMBER 11 Monday 34/7am

32/11pm

Still - murky - chill damp weather day & evng At times misty. I made a trip to Kingston, had Plymouth south wind heater cleaned & new parts job, also fog light hooked up at Vanderlin's garage on St.James St. - Work charged to the Ellenville dealer. Stopped at Aunt Julia Winchells.

DECEMBER 12 Tuesday 32/7am

26/11pm

Mostly cloudy, occasional sunshine. Damp raw weather. Mountains are freshly snow coated - Dark cloudy evng.

Spread load manure pm & did some sod plowing in lower lot. Rec'd letter Cornelia & Dick.

DECEMBER 13 Wednesday 25/7am
24/11pm

Clear & still am - partly cloudy pm & evng. - sour chill weather. I got some forenoon stubble plowing - pm Got cart load leaves. They are scarce. Mr & Mrs Walter Kuhlman called on mother pm. This is their 27th wedding anniversary. I started writing Christmas cards this evng. Rec'd letter Mrs. Knorpp.

DECEMBER 14 Thursday 18/7am
22/12pm

Partly cloudy, about half sunny. Cold damp & still. Froze up hard last nite. Cloudy evng. I went to Kingston, took Ollie & Mrs. Lena Brewster & I got my car license transferred costing \$1.00 - and Plymouth registered for 1951 - Fee \$15.50 I sold my 1934 Chevrolet to Mrs. Swan Brewster for \$100.00 cash.

DECEMBER 15 Friday 28/7am
30/12pm

Arrived snowing but stopped before noon. About an inch fell making traveling very slippery. Road sanding trucks were out. A gloomy day - set in snowing heavily early evng, a wet snow, continued at midnight. Drewed out manure on ploughed sod and cut a small wagon load green rock oak firewood pm. President Harry S. Truman addressed the Nation and the World from Washington at

10:30 to 10:55 pm in which he declared a National Emergency exists.

DECEMBER 16 Saturday 30/7am
20/12pm

The snowstorm petered out this morning with an unusually heavy fall of 14 inches. A heavy clinging snow. The evergreens are heavily laden. The riolly reservoir is in marked contrast to the peaceful white surroundings. The day was glum & calm with occasional bits of sunshine. Snow plows are busy on the highways - I had a big job shoveling walks & in front of garage.

DECEMBER 17 Sunday 20/7am
12/11pm

Sunny this morning but clouded over with snow flurries. Clear still frosty moonlight night. Moon rounded half. Did daily chores & wrote Christmas cards & letters.

DECEMBER 18 Monday 8/7am Coldest of season
18/12pm

Bright sunny wintry weather - became rough & snow squally. Did chores, drew out manure & odd jobs. Sent registered letter to Dick Herrington with 4-five\$ bills for their Christmas, also cards. Wrote cards to each of our Mexico family & enclosing in double envelopes with \$25 in new bills, our Christmas to them. - Go by Registered air mail.

DECEMBER 19 Tuesday 18/7am

8/12pm

Cleared away this am & was a sunny quiet winters day. Clear still & colder tonight. Our egress and ingress of Christmas cards continue. I wrote news copy tonite. Busy all morning with chores etc. Sent a box of hemlock cedar & pine greens to Mr & Mrs Joe Steinlauf temp living in Cazenovia. PM I cut a dray load of rock oak firewood.

DECEMBER 20 Wednesday 2/7am

12/12pm

Clear still & wintry. Snappy moonlight evng. I took Lena Brewster up to the 10:30 Boiceville bus for Kingston - & called on Ed Avery & he cut my hair on way back - Also gave me a nice chunk of venison. I met Joe Steinlauf & he invited me along up to Holiday Inn for a few social drinks, which proved a pleasant observance of my 40th wedding anniversary. Went to Phoenicia movies tonight, *All About Eve*. Not at all spectacular for my liking.

DECEMBER 21 Thursday 4/7am

11/12pm

Continued clear still & crispy cold. Getting hazy tonight. It took the morning getting ready for butchering and this pm with the help of Mart Eckert - Jim Harrison & Donald Brunet we did a nice clean job hanging up my hog which dressed 310lbs.

DECEMBER 22 Friday 24/7am

26/11pm

Dark & cloudy storm brewing this am with raw wind off the reservoir. Set in snowing about 11 oco & continued miserable raw blowing weather till later pm when it stopped snowing & blowing. Still evng. About 1 inch fell. Clearing. I spread cart load manure on garden this morning & after chores in variety went to Herman Weidner's with horses & dray & pulled in logs on skid pile, which are being trucked for sawing at Maurice Lane's mill in Wittenberg. It was a cold miserable job - I refused to accept pay. Don Brunet helped me get the hog down celler pm. Had it hanging in barn. Christmas cards keep coming & big box Schraff's candies from Mrs. Knorpp.

DECEMBER 23 Saturday 27/7am

32/12pm

Cloudy - milder - Had snow shower evng. - ½ or less. Roads slippery - the side roads. Busy with chores & odd jobs. I set up Ollie's cedar Christmas tree in her big room. Recd pair snow tires & tubes 16"x6" from Sears Roebuck & Co. Yesterday rec'd pair super quality size 9 dark red white sole rubber boots, 6 batteries & 2 rope snaps. Ben Burgher had 2 heart attacks today - Ollie & I went up & saw him evng at Mt. Tremper.

DECEMBER 24 Sunday 26/7am

22/12pm

Cloudy. Considerable of a thaw. Rainy a few hours - turning snow squalls & blustery. Became clear at evng with brilliant full moon flooding the valley. Turning

decidedly colder. Did usual chores & made a few Christmas calls.

DECEMBER 25 Monday 27/7am
10/11pm

Blustery snow squalls this morning - clearing & mostly sunny all day, but snappy cold & windy - Moonlight reflection over the wave tossed reservoir is inspiring. Busy with usual chores & odd jobs. I had dinner at Ollie Burgher's with her bro. Ben & wife. Mother & I had our Christmas supper together, mashed potatoes, chicken & dressing, fruit salad, fruit cake, apple pie, etc. Dick Herrington phoned from Waverly that Cornelia has a 7 pound daughter born about 6 pm Dec. 29 Rec'd card from Cornelia at Parker Hosp. Sayre, Pa that the baby's weight was 8lbs 4oz.

DECEMBER 26 Tuesday 6/7am
4/12pm

A cold snowy day about 3 1/2". Breaking away latter pm & clear moonlight very cold & blustery tonight. Nothing much doing but chores & spread load manure on garden. The Christmas cards & letter still come. 35th anniversary of the big wind storm of Dec.26 - 1915. Blew down the Ernest Constable barn - also Ernie & DeWitt Eckert's in Watson Hollow & trees by the hundred. Tin roof of Charley Hesleys wagon house & barn etc.

DECEMBER 27 Wednesday -6/7am

-4/11:30pm

Clear - cloudless - still & crispy cold. Zerowy moonlight night. I made a business shopping trip to Kingston. The Plymouth operated excellent. A venerable landmark, the Woodruff house at Mt Tremper on Route 28 - Guttled by fire this pm. The Phoenicia's fire truck responded.

DECEMBER 28 Thursday -2/7am

14/11pm

Clear still cold day & evng. Bright sunshine. Becoming overcast later evng I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage am & had new Sears Roebuck snow tires put on rear wheels of Plymouth. Mileage 29,818. This pm drewed out manure on garden & got dray load green firewood, with Ollie's help.

DECEMBER 29 Friday 24/7am

Arrived snowing later changed to sleet and freezing rain, continued into afternoon. Everything ice coated - traveling became slushy & slippery foggy. Not much doing other than chores. I went over to Traver Hollow Inn pm & saw Joe Synder in regard to preparing my Federal income tax report.

DECEMBER 30 Saturday

26/12pm

Dismal foggy misty weather - Everything coated with ice - The sun managed to break thru before noon briefly. Toward evng the sky cleared somewhat but soon murked over - Up at Mt.Tremper the day was sunny. Did

chores & drew out manure - Ollie worked at Chalet Indien. Mother & I each recd a New Years card letter from Cornelia. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Jack Darling elected Noble Grand - Steve Jurkowski Vice Grand.

A successful dance was held in hall auditorium. Music by the Mink Hollow Ranch boys trio. Miss Mary Unholz of Olive Bridge died in Kingston Hosp. Reynold W. Bishop of Shokan also died in Kingston Hosp.

DECEMBER 31 Sunday 25/7am

24/12pm

Continued thick freezing fog this morning but finally the sun broke thru & thawed some. Turned colder & windy from north - Everything ice coated this morning. I went to Herman Weidner's noon time & got 2 ½ cases of infertile incubator eggs - as for the past two hatching seasons. Did usual chores & cut up the rest of the hog meat down cellar. 19 years ago our Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis was fatally ill. - Heart aches and regrets pass in review.

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ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1951

Poem, The Song of the River, which W.R. himself had written for his papers in 1941:

The river ran its allotted

span

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virgin snow.

die,

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mysteries

know.

Till it reached the silent

Then the water harked back

mountain top.

To begin its course once

So we shall run the course

Till we reach the silent

Then revisit earth in a pure

From the heart of the

So don't ask why we live or

Or wither, or when, we

Or wonder about the

That only God may

January 1, Monday ---- 12 degrees 7 AM 22 -- 12 PM

Still and sunny – crispy New Years Day. Cloudless – still cold evng later part overcast. The icy roads melted some in the sun. Side roads are pretty much a glare of ice.

I got the butchered hog meat down cellar ready for curing AM. PM I spread cart load stable manure on grass or rather on the snow & cut a dray load rock oak pole wood. The reservoir remains pretty much open water except in caves and at lower end. Mother & I made 19 lbs of delicious sausage tonight. Thomas E. Dewey inaugurated Governor of New York.

January 2, Tuesday – 26 degrees 7 AM -- 28 – 12 PM. Partly cloudy milder. Somewhat blustery tonight. Snow settling and soft.

Did daily chores. PM I cut a big dray load of rock oak firewood & left over to have Mart Eckert buzz up. He & his wife & son Buddy 16, are living in the old Hinkley house since last April. Wrote news copy evng. Tonight is the 19th anniversary of the ever lamented death of my Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis.

January 3, Wednesday — 54 degrees at 12 PM. Rainy quite a thaw developed very blustery late evng, cutting the snow. Roads became bare of ice.

Did chores. I finally got the hams and bacon salted this AM. 19 years ago today Cornelia operated on for appendicitis.

January 4, Thursday — 54 degrees 7:30 AM 32 – 11

PM. A driving gusty south wind & rain thru the night left the ground soaked and snow blanket disappeared, other than drifts and on mountains. Continued rainy and windy squally type till early PM. Mostly cloudy & blustery PM wind shifting around nor-westerly. It's a real January thaw.

Drewed out manure PM & cut wagon load firewood along back road & left to be sawed with other load cut Tuesday.

January 5, Friday — 22 degrees 7 AM 26 – 12 PM
Mostly cloudy. Some bursts of bright sunshine - calm.
Decidedly colder, raw - damp atmosphere. Starlight still
eng - not settled weather.

Helped saw up wagon load firewood with Mart Eckert's help & his saw rig & took it up on Ollies back porch. After dinner she helped me cut another load of polewood & left it to saw later.

19 years today 2 PM funeral service held in our parlor for our Darling Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis. Mrs Ruth West teacher & children of the West Shokan school were among the many present. Rev. C.F.W. Ahrens was in charge. H. Lee Breuhaupt, undertaker. She was buried in copper vault in N.W. corner of our family plot in Tongore cemetery.

January 6, Saturday — 34 degrees 7 AM 26 – 12 PM.
Mostly cloudy - South westerly wind quieted PM.
Turned noticeably milder, murked over tonight turning colder.

Did usual chores, jacked up kitchen porch & bucked up green wood AM. Spread the over night stable manure & blasted out an old hollow apple tree stump above the road in Ollie's old orchard field PM. This evng we went to Mt Tremper to see her brother Ben & then to Phoenicia & saw a most interesting movie Rio Grande, a saga of the U.S. cavalry after the Civil War. Rec'd a letter from Mrs Longyear that Pop Longyear collapsed on the street in Brooklyn 10 AM, Tues of a near fatal heart attack & is in Methodist Hospital.

January 7, Sunday — 20 degrees 7 AM 23 10 PM.
Arrived snowing and continued falling steadily throughout the day & on into the night.

Went over to Weidner's & got about 2 cases tested out incubator eggs. Not much doing other than chores. Wrote news copy evng, also Mrs Longyear. Snow plows busy tonight.

January 8, Monday — 13 degrees 7 AM — 16 12 PM.
The snow fall is over 6 inches. Clear & quite blustery — much colder. Back to winter weather. Clouded later PM but cleared evng — became bluster later overcast. Roads are nicely ploughed.

I made a trip to Kingston, had a loose and sore lower jaw front tooth pulled By Saul Glodfarb \$2.00 paid. This tooth was somewhat loose and the other night I bit a small piece of bone while eating pressed hog meat, which made extraction needful. Called on Aunt Julia

Winchell also call Lemeul E.Du Bois – paid our taxes.
 Home Farm – val. 1600. Gen.tax \$34.93. 25 acres
 Highway tax 17.29 – total \$52.22.
 My Farm Hinkley Place 43 acres val. 300. Gen tax \$6.55
 Highway tax 3.24 total \$9.79.
 Rate 32.10 per M – last year \$27.10.

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Quota of Stenographer's Tax	\$2,456.45	
Quota of County Charges	94,379.66	
Quota of County Charges, Outside of City	1,440.49	
Industrial Home and Boarding Homes	2,666.78	
District School Superintendent	363.03	
Public Welfare Purposes	1,525.00	
General Fund	21,959.00	
Health Fund		50.00 Hospitalization
Fund	396.67 Highway Fund	
20,585.00 Bridge Fund		500.00 Machinery

Fund

15,200.00 Miscellaneous Fund

10,550.00 Quota County Highway Charges

15,263.24

Returned School Taxes

1,825.04

Excesses payable to County Treasurer

1.90

\$189,380.35

January 9, Tuesday ---- Zero 7 AM 20 12 PM
Reservoir frozen over this AM. Clear bright sunny day,
snappy cold this AM. Became blustery PM, calming
down tonight.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM spread over
weekend wagon load manure on snow behind chicken
house. Took saw bench over to Ollie Burgher's on dray
& we cut a load of firewood.

Rec'd air mail letter Mariam from Mexico City. They
failed to get my registered Christmas letter sent Dec.18
till Jan. 2. I wrote them a reply tonight.

January 10, Wednesday — 16 degrees 7 AM. 24 12
PM. Clear bright sunny day. Became somewhat blustery
during PM but quieted – part overcast evng. Pleasant
winter weather.

Busy with usual chores. PM Ollie & I cut big dray load firewood in back woods. Rec'd 30 month guarantee auto battery via freight Ashokan from Montgomery Ward & Co.

January 11, Thursday — 22 degrees 7 AM 35 11 PM. General murky, overcast with occasional warm sunshine till mid day. The afternoon & evng was overcast – Blustery, warmer tonight.

Busy with usual chores & spread load manure AM on alfalfa seeding. This PM Ollie & I cut a wagon load of pole wood & helped Mart Eckert saw the wood we had drawn there. Unloaded wagon & took load of sawed wood up & put on Ollie's back porch.

January 12, Friday — 29 degrees 7 AM 26 12 PM. Partly cloudy, crispy, windy – snow squallish – March like weather.

Helped Mart Eckert saw up yesterdays load of firewood, took part up to Ollie Burgher's & brought part home.

This evng Walter Lang & I went with my car to I.O.O.F. semi public installation at Bearsville – well over 100 Odd Fellows, Rebekah's etc present. Excellent table luncheon followed. Dist Deputy Winston Van Kleeck & staff of Shokan Lodge No.491 made their first installation commendably. Reginald E. Davis – Marshall – Abram Smith, Lester Lawrence Grand Rec'd Secy. Virgil Gordon Fin. Secy, Alonzo Davis Treas. Burton Barringer.

January 13, Saturday — 12 degrees 7 AM 22 12 PM.
Generally fair and sunny. Thickening overcast later AM
– thawing in sun. Starlight - thin high overcast, moon
almost half.

I got the old model T Ford out of garage storage &
running AM. This PM set up the rig & sawed the wood
drawed at Ollie Burgher's.

I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. 20 present –
refreshments served. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear written
Wednesday PM that he is flat in bed at Methodist Hosp
& very weak. Says he's having the best rest in his life &
no desire to get up. He has heard nothing from Bob and
Mariam other than a telegram sent after Mrs Longyear
notified them.

January 14, Sunday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Overcast raw
damp atmosphere. Set in snowing early PM & continued
into the evng when the storm changed to rain and windy.
About 3 in. of snow fell.

Did chores. Took Ollie up to see her Bro. Ben
Burgher at Mt Tremper PM. Got 2 cases infertile eggs at
Herman Weidner's. Made out \$14.02 order to Sears
Roebuck evng.

January 15, Monday — 36 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM.
Rainy blustery night continuing this morning – turned
snow squally. The blustering and mostly cloudiness
continued. Partly clearing at evng. Slushy traveling &
slippery roads pretty well clearing.

Two men died in the crushed cab of a 2 ½ ton

International south bound loaded egg truck which left the concrete on route 28 at Grossman's turn directly across the reservoir from our place, at about 7:05 this AM. going over the outside end of the abutment head on into several trees, bowling over 5 on the timbers edge of the reservoir property. The Olive Fire Dept responded & under serious difficulties removed the dead driver & assistant. Edwin Welch Reed 37 of West Davenport owner of operator & Hugh Wm Riddell 32 of Oneonta. The wrecked truck later taken to the Haver Garage, Shokan. The driver was strangled against the steering wheel – assistant crushed from the waist down. James Harrison's newly set television antenna hangs bent low over the house by the strong gusty south wind.

Kingston Freeman notice. 1/15/51

New York – A uniform registration fee for all passenger autos of \$10.00 for a year or \$5.00 for a half year period was urged yesterday by the New York State Automobile Association.

The association endorsed bills containing the proposal introduced in the Legislature by State Senator William S. Hulst, Jr Nassau county Republican, and Assemblyman Leo P. Noonan, Cattaraugus county Republican.

Licenses now cost 50 cents for each 100 lbs, and 75 cents for each 100 lbs in excess of 3500 on an annual basis.

January 16, Tuesday — 30 degrees 7 AM 24 11:30 PM.

Raw and very blustery. Mostly cloudy & rather squally breaking away PM. Clear moonlight.

I spread a wagon load manure on Ollie's alfalfa seeding & this PM we cut a big load of firewood at the lower end of her Little Meadow.

Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear that he is slowly recovering his strength at the Methodist Hosp in Brooklyn.

3 deer crossed the road ahead of my car tonight coming down over flats. The high wind & rially water has caused considerable breaking up of the ice covered reservoir which froze over a week ago.

January 17, Wednesday — 16 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.

Becoming milder, fair & sunny with brisk southerly wind. Became overcast latter PM. Moon shone thru tonite & stilled.

Did chores in variety this PM. I cut a wagon load of polewood in my woods back of Francis Whispell's. This evng I took Reginald E. Davis to Kingston. Most excellent Master Degree was conferred, Maxwell Luedke & 2 others at Mt Horeb Chapter. No75. Latter Reggie & I drove out to William's Lake where the Ulster Co. Supervisors Assn were holding their annual dinner. Ollie Burgher helped there as one of the waitresses & came home with me.

January 18, Thursday — 30 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM.

The reservoir ice field has disintegrated – some lasting areas . Mostly overcast AM Broke away sunny-springlike around noon, later became sour and rain

squally. Moonlight evng – the snow melted considerably.

Drawed out manure on seeding. PM Ollie & I cut load firewood at lower end of her Little Meadow, sawed it up & brought load home & piled on porch. James Harrison had his trying out television set & wind bent antenna removed.

January 19, Friday — 30 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM. 6 AM thunder shower which was general. Mild springlike weather. Sunny with some broken cloudiness – light wind was northerly. Moonlight tonight with low fog.

Besides daily chores – had the cattle out for exercise in the sun and cut & sawed firewood at Ollie Burgher's & brought a small wagon box load home. Maple saps running freely. Would like to be making some delicious early syrup.

January 20, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM. Froze a little last night. Sunny & balmy – quiet - some overcast. Moonlight tonight thru high cloudiness.

With no frost in ground, I ploughed a patch of old sod for potatoes above the road at Ollie's along south side of last years patch & garden. Spread a load manure. We also sawed up a small load of firewood, I brought home. Today's high temperature of 62 broke N.Y.C. records by a narrow margin.

January 21, Sunday — 43 degrees 8 AM 16 10 PM. Very blustery and turning much colder with snow flurries. Partly cloudy with considerable sunshine. Clear

crispy moonlight evng – moon about full.

Did chores & odd jobs. Got 2 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Reservoir rough and very rially

January 22, Monday — 6 degrees 7 AM 10 12 PM.

Clear & snappy cold, wind northerly. Cloudiness, still biting cold tonight. Brilliant early rising full moon, getting hazy late evng.

I made a shopping business trip to Kingston today. Rec'd shipment Sears Roebuck & Co. Wrote news copy evng.

January 23, Tuesday — 14 degrees 7 AM 32 11 PM.

Reservoir froze over again last night. Still, overcast, biting raw cold air Gradually set in snowy PM continued into the night.

Spread over week end wagon load of manure. This PM Ollie & I cut and sawed a load of firewood and I brought it home & put on kitchen porch.

January 24, Wednesday — 40 degrees 7 AM 32 11 PM

The snow changed to rain during night. The snow fall of about 2 in has turned to slush. Rain continued toward noon, a cold dismal storm. Broke away mild & sunny PM. which cleaned up the snow & slush from open spaces. Freezing some tonight & moon shining thru broken overcast. Streams running strong with the run off.

Lester S Davis took me over to Ashokan station for freight shipment from Evansville Ind of Sears Roebuck 8.5 ft Coldspot Electric refrigerator which he helped me

uncrate & set up in corner inside our big dining room. I also went and saw Joe Snyder about making out my Federal Income tax report. Later PM I took Mother up to optomotrist Laurence Kaiser at Mt Tremper for fitting of pr glasses. Price \$18.50 which I paid.

January 25, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 AM 20 12 PM
Overcast only brief flecks of sunshine. A biting cold damp atmosphere. Cleared tonight with falling temperature.

Spread load manure on Ollie's garden patch before dinner. This afternoon we cut & sawed up a big load of firewood from the Little Meadow. Brought smaller wood home & piled on kitchen porch. I wrote letter to Mr Longyear tonight in Methodist Hosp, Brooklyn. Rec'd letter & card from Cornelia.

January 26, Friday — 16 degrees 7 AM 20 11 PM
Sunny this morning but became colder & mostly overcast with snow flurries & a raw north wind added to the PM cold.

This AM Mother helped milk as usual & I had daily chores wound up and helped her churn. This PM Ollie & I cut & drew firewood & sawed up a dray load & brought part home.

January 27, Saturday — 20 degrees 7 AM 22 12 PM
Cold, raw, still, overcast with snow flurries along all day – to whiten the frozen ground.

Busy with morning chores. This PM spread load

manure on garden patch – also Ollie & I sawed up a load of firewood & piled it behind her back porch. Tonight I attended Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge – over 50 present with several visiting delegations. Oyster supper served after meeting. District Deputy Winston Van Kleeck staff installed following officials

Jr Past Grand Wm. Stevens, Noble Grand Jack Darling, Vice Grand Stephen Jurkowski, Rec. Secy Harlowe Mc Lean, Fin. Secy Virgil Gordon, Treas Grover C Christiana, Warden Abram Smith, Conductor Claude N Baidler, R.S.N.G Alonzo Davis, L.S.N.G. Chas Gustavson, R.S.S. Lester Barringer, L.S.S. Henry Maben, R.S.V.G. Edward Weldt, L.S.V.G. John Bush, I.G. Walter Lang O.G. Arthur Bush. Chaplain E.C. Davis.

January 28, Sunday — 16 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM.
Another cold penetrating still snow flurrying day turning to hail & sleet latter PM, continuing evng.

I made trip to Herman Weidner's after infertile eggs – got 2 ½ cases also went to Gus Korittke's Watson Hollow shop for some repair work & ground axes. Went and saw Joe Snyder & got my Federal tax report he prepared. Fee \$5.00 paid.

January 29, Monday — 20 degrees AM 16 11 PM.
The storm had petered out this morning with the ground a glare of ice & everything coated. About an inch covers the ground. Murky, still and cold. Sanding trucks started 11 PM on the job this AM as roads are a slippery glare.

Busy the morning with chores etc. Let the cows out in pasture as a little sunshine broke thru the gloom. This PM spread manure at Ollie's on garden & alfalfa & we cut a dray load of hickory firewood, a hollow tree in lower end of Little Meadow. Rec'd air mail letter & several pictures from Mariam also letter from Ellen Wilfris.

January 30, Tuesday — 14 degrees 7 AM Zero 12 PM Biting cold – Everywhere is a glare of ice. Thawed enough yesterday to be more slippery than ever. Mostly overcast AM & mostly sunny PM – clear still snappy cold tonight.

Busy with daily chores AM. This PM cut & sawed up firewood & brought dray load home. Wrote long letter tonight to Mariam. Also rec'd letter Mrs Longyear – “Pop” now sits up in chair at hosp. He had his attack 4 weeks ago today.

January 31, Wednesday — 4 degrees 7 AM 20 12 PM. Arrived snowing and continued all day & early evng, changing to a heavy freezing rain. A biting cold, still atmosphere, moderating gradually tonight.

Not much doing other than chores. This evng I went with Edward Weldt, Wm Jordan & Harlowe McLean among a delegation of the members of Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge to Bruck's Funeral Parlors in Kingston & held ritualistic services for Corp Tec. Charles E. Smith 24 who died in Cal. at Letterman Army hosp – brain tumor operation.

P.G. James McGlocklin took the Noble Grand post & I as Chaplain The traveling was very heavy & slipper

Obituary for Charles Smith

Cpl. Charles E. Smith U.S. Army, on January 30, 1951 at Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, California, beloved husband of Rita W. Smith (nee Wolfersheim) son of Abraham D. Smith; brother of Mrs Octave Perry, Mrs Donald Gewynn, and grandson of Mrs Emma Hartelius.

Funeral services will be held from the Henry J Bruck Funeral Home, 25 Smith Avenue, Thursday afternoon, February 1, at 2 pm. Interment in Pine Bush Cemetery, Kerhonkson, N.Y. Friends may call at the funeral Home any time.

February 1, Thursday — Temp has moderated & the sleet changed to rain during night. Strong gusty southerly wind today & drenching rains – becoming warmer with a gushing run off of the snow & slush. Fields getting bare tonight & icy roads much improved. Streams running full head.

This afternoon I took Mother up to Laurence Kayser's at Mt Tremper & got her new glasses, set in amber colored plastic frames. Due to excessive dampness I had considerable bother today getting my Plymouth running. Rec'd Sears Roebuck spring & summer catalog. Prices generally higher \$20. more than I paid for Coldspot Refrigerator.

February 2, Friday — 18 degrees 7 AM 44 11 PM A sunny Ground Hog Day. Biting cold changed after midnight. Raw northerly wind – sunny all day, some overcast.

Still plenty of ice on fields & roads. Busy with usual chores. Mother milked 2 cows this AM & all 3 tonight. Spread wagon load manure on alfalfa seeding up at Ollie's. This PM we cut a load of firewood in her Little Meadow & brought part home & piled on porch.

February 3, Saturday — 6 degrees 8 AM 14 12 PM Cold – overcast –still. Has the raw atmosphere of more sleet or snow.

Roads a glare of ice in places. Busy AM with usual chores. Mother churned & made 8 lbs butter in lb prints today. This PM Ollie & I cut load of firewood from a clump of ash & hard maple by her barn. So cold couldn't get the old Ford going. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. A pleasant meeting & refreshments.

February 4, Sunday — 10 degrees 8 AM 16 12 PM. Clear still thru out the day and evng. Warmed up nice during the day but was crispy tonight.

Went over to Herman Weidner's and got 2 ½ cases infertile eggs. Ollie & I sawed up the load of firewood PM.

February 5, Monday — 14 degrees 7 AM 26 11:30 PM Clear – cloudless – still – Raw cold air. Thawing considerable during the day.

I made a trip to Kingston with my Plymouth. Went by way of Krumville, Kripplebush & Stone Ridge. Stopped at Geo. Lounsberry's & sold them 8 lb butter @.75 – 6.00 paid. Also brief stop at Fred Baumgarten's & had demonstration of their new 24 inch Emerson television set. Came home on route 28 & stopped at Lem DuBoice's and aunt Julia Winchell's.

February 6, Tuesday — 16 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM.
Continued sunny & warmed pleasantly. Became overcast at evng with chill southerly wind tonite – dark & forebading storm.

Spread load manure on alfalfa patch at Ollies. This PM we cut a load of firewood in edge of her Little meadow & sawed it & brought some home & piled on porch. A terrible Penna R.R. passenger train wreck out from N.Y.C. occurred this evng early at Woodbridge N.J. Death toll at midnight 73 dead & some 500 injured. A new trestle opened today buckled, locomotive & 5 lead cars plunged down 20 ft embankment. Wrote news copy evng.

February 7, Wednesday — 40 degrees 7 AM 10 1:30 AM. Drenching rain & fog with strong southerly wind, changed to snow 4 PM – turning much colder with fall of several inches & north wind blowing a gale tonight & drifting – clearing by midnight.

Not much could be done today but chores. This evng in the driving snow storm & roads slushy I went with Max Luedtke with his Willy's Jeep & picked up

Reginald E Davis at Olive Bridge, going to Kingston. Where they & 2 other candidates received the Royal Arch Degree at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75. Refreshments followed. Roads hazardous. Maxie & Reggie made application to Ancient City Council No 21. I signed their application.

February 8, Thursday — 4 degrees 7 AM 4 12 PM A bitter cold windy day & evng. Mostly sunny, mountains squally.

I spread load manure behind chicken house & did usual AM chores. With the ground snow & ice covered, other than spots blown dry, Ollie & I cut a dray load of firewood at upper end of her Little Meadow.. Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear saying Mr Longyear is expected to be home from Methodist Hosp in Brooklyn tomorrow.

February 9, Friday — 4 below zero 7 AM 4 11 PM Snappy cold clear & still – some afternoon cloudiness. Bright sunshine - cloudless biting cold still night.

Did usual chores. Cut a dray load of firewood along Ollie's Little meadow. Was too cold to start the wood mill. Rec'd letter Cornelia.

February 10, Saturday — 6 below 7 AM 4 12 PM. Continued clear - still - cloudless evng. Bright sunshine but cold.

Busy as usual with daily chores. Mother churned 3 batches of cream. Drowed out manure & this PM Ollie & I sawed firewood & I brought a big dray load home.

Tonight I went to Phoenicia and saw the world renowned picture Joan of Arc.

February 11, Sunday — 8 degrees 7:45 AM 22 12 PM
Clear & crispy this AM became overcast & faired away around noon, noticeably warmer. Cloudless evng with growing crescent moon over south mountain.

Did daily chores & went to Herman Weidner's and got 3 cases infertile eggs.

February 12, Monday — 24 degrees 7 AM 40 12 PM.
Generally fair, pleasantly mild & mostly sunny. Part cloudy tonight – wind calm – rain squally late.

We sent Cornelia 4 ½ lbs butter. Mr Claude Beidler called to see me this AM. I spread a load manure at Ollie's on potato ground & this PM we cut and sawed a wagon load of firewood from my woods & brought part home & piled on porch. The back road up the hill is a glare of ice. Wrote news copy evng. The new West Shokan firehouse is completed and the siren was sounded this AM. It was broken in Sat. nite & footprints left in the new cement floor.

February 13, Tuesday — 42 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM.
Very mild – partly to mostly cloudy, southerly wind shifted northerly PM – turning cooler.

The icy back road was pretty well cleaned up today. Snow gone except along roadside places & unexposed mountain sides. Ollie & I cut wagon load of firewood in back woods & sawed it & brat load home. Rec'd letter

Mrs Knorph & Mrs Longyear also valentine card & letter from Cornelia.

Tonight Mary Roe & Ollie went with me to Phoenicia at the Parish Hall where there was a tremendous turnout to vote on the \$300,000.00 additional bond issue to top the already voted \$1,850,000.00 for construction of the controversial Onteora Centralized School at Boiceville. 1002 voted – carried by 39 – 26 void ballots.

February 14, Wednesday — 26 degrees 7 AM 14 11:30 PM A freezing morning drizzle made everything a glare of ice. Started breaking away mid PM. Became brilliantly cloudless tonight with frigid atmosphere & bulging half moon.

Did chores & piled up the load of wood along end of barn. During PM I helped with a woody cleaning up by Ollie's barn . I rec'd 2 heart valentines Norah Frances made.

February 15, Thursday — 6 degrees 7 AM 10 12 PM Clear bright sunny day & cloudless moonlight evng. Still - thawed during warmth of day but otherwise cold piercing atmosphere.

Did usual chores. Mother is lame from fall in cow stable, so all falls on me. Ollie & I parked out back of her barn & sawed up big wagon load of firewood & I brought part home. Tonight I attended regular meeting and gaily featured valentine party put on by Mrs Ingrid Davis at Olive Rebekah Lodge – over 70 present.

February 16, Friday — 8 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM.
Continued clear - still & somewhat moderated. Became partly overcast late evng.

Was late getting the round of chores done this morning & wood unloaded. Mother has become very lame & sore, can scarcely get around. This PM Ollie & I cut a load of firewood in my back woods across road & sawed it up. I brought part home. Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear with letter & card enclosed they received from Bob & Mariam in Mexico City – also card from Dick Herrington in Miami.

February 17, Saturday — 28 degrees 8 AM 36 12 PM
A stormy day - rain & snow showers, about 2 “ fell. Immense big fluffy flakes like balls of cotton – rain evng.

Not much doing other than chores. Unloaded wood & put on porch before starting morning chores. Mother continues just hobbling around, yet she churned 6 lb of butter. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter to the 4th annual dinner of Olive Post American Legion 1627 at Boiceville Inn, charters presented the Olive Post & the Auxiliary. Excellent dinner 73 served. Respective executive officers Emerick Lukas & Betsy Vonder Osten. Principal speaker Ed Hubin of Central Hudson G & E. History & Development of Catskill Region.

February 18, Sunday — 32 degrees 11 PM. Sunny – crispy northerly wind. Still & light overcast tonight. Snow & slush melted.

Went to Herman Weidner's & got 3 cases infertile eggs. Mother is getting about better today. Did usual chores. Had the cattle out in the sun for exercise. Harlowe called briefly at noon.

February 19, Monday — 30 degrees 7 AM 24 11 PM. Was sunny this morning but murred over. Set in rainy later PM - changed to a wet snow.

I made a trip to Kingston. I stopped to see Lem DuBois also called on Mrs Grace Winchell at 126 Smith Ave. I rec'd birthday card letter from Mariam.

February 20, Tuesday — 32 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM. Misty - foggy damp chill weather - day & evng.

Did chores. Ollie milked cows today. She picked up around kitchen & dining room to help Mother out, who is still hobbling around with a swollen right leg. Spread cart load manure on grass behind chicken yard, also got the hams & bacon out of brine & soaked ready for smoking. Rec'd birthday card from Mrs Langer. Rec'd electric windshield rubber blade defroster from Sauls Motors, Ellenville for installing on Plymouth car steering column.

February 21, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM. A dismal foggy chill rainy day, fell steadily continued rainy evng. Ice storm on mountains.

Aside from daily chores & starting smoking hams & bacon – no accomplishments. I went down to Lester Davis' store awhile PM. Mother is getting around pretty

well today. Rec'd spring & summer Montgomery Ward catalog.

February 22, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM.
Raw _ strong northerly wind, diminishing evng. Muddy & thawing - mostly sunny & part to mostly cloudy.

The mountains crests glistening in their icy sheen. Especially beautiful was High Point - the majestic ground freezing tonight. Tired out today. Did daily chores - kept the smokehouse going. Spread load manure on Ollie's plowed potato sod & we cut a wagon load of firewood PM in my backwoods across road.

RESERVOIR SPILL

OVER

New York, Feb. 22 – The city's upstate reservoirs spilled over today. Water storage totaled 254,083,000,000 gallons, or 100.4 percent of capacity, contrasted to a year ago when the reservoirs held 118,395,000,000 gallons or 46.8 per cent of capacity. The spilling probably will continue for some time, Division Engineer Fred Stein said. An inch of rain fall over the watershed areas yesterday will provide a runoff of 8,300,000,000 gallons unless a deep freeze sets in. Stein said this appeared unlikely from weather forecasts.

February 23, Friday — 28 degrees 7 AM Windy night – bright sunny but an unusually rough cold windy day -

some cloudiness. Continued windy tonight.

Did daily chores. Mother still housebound but busy. This PM scarcely fit to be out but Ollie & I cut a big wagon load of firewood, above back road. This is my 61st birthday. Mother made my time honored plain soft chocolate cake. Ollie made chocolate ice cream & black chocolate cake for me. I rec'd several cards etc today, a present & new baby Ellen's picture from Cornelia. She called up from Rome NY & talked with Mother, while I was milking.

February 24, Saturday — The consistent high northerly wind kept up all day & tonight. Sunny – some cloudiness. Clear moonlight tonight, not so cold as yesterday.

Spread a load manure on potato ground in Ollie's orchard & this PM we cut load firewood from my woods but was too windy to saw. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – refreshments after 35 cents a piece.

February 25, Sunday — 32 degrees 7:30 AM 42 10 PM. Some cloudiness but sunny & very mild. The wind kept up all day but quieted evng. One thing in favor of the 4 days blow is the mud is dried up mostly – overcast evng.

I did usual chores, went to Herman Weidner's & got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs. Ollie & I sawed up one load of the drawn firewood PM.

February 26, Monday — 36 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM.

Still & noticeably so after the consistently roaring 96 hour wind. Mostly overcast, murky, occasional sprinkles – April like mild weather.

Did chores – kept smoke cure going under the hams & bacon. Spread finishing load manure on potato ground. This PM Ollie helped me bring load of wood down & pile on porch & then we gathered a big wagon load bedding leaves along back road & near by ledges. The leaves were most too dry to handle and the first time I ever got leaves in late February.

February 27, Tuesday — 46 degrees 7 AM 34 12 PM
Sunny & balmy, mid April like this morning but became rather sour, squally, windy & mostly cloudy.

Did daily chores. Ollie & I sawed wood PM & brought load home & piled along barn. This evng I went to Kingston with Deputy Sheriff Claude N. Beidler he being a member of St Johns' Lodge No 4 A.F.&A.M. of Harford Conn. – he passed tests at Kingston Lodge No 10 & we witnessed the snappy & highly interesting conferring of the Fellowcraft Degree on 5 Entered Apprentices. Refreshments followed.

February 28, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 AM 28 12 PM.
Mostly cloudy. Raw chill atmosphere. Wind light – cleared evng & then clouded over.

Had smoke going under the hams & bacon. Did daily chores – Spread load manure on Ollie's strawberry bed. This PM we cut a big wagon load of firewood from my back woods & sawed it up & brought it home. Tonight I

attended a meeting in the new fire house for purpose of organizing a West Shokan Fire Dept Unit. Chief Al Fox Jr of Olive Bridge was speaker. Lester S. Davis chairman & Al Fox Sr secy – 31 present.

Dick Herrington & traveling companion stopped briefly PM en-

route back to Rome N.Y. from 4000 mile Florida trip. He was on crutches. Had artificial leg in car.

March 1, Thursday — 26 degrees 7 AM 28 12 PM

Started snowing very heavily around 7 AM but tapered down in volume during PM to a freezing mist. The snowfall is about 5 inches.

Traveling is very slippery. The West Shokan Heights road wasn't plowed till 5 PM. Nothing doing but chores. I sent Mrs Knorpp 15 lbs bacon & piece of ham and 6 lb pkg bacon with some potatoes to Cornelia by Ins. P.P.

March 2, Friday — 32 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM. Sunny this morning but became raw, windy & mostly cloudy. Cleared late evng. Its winter everywhere.

This PM Ollie & I cut a big dray load of firewood in my upper woods & sawed it up & brought some home.

March 3, Saturday — 24 degrees 7:00 AM 24 12 PM. A snowy & sleety day. Snowed heavily from latter Pm on into the night.

Did chores – This PM I drew a dray load manure & spread on plowed sod corn ground above 3 corner lot. This evng I went to I.O.O.F. Lodge with Claude N.

Beidler & Walter Lang. A small turnout due to bad weather – refreshments were excellent coffee, crackers & cheese..

March 4, Sunday — 28 degrees 7 :30 AM 30 12 PM.
The snow storm abated during the early hours & was rainy, & misty this forenoon. A foggy murky day & evng. Misty again tonight. The new fall of wet snow is about 6 inches & traveling is slushy.

Town & County snow plows are busy. The sodden snow makes hard plowing. Did chores etc. Got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This PM Ollie & I went up to see her brother Ben at Mt Tremper & had my front bumper guard fixed at Bert Winne's garage 75 cents Pd.

March 5, Monday — 24 degrees 7 AM 22 11 PM.
Bright sunny still day – crispy starlight evng.

I made a trip to Kingston. Went by way of Stone Ridge stopped at Geo. Lounsberry's & they took 6 lb butter @.75 Paid. I had Lew Lounsberry make miner repairs to my R.C.A. table radio -\$1.00 Paid. Also stopped at Fred Baumbarten's, came home over route 28 & stopped at Lem DuBoises & Aunt Julia Winchell's.

March 6, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM.
Bright sunny this AM. Became overcast PM. Broke away evng southerly wind – milder.

I spread dray load manure on corn ground before dinner and this PM Ollie & I cut and sawed load wood

from my upper woods. Snow soft & slushy. This evng I went to Kingston with Claude Beidler, Charles Ginsbittel & Reggie Davis and attended the conferring of Third Degree at Kingston Lodge No 10 on class of 5 candidates. The Master Chas L. Troil designated the honor of Raising the 4th candidate James Donlon of Kingston.

March 7, Wednesday — Considerably rainy till early PM— mild —cleared evng.

After the wet dried up somewhat Ollie & I cut a dray load firewood from my upper woods, but was too late to saw it up & was getting dark when I got home, rode Molly down. Tired out tonight. Mother started in again this AM, helping milk the cows – 2 of the three.

March 8, Thursday — 26 degrees 7 AM 32 11 PM. Sunny this morning becoming partly cloudy – mild thawing. Wind moderate, northerly. Starlight tonight & freezing somewhat.

Spread part wagon load manure on corn ground before dinner. This PM Ollie & I got dray load firewood from my lower back woods & sawed it up also yesterday's load. Brought big double wagon box load home.

March 9, Friday — 26 degrees 7 AM 18 11 PM Sunny this morning but became decidedly colder. Blustery & snow squally. Typical March weather – starlight tonight.

Unloaded the wood this AM & done chores. This PM Ollie & I cut & drawed a big wagon load of firewood along the lower back side of my woods, also cut another load. Rec'd brief letter from Mariam also a booklet or folder of pictures of the family. This is sap making weather.

March 10, Saturday — 18 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM.
Bright clear crispy wintery weather. Brisk northerly wind
– Cloudless tonight.

Spread dray load manure on corn ground before noon and took load wood cut yesterday up to Ollie's. This PM we sawed up both loads – Got a dray load of sap wood & brought big wagon load sawed wood home. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng, going with Joe Steinlauf. Initiatory Degree conferred on Joe Steinlauf – Murray Slavin – Edward W. Oreway, George Aerias. 31 present.
Refreshments served.

March 11, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 AM 34 12 PM.
Mostly overcast this AM with raw wind northerly, broke away around noon with bright sunny PM. Became snow squally evng.

I went to Herman Weidner's and got 3 cases infertile eggs. Ollie and I went on trip to Ellenville PM.

March 12, Monday — 38 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.
Glorious bright sunny day with gentle northerly breath of wind. Cloudless, brilliant starlight evng & growing crescent moon.

I feel tired & let down today. Unloaded the wagon load of wood drawn Saturday & did daily round of morning chores. This PM Ollie & I gathered a wagon load of mostly dead sap wood along back road. Good sap weather.

March 13, Tuesday — 32 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM
Overcast this forenoon but broke away sunny PM then murred over again – still and mild & muddy.

Did chores, spread wagon load manure on corn ground AM. This PM Ollie & I got the sap boiling arch repaired & ready.

The news broke to me today that Mrs James (Belle) Burgher, widowed about 13 ½ months is to be married to Mr Charles Wood of N.Y.C.

March 14, Wednesday — 34 degrees AM 34 12 PM.
Arrived stormy & was a nasty day of wet snow & rain mixture. Ground was white & mtns freshly covered.

Did usual chores. This PM – Ollie did a batch of her washing & we shelled off part of our rat & mouse eaten corn in crib.

March 15, Thursday — 34 degrees Another inch of snow fell during night & this morning was foggy & misty. The day was mostly overcast with some wind – murky & still tonight.

Poor sap weather. I spread load manure on corn ground & Ollie & I got a big wagon load of sap wood PM from my lower woods across back road.

Mr & Mrs David Bender became the parents of a 6 3/4 lb daughter Bonny Ann born 2:40 PM at Benedictine Hosp. The 16 yr old mother is the former Arlene Geyer.

March 16, Friday ---- 34 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM
Mostly overcast mild yet raw air – wind northerly – somewhat mussy - snow squally PM. Partly broke away evng with bulging half moon shining.

Poor sap weather. This PM Ollie & I cut 2 loads firewood in my lower back woods, drewed & sawed up the first one & brought part home. It was dark getting in the cows from pasture exercise & still later with chores & milking. Mother helps morning & night when not stormy.

March 17, Saturday — 34 degrees 7 AM 34 12 PM
122 nd anniversary of birth of my adored Grandfather, Martin H. Crispell
Mostly cloudy , some sunshine around noontime –Raw damp air – wind light northerly, mountain snow squally PM.

Same poor sap weather. Spread load manure on corn ground and drewed the load of firewood . cut yesterday. This PM Ollie & I sawed it up & cut & drewed another load.

March 18, Sunday – 32 degrees 7 AM 26 12 PM.
Sunny this AM – murked over & became cloudless Pm, crispy moonlight evng.

I feel tired out today. Tried to rest up a bit. This PM I

went to Weidner's & got 3 3/4 cases infertile eggs. Did chores etc.

March 19, Monday — 30 degrees 7AM 34 12 PM
Bright sunny this morning but soon murked over damp & chill. Set in rainy late PM & continued thru night – a hard rain.

I made a trip to Kingston accompanied by Ollie Burgher & Lena Brewster. I stopped at Aunt Julia's & Lem DuBoises & coming back via Stone Ridge at Fred Baumgarten's & Geo Lounsberry's. Wrote to Mariam tonight enclosing small desk calander & Easter card.

March 20, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM
The west basin ice field started breaking up. The encircling mountain crests are freshly coated in a glistening mantle of wooly white. At Hunter there was a three inch soggy snowfall. Bright sunny day with northerly wind. Big circle around the moon tonight.

I spread big wagon load manure on corn ground this PM & got 2 loads of firewood from my lower back woods. Jesse Shurter of Samsonville called this evng and made out membership blank for Mt Horeb Chapter. Wrote news copy tonight.

March 21, Wednesday — 26 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.
First day of spring – generally overcast. Brisk southerly wind PM. Set in rainy at dusk & later changed to snow & colder with wind shifting northerly.

The reservoir ice field keeps disintegrating. Excellent

sap day. Busy writing Easter cards etc. this morning. Sent air mail Easter cards to Gay & Jeanne & Bobby and Aunt Jeanne Longyear in Mexico City. This PM Ollie & I started tapping sap trees. Tonight I went to Kingston with Claude Beidler, Charles Ginsbittel & Wm Frankeel Sr attending Mt Horeb Chapter. The two former were among a class of 11 who rec'd the Mark Master Degree.

March 22, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 AM 18 11 PM. Windy wintry like weather everything freshly white this morning but mostly disappeared. Some cloudiness but mostly sunny. Brilliant cloudless moonlight evng.

Excellent sap making weather. Icicles hang thick on the sap spiles. This PM finished tapping the usual sap trees on the Dolan property. Spread load manure on corn ground Busy with writing Easter cards & letters.

March 23, Friday — 30 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM Became overcast and started snowing this morning, then broke away mild and sunny – became overcast again PM with light rain showers evng, late full moon shone thru thin overcast.

A very excellent sap running day. We gathered twice PM & started boiling & kept at it till 1:30 AM. Rec'd Easter card & note from Mariam. They are away from Mexico City for an Easter trip with Jeanne.

March 24, Saturday — 30 degrees 7 AM Sunny early but soon murked over & set in rainy, broke away before noon warm 7 sunny but with strong gusty shifting winds becoming northerly & decidedly colder & overcast evng.

Not much of a sap day. Finished running down the first boiling before dinner & I brought it home – very delicious - 2 gals or more. I spread load manure PM on corn ground, got some sap wood & gathered the somewhat rainy 2/3 barrel of sap. We boiled all PM & continued into the night.

Postmaster since 1913 William V. Colange was taken to the Benedictine Hospital this AM following a heart attack and died this evng around 7:30 - 8:00 o'clock as his wife sat holding his hand.

March 25, Sunday — 26 degrees 8 AM Froze up last night, northerly wind, crispy sap weather. Considerable part cloudiness – a cold Easter. Still - clear -cold evng.

We kept up the sap boiling all night & run off the second batch before 7 AM. At least 3 gallons. I went before breakfast and got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Ben Burgher had a very severe heart attack this AM at his home in Mt Tremper. He was taken by Gormley's of Phoenicia to the Benedictine Hosp in charge of Dr Marie Bieber. I took his wife and Ollie to the hospital in Kingston to see him. Dr Beiber asserted Ben will pull out of it.

March 26, Monday — 20 degrees 7 AM 18 12 PM.
Mostly sunny some clouds but very cold with keen brisk northerly wind.

Good sap making weather but the sap was frozen up. Busy AM with card writing & chores. This PM Ollie & I gathered yesterdays sap & plenty of ice in the buckets.

Had nearly a barrel full besides over the pan full I carried yesterday PM. We kept the sap boiling up all day & run off the batch tonight. Report from Ben Burgher is favorable.

March 27, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 AM Ground froze hard, clear, sunny day. Brisk southerly wind developed PM & the sky became hazy.

Busy with usual chores AM & spread load manure on corn ground, & gathered load sap wood. This PM Ollie & I got a load firewood from my lower back woods & gathered the sap which ran good. Had over 2 barrels & started boiling.

March 28, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM. Hazy but sunny AM. Strong southerly wind developed & became all overcast PM. Set in misty rain tonight. The weather moderated noticeably today.

We boiled sap all night, run off the batch noon time, 3 gals or better which I brat home. Gathered the sap early this AM & late PM – It ran fair today. Started boiling again about 5 PM & run off the batch after midnight. This PM we also cut & sawed a load firewood from my lower back woods.

Funeral services 9:30 AM for William V. Colange at Lasher's in Woodstock thence to St Johns Catholic Church in Stony Hollow, interment St Mary's Cemetery, Kingston.

March 29, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM.

Arrived rainy & developed into a drenching steady all day & evening storm continuing at midnight.

I made a trip to Kingston took Ollie & Ida Burgher to see Ben at the Kingston Hosp. He seemed noticeably improved & pleased indeed for the visit.

March 30, Friday — Rainy night & continued steadily all day & evng, till around midnight. Flood conditions are extensive tonight

Not much doing. Writing Dist Grand Comm meeting notice cards. Made trip down to Post Office. A petition is being circulated for signatures favoring the appointment of Mabel Weidner as Postmaster to succeed William V. Colange who was slated for retirement in Sept. A crop of prospects have sprung up including Eugene Nicholas, Gladys VanDeMark, & Joe Winkler.

The Jackey Brook bridge span of 3 ft clogged with debris & poured a flood over the road up on the cider mill corner. The concrete steel beam bridge over the Wittenberg stream at Watson Hollow was under mined at the east approach & badly wrecked.

March 31, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM. A mighty 4 ft wall of water pored over the Spillway. Mild & mostly overcast. Clearing & cloudless & still tonight – somewhat colder.

The Kingston area is hit with the greatest Esopus flood in memory. The whole flats are under water several feet deep from the Kingston bridge out to the Walker farm & the flatlands between the mountain Rd & Hurley

bridge, where houses are flooded & fields badly damaged. My 3 corner lot corn stubble partly ploughed last fall is badly gullied by the rush of water down the hill. Toward noon I drove up to see the wrecked Wittenberg bridge. Trees torn out, docking & other debris partially blocked the big Bushkill concrete bridge abutments. The Mt Tremper area was badly flooded & littered with debris, roads badly damaged.

This PM I spread big load manure on sodden corn ground & cut & sawed load firewood. Attended I.O.O.F. tonight.

Mrs Belle Avery Burgher (widow of James Burgher) and Mr Charles Wood 61, of N.Y.C.. were married in Kingston tonight by Rev. Walter A. White.

April 1, Sunday — 34 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM. Mild – fair – sunny this AM. Became overcast PM & set in rainy but stopped.

I took a trip down to see the mighty wall of water pour over the Spillway & down the waste channel. An awe inspiring sight both from Spillway bridge & the lower high bridge. Went down to the flooded flats where the water stood in the road (28) opposite the old toll gate & Drive in Theatre. Thence up the Mountain road & across the flats & Hurley bridge to route – a vast 4 ft wall of water had over flowed on the highway & tore down thru the colony of houses along north side of creek. The whole course of the Esopus up the valley & along the old Tongore road flats to Cantines bridge is badly damaged & torn out along the road way. The damage along Rt 28

above Cold Brook is much more than the last Nov. 25 flood to Mt Tremper.

Larry Daniels drowned tonight at Sundown. The heavy mountain snow added fuel to the flood waters.

Sap ran some which Ollie & I gathered & boiled down later PM & evng.

April 2, Monday — 42 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM.

Rained a little in the late night, mild and mostly sunny, becoming overcast PM & rainy evng.

I took Ida & Ollie Burgher to Kingston and saw Ben at Kingston Hospital. He seems improving & more encouraged. Coming back I stopped to see Lem DuBois briefly.

A group of 37 neighbors and friends gave the newly weds Mr & Mrs Charles Wood a skimmington & gathering at their home this evening.

April 3, Tuesday — 34 degrees 36 11 PM. Rainy & snowy night, mountains freshly coated. Continued rain & snow squally till noon time. Brisk northerly wind – partly broke away PM but overcast tonight.

I sent a small box of candy & maple sugar cakes to Norah also a card & dollar bill for her 7th birthday anniversary the 7th. My PM job was re-tapping the trees with hopes for another run.

April 4, Wednesday — 36 degrees 7 AM 31 12 PM.

Mostly cloudy, mild with occasional breaks of warm sunshine. Still - hazy - starlight tonight.

Spread wagon load manure PM on corn ground sod & cut & drew load firewood from my woods along cross driveway. Sawed & brought some home. This evng I went with Charley Ginbittel & Claude Beidler to Kingston at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75 where they were among a class of 15 candidates who rec'd the Past Masters Degree. Excellent eats followed.

April 5, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 AM 40 12 PM. Mostly cloudy northerly wind. Cold damp atmosphere but doesn't freeze nights. No sap weather – dark cloudy evng.

Ollie & I sawed up a waiting pile of wood before dinner & this PM we drew a big load polewood from my lower back woods – sawed & brought the wood home.

The Lions Club Exposition at the Kingston Armory is drawing big crowds nightly and a big revolving army searchlight is sweeping the clouds.

April 6, Friday — 36 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM. Bright cloudless day & evng – light northerly wind. A pleasant change from damp cheerless weather.

Mother helped me put off the load of wood & piled up the small round AM besides doing the morning round of chores I took up a load of hemlock saw mill slabs that were decaying & sawed them up & brought back home. Also PM we cleaned up obscuring roadside growth between Ollie's old garden to Massimo's gate & sawed up wood.

April 7, Saturday — 38 degrees 6 AM 36 12 PM.
Continued cloudless weather – Real warm today. Damp & chill tonight – Light wind veering southerly. Warmest to date. Peepers & frogs chorusing merrily.

Gathered and boiled the final run of sap. Nearly a barrel & real sweet some discolored & swarming with millers. Also spread load manure on corn ground. Sawed up surplus sap wood & brought a load home.

April 8, Sunday — 44 degrees 7:30 AM 44 12 PM
Unsettled – mild – partly to mostly overcast - still – yet considerably sunny.

I got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs to Herman Weidner's. I went up to see Gus Korittke, noted a strip of Bushkill fence washed out by the Cooper place. I had to detour around the wrecked Wittenberg bridge thru Steinlauf's private road – formerly Lamberts & across bridge connecting Maltby Hollow road. I called on Joe Steinlauf & he took me up with his truck to see the flood damage toward Moonhaw where the road is completely washed out at the Miner property & cottage on the bank above the road undermined. Bridge timbers & planks indicate the smaller Moonhaw bridges gone.

April 9, Monday — 42 degrees 6:30 AM 46 12 PM.
Mild – hazy but sunny this morning but became overcast.

Ollie & I took up and washed the sap buckets. Also sawed up the remaining sap boiling wood & brought a load home. Also spread over weekend load of manure. Tonight I went with Joe Steinlauf in his car & Charles

Ginsbittel & Murray Slavin to Wm H. Raymond Lodge in Saugerties where the 3rd Degree I.O.O.F. was conferred on a class of ten, which included Joe Steinlauf, Murray Slavin, John Adsit, Edw. Oreyway & Geo. Aerias of Shokan Lodge No 491. Excellent roast beef supper followed.

April 10, Tuesday — 42 degrees 6:30 AM Hazy but sunny this morning – real warm. Becoming overcast, black showery looking clouds. Set in rainy mid afternoon with the first thunder & lightening of the season.

I took Ollie & Ida to Kingston this AM to see Ben Burgher at the Kingston Hosp. He seems to be gaining.

April 11, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 AM Sunny and mild this AM – becoming overcast PM & cooler. New moon shown behind Wittenbergs evng.

Spread load manure & Ollie & I cut & sawed a load of firewood from my lower back woods.

Preceded by an excellent hot roast ham supper the annual meeting was held at the rooms of Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge No 491. 53 Past Grands present. Winston VanKleeck was re-elected District Deputy & myself EC Davis secretary for the 21st year. My annual salary was raised from \$35 to \$50. The re-elections were by acclimation. The country is stunned by the sudden dismissal last night by Pres. Harry Truman of Gen. Doughlas MacArthur of his command in the Far East.

April 12, Thursday — 44 degrees 12 PM Sun shone this

AM but became overcast & had light shower early PM, chill southerly wind developed. Drenching thunder showers tonight.

Busy AM with chores & odd jobs This PM I disced Ollie's potato ground above the road, brought load sawed wood home. This evng I went to Kingston with Maxwell Luedtke & Reginald E. Davis who received their Royal masters Degree at Ancient City Council No 21 R.S.M.

April 13, Friday — 42 degrees 7 AM Bright and sunny this morning after last nights storm of lightening and rain. Cloudiness & showers developed PM with strong southerly wind that quieted – cleared evng after showers – half moon.

The earth is re-drenched with last night heavy rain. The reservoir looks unusually riolly This PM Ollie and I cut a load of firewood back of Whispell's in my woods, drew it up the hill & sawed & brought the wood home

April 14, Saturday — 42 degrees 7 AM 42 12 PM Opening day of trout season. Sour weather. High Point & Wittenbergs freshly snow capped this AM. Mostly cloudy, glum with April showers mostly thru the forenoon.

Mother & I unloaded the wood & drew out manure and this PM busy with odd jobs.

This evng Ollie went with me down to Fred Baumgartens at Stone Ridge and had refreshments &

saw television program – Variety show , President Harry Truman addressing Jackson Jefferson Day dinner in Washington & wrestling bouts, a popular fad now nationally.

April 15, Sunday — 40 degrees 7 AM Cloudy & April showers this AM. Partly cleared – cool and brisk - northerly wind. Cloudless evng with bright bulging half moon

I got 3 cases infertile eggs to Herman Weidner's and took Ollie up to Mt Tremper and had dinner with Ben Burgher's wife. This is Ollie's 41 birthday.

April 16, Monday —38 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM Fair this morning but became overcast with cold PM showers – mostly cloudy – cold tonight.

I made a trip to Kingston with Ollie & Ida Burgher & went to Kingston Hosp to see Ben. He continues improving & may come home this weekend. Gladys VanDeMark took charge as newly appointed acting postmaster to succeed Wm.V. Colange. Mrs Minnie Adsit her assistant due to resignation of Mabel Weidner who held the job 6 years. Wrote news copy evng.

April 17, Tuesday ---- 38 degrees 7 AM 36 10 PM A raw cold snow squally day – heavy on the mountains. Partly cloudy evng – northerly wind.

Ollie & I & Mart Eckert helping cut a red oak tree in my South E corner wall of orchard lot. We sawed up

several good chopping blocks & split up the rest of the trunk for firewood & took it with the limbs up to Ollie's for buzzing up.

April 18, Wednesday ----44 degrees 7 AM Mostly overcast AM – cold northerly wind. Faired away sunny & more pleasant PM. Getting hazed over tonight & wind strong & shifting south westerly.

Feeling sore & stiff from new work cross cutting. This PM Ollie & I cross cutted up the remaining butt piece of oak, to which wire fence was anchored & overgrown – also cut a whitewood adjoining & worked it up & took up for firewood.

This evening I went to Mt Horeb Chapter No. 75 with C.N.Beidler & Chas Ginsbittel. They received the Most Excellent Master Degree among class of 15. While splitting up the oak butt chunks with sledge & wedge the head flew off sledge handle & hit my left hand viciously on wood block causing bad & painful swelling.

April 19, Thursday — 42 degrees 7 AM 40 10 PM Light rains this morning but faired away windy & pleasant. Cloudless tonight, brisk northerly wind – brilliant moon nearly full.

Spread load manure on sweet corn stubble patch by the old Hinkley house before dinner. This PM I ploughed & harrowed above the road at Ollie's & have potato ground ready to mark out. We also sawed up the drawn firewood & brought a big load home. My hand is pretty well puffed up but it just had to work.

April 20, Friday — 38 degrees 6:30 AM 40 12 PM
Glorious bright cloudless cold windy day and brilliant moonlight tonight.

Ollie & I did a big afternoon job marking out & planting about 2 bushels of cut & small Kathadin potatoes – Had 12 rows – spread 6 - 12 - 6 fertilizer in rows & dug it in with hoe before dropping the potato. Used a little over 2 – 80 lb bags fertilizer.

Gen. Mac Arthur was given a wild & tremendous welcome this PM for several hours in N.Y.C. far exceeding any previous hero's welcome.

April 21, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 AM 40 12 PM
Continued clear and pleasantly sunny with light northerly wind, becoming stilled PM. Magnificent early rising full moon shone tonight with temperature noticeably chilly.

Busy with usual morning chores. This PM I spread load manure on sweet corn stubble & got a big load of sawdust from the Supple saw mill site & harrowed Ollie's garden patches & we planted a double row of Thos Laxton peas.

This evng I went to I.O.O.F. Lodge with Joe Steinlauf. I presented bibles to Joe & 3 other new members in behalf of Shokan Lodge. A well attended dance was held in the auditorium.

April 22, Sunday – 50 degrees 11 PM. Cloudy – cool.
Set in rainy during PM & became blustery and hard steady rain evng - wind quieted.

I got my last batch 2 cases of the seasons run of

infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's.

This PM I took Ollie up to Mt Tremper to see her brother Ben who came home Friday PM from Kingston Hosp. Also went to Dr Beiber's - Phoenicia to get him more medicine. The flood destruction from the Mt Tremper bridge over to the Vancockburn house added to the wreckage of the last Nov.25 flood.

April Monday — 34 degrees 12 PM. Rainy most of night – cleared away early this AM & was a brilliant crispy clear day with light northerly wind, quieted PM. Clear cloudless tonight & chill.

I made a day of it on car repairs. This forenoon I went up to Gus Korittke's for fender & beading work \$4.00 paid. This PM I had Bert Winne install a new tail pipe on my Plymouth & give it a spring grease job \$3.60 Paid. Speedometer 31380. Wrote news copy evng.

April 24, Tuesday — 34 degrees 44 12 PM. Early morning frost reported. Calm continued clear but increasingly hazy & became overcast PM.

A high altitude B29 jet plane flying S. Westerly left a long twin ribbon of white vapor in its wake as it sped across the horizon around 10 AM.

I spread over weekend wagon load manure on sweet corn patch AM & I finished the upper end 3 corner lot corn stubble plowing PM – left last fall. A big tiresome job.

April 25, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM. Rainy late in night – today cloudy - cool with occasional

showers. Warmer & developed windy tonight.

I did another big job today, plowed remaining strip of sod - upper part of corn ground in lower lot & disced the ground over. My hand continues sore & swollen it's a little finger stub joint injury.

April 26, Thursday — 42 degrees 12 PM Strong northerly wind diminishing latter PM. Partly cloudy but sunny – clear chilly tonight.

Did chores etc AM. This PM I did a big task – Spread manure on oats ground & filled up the flood gully in 3 corner lot, I used some old hay, hemlock brush & a load of sawdust and the horse scraper.

April 27, Friday — 44 degrees 7 AM 46 12PM. Some cloudiness – sunshine and shadows. Pleasantly warm. Still cloudless - cool tonight. Brilliant starlight became windy.

I tried to give my swollen sore hand a break today. This PM I got a load of sawdust & harrowed on the oats ground – a tough job on the horses.

April 28, Saturday — Partly cloudy AM. Brisk south westerly wind, overcast & cold PM with light & heavier rains -- late PM thunder showers – rainy early evng.

Spread load manure & spring tooth harrowed unfinished upper part of 3 corner plowed ground. This PM I disc harrowed the lot.

Olive Memorial Post American Legion No 1627 held Spring Festival entertainment & dance at the Olive

Bridge hall. I see swallows are here.

April 29, Sunday — 44 degrees 8 AM 61 12 PM
Foal Time(Daylight Savings begins) Partly cloudy –
turned much warmer PM like early summer.

This PM I took a ride up Watson Hollow to foot of
mountain also up toward Moonhaw as far as road is
repaired to Langthorn's camp. A tremendous amount of
dredging out the stream up from the Wittenberg bridge (
now permits 1 way traffic) has been done, since 3 weeks
today when I was on the same route.

Freeman Notice –
May 1, 1951

Helen Avery Becomes Bride Of George Schmeltz

The marriage of Miss Helen Sarah Avery, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Grant Avery, Shokan to Leading Seaman
George Schmeltz, U.S. Navy, son of Mr and Mrs Francis
Schmeltz, Cottekill, was solemnized Sunday at 3 p.m. in
the Shokan reformed Church. The double ring ceremony
was performed by the Rev. Richard B. Coons of that
congregation.

Miss Hazel Bell was organist, and Miss Nancy
North, soloist, sang O Promise Me, and I Love You
Truly. The church was decorated with yellow forsythia.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, wore
a white marquisette gown, en train and a fingertip veil.
She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses. Miss

Dorothy Cross of Shandaken was maid of honor. Miss Cross was dressed in a rose salmon gown, and carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas.

April 29, Monday — 50 degrees 8 AM 42 12 PM.
Bright clear sunny day. Pleasantly warm & springlike – wind northerly – cloudless – chilly still evng.

I put in a hard busy day spreading lime – covered 3 corner lot & corn ground above & patch for sweet corn. The Ladies Aid held a surprise birthday party & supper this evng in church basement for Mrs Katheryn Terwilliger on her 80th birthday.

May 1, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM A
gorgeous brilliant quiet sunny warm day.

Another big days task – spread load manure & sowed 5 ½ bags 20% acid fertilizer on oats ground & harrowed it over & picked off load of stone – ready to sow. Wrote news copy evng.

May 2, Wednesday — 46 degrees 12 PM Continued
clear & bright sunshine, warm & dry atmosphere. Calm early this morning but strong northerly wind sprung up & continued all day, quieting tonight & cool.

Due to the strong wind I didn't attempt to sow oats. Instead I harrowed over the corn ground both ways. This evng I went with Charlie Ginsbittel & Claude Beidler to Kingston where they in class of 15 received the Royal Arch Degress in Mt Horeb Chapter No 75. We three made out applications for membership in Rondout

Commandry. Paid with same \$10.00

May 3, Thursday — Clear cool this morning but became windy but not so strong as yesterday. Became overcast PM but cleared evng. Real chilly tonight.

I did a big job today cleaning hog yard. Drewed 2 big wagon loads & spread on corn ground. The wind died down late PM & I sowed on the oats about 4 bu. Was getting dark when I finished.

This is aunt Cornelia Bishop's birthday – born 1857 died August 18 – 1935.

May 4, Friday — 31 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM. Near frost this AM continued bright clear dry sunny weather. Light to moderate southerly wind. Cloudless - chill tonight.

I did another big days task. I sowed the grass seed on oats this AM used 50/50 Grimmens alfalfa & timothy mixture also spread load manure. This PM I harrowed over & boated down the field. It certainly looks nice. I also got a big wagon load of sawdust for hog yard. Plenty tired tonight. This is Oscar Dudley's 72 birthday anniversary.

May 5, Saturday — 34 degrees 7 AM Continued cycle of fair dry weather – part cloudy PM. There have been frost several mornings over Brodhead – Olive Bridge way. Usually cool today & chilly cloudless tonight – light day winds.

I spread load manure on corn ground, dug out ditch

along south side oats field. Spread 16 bags lime on sweet corn patch directly across from old Hinkley house also got big load sawdust.

This evening I attended refreshment serving at I.O.O.F. lodge but was too late for meeting. We rec'd long letter from Mariam and Grandmothers Day card for Mother, also a card & Masonic (trestleboards) from Bob.

May 6, Sunday — Continued cool and partly cloudy – wind northerly.

Feel tired out today – Did chores etc. I took Ollie up to Mt Tremper to see Ben this PM. He is still resting in bed most of the time.

May 7, Monday — 51 degrees 7 AM 55 12 PM. Cold – blustery and Mostly cloudy – mountain rain squalls PM black clouds.

Busy AM with chores & odd jobs. This PM I spread load manure on corn ground & drew up 2 big loads of old sawmill hemlocks slabs PM for sawing in summer firewood. Wrote news copy evng.

May 8, Tuesday — 53 degrees 7 AM Continued cool windy – partly cloudy.

In contrast to conditions a few weeks ago a good soaking rain is much needed.

Busy with usual chores etc AM. This PM I did a big job spread load hog & stable manure on corn ground which covers it over. This is the 3rd manure application.. Also plowed the big last years corn patch between old house

& back road. It was hard dry ploughing.

May 9, Wednesday — 56 degrees 11:30 PM Real warm first day of shirt sleeve weather. Part cloudy AM thickening PM – breeze northerly - became thunder showery late PM only sprinkles of rain – later all clearing, bright crescent moon hanging high over the Wittenbergs.

Busy with usual chores etc AM. This PM I spread small load manure on sweet corn ground & plowed last years potato patch across from front of the old Hinkley house to the back road.

Freeman News — May 31, 1951

West Shokan, Applications are being filed for the West Shokan postmaster position. Miss Gladys VanDeMark is acting postmaster now, pending appointment for the job which pays \$2,750. The late William Colange served for many years in this post.

Mrs Louise D. Sahler who died on May 16th at the home of her daughter Mrs Howard Anderson, of Accord was born and grew up in pre-reservoir West Shokan. She was the former Viola Crispell, only child of the late Merritt and Cora Merrihew Crispell. Mrs Sahler was a talented musician and a singer.

May 10, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. Bright cool sunny day, gradually becoming overcast during the afternoon. Wind was northerly – still evng.

Busy with usual chores & odd jobs AM. This afternoon I ploughed for first in many years and old sodded garden patch in corner below old Hinkley barn – a potato patch for Mart Eckert. This evng I went to Kingston with Claude Beidler & Charles Ginsbittel to Ancient City Council No 21. The Royal Masters Degree conferred on Beidler & Ginsbittel and the Select Master Degree also on them and Reginald E Davis & Maxwell Luedtke – Sanford Cross & several others.

May 11, Friday — 44 degrees 11 PM Started raining during night, continued cold rainy light to moderate thruout day & evng. A grand and greatly needed heaven sent rain – great for hay & pastures.

I made a shopping trip to Kingston – Ollie Burgher went along. Went & came back over 28 & went up to Mt Tremper to see Ben Burgher. He looks good but doesn't get around much. I went to Carr's Funeral Home & viewed the remains of my old friend & schoolmate Burton Andrew Boice who died yesterday at his home in Hurley.

Freeman Notice May 11, 1951

Editor

Boice

Letters to the

Burton

16 John St

202

Kingston, NY

Editor, The Freeman

I was greatly saddened to read in your paper last evening of the death of Burton Boice of Hurley.

I am wondering just how many of your readers know of his fame among the thoroughbred horse people all over the country? Despite physical and often financial difficulties he bred, and raised and sold such good thoroughbred horses that he really put Ulster county on the map.

In my travels to horse shows, horse meetings and races – as a judge, exhibitor, horse owner or just plain standerby – I have only had to mention that I came from Kingston and the answer always came, “Isn’t that near Hurley, where the ex-trooper raises such fine horses?” And I always felt honored to be able to say, “Yes”

We the horse people and horse lovers of the county, are going to find him irreplaceable, for he was always helpful with good advice when asked, and often drove great distances at all hours, in answer to a plea for help from the owner of a nervous mare who was having difficulty with her foaling.

I found that these nervous animals trusted him to such an extent that he had only to enter the stall and work quietly with the mare for awhile and usually all was going well. I have witnessed this scene many times, but it has always impressed each time to see the confidence placed in him by these animals.

He always gave of the best in him at all times, was an easy going and slow to anger person, expecting the best of others and finding it perhaps more than most of us.

Such a person was Burton Boice and while many of us know it, I felt this might be of great interest to many of your readers who did not know him.

Sincerely yours,
Jean White

Cutler

May 12, Saturday — 48 degrees 12 PM. All clear bright sunny this AM after the wonderful rain. Became sour cloudy & squally with wind northerly & again cleared evening – chilly weather.

Harry D Marshall 24 only child of John & Helen Marshall of Olive Bridge killed about 10:00 last night when a short distance beyond the Maverick Inn on Route 28 he ran into a west bound milk tanker truck with his Chevrolet 1950 car heading toward Kingston. The crash tore off the two rear left trailer wheels & Harry's wrecked car traveled 78 ft beyond & he was removed from the crumpled mass by Bob Adsit & Elson Oakley Jr.

This PM I spread load manure, picked stone from plowed patches & Ollie & I sawed up another big load of the slab wood & I brat it home. I attended I.O.O.F. lodge evng. & had refreshments – 23 present.

Funeral for Burton A Boice 2 PM at Carr's Parlors in Kingston. Burial in VanKleecks Cold Brook cemetery.

May 13, Sunday 50 degrees 7 AM A glorious clear bracing Mothers day with crisp northerly wind.

At 1:30 PM Ollie & I attended funeral services for Walter Jordan in Olive Bridge M.E. church – in charge of Rev. Jack Savage pastor, also went to the interment in Tongore cemetery– undertaker Victor Lasher. After this we went to John Marshall’s – Harry’s mangled remains repose in a sealed metallic casket. Poor John & Helen are grief stricken & stunned. A greater tragedy could not befallen them.

Freeman Notice

Supervisor Claude Bell was one of Ulster’s Republicans to attend the \$100.00 plate dinner at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York recently.

Funeral services for Walter Jordan who died suddenly in his home in Roxbury, were held on Sunday May 13th from the Olive Bridge Methodist Church. Rev. Jack Savage officiated. Interment was in the Tongore cemetery. Mr Jordan was the second youngest son of the late John and Katie Shaw Jordan and spent his boyhood here, attending the West Shokan school. As a young man he went to Roxbury and continued there for over thirty years, being employed on the same farm for this period. He is survived by three brothers, Burton & Harry of Roxbury and John of Ithaca; one sister Mrs Morton Roe of West Shokan; two uncles William and Frank Jordan and an aunt, Mrs Margaret Delamater, all of West Shokan.

May 14, Monday —Frost this morning 36 degrees 7 AM 44 11 Pm. Beautifully clear & cool with fresh northerly wind. Beautifully clear & cool tonight with brilliant half moon.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I helped Ollie make a second planting of peas (Little Marvel) Spread a load manure on sweet ground & disc harrowed, corn ground, garden potato patch for Mart Eckert & lower sweet corn plowed strip. At 8 PM went to Olive Bridge taking Ollie & Vahan Kizirian & attended Masonic funeral service for Harry Marshall, in charge of Kingston lodge No 10 – conducted by Chas H.Strall - Master & Rev. Shellenberger - Chaplain. Exceptional large attendance of Bro. Masons from various lodges about 50. Floral pieces were many & beautiful.

May 15, Tuesday — 44 7 AM 54 11 PM. Hot clear bright sunny drying day with wind northerly. Thermometer up in mid eighties. Beautifully moonlight & cool tonight.

Busy with chores etc – harrowed Jim Harrison's garden AM. This PM I helped Ollie getting a strip of garden ground ready - a load of stone off & she did some planting.

Funeral services 2;30 PM for Harry Marshall at his home. Rev. Coons of Shokan & Rev. Jack Savage of Olive Bridge officiating. Interment in Stone Ridge Cemetery.

May 16, Wednesday — 54 degrees 7 Am 58 12 PM.

Continued clear and an extremely hot drying day but with more breeze than yesterday from the north. Moonlight night and cooled pleasantly.

I plowed Lena Brewsters garden AM – no charge. PM I disced our garden both ways & started planting it. Went to Kingston evng and attended the Grand Jurors Assn. annual spring dinner held at The Embassy on Grand Street. Principal speaker Warden Wallace of the Wallkill prison.

Robert East phoned to mother that his mother our dear old friend & neighbor Mrs Louis Viola Sahler died this AM at the home of her daughter Marion Anderson at Accord. She has had two operations & a long illness with cancer.

Freeman Notice

The funeral of Harry L. Marshall , only child of Mr & Mrs John C. Marshall of Olive Bridge was held from the family residence Tuesday, May 15, at 2:30 o'clock. The Olive Bridge pastor, Rev. Jack Savage, and Rev. Coons of the Shokan Reformed church officiated. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery near Stone Ridge. Bearers were Elson Oakley Jr, Arthur Davis, Raymond Nichols, Alfred Rose. Masonic services were conducted Monday evening by Master of, Kingston Lodge No 10, Charles H. Strall and Rev. Robert Schellenberger, chaplain. Fifty lodge members were present. Mr Marshall was a veteran of World War II and employed in the office of the Board of Water Supply at Lackawack. He was killed May 11 when his car crashed into a milk trailer truck on Route

28 near Glenford.

Burton A Boice, 60, who died suddenly in his home in Hurley on May 10, was born and reared in the old village of West Shokan. He was employed at the VanKleeck livery stables. He became widely known as a trainer of horses and for the past twenty- seven years was associated with Florence E. Griffin on a stock farm at Hurley. He was a member of the original State Trooper group when the constabulary was formed in July of 1917.

May 17, Thursday — Continued summery & sunny this morning but showery conditions developed with an early PM dashing thunder shower from the west, turned noticeably cool & was mussy PM with another grand rain showers late PM – overcast cool tonight.

Busy with usual AM chores & plowed the garden. During PM I spread load manure on sweet corn ground & limed over the garden.

May 18, Friday — 40 degrees 12 PM. Decidedly cool – generally overcast AM – cleared brightly PM. Glorious almost frosty moonlight night – like early fall.

Busy with usual chores & odd jobs. PM repaired bath room flush tank. This PM I helped Ollie set out 2 rows asparagus above the road.

Fred Baumgarten & his father called. Dick & Cornelia & Norah & baby Ellen came PM. This evng Dick went along with me to Accord & paid our respects at the bier of Mrs Viola Crispell - East - Sahler at the palatial colonial home of her daughter Marion - Mrs Howard

Anderson. The floral tributes were magnificent.

May 19, Saturday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Cool & murky this AM - broke away warm & sunny but murked over again PM with drizzle showers which continued evng.

Busy AM with usual chores. PM I spread load manure on sweet corn ground, harrowed over field corn ground also disced over our garden. This evng I went with Charles Ginsbittel and Claude Beidler to Kingston where we attended the Dist convention of the 3rd Cryptic Dist at Ancient City Council No 21 R.V.S.M. under supervision of Dist Deputy R. Ill. Harry G. Krom & Grand Lecturer M.Ill. Ira R. Ferguson of Buffalo. Royal & Select Master Degrees exemplified. Very Instructive – 52 present. Hamburgers, ice cream & coffee followed. The Master is Claude Gorseline.

May 20, Sunday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Continued on the cool side and mostly overcast with afternoon sprinkle showers.

Cornelia & Dick & their little family, Norah and Ellen left for their return trip to Rome early PM. I took Ollie Burgher up to see her brother at Mt Tremper. Found him about the same as last Sunday.

Dick helped me get our Coldspot refrigerator in operation for the first. Have it set in the left corner of the big dining room.

May 21, Monday — 60 degrees 12 PM. August like weather with both murk and sunshine. Real summer

temperatures occasional misty rains. Thunder shower back of South mtn early.

Evng. Grass about the yard was wet all day – cleared late tonight – full moon.

I made a business trip to Kingston. Ollie went along to make scheduled report at unemployment office.. Came back by way of Woodstock & had a motor check up at Charlie Colemans garage. He is an expert on Plymouth cars. Had new breakers ans set spark plugs installed – charge \$4.20 Paid. (I had the new plugs on hand)

Newspaper Notice. 5/24/51

Mrs Raymond Bell is at the Benedictine hospital recuperating from a major operation..

The West Shokan baseball club known as the Bushkill Wildcats, split a double header with Samsonville on Sunday. Both games were played on the Colange Memorial Field at West Shokan. The Wildcats won the opener by a score of 3 – 0 behind the two hit pitching of Bunky Harrison and the air tight support of his teammates. Martin Warners held them behind the bat. In the second stanza the wildcats failed to show their flash and went down to defeat — 15 —4. For the first time in forty years the locals wore uniforms provided by friends who contributed to the uniform fund. Both games were witnessed by a large group of spectators, indicating the local interest in the team. Next Sunday the locals will meet the Ashokan club on their grounds. William Frankle Jr is coaching the wildcats.

May 31, 1951

A considerable section of the side walls for the new catholic church at West Shokan, was added during the past week.

A largely attended service was held Sunday, May 20, at the West Shokan Baptist church, at which the ordance of baptism was administered to Mrs Isabelle Kessler by pastor Walter White. The auditorium was decorated for the ceremony and there were a number of visitors from Phoenicia being relatives and friends of Mrs Kessler.

May 22, Tuesday — 61 degrees 7 AM 60 10:30 PM.
Mostly murky with misty sprinkles AM. Faired away very warm PM – clear and pleasantly cool evng.

The afternoon heat and humidity was very noticeable. I spread a weekend load of manure on sweet corn ground PM. Got a load of sawdust & cultivated Ollies patch of potatoes now up & showing the rows.

May 23, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 AM 52 11 PM.
Shower late in night – chill wet day – frequent light showers & steady cold rain falling tonight.

This PM sprouted potatoes down cellar – Ollie did a big washing with our machine & after that we trimmed up a bushy windfalled broken off top of a big hemlock tree in edge of woods along the hill.

Mr & Mrs R.L. Longyear arrived from Brooklyn about 4 PM.

May 24, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 AM 50 11 PM.

Rainy night & needed – cloudy, cool, northerly wind – dark still evng.

Mr & Mrs Longyear left at 10:40. We had a good breakfast visit. Ollie went to Kingston with Addie Kelder & had a hair do. This PM I spread load manure on corn ground, got a big load firewood which Ollie & I sawed up & I brought most of it home.

May 25, Friday — 56 degrees 12 PM. Brilliant cool sunny day with fresh northerly wind – which quieted & was partly overcast evng.

Busy AM with chores & odd jobs. PM I disc harrowed well – sweet corn ground across to road from old Hinkley house & Ollie helped me mark it out both ways – ground in excellent shape.

May 26, Saturday — 52 degrees 7 Am 59 12 PM Hot - sunny summer weather, muggy. Became overcast evng – still & cooler.

This afternoon Mart Eckert, Ollie & I planted patch with sweet corn – Golden Sunshine – Bantam Evergreen & Golden Cross Bantam with potatoes along side border rows.

This PM I took Ollie & Ida Burgher to Kingston Hosp to see Ben who was taken there by ambulance 2 AM from his home in Mt Tremper. He was unable to get his breath. Dr Marie Bieber of Phoenicia was summoned.

May 27, Monday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Thunder shower late in night – murky & threatening & became dark

which culminated in a drenching early PM rain with some thunder. Broke away later PM but murred over with another shower early evng – later clearing & real cool.

I mowed the front yard this AM & Mother raked up the grass while I wheelbarrowed to barn for cows & horses. I took a good rest on the dining room couch this PM.

May 28, Tuesday — 46 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Bright & sunny early but soon murred over with intermittent light showers thru the day. Thunder rumbled off to the south tonight.

I went with Joe Winkler & Claude N. Beidler replacing flags and repainting markers in the various town cemeteries. This has been my custom almost continuously each year since 1931. This patriotic duty is sponsored by the Olive Memorial Post American Legion #1627

May 29, Wednesday — 53 degrees 11:30. Rainy all day – cool continued overcast tonight with distant rumbling thunder.

I took Ollie up to the Bushkill cemetery noon time & helped her clean up their plots. During PM I went up to Bert Winne's garage & had dent removed from running board beading strip & had winter tires changed \$1.50 Paid. Speedometer 31,866. I wrote news copy AM.

May 30, Thursday — 53 degrees 7 AM 58 12 PM.

Cool bright and sunny this morning for a welcome change. Cloudiness developed with a PM & early evng of showers & thunder storms pretty much by passing west side of reservoir.

This AM I drew a wagon load of excellent washed sand from the Bushkill on city property upper side the second twin bridge.. PM I re-harrowed corn ground & Ollie helped me mark it out ready for planting. Was dark when I got back home. The Olive Post American Legion & Fire Dept paraded at Olive Bridge PM & held exercises at the World War II memorial.

May 31, Friday — 58 degrees 7 AM 62 11 PM. Bright sunny day, some clouds – northerly wind – still clear & cool evng –Pleasant warm sunshine.

Ollie & I did a big job planting field corn G.L.F. “Husker” Hybrid variety and around 2 bu Kathadin potatoes. The ground is in excellent condition.

Newspaper Notice May 31, 1951

West Shokan — The long established annual Odd Fellows Memorial service arranged by Ashokan Lodge No 491 and Olive Rebakah Lodge No 470 will be held Sunday evening, June 10 at eight o'clock in the Olive Bridge Methodist church. The public is cordially invited.

West Shokan News Item

With plentiful rainfall the prospective hay crop is gaining by leaps and bounds. Farmers here, however, are definitely handicapped by lack of help, which indicates pretty much a one man job on the farm again this

summer. A few days of warm sunny weather would be welcome for corn and potato planting with the moon in the last declining phase, which is generally considered favorable planting time especially for corn.

June 1, Saturday — 64 degrees 12 PM. Hot sunny weather with variable PM part cloudiness – clear still evng.

Busy with chores and odd morning jobs. Planted 3 rows potatoes along lower side of garden. This PM I spread load manure on late patch for sweet corn & disced it both ways – also cultivated Ollies patch of potatoes which look very thrifty, some six” height. This evng I took Ollie Burgher & Addie Kelder to Phoenicia movies – saw “Only The Valient” a Southwestern US Indian Apache outpost thriller – starring Gregory Peck as a US cowboy captain.

The Olive Town Board held its first meeting tonite in the recently completed addition to the town garage built last year. Board members – Supervisor Claude Bell Rep, Supt. Highways Francis Whispell Dem, Town Clerk Delia Lewis Dem, Justices L.S Davis Rep, William Lortz Rep, and Raymond Bell Dem.

June 2, Sunday — 70 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Unsettled – considerable murk & cloudiness on the showery order but with some hot sunshine during the day.

Mother along with her busy routine is doing some gardening. My days accomplishment and a big one was

getting a load of chicken house litter at Herman Weidner's and put it on corn & potato hills.

June 3, Monday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Muggy – murky – hot August like weather with considerable sunshine. The atmosphere appears shrouded in smoke. Distant electrical showers around evng.

Did daily chores. Mowed a swath of the heavy grass along the row of current bushes & wheelbarrowed it to the barn. Rested up somewhat this PM.

June 4, Tuesday — 62 degrees 7 AM Continued unsettled - murky weather with some hot sunshine. Light showers PM & early evng.

I made a trip to Kingston taking Ollie & Ida Burgher to see Ben still in Kingston Hosp. He looks good and breathes easier but has no immediate prospects to return home.

June 5, Wednesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. Overcast this morning but was sunny PM & cleared lovely at evng and real cool.

Mother & I worked in the garden AM making rows & setting bean poles. This PM I helped Ollie set out tomato & pepper plants & shovel cultivated the thrifty patch of potatoes. Finished news copy this AM.

June 6, Thursday — 48 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM. Cool and sunny with increasing PM cloudiness – calm lazy day – hot early afternoon sunshine. Starlight cool

evng.

I planted pole & bush lima beans in garden this AM also cut a supply of grass for the cows. This PM Ollie and I hoed her potatoes which look very promising – remarkably free of grass & weeds. Also put up crow twine on my field corn which is coming up & got wagon load of sawdust for stable bedding.

June 7, Friday — 48 degrees 7 AM 50 10:30 PM. A brilliant cool windy sunny day – some clouds clear & crispy evng. New moon was high over Hanover mtn early evng.

Another busy day . I mowed another chunk of the heavy June grass patch by the current bushes. This PM I set & filed the wood rig saw for future use, took up the rig & got it ready to bring back home for storage. Also got a load of sawdust before dinner & unloaded it before doing evng chores & got the cut grass in barn. I planted the cucumber hills in garden this AM – north side of rows of pole beans.

June 8, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM. Real chilly this morning. Bright cool sunny day & clear still evng – later becoming overcast.

This AM I finished mowing the heavy hay patch by current bushes – got it in the barn – also spread load manure on the stubble. This PM I helped Ollie in her garden planting bush lima beans. She is picking a nice crop of Sen. Dunlop strawberries from her patch. Also brought the old Ford saw rig down home & under

storage. This evng I took Ollie up to see Ida at Mt Tremper & went on to Phoenicia & saw picture "My Forgotten Past". Not especially interesting to me.

June 9, Sunday — 52 degrees 7 AM Murky - overcast this morning but faired away & the day was mostly sunny, became overcast again at evng – calm lazy day – warm.

Busy with chores & odd jobs in variety. This PM I got the mowing machine cleaned up and working. I mowed hay about the yard & chicken yard also out along the low spot by the road. Ollie worked this PM & tonight at Wms Lake where over 600 were banqueted. I kept Rusty company tonight.

June 10, Monday — 46 degrees 7 AM 54 11 PM.
Real cool, still & overcast all dat & tonight.

I took Ollie & Ida down to Kingston Hosp expecting to bring Ben Burgher home but instead he was having severe pain in his chest. His wife is wreck. Mother attended church this PM — Rev .C.F.W. Ahrens was the speaker in place of pastor Walter White. This evng I attended the annual I.O.O.F. memorial service at the Olive Bridge church. The Olive Rebekah Lodge took part. Rev. Clyde Snell, new pastor of the Clinton Ave. M.E. church, Kingston was the speaker. Rev. Richard Coons of Shokan & Rev. Jack Savage of Olive bridge made opening & closing prayers. Virgil Gordon was in charge of the program.

June 11, Tuesday — 50 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM Still overcast this morning but faired away a cool bright sunny day. Clear & very chilly tonight giving a feel of frost. Light winds were generally southerly.

I had a usually busy day with chores, hand mowing along our side of the driveway & getting in the grass for the stock also spread load manure & cultivated the sweet corn patch.

Ben Burgher was brought home this PM from Kingston Hosp but due to his condition Ollie is staying with them tonight. My field corn is up and rows showing nicely.

June 12, Tuesday — 50 degrees 12 PM. Warmer dry bright generally sunny day. Some high cloudiness. Winds light southerly. Still real cool tonight with half moon.

Good hay drying weather. I went up after Ollie before breakfast. Ben had a hard night – had Dr Bieber twice, mostly nervous condition. This PM I started haying at Ollies & mowed both sides of the road including 3 patches of alfalfa seeding. After supper Mother & I got in a jag of hay out along the road & driveway. This evng I took Ollie up to Ben's & found his condition much quieter & improved since this morning.

June 13, Wednesday — 52 degrees 7 AM 50 10 PM. Overcast this morning & set in rainy – continuing heavier thru PM & into night. A much needed but very cold storm.

Spread load manure on cut grass stubble by the house also got big wagon load of sawdust for stable use. Have a

big heap under shed to last thru haying season. Rec'd Fathers Day card from Mariam, Bob & Jeanne. Mrs Mary Marshall 93 died in Kingston.

June 14, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM.
Drenching wet night & rainy all day & some this evng. Everything is thoroughly drenched & the exceptionally seasonally low streams considerably replenished – A cold storm.

Aside from doing chores I went up to Gus Korittke's shop for some wagon box irons & harness heims repairs. Tonight I went to Kingston with Claude N Beidler to the annual meeting of Ancient City Council # 21 – R & S M. Claude Gorseline re-elected Master. Bro Beidler was apptd Capt of The Guard & I accepted the office of Marshall.

June 15, Friday — 50 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Overcast – cool – damp & threatening mountain showers PM. The weather made a feeble attempt to break away during PM. The ground is soaked with water all that's needed. Truly a so called million dollar rain. Busy with chores & odd jobs in variety. I spread cart load manure PM plowed Ollie's little garden by the house & brat home load green hay for cows.

June 16, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM.
Overcast this morning – broke away by midday – was mostly bright warm and sunny PM. Clear beautiful still moonlight evng.

I spread over night stable manure out along cut border by road this AM along with usual chore doing. This PM I tilled over the cut hay twice, harrowed Ollie's unplanted garden patches, got good wagon load of shale from her quarry & topped off with grass for fodder. I went to Olive Bridge to late for lodge meeting but in time for refreshments. I went over on the cemetery and paid my respects to our departed loved ones. Funeral services for Mrs Mary Marshall 93, lifelong Olive resident – 2:30 PM at Lasher's in Woodstock. Interment – Tongore cemetery.

June 17, Sunday — 56 degrees 7 AM Partly cloudy – bright hot sunshine – calm. There came a session of late PM thunder showers.

Worked at the hay - forked it over twice. Got part of it raked and a wagon load home amid the first showers. I also put the wagon load of shale along the driveway. Children's Day exercises held this evng in the West Shokan Baptist church. Mother picked some wild strawberries & made us a delicious shortcake for supper.

June 18, Monday — 60 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM. Real warm – partly cloudy. Thunder showery PM Heavy storm off to north – just sprinkles of rain locally. Pleasantly cool evng with big mellow almost full moon in the deep south.

I took Ollie to Kingston on unemployment report to state office on Pine Grove Ave. Went by way of Kripplebush, stopped at Geo Lounsbury's – Ernie took

6 lb butter @ .75, paid. Went thru Alligerville & High Falls & followed the old canal route road for some distance. The once famous route to Honesdale was abandoned in 1899. I noted and stopped to read numerous historical markers.

June 19, Tuesday — 56 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM.
Hot & muggy – generally sunny - fair - southerly day wind quieting. Big mellow full moon tonite.

A busy day – worked at the curing at Ollie's & brought a small load home, on an improved hay rigging on the wagon box. I also went thru the patch of rank green heavy vined potatoes with hiller plow. Wrote news copy.

June 20, Wednesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 70 11:30 PM. Rather overcast this morning but became sunny and very warm with fresh southerly wind – overcast & windy tonight.

Another busy day – chores are a daily task. Cured the rest of the cut hay at Ollie's & brought it home tonight. Put the final brush up on the stocky vined potato patch & killed off the bugs. We also planted in the patch of sweet corn PM. Cold nights & wet weather were bad for sprouting corn. The beans in hill look promising, but are infested with beetles.

June 21, Thursday — 70 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
Partly cloudy – hot & humid - northerly breeze developed PM with a clearing trend & pleasantly cooler

this evng & cloudless.

Busy with chores & drew out manure AM putting it on a pile in edge of woods. PM Ollie took up the twine on the corn & I mowed a turning swath in the heavy hay bordering corn field & brought it home on wagon. I also got a good start cultivating twice in a row.

June 22, Thursday — 60 degrees 7 AM 68 11:30 PM
Generally fair sunny till mid PM when a heavy cloud blanket developed & threatened rain which looked to pass around to the north. Warmer & muggy, set in rainy early evng.

I did a good job cultivating the corn & late potatoes twice in row each way. The field looks vastly different than when we started at it yesterday PM. I also got a big wagon load of sawdust.

June 23, Friday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Today is my Dear Mother's 64th wedding anniversary. Rainy night in part. Drenching rains during forenoon & lesser PM, showers with hot & humid sunshine. Beautifully clear still & pleasantly cooler evng.

Busy with usual chores & odd jobs. At 8 PM I attended the Republican 2nd Election Dist of Olive caucus held in the new town garage office addition. Marcel Maier was chosen chairman & Eileen Dullay – secy – 3 delegates elected to attend the County Convention in Kingston, June 30th, were Mrs Lillian Large, Oscar Dudley & myself E C Davis. Later I went to Olive Bridge to I.O.O.F. Lodge meeting was over but I

shared in the refreshments.

June 24, Saturday – 70 degrees 12 PM. Hot & humid & mostly sunny, some PM overcast. Brisk warm westerly wind evng. Electrical storm around to north.

Beside chores I did little but get rested up. I went over had my hair cut to Will Jordan's this PM. Wrote per capita assessment Grand Comm letters to Dist I.O.O.F. Lodges – also wrote to E.R. Eastman, Editor American Agriculturist – Ithaca, NY.

June 25, Monday – 74 degrees 7 AM Continued very warm but less humid. Sunny and brisk northerly wind. Which diminished at evng & the air became much cooler – Clear quiet evng.

A busy week beginning – Did chores, unloaded sawdust & drew out big cart load of manure & put on a pile. This PM I mowed the heavy matted strip of clover & alfalfa seeding across from the old Hinkley house, also harrowed and marked out the adjoining lower side patch for late sweet corn & got a load of the green hay for cow fodder. Wrote news copy evng.

First anniversary of the start of the Korean War which has cost the U.S. over 72,000 casualties in dead wounded & missing & captured.

June 26, Tuesday — 54 degrees 7 AM 68 12 PM. Much and pleasantly cooler – northerly wind which quieted. Sunny till during PM when the sky became overcast.

Busy with usual chores AM. this afternoon Ollie & Mart Eckert helped plant the late sweet corn patch, with Bantam Evergreen & Golden Cross Bantam along with 2 beans to a hill. Also I mowed the heavy stand of alfalfa & daisies patch & some timothy above 3 corner lot, also the border along the orchard lot line fence row. Also got a wagon load of sawdust & a topping of hay fodder for the cows.

June 27, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 AM Thunder shower at daylight— murky this AM but faored away with mostly sunny hot afternoon, clear & still evng.

Drawed out manure & cleaned out the hen house — unloaded sawdust AM Mr & Mrs Fred Baumgarten and his venerable father and daughter Mrs Anna Mae Emmerling & her daughter Sally came to Ollie's early PM & she served coffee & fresh cinnamon buns. They also called to see Mother. After they left Ollie tedded the heavy hay cut yesterday & we put chicken manure litter & acid fertilizer on the sweet corn hills. Also cleaned up the cured clover hay & brought it home. Today is my daughter Cornelia's 33rd birthday & the 37th of my steam roller accident.

June 28, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM. Overcast this forenoon with sprinkles of rain. Bright & mostly sunny & quite hot PM. Cooler, clear & still evng.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I helped spray Ollie's beautiful blossoming patch of potatoes, the rank vines cover the rows. I then tedded over the cut hay,

cultivated the growing patch of sweet corn & then raked up the hay. This evng I took Ollie up to see her brother Ben, he keeps gaining but just nicely gets around.

June 29, Friday — 62 degrees 7 AM 63 12 PM. Murky & threatening with a drenching thunder shower 11 AM More rain during PM – muggy.

My haying expectations were drenched out. Did chores etc. I took load manure over & spread on clover patch stubble & brought home wet hay for fodder. Rec'd letter from Mrs Robert L. Longyear Sr that Mr Longyear had another bad heart attack about 9 AM Tues. at their home & during PM was removed to the Methodist Hospital.

June 30, Saturday --- 60 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Continued murky, foggy wet weather. Rainy most of afternoon.

I went to Kingston with Supervisor Claude Bell to the Republican county convention at the Municipal Auditorium. Had dinner with Olive delegation at the Hotel Stuyvesant.

Tonight I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge -- Stephen Jurkawski & Walter Lang were unanimously elected respectively Noble Grand & Vice Grand. Virgil Gordan elected delegate to attend the Grand Lodge session in N.Y.City. Refreshments followed. The Kingston Shriners Assn had a dinner tonight at the Chalet Indian in Boiceville.

July 1, Sunday — 62 degrees 7 AM 56 12 Pm.

Continued murky with showers forenoon. During PM the clouds broke away & sun shone brightly. Clear - still & pleasantly cool evng. High display of northern lights tonight.

Not much doing other than daily chores. Mother & I wrote to Mariam tonight & sending birthday card to Gaye.

The newly completed Boiceville Catholic church on route 28 was dedicated with pompous ceremonies this morning. The name is Chapel of our Lady of LaSalette. The cost is said to be \$35,000

Newspaper Notice 1951

Jess Lanzfame, faithful navigator, has requested Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus to meet at the Knights of Columbus home Sunday, July 1, at 9:30 am in full dress with baldric and sword. The group will act as honor guard at the dedication of Our lady of La Salette Church, Boiveville, N.Y.

July 2, Monday — 56 Degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Partly cloudy - - - - finally cleared away serenely & cool at evng. Hot intervals of sunshine.

I spread load manure on clover patch stubble & tilled & opened up the sodden cut hay & then tilled more PM. Also cut grass in upper corner of lower lot & brought some blackened hay home for fodder. Wrote news copy evng.

July 3, Tuesday — 54 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Lovely

clear & cool this AM but part cloudiness developed. A serene early summer day, little breeze.

Fairly good hay day. Had help to change to the hay rigging & put in the day working at the hay. Mart Eckert's son in law Dino Juliano gave me a good helping hand. We got in a good load PM & I mowed a strip of hay in the orchard lot.

July 4, Wednesday — 62 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM.
Sunny this morning but cloudiness developed with brisk southerly wind – showers set in PM. Drenching general thunder showers tonight – warmer & muggy.

I worked at the hay, drew a load PM which cleans up the lower lot. Dr McCartney of Ellenville brought a pair of 6 wks old white pigs later PM – 25.00 the pair. About the only resemblance to 4th of July was the showers & Donald Bishop shooting a few fire crackers.

July 5, Thursday — 68 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM.
Warmer & humid – fresh westerly wind, partly cloudy. Rain squalls PM. Wind shifting to north & became strong & gusty & much cooler.

I made pig pen repairs PM. This PM I spread cart load manure on clover stubble patch, tilled over the cut hay & mowed another chunk of the heavy June grass. Cultivated in garden after supper with Molly.

July 6, Friday — 66 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Severe wind storm blew it self down today. Strong northerly wind and mostly cloudy, finally getting cleared up during

PM – cloudless calm tonight.

Busy day – hoed up the potatoes in garden this AM & put off load of hay. Worked at the cut hay, tilled and raked it. Mowed the patch behind old barn & finally brought a well cured load home. Mart Eckert & son in law pitched it on.

This is my Dear Mother's 83 birthday. She rec'd numerous cards also fone calls & several callers.

July 7, Saturday — 56 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Hot – partly cloudy – wind light – cooled pleasantly evng.

Good hay drying weather. Busy day. Worked at the hay. Did some repair work on mowing machine. Got load hay latter PM. Raked & cocked the hay behind old barn. Mart Eckert & Dino Juliano gave me a hand. Unloaded the hay after supper. Dark getting chored up. Mother rec'd box cookies from Cornelia – also 2 more birthday cards.

July 8, Sunday — 62 degrees 7 AM 72 12 PM. Hot drying weather – mostly sunny – brisk s westerly wind PM & evng.

It was a working Sunday for me. This PM I got the load of well cured hay alone behind old barn, also spread big cart load manure finishing clover stubble patch by the Hinkley house.

This is my oldest granddaughter Gay C. Longyear's 10th birthday.

There was an elaborate display of fireworks at Larry Kelder's this evn'g. A reminder of 4th of July's of other

days.

July 9, Monday — 70 degrees 7 AM 74 12 PM. Hot continued south westerly wind – strong PM & evng. Mostly sunny some part cloudiness.

Good haying weather. I put in a busy day, cleaned up the rakings left yesterday & mowed & raked the old cross road to the forbidding Bishop cut off line fence. Same since 1941. Latter PM I also shovel cultivated the field corn & late potatoes both ways. The corn is clean and making a good thrifty growth and new stands about 2 ½ high. Rec'd Sears Roebuck fall & winter catalog earlier than usual. Rec'd card Bob Longyear. Wrote news copy tonight.

July 10, Tuesday — 68 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM. Overcast this morning. Faired away breezy & hot. Thunder showery PM & early evng. We had just a brief rain. It acts like dry weather in brew. Cooled off – still tonight.

I put in a good lusty days work. Chores are always included. I mowed the matted heavy growth of alfalfa mixture timothy & high daisies on orchard lot also mowed the heavy erect stand of oats in milk on 3 corner lot.

The national league won their second successive All Star Game – 8 - 3 at Briggs Stadium Detroit – 52,000 + attendance. Home runs featured the game.

July 11, Wednesday — 68 degrees 7:30 AM 68 12 PM.

Warm & unsettled. Variable cloudiness. Afternoon thunder showers. We got some nice and much needed rain from the High Point quarter.

Busy as usual. Tedded the hay twice but of no avail & started hoeing up the tall potatoes when the shower came — got quite wet getting home.

This evng I went down to Lounsberry's at Kripplebush & Lew put my table radio in working order. I took Ernie a 5 3/4 lb roll of butter. Paid \$4.30. I also called on the Fred Baumgarten's.

July 12., Thursday — 68 degrees 7 AM 67 12 PM.

Murky – muggy showers – Wonderful needed rains but poor haying weather.

I managed to hoe a few rows of potatoes, but the rain drove me out early PM.

July 13. Friday — 66 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM. Mostly cloudy – some patches of hot sunshine. Northerly breeze this AM – petered out, still and muggy but didn't rain only sprinkles – faired evng and cooler.

This morning I defrosted the new Coldspot refrigerator for first time. Spread load manure on grass stubble. Tedded & raked the heavy hay & finished hoeing up the potatoes. Sowed turnip seed & thinned down field corn, 3 stalks to a hill as an experiment for bigger ears. Brat cart load hay home for fodder. Mother rec'd lovely belated birthday card & letter & hanky from Lute & Ada Bell.

July 14, Saturday — 60 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM. A very lovely sunny serene summer day. A few scattered clouds light northerly breeze. Partly overcast evng.

I worked at the orchard lot hay & Buddy Eckert helped me clean it up PM – 2 loads with rakings. He charged me \$4.00 for 4 hours work.

Tonite I attended I.O.O.F. Installation at Shokan Lodge in charge of Dist Deputy Winston Van Kleeck.

Refreshments followed.

Past Grand Jack Darling

Noble Grand Steven Jurkowsky

Vice Grand Walter Lang

Warden Reginald Davis

Conductor Abram Smith

R.S.N.G. alonzo davis

L.S.N.G. Jas McGlocklin

R.S.S. John Bush

L.S.S. Henry Maben

R.S.V.G. Joe Steinlauf

L.S.V.G. Murry Slavin

Inside Guardian Arthur Bush

Outside Guardian Edward Orway

Chaplain E.C. Davis.

July 15, Sunday — 60 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM.

Continued serene sunny weather – still & warmer. Partly cloudy tonight – good drying day.

I spread load manure behind old barn & tilled & raked the oats for my Sunday's diversion.

I took Ollie up to see her bro Ben Burgher tonight on his

birthday. He has gained 4 lbs & is generally improved since I last saw him.
Mart Eckert had the old house wired today for lights etc.

July 16, Monday — 64 degrees 7 aM 70 12 PM. Hot day – light breeze – mostly sunny. Lovely soft moonlight, nearly full. Real warm tonight.

I had a tough day – opened up the raked oats AM. Drew 2 loads PM. Mart Eckert helped with last load. Peter Harrower, 14, Jersey City boarder boy at Olive Bridge drowned 1:30 PM in waste channel deep hole below the Ashokan dam. A favored swimming place where Mariam & Cornelia used to go.

July 17, Tuesday — 66 degrees 12 PM. A thunder showery day. Mostly overcast - murky. 2 drenching PM showers at West Shokan Heights. Others by passed the first after daylight, across the upper end of reservoir.

I managed to get a good big load of oats before the early PM shower came. Later I pitched it off and Mother mowed with my help in back shed with first 2 loads. After supper I spread cart load manure behind old barn & brat back sodden oats for fodder.

July 18, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 AM Muggy – murky & threatening weather. A misty rain set in at evng.

Wrote news copy AM This PM I cultivated the weed infested late planted sweet corn patch. The ground was wet & the going tough for both Molly & myself.

July 19, Thursday — 60 degrees 12 PM Continued murky - muggy with drenching thunder showers. Rained a downpour most of the afternoon.

Busy with chores & odd jobs about the barn AM. This PM I attended a big affair at Larry Kelder's. The Presentation of "The Flag Pole". Tendered by the New York State Consumer Finance Assn. in appreciation of his 25 years of devoted & loyal service in the industry. The exercises were necessarily held indoors. A steak dinner followed at Holiday Inn.

About 8 PM Chris Morris one of the Kelder guests driving a new yellow DeSoto convertible coupe crashed in oak tree on turn, top of hill. He had broken ribs and other injuries.

July 20, Friday — 56 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM. A welcome & magnificent weather change came this morning. Much cooler with fresh northerly wind. The day was part cloudy, wind quieting. Tonight real chilly & beautifully clear with moon just past full.

I spread load manure behind old barn & opened up the sodden oats for drying AM. This PM I planted Tendergreen & Plentiful beans at Ollie's for September canning. Tonight I took Addie Kelder to Phoenicia & saw the colorful picture "Show Boat" Seats were sold out before first show 7:30 started so waited for the second one.

Will Jones 79 went to Kingston Hosp for observation & probable operation. Will Jones 79 taken to Kingston Hosp to under go operation.

July 21, Saturday — 48 degrees 6 AM – 54 7 AM 72
12 PM. Bright sunny and cool this morning with part
cloudiness. Turned warmer with increasing cloudiness
PM & brisk southwesterly winds developed – cloudy
continued windy tonight.

Spread load manure & dried out the oats AM. This
PM got the last 2 loads with rakings, making a dark
finish. 3 of the Wm Davis boys – 6-8-& 9 living at top of
hill helped me out a lot. Now digging nice new potatoes
from Ollie's early planting.

July 22, Sunday — 72 degrees 7 AM Cloudy - breezy -
light showers PM clearing away then murked over still &
muggy.

I tried to relax today. I went up to Klosterman's
Bridge View farm & bought another pig – white with
black spots on back \$12.50 paid.

Today is Mariam & Bob's wedding anniversary. Mother
& I wrote them air mail letter & card for Mariam's
birthday July 28th. Enclosed check \$5.00.

July 23, Monday — 70 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM.
Mostly cloudy AM – mostly sunny & hot PM calm –
clear evng becoming overcast late.

I started off the week by drawing over load manure
behind old barn & getting mowing machine back home.
During PM I mowed a strip of the heavy hay behind
barn. After supper & chores I cultivated late sweet corn.

July 24, Tuesday — 62 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
Bright & sunny till early PM when variable cloudiness

developed. Overcast evng clearing & cool – moon down to half. Little wind today – not so hot & humid as yesterday.

I wrote news copy this morning & tedded over hay. This PM I raked it up & cut another chunk. After supper & chores I drew over manure & cultivated late sweet corn till dark drove me out. I seem to have developed an achy grippy stomach upset & had to be down on cot awhile PM.

July 25, Wednesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 74 12 PM. Partly cloudy but generally sunny – not so warm as yesterday – pleasant weather. Wind light – clear & cool evng, became warmer with south westerly wind.

I feel pretty tough, I have a stomach upset or summer gripe. It has been working on me several days. However I opened up the raked hay & tedded yesterday's cutting twice & latter PM Mother & I got in 2 loads well cured but dead ripe. After supper I raked the remainder.

July 26, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 AM 70 12 PM. Hot weather – generally sunny with variable cloudiness – clear breezy & warm & humid tonight.

Put in the day working at the hay. Mother & I cleaned it up in 2 loads this afternoon. After supper I took load manure over behind old barn & finished the cultivating of the late sweet corn twice in row both ways. Now it needs weeding & hand hoeing. This is my Dear old Dad's birthday anniversary, born 1859 – Died Jan. 23 - 1934.

July 27, Friday — 70 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM. Hot & continued sunny till after dinner. Thunder showery conditions developed in PM into evening. We only got brief rain.

I planted the final late beans at Ollie's before dinner. The sun surely was hot. During PM I got some wet setting out Danish ball head cabbage plants in north end of our garden.

July 28, Saturday — 64 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM. Murky overcast –distant thunder showers AM occasional sprinkles. Sun broke thru awhile PM & clouded over. Thunder showery evng with light rain.

Took over manure behind old barn & got cart load sawdust. During PM I done a big weed pulling job in Ollie's garden. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. This is my oldest daughter Mariam's 37th birthday.

July 29, Sunday — 64 degrees 7 AM 67 12 PM. Partly cloudy – murky stagnated weather . Distant morning and afternoon thunder showers. Hot midday sunshine.

I tried to rest up somewhat along with daily round of must jobs. Mother & I had surprise late afternoon call from pre-reservoir friends. Mr & Mrs Reuben Hendricks of Po'keepsie. She was the former Grace Furman of Shokan.

July 30, Monday — 66 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM. Hot sunny & humid. Part cloudiness developed PM. Very little breeze. Still starlight warm tonite.

Busy day spread load manure behind barn. This PM I mowed & tedded over the remaining big chunk of hay back of chicken yard corner to the cross path. This evng I took Joan Brunett along to see “Theresa” movie at Phoenicia with scenes of world war 2 in Italy & the problems of a GI & his war bride. Tense & interesting.

July 31, Tuesday — 66 degrees 7 AM 80 10 PM.
Warm & humid – somewhat breezy at times. Generally sunny along with part cloudiness & haze. Thunder showery around evng.

I tedded & raked the hay and Mother & I got most of it cleaned up PM – drew 3 times.
Wrote news copy AM.

August 1, Wednesday — 68 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
We had a terrific driving High Point section electrical storm 2:30 AM. It was one of the worst thunder & lightening storms I ever experienced. There is no apparent damage. The telephone & electric was not affected. Murky & humid this AM gradually faired away. Brisk northerly wind & bright sunshine PM. Wind quieted at evng.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I replanted some beans at Ollie’s & mowed & tedded the heavy thick hay in woods corner.

August 2, Thursday — 53 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
Brilliantly clear – fresh southerly wind & very pleasantly cool. Excellent hay curing weather.

Tedded & raked & Mother & I drew 2 big loads of well cured hay from the woods corner.

August 3, Friday — 58 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM.
Murky, warm & humid somewhat breezy. Threatening weather but there was little rain locally except a brief thunder shower from the Bushkill sector late PM.
Afterward clearing bright starlight.

Mother & I got a big load of slightly damp hay from woods corner, also jag from the left over hay behind chicken house. I also raked up the woods corner rakings.

August 4, Saturday — 50 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. A magnificent day, clear tingy cool with brisk northerly wind. Tonight cloudless with the atmosphere of early autumn.

I mowed & tedded the big chunk of hay from the corner of woods to the garden rock. Also mowed the 3 patches of second crop alfalfa at Ollie's & the thick regrowth by house & current bushes, also the seeding of alfalfa & oats in south end of garden. Also Mother & I got in the load of woods corner raking & drew out load manure. Finishing chores & supper after dark.

August 5, Sunday — 48 degrees 7 AM 53 12 PM.
Real cool – brilliant atmosphere brisk – northerly wind, partly cloudy clearing beautifully at evng.

I raked up the hay before dinner and this afternoon Mother & I got in 3 loads all but the rakings & unloaded the first 2. Certainly a busy hay making Sunday.

Delores Reed of Stone Ridge and Geo Freer of Kingston married at the Olive Bridge ME church by Rev. Frederick Fike – church of The Nazerene Kingston pastor. Organist was Carol Davis, Frances Fatum soloist.

August 6, Monday — 46 degrees 6:30 AM 52 12 PM.
Another brilliant cool day, partly cloudy. Light southerly day wind - clear - still & chill evng. A bright golden growing new moon set early over the crest of South Mountain.

This was a clean up day including jag rakings. The garden cutting & adjoining grass patches also the alfalfa from Ollie's. a nice little load.

August 7, Tuesday — 52 degrees 7 AM 58 12 PM.
Sun shone early but became overcast & southerly wind. Set in light showers before noon & continued PM & evng. Real cool – steadier heavy rain tonight.

Today brought a let up with haying. I sowed oats in north end of garden & seeded it where late cabbage plants failed. Took a good rest this PM.

August 8, Wednesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM.
A light rainy night, murky day & evng & foggy. Starlight broke thru.

Busy with chores & odd jobs. Cut weeds & brush PM. This evng I took Mrs Don Brunett to see “Where The Redskins Rode” depicting early colonial warfare of the French & Indian era.

August 9, Thursday — 70 degrees 12 PM. Hot & muggy – hazy & part cloudy. Thunder showery PM & evng but West Shokan had only a few squirts. Faired away evng.

Busy AM with sundry chores. Drewed out manure. Latter PM I got a cart load of sawdust. Mother & I had a surprise three hour afternoon visit by Mr & Mrs Geo Lounsberry, daughters Florence & Anna & the latters husband. Ernie took 6 lbs butter & paid same \$4.50

August 10, Friday — 70 degrees 7 AM 66 12 Pm. Warm - muggy & murky, with a dashing morning shower & lighter one PM. Considerable splashes of hot sunshine. A majestic half moon hung over High Point evng.

Besides daily chores I drewed 3 cart loads of sawdust.

August 11, Saturday — 64 degrees 12 PM. Hot and sunny – still cloudless pleasantly cooler – moonlight evng.

Busy with chores& jobs in variety> This PM I mowed and tedded a strip of the heavy dead ripe hay just below garden and drewed out manure.

This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – refreshments followed.

This PM an auction of donated articles in variety sponsored by the Olive Post American Legion 1627 was held at the new West Shokan Fire House. The sale netted 465.00. Auctioneer Vic Van Wagenen & clerk Fred Baumgarten donated their service. The West Shokan

Baptist Ladies Aid held their annual supper (turkey) and sale at the church.

August 12, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 AM 68 12 PM.
Sun shone but murred over still, warm & muggy. Light afternoon rains.

Not much doing today other than usual chores. I tedded over the cut hay then it rained. I rested a couple hours on cot this PM.

August 13, Monday — 66 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM.
Hot sunny still day. Beautiful moonlight evng. A mid summers night dream & turned pleasantly cooler.

I mowed another strip of adjoining hay AM. Tedded. It twice and raked both cuttings and Mother & I got in the first cut load. Drawed out manure after supper and put off the hay.

William Shultis and James Harrison started building a south end addition to Wm Davis house up the hill. The cellar foundation & rough flooring done last fall. Wrote weekly news copy AM. This evng I attended a very wonderful showing of Walt Disneys Alice in Wonderland & a true life adventure Natures Half Acre in natural color.

August 14, Tuesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 70 12 PM.
Hot burning sunny day – southerly wind PM. Became thunder showery evng. We had light rain around mid day – warm - muggy evng.

Worked at the cut hay & Mother & I got it cleaned up

PM a good load also rakings. I did not chance cutting more hay as tonight showers forecast.

August 15, Wednesday — 68 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM.
Sunny & hot AM. Thunder showers PM but not a great deal of rain. Overcast – still & cooling down evng.
Faired away moonlight.

Poor hay weather. I kept pretty much busy with odd jobs etc. After supper I drew out manure & got cart load sawdust.

August 16, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM.
Sunny, warm, humid till mid PM when fresh southerly wind developed & sky murked over dark & heavy thunder showers set in before 5 o'clock & continued into the evening. Heavy storms went both ways around. Several with hail in Woodland Valley area..

I took things rather easy today – did chores etc. The blight has swept the potato patch in Ollie's orchard like fire had run through them. However the tubers are white and clear & yield excellent. Rec'd letter & church minstrel program from Mariam.

August 17, Friday — 60 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM.
Variable part cloudiness warm & unsettled, but no showers developed – cool still evng with full moon.

Busy AM with chores etc. This PM I dug 11 bushels of potatoes from Ollie's patch & brought them home & put down cellar. The thick heavy mushy vine stems are causing some rot.

Mrs Louis Riccardo of Newburgh, formerly Sarah Roe had a first born son this AM name Paul Richard.

August 18, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 AM 52 12 PM.
Partly cloudy – cool crystal clear atmosphere. A most glorious chill brilliant moon light evng.

I took a big cart load of manure up the hill to Wm Davis & mowed & tedded the south end of side hill AM. This PM with 3 of the little Davis boys helping I dug 9 bu of potatoes from Ollie's patch PM. Tonite I attended the second & closing night of the Olive Fire Dept carnival held at Olive Bridge. There was a big crowd present & the affair was a big success.

August 19, Sunday — 52 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM.
Partly cloudy – not much breeze. A shower this PM passed around the east side – the west side got a few outer edge sprinkles. Clear atmosphere and occasional warm sunshine, cloudless, still & chill tonite.

I mowed & tedded another chunk of the side hill hay. This PM Mother & I got in a nice load cut yesterday.

August 20, Monday — 58 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
Considerable part cloudiness and murk. We got sprinkles from a morning shower passing around north. There was distant PM thunder rumbles. Fresh S.W. breeze PM – clear still evng.

Put in a busy day with the cut hay. William Davis my up hill neighbor and masonic brother helped me get in 2 loads – all but the rakings. Some of it was damp & green.

August 21, Tuesday — 60 degrees 7 AM 70 12 PM.
Murky set in rainy this morning. Drenching driving
equinoctial like rain PM – warm & humid. Broke away
& was clear & still evng.

I served as inspector for the Olive District 2 Fall
Primary Election held at the Baptist church polling place,
polls opened 12 noon till 9 o'clock. The board remains
the same as last year. Myself, Philip Coletti, Mrs Emma
Ackert and Albert Fox as chairman. 12 Republican and
12 Democratic ballots cast. Wrote weekly news copy.

August 22, Wednesday — 62 degrees 7 AM 53 12 PM.
Cool – fresh wind northerly. Partly cloudy –mostly sunny
PM – cloudless still & decidedly chilly evng.

I mowed and tedded the last chunk of side hill hay
AM. This PM with the Davis boys helping - Gerald,
Charley & Bill I finished digging Ollie's patch of
potatoes another 8 ½ bu– after dark finishing chores.
Mother is swamped besides her other work with canning
& drying peaches.

August 23, Thursday — 54 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM.
Real cool – partly to mostly cloudy, northerly wind.
Cloudless and very chilly, still tonight. The moon is back
down to half.

I tedded over the cut hay & re-mowed 2 alfalfa
patches AM. This PM neighbor Wm Davis helped me
get the final load of hay under the hill also drewed out a
big load of manure..
This evng Joan Brunet & I went to Phoenicia and saw the

very interesting full of action naval picture of the old (1807) sailing ship - - - in color Horatio Hornblower.

August 24, Friday — 50 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Bright and sunny till early PM cloudiness increased with thunder shower booming off back of High Point and local sprinkle showers spaced with bright sunshine. The weathers cool with northerly wind.

I cleaned up the rakings under the hill & at long last finished first crop haying. I also teded & raked the cut alfalfa, drew out manure & got load sawdust.

August 25, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Partly to mostly cloudy & cool. Light wind –some bright streaks of warm sunshine. Afternoon thunder showers passed of to the east. We had a late PM shower. Stagnated weather – lussy thunder shower evng – clearing.

Mr & Mrs Davis & I dug 8 ½ bu blight killed potatoes along the field corn – found few rots. Potatoes smooth & a moderate yield. We also opened up the raked alfalfa. During PM we got the load of cutting above 3 corner lot. This is covered with a growth of alfalfa and ragweed.

August 26, Sunday — 54 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM. A lzy cool partly cloudy day – occasional bursts of bright sunshine. After a brief mid afternoon shower the sky cleared & sun shone in a breeze atmosphere with light northerly wind & becoming decidedly chilly.

Besides doing chores I took the day easy as a belated

experiment I sowed turnip seed on Ollie's dug potato patch.

Katheryn Van Ness & Mr Wm Dederick called PM. Mother & I enjoyed our first sweet corn for supper -- Golden Cross Bantam & Bantam Evergreen.

August 27, Monday — 54 degrees 7 AM 56 12 Pm. A lazy dy – billowing clouds & thunder showers. Some warm sunshine – cool starlight evng.

I re-dried the Sat. load of hay and unloaded it in mow also got the lower lot rakings and cutting by the old house. Pretty soggy but good cow fodder. Mother & I finished air-mail letter this AM to Mariam. Rec'd letter Jeanne Longyear.

August 28, Tuesday — 62 degrees 7 AM. Heavy morning dews. Decidedly warmer today & evng. Typical August with morning murk followed by considerable sunshine. Showers off to north PM – lazy weather.

Wrote weekly news copy AM besides usual chore routine. This PM I mowed around Ollie's house, the old garden and heavy growth by the spring usually done when starting haying.

August 29, Wednesday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Sunny all day – hot - hazy - cloudless cooling off tonight. Lazy stagnated weather.

Busy around home with chores etc AM. This PM I mowed Ollie's Little Meadow below the rocks & cleaned up the cutting of yesterday. Also mowed second cutting

garden patches.

August 30, Thursday — 62 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM. Hot and sunny – Lazy humid weather. Clear still evng with some cooling down.

This afternoon I cleaned up the Little Meadow load of hay. After supper drew out manure & got load sawdust

August 31, Friday — 64 degrees 7 AM 76 12 PM. Hot drying summer day. Brisk south westerly wind – some PM part cloudiness developed, became overcast tonight. Warmest night of the summer.

Busy AM with usual chores – writing cards etc. I took it easy during the heat of the afternoon. Then I drew out manure & got load sawdust. 59th Anniversary of the death of my grandmother Mrs Sarah A. Crispell 59.

September 1, Saturday — 56 degrees 8 AM 54 12 PM. The temperature dropped 20 degrees during the night. We had a brief thunder shower this morning. Cloudy - still - dismal weather set in rainy latter PM & continued into the night.

September 2, Sunday — 54 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM. Rainy night & at breakfast thunder shower & continued dismal rainy mussy all day & evng. Miserable cold weekend holiday weather.

The first mass was said this morning at 9:30 and

attended by an estimated 200 at the nearly finished new St Augustine's Catholic chapel on the Watson Hollow Rd. Masses had previously been held for several years in Colange's Hall over the store & P.O. The new church is a successor to the pre-reservoir St Augustine's in old West Shokan from its dedication in 1893 till torn down in June 1913.

News paper notice 9/6/51

The first mass in the new chapel of St Augustine here, was held Sunday, September 2nd at 9:30 a.m. an estimated 200 attended the services in spite of the heavy rain prevailing. The fine new edifice is a needed replacement of the pre-reservoir St Augustine Church which served the locality from 1893 to 1913. The interior was greatly admired by the congregation. Rev. Father Carey extended thanks to all who had in any way made the church possible. Plans for the dedication services will be announced later.

September 3, Monday — 56 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM. Chill, damp, gloomy, threatening weather. Had an early PM sprinkle – finally clearing away beautifully latter PM. Very cool & still tonight.

Busy all morning with chores – drew out manure etc. D & Mrs Shen Everett & Mr & Mrs Neil Windrum called on way to Boiceville picnic. Despite the threatening day a goodly gathering was present at the annual gathering including myself. The West Shokan Scout Troop had the serving of refreshments. At business

meeting Pres. Pratt Boice presided. Dr Jos J. Shotwell of Woodstock was principal speaker. Collection \$42.77. Music by Sylvester Wells orchestra aided by loud speaker amplified truck. Pratt Boice re-elected president. Lottie Hesley re-elected vice president. Elwyn C. Davis Secy - treas.

Balance forward from 1950	\$111.29
Collection	42.77
Total	154.06
Expenses	40.00
Balance Forward	\$114.06

September 4, Tuesday — 46 degrees 7 AM 52 12 PM. Gloriously sunny came the day, very cool & drenching dew. Became partly cloudy with fresh northerly wind. Clearing beautifully & still - cool dewy evng.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I mowed the 3 corner lot alfalfa seeding, thick with weeds. Mowed garden alfalfa after supper. Wrote weekly news copy tonight.

September 5, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM. Very heavy dew. Beautifully clear early but became partly to mostly cloudy – cool lazy day. Clearing again at evng with a big new moon setting early back of South Hollow.

Busy around home with morning chores. This PM I tedded over the 3 corner lot, picked some dried beans in field corn & dug 2 ½ bu nice potatoes. Rec'd card Bob Longyear. Wrote them air mail post card tonight.

September 6, Thursday — 54 degrees 7 AM 68 12 Pm.
Sun shone early but clouded over & a drenching driving
south rain set in and continued into the later PM. Broke
away late evng. Like as equinoctial storm.

I made a tiresome wet trip over to Happy Myer's
(Allen's Farm) with young heifer & bred her to their
Ayrshire bull after three attempts with my bull have
failed.

This evng I attended opening fall meeting of Olive
Rebekah Lodge. Refreshments followed at I.O.O.F. hall.
I also horned in at the down stairs Democratic
nominating caucus. Supervisor Grant Avery, Supt.
Highways Francis Whispell (for 3rd term) Town Clerk
Mrs Julia Lewis (re-nominated) Collector Mrs Ellen
Nichols, Justice 4 years Millard Bell re-nominated,
Justice 2 years Joe Friedburg, Justice 4 years Eugene
McGowan, Justice 2 years Barney Bachor.

September 7, Friday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Partly
cloudy – cool northerly wind – afternoon rain squalls.
Chilly windy tonight.

Busy with chores & odd jobs AM. This afternoon I
mowed and got cart load grass for the cows. Drewed out
manure.

September 8, Saturday — 46 degrees 7 AM 43 12 PM.
A most magnificent cool cloudless day with fresh
northerly wind. Gorgeous but very chilly evng with
brilliant half moon over High Point.

This PM I mowed the second cutting orchard lot

alfalfa, tedded it over & raked 3 corner lot.

I attended tonight Republican Town nominating caucus at Olive Bridge hall. Major E. Timmerman chairman. Harold Wilkins secy. Ex mayor C.J. Heiselman of Kingston made appropriate address. Re-nominated 3rd term for supervisor Claude Bell (no opposition) Supt of Highways Howard Trowbridge. Collector Delia Lewis Dem, (present clerk was endorsed) Collector Lemeul E. Dubois re-nominated. Justices 4 year terms Lester S Davis re-nominated & Frank C. Carle Jr. Assessors Homer Markle Jr. re-nominated for 4 years & Otis Barringer 2 years.

September 9, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 AM 55 12 PM. Beautifully sunny & pleasant, wind gentle. Becoming warmer. Gorgeous moonlight evng.

I worked at the hay curing, & brought a feeding load home.

September 10, Monday — 54 degrees 7 AM 66 12 PM. Continued clear, lovely warm hay day. Wind southerly fresh evng with big bulging moon shining back of grand old High Point – wind became strong.

Put in a long busy day with the hay. Drawed a big well cured load of hay from orchard lot. Mart & Buddy Eckert gave me a good hand loading it. Mother helped me unload it. She drove the horses on rope. By moonlight I got a load of the weedy cutting from 3 corner lot.

September 11, Tuesday — 64 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.
Murky weather this morning and set in rainy for a few hours – cleared early PM sunny warm & humid. Lovely moonlight evng with some ground fog.

Wrote news copy AM. Put off the small load of hay & drew out manure PM. Also washed my car. Went down to Bill Lortz's evng & had my hair cut.

September 12, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 AM 62 12 PM. Rather foggy & dew like this AM. Hot, lazy midsummer like day & mellow moonlight evng.

I took Mrs Kizirian & Addie Kelder along to Napanoch where the Ulster County Grand Jurors Assn made its annual visit to the institution . Where Major Thos J Hanlon presented a most interesting & educational program.

September 13, Thursday — 60 degrees 7 AM 72 12 PM. Warm & humid – lowery August like murky weather. Generally sunny & big moon playing hide & seek among the wind driven clouds tonight. Strong gusty south westerly wind.

Busy as usual this AM. During PM I drew out manure on side hill meadow & cleaned up remainder of 3 corner lot weedy cutting & rakings in orchard lot.. This evng I went with Claude N.Beidler with his car & Chas Ginsbittel & Maxwell Luedtke to fall re-opening of Ancient City Council #21 R.&S.M.. At request of companion Beidler. Max Luedtke was installed in his place Capt of the Guard. I officiated at my duties as

Marshall.

September 14, Friday — 68 degrees 12 PM. Continued warm & humid southerly wind & considerable sunshine. Brief early PM showers preceded a torrential rain continuing evng but diminished..

Besides chores & replacing lower kitchen porch step & drawing out manure PM & getting cart load sawdust & caught in the drencher nothing startling accomplished. Rec'd card from Mrs Longyear that poor Pop Longyear had 4th heart attack 12:30 Sat. nite and is in bed at home. She expects Bob to come home from Mexico next week.

September 15, Saturday — 60 degrees 7 AM 53 12 PM.

A wet night and cloudy cool this morning but cleared beautifully and was a warm pleasant day. Cooler lovely moonlight evng.

Mother earth ha a good soaking & the streams noticeably raised. A widening band of shoreline circles the reservoir west basin. Kept busy at chores etc. This PM I drew out manure & cut green grass for the cows, a strip along entrance driveway. This evng Chas Ginsbittel with his car, Wm Frankle Sr – Claude Beidler, Max Luedtke & I went to Hunter. Where several hundred Masons witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason Degree on 5 candidates (4 from Rondout # 343) by team of the Officers & Colorful Degree team of - - - - - Lodge # 900 from Yonkers. Refreshments followed.

September 16, Sunday — 57 degrees 7 AM 60 12 PM.

Pleasant quiet day. Generally sunny. Mostly cloudy latter PM & evng – cool tonight.

This evng I took Mrs Chas Ginsbittel, Mrs Albert Jaques & Ollie Burgher to see the very colorful and interesting return showing at Phoenicia Theatre of “Show Boat”

Jesse Jeffs and Richard Gray married yesterday 2 PM at Samsonville M.E. Church by Rev. Jack Savage. A reception followed in the church hall.

September 17, Monday — 60 degrees 7 AM 52 12 PM.
Partly cloudy, lazy pleasantly cool day.

I took Ollie Burgher up to work at the Chalet Indien this morning. This afternoon I mowed & teded over the remaining second cutting below the old Hinkley house & patch behind the barn – also drew out manure on side hill meadow.

September 18, Tuesday — 50 degrees 7 AM 54 12 PM.
Similar to yesterday – partly cloudy, cool stagnated weather. Very heavy morning dew, clear, chilly, damp moonlight evng.

Busy with usual chore jobs AM. This PM cut 12 stouts of thickly weed infested sweet corn.

September 19, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 Am 54 11 PM. Sunny – few clouds - warm pleasant – quiet day. Cloudless & chilly tonight – moonlight.

Busy with usual chores etc AM. Good hay drying today. This PM I cut 7 stouts of the weedy sweet corn,

raked the hay cutting & brought some home on hay wagon for over night fodder for the cattle & horses.

September 20, Thursday — 51 degrees 7 AM 52 12 PM. Partly cloudy, warmer – wind light southerly. Cloudless, still chilly moonlight night.

Busy with usual chores AM. Drewed out manure & got cart load sawdust. This PM I mowed a strip of grass behind barn and cleaned up the hay cutting behind old barn also brought home several stouts sweet corn. We got a surprise visit tonight by Cornelia & Dick with Norah & baby Ellen & their friend Mrs.

September 21, Friday — 52 degrees 7 AM 68 12 PM. Hot summer weather, sunny & breezy – clear warm evng.

Busy with usual morning jobs. This PM I cut with the older Davis boy Arthur helping 19 stouts of my heavily eared “Husker” hybrid field corn. Cornelia, Dick & family with Mrs Will and the Walter Schmoekels visited the famous Catskill game farm PM.

September 22, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 AM Noticeably cooler this morning but became hot mid summery day. Bright sunshine, southerly breeze – strong & gust evng, becoming overcast..

Wm Davis & boys did my evng barn chores. I left at noon with companions Claude N Beidler with his car to Kingston & Chas Ginsbittel & Reginald E. Davis where leaving 1:00 o'clock by bus from the Masonic Temple

going by way of Ellenville & Wurtsboro to Middletown Masonic Temple where a zone 5 Knights Templar Festival was held. A group of 47 which included our group above & J Sanford Cross of Kyserike & Bob Browning of Kingston candidates from Rondout Commandry No 72. At 4:30 the Illustrious order of Red Cross in full form was conferred by St Johns Commandry # 97 of Elizabeth N.J.. Dinner followed at Banquet Hall & Mitchell Inn. A street parade followed at 7:30. Followed by an entertainment for men & ladies at the Temple & Television broadcasts. I saw part of Brooklyn - Phillies game at 10:30. The order of the Malta in full form conferred by Cyprus Commandry # 67 of Middletown. Refreshments followed. The bus trip back via New Paltz & Rosendale.

September 23, Sunday — 48 degrees 12 Pm. Had showers this morning – clearing warm & summery & breezy – cloudless still & chilly tonight.

Cornelia & family & visitor Mrs Gertrude Willaber left for Rome at noon. This PM Will Davis & oldest boy Arthur gave me a good hand cutting corn.

Newspaper Clipping 9 – 29 – 51

Residents of the west end of the village had a good view of the Colange apartments fire across the reservoir Saturday night. Some could hear the crackling of flames as the trees caught fire. Capt Lester Lawrence and his Smokeaters of the local fire company got very little sleep

that night. One of the burned out apartments was that of Mrs Ezra Green who moved to the west side from Ashokan last year.

September 24, Monday — 44 7 AM 50 12 PM. Bright sunny this morning, becoming overcast before noon, then partly clearing. Still early autumnish weather.

I took out load manure over behind the old barn & got a load of sawdust. Susie horse has a very lame left foot as result of roofing nail puncture. I also cleaned up the strip of cut grass behind barn & mowed another.

This evng I took Ollie Burgher & Mrs Chas Ginsbittel to Phoenicia & saw “Rhubarb” hilarious story of a old bruiser tom cat. Bob Longyear who arrived by plane from Mexico City Sat phoned Mother from Brooklyn this PM.

September 25, Tuesday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Overcast this morning followed by a cold drenching shower early PM – After clearing & windy.

Busy with morning chores & odd jobs. After the rain cleared up PM Arthur, Bill & Charley Davis helped me pick dried beans & cut 17 stouts of field corn.

Miss Lyons Weds William
Wilkins

At Dutch Reformed Church

At a candlelight ceremony at the First Protestant Dutch Reformed Church yesterday afternoon, Miss Fay

Lyons daughter of Mr and Mrs Chester A. Lyons of North Front street was married to Mr William Wilkins of 80 Marius street.

Led down the aisle by her father, the bride was attired in a white satin gown with a long train and carried a bouquet of fluer-de-lis amour. Mrs Raymond Crosswell, her matron of honor wore a gown of satin gold and tulle, and carried a cascade of roses. Included in the wedding party was young Cheryl Lynn Drake of Hurley, niece of the bride, who was flower girl and William Wayne Murdock, of Lamontville, ring bearer, a nephew of the bride.

Bridemaids, Lorraine Donnelly and Mary Diamond, co-workers of the bride, were dressed in satin and tulle, one in pink carrying red roses cascade and the other in aqua, carrying yellow roses.

Chester A. Lyons, Jr brother of the bride, was best man; ushers were Raymond Crosswell and Harold Kellerman.

The mother of the bride wore a gown of charcoal gray crepe and carried blue accessories. The newly weds when they return home, will reside at 672 Broadway.

Note by Elwyn (The last & youngest to be married.)

September 26, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. 10 degree drop in temperature this AM. Cloudless very cool – still. Frost tainted atmosphere tonight. Brisk southerly wind developed.

I finished cutting the remaining 3 stouts of field corn,

picked beans & apples, drew out manure & cleaned up cut strip of grass behind barn.

This evng I took Joan Brunet up to the movies – saw “Passage West” in technicolor. Raw emotions in the Utah Territory of 1860.

September 27, Thursday — 58 degrees 7 AM 68 12 Pm. Cloudy - warm - humid. Southerly wind, misty. Drenching thunder showers latter PM & evng – clearing late.

Busy with usual daily chores. This PM I finished the corn - bean picking.

September 28, Friday — 44 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM. Partly cloudy – raw & windy. Coldest weather of the early autumn.

Mart Eckert helped me butcher my sleek heifer calf born July 5th. It has nursed the cow every day and weighed alive 230 & fat.

This PM drew out manure & got small load sweet corn stouts for cow fodder. Mr Longyear foned Mother this PM from his bedside that Bob & Jeanne are coming tomorrow. The NY Yankees clinched the American league pennant by defeating the Boston Red Sox twice. Sold the calf at live weight to Chalet Indian Hotel at .43 per lb \$98.90 – rec’d paymt by check Jan 23 – 52 but is credited to 1950 income acct.

September 29, Saturday — 42 degrees 7 AM 30 12 Pm. Partly cloudy – cold strong northerly wind, diminishing

evng. Frost is imminent.

I drew out manure did chores & mowed the woods corner grass PM.

Bob Longyear & sister Jeanne arrived from Brooklyn with his father's 39 Oldsmobile PM. Bob & I took a little ride before chores. Mother & I enjoyed visiting with them evng.

Sept. 30th – The baseball season closed with the Giants & Dodgers tied for 1st place after the Dodgers defeated the Phillies at Shike Park in an uphill thrilling 14 inning game 9 – 8.

September 30, Sunday — 32 degrees 7 AM Back to Standard Time. A general first & killing frost this morning. Arrived clear but soon became overcast and it was a very cold chilling day. Has the feel & look of snow.

The new St Augustine Catholic Chapel was formally dedicated today with a crowded attendance. This PM Bob, Jeanne & I took a ride up to Mt Tremper & Hudler cemetery where Bob is purchasing a 12x24 plot in the reserved north corner section, second tier back from the road – price \$150.00 with perpetual care. Came back over Bostock mtn road & called to see aunt Julia Winchell also visited Watson Hollow Inn & Holiday Inn. Mother had a delightful canned chicken supper & we visited together evng.

October 1, Monday --42 degrees 7 AM 52 12 Pm.
Still and very cool. Sunny early but clouded over, was

partly cloudy PM. The frost has generally blistered tender foliage – cleared late evng.

Bob & Jeanne got started for Brooklyn around mid morning. We gave them freshly picked sweet corn, potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, carrots, beets etc. This PM I drew out manure & got load sawdust. The Giants defeated the Dodgers 4 - 3 in the first pay off game at Ebbetts Field.

October 2, Tuesday — 48 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM.
Warm – humid – unsettled. Threatening showers, murky, considerable PM sunshine. Starlight cooler evng.

Did usual chore tasks. I got a load of corn & pumpkins. Mowed 3rd time grass patch by current bushes & I drew out manure.

I heard parts of the 2nd play off game at the Polo Grounds where the hapless Dodgers turned on the on rushing Giants defeating them 10 – 0.

October 3, Wednesday — 56 degrees 7 AM 58 12 PM.
A murky foggy still warm gloomy day & evng.

Besides chores etc not much accomplished other than seeing on Jim Harrison's snowy jittery television set PM & hearing early innings on radio the crucial heartbreaking to Dodger fans their defeat on the final play off game by the N.Y. Giants at the Polo Grounds. Score 5 – 4 when coming from behind Billy Goodman belted a home run with 2 aboard of relief pitcher Ralph Branea in 9th inning on 2nd ball pitch.

October 4, Thursday — 58 degrees 7 AM 58 12 PM.
Murky early this AM but was generally fair & still &
sunny and very warm during the day. Cooler evng & new
moon setting early behind Hoopole mtn.

I went down to Lester S. Davis and paid the
outrageous Onteora District school taxes upped from
\$17.85 per thousand last year to \$27.08

Home Farm val – 1600.-- \$43.43

Hinkley Place val \$300. – \$ 8.13

\$51.47

This PM I heard catch as can broadcast of opening
World Series game at Yankee Stadium. The NY Giants
who were in last place 4th of July have won 38 out of
their last 45 games – defeated the Yankees 5 – 1.

Also PM Mother & I cleaned up the good jag of woods
corner cutting.

Mrs Margaret Rainey 92, of Brodhead.

died tonite at her home in Shokan. She was a sister of
the late James McMillin

October 5, Friday — 58 degrees 7 AM 58 12 PM. Part
cloudy AM. Cloudless brilliant PM & evng. Still hot
summer weather – cool pleasant evng..

Drewed out manure & got cart load corn to husk.
Hand mowed the stand to rank oats I sowed in north end
of garden. Mother & I finished digging potatoes in
garden. Have a couple of bu of nice spuds. Husk corn
after supper.

I heard sketches of last part of 3rd World Series game at

Yankee Stadium. The Yanks won over Brooklyn 3 -1. Frederick Wilke 74 found missing from his Bushkill Heights home this evng by neighbor Emil Flick, a searching party with hi power flash lights found his body about 11:30 several hundred feet back of the house where he had dropped carrying out polewood. The searching party were Emil Flick, Claude Bell, Joe Winkler, Art Scofield & Martin Eckert Jr.

October 6, Saturday — 54 degrees 12 PM. Continued warm & sunny with brisk northerly wind during the day a cooler trend in the atmosphere became evident with some cloudiness.

I served as inspector on the first day of registration at the church basement polling place. 728 names were enrolled on the 1951 voting list. I took along my RCA kitchen radio & heard the 3rd game World Series game at the Polo grounds where the home team NY Giants N.L. defeated the A.L. Yankees 6 – 2.

October 7, Sunday — 56 degrees 8 AM Arrived rainy and continued a gloomy drenching storm all day & evng. With some thunder & lightening.

Bob Longyear phoned from his parents home at 7:45 this AM in Brooklyn that he was about to leave for Idlewild Airport to take the 9:30 o'clock plane for Mexico City via Miami route & arrive at 5 PM. Funeral service 1 PM for Mrs Margaret Rainey at Shokan M.E. Church. Sermon by Rev. Milton H. Ryan – Interment Tongore cemetery. Co-incidently her brother

Jim McMillin was buried in a similar rain storm early Dec 1931.

October 8, Monday — 48 degrees 12 PM. Streams are running flush after the heavy rain storm. Broke away during the late night & today was windy bright & mostly sunny. Considerable PM cloudiness developed. Typical early autumn.

Ollie Burgher was home today for the first in over 3 months daily employment at Chalet Indian Hotel. Busy with morning chores & took big over weekend cart load manure up & spread on sod for early next year potato patch in Ollie's orchard lot above road, south side this years. Brought home 3 stouts blown down field corn & pumpkins. I heard part of the broadcast of the 4th game World Series game at the Polo grounds. The Yankees won 6 – 2 with Allie Reynolds pitching.

October 9, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 AM 36 12 Pm. Bright sunny windy crispy colorful autumn weather. Considerable PM cloudiness but was gloriously clear tonight, bright moonlight , still & frosty.

I helped Ollie get a big batch of sweet corn for canning. Did chores, husked off corn etc. I heard the opening & closing innings broadcast of the 5th World Series game at the Polo Grounds where the Yankees overwhelmed the Giants 13 – 1. Eddie Lopat winning pitcher.

October 10, Wednesday — 32 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM.

Second frost this AM but not severe. Bright & sunny this morning with latter developing overcast. Wind light southerly.

Did usual daily routine. Drewed load manure up to Ollies's for potato ground AM. PM I brought 4 stouts of down corn & heard parts of the final 1951 World Series game where in a nerve jittering game played at - - - - the NY Yankees defeated the NY Giants & won their 3rd straight Worlds championship by score of 4 – 3. This evng I took Ollie up to see her brother Ben at Mt Tremper & on to Phoenicia. The Red Badge of Courage & Tarzans Peril the latter filmed in Africa

October 11, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 AM 42 10 PM. Arrived rainy and continued a drenching cold storm throughout the day & evng.

I made a business trip to Kingston. Ollie Burgher went along in regard to her unemployment payment for last year, now approved. She will be paid approx \$435.00.

October 12, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 AM 36 11:30 PM. Arrived sunny brilliant atmosphere – fresh northerly wind – cloudless PM & evng, turning colder. Magnificent moonlight nearing full.

Busy with usual chores & odd jobs AM. This PM Ollie helped me gather pumpkins & squashes on the hay wagon & brought home 6 stouts of field com. I husked a couple hours this evng.

18 years ago today – Poor Dad had Dr Cosgrove for his

burning shingles on his neck for first time – also the day Harold Constable helped put cement floor in barn shed.

October 13, Friday — 28 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM
We had our second frost this morning. A magnificent cloudless cool autumny day & brilliant crisp moonlight evng.

I took cart load manure up to Ollie's & spread on potato sod AM & brought home sweet corn stalks from Morton Roe's. This PM & evng I served on the second day of registration. 33 names were added to the District 2 Olive potential voting list. Making a total of 761. Tabulated as 381 males & 380 females. Last years registration was 694.

October 14, Saturday ---- 32 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM.
Our third and heaviest frost was present this morning. The weather continued cloudless still with a wonderfully brilliant full moon tonight.

Did usual chores – rested this PM on cot. Had a morning call by Ed Avery & Jesse Burgher. The autumn foliage is now at its crest but noe especially colorful, greens & browns predominant. Our dear Mr Robert L Longyear Sr had another heart attack 2:30 AM at his home in Brooklyn. Miss Jane Gulnac & Ernest Bode of Ashokan married 1 PM in Asokan M.E. Church by Rev. Milton H. Ryan, pastor

October 15, Monday — 42 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM.
Continued fair & warmer with s. westerly wind.

Considerable afternoon cloudiness. Glorious moonlight evng.

Busy as usual. Dr R.A. McCartney called AM. This PM I made 3rd mowing of alfalfa patches over on the Hinklet place. Also spread cart load manure on potato sod patch. Brought home 4 stouts of field corn which Ollie helped me husk off evng. Wrote news copy evng.

October 16, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 AM 45 11:30 PM. The magnificent clear weather continues. Still & hot during the day but turned decidedly chilly at evng. Cloudless moonlight.

Busy with chores & had callers AM This PM “Pop” Beidler took Charley Ginsbittel & I to Kingston Lodge no10 where as a special after session feature Mr LP Hinley Ulster Co. FBI official gave an interesting talk on a actual World War 2 espionage encounter case. A 1941 March of Time film was shown depicting a case of Espionage concerning the Nardon Bomb sight. Today is the 174 anniversary of the British burning Kingston.

Newspaper notice 10/16/51

Today Oct 16, one hundred seventy-four years ago a British fleet of seven ships, together with 20 galleys and flatboats which had anchored near Esopus Island the night before, sailed to Kingston Point. After bombarding the fort at Ponckhockie, 400 British soldiers came ashore at the beach. They marched to the court house on Wall

street and then separated into small parties and set fire to every dwelling except the present Dr Bobby home on Wall street. They put the torch to every building and out building, thereby reducing the city to ashes. They robbed the homes of everything that could be carried.

Gen. Vaughn who commanded this atrocity reported to the British War office in London that he” burned 326 houses with a barn to almost every one of them filled with flour., grain of all kinds, much valuable furniture and effect; 1200 barrells of flour were burned”

October 17, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM.
Continued magnificent sunny warm still weather. Clear moonlight evng – cloudiness developed late.

Ollie helped me finish cutting the sweet corn 22 stouts This evng I went with Max Kuedtke & Jesse Shurter to Kingston and attended Mt Horeb Chapter # 25 where the Past Master Degree was conferred on a class of 6 which included Jesse.

October 18, Thursday — 54 degrees 7 AM 50 12 PM.
Arrived overcast but faired away pleasant warm day & generally sunny, with broken clouds. Clear chilly moonlight evng.

I took a load of manure over behind the old barn, got 2 cart loads of sawdust. Then went with hay wagon and got the green hand raked alfalfa by the old house – 3 stouts of sweet corn for horses, 5 of field corn. Ollie helped me husk them evng.

Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear that “Pop” who was able

to eat at the table had another heart attack early Sunday, is again in bed & very discouraged.

October 19, Friday — 48 degrees 7 AM 42 12 PM.
Overcast except for some mid morning sunshine. Glum & threatening PM. All cleared early evng & decidedly cooler with fresh northerly wind.

Chores mostly took the morning. This PM Ollie helped me get the green alfalfa clipping from lower lot, also pumpkins & squashes & 7 stouts of corn. We husked off several after supper. The leaves are falling fast today.

October 20, Saturday — 36 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM.
This was the most glorious colorful day of autumn. Cloudless crispy atmosphere - wind southerly.

The woods & mountains are at the very peak of their most magnificent colors, from greens in various shades to fiery red. The leaves however are falling fast. Chores and writing cards took the morning. This PM I spread a load of manure behind old barn, got load sawdust & then went over & got 4 stouts of corn. Uncle Watson Bishop was buried 30 years ago today on a similar bright day but colder.

October 21, Sunday – 32 degrees 7 AM 55 11 PM.
Clear early with heavy white frost. First skim of ice on kettle behind the granary. Became overcast & was a chill still gloomy day & evng.

Busy with usual chores AM. This PM Ollie & I took a ride over to see Abe Smith, the Cherrytown gunsmith then to Ellenville & saw Dr McCartney – back by way of Stone Ridge & made stop at Fred Baumgarten's & home via Kripplebush.

The newly interior decorated Baptist Church re-opened this PM.

October 22, Monday — 54 degrees 7 AM 56 12 PM.
Murky this morning but faired away warm mostly sunny day with southerly wind – overcast evng & windy.

Ollie gave me a hand husking corn. Also I mowed a strip of grass out behind barn along road. Spread load manure & finally got 3 stouts corn which I husked off evng.

October 23, Tuesday — 57 degrees 7 AM 56 12 Pm.
Partly cloudy warm generally sunny with southerly wind. Almost like summer.

Chores & odd jobs took most of the morning. Drewed out manure, got a cart load corn , 4 stouts – also load sawdust & mowed a chunk of heavy grass over on Mort Roe's former garden patch.

October 24, Wednesday — 56 degrees 7 AM 36 2 AM
Thursday. Murky warm & morning sprinkles. Rainy PM & evng with thunder & lightening & windy. All clearing late evng - colder & rainy.

I got the load of hay fodder cut yesterday. Drewed out manure & got 2 stouts of corn, getting caught in the rain.

Also husked off some corn PM. This evng Claude Beidler & I went to Kingston in my car. A class of 9 being the candidate group from Rondout Commandery who rec'd the orders of the Red Cross & Knights of Malta at Middletown Sept. 22 tonight rec'd the Temple Degree consumating full membership Rondout Commandery # 52. The town of Olive group were Claude N. Beidler, Chas Ginsbittel, Reginald E. Davis & myself Elwyn C. Davis.

October 25, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM. Partly cloudy crispy & windy. Streams are raised by last evngs heavy rain.

I made a business trip to Kingston. Ollie Burghr went along to report to unemployment office. We called on aunt Julia Winchell & Lem DuBois going. I took her a bag of potatoes & garden vegetables. I had my safe deposit box #130 forced open & new lock installed – cost \$10.00. I called at Conners Funeral parlors & paid my respects to an old friend & schoolmate Samuel J. VanKleeck Sr. who died yesterday AM at Kingston Hospital of a heart attack.

October 26, Friday — 40 degrees 7 AM. 58 12 PM. Crispy some overcast but sunny quiet day – windy & milder tonight.

Aside from doing daily chores I spread load manure on sod out along cross path AM This PM I got 5 stouts of corn & husked off 4 after supper. Funeral 2 PM at Conner's Parlors Kingston for Samuel

J.VanKleeck – Rev Dr. Ralph E. Houston in charge.
Interment Cold Brook cemetery, established by his father
John D. VanKleeck in reservoir building days.

October 27, Saturday — 52 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM
A bit rain squally AM Part cloudy mild – became
overcast latter PM.. Very chill & damp still evng.

I drew the last 7 stouts field corn & several sweet
for fodder - also spread load manure & got cart load part
cured grass cut last Monday. Ollie helped me finish the
corn husking evening. It ran a bushel of nice hard corn
per stout.

October 28, Sunday — 38 degrees 7 AM 40 12 PM. A
cold dreary rainy day. Broke away evng & windy.

Not much doing today other than chores. I wrote air
mail card to Mariam evng.

October 29, Monday — Cloudy - high northerly wind
this morning with first showing of snow flakes but cold
& raw. Wind gradually diminished – becoming overcast
at evng - still & chill.

Drewed out manure & got first cart load bedding
leaves along back road. This AM I packed & sent a
Halloween box to Mr & mrs Longyear.

This evng I took Addie Kelder & sister Mrs Nettie
Terwilliger & Ollie Burgher to Phoenicia & saw a most
interesting patriotic film in colors and musical feature
Wait Till The Clouds Roll By.

October 30, Tuesday — 40 degrees 7 AM 38 10 PM.
Cloudy damp air still & cool.

Besides usual chores & spreading overnight stable manure AM got another big cart load leaves along upper back road PM.

Albert Rose of Olive Bridge was critically injured this morning when his loaded panel body Ford milk truck collided almost head on with the north bound Davenport oil truck driven by Raymond Davis. The oil truck toppled over. The accident occurred in Atwood on curve at intersection of 213 & road leading up over the aqueduct – correction on curve just north of chapel. Edward M Every of 42 Esopus Ave Town of Ulster died this AM. He was the son of the late Martin J Every & Minnie Beadle. Ed was born may 1888.

Newspaper Notice Oct 30/51

ULSTER CLERK DIES AT HOME TODAY

Edward M. Every of 42 Esopus Ave, town clerk of the town of Ulster for the past six years, died early this morning following a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife the former Laura Klothe; a son Frank M. Every of New Brunswick N.J. a sister Mrs Joseph Mooney of Kingston and a granddaughter, Laura Barbara Every. Mr Every was an employee of the town of Ulster for 20 years and held the office of collector before he was elected town clerk. He was a nominee for the office of town clerk in the November election to succeed himself

and had the endorsement of both major parties. He was a member of the town of Ulster Fire Department No. 5. About 18 years ago he was injured in a slide at a local sand bank while drawing sand and the effects of the accident were a severe handicap to him for many years.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Jansen & Deegen Funeral Home, 15 Downs street and relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will take place in Mt Marion Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel at any time.

October 31, Wednesday — 51 degrees 7 AM 40 10 PM.

Mild & mostly cloudy – windy.

I wrote weekly news copy AM & busied with chores. Got a big cart load leaves along back road PM and cleaned up the cut grass behind barn.

November 1, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 AM 31 10:30 PM. Arrived cold, stormy rainy sleety weather mountains covered & a skim of ice on the ground. 3 inches snow reported up Shandaken way. Stopped storming early PM. Winter came on suddenly. A few stars shone tonight..

Ollie Burgher & I went to Kingston and attended funeral service at Jansen & Deegens Parlors for Edward M Every. I took 8 lbs butter to Geo. Lounsberry's & Ernie & Florence went along shopping & I brought them home to Kripplebush. Mother rec'd a letter from Gaye.

November 2, Friday — 30 degrees 7 AM 37 11:30 PM.

Wet cold & snowy and rainy weather day & evng. First ice on the big barn gutter tub.

Drewed out load manure on grass AM in storm. During PM I got the overhead barn mow hole planks in place for winter. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear.

November 3, Saturday —40 degrees 7 AM 20 12 PM.

Steady rain continued all night and this morning changing to wet snow mixture around noon, became blizzardly, breaking away late PM and getting colder, ground froze tonight – becoming cloudless late evng.

Did chores & sent order to Sears Roebuck & Co. This PM I went up to Gus Korittke's & had dining room stove front grill repaired. Claude Beidler & I attended I.O.O.F. lodge evng. Coffee & cake served. 160 tickets sold for Olive Democratic Club dinner tonight at Pheasant Inn.

November 4, Sunday — 20 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM.

Mountains snow covered with a sprinkling over the valley floor. Ground frozen and ice everywhere. A full half inch covered the barn gutter kettles. The weather is cold raw & windy, but with considerable afternoon sunshine – cloudless, stilled tonight.

Did usual chores & odd jobs. This PM I attended briefly the Bushkill Rod & Gun Club turkey shoot at Traver Hollow Inn range but did not participate. Mrs Katheryn Van Ness & Mr & Mrs Dederick called this PM. She will soon leave to spend the winter in Florida.

November 5, Monday — 27 degrees 7 AM Continued

cold raw & windy – sunny – cloudless still frosty evng with glowing almost half moon hovering back of High Point. Over inch of ice on barn gutter tub. Hog yard frozen nearly enough to hold up the lusty pigs.

I took Ollie to 10:30 AM Boiceville bus to Kingston. Coming back I paid a brief visit to Harold Mellons newly set up saw mill along the Bushkill above the left hand side of the bridge. He is stripping the Maple Dell lot on South mountain. I did usual chores etc. PM I spread big cart load manure on corn stubble, got load leaves along back road. A buyer offered me \$250.00 for my 2 year old Guernsey bull. Rec'd card form Bob Longyear.

Newspaper Clipping

THE FIRST WHITE

ROOFS 11/4/1951

First snow whitening roofs upstate tells a countryman that winter is sending out scouting patrols. It is such a threatening advance that causes stay over robins to distrust wooly bear caterpillars, consult flying schedules and depart for live oak landscapes in the Gulf states. There isn't much a bird can do about winter in the North. He has no fur coat, he can't hibernate, and there is, to an individualistic robin, something a bit humiliating in existing on handouts, even when these are appetizingly offered by thoughtful members of the Audubon Society. No one can blame a delayed robin for getting away while the going is good and his wings unfrosted – especially when recent news stories tell of six robins being shot by lawless hunters who despaired of larger game.

In a quiet birdless street of a small village where the warm incense of burning leaves rises under a cold sky, a countryman considers that winters on the land are a lot easier to live in than before the days of thermostats, fuel oil tanks and double windows. No longer does a man have to bank up his house, see that plenty of split wood is under cover and four tons of coal bought for the parlor stove. Even cows and chickens are buwarked in various modern ways against zero and blizzards. But for a bird or even a bear – nature keeps her unheated pace through months of snow and ice. Winter stays unappeased winter for a dauntless chickadee in a hemlock or a bear holed up in a winter hollow when November's two inches of snow have become February's two feet. It is only fortunate man who has learned to outface winter and keep a road sanded to town for his pickup truck. It is only man, the featherless biped, who having acquired wings doesn't need to use them for a flight south. Even if a robin gets shot by staying north, a countryman can put on a red cap when he goes to his wood lot. He can return safely to a snug kitchen and eat pancakes that haven't changed their taste because there is a new oil burner in an old cellar. Let November's scouts signal and winter bring up reserves whenever it likes. A countryman means to stay put. Buckwheat cakes wouldn't seem the same in Florida and he can get frozen orange juice any night by putting a pitcher out in the woodshed.

November 6, Tuesday — 18 degrees 4:30 AM 34 12 PM. An unusually cold Election Day. Cold crust frozen

hard – clear this morning becoming overcast PM. It had the look feel of snow – cloudy evng - still.

I arose 4:20 this AM & Mother got up & prepared my breakfast. It was cold & frosty going down to the church polling place. I served on the board a long hard day – 6 AM & got home 10 PM – Dist 2 voted 471 on machine with 13 absentee & 3 war ballots added. The full Republican town ticket elected with varying majorities. The county board as usual went strongly Republican. Claude bell was re-elected Supervisor for 4th term over Grant Avery by 15 majority & Howard Trowbridge defeated Francis Whispell running for his 3rd term as Supt of Highways by 31.

November 7, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 AM. 46 11 PM. Arrived a drenching rain and continued steadily most of the day moderating PM up to 50 degrees. Cleared evng, lovely bright over half moon. The run off of mountain snow has streams boiling.

I had a let up today other than doing usual chores. Wrote air mail card to Mariam tonight. Virgil C. Gordon 66 veteran member of Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge #491 & twice Dist Deputy of Ulster Dist. Died 5:30 PM after 10 days in Benedictine Hosp. cancer of the liver.

November 8, Thursday — 40 degrees 7 AM 34 12 PM. Raining again this morning early, but later sun broke thru awhile, cloudy, raw & glum afternoon with late snow mix squall. Sour November.

Drawed out big cart load manure on grass along cross path. This PM I started plowing old sod potato patch up in Ollie's old orchard above road. The mountain snows have disappeared in the run off.

November 9, Friday — 34 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.
Cloudless wind gentle, seasonably cool. Brilliant, still moonlight crispy evening.

I finished plowing the potato patch PM & got cart load leaves. At 8 PM Jas McGlocklin & myself as chaplain conducted I O.O.F ritualistic services for Virgil C. Gordon 31 yr member & past District Deputy of Shokan Lodge # 491 at his home in Brown Station. A large delegation of the members were in attendance – also delegations from Wm H. Raymond #59 – Aretus Lodge # 172 & Bearsville #533 lodges. Olive Rebekah Lodge # 470 also held services. There were dozens of exquisite floral pieces.

November 10, Saturday — 28 degrees 7 AM 42 12 PM.
Overcast damp & cold AM. Sunny warmer PM.
Beautiful moonlight evng – somewhat breezy.

Did daily chores. I got a wagon load of sweet corn stouts, spread cart load manure & got leaves for bedding. Funeral services 2 PM for Virgil C. Gordon at Olive bridge M.E. Church. Eulogy by rev. Jack Savage pastor & former Rev Orson Rice. Funeral largest ever held there – more than Leroy davis in July 1937 & Arthur E Trowbridge Feb 1950. Interment Tongore Cemetery. Bearers – Reginald E. Davis – Harlowe McLean –

Alonzo Davis – Elson Oakley – Edw Callahan & Ray Osterhoudt.

I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng – had refreshments.

November 11, Sunday — 42 degrees 7 AM 32 11 PM.
Fair sunny day. Partly cloudy PM & windy, clear, still, frosty brilliant moonlight night.

Ollie & I went over to Ellenville, had dinner with Mrs & Dr McCartney & went to look at a John Deere mowing machine for sale. Came back by way of Fred Baumgarten's & Kripplebush. Stopped & had Lew Lounsberry replace a tube in my kitchen radio. Fred Jones (about 70) a native of Bushkill, a som of John Jones died in Benedictine Hosp. He was on old age pension & of late made his home with Mrs Mary Beesmer in Brodhead. Funeral held Wednesday PM November 13 at Conner's Parlors, Kingston. Burial Woodstock Cemetery.

November 12, Monday — 22 degrees 7 aM 42 12 PM.
Clear, sunny but a raw chilly atmosphere – wind light. Typical November. Beautiful early rising moon but became overcast evng with chill southerly wind.

Neighbor Will Davis & boys helped me change the hay rigging to wagon box AM. This PM drew out manure & Ollie & Arthur Davis (13) helped me pull a big load of turnips. Ollie & I topped them tonight.

November 13, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 AM Mostly cloudy – mild – glum threatening PM. Full moon but

clouded.

Spread load manure. Ollie helped me carry the topped turnips down cellar AM This PM we pulled the second & last load of turnips & topped them off evng with Mother's help.

November 14, Wednesday — 52 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. Rainy day & evng - mild - at times driving downpours cleared - moonlight after midnight.

I went over to Will Jordans & had my hair cut AM. Work rained out. This evng I attended the Ulster County Grand Juror's assn. annual fall dinner at Stuyvesant in Kingston.

November 15, Thursday ---- 54 degrees 7 AM. Mild mostly overcast – gloomy afternoon. Turned cooler

Carried last topped Turnips down cellar AM. Have 32 bu Got load sawdust PM took wagon load manure up to Mr & Mrs Scheick's – Paid \$5.00..

November 16, Friday — Rainy cold storm – foggy - clearing & windy tonight.

Did chores & split up some firewood under shed PM. This evng I took Ollie up to see her brother Ben & then on to Phoenicia & saw exciting color picture Trade winds.

November 17, Saturday — 30 degrees 11 PM. Mostly sunny AM but cloudy raw and somewhat windy PM. Starlight & windy evng.

Drawed out manure over on corn ground PM Got wagon box load of leaves & brought over the last stouts of sweet corn. Have sold 4 bu turnips – \$4.00

November 18, Sunday — 26 degrees 7 AM 27 11:30 PM. Raw – cold – snow squally & blustery weather.

Did chores. Had 9 AM call by Fred Baumgarten & Bill Schwartz – looking over deer hunting prospects. Wrote air mail letter to Mariam & birthday card for Bobby. I spent the evng packing Thanksgiving boxes for Mr & Mrs Longyear & Mrs Knorph. Wrote news Leader copy . Sent boxes P.P. – Mon. Nov. 19th.

November 19, Monday — 24 degrees 7 AM 23 12 PM. Mostly cloudy, cold, blustery & snow squally. The Wittenberg's are dusted.

I made a business shopping trip to Kingston. Brought home extras for Thanksgiving. Tonite I took Addie Kelder & Ollie up to Phoenicia movies. Excellent color historical feature vintage 1830. Across The Wide Missouri. Staring the one & only Clark Gable. Rec'd air letter from Mariam & a card from Bob.

November 20, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7:30 AM. Partly cloudy – snappy cold blustery with mountain squalls – cleared during the evng – moon back down to half..

Busy with chores & home jobs AM. This PM Ollie helped me get a good load of leaves over along back road & woods. I spent the evng keeping the kitchen & dining room stoves going & writing 5 post cards & reading.

November 21, Wednesday — 12 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM. Coldest to date. Sunny and snappy cold & raw north wind – clear still tonight, somewhat moderated.

Did usual chores – Delivered a load of manure to Mr & Mrs Scheick's AM This PM Ollie helped me get a load of leaves under the ledge above her old orchard. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter & Reggie Davis to Kingston and witnessed conferring of Most Excellent Master Degree on class of candidates including Jesse.

November 22, Thursday — 32 degrees 7 Am 40 12 Pm. Deer season opened. The community is teeming with hunters. Moderating and mostly cloudy with light rain squalls in valley – heavy in mtns. –cloudy windy tonight.

Did chores in variety. The Davis boys helped stack up the porch with firewood. I took the five along to 1:10 Boiceville bus & met their father coming home for Thanksgiving . This PM I got another load of leaves same place as yesterday. Cornelia called up from Waverly early evng.

Paul M. McConas 35 of South Boulevard fatally injured about 12:30 PM while working under his car. His chest crushed, was dead upon arrival by ambulance at Benedictine Hosp.

Newspaper clipping
The news Leader, Friday 11/23/51

Car Crushes West Hurley

Man To Death

Paul McConas, 35, of West Hurly was crushed to death under his car about 12:30 p.m. yesterday while his wife was preparing a Thanksgiving dinner at their home nearby.

McConas and employee of the Beekman Brickyard below Poughkeepsie, thought that while his wife was preparing the dinner he would go out and take out the drive shaft of his car.

He drove the front of the car up on a rocky ledge, pulled on the emergency brake and went beneath the vehicle. What McConas did not know, evidently, was that the emergency brake operated on the drive shaft.

As he was removing the drive shaft, the emergency brake was released and the car slipped back from the ledge, pinning him beneath the drive shaft and crushing his chest.

Screams Are Heard

McConas, who is married and has three small daughters screamed. He was heard by Mrs Marion Carey, a neighbor, who answered his cries and called Mrs McConas. They tried to lift the car but couldn't.

Herbert J.Glass, operator of a general store in West Hurley, and several others in the vicinity, were summoned and lifted the car from McConas's chest.

He was taken to the Benedictine Hospital by Connor's Ambulance Service but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Coronor Arthur Kelly was notified and is conducting

an investigation . Under Sheriff Clayton Vreenberg and Deputy Sheriff Wiloliam Churchill investigated.

November 23, Friday — 44 degrees 7 AM 52 11 PM.
Rained last night and early this morning. Mild & cloudy.
Light rain along all PM & evng – blustery.

Did chores & drew out manure AM This PM tho rather rainy with Ollie & Arthur Davis helping I got a well packed load of leaves along the old quarry road. Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear stating that Mr Longyear has had 2 more heart attacks & flat in bed again. She also gratefully acknowledged our Thanksgiving box.

November 24, Saturday — 40 degrees 7 AM 24 12 Pm.
Rainy night and this morning - still - & foggy. Started breaking away in north toward noon & was blustery & colder PM & evng.

Somewhere somehow I lost my glasses during my trip to Kingston Wed. night & have been getting along with a substitute. This PM Ollie went with me to Ellenville, called on Dr & Mrs McCartney brat home a supply of stale cake he gave me. Also I was able to purchase a pair of reading glasses with flesh colored plastic frames for \$3.00. Rec'd letter Mrs Knorph enclosing a check \$24.72 & expressing thanks for our Thanksgiving box also rec'd letter Cornelia.

November 25, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 AM 32 11 PM.
Froze up last night mostly sunny & cold becoming overcast toward evng – rather blustery tonight.

Deer hunters plentiful – kills few. Sawn Brewster – Don Every Geo. Burgher.

With storm brewing I observed the Sabbath by getting another load of leaves.

November 26, Monday — 32 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM. Four inches of soggy snow fell during the night. The season's first real snow storm locally 6 inches reported up Watson Hollow. Thawing – windy & squally. High northerly gales tonight.

The town & county snow plows started seasonal operations. I did chores & split & piled wood under the shed - chunks I put under last spring. This evng I attended reception tendered the visitation of Assembly President Mrs Bessie Mac Intyre at Olive Rebekah Lodge # 470.

November 27, Tuesday — 24 degrees 7 AM 4 12 PM. Blustery night & colder. Beautiful clear wintry day & cloudless still crispy evng. Much colder tonight.

Other than doing chores I split & piled wood & stocked up the porch supply. Sears Roebuck sent a service man from their Newburgh store to make some minor adjustments to my Cold Spot Refrigerator, purchased last winter.

November 28, Wednesday — 7 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM. Snappy winters night. Became overcast with the sunrise this AM, was glum & cloudy all day & evng.

I took load of manure over on corn ground AM. This

PM I went over to John Nichols Triangle Gas station on Samsonville road & had my car winter serviced, snow tires re-mounted – mileage 34026.

November 29, Thursday — 18 degrees 7 AM 22 11 PM. Clear - still - hazy - pleasantly mild and thawing during day. Pretty snappy morning & evng.

Besides doing chores I ranked up wood chunks along end of barn & under shed. Had visitation of 3 cattle buyers. Geo Pearson of Lake Katrine, Bruno Mallenhouer of Kingston & Otto Skinner & father of Otisville. I bargained to sell the latter my 2 year old Guernsey bull for 250.00 & Ollie Gene cow & calf for \$200.00.

Newspaper clipping.

	Churning the
Butter	
on and on;	The dashers steady thump goes
sings or hums,	The boy who churns the butter
boy's arms	It seems forever to a small
and butter comes.	Before "thump" turns to plop
blue churn,	His mother hurries to the sky
	Holding the tray upon her

ample lap
maple bowl,
one last slap.

waiting for;
the bung.
his mug
tongue.

She works the harvest in the

Her paddle gives the butter

This is the time the boy is

The buttermilk is flowing from

With globs of butter floating in

Cool buttermilk is tangy on his

Inez George Gridley

November 30, Friday — 22 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.
Continued clear a bit hazy, calm & cloudless day &
evng.

Did chores split some wood. This PM I went up to the
Harold Mellon sawmill along the left side of the Bushkill
above the bridge & got a big wagon load of sawdust.
At dusk Mother and I saw 4 high flying jet planes above
the Wittenbergs trailing their vapor plumes headed west.

December 1, Saturday — 28 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM.
Real mild - still with considerable high hazy overcast.
Clear & calm evng like sap weather.

Split wood awhile AM after chores. Spread wagon

load manure on corn ground PM. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Initiatory Degree was conferred on Frederick Dirks, Christ Schwabe and Tom Provenzano candidates from Bearsville Lodge # 53. Refreshments followed.

December 2, Sunday — 44 degrees 7:30 AM 26 12 PM.
Mostly sunny real mild like sap weather – snow going off & water running. Warmest day since mid November, some haze & high overcast. Growing crescent moon back of South Hollow evng. Turned colder.

Did chores & odd jobs started getting infertile incubator eggs at Herman Weidner's 2 cases unusually early. Charles Langer & his mother called PM first in months.

December 3, Monday — 22 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM.
Raw chilly air – cloudy still but thawing.

I made a trip to Kingston. Took Ollie to the unemployment office fro routine report. Got back 3:30 and ranked up some firewood & did chores. Otto Skinner came noontime & got the cow & bull – Paid check \$450.00. I sent Mrs Jane Boswick pine greens & small tree – Postage .37.

Tonight I went with Maxie Luedtke with his car & Claude Beidler & Wm Frankle to Kingston & witnessed conferring of 3rd degree at Rondout Lodge # 345. Past commanders of Rondout Commandary # 52 in full uniform put on the First Section – 4 candidates. Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge took Wm Lortz & Alex Adami to

Saugerties where they rec'd 1st Degree.

December 4, Tuesday — 36 degrees 7 AM 50 11:30 PM. Dismal still mild threatening day, finally set in rainy early evng – muddy weather.

I did chores, spread load manure on corn stubble ground & got a load of chunk wood on Ollies back porch. Spent the evng sleeping on cot – very tired.

December 5, Wednesday — 52 degrees 7 AM 52 12 PM .Drenching night and continued foggy and rainy all day & evening with occasional let ups – warm & humid.

Did chores. Wrote new Leader copy AM. This PM split & piled some wood under shed. Tonight I went with Jesse Shurter & Maxie Luedtke to Royal Arch Degree at Mt Horeb Chapter # 75. Jesse was among a class of 6 candidates.

December 6, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 AM 56 12 Pm. The murk and fog cleared this morning and the day was sunny and balmy – 70 in mid day. Cloudless moonlight evng. Brilliant moon nearing full – Somewhat breezy.

Busy with usual chores AM. PM I plowed a strip of sod from along cross path to corner of woods for potatoes & sweet corn. The strip I had manured over. I had potatoes & sweet corn here in 1941.

December 7, Friday — 50 degrees 7 AM 64 12 PM. 10th anniversary of Pearl harbor. Partly cloudy – rainy early evng – clearing beautifully – warmer & windy –

spring weather.

Did chores & odd jobs, split & piled wood. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear. Said he has had no more heart attacks, sits up in his big chair resting easy but quite weak. He greatly enjoys my almost daily cards or occasional letters.

This evng I took Ollie up to see her brother Ben & then to Phoenicia and saw the very wonderful picture "The Blue Veil" starring Jane Wyman.

December 8, Saturday — 58 degrees 7 AM 40 12 PM.
Partly cloudy to cloudy yet considerable sunshine. Wind to northerly with a noticeably trend to cooler weather – set in rainy late evng.

Drew manure over on corn stubble ground, got a load of leaves & got in some wood splitting & piling. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. 2nd Degree regularly conferred on William Lortz & Alex Adami – also rec'd secret work of 3rd degree, providing full membership. Refreshments followed.

December 9, Sunday — 34 degrees 7 AM 36 11 PM.
Rainy & showers & sunshine along till mid PM – becoming windy glum & decidedly colder tonite.

Got 3 cases infertile eggs to Herman Weidner's. Did daily chores etc. Spent evng sleeping on cot & no writing done.

December 10, Monday — 34 degrees 7 AM 29 12 PM.
Blustery sour & snow squally most of day but not

freezing. Partly cloudy evng, big bright moon playing hide & seek, wind quieted.

I was mostly busy with team & wagon putting wood from pile on Ollie's back porch. I split & piled wood awhile after supper. Wrote air mail card to Mariam tonight.

December 11, Tuesday — 22 7 AM Sharp drop in temp & frozen up this morning. Cold raw wind – overcast , inclined to be squally, clearing at evng, bright moonlight almost at the full.

Did usual chores – split & piled some wood. Packed & sent bag of greens to Mr & Mrs Longyear P.P. .54. Drawed over a load of manure on corn ground PM. & put a load of stove wood on Ollies back porch. I packed a bag of greens this evng for Mrs Knorph.

December 12, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7 AM 24 11:30 PM. Raw cold sour weather – snow squally – whitening flurries tonight. The full moon was mostly obscured.

I got another wagon load of wood piled on Ollie back porch. Helped Allen Rose load her 7 year old pet sow “Pill” for market, also transferred Ollies pig I kept in my pen up to take “Pills” place. George Burgher finished re-flooring Ollies kitchen with “Kentile” blocks over 3/4 inch plywood.

My esteemed & trusted cousin Fred W. Bishop died 28 years ago this evng.

December 13, Thursday — 14 degrees 7 AM 16 12 PM.
Snappy winter weather. Biting northerly wind & somewhat squally – partly cloudy.

Busy with general chores AM. This PM I put wood on Ollies back porch & brought a clean up load of chunks home & under shed. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter, Reggie Davis, Max Luedtke & Claude Beidler to Kingston to Ancient City Council # 21 where the Royal & Select Master Degree were conferred on Bob Browning & Jesse Shurter on the latters 60th birthday anniversary. Christmas cards started arriving.

December 14, Friday — 6 degrees 7 AM 17 11 PM.
Sunny early, becoming overcast still & cold. Snowstorm settled in mid afternoon.

Busy AM with chores & clean up jobs. This PM I spread wagon load manure on corn stubble ground in the gathering snow storm. John A. Lawson of Hurley our old West Shokan adjoining farm neighbor of pre- reservoir days died this morning in Kingston in his 90th year. He is survived by his wife Carrie Ennist Lawson & daughter Adaline, my old schoolmate.

December 15, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 AM 10 12 PM. The snowstorm turned to sleet & some rain in night with 8 inches and a thin crust on which prevents drifting. Colder - very windy snow squally.

Snow plow crews both town & county had a busy night & day opening the roads. Done daily chores & helped Ollie get xmas greens. Rec'd a card from

Cornelia saying Dick's lawsuit for the loss of his leg was settled out of court Monday AM for \$11,000.00
I put in the long evening writing Christmas cards.. Mrs Margaret Every Votee of Kingston formerly of Brodhead widow of Will Votee died. She was one of the large family of Pete Every, born in Bushkill.

December 16, Sunday — 2 degrees 7 AM 2 11 PM.
Crispy wintry weather. Partly cloudy - blustery

I went to Herman Weidner's noontime, nearly got stuck in driveway, got 2 cases infertile eggs. Spent part of PM & all evng writing cards & letters to Mariam, Bob, Gaye, Jeannie, & Bobby Jr. Also card letter to Evelyn Longyear.

December 17, Monday — 10 below zero 7 AM 6 12 Pm. Mid winter weather, stinging cold – sunny bright day – some wind PM. Didn't even thaw in sun.

I made a trip to Kingston by way of Kripplebush & Stone Ridge – stopped at Lounsberry's & Fred Baumgarten's. Took Ernie 6 lb butter @ .79 paid \$4.74. Ollie went along for routine report at unemployment office. We took Lennie Mooney a good supply for Christmas. Was after dark getting home. Sent Mrs Cornwell Longyear bat of pine tips to Alberquerque . Sent air mail cards & letter to Mariam & family also registered letter with 5 crisp new 5 dollar bills enclosed.

December 18, Tuesday — 10 degrees 8 AM 30 11 PM. Another heavy snowstorm of 6 inches today

petered out with rain evng to form a thin crust latter PM. Very blustery & squally tonite.

Snow plows having a tough time with the heavy snow & roads very slippery. I finally got out a big cart load manure spread below garden when storm stopped. Sent some 70 Christmas cards today & rec'd a batch.

December 19, Wednesday — 8 degrees 7 AM 6 below zero 12 PM. Cold somewhat windy & some overcast – cloudless, still & very cold tonight.

Did chores drew out manure. This PM Dr McCartney came to Ollies & I

got him 4 cedar Christmas trees. Sent Parcel Post box to Mr & Mrs Longyear. Also wrote air mail card to Mariam. Sent & rec'd more cards, one from Cornelia of her children – Norah 7 & Ellen one year old Christmas. Sent Cornelia & Dick Christmas check \$20.00

December 20, Thursday — 8 below zero 7 AM 32 11 PM. Sunny early but soon murked over – biting cold & still. Set in snowing & slippery early afternoon around 2 o'clock. Temp moderated & changed to rain tonite.

Sent a Christmas box to Cornelia up in Rome. Newly made butter, potatoes, turnips, squash & pumpkins & pine greens. Had a call by Monroe Coddington of Tilson & his brother John noontime. He brat me a bottle of Schenley reserve whiskey & gave Mother 5.00 as a Christmas present. She played hymns for them on piano & we sang like old times. They said their visit did them a

world of good.

Today is my 41st wedding anniversary.

December 21, Friday — 36 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM
.Rained most of night. Part cloudy, windy late PM - rain squall – all cleared evng. Real mild temp got up near 60 – snow melting & water running slushy.

I did daily chores, let the cattle out for exercise first in over a week. Shoveled off porch roofs. Turned water out of bathroom etc. Continued to write & rec'd cards. This evng I took Ollie up to see Ben & do some xmas shopping in Phoenicia. Also attended movies. “The Mob That Defied The Kefaurer Committee” waterfront racketeering.

December 22, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 AM 18 12 PM.
Froze up during night. Raw biting wind from the High Point quarter. Thawed some in the sun – cloudless quiet night.

Kept pretty busy with chores, repaired and got the dray sleigh out of chicken house storage & drew out manure – finished covering Ollie’s old barn garden alfalfa patch.

I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonite. Had excellent refreshments. Nominations were closed as follows. For – Noble Grand Walter Lang – Vice Grand Henry Maben – Rec Secy Harlowe McLean – Fin. Secy Wm Stevens who succeeds the late Virgil C.Gordon – Grover Christiana - Treas.

The out going & incoming cards continue.

December 23, Sunday — 14 degrees 7 AM 30 12 PM.
Still, crispy & sunny, very blustery from High Point
quartering & clear.

Did daily chores. Went & got 2 cases infertile eggs at
Weidner's. I answered Agnes McGarney's letter evng.
They have moved from Margaretville to Yonkers.

December 24, Monday — 24 7 AM 30 5 :30 PM 16
12 PM. Partly cloudy, crispy chilly wind. Thawed
during the day. Starlight much colder tonight.

Aside from doing chores I butchered our biggest pig
with the good & neighborly assistance of William Davis,
up from the city for Christmas. The pig in sleek
condition dressed 196. Rec'd Christmas box from
Cornelia & a pkg from Jeanne Longyear. Joan Brunet
(Bishop barn tenants) came over this evng & set up in
our dining room in radio corner a 4 ft cedar xmas tree
and decorated it with colored lights, tinsel & ornaments.

December 25, Tuesday — 14 degrees 7 AM 22 12 PM.
A dreary still chill snowy slippery Christmas day &
evng.

Don & Joan Brunet came over noon time. Donnie
Bishop brought over a basket of fruit and Santa Claus
scene Christmas card to Mother. During PM I took Don
& Joan & baby Stephen up to her mother's on the hill
road at Cold Brook. Mother & I opened our presents this
morning which I placed under the Christmas tree in
Santa Claus fashion. This evng I wrote a Christmas letter
to Mariam & family in Mexico City.

December 26, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 AM 16
11:30 PM The snowstorm stopped during the night
with a fall of 5 inches. Snow plows & sanding crews
town & county have a busy job, as roads are very
slippery. The storm clouds gradually gave way to
sunshine & was windy & drifty. Cloudless still tonight.

Ollie & I went up around noontime and visited Ed
Avery & Jennie Kerr. Ed has a bad heart condition & is
very blue & discouraged & fears he may die anytime. I
took them some vegetables & fresh pork & tried to cheer
him up. During PM I went over to Will Jordan's & got
hair cut. Rec'd beautiful large color foto of Bobby
Longyear 3rd which Mariam & Bob had sent from
Brownsville ,Texas. Cornelia called up tonight from
Rome. She had rec'd my \$20.00 xmas check & xmas box
in excellent condition.

December 27, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 AM Zero
11:30 PM. Crispy cold bright sunshiny day, somewhat
blustery – still cloudless & zero tonight.

Did chores – cut up the pig down celler for processing
& drew out big load manure on meadow below
garden. Bought of Joe Aronofsky of Olive Bridge 4 lbs
of ground beef for mixing with sausage meat .80 lb–
Paid. Wrote News Leader copy evng.

December 28, Friday — Zero 7 AM 22 11 PM
Reservoir frozen over. A very snappy cold still night.
Reservoir frosted over white this AM. Sunny AM
becoming overcast & set in snowy PM. Strong gusty

S.W. wind tonight from High Point quarter.

Ollie & I got the winter's first dray load of dead oak firewood PM in back woods, both sides of road – snow knee deep. The Kingston news Leader suspended daily publication & will revert back to weekly Thursday edition.

December 29, Saturday — The snow didn't amount to much, it fell along lightly this AM Gloomy cloudy PM some stars were out tonight. The reservoir remains frozen over despite last nights wind storm.

Did usual chores – spread dray load manure.

December 30, Sunday — Murky - damp - mild customary weekend weather.

Did chores – visited around some. Got 2 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Dr & Mrs Robt A McCartney came from Ellenville bringing a pair of small hams for curing with mine. They ate lunch at Ollie Burgher's

I am still vividly aware that it was 20 years ago this morning that Daisy carried our Little Honey Lillian down stairs & spelled out the word S I C K.

December 31, Monday — 34 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM. Continued chill damp & cloudy. Snow soft & a bit slushy.

Did usual chores. Got dray load firewood, dead oak poles in back woods. Spread dray load manure on alfalfa patch. Billy & Charley Davis went along for the sleigh

ride & helped somewhat. After supper I got the hams & bacon down in brine cure. Salted the side pork yesterday. The weather is vividly typical of the brand 20 years ago when darling Lillian was fatally ill, but we didn't seem to understand. Rec'd by Ins. P.P. wooden box sent by Mariam & Bob from Brownsville, Texas. It contained 2 bottles Mexican cognac brandy – 1 lb box chocolate mints & 2 candy canes (1 was broken) all else traveled well – was post marked Dec.19 – 51.

ELWYN C. DAVIS DIARY 1952

JANUARY 1 Tuesday 34/17am 38/12pm

The year begins with a continuation of gloomy mild weather, with a soft slushy snow blanket. The reservoir ice field frozen over Dec.28 - at zero preceding all night temp remains intact. Today opened with fog & gloom, later during both am & pm there were periods of sunshine & this evng a growing crescent moon welcomely shone over High Point. Today as everyday were the usual chores & odd jobs. I cut up some wood from pile I drew handy by the kitchen porch.

The time honored .01cent US Postal card passed out of existence after 70 years. Price is now .02 cents. Howard Trowbridge new Supt of Highways took over in' place of Two termer Francis Whispell Dem.

JANUARY 2 Wednesday 34/17am 30/12pm

Cloudy gloomy chill damp, threatening. Set in snowing evng, 1 made a business trip to Kingston. 1 visited

children's ward in Kingston Hospital and looked at the bed 3rd to left of entrance where my Darling 4 yr old daughter Lillian Ellen Davis died 20 yrs ago tonight at 11:20, following operation for ruptured appendix performed by Dr. Chandler. The 1952-3 Olive Town Board held its organization meeting tonite at the Town Garage on Bushkill road The new member is Justice Frank C. Carle (R) of Shokan - otherwise Claude Bell - 4th term re elected Supervisor. Delia Lewis - town clerk re-elected (D&R) Justice Lester S. Davis (R) re-elected, Raymond Bell & Grant Avery hold over Justices.

JANUARY 3 Thursday 30/7:30am 20/11pm
Snowed 2 ½ " during night. Murky gloomy this morning but gradually broke away & became blustery - & snow blowing. Bright sunshine - Cloudless still crispy evng with high riding moon nearly half: Did chores - drew dray load manure spread on alfalfa patch - This pm Ollie Burgher helped me cut a dray load oak pole firewood in back woods across the road. I sent calendars to Mariam also Pop Longyear -air mail New Years card & letter to Mexico.

JANUARY 4 Friday 7:30 am 24/12 pm
Bright and sunny but rather windy, gradually developed overcast latter pm & evng set in snowing around midnight. Busy with chores & odd jobs in variety am. Ollie helped me get a dray load of oak firewood pm. This evng we went up to see Ben Burgher & then to Phoenicia and saw the hilarious and exciting western picture

Honeychile. Rec'd 2 letters Mrs. Longyear saying "Pop" has-had 1 heart attack since last Jan.2 - 51. Also letter from Cornelia & air mail letter from Mariam.

JANUARY 5 Saturday 26/7am 30/10 pm
The snowfall petered out this morning with 4 ½ ". It clung majestically to the trees, but fell off or melted under the influence of occasional midday bright sunshine. Otherwise mostly cloudy pm & evng. Roads very slippery with snow plows and sanding trucks in operation. Did chores. Washed the car filed buck saw & bucked up wood to settle my supper. Rec'd card from Mrs. Longyear, that he had his 12th heart attack. Twenty years ago this pm with weather conditions simulating that of today, home funeral services were held for our Little honey Girl, Lilliam Ellen Davis. Minister Rev. Carl P.W. Ahrens. Interment Tongore Cemetery, undertaker H. Lee Breithaupt.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date:

FRED JOHNSON

Fred Johnson of West Shokan died Saturday in Kingston. He is survived by two brothers, William and Frank Jordan; a sister, Mrs. Henry Delamater, all of West Shokan; four nephews, Harry, Burton Jordan, Roxbury; John Jordan, Ithaca and Francis Conro, Chandler, Ariz.; and a niece, Mary Roe, Newburgh. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 am from the Lasher Funeral Home in Woodstock conducted by the Rev. Olney E. Cook. Burial will be in Tongore Cemetery.

JANUARY 6 Sunday 26/7:30am 20/12pm
Mostly cloudy, thawing lightly - colder tonight. Clearing
- wind light. Did chores. Ollie went along after eggs to
Herman Weidner's, got most 3 cases. We also called on
Ed Avery, Jennie Kerr & found him decidedly improved
& much more cheerful than our last visit after Christmas.

JANUARY 7 Monday 18/7am zero/ 11pm
Cloudless crispy cold still - Zerowy moonlight tonite.
Busy with chore routine. This pm I spread dray load
manure on last years corn stubble above 3 corner lot.
Also cut a load of firewood in lower Hinkley woods.
This evng I went with Jesse Shurter to Williams Lake
Hotel, Binnewater, to the 35th annual banquet of the
Ulster County Supervisors Assn - attended by over 500.
We were guests of supervisor Claude Bell - 32 were
seated at the Town of Olive tables. (program card with
menu found in diary for this date)

JANUARY 8 Tuesday 2 below zero/7am 14/12pm
The upper section of reservoir west basin, diagonally
across to me old Shokan inlet which had become open
water was re-frozen over last night. Cloudless biting cold
still - Clouded over at evening. Ollie helped me cut
a big dray load of oak pole firewood pm, I spent the evng
resting on my comfortable dining room cot - no writing
done.

JANUARY 9 Wednesday 14/12am 26/12pm
Still - Sunny this morning, following a light snow flurry.

Overcast pm & evng. Wrote News Leader copy this am -
This pm spread load manure & we cut a dray load oak
firewood. I went with Reggie Davis & Claude Beidler to
6:30pm dinner & annual meeting & election &
installation of officers at Rondout Commandary N0 52 -
K. T. at Masonic Temple, Kingston. Lamont V.
Simpkins is the new Emminent Commander.

JANUARY 10 Thursday 26/7am 20/1:30pm
Overcast murky - A skim of fine snow fell this morning
then stopped. Flurries in pm - Clearing evng - windy
colder bright big moon. I bucked up the pole wood &
piled on porch am. This pm Ollie & I cut a big dray load
of oak. Mostly dead pole wood in back woods . Rec'd
letter Mrs. Longyear. Says his condition improved.

JANUARY 11 Friday 16/7am 10/ 1:30pm
Cloudless snappy air. Northerly wind biting. Became
partly overcast at evng, later clearing with a wide circle
around the "full moon" Busy am with chore jobs. We cut
a big dray load of mostly dead rock & red oak pole wood
in back woods near road. Rec'd letter from Mariam
acknowledging Christmas money \$25 - deluge of letters
etc. Also rec'd interesting letter from Evelyn Longyear in
Albuquerque NM. They rec'd my bundle of pine tips for
Xmas, sent mid Dec - on Jan 2. John F De Puy 76 of
Kerhonkson, the second Mrs. Wm. Simpson's husband
died. He had several grown step children. Jerry Quick of
Naponach & Mrs. Fred Simpson of Kerhonkson, are my
estranged wife's step sisters.

JANUARY 12 Saturday 20/7am 26/12pm
Sunny - thawing during day. Some hi overcast. Still moonlight night. Started getting the old Ford T in shape for wood sawing am. This pm Ollie & I got a dray load of oak. pole wood, partly dead. This evng I went with Claude Beidler to IOOF Lodge 21, refreshments followed. William Quick veteran member Shokan Lodge No 491 & for many years Olive Bridge general store prop died, at his home this morning. He had been in poor health for some time.

JANUARY 13 Sunday 22/7am 32/11 pm
Biting damp cold till the morning gave way to mild sunshine. The weather calm & clouded over latter pm. I got 2 cases infertile eggs at Weidner's. This pm Ollie helped get the old Ford saw rig set up & sawed some wood to try it out. No callers today .

JANUARY 14 Monday 32/7 am . 34/12pm
Arrived. rainy, later part breaking away, occasional sunshine. Murky still evng. Slushy traveling. I made a business trip to Kingston - Ollie Burgher went along for routine report at Unemployment Office. We went to see Lemuel E. DuBois who is a pneumonia patient, now recovering at the Benedictine Hosp. He is in a helpless physical condition, has 2 special nurses. .

JANUARY 15 Tuesday 34/7:30 am 33/12pm
Dismal foggy rainy am. Sunny windy mild pm. Starlight still evng with patches of dense fog. Snow took a licking,

fields partly bare. Did chores & wrote news - Leader copy am. This pm I took dray load manure over on corn stubble ground. This evng in a group of 30 members of Shokan IOOF Lodge No 491, I with Charley Gensbittel, Claude Beidler & Walter Lang, attended ritualistic services for Bro. William Quick at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock. PG James McGlocklin as Noble Grand & myself, EC Davis, Chaplain, conducted the service. Funeral 2 pm at Lasher's Woodstock for Miss Bertha Greene of Shokan. Interment Tongore Cemetery. She was a sister of Will & Charley Greene - a lifelong resident She died in Kingston nursing home Jan. 12.

JANUARY 16 Wednesday 34/7am 26/12pm
March like maple sap weather. Clear, stingy Northerly wind - thawing-quieting pm-freezing clear & still tonite. Don Brunet helped me put in a burned out connecting rod in the old Ford. Latter pm Ollie helped me get a dray load firewood in upper woods. Tonight I worked on my federal income tax report. Tax day at Lester S. Davis store. Supervisor Claude Bell, Helen Marshall sitting for Coll. Lem DuBois.

Home Farm Val. 1600 - 25 acres
General Tax 36.44 Highway Tax 18.73 Total \$55.17
Rate 345+ per M

Old Hinkley Farm Valuation \$300 - 43 acres General
Tax 683 Highway 3.51 Total \$10.34 Paid by me EC
Davis

Funeral 2 pm Olive Bridge ME church for William
Quick. Sermon by Rev. Jack Savage, assisted by Rev.

Merton S. Cady Interment Tongore Cemetery.

JANUARY 17 Thursday 22/7am 34/11pm
Clouded over after sunrise from the West. Cold & damp.
Set in sleeting around 9 o'clock & continued - with
intermittent snow & rain. Rainy tonight. Ground white
with sleet, slippery. I got cylinder head back on old Ford
in the storm - Done chores & that was the days
accomplishments.

JANUARY 18 Friday 38/7:30am 30/12pm
Bright sunny March like weather - Brisk northerly wind -
Thawing during day - wind quieted at evng. Can't get the
old Ford going. Has lost compression. Probably flakes of
carbon got under valves. This pm spread dray load
manure on alfalfa patch & Ollie helped me get a dray
load of mostly dead oak firewood in upper woods. This
evng went to Mt, Tremper & saw Ben Burgher, then to
Phoenicia to see Flame of Araby. Rec'd letter Mrs.
Longyear saying that Mariam, Bob & the girls had foned
them from Mexico & Pop keeps gaining.

JANUARY 19 Saturday 20/7am 30/12pm
Still, sunny but hazy, - overcast thickened pm & set in
snowing early evng changing to sleet. Ben Burgher came
down this am & lubricated the be carboned old Ford
valves with "Wizard Oil" & got the motor running. I took
a wagon load of sawed wood up to Ollie's & piled on her
front kitchen porch - Later in the pm we got sawing
nicely, when a connecting rod bearing banged out again.

I went with Claude Beidler to IOOF Lodge evng ,good turnout & good refreshments.

JANUARY 20 Sunday 34/8am 34/10pm
The storm petered out during the night. About 2 ½ " snow, sleet fell. Mostly cloudy slushy traveling - Northerly wind I got about 2 cases of infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This pm Ollie & I went over to Ellenville & called on Dr.&Mrs. McCartney. Came back by way of 209 & saw the 1952 Chevy's at Anderson's Garage at Accord, also stopped at Fred Baumgarten's before heading home by way of Kripplebush.

JANUARY 21 Monday 1 8/7am 8/12pm
Patches of open water has broken the upper end of the frozen reservoir. Bright sunny day, with crisp Northerly wind, which quieted pm. Spread dray load manure on alfalfa patch & then pm Ollie helped me cut a big dray load of dead oak firewood in upper woods. I fell on ice at comer of pig yard fence & give my often hurt right shoulder a good bang. Rec'd letter Ada Bell. This morning I had a cold job removing the same No2 piston & burned out connecting rod from the old Ford. I started tonite reading an intriguing Civil War novel - No Bugles Tonight, dealing with the fate of the unsuccessful Andrew's Raiders. The famous locomotive "The General" in which the Anderson party made their daring dash. I saw at the NY Worlds Fair in Oct 1940.

JANUARY 22 Tuesday 10/11:30am 40/1:00 pm
Arrived overcast & biting cold - set in snowing around noon & continued changing to sleet & tonight rain with temperature moderated. Stacked up the porch with firewood this morning after chores. Had horses harnessed & ready to start for load firewood when storm settled down. Noon time I went over to Joe Snyder's to have him make out my income tax report. Nothing much doing pm. Wrote news copy evng & read No Bugles tonight.

JANUARY 23 Wednesday 34/7:30am . 24/12pm
Everywhere is a glare of ice this morning, but roads melted mostly clear by mid day. Sand trucks busy. Crispy northerly wind but thawing during day. Variable cloudiness, mostly sunny am & cloudy squally evng. I went over to Bob Haver's Ashokan Garage & got another Ford T used piston & connecting rod for a buck - & paid for one got previous also a dollar. 23 gal Blue Sunoco gas at .23 cents. Also went to Bert Winne's in regard to my old Ford troubles. This pm drew out manure & Ollie helped me get a big dray load of mostly dead oak firewood in upper woods. Rec'd air letter Mariam also card from Bob. Said Santa Claus gave him a 20 ga. Ithaca pump- with sighting.

JANUARY 24 Thursday 18/7am 10/12pm
Overcast this morning, but cleared away sunny with biting strong Northerly wind, which quieted at evng. Clear, snappy cold tonight. Busy with usual chores this

morning. Got an early afternoon start & Ollie & I got 2
dray loads of mostly oak firewood in upper woods. Tired
out & spent my evng on the dining room couch .

.JANUARY 25 Friday 6/7am 28/12pm
Still - biting cold this morning. Clear gradually becoming
drably overcast & set in snowing latter pm but petered
out after whitening the ground. With Don Brnnet and my
Plymouth 47, towing my old Ford T (1922) we got it up
to Bert Winnie's Garage for necessary repairs. This pm
Ollie & I got a big dray load of fire wood. Mostly dead
rock oak from back upper woods. Rec'd from Joe Snyder
my prepared 1951 Federal Income Tax report - forms
1040 & I040F - no tax - Paid him for services \$3.00

JANUARY 26 Saturday 34/7:30 am 42/12 pm
More snow fell during night, turned to rain. Continued
falling along shower like all day with heavier fall
tonight. The new snow disappeared in the slushy run off.
Very foggy evng. Not much doing other than chores &
filing saw blades. This evng I went early for IOOF Lodge
& helped Oscar Dudley & Claude Beidler with setting up
the tables. Dist. Deputy Winston VanKleek & staff
installed officers as follows:

Jr.PG - Steve Jurkowski - Noble Grnd-Walter Lang,
V.Grnd-Henry Maben - Rec Sec-Harlowe Mclean,
FinSec-Wm.Stevens - Treas.-Grover C. Christiana -
Appointive officers were given charge by D.D.G.M.
Kenneth Brown of Green County. RSNG-Alonzo Davis -
LSNG-Raymond Markle - Warden-Reggie Davis .:

Conductor-Abram Smith - RSS-Ed Weldt - LSS-
Wm.Lortz - RSVG-Jack Darling - LS VG-Edward
Ordway - Inside Guard-Edw Jurkowski -
OG-Chas.Gustavson. Chaplain-ECDavis - PDD-Aaron
Gray of Bearsville No 533 was present. A bountious
sliced fresh baked ham supper was served. Due to the
wet foggy night only between 30-35 present.

JANUARY 27 Sunday 42/7:30 am
Dismal damp chill foggy day & evng. Did usual chores
& this pm I got 2 cases eggs Herman Weidner's. Went up
to see how Bert Winne was making out with the old Ford
& on up to Ben Burgher's.

JANUARY 28 Monday 30/7am 18/12pm
Chill - dismal foggy. Set in snowing early pm continuing
till early evng. Later turning colder & blustery. I made a
trip to Kingston. Ollie went along for routine report to
the unemployment office. I went by way of Kripplebush
& took Emie Lounsberry 5Lbs butter at .85cents a lb-
paid. Stopped briefly at Fred Baumgarten's. Went to soil
Conservation office & signed up for a ton of acid
fertilizer - came back by way of Ashokan & stopped at
Lem DuBois's - He spent a week in hosp where I saw
him 2 weeks ago. He recovered from the pneumonia, but
remains in same helpless condition. Wrote news Leader
copy evng. The new George Washington school opened
in Kingston.

JANUARY 29 Tuesday 6/7am zero/12pm

Brilliant sunny snappy cold day. Light icy Northerly wind Still & cloudless evng with brilliant growing crescent moon. Ground white with the new snow of 1 ½ .
" Spread big over weekend dray load manure on corn stubble ground and this pm Ollie & I got a big load of mostly dead firewood in upper woods along the ledge. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear that Pop had his 14th heart attack last Wed.

JANUARY 30 Wednesday 3/7am

Still clear cold. Cloudless evng, Near zero but not so biting as yesterday. Jim Harrison went with me up to Bert Winnie's & drove my Plymouth back & I the old Ford under its own power. Bert charged \$10 for the job which I paid. He ground the valves, fitted connecting rod, cleaned plugged oil line & minor adjustments. It has noticeably more power - This pm Ollie & I tried it out sawing & then got dray load firewood in upper back end of woods.

JANUARY 31 Thursday 4/7am 22/12pm

Calm - Bright sunny this morning but some high overcast developed. Bright crescent moon amid broken clouds evng. Ollie & I got in a few hours of wood sawing & made a considerable hole in the pile. Had some bother with the fan belt & gummy timer. The Kingston News Leader published a 64 page tabloid 300th anniversary issue of the founding of Kingston.

FEBRUARY 1 Friday 23/7am 48/10:30pm

The open water holes in upper end of reservoir appears again frozen over. Decidedly milder. Part cloudy but sunny. Breezy pm overcast evng. Busy with chores etc am. This afternoon Ollie & I sawed wood & a lot of it. Rec'd letter Mrs. Knorpp with check 21.67

FEBRUARY 2 Saturday 40/7am 28/12 pm
Mr. Chuck saw his shadow pm, overcast mild with light showers am. Gradually cleared away pm. Clear, crispy moonlight evng. Spring like weather. Snow gone from exposed areas. Spread wagon load manure on corn stubble ground am. This pm Ollie & Arthur Davis helped finish up the wood sawing pile & took big load up & put on Ollie's porch. I attended IOOF Lodge evng & turned over to Fin Secy 56.00 - voluntary donations from members to pay up, Lem DuBois delinquent dues & 2 yrs ahead.

FEBRUARY 3 Sunday 24/7am 34/12pm
Sunny good sap weather am clouded over pm. Still - chill atmosphere. Set in raining near midnight. Got 2 cases eggs at Herman Weidner's pm also called to see Ed Avery. Mother & I wrote air letter to Mariam tonite.

FEBRUARY 4 Monday 34/7am 38/12pm
Rainy night & foggy rainy day & evng. Glum weather. Did usual chores, otherwise rained out. Tonight I took Ollie Burgher up to see her brother Ben at Mt, Tremper & then to Phoenicia and saw Bright Victory from the

novel Lights Out showing the most absorbing and interesting method of rehabilitating World War 2 service men, at Valley Forge Hospital.

FEBRUARY 5 Tuesday 40/8am 34/11pm
Muddy - Mild and sunny springtime this morning - overcast and sour pm with trend to colder. The ice is again breaking up in the upper part of the reservoir. Did usual morning chores & spread dray load manure on plowed sod strip along cross path. This pm Ollie & I did a big job ranking up a tier of round wood along end of barn - cleaned up the pile.

The following is from clipping glued in diary for this date:

FEBRUARY 5, 1952 Christina Embree, Vincent Barringer Wed in Samsonville -
The marriage of Miss Christina Embree, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Embree of Tabasco, to Vincent Barringer, son of Mr and Mrs Floyd Barringer of Samsonville took place Saturday at 2 pm in the Samsonville Church. The Rev. Jack Savage officiated at the double ring ceremony.

FEBRUARY 6 Wednesday 26/7am 26/12pm
Bright clear sunny day, crispy. Sap weather. Froze up last night, snow gone except traces & on cold side of mtns. Became overcast evng & set in snowing midnight. Ollie & I attended the Accord Farmers Co op annual oyster stew in Accord ME church hall. Did not stay for annual

business meeting. Instead went on to Ellenville & visited Mr & Mrs Doc McCartney. Came home by way of Samsonville. This evng I went with Claude N. Beidler to Mt.Horeb Chapter No 75 - The Mark Master Degree conferred on 8 Master Masons.

FEBRUARY 7 Thursday 16/11pm
2" snow fell during night & was threatening this morning but cleared away bright with crisp fresh Northerly wind quieted at evng. I got ready for butchering this am & this pm with Mart Eckert's good help, did a good job hanging up Ollie's pig. It weighted 220 before gutting & dressed 195. Wonderful meat.

FEBRUARY 8 Friday 20/720am 32/12pm
Crispy and sunny this morning, becoming overcast & gradually milder. Cloudy threatening tonight, still. I used the slip of sleighing to take a dray load of manure over on corn stubble ground before dinner. This pm Ollie helped me cut a load of mostly dead oak pole wood across the back road & got it home & sawed up at dark.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date: Kenneth O. Davis who is in the US Forest Service at Kingston, Idaho, writes his aunt, Mrs. Elwyn Winchell, for information about the early life of his grandfather, John Bogart Davis, who was Mrs. Winchell's brother, and for data on his earlier ancestors in Ulster county. J. B. Davis, named after his grandfather, local surveyor and military officer, left Olive as a boy with Nathan Watson

to live in Canaan, Conn., after the latter's big Watson Hollow tannery burned down (1870), and in early manhood he went to Idaho and engaged in the brick making business. Kenneth is therefore a descendant of Andries Davis, Tongore soldier in Washington's Army; of Isaac Davis who settled in Marbletown in the early 1700's, and probably also of the Christopher Davis who came over with the Dutch about 1650 and was official interpreter for the Wiltwyck settlers in their dealings with the Esopus Indians. (John B. Davis was my father's brother. Chase W. Davis 2-8-52)

FEBRUARY 9 Saturday 32/7:30am 30/12pm
High Northerly wind & blizzardy this morning, but gradually cleared bright sunny. Wind quieted at evng. Brilliant almost full moon - getting hazy later. Typical March sap weather. Did chores, spread overnight stable manure - This pm Ollie & got a pick dray load of wood & sawed it up. Noontime I took dray load small round wood up to Ollie's & piled on back kitchen porch. Mother is pretty well store up with a swollen lame left knee, - so I didn't go to lodge tonight as planned.

FEBRUARY 10 Sunday 30/8am 30/12pm
There was a heavy driving west snow squall during late night or early am. Whitening the ground - It disappeared during the bright yet crispy sunny day. Part cloudiness still & early rising full moon tonight - Had small eclipse. I got 1 case infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's - Had dinner at Ollie's with her bro. Ben Burgher & wife &

Mrs. Hazel Gale. Charley Langer & his wonderful mother now 95 called pm. I gave them eggs - turnips & piece fresh pork. Mother had a pretty tough day gamely hobbling around & doing her housework.

FEBRUARY 11 Monday 28/8am 26/12pm
There was a brief dense snowfall early this morning of over 2 inches & turned to rain. However, the storm broke away & the day was bright mild & sunny. Colder, part cloudy & windy tonight typical March. Roads very slippery this am but the snow disappeared from open spaces during the day. I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie went along to make routine report at the unemployment office. Rec'd letter from Lute Bell that Ada had a stroke Sunday pm Feb 3rd affecting her speech right arm & hand.

FEBRUARY 12 Tuesday 20/8am
A howling windy night The action of wind & wave has eaten away the upper reservoir ice field diagonally across below our house to the Shokan inlet - Sunny some high cloudiness continued raging Northerly gales. Biting cold. Brilliant moonlight night. It wasn't fit to work in woods. Did chores. This pm took hams & bacon out of brine & hung up in smokehouse. Used same crock to put Ollie's hams & bacon in cure. This evng I helped her prepare her sausage meat & grind it 16 lbs. Addie Kelder called on mother pm. - We wrote Lute & Ada & sent convalescent card.

FEBRUARY 13 Wednesday 10/7am 8/12pm
Rough windy night & continued biting cold clear & windy all day. Cloudless & not so windy moonlight night. The waves made further but slower progress eating away at the reservoir ice field below us. Stretches of open water show down the mid section. This am I wrote news copy, did chores. This pm Ollie helped me spread 2 dray loads manure on patch along cross path. We also got a load of dead firewood over across the road & sawed it up. The old Ford started easy. Mother's lameness, now in her back makes her feel miserable. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear. He hasn't had a heart attack in nearly 3 weeks. Mother & I rec'd lovely Valentines Day cards from Cornelia, Dick & Norah.

FEBRUARY 14 Thursday 6/7am 14/11pm
Cold night, continued windy reservoir roiling white caps against the slowly receding ice field, arcing from Shokan inlet diagonally South Westerly across. Clear cold windy. Cloudless moonlight evng. I took yesterday's sawed wagon load small wood up to Ollie's & piled on back porch. This pm we got dray load mostly dead wood out in our woods across road & sawed it up. A flash just past midnight fire gutted the Ashokan home of Kenneth Glass 48, and wife & her Aunt Mrs Julius Rider Glass, Marjorie 15, Patsy 9 who suffered 2nd degree hands & face burns are hospitalized. The family is destitute. The Olive Bridge Shokan & W.Shokan fire units responded. This is the first actual test of the local pumper.

FEBRUARY 15 Friday 24/8am 16/11pm
Continued clear & not so cold The ceaseless wind of the past week finally got becalmed. Daily the reservoir ice barrier has grudgingly receded, anchoring to the headland directly across from our house in an arc Southwesterly to the west side. Other than chores my days accomplishment was taking a big wagon load of wood up to Ollie Burgher & piling on front & rear kitchen porches. With traditional pomp & ceremony, King George the VI of England was finally laid to rest in Windsor castle beside the bones of Henry VIII. I listened to the re broadcast of attending high lights between 9 & 10pm over station W.O.R. Olive's ex.4 term supervisor & now 2nd term coll. Lemuel E. DuBois died 2 pm in Kingston Hosp.

FEBRUARY 16 Saturday 6/5:45am 14/7:30am
26/12pm
Cold still night - The open reservoir skimmed over. Clouded over early this morning, broke away later with a period of warm pleasant sunshine, but the afternoon was raw & overcast. A heavy snowstorm set in early evng and continued into the night. I have developed into a fresh miserable head cold Started smoke under hams this morning. Got chunk wood on porch, did chores etc. Drawed out dray load manure pm - Had call from John Young of Milton. Clerk of Oct 48 Grand Jury), of which I was foreman. He brought a box of beautiful Macintosh apples. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. 18 present. Had good refreshments.

FEBRUARY 17 Sunday 30/12pm

The dense snow storm continued most of the night with a soggy fall of 8-9inches. Changed to a freezy drizzle & continued into latter pm & turned to snow with a blizzardly fall of around 4"more. Town, County snow plows did their duty but travel is very heavy & slippery. Chores the principal agenda of the day. This evng Pop Beidler & I went with my car to Phesant Inn, Ashokan, where Jesse Shurter took us & back - to Lashers Parlors Woodstock where a small but hardy group from Shokan IOOF Lodge No 491, Jas.McGlocklin as N. G. & myself, Chaplain conducted service for Bro. Lemuel E. DuBois. Masonic ritual followed by Kingston Lodge No.10. I couldn't get back up the hill & left my car.

FEBRUARY 18 Monday

Crispy - Windy - Sunny with some cloudiness. The heavy fresh coated snow mantles the evergreens. This pm I went with Supervisor Claude Bell & Justice Lester S. Davis to Lemuel E. DuBois funeral 2 o'clock at the Ashokan M.E.church. Rev. Milton Ryan officiated. The interment was in Tongore Cemetery. Bearers were Claude Ben. Reginald E. Davis, Alfred Iapoce & myself: E. C Davis.

FEBRUARY 19 Tuesday 24/8am 16/12pm

Generally bright & sunny. Some high south traveling clouds. Thawing during day. Wind Northerly. Cloudless still tonight. Roads well cleared after the heavy snow storm. A big task for town & county snow plows. I went

to Herman Weidner's noontime & got 2 cases infertile eggs. This pm Ollie helped me get big dray load manure over on corn ground & brought back and sawed load wood. I wrote a meaty news copy tonight

FEBRUARY 20 Wednesday 24/7am 24/2pm
Clear still sunny thawing, becoming overcast during pm.
Set in snowing tonight. Did chore jobs in variety. Kept smoke under hams.

The following is clipping found in diary for this date:
John Rutherford is reported to have been taken ill again, necessitating hospital treatment.
Lemuel E. DuBois who died in Kingston Friday, was one of the best known residents of the reservoir country. He had long served as Republican committeeman and maintained an active interest in party affairs during his illness of several years. The son of Mr and Mrs Charles DuBois of Brown's Station, he was married, August, 1912, to Jessie M. Winne of Kingston, who with four children and eight grandchildren, survive him.

Echo of Waterworks Days: February, 1910 - Witnesses testifying at the hearing of Azarias and Elwyn Winchell's claim before Ashokan Commission No. 12, [business in the old village had been] used as a store for 60 years. It was also brought out that 17 summer boarding houses accommodating 850 guests were numbered among the firm's customers. The elder Winchell, who had been doing business in the former gristmill store of Charles L.

Howk, bought the corner store of reservoir days from George M Everett (a grandfather of Mrs. Arthur Wicks of Kingston) about 1880. The store and residence at a much earlier period was occupied by Samuel North (a great grandfather of Bertha Mathews of Kingston) The Winchells, according to their counsel, Judge Clearwater, sold about everything, from a needle to an anchor."
2-20-52

FEBRUARY 21 Thursday 26/7am 28/2pm
The nights snowfall was 2 inches or better. Misty this morning & the day was murky, a few brief patches of sunshine. Quite a snow shower latter pm. A few brave stars shone thru evng, Kept ham smoke going. Sent 6 dz eggs to Mrs. Knorph & box of 2 pieces of bacon, some potatoes & a few carrots to Cornelia. This pm I spread dray load manure on corn ground & cut & sawed up a small load mostly dead small pole wood - piled on porch.

FEBRUARY 22 Friday 18/12pm
Part cloudy - seasonable temperature. Thawing during day. Generally sunny - Clear still evng, Did chores, kept ham smoke going. Made a pig crate, for me a sizeable job, not being carpentry skilled. Late pm I went up to the Mellon Mill above Bushkill bridge & got big wagon load of sawdust.

FEBRUARY 23 Saturday 14/12pm
Generally sunny till in the afternoon, then became part overcast. A quiet seasonal day - Real nippy still &

starlight tonight. Did chores - kept ham smoke going. This pm I spread dray load manure on corn ground above 3 comer lot. Got load dead firewood under the hill. This evng no IOOF Lodge was held. I attended the full house minstrel show give on a 50/50 basis by the Sunshine IOOF. Minstrels from Highland, sponsored by Shokan Lodge.

John Minervini of Boiceville, Miss Ann DelDuca of Kingston married in St. Joseph's RC church, Kingston

FEBRUARY 24 Sunday 14/7am 14/12pm
Generally clear nice seasonable sunny weather. Clear crispy cold still evng. Thawing during day. Busy with daily chores. Got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Packed box 14 3/ 1b ham & bacon to send Mrs. Knorph, with some potatoes & turnips.

FEBRUARY 25 Monday 14/7am
Partly cloudy - still & moderately cold - There was a mid afternoon snow flurry. Starlight evng I took Ollie Burgher to Kingston for routine unemployment report. I had \$400 in [3]3/4 AT&T Bonds converted into stock on paymt off \$38 additional per bond - making price 138.00 per share - AT&T currently quoted around \$155. We went to Esopus & bought a pair of heavy shovels for \$36 of Howard Markle. Ernie Lounsberry rode into town with us from Kripplebush. I took her 5 lb butter @ .90cents paid & 3 lb salt pork @ .50cents lb paid.

FEBRUARY 26 Tuesday 16/7am 21/12pm

Clear, cloudless, still a bit hazy - Perfect weather breeder. Became overcast late evng. Rim of new moon over South Mtn early evng. Did chores. Spread dray load manure on corn ground am. This afternoon Ollie & I got a load of dead pole wood under the hill & sawed it up & put the small round wood on porch. Then loaded up the chunks to take up to Ollie's. Special school meetings tonite in each of Onteora Centralized School Districts for purpose of closing said schools June 30th. In Olive only Krumville will remain open. Bushkill voted unanimous - W. Shokan NO.8 21-4 Brodhead 8-2 for closing. I did not attend

FEBRUARY 27 Wednesday 20/7:30am 30/12pm
Cloudy & biting cold this am but sunnied away & moderated some. Developed windy pm cold blustery tonight. Growing new moon over South Mountain early evng. Wrote news copy am. Took dray load wood up to Ollie's & put on back porch. We got load dry wood in lower Hinckley woods & sawed it up & loaded it pm. I feel tired out & achy. Victor Osborn Sr. of Lincoln Park, Town of Ulster, buried pm in Tongore Cemetery. He died in Kingston Hosp. Sun. Feb.24. He was the contractor who tore down & removed from Reservoir property the West Shokan Baptist Church in 1913 & re built it on present site.

FEBRUARY 28 Thursday 28/7:30am
Continued bright & sunny with crispy Northerly wind
Clear still evng with growing crescent moon. Sap

running weather. Took dray load wood up to Ollie's & piled on porch. This pm we cut a big load firewood and sawed it up.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date: Victor H Osborn, Sr. Lincoln Park resident who died Sunday in Kingston, was the scion of an old northeast Olive family. Victor was born and brought up on what is now the Winchell farm, along the east Butternutkill, where one of his ancestors, Thomas Osborn, settled and built a log cabin about 150 years ago. His father, Samuel Osborn, was a Methodist preacher. A brother, Durwood, died several years ago 2-26-52

FEBRUARY 29 Friday 22/2pm

There was an inch snowfall during the late night. Bright sunny thawing day. Clear still crispy evng with bright growing crescent moon. Spread big dray load manure on last years corn stubble am, This pm Ollie & I cut and sawed a load of mostly dead wood This evng we went and saw her brother Ben at Mt. Tremper & then to Phoenicia and saw I Want You concerning the Korean War Draft - news reel taken of King George's recent funeral ceremonies. Rec'd belated birthday card & letter from Mariam.

MARCH 1 Saturday 24/8am 22/2pm

A snowstorm settled down this morning with aspects of a 'nor easter' but after a 2" fall the sky gradually cleared & the evng was crispy, quiet & cloudless, with growing

crescent moon settling behind "Blackberry" around 10:30. The Metropolitan area had nearly 5" snowfall with thunder & lightning. Aside from chores was snowed out am, but this pm I spread overnight stable manure on garden & took dray load wood up & piled on Ollie's porches. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Refreshments followed, with super excellent coffee. Rec'd card Bob & letter from Mrs. Longyear.

MARCH 2 Sunday 24/8am 22/12pm
Clear bright sunshine & crispy with light northerly wind gradually hazed over pm & was overcast tonight. Went to Herman Weidner's noontime & got 3 cases of infertile eggs. Wrote several cards. Tonight I packed 6 3/4 lb butter for Mrs. Knorph.

MARCH 3 Monday 22/7am 30/10pm
Cloudy, still, raw chilling air, moderated some pm. I spread load manure on Ollie's fall plowed sod potato ground am. This pm we got a big dray load of rock oak pole wood in lower Hinkley woods & sawed it up. I sent Mrs. Knorph by Ins. PP 6 3/4 lb butter - price \$1.00 per pound Wrote news-Leader copy evng.

MARCH 4 Tuesday 30/7:30am 32/12pm
Murky overcast still - Light rains mussy. Set in freezy rain late pm. Changed to heavy wet snow storm evng with the season's first real summer like thunder & lightning. I took dray load wood up to Ollie's before dinner also packed & sent P.P. a bundle of pine &

hemlock tips to Mr & Mrs Longyear. This pm Ollie & I got a load of rock & red oak firewood & sawed it up & loaded it on lumber wagon.

MARCH 5 Wednesday 30/7:30am 28/12pm
Snowed all night 4". The freak thunder & lightning last nite was generally up state. The trees are heavily laden this morning. Still snowing this am but broke away bright & sunny & water running. Clouded over again & somewhat blustery pm. I repaired dray sleigh am. This pm took a dray load manure up on Ollie's potato ground & we cut & sawed a load of firewood & loaded the dray. Plenty tired tonight. Snow is deep & heavy getting around in woods. Rec'd from Skelly Oil Company a 10% stock dividend 1 full share & script cert. 20/1100 share.

MARCH 6 Thursday 28 /7:30am 26/12pm
Glum overcast, raw atmosphere, but thawing some. Sun shone thru veiled awhile pm & again murked over with snow flurries latter pm & evening. Did chores as usual. Took dray load wood up to Ollie's - This pm we cut a big dray load in lower back woods & sawed & re loaded it.

MARCH 7 Friday 26/7am 28/12pm
Raw & overcast - Sun broke thru a bit early pm and murked over again. Overcast evng. Not much wind. Took dray load chunk wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we cut and sawed up the usual load of firewood. Our "Mellie Cow" had a dandy big light red heifer calf with a star in forehead. She was licking it in the

stanchion when I went out to do chores this morning.

MARCH 8 Saturday 28/7:30am 26/12pm
Continued glum chill overcast weather, the wind if any, northerly. Sunshine filtered thru midday. Overcast & snowy looking tonight. Did usual chores - Took Dray load manure & spread on Ollie's potato ground - got small load firewood & took big wagon load of chunk wood up to Ollie's. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge. Meeting over when I got there, but in time for refreshments. Rec'd letter Mrs. Knorph with check \$28.37

MARCH 9 Sunday 24/7am
Surprising clear & sunny but crispy am - becoming mostly overcast pm. I feel tired out, & achy. I got 4 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. No callers today. Gail DeWitt of Kingston & Donald North of Shokan married by Rev. Jack Savage in Olive Bridge M.E. Church.

MARCH 10 Monday 30/7:30am 34/11pm
Cloudy as usual - Gloomy chill raw air - Southerly wind developed pm I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie went along for routine unemployment office report. Went by way of route 28. Came back via High Falls, where I looked at a second hand mowing machine, but did not buy. Called at Fred Baumgarten's and Geo. Lounsbury's on way home via Kripplebush. We went to Benedictine Hosp to see Bro. Ernest Shader & I also visited Bro.

Raymond Van Buren, Kingston Chief of Police, at Kingston Hosp. I had Dr. Brodhead, 104 Fair St, pull 2 very sore bothersome lower front teeth but he made no charge. Thanks Doc.

MARCH 11 Tuesday 32/7am 34/12pm
Arrived raining foggy & continued till latter pm a cold drenching dreary storm - Became very slushy but snow didn't melt much. Sun broke thru - strong nor westerly wind developed & was rough colder & broken clouds tonight - moon full. The New York City area lashed by rain & gales. Wrote news copy am. After rain stopped I took big dray load manure up & spread on Ollie's potato ground. Tonight I went with Charley Ginshettel & Claude Beidler to a jam packed 3rd Degree attendance at Kingston Lodge No. 10. Three young Hulsair brothers of Sawkill were in class of 4. They are sons of Wm. Hulsair.

MARCH 12 Wednesday 34/7:30 28/11pm
Windy night - crispy sunny day - with wind Northerly. Cloudless eveng with brilliant bright moon. Typical March. Thawing & snow settling during day. Busy the morning with chores. Gus Crawford & daughter Micky Shultis called am. This pm Ollie & I cut & sawed up big wagon load firewood.

MARCH 13 Thursday 28/7am 28/11pm
Mostly sunny this morning but clouded over & set in snowing heavily early pm - about 2 ½ " clinging wet

snow, then petered out. Dark misty evng. I took the load of wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we got snowed out getting load wood along back road. Mother & I wrote air letter to Mariam evng. Mrs. Harry Polhamus & 6 of their 8 children burned to death last night in their Walker Valley home from exploding oil stove. The father, 39 also badly burned, died this am in Middletown Sanitarium. 13 yr old Lewis - Rose 15 & Henry 5 are survivors.

MARCH 14 Friday 26/7am 22/11 pm
The stormy murk gave way to a bright sunny crispy windy winter scene this morning. Sunny all day, becoming decidedly colder & blustery - Part cloudy wintry tonight. Chores in variety took the forenoon. Took dray load manure up on Ollie's potato ground The pm we cut and sawed a big load of firewood & the wagon load drawed yesterday. Was a cold sawing job & after dark getting chores done.

MARCH 15 Saturday 20/7:30am
20/12pm
Bright & sunny cold & windy - part cloudy evng with light snow flurries. Well on the wintry side. Did usual chores - Took wagon load wood up to Ollie's & put on pile by house. Latter pm we cut dray load wood in the woods comer & sawed it up.

MARCH 16 Sunday 24/8am 26/11pm
Wintry blustery snow squally weather day & evng. Did

chores. Got 2 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This pm Ollie went with me over to Ellenville to see Dr. RA. McCartney who is seriously ill at his home with undulent fever. I bought a No.1 John Deere mowing machine of Basil Smith on Ulster Heights road for \$20.00 Pd. Needs new tongue, pittman rod, grass board stick - otherwise apparently in good condition oilier man having stood out door over 2 summers & a winter.

MARCH 17 Monday 30/7:30am
28/12pm

Continued sour raw partly cloudy & windy. Typical March. I spread dray load manure on lower lot corn ground before dinner. During pm Ollie & I got dray load wood in Hinkley woods & sawed it up. Was bothered with sleigh & harness trace breaks. Wrote news copy evng. I lost my 8 tine ensilage fork going with load of manure bought in 1938.

MARCH 18 Tuesday 30/7:30am
36/10:30pm

Cloudless still, a weather breeder, became overcast latter pm. Sunny & thawing but chill air. I went up to Gus Korittke's am & had sleigh tongue braces repaired. This pm got sleigh repaired. Ollie & I got a load of wood & sawed it up. I bought a new 8 tine ensilage fork of W. Davenport Sons - price \$4.77

MARCH 19 Wednesday 30/7am
31/10pm

All day and evening snow storm. Began at daylight & continued a heavy wet fall, thinning down during evng. The fall at dark measured 10 inches or more - Trees & roofs heavily laden. Aside from chores little accomplished. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear that he continues slow improvement - can be moved about room in wheel chair. She also enclosed a letter from Mariam, saying that Gaye & Jeannie would have their tonsils removed. Road travel hazardous.

MARCH 20 Thursday 34/1:30am
32/11pm

The storm ended in night. Gradually became cloudless this morning with the snow scene a wonderland Great cotton like balls hooded the trees, which dripped & gradually dropped their burden. Snow depth up to 15" reported in mtns. Numerous tree limbs are broken. Snow plows town county were busy during night & today. Main roads melted bare. Tons of snow piled behind our barn. Mild springy during mid day still - cloudless just freezing tonight. This pm spread dray load manure on corn field & Ollie helped me trim up several old Hinkley apple trees & brot load wood home. I wrote air mail card to Mariam tonite.

MARCH 21 Friday 34/7:30 am 30/12 pm
A little rainy this am but faired away cloudless & still for a real springlike day temp got up around 60 & the snow settled & water ran like magic. Turned noticeably chilly when sun went down. Starlight envg, crispy. Took 2

wagon loads of sawed wood up to Ollie's sawed yesterday's dray load & another we got this pm.

MARCH 22 Saturday 38/7am 32/12pm
Cloudy still mussy weather, light rains, misty evng,
Spread load manure on garden am. This pm I got a dray
load of firewood in Hinkley woods, but was a cold wet
job. Tonight I went late for IOOF Lodge, but in time for
refreshments.

MARCH 23 Sunday 32/7am 34/10pm
Dreary chilly intermittent rainy foggy weather, slushy &
muddy. Still plenty of snow. Went to Herman Weidner's
& got 2 cases infertile eggs. Did daily chores. Listened
to Evangelist Billy Graham & Old Fashioned Revival
Hour this pm, Wrote cards etc. - also cheered up card
letter to Burr C. Elmendorf of Shokan who is recovering
in St. Luke's Hosp from very serious brain tumor
operation. Wrote news copy evng,

MARCH 24 Monday 34/7am 30/11pm
Still foggy chill - Misty & occasional rains. Cleared
evening & freezing. Went to Kingston by way of
Kripplebush & Stone Ridge. Took Ernie Lounsberry 5lb
roll butter @.82 - Paid \$4.10. Stopped at Fred
Baumgarten's. Took Ollie to unemployment office for
routine report. I bought a 2 button all wool hand finished
worsted suit of clothes, at newly reopened Stein's
Clothiers Inc. SW corner Wall & John Sts. \$34.50 with
pair slack pants extra for free. Attended the matinee

showing of the \$6,000,000 color pictural- Quo Vadis - intensely interesting & colossal- 6 yrs in making - adm .. .74. About 40 yrs ago "Uncle" Jake Crispell saw the original silent film Quo Vadis at the Orphium Theatre in Rondout. This is Lute Bell's birthday - sent card

MARCH 25 Tuesday 32/7a m

Murky this morning but faired away & sunny - thawing but a bit crispy atmosphere. Sap weather. Starlight evng, I have felt darned tired & achy all day, but kept moving - Took dray load manure over on corn ground before -dinner, This pm Ollie & I got a load of firewood, but was to late to saw it up.

MARCH 26 Wednesday 32/7am 42/ 12 pm
Sunny pleasant day became mostly cloudy & a bit squally latter pm, cleared tonight. A brisk Westerly wind developed & the open fields are pretty much bare & muddy. Froze some last night. Sap weather. Allen Rose took my wintered hog to the Pine Bush market am. Lauren Boice helped load it. Ollie & I sawed up the overnight load wood before dinner & this pm we got another dray load in back woods & sawed it up.

MARCH 27 Thursday 34/1:30am
26/11pm

A sunny day - some clouds - wind calm. Cloudless - crispy evng. & freezing. Typical maple sap weather - When days are sunny. and nights freeze - Then sugar makers tap the trees. From a little poem "Sap Weather"

1908, usual daily grind did chores. Took big wagon load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we cut & sawed up load wood. An after dark finish.

MARCH 28 Friday 30/7am 26/12pm
Partly cloudy - but sunny. Quiet weather - freezing tonight ideal sap time. Reservoir ice field still intact. Took wagon load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we cut a big load wood across the road in our home woods & sawed it up & loaded it. Rec'd statement, check from Pine Bush Livestock Mkt Inc for hog. Weight 285 @ .18 a lb. Less trucking 3.00. Comm. 1.39 - net rec'd \$46.91

MARCH 29 Saturday 30/1am 26/12pm
I noted this am an expanse of open water from attic window, in upper part of reservoir. Partly cloudy - to cloudy. Clear envg - calm weather, but on the sour side. Froze up tonight. I drew out dray load manure on grass behind barn & took wagon load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we cut & sawed a dray load & put on wagon. Dark when we got chores done, so no IOOF Lodge.

MARCH 30 Sunday 32/7am
Clear serene early spring day. Very little wind - clear still crispy evng. I went to Herman Weidner's & got 3 cases infertile eggs around noon. Did usual chores etc. The West Shokan fire siren touched off around 1:00 pm it was a grass fire up on the old Tilden Bell farm.

MARCH 31 Monday 42/8am 52/12pm
Generally fair - wind southerly overcast & rain squally around noon - Sunny pm & springlike - Hazy starlight evng big crescent moon. Shortly past midnight a fire of unknown origin destroyed the Madeline Keller summer residence built by the Rev. David Weidner about 40 years ago. The West Shokan & Olive Bridge fire depts responded promptly. The Keller's were up from the city yesterday. I saw the glow just before the siren blew. The reservoir ice field is giving way to large areas of open water down in front of our house. I took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner & this pm we cut & sawed another load, from our woods across the road.

APRIL 1 Tuesday 42/7am 52/12pm
Partly cloudy - becoming overcast & April showers with thunder & lightning evng. Spring came on with a rush, this evng toads were hopping around & peepers awoke from their winter sleep. Too warm &. logy to work. Drewed out manure & took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we got the daily dray load of wood on bare ground sleighing, sawed & loaded it on wagon. Finished addressing Dist Grand Comm meeting card notices tonight. Meeting April 16th at Shokan Lodge No 491.

APRIL 2 Wednesday 44/am
We had a good soaking &. well needed rain which ended this morning & cleared away bright sunny day - Became overcast evng with another shower & thunder - Light

Northerly day wind developed & stilled. Streams are flush with melting mountain snows & reservoir is full of ice - except in coves, as far as I can observe. Took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we cut another dray load with wet ground sleighing & sawed it up & loaded on wagon.

APRIL 3 Thursday 40/am 40/1:30pm.
Wind northerly - sunny & mild - half moon - became partly cloudy tonight. Took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This pm we drew out manure got dray load wood, over in our woods & sawed & loaded on wagon. 29 years ago tonight my saw mill burned - total loss.

APRIL 4 Friday 42/11am 42/12pm
Sunny, Southerly wind developed becoming overcast pm wind quieted - set in rainy tonight. Took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner & this pm we cut a wagon load in Hinkley woods- sawed it up & re loaded the wagon & put in barn.

APRIL 5 Saturday 44/7am 49/11pm
Drenching night with an all day steady down pour ending around 6pm with thunder & lightning & extra heavy downpours. Cloudy mild tonight streams pouring flood waters. Highest since the year ago floods drenched Kingston. Headed by Mayor Oscar V. Newkirk extended a royal welcome this pm to Queen Juliana & escort of Holland, opening the 300 Anniversary of the founding of

Kingston by the Dutch. The ceremonies were covered by radio broadcast from WKNY & WGY.

APRIL 6 Sunday 40/7am 36/12pm

Cloudy sour windy rain & mountain snow squalls. I got 3 cases eggs at Herman Weidner's. This pm I took Ollie up to see her brother Ben at Mt. Tremper. The Esopus overflowed the road above the Cold Brook turn and caused considerable damage around Mt. Tremper. Over 100 families evacuated along the Esopus near Kingston. Wrote news copy evng. & Easter cards to our dear ones in Mexico City. Packed 20 lbs ham & bacon & 12 lbs butter to send Mrs. Knorph. Addie Kelder's 62 birthday - 35 anniversary of US entry in World War 1.

APRIL 7 Monday 36/12pm

Cloudy sour weather. Light mtn snow squalls. Made usual every 2 weeks trip to Kingston. Route 28 by Drive In Theatre became passable this morning. The adjoining creek flats in lower places still flooded. The water came up over the barroom floor at The Barn, by Kingston bridge. Heavy volume pouring over spillway, but no comparison with the March 30, 1951 flood, many flooded areas up state. Sent Mrs. Knorph 2 boxes. Ins PP-20 lbs ham & bacon @ .90 - 12 lbs butter @ .95. Postage \$1.50. Sent Easter cards to all the Longyear family in Mexico City.

APRIL 8 Tuesday 38/7am 38/12pm

Cloudy gray this am but broke away sunny became

overcast & was mussy light rains pm & evng. I took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner & this pm we cut & sawed up a dray load - rather wet cold job. Cornelia & Dick arrived unexpectedly this evng from Rome.

APRIL 9 Wednesday 40/17am 38/12pm
Sunny this morning but glumed over & faired away again pm. Cloudless but hazy evng with big almost full moon. I drew out manure on field behind barn & took load wood up to Ollie's. Olive Fire Dept dinner & dance tonight at Chalet Indien Hotel. This evng Claude Beidler & I went to Kingston with his car & witnessed the full form "Order of The Temple" conferred on class of 3 - at Rondout Commandary N0 52. Coming back we stopped in at the Chalet Indien. This pm I went up to Bert Winne's & had complete greasing job done on Plymouth & all tires changed around. Cornelia & Dick went to New York,.

APRIL 10 Thursday 38/17am
Cool-brisk southerly wind, sunny became hazy & overcast pm. A full moon shone briefly early evng followed by April shower -later clearing. I started spring farming. This pm I disc harrowed the ploughed sod potato ground at Ollie's above the road adjoining last years patch. I also cut a wagon load of small dry pole wood above the ledge & brot it home & sawed it up with the Davis boys helping. Rec'd Easter card & letter from Mrs. Longyear, first in about 3 weeks. Cornelia & Dick arrived back from New York tonight. They visited Mrs.

Knorph & Radio City. Were graciously entertained over night at Mr & Mrs Longyear's. His condition is feeble. Geo Burgher finished re roofing Ollie's house (over wood shingles) with two tone green composition shingles. This am he removed her time weary front porch.

APRIL 11 Friday 36/7am 28/ 10pm
Cold - brisk northerly wind. Sunny but rather hazy, feels & looks like snow brewing. Moon shining tonight & frosty, sap making weather. Soft maples but slowly showing red & no shadows out as yet. Cornelia & Dick left for Waverly mid morning - I have already this am wrote & sent several Easter card greetings. Rec'd registered letter with Easter cards & notes also check \$300 to pay for a reserved double plot in Mt. Tremper cemetery. Ollie & I cut & sawed a load firewood pm.

APRIL 12 Saturday 28/7am 40/12pm
Sunny but cold with brisk southerly wind - gradually became overcast pm & moderated - started raining late evng. Ice on barn gutter tub. Busy with morning chores in variety - took load sawed wood up to Ollie's. This pm picked load stone from potato ground & done home chores. Olive Rebekah Lodge held a fish & chips supper but I did not attend .

APRIL 13 Sunday 36/7am
Rainy night and part of forenoon. Chill gloomy Easter weather - rainy again tonight. No company today.- Got 3

cases infertile eggs at Hermau Weidner's. I called on supervisor Claude Bell coming back. Easter dawn service on Tongore Cemetery rained out but church packed for morning services. Rev Jack Savage, minister.

APRIL 14 Monday 38/8am 46/11pm
Rainy night & morning downpour - Gloomy foggy misty pm & evng. Did usual chores etc. Worked on wood pile pm ranking up round wood, re started smoke under hams. Wrote air mail card to Mariam. We have rec'd a number of Easter greeting cards & sent out a number in return. Tonight is the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the mighty steamship "Titanic" on her maiden voyage from Liverpool in Atlantic ocean - 2 hrs & 40 min after colliding with an iceberg, 1511 people perished. One of these Will Gwinn, mail clerk, a younger bro of the late Carl J. Gwinn.

APRIL 15 Tuesday 46/ 7am 36/ 12pm
Started in raining this morning & continued falling till late pm. chilly dreary weather. Clearing late tonight & near freezing. No outside work accomplished - Did usual run of chores. This evng I took Claude N. Beidler, Wm Frankle Sr. & Charley Gensbittel with me to "Old Timers Night" at Kingston Lodge No 10. There was a full house attendance & an interesting program given. The Hon. Roger H. Loughran principal speaker. All brothers present with 25 yrs & older membership were honored. The 1951 master is Harry E. France. I had the honor to present the 50-60 yr members, headed by Ralph Davis

Clearwater.

APRIL 16 Wednesday 38/7am 38/12pm
Clear bright sunny day crispy cool with brisk northerly wind, cloudless tonight & wind quieting. Busy with daily tasks. Took big wagon load manure up & spread on garden patch above the road. Also harrowed over the potato ground ready to mark out. This evng I attended the annual Ulster Dist L.O.O.F. Grand Comm meeting at Shokan Lodge 491. A delicious Virginia ham supper served by Olive Rebekah Lodge. 46 Past Grands attended. Dist. Deputy Winston VanKleeck presided. David H. Hildenbrandt of William H. Raymond Lodge No 59 elected his successor. I was re-elected District Secy for the 22nd time. A 30 cent per capita assessment was laid on 534 members in dist.

APRIL 17 Thursday 44/7am 58/12pm
Continued sunny - becoming part overcast pm wind Northerly. Weather more spring like, starlight & warmer tonight. The snow banks on High Point and the Wittenbergs are dwindling. Ollie & I planted 10 rows Kathadin potatoes in patch above road pm. Spread 6-12-6 fertilizer in rows & dug it in before dropping seed pieces.

APRIL 18 Friday 58/7am 56/11pm
Bright sunny with brisk drying northerly wind - became overcast pm & faired away at evng - wind quieting. I took load manure up & spread on garden patch above

road. This pm I helped Ollie with a general debris carting away job including the tore down front porch. While breaking up an old wood box with axe I hit inside of right ankle joint with back of axe which somehow turned & cut a gash right on joint bone. It is very sore tonight & I can hardly hobble.

ARPIL 19 Saturday

Spring weather is here with a rush. Bright sunny brisk Northerly wind - starlight - quieted tonight. Jesse Shurter, with his '51 Mercury sedan took myself, Claude N. Beidler, Charles Gensbittel, Reginald Davis and W.Frank Davis from Kingston on trip to Troy where we attended a District Council Convention held at Bronk Council - in Masonic Temple. During the pm the Royal & Select Master degrees were conferred by St.Georges Council of Schnectady. Had 6 o'clock dinner & this evng the Super Excellent Degree was conferred on a group class of 36 by Johnstown Council. Jesse, Beidler, Reggie & Gensbittel were among the class. We had a very enjoyable trip & got home about 2am. Almost miraculously my sore foot permitted me to make the trip quite comfortably.

APRIL 20 Sunday 56/ 10pm

Continued clear sunny with brisk drying nor westerly wind, real June weather & hot except for the wind turned cooler this pm. Cloudless tonight & wind quieted. The last noticeable vestige of snow on High Point and the Wittenbergs has disappeared. I feel pretty well tired

out today - I got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's - I first noticed shad blows out - wisterias blooming & lilac leaves are opening up. Wrote news copy evng.

APRIL 21 Monday 52/17am

Continued bright sunny spring weather with northerly wind which quieted - Cloudless still evng and very decidedly cooler & more comfortable. I made the customary every two weeks trip to Kingston. Went by way of Kripplebush - Took Ernie Lounsberry 5 3/4 lb butter @.80 Paid 4.60. She & daughter Florence rode along to Kingston. Stopped briefly at Fred Baumgartens. Came home via route 28 & stopped at Winchell's store to see Dear Aunt Julia.

APRIL 22 Tuesday 50/7am 70/12pm

Unsettled - Partly cloudy showery looking with occasional dry weather like sprinkles pm & evng. Wind southerly-summery weather. Spread load manure on corn stubble ground am. PM & evng voting hours 12-9, I served as Inspector on the Spring Presidential Primary Election. 14 Rep & 7 Dem ballots cast. This is the last Election to be held in the Baptist Church basement. Henceforth the Olive Dist 2 polling place will be in the town garage building on Bushkill road. The same board of Inspectors hold over from last year. Albert Fox Sr. Chairman - Philip Coletti, Emma Ackert & myself, E C Davis.

APRIL 23 Wednesday 66/7am 46/12pm
Cloudy - turning decidedly cooler, wind northerly,
quieting. Busy with chores & odd jobs. This pm Ollie
helped make a clean up in the mess of rose bushes along
our side of the cow drive way.

APRIL 24 Thursday 46/7:15am 46/10pm
Overcast this morning but cleared away bright & sunny -
but became overcast again pm. Atmosphere cool &
damp. Winds light Easterly. I went down to Kripplebush
this am & got Geo. Lounsbury to build me a new cart
box. He worked at it all pm. I helped what I could .Ollie
& Joan Brunet went to Williams Lake to help at a
banquet.

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

WEST SHOKAN Rev.Father Justin Kennedy has been
spending a few days final leave with relatives here. He
leaves shortly for missionary service in the Philipines,
traveling by station wagon to the west coast where he
will take ship to his destination. Rev.Kennedy, it will be
recalled, was among a number of priests imprisoned by
the communists in China, where he had a frightful
experience. The home community folks here have an
endearing place in their hearts for Father Kennedy and
wish him God-speed and safe keeping while on his far
flung assignment.

APRIL 25 Friday 46/7am 44/12pm

Arrived rainy and continued falling all day, cold storm. I helped George Lounsberry work on new cart box. This pm I went up to Bert Winne's & had left rear tire changed. Had a slow leak caused by a screw puncture.

APRIL 26 Saturday 46/7am
Cloudy - rained a bit at times still cool. George Lounsberry worked on the cart box. I made a trip to Gus Korittke's for iron braces also to Phoenicia for bolts. This evng I took George home to Kripplebush. Ollie went along & we made a call at Fred Baumgartner's. I paid George \$20 for his 2 days work. His Emmence Francis Cardinal Spellman of NYC this pm dedicated and blessed the new \$2,000,000 addition of Benedictine Hosp in Kingston and gave Jas. A Dwyer \$10,000 check for the building fund

APRIL 27 Sunday
Overcast moderately cool - Glum weather but the greens are slowly climbing the mountains. I got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's I made a pm trip to Boiceville store for more bolts & to Bert Winnie's for re threading them. Ollie helped me spread wagon load accumulated manure on last years sweet corn stubble. The West Shokan Fire Dept with the Olive Bridge unit promptly responded to a Samsonville fire call during noon time that destroyed the E. Fisher country home.

APRIL 28 Monday 50/11 pm
Rainy in night and was rainy pretty much thru the day &

evng. Wind was Northerly. My cut ankle of a week ago Friday became very painful yesterday pm & continued yet this morning, but I hobbled it off somewhat. I went to Kripplebush & got Geo. Lounsberry & Ernie & Florence came along & spent the pm with mother. I took them down on the city property where they visited Ernie's old home site. George & I finished the cart box building job & he put new screws on the cellar & dining room pocket doors. I took them back before dark. I paid George \$4.00 more for his work. The West Shokan P.O., located in the Wm. Colange store since July 1917 - was moved yesterday, north side reconditioned room of Lester S. Davis store & opened today. Gladys VanDemark is acting postmaster.

APRIL 29 Tuesday 50/12pm

Continued overcast am. Cleared beautifully during the afternoon with light wind northerly. Cloudless still mild evng. A growing crescent moon rode high & the aurora put on an evng display. Busy with chores & odd jobs am-finished painting new cart box. I took load manure up to Ollie's & spread pm also sowed & seeded patch of oats & grass seed. Also disced over our garden & after supper burned a big heap of brush.

APRIL 30 Wednesday

Magnificent cool sunny day - brisk- northerly wind - cloudless evng with crescent moon riding high over South Mtn, wind stilled. I disced both ways our fall plowed sod potato & sweet corn patch out between cross

path & woods comer. PM I plowed last years sweet corn stubble along old Hinkley house driveway for oats. I broke my side hill plow on a rock & borrowed Jim Harrison's. I bought the plow 32 years ago second hand for \$5.00.

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

RAIN FALL IN APRIL MOST IN 19 YEARS

A rainfall of 7.24 inches in April was the heaviest in the 19 years of record at the city engineer's office.

The report today also showed a rainfall of 16.98 inches from Jan to date, and this is 75 percent above that of 1951 and 42 percent above the 19-year average of 11.89 for the same period.

The minimum April rainfall was .92 of an inch in 1942. The low temperature in the city at 5am today was 39 degrees, although frost was reported in some areas. The lowest temperature recorded for May was 32 in 1947.

May 1 Thursday

Frost last night. Brisk crisp northerly wind – brilliantly clear except for a period of mid pm overcast. Beautifully clear - half moon tonight with wind quieting. A cold May Day. I put in a big days work. Harrowed yesterday's plowing & drewed off stone. Ploughed Mart Eckert's garden patch below the old Hinkley barn. Also started plowing last years corn stubble, again for corn. George Burgher installed a double window in north side of Ollie Burgher's big living room.

May 2 Friday 34/7 am 36/12 pm

Overcast calm this am but cleared away with the customary northerly wind – continued real cool – cloudless tonight with brilliant bulging half moon. I sowed oats (Clinton) and alfalfa & timothy seed on ready patch before breakfast. Later harrowed it over & drew off load of stone, also harrowed Mart Eckert's garden before dinner. Although my foot keeps bothering I did a big 4 hour hrs job plowing corn stubble pm. I rec'd letter Mrs Knorph with check \$39.83. 17 years ago tonight Mariam graduated at St Lukes Hosp.

May 3 Saturday 37/7 am 36/12 pm

Continued bright sunny weather, with some high clouds – northerly or westerly wind as usual. Still - cloudless - brilliant moonlight evng. Moon past half full. The weather is unseasonably cool. I finished plowing corn stubble ground am & harrowed it over with disc pm. This evening I took Ollie up to see her bro Ben Burgher at Mt Tremper & then to Phoenicia movies and saw Singin In The Rain. It's raining love ,laughter, dancing & song. The place was crowded.

May 4 Sunday 42/7 am 44/10:30 p.m.

Continued bright and sunny, scattered high clouds with very strong drying chill northerly wind. Quieted evng gorgeously moonlight. I returned Herman Weidner's egg cases – hatching season over. Busy with chores and odd jobs. Kathryn Van Ness back to Woodstock from Florida & Mr & Mrs Dederick called latter pm. I went over to

Will Jordans on 28A & he cut my hair late pm. Wrote card to Mariam – also Mother & I each added a note with birthday card to Ernie Lounsberry (it is May 6th. My ankle aches & bothers quite a bit. Mrs Pauline Bonelli 62 died in fire tonite that destroyed her home in Glenford near Maverick Inn on route 28.

Newspaper clipping 5/12/52 Mrs Pauline Bonelli

The funeral of Mrs Pauline Bonelli, who died in a tragic fire May 4, at her home in Woodstock, was held May 8 at St Joseph's Church, Newport, R.I. where a high Mass was said for the repose of her soul. Mrs Bonelli the niece of Mrs James Rooney of Newport, was buried at St Columba Cemetery overlooking Narragansett Bay. Jack Curley of New York, brother of Mrs Bonelli accompanied the body for burial.

May 5 Monday 34/7 am 36/11 pm.

Frost last night. Clear this morning but became overcast with chill light southerly wind. Cleared away again p.m. Cloudless frosty brilliant moonlight night. I took load manure over on corn ground, plowed last years late sweet corn stubble patch across from front of old Hinkley house to the back road. Also plowed last years potato & garden patches at Ollie's above the road. Also plowed her garden by the house — all this afternoon.

May 6 Tuesday — 46/7 am 42/12 pm

Unsettled southerly wind – warmer & overcast this morning. Part broke away with warm p.m. sun & was

showery around. Thunder shower off below High Point – wind shifted back northerly strong & turned colder. Moonlight & shadows to night. Repairing harness strap this a m – jack knife snapped shut & nicked tip off my right mid finger. Sore messy job. Drewed big load hog manure over on corn ground a m. Wrote news copy evng.

May 7 Wednesday 38/11:30 p.m. Partly cloudy real cold & high northerly wind – October weather. Wind calmed somewhat tonight, brilliant big moon. I loaded up another big load hog pen manure before noon. This p.m. spread it on corn ground & disced it over again & got a load sawdust. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear enclosing one of April 30 from Mariam.

May 8 Thursday 46/7:30 a.m. 50/12 p.m. Partly cloudy – warmer - sunny – windy as usual. Almost full moon tonight – brilliant. I treated my seed potatoes (Kathadin's) with Semesan Bel solution. This afternoon I took Jesse Shurter to Napanoch where he got his car & drove it back to Samsonville. I went on to Ellenville & visited Mr & Mrs McCartney. I came back to Samsonville & Jesse took me for a sight seeing trip back to Ellenville & up over the Skyline Drive & down thru Walker valley - Pine Bush and Walden. Came home by way of Wallkill & over the Minnewaska Trail to Kerhonkson.

May 9, Friday 46/11:30 p.m.
Partly cloudy as usual – pleasantly warm - still & cool -

full moon tonight in cloudless sky, except for thin haze. Cut potatoes, put on load manure - harrowed & marked out potato ground (Mother led Molly) and late p.m. got most of potatoes planted in rows - Spread on 6-12-6 fertilizer.

May 10 Saturday 46/7 a.m. 52/12 p.m.

Unsettled, pleasantly warm & somewhat sunny. Became all overcast during p.m. & gradually set in rainy evng. I finished the potato planting around 2 bu cut seed. Rested awhile & later spread some manure on garden & hand mowed a strip along the sides for cow fodder – ready for plowing. I attended IOOF Lodge tonite for first in several weeks. A big crowd attended the all day auction at the store of the late Will Quick in Olive Bridge.

May 11 Sunday Rainy night – continued falling easy & steady all day – downpour evng. Did chores as usual, called on supervisor Claude Bell this p.m. May 8th he & Lawrence Kelder were among Ulster County delegation – 75 attending 4th Annual Dinner of New York Republican State Comm at The Hotel Waldorf, Astoria, N.Y.C. – \$100 per plate. Harry Marshall of Olive Bridge killed in auto collision with big milk truck on Rt 28 at Glenford. Tonight while watching their television Mrs James (Anna)Harrison 46 our up the hill neighbor was taken with severe nose bleed. He took her with car over to Dr LePaige’s in Ashokan but she was dead when they got there – hemorrhaged from nose & mouth.. Mr & Mrs Francis Every 4 daughters , Evelyn, Alma, Marilyn &

Beverly were baptized this p.m. by Walter A. White at the West Shokan Baptist Church.

May 12 Monday

Rained all night had 7:30 a.m. thunder shower then sun came thru for a few minutes. Continued rainy & very blustery from South West all day & cold. Streams are running full head. Water pouring in good volume over Spillway. I made a trip to Kingston called on Grace Winchell. Ollie Burgher went along. We admired the many thousand colored tulips about the old Dutch Church & grounds. I called at Jim Harrison's and offered my services. I am to be one of the bearers.

Newspaper clipping Monday May 12 – 1952

An autopsy was ordered this morning to determine the cause of the death last night of Anna Harrison of West Shokan.

Mrs Harrison was pronounced dead on arrival at the office of Dr Paul Le Paige of Ashokan when she was taken there about 9:30 p.m. Sunday by her husband, James Harrison, after she suffered a nose bleed at her home, state police reported.

Troopers learned that Mrs Harrison, apparently in good health, was at home Sunday evening with her husband and 15 year old son when she suffered a severe nose bleed. After attempts to stop the bleeding failed, she was taken in the family automobile to the doctors office.

Coroner Michael A. Galiotta ordered an autopsy this morning at the Lasher Funeral Home in Woodstock.

Cpl, Ray Dunn and Trooper E J. Devine, who began the investigation , were joined this morning by Sgt. Arthur A. Reilly of the B.C.I.

May 13 Tuesday 47/7 a.m. 46/11 p.m.

Mostly cloudy, South Westerly wind & light rains along all day – cloudy evng – cool & everything water soaked. Did daily chores. This p.m. Ollie helped me spread load manure on the corn ground, tho wet – pulled mustard from 3 corner lot and above. Also went down to mill slab pile along Buskill just above bridge and got a big wagon load to saw for summer wood. I called at Jim Harrison's again today. His wife's funeral will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, at Lasher's in Woodstock & buried in Tongore. I read in the Freeman that Delancey N. Boice of pre- reservoir W. Shokan & residing in Churchville N.Y. died suddenly in New York City Saturday.

May 14, Wednesday

Mostly overcast this morning but cleared away bright sunny day with brisk Northerly wind. Rather cool. I sawed up the load of slabs with help of the Davis boys. Also loaded up wagon with manure from the small pig pen.

May 15 Thursday 48/7:30 a.m. 46/11 p.m.

Rainy till early p.m. Started breaking away late p.m. and was mostly clear tonight & cool. Funeral held 2:30 p.m. at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock for Mrs James Harrison. Rev. Olney N. Cook Woodstock Lutheran

minister officiated. Floral tributes were beautiful and numbered 19. Interment was in Tongore Cemetery. The bearers were Supervisor Claude Bell, Judge Lester S. Davis, George Reitmeir & myself E.C. Davis. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear saying Jeanne had under gone an emergency operation Tuesday p.m. for strangled hernia.

May 16 Friday 46/7 a.m. 36/12 p.m.

Brilliant clear atmosphere – part cloudy - with strong Northerly wind & very cool. Cloudless still tonight & near frost. I spread load hog & stable manure on corn ground before dinner. After I harrowed Ollie's unplanted patches, also a big job both discing and spring tooth harrowing Jim Harrison's grassy old sod plowed garden strip in his back meadow.

May 17 Saturday 40/7 a.m. 44/12 p.m.

Partly cloudy - wind Southerly & cool became overcast late p.m. & set in light rain. I spread over night stable manure and harrowed over corn ground before dinner. This p.m. I got big load hemlock & pine mill slabs from big pile above Bushkill bridge. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. The Noble and Vice Grands being absent I acted as Noble Grand for first time in many years. The 140 year old Bank of Orange County opened a new branch in Woodstock, with 140 accounts – opened today.

May 18 Sunday 46/7:30 a.m.

Cool with variable degrees of cloudiness. Pleasant day with intermittent bright sunshine - wind light. Starlight -

still and very chilly evng. Did usual chores etc. Mr & Mrs Chester A. Lyons called p.m. Formerly of Ashokan, they now live in Kingston. I wrote several cards this p.m. This evng I went to Woodstock with Mr & Mrs Vahan Kizirian and attended a Masonic Service at the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodstock, sponsored by Rondout Commandry no 52 – Knights Templar .

May 19 Monday Partly cloudy – warm spells of sunshine, otherwise on the cool side. Carl Lindquist, Jim Harrison’s brother-in-law helped me saw up the load of slabs a.m. & got the over weekend stable manure on wagon. I then marked out Harrison’s potato patch. After dinner at Ollie’s I was all in & took a good rest on cot, then spread the load of manure on my corn ground & called it a p.m. job. 47th anniversary of death of my esteemed grandpa Martin Henry Crispell.

May 20 Tuesday 46/7 a.m.
Cool dreary rainy day and evening. Steady rain. Not much doing. Sent out IOOF per capita assessment letters. Wrote several cards & one air mail tonight to Mariam. I packed bag budding pine, hemlock & balsam branches to send to Mr & Mrs Longyear. Also ham I smoked for Dr R.A. McCartney.

May 21 Wednesday 46/7 a.m. 56/12 p.m.
Mostly cloudy occasional bursts of sunshine. Rain squally cool & windy. Busy with chores & odd jobs a.m. This p.m. I spread a load of manure on garden patch by

Ollie's house. Also cultivated the early patch of potatoes now showing the rows and got big load hemlock & pine mill slabs where Harold Mellon had his mill above Bushkill bridge.

May 22 Thursday 57/7:30 a.m. 48/12 p.m.

Very windy night and windy all day. Part to mostly cloudy – cool. Busy a.m. with usual chores and odd jobs. First used the new cart box. This a.m. I harrowed Ollie's garden patch by house – got marker widened 3 ft 3" for corn ground. Arthur Davis 14 helped me saw up the big load of slabs. B.F. Moon American Agriculturist representative called & I extended my present sub. 4 years for \$2.00. Fred Baumgarten phoned tonight that his father kindly Mr Geo Baumgarten 87, died at 8:25 this a.m.

May 23 Friday 48/7 a.m. 48/12 p.m.

Partly cloudy, wind light Southerly. Pleasant weather – warm p.m. – sunshine. Real cool tonight still & starlight. I harrowed over the corn ground a.m. & spread a load of manure. This p.m. Arthur Davis (13) helped me mark out in 3 ft 3" hills with Molly. After supper I planted border rows with potatoes. A big days work with a lame left leg & I'm tired out tonight.

May 24 Saturday 50/7 a.m. 46/12 p.m.

Rain brewing – real cool early – wind in South. Gradually developed overcast & set in rainy evng. Mart Eckert gave a needed hand getting my Huskes Hybrid

field corn planted, ground in ash like condition. I rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear that Jeanies operation was 100% successful and she has returned to her 92nd St apt following the operation. Mr & Mrs Kizirian & Mrs Knorph & bro Garrett Mothed had been to see her. This evng I took Arthur Davis to Phoenicia movies (The Mara Maru) sunken treasure hunt.

May 25 Sunday

A drenching night, all day & evening – chilling rain. Streams are flush & everything soaked. I went over this a.m. and dug a ditch across the up end of my newly planted corn to drain off the flooding water. Other than chores & the above the day was rained out. This evng Ollie & I went to Moylan's Parlors in Rosendale to the funeral of the kindly venerable Mr George Baumgarten. Rev. Timmer, Stone Ridge Reformed minister very appropriately officiated.

MAY 26 Monday

Rainy along yet this morning - occasional showers till early pm when a slow clearing trend developed, becoming cloudless evng, still, with a brilliant new moon behind the Wittenbergs. Mother & I worked on woodpile, splitting and ranking up slab wood. This evng I took Arthur Davis to Phoenicia and saw The Wild North.

MAY 27 Tuesday 46/12pm

Brilliant sunny day, fresh northerly wind - scattered

clouds, warmed up pleasantly. Real cool tonight. I went with Joe Winkler and Claude N. Beidler decorating the various Olive Cemeteries with memorial flags. World War I & Spanish Philippines Vet Ex Lt Jack Darling accompanied to the Palentown Cemetery.

MAY 28 Wednesday 46/7am 62 /2pm
Breeze northerly. Sunny & became noticeably warmer pm with increasing cloudiness - Still warm evng. It took my day getting a big load of dry chicken manure from Herman Weidner's & got it partly unloaded on corn hills. This evng I went to Kingston with Claude Beidler attending Rondout Commandary, where the Knight of Malta order was conferred in short form on Jesse Shurter and Ross K. Osterhoudt. A big mid town block party was held tonight celebrating the opening of the new Broadway RR underpass.

MAY 29 Thursday 56/2pm
Mostly cloudy - mid day thunder showers, followed by thickening clouds & set in rainy, continued evng. I finished covering the corn hills with chicken manure - I mixed 300 acid fertilizer with the load. Also spread over most of last years sweet corn patch ground by the old Hinkley house across to road. After supper I took flowers to Bushkill Cemetery for Ollie & went to Gus Korritkes - set of new cart box stake holders he made. The Kingston RR underpass officially open to two lane traffic this pm. Yesterday mother fell off the kitchen porch steps and struck her right shoulder on edge of cement door stone.

MAY 30 Friday 53/7am

The murk cleared this morning into a very pleasant sunny day, with breeze northerly. Still, real cool evng with glowing growing moon, becoming overcast later. This am I got another big load of mill slabs. I met neighbor Wm. Davis at the 1:10 Boiceville bus. Later he gave me a good hand sawing the slabs & I reloaded the wagon, a big double load. Jesse Burgher & Stanley made me a early evng call. The Olive Legion staged a pm parade from the Olive Bridge fire house up to the memorial by the church, where exercises were held Speaker was Rev. Coons of Shokan Reformed Church.

MAY 31 Saturday 54/7am 62/12pm

Arrived murky & rainy, but after mid morning there was but little rain again till tonight. Other than doing chores & helping mother churn I managed to spread cart load manure in potato rows & took the load of slab wood up to Ollie's. The early potato patch all growing thrifty & bushy - at an unusually early date. I attended IOOF Lodge evng, had refreshments. A large dance crowd were disappointed due to the substitute orchestra in place of Ves Wells who broke his contract & took a season job at the Pheasant Inn, Shokan - failing to appear.

JUNE 1 Sunday 56/7am

Drenching night & continued till in afternoon, tapering off with light showers. Cleared away late tonight. About 4" of rain fell over the weekend roads flooded - streams high. 18" water going over spillway, returning

Metropolitan traffic jammed. Ollie Burgher & Mrs Mart Eckert working at Chalet Indien Hotel with 70 or more guests. I wrote several cards & News Copy. Went to see Clayton Burgher latter pm & changed my car liability policy from 10 & 20 to 50 & 100 thousand protection. Also renewed Bob & Mariam's furniture storage Woodstock Mutual policy.

JUNE 2 Monday 58/7:30am 54/10pm
For a delightful change it was a real bright sunny day. With scarcely a cloud in the sky, wind was light. Real cool still moonlight evng, Ground soaked with water. Other than am chores I did a big job hand mowing about the house & garden. This pm I spread last load in early potato rows up in Ollie's orchard lot & cultivated the patch good. The vines are 6" or so high and thrifty. I also loaded the grass & got in bam.

JUNE 3 Tuesday 56/12pm
A real lovely warm sunny day with fresh southerly wind Cool pleasant evng with glowing bulging moon. I put up twine on the corn, which is gamely trying to push up despite the soggy wet cold ground. It was a tedious job. The crows were already paying their respects as my good old Dad used to say. I also finally got our garden plowed this latter pm.

JUNE 4 Wednesday 62/7am 61/2pm
Real June weather. Southerly wind sunny this forenoon. Thunder showers pm. Had a dasher from High Point.

Cleared tonight & cooler. I spread on cart load manure & harrowed thoroughly sweet com ground in orchard lot am. This pm I harrowed patches at Ollie's & sowed a strip of oats along strawberry patch. Had to hustle home due to rain. After supper & chores I got a cart load of saw dust. Rec'd card Cornelia that Norah has chicken pox. It recently was measles. Rec'd due to stock split up 25 extra shares Tide Water Ass'd Oil Co.

JUNE 5 Thursday 58/7am 56/12pm
Lowry rather hot wind light, partly cloudy to cloudy, Busy with chores and odd home jobs am. Set out some dahlia's for mother. Took manure over on sweet corn ground & got load sawdust. I disc harrowed our garden latter pm & implanted upper part of late potato patch - now showing the rows. Tonight I attended 22nd birthday anniversary party at Olive Rebekah Lodge N0 470. Well over 100 were present, mostly ladies.

JUNE 6 Friday 56/7am
Warm humid lowry weather, with scattered afternoon showers. Considerable hot sunshine. I put in a busy day at various jobs. Cultivated the late patch of potatoes. There was some seed failure due to the soggy weather. Also harrowed the garden & drew off a load of sods, ready for planting. Also did a stitch of hand mowing along cow lane to pasture.

The following clipping was found in diary for this date:
CHILDREN SAYING GRACE

Here is my one and only contribution to the world of verse, written for my children to say before meals. Several mothers among our friends have copied it for their own small boys and girls. Perhaps other Rural New-Yorker families would like to have it for saying grace at table.

Dear Lord, who makes the flowers to grow
And the birds to sing,
We thank Thee for our food and home
And friends and everything .
Amen.

New Jersey Ruth Andrews

JUNE 7 Saturday 56/12pm

Brilliant partly cloudy, brisk- northerly wind, quieting tonight - moon almost full. Real warm - cool evng. I brushed up and planted in patch of potatoes & put load manure between rows. Also planted 2 rows of potatoes along lower side of garden - The ground has dried out nicely. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Good refreshments .

JUNE 8 Sunday 56/7am 54/12pm

A magnificent bright sunny luxuriant June day. Light wind northerly Cloudless still cool evng with late rising full moon in deep south - north breeze developed. I had an unpleasant morning task putting in pair new pasture bar posts, broken by the big spotted Ollie Gene heifer. I tried to rest up this pm. Wrote several cards, one to Mariam, Kathryn Van Ness & Mr. Bill Dederick called.

JUNE 9 Monday 74/7am

Hot humid, light ll am shower - heavier up the valley. Clearing & cooler evng. With fresh northerly wind & bright noon. I feel tired & no pep today just drug along. I helped mother set out tomato & pepper plants in garden. I took a rest up after dinner & then took cart load manure over on sweet corn ground & brought back a load of sawdust. This evening I took Billy Davis, 9 to Phoenicia movies - Saw educational film Beautiful Brazil & feature - The Pride of St.Louis - Story of Dizzy Dean. I stopped at Frank Carle's in Mt.Tremper & gave him \$300.00 from Bob Longyear for double plot in Mt. Tremper Cemetery.

JUNE 10 Tuesday 60/12pm

Bright windy part cloudy, became thunder squally late pm. We had a violent electrical & wind storm, brief - with little rain, from Bushkill sector. Calm tonight & part overcast. I planted in the field corn am. Ollie not working for few days at Chalet Indien gave me a hand repairing pasture fence along 28A side & did the milking - While I got caught in the storm cultivating Jim Harrison's back lot patch of potatoes.

JUNE 11 Wednesday 58/7am

Early fall weather. Part to mostly cloudy, northerly gales. Yesterday evng storm did considerable wind damage in various areas. Ollie Burgher & I made trip to Kingston - She stocked up on groceries etc. For the summer. Went via Kripplebush & left 9 lbs butter at Lounsberrys @

.80cents. Paid on same 5.00. Came back via 209 to Ellenville & called on Doc & Mrs McCartney. He is improving & can get up about room. In bed since Feb 5. Returned via Kerhonkson & Samsonville. I note early hay cutting.

JUNE 12 Thursday

Part cloudy brisk northerly wind. Brilliant atmosphere - cool tonight. Spread load manure in potato rows, and gathered load hay on wagon box. Mart Eckert cut on sides of sweet corn ground. Tired out & took a rest on cot after dinner. This evng I went with Claude Beidler to Kingston attended the annual meeting of Ancient City Council No 21 RSM - 20 present. I was elected a trustee for one year. Harry Krom 1 yr, Claude Gorsline 3 yrs, Kearney-Illustrious Master. Strawberries & ice cream & coffee served.

JUNE 13 Friday 48/6:30am 51/12pm

Brilliant clear, continued brisk, northerly wind. Warm in sunny part of day, real chilly, cloudless tonight.

I spread on over night manure & re harrowed the sweet corn ground before dinner. PM Ollie helped me mark out & plant it with Mart Eckert covering. Planted Bantam Evergreen - Golden Cross Bantam & Aristigold Cross Bantam 2 beans to a hill - also put in squash & pumpkin seed.

JUNE 14 Saturday 52/7am

Part overcast, southerly wind. Hot hay drying afternoon,

becoming lowry & showers indicated. I planted final potatoes this am partly in garden north side - marked out rows for mother to plant bush limas. Also spread cart load manure on newly planted potatoes. This pm I mowed a border strip of hay along sides of field corn. I attended I.O.O.F Lodge tonite. Delegation from Bearsville No 533 entertained & 3rd Degree conferred on their candidate Ralph Dircks. Strawberries & ice cream cake & coffee served after meeting. Herman Quick of Leibhardt - member of Shokan & Olive Rebekahs, died suddenly & unexpectedly about 5:30 pm in cow stable. My Provident Mutual Policy #280996 dated 1918 matured check rec'd 1372.50

The following is from clipping found in journal this date:
WEST SHOKAN Larry Kelder and Judge Lester S. Davis, recently spent a weekend with Senator Elmer F. Quinn, at his apartment in the DeWitt Clinton hotel at Albany. The Senator for years has been a well known West Shokan visitor. He is convalescing after nine weeks in the hospital.

Mr and Mrs John C. Marshall of Olive Bridge were extended condolences by friends on Mother's Day, the first anniversary of the tragic death of their son, Harry C. Marshall.

Various applicants for the appointment of the postmaster at West Shokan have been called to Kingston for interviews. The group included acting postmaster Gladys Van Demark, Rose North, Joe Winkler, Eugene Nicholas, and former assistant postmaster for six years,

Mabel Weidner.

The sudden death in New York City, on May 10, of Delancy North Boice of Churchville, NY was that of a resident of the reservoir village of West Shokan. Mr Boice as a college student was employed at the general store of his uncle, the late Delancy N. Mathews. During that time he was a popular member of the famous Shokan baseball team. Two years ago Mr. Boice attended the Boiceville Labor Day Picnic and renewed friendships after a lapse of years. He was the second in the family of three sons of the late Ulyssis and Cora Mathews Boice and is survived by the younger brother Jafes, of Lynchburg, Va., and a son, Ormond Boice, also his uncle Ward B. Mathews and a cousin. Miss Bertha Mathews, of Kingston.

JUNE 15 Sunday 72/12pm

Hot drying day, sunny with northerly wind, somewhat hazed over tonight - but warm & humid - Hottest day of year 96. Excellent hay curing weather. Did chores & otherwise tried to relax. Annual I.O.O.F. Memorial Service evng in Olive Bridge Church. Olive Rebekahs presented very impressive service. Rev. Stanley M. Jones, Highland ME minister delivered excellent address. "Footprints in the Sands of Time" - Rev. Wm Cox new youthful Olive Bridge pastor made opening prayer. I, EC Davis, chaplain of Shokan Lodge, in charge as Master of Ceremonies.

JUNE 16 Monday 62/7am 54/12pm

Calm - cooler - mostly overcast - few sprinkles rain this am. Sun broke thru hot awhile pm. Fair still cool tonight hazy starlight. I took up crow twine & gathered the cut hay around corn field am. This pm I bugged the early potatoes, now coming in blossom also went thru rows with shovel plow. This evng I went with Claude Beidler, Walter Lang to Humiston's Parlors in Kerhonkson where IOOF ritualistic services were held for Bro. Herman Quick (64) 25 members Shokan Lodge group of Rebekah's present. Noble Grand Walter Lang & myself Chaplain were in charge.

JUNE 17 Tuesday 64/7am

Very hot. All afternoon thunder showers around both ways. At 5 o'clock the valley got a violent storm coming from the Bushkill quarter - A nice rain accompanied & greatly needed The electric service failed at 6:05pm but our fone line kept working. I dumped a big cart load of manure over in the woods handy, having no place to spread. This pm I got started cultivating corn - but it was a hot tedious task for both Molly & I. I also got a load of sawdust.

JUNE 18 Wednesday 54/12pm

The electric came back this am about 6:40. The lightning hit a pine & oak trees on opposite sides of the Bushkill road below the new Catholic church. My kitchen table radio was burned out. Bright clear sunny day much cooler, with brisk northerly wind, quieting at evng. I mowed swath of hay along both sides of current bushes

along with morning chores. Ollie wasn't working today so she helped hill up the early potatoes & spray them pm. Also set out tomato plants & cabbage etc. in her garden by house.

JUNE 19 Thursday 60/11am 56/12pm
Sunny & windy this morning with developing thunder showers to the north. 11 o'clock we got a brief but boisterous downpour. Again cleared with brisk fresh northerly wind - good haying weather. I got started cultivating corn but got drove home hurriedly by the storm, again this afternoon. I first drew out load manure on pile, then went back & cultivated till sundown.

JUNE 20 Friday 54/12pm
Bright sunny day, pleasantly cool - brisk northerly wind, high scattered clouds. Stilled & became overcast tonight. I finished the corn first cultivating am twice in row both ways. This pm I cut wagon box load grass for cows, cultivated thoroughly late patch potatoes & after supper I got a load of sawdust.

JUNE 21 Saturday 54/1am 54/12pm
Cloudy - still - cool occasional pm sprinkles. Chilly tonight. Busy with routine chores & odd jobs, mostly in garden. Set 28 bean poles, planted bush limas, hoed & planted in potatoes along lower side etc. Cut load grass for cows by the house - drew out manure & what not - Mother helped in garden & get the grass loaded. Tonight

I attended Dist No 2 Republican Caucus in the Town Garage office. I was chairman & Judge Lester S. Davis secy. Delegates elected to attend the County Convention next Sat., in Kingston are Dick Large, Cecil Gray & myself, E.C.Davis.

JUNE 22 Sunday 54/7am 58/12pm
Overcast cool still, occasional light rains. Did usual chores. Mowed and cleaned up grass around front & north side of house. Mother helped. Wrote news copy evng.

JUNE 23 Monday 58/7am 58/12pm
Continued murky cool still - with light pm & night rains & drizzle. I spent most of the day getting hay tedder repaired at Gus Korittke's. Rec'd Father's Day card letter from Mariam & Bob. This is my Good Mother's 65th wedding anniversary & the last survivor who was present. Mother rec'd a lovely card letter from Cornelia.

JUNE 24 Tuesday 76/12pm
Hot and humid - mostly sunny - looked showery pm. Starlight still & very warm tonight. I worked around home am. - planted bush lima beans in garden, cleaned out the garage. This pm I got load chicken house manure at Ollie's & put on sweet corn hills - then got load sawdust & cut green hay for cows. I had my Plymouth serviced & adjusted at Bert Winnie's Garage (mileage 36,660) Total bill 7.25 Paid. I took car up, Bert brot me back & then delivered car after supper.

JUNE 25 Wednesday 76/2pm

Hot but northerly breeze & not so humid as yesterday. Continued fair & sunny - wind stilled latter pm & thunder shower rumbled back of High Point. Bright growing new moon back of Wittenbergs. I started haying at Ollie's. Mowed the heavy stand of alfalfa & timothy on several patches - tedded it over, brought wagon load green grass home for fodder. - After supper & milking, drew out cart load manure & harrowed the sweet corn end of potato patch out along cross path, long day. Sent Cornelia birthday card & \$2 to Cornelia & air mail get well card to Jeannie Longyear.

JUNE 26 Thursday 76/7am

90 odd degree weather, generally sunny - with part cloudiness. Breezy during the day, but still & humid tonight. We had a dash from a severe electric storm passing around north after 10 pm. Mart Eckert & Lauren Boice helped me put on hay rigging & store wagon box in garage am. This pm I had a hot job haying alone, hand tedded & raked yesterday's cutting & finished the machine mowing on both sides of road. I brought home a well cured load

JUNE 27 Friday 74/7am 68/12pm

Partly cloudy - unsettled considerable sunshine - breezy - noticeably cooler & less humid pm & evng. Jim Harrison & mother helped me unload the first load of hay this am also drew out manure. This pm I cleaned up the rest of the cured hay & in a nice well cured load. I also went

thru late potatoes with shovel plow & marked out the unplanted end for sweet corn. A long days work
Cornelia's 34th birthday. She and Dick started on a trip to Mexico City - 38th anniversary of my steam roller gear accident.

JUNE 28 Saturday 68/7am 60/12pm
Partly cloudy - generally sunny & hot. Decidedly cooler tonight & still. Good haying weather. I got a ride to Kingston & back home. Attended as a delegate from Olive Dist 2 - the Republican County Convention held at the Municipal Auditorium. County Chairman Senator Arthur H. Weeks presided. Orl Beez Senator of Broome County, addressed the convention. Horace Boice was nominated County Treas. Supervisor Claude Bell expecting the nomination but sensing too strong opposition pulled out before having his name presented. I among several other Olive delegates had dinner at McCabes.

JUNE 29 Sunday 60/7am. 62/12pm
Muggy murky rather cool still- nice mid am. rain shower. Did usual chores - rested up somewhat. Rev. Walter A White of Kingston, local minister, was ordained at the West Shokan Baptist Church, Monday evening June 30. A supper preceded the ceremonies. Mrs. Thomas Gilhooly "Annie" died in St. Francis Hosp. NYC while awaiting an operation. She had been there about 2 weeks. The couple from the city have lived for several years in the Baptist parsonage.

JUNE 30 Monday 62/7am. 54/12pm
Low humidity, pleasant bright - partly cloudy with Southerly wind. Cloudless still real chilly tonight with brilliant half moon. Wonderful weather for work. I cultivated twice in row each way & planted in the patch of sweet corn, the weeds were thick as spatter. I also re-bugged the early potatoes. After supper I hoed up the late patch. They look promising & free of weeds.

JULY 1 Tuesday 52/7am 56/12pm
Cloudless brilliant day & evng. Cool low humidity - burnished bulging half moon tonight, breezy. Charles Gensbittel brought a veal calf this morning & I helped butcher it for him. Went to Gus Korittke's for mowing machine lifting lever repair - This pm I got the machine working and mowed a big half of field behind barn also mowed the old chicken yard. 10pm went up to Chalet Indien after Ollie Burgher & Anna Eckert, the boss having gone to NJ after supplies.

JULY 2 Wednesday 52/7am
Another gorgeous day & evening. Brisk & gusty South Westerly day wind - cloudless - calmed & beautiful moon light evng, Excellent hay curing weather, I put in a long day at it. I mowed the rest of the field behind barn & chicken yard and this pm Mother & I got in 2 well cured loads. Our up the hill neighbor Mrs. Vahan Kizirian was taken ill during the night and Lauren Boice took her to the Benedictine Hosp this forenoon.

JULY 3 Thursday 60/7am 74/12pm
Continued sunny this forenoon with increasing pm
cloudiness - warm & humid with brisk southwesterly
wind. Faired away evng - but very warm. This am
Mother & I got in another load of hay. This pm our up
the hill city neighbor Wm. Davis gave a much needed
hand & put in 2 loads & made a clean up job of field.
After supper I drew out manure & got rakings making
a dark job getting finished.

JULY 4 Friday 74/7am
Warm & humid but the sky was mostly overcast, with
occasional hot sunshine. Threatening, early evng, a
shower passed off to north. We need rain badly - P.S. We
got a brief dash about 10:30pm I celebrated 4th working
& thinking of the days that were. Mother did 2 churnings
am. I mowed upper side of the woods corner field before
dinner. Had an after dinner nap then got going & shovel
cultivated the field corn both ways. It look good
considering drawbacks some 2 ft high - also got load
sawdust. There was an elaborate fireworks barrage over
at Larry Kelder's early evng.

JULY 5 Saturday 60/7am 62/12pm
Some high overcast but generally a sunny bright day &
beautiful moonlight night. Altho there was a stirring
northerly breeze, hay didn't seem to cure very well. I
tedded & raked yesterdays cutting, & got in a small load,
- also mowed the lower side of woods corner. I attended
I.O.O.F. Lodge evng, Good refreshments. Installation

next Sat night, Mother rec'd a collection of birthday cards.

JULY 6 Sunday 60/7am 62/12pm

A magnificent sunny day with light wind northerly. Big early rising in deep south almost full moon - some thin overcast. My Dear Mother's 84th birthday which she observed by helping me get 2 loads of hay. We had 3 sets of callers - Mother's old friend Mrs. Emma Fetter 79 & Mr & Mrs Victor Christian of Kingston - Mr & Mrs Les Personeous & 20 & 16 yr old daughters Connie & Patricia. The girls & their mother enjoyed riding on the hay. Addie Kelder & Mr. Kizirian called this evng.

JULY 7 Monday 60/7am 64/12pm

Partly cloudy (variable) warm & humid - Brisk Southwesterly day wind. Still & full moon pretty well observed tonight. Another big haying day. Mother & I got in 2 loads. Cleaned up the woods comer. This pm I mowed the lower chunk of hay across from garden rock to potato patch. I cut the upper side late yesterday. Mother had a call about noon by her old friend Mrs. Fannie Boice (80 today) of Napanoch in company with her daughter Mrs. Bus Donahue & her daughter Joan. The G.O.P. National Convention opened in Chicago. Gen. Douglas McArthur delivered the key note address tonight.

JULY 8 Tuesday 64/7am 68/12pm

We had a light early shower & the forenoon warm &

muggy - with increased cloudiness. Around mid afternoon a driving rain storm developed from the south & all evng the God given downpour continued. Did usual chores & hoed up & sprayed my border potatoes along field com After dinner did a hurry up job bugging the late potato patch & mother & I got in small load of hay & yesterdays rakings. Yesterday's cutting got soaked. This evng went along to Phoenicia with Jesse Shurter to the jam packed Onteora Central Dist annual school meeting in Parish Hall. 130 voted - old Trustees Justin North - Leonard Ford & Lauren H. Peters re elected. Also a \$471,000+ budget approved -also with large majorities.

JULY 9 Wednesday 68/7am

Drenching night & continued all day & a lighter steady fall evng. Ground thoroughly soaked & streams full ahead The temp of the storm increased. Tired out, rested up some today. Jim Harrison gave me a hand putting new tongue in the John Deere mower I bought in April. Rec'd picture folder & card from Cornelia saying they were to leave Mexico City for home Tuesday - John Egan's Chevy 4 door sedan gutted interior by fire as it was parked over night in back end of the Lohr driveway.

The following clipping was found in journal for this date:

ABRAM LONGYEAR

Abram Longyear of Phoenicia died suddenly Monday night at Kingston Hospital. Mr Longyear had been

associated with the Watkins Products Co for more than 30 years. He had been a deacon in the Phoenicia Baptist Church for more than 40 years and had served as a school trustee for a number of terms. He is survived by his widow, Alice Youmans Longyear; a son, Cornwell of Albuquerque, NM, two brothers, Cornwell of Albuquerque and Ralph of Phoenicia; one sister, Mrs. James Shurter of Albuquerque, two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 pm at the Phoenicia Baptist Church with burial in Gilboa Cemetery. The body will remain at the Gormley Funeral Home, Phoenicia, until noon Friday.

JULY 10 Thursday

66/7am

62/12pm

The clouds broke away the day part cloudy, becoming cloudless evng. The downpours continued all night - with toward morning a cloudburst crescendo The flooding is everywhere. Streams out of bounds - docking washed out roads - damaged gardens rutted etc. The rampaging Bushkill stream washed out extensive docking above & below the massive steel & concrete bridge & the north end section of bridge was moved 11" downstream & the north pier end settled several inches & abutment undermined & lower half of roadway behind abutment gullied out - County Highway clam shell dredge removed trees & debris wedged against bridge piers & loaded on trucks - Trucks hauled & dumped rock into north end wash out & traffic maintained over bridge after morning clear off. Above us Larry Kelder's new dam in brook

caused over flooding & road damage. I made trip to Kingston. Had lower double tooth out by Dr. S.H. Brodhead 3.00 - I bought \$400 new 36 AT&T Bonds at ___ exercising 28 Rig_ - issued Tonite I saw Phoenicia show Wait Till The Sun Shines Nellie.

JULY 11 Friday 64/1am 62/12pm
Partly cloudy hesitant this morning but became bright & sunny with good drying condition. Wind light, beautifully clear early evng, later part overcast. The 25th GOP Republican National Convention in Chicago nominated Gen. Ike Eisenhower for President & Senator Richard Nixon of California, Vice President & this evng adjourned. It had been a better contest for delegates between Sen. Robt. A Taft of Ohio & Gen. Ike of Kansas. Nominations on first ballot. I set out cabbage & pepper plants am. This pm I mowed - tedded chunk of hay below garden & Mother & I got a jag of the rained out hay & kept rest on ground to rot.

JULY 12 Saturday 64/7am
Partly cloudy warm & humid, not much breeze. Clear still evng. Worked at the hay cut yesterday, but it didn't dry good Mother & I got in a medium small load pm. Drawed out manure etc. This evng I attended IOOF Installation at Shokan Lodge. Good attendance & 4 visitors from Centennial Lodge Oneonta. This was Dist. Deputy Winston VanKleeck's homecoming. Installed P.G. - Walter Lang N.G. - Henry Maben V.G. - Burton Markle Conductor - Abe Smith Warden - Reginald E.

Davis. RSNB - Alonzo Davis LSNB - Jack Darling RSS
- Edw. Weldt LSS - John Bush RSVG - Wm. Jordan
LSVG - Wm. Lortz OG - John Adorm Chap - Ee Davis
Refreshments followed.

JULY 13 Sunday 68/7am

A hot bright sunny day. Not much breeze. Pleasantly cooler evng. Hay cured better than yesterday - Mother & I cleaned up the hay by & below garden in 2 well cured loads. I find my corn field is considerably washed by the flood, but corn is OK

JULY 14 Monday 63/7am

82/12pm

Another hot sunny day became part overcast latter pm with a sprinkle cloud over High Point. A South Westerly breeze developed. Cloudless evng & very warm. Another busy day - I hoed some in garden after morning chores. Then took the machine over & cut the patch of oats in milk stage & strip of over ripe alfalfa a joining. Also cut the early sowed oats at Ollie's. This pm I cut another chunk of hay below the house along side hill - got some in barn for cow fodder. After supper I went over with rake & raked the alfalfa & oats in winrows.

JULY 15 Tuesday 70/6am 80/12pm

Heat wave continues. Sunny with increasing South West wind pm & becoming considerably overcast. Mother & I got load of hay above wall before dinner & unloaded it. This pm I cleaned up yesterdays cutting of oats & hay in

a well cured load.

JULY 16 Wednesday 74/7am

Hot and bright & sunny became partly overcast latter pm & cooled off somewhat. Not much breeze today. I mowed the upper north end of side hill before dinner & this pm, tedded & raked a load which Mother & I got in after supper. The grass thick & wiry should been cut a month ago. I de bugged the late potatoes.

JULY 17 Thursday 64/7am 70/12pm

Bright sunny with some high cloudiness, low humidity but warm, light northerly wind, cloudless warm tonight. Excellent hay curing day. Mother & I got in a load before dinner & put on mow & cut yesterday. PM I mowed the last chunk of hay under the hill & cut out the old saw mill road. Drawed out manure on hay stubble & cleaned up rakings. After supper I again de bugged the potatoes - Good hay year.

JULY 18 Friday 80/12pm

Mostly overcast forenoon, had a 5 minute early pm sudden shower, after became sunny - Very warm still & humid. So many daily chores. This am I tedded under the hill & drawed out manure. This pm after the brief shower I shovel cultivated the sweet corn both ways. Then came back home & Mother & I got the rest of the hay. After supper I cultivated both ways the late sweet corn patch & some in garden. I bugged the late potatoes again & got a fat haul.

JULY 19 Saturday 80/7am
Shower around day break. Continued hot & humid .Part cloudy - but mostly bright sunshine. Northerly wind clear & very warm tonight. Mother & I cleaned up the remaining hay under the hill pm which finished our home farm haying. Jim Harrison helped me get tongue & new pitman & box bearing in my John Deere mowing machine. Late pm I mowed a strip of heavy hay, mostly tall daisies above 3 comer lot & along hedge row & brush lot. This evng I went to Olive Bridge & visited the high balling second night of the Olive Fire Dept bazaar.

JULY 20 Sunday 72/6am 74/12pm
Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with considerable sunshine. Warm - humid the little breeze was northerly. I tedded & raked the cut hay & Mother & I got a load in the cloudy late pm,

JULY 21 Monday 70/7am 74/12pm
Wonderful drenching morning thunder showers, in the sticky murky weather - Rainy most of forenoon. There was hot afternoon sunshine and squirts late pm. Lightning off to north tonight. The God given rain is a welcome refresher to gardens & field crops. My field corn is already topped out & making rapid growth. Potato vines look burned & blighted from the hot sun. Perchance the showers will start new leaf growth. I went to Gus Kortikes toward noon & had iron end strap made for mowing machine tongue After dinner repaired Ollie's pig yard fence. Put strap on mower tongue. Unloaded the

hay & drew out manure.

JULY 22 Tuesday 76/7am 64/ I 2pm
Hot, very hot bright & sunny - Northerly wind scattered high clouds. Cloudless evng & decidedly cooler. After morning chores Mother & I made a final planting of Tendergreen & Bountiful beans in the garden. I turned the rain wet hay & mowed chunk of hay in upper west end of lower lot. This pm I mowed part of the heavy hay in orchard lot & tedded it. Raked the other hay & after supper Mother & I cleaned up a load of the rank re-dried hay. Recd card Cornelia that they arrived home from their 10,000 mile trip Sun. pm.

JULY 23 Wednesday 62/7am 80/12pm
Beautiful clear & cool this morning - but became overcast & then cleared away around noon becoming very hot & humid during pm & a brisk breeze developed. Showery off tonight evng & all around Mother & I kept the haying zooming, - drew 3 loads & all that is cut, last load supper & milking. Rec'd card from Dick telling of their trip.

JULY 24 Thursday 71/7am 56/
12pm
Most welcome break in the prolonged heat wave. Partly cloudy, cooler, & less humidity with fresh Northerly wind - cloudless calm perfect tonight. finished mowing heavy orchard lot hay & tedded it. A big job - also drew out big cart load manure. Ollie was sick today &

shared in the refreshment. My good Father's birthday -
1859 - 1934.

JULY 21 Sunday

Early morning thunder shower - rained hard later gradually faded away hot & humid, had another dash of rain. I'm pretty well fagged out & rested up today, aside from usual chores. My left leg went lame & achy couple days ago in the brief weather change & bothers considerable. As in connection with the Kingston Tri Centennial the Famous Rip Van Winkle Flier of the Gay Nineties & after turn of century ran a 16 car excursion from Weehawken to Stamford & return powered by Diesel locomotives, 1046 paid passengers made the scenic & eventful trip.

JULY 28 Monday 64/7am 76/12pm

Clear & pleasantly cool this morning but became mostly overcast warm & humid. Sprinkle dash of rain early pm. Partly cleared very warm & breezy tonight. I cleaned up the load of hay behind old barn pm - & Mother helped unload it. Drawed out manure after supper. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear. Today is Mariam's 38th birthday. She was born in Kerhonkson at the home of her grandpa Wm. _ Simpson.

JULY 29 Tuesday 74/7am 56/12pm

Continued warm humid and mostly overcast this morning, but the skies gradually cleared with a cooler & less muggy temperature with fresh northerly wind. Sunny

pm & still cool night. Chilly, I mowed the 3 corner lot covered with a rank: growth of weeds, very ripe alfalfa & tall daisies. It was a big job, but well done. I also cleaned up along hedge rows with sycthe. After supper I cultivated in garden with Molly also went thru the late sweet corn & weedy potato rows with shovel cultivator.

JULY 30 Wednesday 54/7am 64/12pm
Pleasant temperature, considerable overcast all day & evng. - yet mostly sunny. Breezy pm. Worked at the 3 corner lot hay. Charles Ginsbittel & helper Don from Chalet Indien Hotel gave me a wonderful lift pm & we drew 2 big loads - in pretty nice green condition. I'm well fagged out tonite. 48 yrs ago today July 30 - 1904 my good Dad, Will Jones & I went up in the Canape huckleberrying. We drank from the "old Jones" spring where Will Jones spent his boyhood, the cold refreshing taste still lingers.

JULY 31 Thursday
Partly to mostly cloudy - Warm – thunder showery pm. We had a brief rain. Cool tonight & stars showing with bulging half moon behind High Point. Charles Ginsbittel came & we unloaded & got the last load of hay from 3 corner lot.

AUGUST 1 Friday 58/7am 60/12pm
Beautiful sunny drying day - Wind Northerly – critical drought conditions prevail in Maine, Mass., Conn. Forests closed, Tennessee also drought stricken - &

classed disaster areas. *I* cleaned up the 3 corner lot raking & finished haying, other than some hand mowing.

The following is newspaper clipping found in diary for this date: **Three Boys Held For Taking Trucks**
Three West Shokan boys were arrested Thursday by County Investigator Arthur H. Brown on a charge of having taken two county dump trucks which had been parked back of the town of Olive garage at West Shokan. The trucks were recovered not far away Sunday. Arrested was Martin L. Eckert, Jr. 18; Albert L. Parsons, 17 and Robert F. Whispell, 16. Taken before Justice of the Peace Lester S. Davis of West Shokan the lads waived examination and were held for grand jury action. A charge of grand larceny, first degree, was lodged. Parsons and Whispell were later admitted to \$1,000 bail each (in ink: written by E.C.Davis, Buddy Eckert was also admitted on \$1,000 bail) which was set by Supreme Court Justice Roscoe V. Elsworth. The trio was arrested at West Shokan by Investigator Brown, Assistant County Investigator William Churchill and Deputy Sheriff Arthur Smith. Two other lads charged with being involved in the act were apprehended about .. Sunday when they came out of the woods where County Investigator Brown was on watch. They are under 16 years of age and will have a hearing in Children's Court. Their names were not disclosed.

AUGUST 2 Saturday 60/17am 56/12pm
Very chilly & damp this morning. Overcast all day with a

pm sprinkle. Faired away at evng & was cloudless moonlight still & cool. Busy with odd jobs drew out manure, got cart load sawdnst & hand mowed grass & weed patches around back of Ollie's house & pig pen. I attended IO.O.F. Lodge evng, 18 members & one visitor present Bro. Short of Oneonta – Refreshments served. Another newspaper clipping attached this date, same as above concerning three boys held for taking truck.

AUGUST 3 Sunday 62/12pm

Pleasant warm day. Clear this morning, but looked showery around noon then cleared again - wind light northerly. Cloudless cool still moonlight night - just a bit hazy. This afternoon I attended the County American Legion picnic in Friedburg's Boiceville pine grove. At early evng Mother & I had a very welcome & unexpected call by Alva Winchell, Aunt Julia & Margaret. This is the first Dear Aunt Julia has been here since my dear Dad died 18 yrs ago.

AUGUST 4 Monday 64/7am 74/12pm

Unsettled typical lowry August weather. Warm & humid - Sunshine & shadow & pm sprinkles. Strong Southerly wind pm & evng, I re-mowed alfalfa patches and Ollie's perennial "little meadow" hay. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear & card from Cornelia saying Dick has sold their 51 Studebaker 8, with which they made their 10,000 miles Mexico trip for \$1650 - after motor overhauling repairs.

AUGUST 5 Tuesday 64/7am 72/12pm
Light rain in late night & early morning -:- Muggy -
more or less murky overcast. Thunder shower around to
south noon time. Full moon tonight mostly behind clouds
or haze. Aside from daily chores the days
accomplishment was rehabilitating a hog trough for use in
pig yard at Ollie's. Tonight I went to Phoenicia and saw
the great Cecil DeMills production The Greatest Show
on Earth. Ringling Brothers circus - 2 shows nightly
started Aug 3 to Aug 6. Theatre had over capacity
attendance early shows.

AUGUST 6 Wednesday
Murky rather cool - Light intermittent rains. The fall was
heavier about Kingston. I made a trip to Kingston & had
front wheels of my Plymouth tuned up as tires were
scrubbing off. Work done at Ben Rymeir on Albany Ave.
Cost \$6.50 & .30 telephone, Paid. I renewed my
operators license, which expires Sept 30 - fee for 3 yrs
renewal \$15.

AUGUST 7 Thursday 64/1am
64/12pm
Partly cloudy, warm & humid - Pleasantly cool tonight -
Cloudless but somewhat hazy declining full moon. Calm
weather. I drew out manure, got cart load sawdust,
raked up the cut hay up at Ollie Burgher's. Put the second
crop alfalfa in her barn. Rec'd a letter from Mariam. They
are OK, & rec'd anniversary & birthday cards ok.

AUGUST 8 Friday

64/7am

56/12pm

Murky overcast till mid pm then sun broke thru. Cloudless chill & still evng, Moonlight this am. I mowed brush awhile along woods comer. PM I got the jag of Little Meadow hay at Ollie's. This am early I buried Chas. Ginsbittle's 13 yr old wooly dark shepherd dog Prince - north side Ollie's pig house. Dog died unexpectedly last evng & I went up & got him at Chalet Indien & brot Ollie home. I carved a stone slab marker on the grave. Rec'd & answered card Evelyn Longyear.

AUGUST 9 Saturday

62/7am

64/12pm

Generally sunny, became overcast latter pm. August weather – Rather humid my achy lame left leg bothers me miserable now for past 3 weeks, comes & goes, mostly stays. I drew out manure, got big cart load nice dry sawdust & finished cutting brush along the woods & wall below. I attended IOOF Lodge tonight. Small turnout but had usual refreshments. Coming home I called on Mr & Mrs Dick Lane - now owners of the Gildersleeve farm. The Baptist annual sale & supper this evng.

AUGUST 10 Sunday

64/7am

64/12pm

Started raining after midnight and continued till around noon, with intermingled thunder showers. A wonderful refreshing God sent rain. Larry Kelder's new swimming pool was completed and plugged in yesterday, with a mere trickle of water running in the Jacky Brook This

pm it was filled & overflowing gently. Its cost is upward of \$4,000 Larry told me. My leg bothers so that I kept off it & hit the couch as much as possible today.

AUGUST 11 Monday 64/7am 64/12pm
Rather warm, some breeze and mostly sunny. Clear, cool evng with moon back to half. I finished the after haying brush cutting & heaped up the brush & weeds. I rested awhile after dinner to let up on my lame leg. However it got a good work out tramping over the hill from 28A early evng after the local siren rang & I went to Traver Hollow where fire of unknown origin destroyed all but the framework of Martin J. Every's over century old barn remodeled into apartments & furnished by the present owners. The estimated loss is near \$6,000.

AUGUST 12 Tuesday 64/11am 64/12pm
Light rain late in night. Unsettled murky overcast - Mussy rainy pm & evng. Drawed out manure & got load sawdust, rested up some, still fagged out from haying. Delia Kelder had 14th birthday anniversary party this evng. I sent her a card.

AUGUST 13 Wednesday 60/12pm
Partly cloudy, but generally sunny, light northerly day wind – clear still cool evng. Busy with daily chores etc. I find our young guernsey cow "Heifer" had a thrifty heifer calf down in pasture this am. This pm I gave Geo. Burgher a hand putting composition shingle siding on Ollie Burgher's house. He started the job yesterday. This

evng I took Charlie & Billy Davis up to the Phoenicia movies - feature California Conquest. The spectacular story of America's sweep to the sea.

AUGUST 14 Thursday 58/7am 56/12pm
Sunny & noticeably warm pm. Serene summer weather. Clear still cool evng with heavy dew. I made hog yard repairs & helped Geo Burgher put on house siding. Drewed out manure. Rec'd letter Dick Herrington. Pulled weeds out potato patch after supper.

AUGUST 15 Friday 58/7am
Sunny real warm till mid pm & became mostly overcast, hazy with developing brisk South Westerly wind. This am I mowed the second growth grass patch south side of currant bushes & by house. Got it in barn after supper - Helped George Burgher put siding shingles on east side of Ollie Burgher's house.

AUGUST 16 Saturday 74/12pm
Murky warm humid with frequent showers to downpours all thru the day & evng. Strong south westerly wind developed pm - quieting tonight. Besides daily chores, not much accomplished. Mart Eckert obliged & cut my hair. This pm I went up to Bert Winnie's garage & had tack punctured tire fixed 75cents. Joe Winkler gave me a movie ticket. I went up to the early show at Phoenicia. Feature picture Dream Boat. I bought bu basket ripe peaches at McGraths store \$1.50

AUGUST 17 Sunday 74/8am 62/12pm
Continued warm & cleared up brightly with fresh northerly wind & cooler pm – cloudless evng. My leg bothers me very much. Toward noon I went up the Bushkill road & called on Ed Avery & Jennie Kerr. I pretty much rested off my leg pm & evng. Addie Kelder visited mother & had dinner with her. Kathryn Van Ness called pm.

AUGUST 18 Monday 56/6:30am 58/12pm
Pleasant warm sunny day - Cloudless still cool evng. I helped Geo Burgher putting composition siding on Ollie Burghers house on kitchen west side. Drewed out big load manure on grass after supper.

AUGUST 19 Tuesday 50/7am 52/12pm
A lovely cool sunny day – cloudless still & chill tonight. I gave Geo.Burgher a hand this am putting shingles on south side of Ollie Burghers house. This pm & evng - 12-9 I served on the Fall Primary Election Board. The old board of Inspectors were re appointed - Philip Coletti, Albert R Fox, Mrs. Emma Eckert & myself, EC Davis. We organized with Mrs. Eckert as Chairman, only 4 Republican & 3 Democratic ballots were cast. This is the first Election to be held in the new garage Town office.

AUGUST 20 Wednesday 52/7am 61/12pm
Another pleasant moderately warm. sunny day - with some clouds – wind light. I helped Geo Burgher finish

south side of Ollie's house this forenoon - PM I mowed last patch of fodder oats above the road. After supper I drew out manure & got a load of sawdust. Rec'd Sears Roebuck fall & winter catalog. The Ulster County 2 day fair opened at Forsyth Park. Kingston - attendance 13000 - only free fair in the state.

AUGUST 21 Thursday 60/7am 60/2pm
Murky am - rainy all afternoon, at times a downpour - lighter rain evng. Later breaking away - cool. Did chores - split up some slab wood & piled on porch am. Rested most of the pm. Split wood awhile after supper. The Kingston fair got drenched - attendance only 4,000.

AUGUST 22 Friday 60/7am
Humid unsettled this morning but faired away. Partly cloudy, with brisk Northerly wind & much cooler, a decided tinge of autumn in the air. I busied around with chores & split up some slab wood am. This afternoon I hooked up the horses on mower & cut the south side garden alfalfa & the woods corner & part of field behind barn. After supper & chores I took a cart load manure up to neighbor Wm.Davis garden.

AUGUST 23 Saturday 50/17am 52/11 pm
A magnificent cool day with brisk Northerly wind - cloudless chilly still evng. There was considerable high white overcast. I mowed till mid pm the second cutting field in front of house am. After breakfast & burnt the brush heaps out along woods corner. Drew out manure

- PM I cleaned up the small load of the cutting in Ollie's upper field. After supper & chores I packed 7 lbs butter & some potatoes for Mrs. Knorph & a box of beans, beets, tomatoes & cukes for Mr & Mrs Longyear for neighbor Will Davis to take along to Brooklyn early in the morning. I also attended I.O.O.F. Lodge.

AUGUST 24 Sunday 50/7am 54/12pm
Another gorgeous cool windy day, still cloudless & quite nippy evng, Toward noon I went up to Clayton Burgher's old home farm to see the Harold Mellon saw mill in operation since last winter off to the right along bank below wagon house. There is any quantity of slab wood both hard growth & soft pine for the carting away. This pm I raked the woods corner & behind barn also the alfalfa end of garden & Mother & I got it all in a beautifully cured load. Mr & Mrs Claude N Beidler called - PM also Pratt Boice & Ferris Davis.

AUGUST 25 Monday 52/7am 54/12pm
Yet another gorgeous mostly sunny day - warmer wind light. Beautiful clear still evng. Burnished crescent moon settled early behind South Mountain. Worked at the hay in front of house. Mother & I got a load in pink of condition late pm. - I also mowed the second cutting strip along entrance driveway. Drawed out manure after supper.

AUGUST 26 Tuesday 52/7am. 62/12pm
Continued magnificent weather & real hot & drying.

Cloudless pleasant eng with brilliant golden waxing crescent moon. Mother & I put off the load of hay and got the remaining cured load before dinner. After a 2 hour noonday rest, I gave Ollie's new front double door a prime coat of aluminum paint. After supper I drew out the manure & got cart load of rakings. No sweet corn yet - looks like another 10 days or 2 weeks.

AUGUST 27 Wednesday 60/7am 66/12pm

A hot still sunny sultry day - some pm overcast developed, Warm still cloudless evng, - new moon grown. Mother & I put off the load of hay & I drew out overnight manure am. I found I had a flat right front tire noon time, which necessitated a mid pm trip up to Bert Winne's - Later I raked up the second cutting strip along driveway & after supper & milking Mother & I got it in barn. Rec'd letter Mrs. Longyear,

AUGUST 28 Thursday

Overcast murky am faired away hot sunshine mid day & later again became overcast warm & humid.

AUGUST 29 Friday

Partly cloudy - hot & humid, brisk southerly day wind developed. Still & muggy with light rains tonight. Considerable hot sunshine. Did daily chores & chinking in odd jobs. Latter pm I gave the garage roof its first painting with GLF black paint. Built in early 1937 the galvanized roof was showing rust. This evng I attended Republican caucus in Town office. I was chosen

Chairman & Justice Frank C. Carle, clerk - Mrs. Jessie DuBoice was nominated by acclamation to succeed herself from temporary appointment as collector for ensuing 1953 year. There was a surprisingly large turnout at first caucus in new building - previously held many years in Olive Bridge IOOF hall. Charles E. Barber 79, of Kingston, former local resident died in hosp.

AUGUST 30 Saturday

Murky threatening. Considerable rain in night. Broke away toward noon hot & humid. Murked over again later. I went thru my field corn & found it well eared but already considerably damage by coons etc. Later I drew out manure, set traps in sweet corn, found a first mess for eating then cut a cart load of the "cooned" field corn. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge - 15 members & one visitor, Clifford Cole, from Oneonta lodge. Had good refreshments after. The Olive Democrats held a caucus this evng at Alonzo Haver Inc Garage, Ashokan & nominated Mrs. Ellen Nichols to oppose Mrs. Jesse DuBois for collector.

AUGUST 31 Sunday 62/ 12pm

Cool dark murky rainy & misty weather day & night. I luckily caught a raccoon last night in sweet corm - Mart Eckert brot it over & helped skin it - each took half. Aside from chores, just coasted along, The Bushkill Rod & Gun Club had a 22 rifle shoot at Traver Hollow Inn pm. I made a birthday call pm on Ed Avery - his 75th anniv.

SEPTEMBER 1 Monday 64/7am 70/12pm
Drizzling rainy night. The storm increased in intensity, accompanied this afternoon with driving easterly wind, backward from the tropical hurricane wearing itself out up the Atlantic Coast. The wind quieted & rain petered out late pm & broke away evng with bright moonlight & wind northerly, but still warm & humid The Bushkill stream was raging in flood & tributary streams accordingly. Larry Kelders new dam, dry yesterday was cascading beautifully.

SEPTEMBER 2 Tuesday 60/7am
Hot sunny humid Threatening overcast developed latter pm. Very warm humid evng with thunder showers. I took the day making a delayed trip taking 9 lb jar of butter to Ernie Lounsberry @.75 paid – called at Fred Baumgarten's & then on to Ellenville & visited Mr & Mrs Robert A McCartney. I found him stronger & can get around the house & in yard, but very thin & discouraged. Wrote news copy last night.

SEPTEMBER 3 Wednesday 62/7am 52/12pm
Rained in night and this morning, cleared away toward noon. Warm - cloudless cool still evng. With magnificent early rising big moon at its full. Drewed out big cart load manure am - Had an after dinner rest, then got a hay wagon load of green field corn for the cows.

SEPTEMBER 4 Thursday 50/7am 52/12pm
Considerable cloudiness yet a favorable show of

sunshine. Fairing away pm – warm wind light. A most magnificent clear still crispy evng with majestic early rising moon, full last night. I drew out manure as usual. Went to Bert Winne's Garage this am & had a grabbing left front brake cleaned – cause too much grease in wheel hub. \$1.25 paid This pm at Mary Roe's request I mowed the hay patch behind the house also the oats stubble seeding & second growth hay strip across from the old house to road.

SEPTEMBER 5 Friday 48/7am

Cool early & heavy dew. A beautiful mellow warm sunny day, wind very light - Another gorgeous moonlight night not too chilly. The road up the hill from 28A to near cider mill corner is being oiled & re surfaced by Supt of Highways Howard Trowbridge. He very obligingly included our driveway out to road. I had jobs in variety, turned cut hay & got hay rigging load up to Mary Roe's for overnight fodder.

SEPTEMBER 6 Saturday

Pleasant cool sunny weather, wind light becoming overcast late pm & looks dark & showery. Busy as usual drew out manure - working with hay, cleaned up the last jag of hay behind Roe's house. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Had refreshments.

SEPTEMBER 7 Sunday 54/7am 46/12pm

Heavy morning dew. Clear brilliant remained chilly with light northerly wind, part cloudiness developed and

became cloudless late pm. Pretty nippy tonight & still - moon declining. Busy all day with chores & hay. With fair weather in view I mowed 2 patches of second growth alfalfa am over at Morton Roe's.

SEPTEMBER 8 Monday 40/7am 42/12pm
Heavy dew like rain & very chilly - brilliant clear this morning with some lazy developing cloudiness - still & cool again becoming cloudless latter pm. - moonlight. I worked with the haying & cleaned up the well cured cutting across to road from the old house.

SEPTEMBER 9 Tuesday 40/7am 50/ I 2pm
Heavy dew & chilly early, but warmed up quite summery, clear sunny & mellow, with light easterly day wind. Clear still & real cool evng. Moonlight waning back to half. I went up to Bert Winne's Garage am & had a muffler end repair job done - Now good as a new one - charge \$4 paid. This pm I mowed second cutting bordering north & east sides of the field corn, now ready to cut. After this I raked the curing alfalfa I cut at Morton Roe's.

SEPTEMBER 10 Wednesday 52/7am 60/12 pm
Cloudless serene calm hot summery weather. Quiet starry evng with late rising half moon directly across the reservoir. I wrote "news" copy am & turned the alfalfa winrows over at Morton Roe's. This pm I tedded my cutting by field corn & got the alfalfa in a nice well cured load - after supper Mother & I got it unloaded.

SEPTEMBER 11 Thursday 56/6:30am 62/12pm
Cloudless, very hot during day – still & mellow --
cloudiness tonight - pleasantly warm & still. Waning late
moonlight. September is at her best. This am I went up to
Bert Winne's for starter repairs - starter went dead cause
a broken Bendix lock ring. \$1.50 paid - This pm I
mowed the alfalfa part of orchard lot & cleaned up the
alfalfa rakings at Roe's. This evng I went with Chas.
Gensbittel to opening meeting of Ancient City Council R
& SM

SEPTEMBER 12 Friday 66/12pm
Becalmed summer weather - considerable high overcast,
which cleared early pm & sun was very hot. It's July back
again. Did chores etc am. Called to see Claud Beidler
who had a dizzy attack yesterday. This pm after a nap I
tedded the orchard lot cutting raked & got in load of hay
bordering corn field

SEPTEMBER 13 Saturday 64/7am 64/2pm
Considerable hazy overcast. Light northerly day wind,
clear still tonight. Old moon rim rising late. Continued
haying, I mowed a field near knee high stand of alfalfa
on 3 corner lot & grass behind old barn - Also raked
orchard lot hay. Tonight, having passes I took Arthur,
Billy & Charley Davis to Phoenicia - saw dramatic tense
picture One Minute To Zero depicting the early part of
the Korean war of 2 yrs ago.

SEPTEMBER 14 Sunday 62/7am 60/12pm

The sun rose clear but atmosphere soon murked over - still misty weather, light afternoon fine rain misty evng. Other than doing chores, I called on "Pop" Beidler & rested.

Several newspaper clippings found in this date:

Kingston Freeman Tues. Sept. 16, 1952

HELLENE M. CARLZON WEDS HERBERT WELLS
IN METHODIST CHURCH

Miss Hellene Margaretha Carlzon, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Emil Carlzon of Olive Bridge, became the bride of Herbert L. Wells, son of Mr and Mrs Sylvester Wells, Boiceville, at 2 pm Sunday, Sept. 14, in the Olive Bridge Methodist Church. The Rev Jack E. Savage, pastor, St. John's Methodist Church, Newburgh, officiated at the double ring ceremony. A reception for 50 guests was held at Woodland Acres, West Shokan.

And

The school children of Olive and adjacent towns appear to be getting a big kick out of the new school buses, several of which are now being used to convey pupils to and from the big Onteora Central School at Boiceville. Harold Wilkins is operator of a bus, and Viva Davis drives a suburban car which brings children up to Winchell Comers from the south side of the reservoir.

And

ECHO OF WATERWORKS DAYS: September 14, 1913 - Dedication of new Shokan Reformed Church stone building largely attended. Among those coming from other communities were: The consistory of the First

Dutch Church; the Revs. Dr. Leeper and Charles L. Palmer of Kingston. Also, Dominies Brandow, Albany; Charles Kinney, Schylerville, and C. W. Clough of Woodstock, all of whom were welcomed by Pastor Hemy Brink and members of the local church.

SEPTEMBER 15 Monday 58/7am 58/12pm
Misty night murky cool weather - Rainy all day light am heavier pm & evng. Later became cloudless. Other than chores & writing several cards not much doing. Made out order Montgomery Ward evng. Mother has dried our winters supply of sweet corn and now canning tomatoes. Have an abundant supply of sweet corn, tomatoes beans & other garden stuff in variety.

Clippings found for this date:

News Leader Thurs. Sept. 25/52

WEST SHOKAN PERSONALS

Mrs. Edna Davis has returned home from the Benedictine hospital following an attack of pneumonia. The Chalet Indian tennis club held their annual festivities over the weekend among the guests were about fifty from the metropolitan district. - Larry Kelder and friends, including Wallace Reenes of New Orleans, spent the weekend at Head Acres.

September 15 marked the vacating of the Colange general store by Mr and Mrs Clarence Burgher. Built in 1917 by the late William Colange, the business has been in continuous operation under several proprietors and is a

widely known landmark at the gateway to Watson Hollow.

Supervisor Claude Bell and Joseph Snyder, Mr and Mrs George Reitmer, were among those from this vicinity who attended the Great Barrington Fair.

Lumberman Harold Mellin is clearing the timber from the hillside tract on the Lang farm. Some of the trees are immense hard maples and ash of virgin stand. The property was the Eckert family homestead for generations until about forty years ago.

Mrs. May Lang has completed her seasonable employment as clerk at the West Shokan post office.

Deputy Sheriff Claude N. Beidler is up and around again after a spell with high blood pressure. And

Sept.18 '52 Harrison Gridley of Shady and Mildred McLoughlin of Olive Bridge, who taught the Ashokan school last year, are numbered among the several teachers retained for service at the big Onteora Central schoolhouse, where the fall term is now in full swing despite the fact that considerable work remains to be done on the gymnasium, cafeteria and high school units. Topsoil is being applied to the 30 acres of grounds surrounding this outstanding educational center at Boiceville, three miles West of Shokan.

SEPTEMBER 16 Tuesday 52/7am 58/12pm

Considerable cloudiness warm rather humid & westerly day wind, clear still & cool evng. I spread big load manure on oats seeding patch, got cart load field corn & worked with the wet orchard lot raked hay. Made pm trip

to Gus Korittke's for tedder kicker rod repair. This evng I took Ollie & Mrs. Chas. Gensbittel to Phoenicia - Saw thrilling circa 1729 piracy era West Indies technicolor picture Caribbean starring Arlene Dahl.

SEPTEMBER 17 Wednesday 487am 48/ 11 pm
Party cloudy am, brilliant sunny pm, rather cool & breeze. Cloudless still chilly tonight. This am I tedded over the orchard lot cutting & brought a jag home fro overnight fodder. This pm I made my third annual Grand Jurors Assn visit to the Napanoch Institution For Mental Defectives. Ollie Burgher & Geo. Slesinger & Grace Winchell went along. After the program we went to Ellenville & called on Dr. McCartney.

SEPTEMBER 18 Thursday 46/7am 72/12pm
Mostly cloudy - warmer & humid with occasional brief showers & South Westerly wind Despite the weather I managed to clean up the rest of the orchard lot hay & behind old barn, a nice jag. Also drew out manure on meadow.

SEPTEMBER 19 Friday 72/7am
Rainy windy night Equinoctial storm. Strong South Westerly winds diminished with showers & thunder showers forenoon & pm. Warm sticky weather. Breaking away during pm. I went up to Bert Winnie's toward noon in driving downpour & had a punctured left front tire repair job done. I discarded tire & having used my spare, mounted one of my snow tires to carry for a spare. .50

cent paid. Latter pm after school I got Arthur Davis to help me start cutting corn - 10 stouts.

SEPTEMBER 20 Saturday 52/12pm

Partly cloudy - wind northerly seasonably warm. Still cool starry evng. Did chores as usual. Spread cart load manure on oats seeding. Tedded & raked week old cutting on 3 corner lot & got a cart load each of sweet com & field com I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng Had refreshments after.

SEPTEMBER 21 Sunday 48/11am 46/12pm

Cool - more or less windy. Partly cloudy to cloudy with light pm rains. Clear still tonight damp chilly.

I made a strip of pasture fence repairs am from stone wall end up to pasture bars corner hemlock tree. Reason a cow crawled under broke off post yesterday pm. Did usual daily round of chores. Mr & Mrs Claude Beidler called around noon & Mother gave them some vegetables. During pm Mr & Mrs Vahan Kizirian called. Centennial ceremony observed today in First Dutch church of Kingston. Attended by 1100. Many in costumes or actual dress of 100 yrs ago.

SEPTEMBER 22 Monday

Partly sunny am. Generally overcast pm. Cool with South Westerly wind After morning chores I took Kathryn Terwilliger up some buttermilk, sweet corn, green beans & tomatoes. She is greatly pleased. Otherwise I turned the 3 corner hay before dinner. This

pm I spread manure on oats patch seeding. Got cart load sawdust. Then cleaned the damp alfalfa hay in a good rigging load, except takings. Sent air mail letter to Mariam. Paid to Mabel D. Weidner Onteora School tax Collector at Lester Davis store - Olive rate \$36.63 per M. Last year Home Farm -val 600 58.61 – Hinkley Place val 300 10.99

SEPTEMBER 23 Tuesday 46/7am 48/12pm
A cold rain was falling this morning, but later faired away & the rest of the day was mostly sunny. Wind gentle & starlight chill & still evng. Did chores etc am. This pm I cut 15 stouts of corn alone & lonesome. Wrote weekly news copy am.

SEPTEMBER 24 Wednesday 46/7am 46/12pm
Heavy dew like rain. Pleasant mostly sunny day -with S. Westerly day wind still, chill & cloudless evng. Brilliant big crescent moon hung early over High Point. I cut 20 stouts of corn Took over cart load of manure on oats seeding & brought back load field corn for fodder.

SEPTEMBER 25 Thursday 42/17 am 46/12 pm
Heavy dew. Sunny except for a spell of midday part cloudiness. Pleasantly cool. Little wind. Clear still evng with burnished crescent moon over High Point. Busy with chores & odd jobs am. This pm I cut the last 4 stouts of field corn, cleaned up the 3 corner rakings & with it brought over 3 stouts of corn.

SEPTEMBER 26 Friday 50/7:30 am

Clear warm & sunny. Brisk South Westerly wind developed & became overcast & showery latter pm. West side had a sprinkle from Coons neighborhood thunder shower. Mart & Anna Eckert came over this am & picked a bushel of green beans to can. This pm I spread load manure on oats seeding also got a big cart load of sweet corn stalks for cows, & made another trip for 4 stouts of field corn.

SEPTEMBER 27 Saturday 38/7 am 38/12 pm

A gloriously perfect cool day & brilliant bulging moonlight evng, Variable light day winds. Real crispy tonight. Busy with usual chores etc. Am - I kept the cows in today. Mart Eckert did necessary chores evng, Mother milked. I went with Jesse Shurter & Charles Ginsbittel to Kingston pm and attended the Knights Templar Festival. Saw the Red Cross & Knight of Malta orders conferred at the municipal auditorium on 32 candidates. Dined at the Old Dutch Church & marched in the parade from Masonic Temple down Broadway at 7:30 pm to Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER 28 Sunday 50/8am

Back to good old Standard Time. Another perfect cloudless day & evng, Warmer than yesterday. Light Southerly day wind. Did chores, relaxed today. Ollie didn't have to work, her first Sunday home

since mid June. Old Dutch Reformed church of Kingston dedicated 100 yrs ago today, Sept.28th 1852. Three earlier edifices preceded it.

SEPTEMBER 29 Monday 50/7am 60/12pm
Warm summery. Sunny am becoming mostly overcast pm, Southerly day wind, partly cloudy tonight. I mowed for 3rd time alfalfa patches at Ollie Burghers, also last chunk of orchard lot cutting. Drewed over manure on oats seeding & brot back cart load sweet corn. John C. Davis World War 2 vet of Shokan (age about 24) killed this pm while operating a Bull Dozer at the new Pepecton Reservoir building job at Downsville. The dozer tipped over on him & then rolled over several times as reported when a bank gave way. Funeral services Tues pm, Oct 2 in Ashokan M.E. church. Rev Milton Ryan minister with an assistant, burial Cold Brook Cemetery where military honors were accorded by Olive Memorial Post 1627 American Legion.

SEPTEMBER 30 Tuesday 50/7am
60/12pm
Pleasant sunny day with fresh cool northerly wind gloriously clear, still, brilliant moonlight evng, Busy with usual chores etc am. This pm I spread over the cut alfalfa, tedded the orchard cutting & brought home a load of sweet corn stalks & 4 stouts of field corn. A special & final school meeting held 8pm in former Dist N08, Olive West Shokan School house to decide on the disposition - By majority vote the property is to be kept

in the community as a center for community needs viz - scout meeting place library Blood Bank, Home Bureau etc etc.

OCTOBER 1 Wednesday 60/12pm

Considerable cloudiness intermingled with bright sunshine. Southerly wind mostly overcast tonight. Wrote news copy am. Busy with usual chores - This pm I cleaned up the orchard lot cutting & raked the alfalfa patches.

The 1952 Worlds Series playoff started 1 pm at Ebbetts Field, Brooklyn where the Dodgers defeated the American League Champs the New York Yankees 4 - 2. Rookie Joe Black winning Pitcher & the veteran Allie Reynolds the loser. A thrilling game.

OCTOBER 2 Thursday 54/10:30pm

Cool foggy murky drizzly till mid pm when boisterous electrical storm conditions developed & continued into early evng with downpours & decidedly cooler. I drew over cart load manure & spread on oats seeding & got 2 stouts field corn coming back I listened in on part of the second World Series game in Brooklyn where sunshine prevailed, and the Yankees trampled the Dodgers 7 - 1 Vic Raschi the winning pitcher. Carl Erskine loser. I then went to Phoenicia & paid respects to Abram Longyear 68 at Gormley's funeral parlor. The weather was rough both ways.

OCTOBER 3 Friday 44/7am 40/ 12pm

Snow squalls on Wittenbergs gradually clearing with strong raw northerly wind. Bright big full moon & part cloudy tonight. I drew over manure & got load sweet corn stalks. Husked corn awhile pm & had radio out in barn & heard part of the Worlds Series 3rd game played at Yankee Stadium. The surprising Brooklyn Dodgers beat the World Champ _ Yankees 5 -3, Preacher Roe winning pitcher & ----- the loser. Cornelia Dick & Norah came this evng. Funeral services 1 pm at Phoenicia Baptist Church for Abe Longyear.

OCTOBER 4 Saturday 38/7am .. 42/12pm
Light pumpkin vine frost this am. Magnificent clear cool day with southerly wind. Warmer tonight & brilliant moonlight. I served as Inspector on first day of Registration at the Town Office voting place for Olive Dist No2. We quit early & I went to Olive Bridge too late for lodge meeting, but shared the social part of Oscar Dudley's 50th anniversary party - he having become a member of Shokan IOOF Lodge N0491, Oct 4, 1902. There was a turnout above 40. Cornelia, Dick & children Norah & Ellen came evng also a visit by Mr & Mrs Ralph Longyear. We heard the 4th World Series game at Yankee Stadium - Yanks beat Dodgers 7 - I Allie Reynolds winner - Joe Black losing pitchers.
Rec'd letter Mariam.

OCTOBER 5 Sunday 42/1am 44/12pm
Mostly cloudy cool damp & threatening with a few pm sprinkles of rain. Clearing early evng - still, cloudless

with early rising declining full moon. Dick helped me get the small load of alfalfa cutting up at Ollie Burgher's. Its too damp to put on mow. They left early pm back to Rome NY. I heard part of broadcast of 5th World Series game at Yankee Stadium where the Yankees were beaten 5 - 4 in 11 innings - winning pitcher, Carl Erskie. Loser . Attendance topped 70,000

Clipping found in this date as follows:

Kingston Freeman Tues. Oct. 7, 1952

DUDLEY HONORED BY SHOKN LODGE

Members of Shokan Lodge, 491, IOOF, Saturday night held a 50th anniversary party for Past Grand Oscar Dudley of Olive Bridge. The session was attended by a large number of members of the lodge and also numerous visitors who came to pay honor to Dudley who is now retired after having been associated with the New York City Water Department for 42 years
Past Grand Dudley joined Shokan Lodge Oct4, 1902, 50 years ago. During the evening there were remarks by many of the members and Noble Grand Henry Maben of Allaben spoke in appreciation of the long membership of Dudley and extended to him congratulations.
During the evening refreshments were served and there was a big anniversary birthday cake.
Phineas Taylor Barnum, "king of the Big Top" was born on July 10, 1810.

OCTOBER 6 Monday 48/1am

Considerable cloudiness but generally sunny - southerly

day wind. Moonlight evng becoming foggy later. I re dried the wagon load of alfalfa, spread it out in front of barn & garage. Got 7 stouts of field corn on hay wagon & dug out the cornfield border rows of potatoes nearly a bushel. Drawed out manure - Also I heard most of the WKNY broadcast of the 6th Worlds Series game played at Ebbetts Field Brooklyn & won by the N. Y. Yankees 3-2

OCTOBER 7 Tuesday 44am 40/12pm
A cold drizzle was falling this morning, but gradually broke away. With northerly wind becoming cloudless latter pm chill moonlight night. Snow covers the border tier, Allegheny County area radio reported earliest fall in 25 years. Wrote news copy am & letter to Mrs. Longyear. This pm I husked corn & heard parts of the 7th and deciding Worlds Series game at Ebbetts Field where the Yankees defeated the Dodgers 4 - 2 - Joe Black losing & winning pitchers, both sides used several pitchers. Catchers for the series were Yoggi Berri Yanks, & Roy Campanelli, Dodgers.

Clipping found in this date as follows:
ARETAS 100 YEARS OLD
Aretas Lodge No 172, IOOF celebrates its 100th anniversary today and all members are invited to attend a birthday party in the lodge rooms tonight. There will be entertainment and refreshments. The lodge was instituted on Oct.1, 1852.

OCTOBER 8 Wednesday 31/7am

More & heavier pumpkin vine frost. Mothers lovely autumn flowers are but slightly touched. Northerly wind chilly & clear - cloudless tonight & moonlight. I drew out manure mowed last of the second cutting grass, above 3 corner lot. Got a load of field corn & tonight Ollie home from her Chalet Indien work a few days gave me a hand husking.

OCTOBER Thursday 34

Continued cool with considerable high overcast intermingled with areas of bright sunshine. Wind light, southerly. Clear still crispy tonight with the majestic declining moon down to half. Did usual chores finished husking off the load of corn & got a stout load of field corn & some sweet com stalks. This evng I went with Claude Beidler & Chas. Ginsbittel to Kingston & attended the monthly meeting of Ancient City Council N0 21 8pm.

OCTOBER 10 Friday 38/7am 34/12pm

Bright sunny day but very cool with chill Southerly day wind, some high overcast. Still clear tonight. I made 3 cutting of the garden patch of knee high alfalfa & raked up the grass mowed Wednesday. Did chores etc. I could scarcely keep fairly warm working.

OCTOBER 11 Saturday 34/7am 34/10pm

Frost again last night. Damp chill & overcast this morning but later cleared away beautifully but very cool

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Cloudless still & frosty tonight. I drew out manure over on alfalfa patch below oats seeding & brought back cart load of dried grass. This pm & evng I served on the Second Day of Registration - There is a total enrollment for Dist No 2 of 772 - Last year 761. Rec'd letter from Jeannie Longyear. Claude Beidler took his wife to Benedictine Hosp this pm in critical heart condition.

OCTOBER 12 Sunday 34/7:30am 24 in Bushkill section.

Heavy frost last night. A truly magnificent day, a bit warmer than yesterday with Southerly wind. Cloudless tonight with the old moon rim rising late. Busy with chores & odd jobs most of day. I have the sniffles & feel achy & tired. I mowed a chunk of the side hill grass this am.

OCTOBER 13 Monday

Shower threat & sprinkles this morning, but cleared warm & sunny with brisk Southerly winds. The air became damp & chill after sunset. Cloudless tonight & rather blustery. I did chores & husked corn this am. This pm I spread load manure on seeding & brot back the last of the dried second cutting & 4 stouts of corn. I husked awhile tonight.

OCTOBER 14 Tuesday 64/1am

Considerable forenoon part cloudiness, sunny afternoon warm summery with brisk variable wind Still chilly &

cloudless evng, I tried out my Deere machine for the first time of consequence. Mowed the side hill lot. This pm I dug some of Ollie's potatoes & gathered the pumpkins & squashes. Brot home the last 7 stouts of field corn on hay wagon - husked off 5 stouts after supper.

OCTOBER 15 Wednesday

Considerable haze & overcast. Lowry like weather - faired away latter pm. Day winds Southerly & brisk. Not as warm as yesterday. Busy with chores & jobs in variety. Gave a hand digging Ollie's potatoes - crop about half normal. due to extremely hot July sun which blistered vines like blight. Got jag of side hill grass for night fodder. This pm I drew some firewood from Tel. Co now putting up new line over Dolans & Larry Kelders - Paid 5.00. This evng I went to Kingston with Claude N. Beidler - He went to Benedictine Hosp to see his wife. I stopped off at the Masonic Temple & spent the evng at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75. Helped as Marshall with conferring of Mark Master Degree - Beidler also attended. Hamburgers & coffee followed.

OCTOBER 16 Thursday 54/7am - 36/10pm

Bright sunny weather scattered high wispy clouds - variable day winds. Temperature on the cool side. Cloudless still chill evng. I helped Ollie digging her potatoes - Total crop around 10 bu. Last year 27 on patch adjoining. Latter pm raked the side hill & drew out on grass big load manure. 175th anniversary of the Burning of defenseless Kingston by British troops under

GEN. John Vaughn. 326 houses burned & a barn to nearly every one, filled with hay & grain supplies for winter. The inhabitants fled to Hurley for temporary shelter.

OCTOBER 17 Friday 36/7am 40/12pm
Considerable high overcast yet generally sunny. Cool - a brisk northerly wind developed toward noon, but quieted latter pm, starlight still tonight. Ollie helped me get the load of side hill hay this forenoon. And latter pm gathered 2 cart loads of squashes & pumpkins from undug potato & sweet corn patch. 175th Anniversary of the Surrender of Gentleman Johnny Burgoyne & his invading British Army at Saratoga to Gen Horatio Gates, turning point of the American Revolution.

OCTOBER 18 Saturday 34/7am 36/12pm
Cool autumnish day. Generally sunny am but mostly overcast glum pm evng. Moderate winds. Busy as usual routine - Ollie helped me dig potatoes pm. Poorest yield I ever recall. There is considerable rot & majority of potatoes are nubbins. Patch rank with weeds despite intensive cultivation. The July heat simply blighted the growth of vines & tubers only had 6 on from 6 - 75ft rows. The Wm Hartkopf-Mt Pleasant Cutlery Co plant just south of RR Station burned last night with loss of \$30,000 estimated. The Town of Shandaken has lost several factories by fire.

OCTOBER 19 Sunday 48/8am 34/12pm

Mostly cloudy - drab chilly day - Cloudless still tonight. Did daily chores - called on "Pop" Beidler - went to see the saw mill Harold Mellin has moved from the Clayton Burgher farm & set up under the bank on the Chas. Lang farm, former Eckert homestead - back of "Uncle Tomp's" barn. He is clearing off the wood lot. I took neighbor Will Davis to Boiceville for 4:20 NY bus, then took a trip up over the Bostock Mtn road and on up back Mtn road to the old Peter Winchell place & heading back visited the Winchell cemetery.

OCTOBER 20 Monday 28/7am 30/12pm
Cold snow squally blustery "wintry weather." Clear cold windy tonight. This am I drew out manure & got a big high cart load of fresh sawdust from Harold Mellin's mill I visited yesterday. This pm Ollie helped me finish getting the beans (which Mother has been working at) out of the garden & the last of acorn squashes & pumpkins gathered - Also finished digging the last 4 rows of potatoes - 3 bu.

OCTOBER 21 Tuesday 34/7:30am 34/11pm
Cold windy night with near 1/4" ice this am on the big barn gutter kettle. Magnificent clear day with brisk northerly wind that quieted latter pm. Cloudless crispy tonight. I wrote news copy this am. My main job for the day was getting 2 big cart loads of new sawdust & a load of sweet corn stalks.

OCTOBER 22 Wednesday 40/730am 40/12pm

Cloudless pleasant day & evng. More seasonably warmer. Brilliant growing crescent moon settled early behind Hoopole Mtn. My day job other than chores was painting the south side of the old Hinkley house roof. First since Oct 31-1945. Also painted south side of kitchen roof. The foliage continues colorful, but leaves are falling. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter, Charley Ginsbittel to Kingston to Rondout Commandry No 52 - where the impressive "Order of The Temple" was conferred on a class of 11 - which included Jesse.

OCTOBER 23 Thursday 34/11 am

46/10:30pm

Some high overcast am - all bright & sunny pm with fresh northerly wind that calmed at evng. Pleasant mild weather. This am I mowed for 3rd time grass patch by the row of currant bushes. This pm I painted north side of the old house. Was re roofed by me 9/29/38 & never painted - condition good. Late pm I went after a big cart load of fresh sawdust & back home in early crescent moonlight. Dry weather :fire hazard is getting serious. I sent calf born Aug. 13 to Pine Bush market via Allen Rose.

OCTOBER 24 Friday 54/9:30pm

Clear mild - still early but a brisk northerly wind developed & continued all day & evng. Cloudless brilliant evng. with big crescent moon settling behind South Hollow around 8:30. A fire started in woods near base of Tysteneck Mtn. A tall spire of smoke was

rising when I first saw it before 8 o'clock as I was writing by dining room table, soon the wind started & smoke mushroomed & fire started spreading. It proved a stubborn job with Shokan & Olive Bridge Fire trucks responding to protect buildings in the area. The fire was subdued before noon but a watch is being kept tonight as the turf is bone dry & fire eats deep. I put in the day doing odd jobs but needful. Sent Mrs. Knorpp 6 dz eggs - cost .50 dz.

OCTOBER 25 Saturday 30/12pm

Strong northerly wind noticeably colder. At times considerable high cloudiness - All clearing pm & cloudless brilliant almost half moon tonight & getting colder. Dry conditions getting more serious daily. I put in the day with usual chores & jobs in variety, drew out manure & got 2 loads of sawdust & cleaned up the cut grass. I missed IOOF lodge meeting tonight, but was there for refreshment. Ollie working the over weekend - 24 party dinner crowd tonight at Chalet Indien.

OCTOBER 26 Sunday 22/7am 40/12pm

Coldest of season. Sunny not much wind, with considerable high thin cloudiness. Clear moon light evng with bright half moon & became windy & milder. Aside from chores - I wiled away the day & relaxed. Mr & Mrs Vahan Kiziriam called this evng. My Dear Aunt Julia Winchell sustained a stroke in bed early this am (I did not hear of this till a week later Nov 2)

OCTOBER 27 Monday 60/10pm

A heavy veil of smoke permeates the atmosphere & covers the mountains. Still this morning but a strong gusty Southerly wind developed - Generally sunny & bulging moon shone early evng but hazed over. Much warmer weather developed. Busy with chores & cleaning up bean poles in garden, dug last of the potatoes. The late garden planting yielded much better than the big patch. This pm Ollie Burgher helped me paint the front porch & steps - same color - steel gray.

OCTOBER 28 Tuesday 40/12pm

Colder glum damp this forenoon with wind shifting Northerly. A cold storm of a mixture of snow & rain fell all afternoon. Clearing early evening. The surrounding mountain crests are heavily coated by snow. This am drew a big cart load of manure up to Mr. Kizirian's for flower beds & got my ladders on hay wagon I had over to the old house for roof painting. The afternoon was stormed out.

OCTOBER 29 Wednesday 30/7am

40/12pm

The mountains are white with snow. Cold raw blustery snow squally weather. Winter has come early. Wrote "news" copy this morning. My other accomplishment aside from doing chores was getting a big cart load of bedding leaves - some along Dolan's yard walk & the rest along Ollie's quarry road. Mrs. Grace V. Doonan, a well known former city resident, died

suddenly of a heart attack sustained at the family home "The Owl's Nest" She was taken to the city for interment.

OCTOBER 30 Thursday 36/7am 44/11 pm
Cleared away this morning with developing strong S. Westerly wind which gradually calmed this pm which was cloudless. Big moon tonight, a bit hazy. Usually busy with chores & odd jobs. I painted the kitchen porch & steps pm except a pathway. I sent Mrs. Knorpp 10 lb butter. Edward H. Kelly, of Shokan & Kingston twice convicted :first degree, rifle slayer of Mrs. Eloise McHue of Kingston - died shortly after 11 pm in the Electric Chair at Sing Sing Prison. Mrs. McHue was killed as she was walking east on Main St near monument of Gov. Geo. Clinton in Old Dutch Church yard. He fired from a car parked diagonally across street.

OCTOBER 31 Friday 35/11am 48/12pm
Mild - warm - sunny but smoky - Calm am with moderate S. Westerly wind pm & evng. A big red smoky moon tonight. Reports say a smoke pall from brush & forest fires hangs over most of the eastern US.

NOVEMBER I Saturday 52/11am
44/12pm
Clear - very mild, the smoky haze cleared noticeably with northerly day wind that developed. Cloudless still & cooler tonight, with bright full moon. I took another big cart load manure up to Kizirian's before dinner. This pm I finished painting the milk house. GLF red & trimming

with customary white. Also painted west end of chicken house - red with white cover trim. IOOF Lodge - 15 present. Refreshments after.

NOVEMBER 2 Sunday 40/1:30am
58/10pm

The atmosphere is again heavy with smoke from distant forest fires. The sun was hazy & at times dimmed out. Wind generally calm - with occasional breezes S. West. Cloudless tonight with the full moon shining quite brightly. I went over & had Mart Eckert cut my hair before dinner. Did usual chores & finally to keep contented painted back side of chicken house. I called up Margaret Winchell this morning having just heard that Aunt Julia had a stroke last Sunday. Her speech is badly affected & she is helpless in bed and a day & night care for Margaret & Clyde's married daughter Alba Winnie.

NOVEMBER 3 Monday 44/7am 44/10pm

Weather change since cloudless midnight - Murky with light showers am. Northerly wind developed & cooler but cloudy all day. Another squall evng windy. By Executive order the States forests & woodland closed as of last midnight and the hunting season suspended. This due to the widespread dry conditions. I drew out manure & took advantage of the wetted conditions & got 2 big cart loads of leaves mostly along back road. A bitter and slanderous campaign as conducted by the so called New Deal Faire Deal Democratic party against Gen Eisenhower is the worst in modern political US

History.

NOVEMBER 4 Tuesday 34/4am 22/2 am Wed.
In marked contrast with the continued smoky weather Election Day & night was crystal clear and just a bit tangy, with light Northerly wind. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower swept into the Presidency over Dem. Adlai Stevenson, Gov of Illinois by a tremendous popular and Electoral Majority of 442 & cracking the solid south - carried 39 states. The Republicans won both houses of congress by narrow margins. Olive Dist 2 - gave the 172 maj (In town 393) Dist 2 had 445 & 7 absentees - total 452. 11 ballots voided (absentee) as Co Board of Elections sent Town Esopus ballots to Olive voters. Ike carried Ulster Co by 21, 508. US Senator Irving Ives by 19,316. State Sea Arthur H. Wicks by 17,614. Horace H. Boice County Treas. 18,373 - Jessie DuBois (Rep) over Ella Nichols (Dem) Collector for 1 yr in place of LE DeBois deceased last Jan. By 141 maj. Eisenhower carried NY State by 851,032. Sen. Irving Ives by 1,287,102

NOVEMBER 5 Wednesday 44/11pm
1 inch ice on barn tub. Clear but not so brilliant as yesterday, smoke haze again settled over top of High Point this am gradually became overcast pm with a chill S. Westerly wind pm and cloudy. Moonlight quiet evng.

I wrote weekly news copy am. Otherwise aside from chores my day after Election resulted in drawing out

manure on grass , getting fresh cart load of sawdust. Gen. Eisenhower has won 39 states with 442 Electoral votes & both houses of Congress went Republican. (Gen. Ike polled the largest popular vote of any President & swamped NY.

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NOVEMBER 6 Thursday 36/7am

Fairly pleasant this morning but windy, developed into a very blustery rain squally day changing to snow on mtns. I managed to get started painting on west gable of barn & some on front end of garage. Dry as the grass & leaves were this forenoon Edna Bishop started a paper fire in their perforated can behind their barn apt - grass caught fire & the West Shokan siren sounded & apparatus came promptly - but she had it out. She should be properly fined for her carelessness which is frequent in starting fires.

NOVEMBER 7 Friday 34/ 1 2pm

Raw windy with snow flurries all day - quite mussy. Blustery tonight. Aside from chores as usual I spread load manure on seeding & got cart load of leaves. They were not moist enough to load good.

NOVEMBER 8 Saturday 32/7am 22/12pm

Another snow squally blustery day. All clearing latter pm & wind quieted. Snappy frosty tonight. Moon back to half, late rising. I finished painting west end barn gable & front end of garage. Tonight I attended IOOF lodge - 20 present. Refreshments followed as customary.

NOVEMBER 9 Sunday

Another wet chill day with a rain & snow mixture falling am changing to light pm rain - still & murky evng. Not much doing other than chores. This evng a delegation from Rondout Commandary N0 52 & at a public service was held at the Shady ME Church. The interesting speaker was youthful Rev. Kenneth E. Dearstyne - His subject was "One World" Later on invitation a group of the visitors were entertained at a luncheon nearby at the home of Mr & Mrs Fred Reynolds. The affair was sponsored by the Order of Amaranth N062 of Kingston. I went with Mr & Mrs Reggie Davis along with Ollie Burgher & Bro. Vahan Kizirian.

NOVEMBER 10 Monday 34/7am

Murky this morning but sun broke thru & was pleasantly mild, turning sour & overcast pm. Clear still & crispy tonight with a late rising rim of an errie old moon. I spread a big cart load manure pm & gathered a big load of leaves along back road This evng went with my car & Charley Ginsbittel to Kingston attended Masonic burial services for Chas. H Young - a veteran No 10 member at Carr's Parlors. Later we were visitors at a Master Mason night meeting in Masonic Temple of Order of Amaranth No 61 of Kingston. Mrs. Fred Reynolds is Royal Matron. Refreshments followed. Coming home we picked up Ollie Burgher & Joan Brunet, who were helping at a Central Hudson G & E dinner at William's Lake, honoring 50 yr members. Gov Dewy lifted the closed

woods & hunting ban on Ulster & South Eastern NY Counties.

NOVEMBER 11 Tuesday 28/12pm

Murky this morning but gradually faired away sunny. Light chill easterly wind became-cloudless latter pm still crispy. The reservoir below us has a noticeably widened dry shore line. I feel pretty tired & sore, from being up late & 2 falls yesterday pm. However, this pm I got the paint brush going & painted the siding over the open shed south side of barn. This is Carl Davis 10th birthday, son of Mr & Mrs Lester S. Davis.

NOVEMBER 12 Wednesday 28/7am 30/12pm

Raw blustery part cloudy - snow flurries this morning. I wrote weekly news copy am. Painted on south side of barn pm, a cold job.

NOVEMBER 13 Thursday 28/7:30am 28/12pm

For a welcome change it was a mellow mild, quiet sunny day. Also cloudless still tonite & frosty - 3/8" ice on barn tub this am. I got in a good lick painting on south side of barn, before & after dinner. This evng I went to Kingston with "Pop" Beidler & attended Ancient City Council No21 - R & S.

NOVEMBER 14 Friday 26/7:30am

Sunny mellow cloudless mild day becoming hazy latter pm, All starlight still chilly tonight. I finished painting south side of the barn. This evng I prepared a birthday

card to send Bobby 3rd in Mexico City. Wrote a family letter.

NOVEMBER 15 Saturday 40/7:30am
46/12pm

Overcast this morning and intermittent showers developed and at dusk settled down to a good steady rain, the heaviest fall in 2 months. Very foggy & rainy tonight. The deer hunting season opened & with the developing rain the fire hazard was eliminated & hunting conditions were superb. John Young paid us a call while deer hunting. Several deer about the west side area were taken today. Hunters many - I attended IOOF lodge evng. 11 present - Vice Grand Raymond Markle, presiding. Refreshments followed.

NOVEMBER 16 Sunday 40/7:30am 36/12pm
Bright still & sunny this am but fog settled in by mid morning & then murked over. Clearing again latter pm - starlight but low hanging fog tonight. Neighbor Davis up for week end with the boys helped me change off hay rigging & put on wagon box. This pm I took him 4 o'clock to Boiceville bus. Another excellent day for the deer hunters & more kills reported.

NOVEMBER 17 Monday 40/7am
42/12pm

Murky & damp this morning had rained some in night. Became very foggy later & misty mussy am. Drizzling chill night. I spread load manure & got big wagon load of

(leaves) pm below ledges above Ollie's house & along quarry road.

NOVEMBER 18 Tuesday 40/7am
42/12pm

Continued foggy. Murky damp misty turning into a heavier fine rain latter pm. I wrote weekly news copy am. Started splitting the summered over pile of firewood, did chores etc.

NOVEMBER 19 Wednesday 42/8am
42/12pm

Murky calm not so foggy today - but didn't rain. Stagnated weather - drizzling rain falling tonight. I split firewood before and after dinner, then spread load manure on garden end seeding & got a double wagon load of fresh sawdust. Rec'd letter Ada Bell.

NOVEMBER 20 Thursday 50/12pm

Rainy night and a dreary rainy day & evng rather foggy. This is a genuine real much needed soaking rain. Ollie Burgher & I made a trip taking 5 lb roll butter to George Lounssberry's & then on to Ellenville & called on Doc & Helen McCartney. We found him noticeably improved cheerful, but still "poor as a snake" although having gained 5 pounds to 125. Mrs Oliver Tweedy of Hurley, formerly Helen Thompson of West Shokan died 3:30 am in Hospital - Kingston where she had been taken 7pm in a coma, following a long illness of cancer & 2 operations. Helen grew up in West Shokan & was a

schoolmate and dear friend of my daughter Cornelia. She leaves 3 children, James 6 - John 4 & Jeanette 2 - besides her husband & mother, Mrs. Bertha Thompson Shimer - 2 sisters & bro Bob.

NOVEMBER 21 Friday 50/7am
50/12pm

Rained all night & murky gloomy & showers today, mild temperature. The earth is well soaked and streams again are running freely. I packed box greens - pine - red berries - also box vegetables to send Mrs. Knorpp. This is my grandson Robert Livingston Longyear, 3rd, birthday. Did chores, split some wood & cleaned kitchen stove & pipe burned out the chimney ready for winter.

NOVEMBER 22 Saturday 50/7am

Drenching night rain & continued a downpour till around 2pm followed by intermittent showers. Streams are running flood waters but not causing damage. Reservoir rising. I went to Hurley & was a bearer for Helen Tweedy at the old Hurley Reformed Church 2pm. A simple dignified service, conducted jointly by a family friend for 40 yrs., Rev John Steketee and Rev Dean Dykstra, church pastor. 24 beautiful floral pieces - Interment was in Montrepose Cemetery, Kingston. Cornelia & friend Mrs. Wollher drove down in the storm to attend funeral, but were late to see Helen who looked beautiful & much younger.

NOVEMBER 23 Sunday 40/8am 46/12pm

Unsettled mild sunny this morning but became mostly overcast calm. Near half moon showed early evng but became overcast. Cornelia & Mrs. Wollihier left for home noon time. This pm I got the overdue manure drawed out - Took first big load up on neighbor Wm Davis garden as he had asked me. I gave Cornelia a 20 dollar bill for their Christmas.

NOVEMBER 24 Monday 40/17am

32/11pm

Pleasant mild sunny day. Northerly wind quieted, cloudless brilliant half moon evng & temperature frosty, like sap time. I split wood am & painted on west side of garage pm

The following was found this date in journal:

Hurley Reformed Church Nov 23, 1952

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING will be held in our Church on Wednesday evening at 8pm, Let us not forget this evening service-we all have much to be thankful for. This past week Mrs Helen Tweedy, our Sunday School Supt., passed away after long and painful illness. In keeping with the title line on this bulletin, she" ... bravely and patiently bore her part." In a busy household with three little ones around her she saw fit to devote much time and thought to the work of God's Kingdom in our Sunday School. We are saddened by her death but also we cannot help but be profoundly thankful to God for her brave and courageous example and her vigorous work. BRAVE AND PATIENTLY SHE BORE HER PART.

NOVEMBER 25 Tuesday 31/7am

36/12pm

Considerable cloudiness still a fair amount of sunshine. A bright bulging half moon showed early evng then clouds interfered, still & moderately mild. I split wood awhile am & pm finished painting back side of garage & drew out manure. Addie Kelder & Jim Harrison called evng.

NOVEMBER 26 Wednesday 36/7am

Murky dark dreary weather mild - Southerly wind, I intended to plow a patch above the road at Ollie's for early next spring potatoes but found I hadn't taken whifletrees. So for consolation latter pm I got a cart load of sawdust from the Mellin Mill, where I have of late been drawing.

NOVEMBER 27 Thursday 34/11pm

Still damp - partly cloudy - but generally sunny. Moon shone tonight & still. A quiet mild Thanksgiving. Not much accomplished Herman Weidner called am & we had a long chat. I split wood pm. Mother & I had our Thanksgiving dinner supper time - she made a tasty canned pork ribs - pie - mashed potatoes, squash & other good side dishes. We are thinking of the Davis - Longyear family turkey dinner of 3 yrs ago.

NOVEMBER 28 Friday 30/7am 30/11pm

Partly cloudy raw cold windy. Cloudless brilliant moon

shining tonight. Mother & I ranked up some wood along end of barn am. This pm I spread load manure on alfalfa seeding and plowed patch for early spuds above Ollie's house. Lena Brewster & Mrs. Shimer called evng also Jim Harrison.

NOVEMBER 29 Saturday 24/7am
30/12pm

Bright pleasant sunny day. Ground frozen this morning. Westerly wind developed. Still hazy moonlight tonight. Ollie & I helped at the Chalet Indien with a 7 pig butchering bee. I did not attend IOOF Lodge tonight, late & tired, Vahan Kizirian & Jim Harrison called.

NOVEMBER 30 Sunday 24/7am
22/11pm

Raw cold blustery day. Afternoon snow squalls. Brilliant wintry moonlight night. Did usual chores. I started getting infertile incubator eggs at Herman Weidner's.

DECEMBER 1 Monday 14/7:30am 14/12pm
Coldest of season with a hard freeze - 1 "ice on barn gutter tub. Brilliant crispy cold sunny day, still. Early rising full moon later observed by high mackerel cloudiness. Mother & I ranked up split firewood under shed and latter pm I drew out big over week end load manure on woods corner grass. Pulled my 2 bu turnip crop & cabbage out of the garden. This evng I sat in on monthly town board meeting in Town Office - Supervisor Claude Bell presiding.

DECEMBER 2 Tuesday 24/7am 24/10pm
It was a cold snowy day & evening. First fall of the season to cover ground on lower levels. Roads very slippery. My cold is runny & annoying. Did chores & put some chunk wood under shed pm to split. I wrote news Leader copy am. Planned trip to Kingston Lodge No 10 did not materialize. Second Degree conferred by Rondout Commandary N052. Walter Lang among candidates. Town sanding crews out this pm.

DECEMBER 3 Wednesday 22/7am 22/11pm
We had a 4 inch snow fall - Cleared away beautifully this morning crispy & still. Bright sunny day - a weather breeder - Brilliant cloudless moonlight night & cold. Did chores, split up some wood and piled on porch handy. Took load manure up on alfalfa seeding - Snow plows and sanding crews busy on town & main highway.

DECEMBER 4 Thursday 22/9am 26/10pm
A weather breeder - Still brilliant sunny crispy day - becoming overcast evng with a warmer trend & Southerly wind. Other than chores, daily tasks I split wood and piled under shed. Have a full rank along south side. My miserable head cold hangs on and mother is developing one. Chester Winchell of Kingston called latter pm & told us about his mother's sad condition in Kingston Hosp. She was 87 July 30th. The former Irene Boice, she & mother are cousins. She was operated on 2

weeks ago internal cancer had caused stoppage of bowels & kidneys. Under care of 3 nurses at \$84 weekly each besides hosp meals.

DECEMBER 5 Friday 30/7am 36/11pm
Started raining in night and continued all day at near freezing temperature. Cold gloomy storm - Rain stopped tonight. I went up to Bert Winne's and had my Plymouth winter serviced and rear snow tires put on for their 3rd winter. Speedometer 38414.

DECEMBER 6 Saturday 36/8am
36/12pm
Glum weather - cloudy damp chill but thawing - PM snow squalls Northerly wind. Spread cart load manure on seeding & did some other odd jobs. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonight. Had refreshments & 3 candidates accepted for initiation. Fred Johnson 62 - died 10:30pm in Kingston Hosp.

DECEMBER 7 Sunday 36/7am
1 lth Anniversary of the sneak Jap attack on Pearl Harbor in which over 3000 service men died
Overcast early but cleared beautifully, sunny - still -like sap time - Cloudless frosty night - moon down to half.
Ollie Burgher is very sick today - she called Dr. LePaige of Ashokan this pm, he pronounced it a virus attack, now prevelant.

DECEMBER 8 Monday

Mild still damp air. Considerable overcast. Stars shone thru evng & frosty, later overcast & milder. I split wood & stocked up the kitchen porch - did chores etc. I became a member of the NY Artificial Breeders Cooperative Inc & Inseminator, Chas. E. Maxfield called and bred my spotted 3 yr old first calf heifer Ollie Gene. Paid 12.00 one half membership fee. Tonight I went with Charley Ginsbittel to Kingston and attended annual meeting banquet initiation ceremony on 4 ladies & later Christmas tree & refreshments at Mystic Court N0 62 - order of Amaranth, a keenly enjoyed visit.

DECEMBER 9 Tuesday 36/7am 43/12pm
Dark murky misty foggy mild weather. Rainy night. I spread big cart load manure on alfalfa seeding also plowed this year's potato patch up in Ollie's orchard lot.

DECEMBER 10 Wednesday
Very foggy - misty settling in for a steady rain with a drenching night. Funeral services for Fred Johnson 62, half bro of Will & Frank Jordan & Maggie Delamater held 11am at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock, in charge of Rev Olney N. Cook, Lutheran minister. Interment in a dismal rain in Tongore Cemetery. Bearers were Supervisor Claude Bell, Judge Lester S. Davis, Harlowe McLean & myself, EC Davis. Tonight I went with Jesse Shurter to Kingston and attended Ladies Night at Rondout Commandary N052.

DECEMBER 11 Thursday 52/7am

Drenching windy night & much warmer. Dark foreboding foggy weather & steady down pouring rain till latter pm when a strong Northerly wind & colder developed. Blustery dark night I took Ollie Burgher on a shopping trip to Kingston in a continued downpour. The west Ashokan basin is spilling over, with a cavernous low water capacity in east basin. I sent my over 4 mo old sucking heifer calf with Allen Roe to the Pine Bush action mkt. Weight 262 @ .29 % lb 76.63. 88lb Holstein bull calf bought @ .16 \$14.08 cartage 3.10 comm .61 net check rec'd \$58.84 - The new calf I put on cow to fatten.

DECEMBER 12 Friday

Windy mild but sunny forenoon. Mostly cloudy sour blustery pm. Other than daily chores I spread big cart load manure on alfalfa above road & later got load sawdust from the mill behind Lang's barn. Yesterday's storm swelled the Esopus thru Shandaken dangerously high. Road flooded deep at Cold Brook bend. Onteora Central School dismissed 11am. 29th Anniversary of the death of my esteemed cousin Fred W. Bishop of T.B. After a 6 mo illness in bed - at his home in Margaretville.

DECEMBER 13 Saturday

Partly to mostly cloudy northerly wind chilly atmosphere but thawing, freezes up nights, Busy with usual chores and odd jobs. Split up some firewood & piled on kitchen porch. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge. Nomination of

officers opened & held over again next meeting. For Noble Grand Raymond Markle - Vice Grand Percy Cook- Rec Secy Harlowe McLean- Fin.Secy Wm Stevens- trustee Grover C. Christiana.A delicious old fashioned oyster & variety supper was enjoyed by all members present - 18. Oscar Dudley made the stew. It was a reminder of the famous IOOF Thanksgiving supper of years gone by.

DECEMBER 14 Sunday 28/7am 34/12pm
Pleasant thawing day & generally sunny, but there was a raw S.Westerly wind I got 2 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners. I let the cattle all out for exercise pm. President Elect Eisenhower fulfilling a campaign promise returned to NYC today from a 20000 mile round trip to the Korean battlefront, made by plane & ship, The US cruiser Helena.

The following is from a clipping found this date in journal:

Eisenhower Cabinet

The Cabinet that will take office with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on Jan. 20, stood this week as follows:
Secretary of State - John Foster Dulles, 63, of New York. Secretary of the Treasury - George M. Humphrey, 62, of Ohio. Secretary of Defense - Charles Erwin Wilson, 62, of Michigan Attorney General- Herbert Brownell, Jr, 48, of New York. Postmaster General - Arthur E. Summerfield, 53, of Michigan. Secretary of the Interior - Gov. Douglas McKay, 59, of Oregon. Secretary

of Agriculture - Ezra Taft Benson, 53, of Utah. Secretary
of Commerce - Sinclair Weeks, 59, of Massachusetts.
Secretary of Labor - Martin P. Durkin, 58, of Illinois.

DECEMBER 15 Monday 34/7:30am 32/12pm
Partly to mostly cloudy raw cold air & northerly wind.
Ground froze up but thawing during day. Snow flurries
tonight. Did chores, split some wood and took big cart
load manure and spread on seeding. Got some leaves
along back road but were too wet & frozen for ready
handling. This evng I took Ollie, Addie Kelder to
Phoenicia and saw an intensely interesting color picture
about Western lumbering and forest fire fighting Flaming
Forest. This am I went down to PO & sent Mrs.
Longyear big box Xmas greens, 28lbs - .. 82 PP & Mrs.
Knorpp 6 dz eggs (.51) Registered letter with 25.00 to
Mariam in Mexico City.

DECEMBER 16 Tuesday 32/7am
24/11pm
Nice sunny day. Light wind south to northerly. Some
high clouds from the north. I feel tired out today - did
chores and split wood & put on porch. Christmas cards
are coming & I've started writing - air mail to Mariam &
family.

DECEMBER 17 Wednesday 20/7am 30/12pm
A serene sunny day and starlight night, froze up hard last
night but a warmer trend developed today. Did chores
drawed out manure etc. This evng I went with Charles

Ginsbittel and "Pop" Beidler to the Annual dinner meeting at Mt Horeb Chapter. 98 participated at the very delicious ham dinner. Kingston stores were first open tonight for the Christmas shopping. I stocked up on greeting cards.

DECEMBER 18 Thursday 28/7:30am 20/12pm
Sunny with some cloudiness - Northerly raw wind- still clear colder tonight. Busy with daily routine & this pm I got a wagon load of leaves. Wrote Xmas cards evng. Rec'd another generous batch today. I am minded that this was "Uncle" Jake Crispell's birthday anniv, 1842-1933.

DECEMBER 19 Friday 16/7am 20/12pm
Cold night continued sunny with some cloudiness. Still cold cloudless evng. A new moon showed it's brilliant rim over South Mtn. Did chores - odd jobs & got a wagon load of sawdust. Continued to write & receive Christmas cards.

DECEMBER 20 Saturday 14/7am
Snappy this am. Clear calm gradually hazing over & became overcast pm. Set in snowing near midnight. Did chores - odd jobs, spread cart load manure on seeding - Helped Ollie get Xmas tree & greens. Got the rest of the unsplit wood under shed. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. 12 present had refreshments. After lodge I went home with Oscar Dudley nearby & watched television wrestling matches. The TV screen was snowy - a

frequent complaint with sets hereabout. Today is my 42 wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 21 Sunday

Snowed about an inch in night & this am turned to cold rain. A nasty wet rainy day - travel slippery. Tuned to wet snow again at dark I got 1 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This pm Ollie & I went to Ellenville & saw Mr & Mrs Robert McCartney. Took them some Xmas treats & they gave us in return. Came back via Stone Ridge road stopped at Fred Baumgarten's & back Kripplebush way & took Ernie Lounsbury 6 lbs butter @ .75 paid & gal buttermilk. Ernie has their house nicely decorated & lighted for Xmas.

DECEMBER 22 Monday 30/7am 32/12pm

Murky this morning, but later became a nice still cloudless sunny day - with storm cap on High Point this pm. Blacked out overhead early evng. Have about 2" snow & roads icy. Busy with chores, writing Christmas cards & taking mail to PO am. This pm around 4 o'clock we had a phone call from Mrs. Decker of Wallkill that her Dear Mother, our friend & visitor with her son Charlie for many years, Mrs. Estelle Langer, nearly 95 died this am. She fell last week Tues & broke her leg. She has been failing a year or more. I phoned Grace Winchell tonite in Kingston & she said the death was in the Freeman this pm. Rec' d another batch of cards & letters today & I kept up writing tonight.

DECEMBER 23 Tuesday 32/7am

Dismal foggy chill rainy weather. Very foggy tonight. Went down to LS Davis store & PO am to mail Christmas cards. Did usual chores otherwise just coasted along. The cards continue coming.

DECEMBER 24. Wednesday

Snow pretty well melted away over the valley levels, muddy. Faired away this morning - wind northerly - icy roads cleared up. Did chores - drew out big load manure on woods comer grass. John Young of Milton paid me a visit this pm. I went after neighbor Will Davis at the 6pm Boiceville bus. Funeral services for our Dear old Friend Mrs. Estelle Langer 95 yrs 11 months & some days, held 2pm at Ronk Funeral Home, Wallkill. Rev. Richard Hine her Reformed Church pastor in charge. Interment Wallkill Valley Cemetery. Surviving her son, Charles J. 3 daughters Mrs. Lawrence Conkling - Mrs. John Gilbert & Mrs. Geo. Decker.

DECEMBER 25 Thursday 36/8am

34/12pm

Mild muddy mostly sunny - considerable late pm cloudiness developed & became windy. Snow gone except in sheltered places & on mtns. Mother & I spent Christmas together & she prepared a lovely dinner which we enjoyed at 2:30 - Baked canned spare ribs & dressing, mashed potatoes & various side dishes. I did chores & odd jobs around home. Ollie Burgher had her annual homecoming with a 19lb turkey from Reggie Davis (.53

lb dressed) A 7lb 10oz boy (2nd son) born 6am to Mrs. Dino Juliano nee Florence Eckert at Kingston Hosp.

DECEMBER 26 Friday 32/7am 26/ 12pm
Sour blustery- snow squally - part to mostly cloudy-moonlight evng. Did usual chores etc. This pm neighbor Davis helped me get a wagon load of pine mill slabs for prospective sap wood

The following clippings were found in journal this date:
Freeman News . - The Onteora Trail is now one of the great trucking routes of the Empire State. The traffic at night appears confined largely to the big milk tankers, returning to the Delaware, Otsego and Greene county milk sheds from their long trip to the metropolis. Daytimes, almost every conceivable cargo passes up and down the trail, with lumber, sand, stone blocks and other building materials heading the list. Frequent passage of trucks loaded with new cars indicate a deal of prosperity up there in the land of milk, cauliflower and summer vacationists.

MRS. ESTELLE C. LANGER 12-23-52

Mrs. Estelle C. Langer, 95, of Wallkill died this morning. She was the widow of Charles J. Langer. Mrs. Langer was born in the town of Shawangunk January 16, 1857, daughter of the late George and Sarah Carman Mance. She was one of the oldest residents of Wakill where she was a member of the Wallkill Reformed Church and the Missionary Society. She is survived by three daughters,

Mrs. Lawrence Conkling, Mrs. John Gilbert and Mrs. George Decker, and one son, Charles J. Langer. Funeral services will be held at 2pm Wednesday at the Ronk Funeral Home, Wallkill, with the Rev. Richard Hine, pastor of the Wallkill Reformed Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Wallkill.

PRIDE OF THE GENERATION

DECEMBER 27 Saturday 26/7am
4/12pm

Raw blustery snow squally day. Partly to mostly cloudy. Bitter cold clear moonlight & very windy. Arthur Davis gave me a hand getting pumpkin and squashes down cellar stocked up the porch with firewood. I took a cart load manure up on neighbor Davis garden. Ollie went to Kingston today to hair dressers and shopping. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Small crowd, refreshments. Election of officers - VG Raymond Markle declined NG so Henry Maben was re-elected, Percy Cook is VG. Applications rec'd & approved Harry Keator Jr. James Quick, Herbert Gidy, proposed by Harry Keator Sr.

DECEMBER 28 Sunday 4/am 6/12pm
Cold bright still sunny day. Brilliant calm wintry moonlight night nearly full. Besides daily chores no callers and not much doing. The local fire siren touched off a mid pm false alarm. Last night 11 :45 the siren rang and West Shokanfire truck responded to a chimney fire at Eltinge Gray's Ashokan.

DECEMBER 29 Monday 6/7am

Clear cold bright sunny day still A bit moderated tonight and moonlight. Arthur Davis helped me get a wagon load of pine mill slabs for sap wood. I spread load manure on woods comer.

DECEMBER 30 Monday 24/7am

Glum cold & overcast this morning but there was considerable sunshine later during the day. Still mostly cloudy tonight. I took Ollie Burgher up to Lawrence Kayser the Mt. Tremper oculist am as her glasses got broken. She had lenses temporarily changed to another frame while waiting for a new pair. This pm, Arthur Davis went along with me pm & got a wagon load of sawdust at Jesse Shurter's mill on back part of the old Jordan homestead farm.

DECEMBER. 31 Tuesday 30/7am

Gloomy still overcast with moderate to heavy snow forecast. By mid pm snow started falling & continued into the evening, but fortunately the storm was light with only an inch accumulating. Cleared beautiful moonlight by midnight & still. Arthur Davis helped me draw out manure & get a big wagon load of dry pine slabs at Jesse Shurter's mill. I was an invited guest by Chas. Ginsbittel at a turkey supper and New Year Party at Chalet Indien Hotel

Today is the 20th anniv of the start of the tragically fatal illness of our adored Little Honey Girl - Lillian Ellen Davis.

The following is a newspaper clipping (from 3/29/ 70 that was found in this 1952 diary) The Sunday Catskill Mountain Star that Elwyn Davis wrote for called Views From High Point by: Squire Elwyn C. Davis.

Still well recalled by more venerable past and present residents is most spectacular fire of an unknown origin that completely destroyed the saw mill and attached barrel heading drying shed owned by the late ex-sheriff Jacob P. Boice, at 11 p.m. on March 7, 1907. This was the second mill that had burned on the same location. The former was owned and operated by his father, an industrious giant of Olive, Lemeul Boice, who also was a railroad project building contractor in Delaware County. A third and more modern steam mill rose on the former location and was operated to clean up the large supply of accumulated logs and after a brief existence closed permanently in June, 1908. This plant became the property of New York City preceding the general pre-reservoir exodus and razed in the summer of 1913.

Tuesday's meeting of the Women's Club held at the Ashokan Legion Hall, chaperoned by Mrs Ann Tennant, was reported well attended and the program of general feminine interest to members.

Raymond C. Cruthers , World War I, AAF veteran and chairman of the Olive Board of Assessors was named as guest speaker for the Olive Senior Citizens meeting of Thursday p.m. March 19.

Mr and Mrs Robert L. Smith spent the wintry weekend at their Ledge Rock upper Samsonville Road

rendezvous. However, this visit was somewhat marred due to Mrs Smith, after alighting from a New York City bus, stopping on a manhole cover and sustaining a fracture of her right wrist. Handicapped as she is and involved in as an image of social and business activities, Mrs Smith asserts her determination to carry on her annual assignment as hostess for the Overseas Press Club dinner to be held Friday evening, April 3, at the Pierre Hotel in New York City.

Mrs Edward Ordway, a veteran member and Past Noble Grand of Olive Rebekah Lodge 470, is currently a patient in the Kingston Hospital.

Augustine Weeks, 87 a native of Shokan and for 60 years a member of Shokan IOOF Lodge 491, is now a resident of the New Paltz Nursing Home. Recently Mr Weeks, former president of the Olive Co. operated fire insurance association, suffered the amputation of a leg due to a blood clot.

A forth coming fraternal initiating event scheduled for Saturday evening, April 4, at Shokan IOOF Lodge 491, is announced as the visitations of District Deputies James E. Platt of Phoenicia Lodge 154 and past District Deputy Jerome Quick of Walden in Orange District. The occasion will feature the conferring of the initiatory degree on a class of new members from the lodge in Walden. The conferring team will be a composite of members representing the trio of lodges. A further date as announced by District Deputy Platt will be Saturday evening, April 18. When the second consecutive annual meeting will be held at Phoenicia Lodge, preceding at

6:30, supper for the Past Grand members will be served in the M.E. Church Hall in charge of Mrs Margaret Stall of the Tiskilwa Rebekha Lodge.

The overnight March 13 Thursday snow storm that re-blanketed the area to a depth of four or five inches, reactivated plowing of the county and town highways. The storm re-vitalized living memories of the great blizzard of 1888 and recalled by area residents. Mart Eckert, Fred Adsit, Mrs Lottie Hesley, Irving T. Cornish and sister ,Mrs D.E. Forset Bishop and possible others of vintaged years. Recollected and oft retold phases of this greatest storm in living memory, seen today beyond comprehension.

Mrs Alice Cruthers has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs John Simon in Huntington ,L.I.

Mr and Mrs Charles Wood made a recent 450 mile round trip to Oxford, N.Y. where they visited his octogenarian aunt.

Buddy Eckert and co-helper Ray Kelder have contracted to clean up the debris of the former Albert home on North Main Street

World War II veteran and ex-deputy sheriff John Daly and his congenial wife Margaret, have returned from a vacation visit in New Hampshire.

Mrs Adeline Winchell of West Hurley and friend Mrs Mary Palen of Shokan were West side callers last Thursday p.m.

It became regretfully learned that Bob Volmer of Krumville is again a patient at the Benedictine Hospital. He is a veteran member of the Department of Water

Supply Maintenance force, employed in the capacity of
“reservoir inspector”

Due to a similarity in given names in report of Squire
Elwyn C. Davis Feb 21 birthday published in the March
15 issue of the “Sunday Star” the name of Town
historian Vera Sickler appeared as “Bertha” Sickler,
which she desires to be corrected.