

## ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1953

Annual diary begun 1906 by Elwyn Davis, West Shokan, NY.

Robert Livingston Longyear Sr. died 4:35 AM March 23 rd .

June 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:15 PM, cyclone hit New England, worst in history. Great loss of life 94 and hundreds injured & vast property damage in residential Worcester, Mass.

Col John B Davis diary of 1848, February 20 —Joseph Fish aged 88 died. Revolutionary War soldier, his home site foundations are in field along old cross path from High Point and Mtn road intersection to James Harrison's - former Mike Dwyer property, a brother lived above field from Ollie Burgher's house. ( Formerly her grandfather Levi Van Kleeck's homestead) The foundation and topped down fireplace chimney remain. Rather likely Joseph was the father of Josh instead of a brother  
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### Mrs Julia Winchell Dies in Shokan Home

Mrs Julia Davis Winchell died Monday morning at her corner store home in Shokan at the age of 87.

Although Mrs Winchell suffered a stroke two months ago and was an invalid, her death came as a shock to her friends.

With her husband Elwyn Winchell she operated the large store at the intersection of 28 and the Ashokan Dam crossover road.

Before they operated a store which was established by

Mr Winchell's father Asa. In the pre-reservoir village of Shokan. This former store was opposite the Methodist Church and there Mrs Winchell also conducted a millinery store, designing some of the hats.

She succeeded as postmaster, retiring about fifteen years ago. She had been chairman of the Red Cross in the Town of Olive several years and had been a member of Shokan Reformed Church all her life.

Funeral services, under the direction of Lasher Funeral Home will be private and burial will be in Tongore cemetery.

Mrs Winchell is survived by a son Clyde, a daughter Margaret and a granddaughter , Mrs Robert Winne of Shokan.

#### Mrs Elwyn Winchell

Funeral services for Mrs Elwyn Winchell, who died Monday at her home in Shokan, were held this morning at the V.N.Lasher Funeral home. The officiating minister was the Rev. Richard Coons, who also conducted the committal services at Tongore cemetery. Mrs Winchell who had hundreds of friends, in all walks of life, was Julia S. Davis, one of five children of Alvah F and Isobella VandeVoort Davis. She was born during the last year of the Civil War in Watson Hollow where her mother kept the tannery store for N.W. Watson. She early became a member of the Shokan Dutch Church of which her great grandfather, Andries Davis, a Revolutionary War veteran, was one of the founders in 1799. Her paternal grandfather was Col. John B Davis, surveyor, justice of sessions and officer in the old Twentieth Regiment. Mrs Winchell

spent practically all her adult life in the old village of Shokan and in the new village which she and her husband were instrumental in locating on its present site. During early waterworks years she built up a millinery business at the family general store in which she employed two assistants. When the time approached for flooding the old villages of the reservoir basins, Mr Winchell then postmaster, brought the office here and the couple continued the general store business at what is now known as Winchell's Corners. Mrs Winchell later became postmaster and head of the local Red Cross chapter, in which later capacity she directed the work of easing the severe winter hardships of soldiers assigned to guard the new Ashokan reservoir and aqueduct. Although at no time in good health during the half century and more of her business life, Mrs Winchell nevertheless was indefatigable in serving the public. She engaged in the restaurant business and her dinners became famous in this part of the state, promoted numerous sewing bees by Red Cross workers during World War 2 and was sympathetic to every civic movement in the Town of Olive. Mrs Winchell took a great interest in the success of the Freeman of which she was a local agent and distributor for many years. She had been in earlier life an active member of the Reformed Sunday School, the Ladies Aid Society and the W.C.T.U.

January 1, Thursday —The old year of 1952 bowed out with an inch snow fall that ended before midnight and the storm clouds cleared to give way to a brilliant full moon. The air still and frosty and roads slippery on hills. The

Happy New Year and evng was practically cloudless, the day bright and sunny and the big brilliant moon rising early over the reservoir. Much of the sunny valley melted its snow blanket. Snow plentiful on cold side of mountains and there is skiing up the valley.

Arthur Davis (14) oldest up the hill neighbor boy in family of 6 helped me draw out manure & get a wagon load of seasoned slabs for sap wood at Jesse Shurter's mill on the old Jordan farm.

January 2, Friday — 16 degrees at 7 AM — 34 at 12 PM. Sunny this AM but mostly murked over, still and became milder with rain forecast. Set in rainy tonight and changed to wet snow.

Today is the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Our Darling Little Honey Girl, Lillian Ellen Davis (4years) death at 11:20 PM, operation at Kingston Hospital due to ruptured appendix. We were too late and all these passing years I, her father have grieved over this great loss, with remorseful regrets.

Did usual chores – Had Mart Eckert cut my hair – his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, Ray Kelder's little girl Carol's 5<sup>th</sup>.

Had an early evng call from Jeanne Longyear from N.Y.C.. Mr Longyear ill from heart attack 2 years today. Received 1953 auto license plate – C U 40 \$15.50.

Joseph Mc Intosh, of Olive Bridge a retired shoe pattern maker died.

January 3, Saturday — 34 degrees at 8 AM 32 degrees at 12 PM. An inch of wet snow fell during night — Light rain this morning and early PM. Murky – thawing but

roads icy. Blustery sour tonight.

Drawed out manure – cleaned up long accumulation on granery floor and shelled off corn. Arthur Davis helped.

21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of daughter Cornelia's appendix operation, fortunately before it ruptured. Tonight I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – 30 present. Good eats, soda & coffee. Initiatory Degree conferred on 6 candidates Fishner, Gosso, James Quick, Harry Keator Jr and Herbert Gray.

January 4, Sunday — Mostly sunny rather blustery, sharp atmosphere – roads are icy.

I got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Did chores, rested some PM.

(Monday – January 5 – 1953)

21 years this afternoon, my adored Little Honey Girl was laid to rest in Tongore cemetery. I look at her pictures as she lay in her casket on our front porch & my heart and eyes burn with sad sacred memories. Mariam who Ellen loved, took the snap shots. “Swift to is close ebbed out her life's little day”

January 5, Monday — 16 degrees at 7 AM 22 at 12 PM. Pretty cold night and a cold raw day with PM snow flurries & southerly wind. Starlight and later moonlight evening. & stilled.

Did daily chores & odd jobs. The West Shokan Fire Dept had an early PM call to dangerous chimney fire in the nearing factory room addition at Peter Bitterman's

residence, the former Abram B Winchell place. An over heated coal fire cracked the flue entrance to chimney and caused rustic log effect siding to take fire.. This evening Ollie and I went to Phoenicia & saw Stars and Stripes Forever, vividly depicting the musical career of the famous band leader John Philip Sousa. The cafeteria at the Onteora Central School opened in charge of Mrs Lester Barringer.

January 6, Tuesday — 24 degrees at 11 PM. Nice crispy sunny day – chill wind from north. Still starlight evng becoming overcast.

Did usual chores. Took cart load manure up on seeding at Ollie's. Ranked up some wood on her back porch PM. Wrote weekly News Leader copy evng & letter to Mariam.

January 7, Wednesday — 16 degrees at 7 AM 16 at 12 PM. Continued bright sunny day – still – a weather breeder. Became overcast evng & set in snowing late.

Did usual round of chores. This PM I repaired hog scalding trough – which I had loaned & came home in bad shape. This evng I went with Charles Ginsbittel as guests of supervisor Claude Bell to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual banquet of the Ulster Co. supervisor's Assn. held at Williams Lake Hotel.

January 8, Thursday — 22 degrees at 7:30 AM 24 at 11 PM. Drab chill, gloomy weather – set in snowing early PM & continued heavily into the evening & changed to sleet.

Not much doing other than chores. Started work on my income tax report tonight.

January 9, Friday — 24 at 7 AM Storm of hail or sleet continued thru the night and today, changed to freezing rain PM. The new blanket is about 6 inches. Town & county snow plows on the go since last night. The town plow opened our driveway this AM. Travel conditions are very heavy — storm widespread over New York and New England.

Did chores and shoveled snow. Mother & I each rec'd a nice air mail letter from Gaye Longyear. I answered with a card tonight.

January 10, Saturday — Rainy freezing night. Foggy, dismal, misty, rainy day & evng. Steady hard rain PM — temp a little above freezing. Roads slippery and slushy.

Drewed out big cart load manure on grass behind chicken house AM. This PM I took Ollie Burgher to look at a Home Comfort wood stove near Lamontville 4 corners, at Revolutionary stone house with 6 fireplaces — Then across to spillway to Route 28. Stopped to see Aunt Julia. Her helpless condition is pitiful — bed ridden since a stroke in mid October. Then went to Mt Tremper where Ollie got new glasses at optometrist L. Kaiser's. Tonight took ride to Ellenville with Jesse Shurter & called on Dr. Mc Cartney. Mrs Sarah North Beesmer long crippled with neuritis died at her home opposite Olive bridge church 9:30 PM.

January 11, Sunday — Continued foggy — drizzly rainy

weather. Temp moderated enough for ice to soften up on the roads. Sloppy – slushy weather.

I shoveled off our heavy laden porch roofs, part to barn and in front of garage. Got 2 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Mr and Mrs Charles Ginsbittel of the Chalet Indian Hotel closed up and started for Florida. I took Ollie up after 7 chickens, 2 geese, a cat, plants etc.

January 12, Monday — 24 at 7 AM 20 at 11:30 PM. Cleared away in night and a hard crust formed on the snow. It readily bears a person walking. Magnificent clear sunny day with brisk March like northerly wind. Quieted and became overcast.

My father's oldest sister last of the family of 2 boys and 3 girls, of Alva Fuller Davis (died 1910) and Isablla (died 1872) VanDevort Davis died quietly at 4 AM at her home – Winchell's Comer store in Shokan. Mrs Julia Davis Winchell at the age of 87 years 2 months & 7 days.

I did chores and made trip up to Bert Winnie's garage, and drew out manure.

January 13, Tuesday — Lovely clear quiet day & evening. Thawed considerably today.

I made a business trip to Kingston. Took Ermie Lounsberry 8 lbs butter @ .75 Paid. Ollie Burgher went along to register for unemployment benefit. Came back by way of Woodstock to Lasher's Parlors & saw dear Aunt Julia & Mrs Sarah Beesmer in their caskets. Aunt Julia is much thinner and younger looking than in life.

I rec'd a letter from John Warren & Mr and Mrs Kizirian. Noble Grand elect for second term – Henry

Maben of Allaben died very unexpectedly and suddenly last night 1 o'clock of a heart attack. Apparently in good health, he had attended Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge Saturday night. 7 deer were killed in a several hundred foot slide down the crusty mountain side & over a cliff in Watson Hollow back of Hanover Lodge.

Mrs Julia S Winchell

Mrs Julia Winchell, well known Shokan business woman for more than 50 years, wife of Elwyn Winchell, died this morning. Mrs Winchell, formerly postmistress and Olive Red Cross chairman, is survived by a son, Clyde; a granddaughter, Mrs Alvah Kay Winnie; a foster - daughter, Margaret and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services and burial will be private.

January 14, Wednesday — 24 at 7 AM 32 at 11 PM.  
Sunny clear AM – considerable part overcast & evng calm. Thawed during day.

Did chores etc & PM I spread load manure. I got the cattle all out PM for the first since the snow & rain & heavy crust which softened some today. I changed oil in car to # 10 – speedometer – 39,958. I went with Reggie Davis in his car, Pop Beidler, & Jesse Shurter to 6:30 turkey supper at Rondout Commandary # 52. Annual election of officers night. We left Kingston at 7:15 and went to Gormley's parlors in Phoenicia where a delegation of 45 members from Shokan Lodge # 491 held ritualistic services for Noble Grand Henry Maben. P.S. James McGloucklin & myself as chaplain conducted the service.

Jesse M DuBois Olive collector held a sitting at Lester S Davis store. Home farm tax - val \$1600 25 acres 52.96. My farm Hinkley place val \$300 — 9.90

January 15, Thursday — Serene, mild, bright sunny day. Starlight evng.

A strictly private funeral for my esteemed Aunt Mrs Julia Davis Winchell, held 10:30 AM at Lasher's Parlors – Woodstock. Remains placed in Tongore Cemetery vault. I attended taking the Rev. Coons, Shokan Reformed minister with me.

This PM Reggie Davis, Oscar Dudley & myself of Shokan Lodge #491 I.O.O.F. and Carlton Hoyt — Felix Van Valkenburg & Charles Rowe of Phoenicia Knights of Pythias Lodge were bearers for very largely attended funeral of Henry Maben (53) escorting from Gormley's Parlors to the Oliverea Methodist Church. Interment in adjoining cemetery, where the Brother Knights held ritualistic services. Rev Lawrence Stan former pastor officiated. I counted 31 floral offerings.

Changed to # 10 oil in car speedometer is 38,859.

January 16, Friday — 54 at 7 AM 20 at 12 PM.

January thaw – cloudy mild with lusty southwesterly wind AM, which shifted northerly and turned much colder.

Faired away PM – cloudless brilliant starlight tonight.

Busy with usual chores and got cattle out for exercise AM. This PM I helped Grant Avery with his dump truck haul a big load of seasoned pole sap wood at Olive Bridge which Reggie Davis gave me for the hauling. This evng I took Ollie Burgher on an errand up to the Chalet Indian

Hotel, also called on Mr and Mrs Larry Bishop.

January 17, Saturday — 6 at 7 AM. Hard freeze up and biting cold this morning. Bright still sunny until afternoon which gradually became overcast & somewhat moderated. Set in sleeting hard early evng, glassing roads & car windshields – later changed to rain.

I stacked up the porch with firewood, did chores and drew out a load of manure up on alfalfa seeding. I made the trip to Olive Bridge I.O.O.F. Lodge evening with some difficulty. There was however a good turn out. Vice Grand Raymond Markle filled the Noble Grands chair left vacant by his lamented sudden death. He attended last weeks meeting.

9 deer about half of them does, slipped on frozen ice in the steep mountainous area near West Shokan, Monday afternoon and plunged for several hundred feet before they came to rest at the bottom of a cliff at Watson Hollow. The Freeman learned today.

Justice of the Peace Lester Davis of West Shokan said that 8 of the deer, which plunged over the cliffs 40 or 50 feet high were so badly injured that they had to be shot. He said that two West Shokan residents Eustice Gray and Abel Avery saw the deer go over the ledge. They may have been scared by a wild cat Judge Davis said. Like a piece of glass he said that Gray and Avery described the slope and that the deer received broken legs and backs and other injuries in their head long plunge down the slope .

One of the nine, Judge Davis said is now in a barn

belonging to Arthur Scofield of West Shokan and they are trying to save it. Davis said the deer was able to stand but collapsed after taking a step or two.

The deer were dragged out by state police , forest rangers and members of the Bushkill Rod and Gun Club, Davis said. They were brought out through the field back of Hanover Mountain Lodge of which George Reitmeir is proprietor . Sgt. F. Hilfrank and Trooper R.N. Chaffee of the state police, Kingston station, assisted. State Police reported that the deer were turned over to Game protector James Overbaugh who will distribute them to the Childrens Home and welfare agencies.

January 18, Sunday — Rainy night – icy sleet melted & water ran like a March break up. Cleared up during the morning & was bright & sunny. Cloudless freezing evng with a brilliant new moon crescent & star over South mountain.

I let the cattle out today for exercise. Got 2 ½ cases unfertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Did chores. Wrote Henry Maben obituary. Wrote news copy tonight.

January 19, Monday — 28 at 7 AM 30 at 12 PM. Mostly overcast – murky, a little PM sunshine & the crescent moon shone this evng. Still – crispy – damp stagnated weather.

Did chores – Made trip to Gus Korittke's before dinner for plates to repair wood dray & started the job.

Mrs Virgil Winchell

Mrs Virgil E Winchell, 59, of Connelly died at her

home, Saturday night after a long illness. A native of Poughkeepsie, Mrs Winchell had made her home there until 11 years ago when she and Mr Winchell moved to Kingston. For the past year and a half they had resided at Connelly. She was the daughter of the late Louis Donaldson and Bertha Scanlon Donaldson. Surviving are her husband, a sister, Katherine Donaldson, of Poughkeepsie, and a brother, Louis J Donaldson, supervisor of the Fourth Ward, Poughkeepsie. Funeral services will be held at the Miller Funeral Home, 310 Mill St, Poughkeepsie. At 2 PM, Tuesday with the Rev. Harry E. Christiana of port Ewen, pastor of the Reformed Church, officiating. Burial will be in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Died January 10, 1953.

January 20, Tuesday — Damp, still, murky weather, mild but chilly – some sunshine filtered through.

Did chores and spread cart load manure. Mother and I heard very plainly over radio station WKNY, Kingston between 12 and 1 o'clock the swearing in of Vice President Richard Nixon of Cal & Gen. Dwight D Eisenhower of Kansas & his 23 minute Inaugural address, beginning 12:32 PM of the 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. The first republican president in 20 years.

This evng I went with George Burgher to Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock where 20 members of Shokan I O O F Lodge # 491 paid ritualistic tribute to Bro Merritt Winchell of Olive Bridge. James McGlocklin acting Noble Grand & myself E.C. Davis, chaplain.

January 21, Wednesday — Overcast, chilly, still.  
Gradually set in snowing and continued thru PM & into evening. A wet heavy fall – about 2 ½ inches. All cleared away and moon shone.

Not much doing. This morning I cut down the now dead balsam tree opposite the south kitchen window in yard that Uncle Watson Bishop & I planted in 1912 — along with the one by the telephone pole that still lives. My father took them up down in Uncle Jake's pasture. Tonight I worked on my income tax report. Funeral services 2 PM for Merritt S Winchell in Olive Bridge M.E. church. Rev. George Cox officiated , interment in Tongore Cemetery.

January 22, Thursday — 26 at 7 AM 30 at 11 PM.  
Froze up during night & the newly fallen snow cling majestically to trees and shrubbery. Today was mostly sunny, mild and still & thawing – partly overcast evng.

It was ideal for butchering – no cold stiff fingers. It took the day getting ready & then PM doing a nice clean butchering job. Hog nice and lean, dressed 265 lb. — 310 as hung up. Had good and plenty help – Mart & Buddy Eckert, his friend John Burke, Ollie and myself. Rec'd letters Rev. Richard B Coons of Shokan & Mrs Longyear. Mrs Ruth West and sister Ester Riseley called PM.

January 23, Friday — 25 at 7 AM 42 at 11 PM.  
Murky - chill – froze up hard last night. Moderated, gusty southwesterly wind evng. Moon shone thru early evng.

Other than doing chores, Ollie and I cut up the hog. Each took half. Funeral service for Charles Greene,

Shokan farmer who died Tues at his home, held 2 PM from Lasher's Parlors, Woodstock. Interment Tongore.

January 24, Saturday — 44 degrees at 8 AM. Rainy foggy night & continued very foggy & steady rain till early PM & intermittent showers after. Extremely foggy evng with considerable wind developing from High Point quarter. After midnight the fog rolled away & skies partly cleared with bright rounding moon

I helped Ollie make sausage 16 lbs PM & got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs from Herman Weidner – also drew out manure behind barn. The streams ran quite high & considerable snow melted. I attended IOOF installation evng, David H Hilderbrandt & staff of William H Raymond Lodge # 59 the installing officers.

Jr Past Grand – Raymond Markle

Noble Grand – Raymond Markle

Vice Grand — Percy Cook

Rec. - Sec. – Harlowe McLean

Fin. Sec. – Wm. Stevens

Treas. – Grover C. Christana

Conductor — Abram Smith

Warden – Reginald E. Davis

R.S.S. — Renne Dumont

L.S.S. — John Bush

Inside Guardian – Chas. Gustavson

Inside Guardian --- John W. Darling

Chaplain— Elwyn C. Davis

Refreshments followed.

January 25, Sunday — 24 at 7 AM 16 at 12 PM. Raw

blustery snow squalls all day. Much colder – overcast windy tonight.

Did chores — Wrote weekly news copy.

Who remembers the old Plank Road which followed in part the route now known as the Onteora Trail, between Kingston and Delaware county? One would have to be at least 90 years old for that recollection. This was only one of several such roads in the state, built when lumber was plentiful and cheap. There was a Plank Road running between Coxsackie and Oak Hill a century ago, and this one is remembered by Frances Spalding of Greene county. Mrs Spalding, 91 resides with her daughter, Harriet, a teacher at the Greenville School, in the house in which she was born. Shokan news – January 20, 1953.

January 26, Monday — 12 degrees at 7 AM 10 at 11 PM. Cleared away this morning – biting cold, brisk raw northerly wind. Became cloudless & wind quieted latter PM. Brilliant still cold moonlight evng.

Did chores – drew out manure – took logs on wagon over to Jesse Shurter's mill on Jordan farm PM. I gave him a hand cutting up logs with a power gasoline saw ( my first experience on skid way) Brought home a load of sawdust – late job. Packed box to send to Mrs Knorpp – vegetables & 12 1/4 lbs fresh pork shoulder roasts. ( 23 lb box)

January 27, Tuesday — 12 degrees at 7 AM Overcast cold and a light coating of sleet fell — more sleet and freezing rain tonight.

Did usual chores. Went to see Joe Snyder before dinner at Traver Hollow Inn in regard to making out my Income Tax Report. I filled up the porch with wood again this PM. Tonight Reggie Davis, Pop Beidler & myself went to Kingston — saw the very interesting conferring of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on 5 candidates at Kingston Lodge # 10. There was a large attendance — oyster stew followed. The road was very slippery coming home.

January 28, Wednesday — 26 at 10 PM. Rainy yet this AM but milder & the ice coating was pretty well melted. A clearing blustery trend developed raw and cold — Tonight clear quieted & bright moonlight.

I made a trip to Kingston, took Ollie Burgher for her report at unemployment office. I have taken on a miserable achy runny cold, second of the winter.

Lee Haviland Jr. 43 of Highland died suddenly early today at Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, after being removed by ambulance from his home, following an acute attack of illness ( an alcoholic) and too many sleeping pills – medical report. George W. Pratt of Kingston & Highland & Tonche Mountain summer resident who died last week was his brother-in-law. The Haviland's have a summer camp 'Haviland Holler" in Watson Hollow.

January 29, Thursday — 24 at 11 PM. Sunny generally till raw shifting wind early PM, then became overcast & snow squally, cleared early evng, followed by a blustering ground whitened squall, then soon again it was bright moonlight. Variable visibility of the early evng total eclipse of the full moon. My cold is annoying & other

than chores I took cart load manure up & spread on alfalfa. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear.

Echo of Waterworks Days: January 31, 1910. — Ashokan Commission 15 hears claim of Ulster & Delaware Plank Road Company for section of its road between West Hurley and Beaverkill, 1082 feet long, upon which is laid two parallel rows of bridge stone, designed to provide a track for the passage of heavy loads of bluestone bound for the docks at Rondout and Wilbur. Judge A. T. Clearwater appeared for claimants. Brought out at hearing that company had paid only \$225 for the land in 1856.

L.G. Haviland, Jr

Funeral services for L.G. Haviland Jr, of Highland, who died early Wednesday morning at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, will be held 2 PM. Friday at the Carpenter Funeral Home, Highland, with burial in Highland Cemetery. Surviving are his widow, Rowena Pratt Haviland; two daughters, Mrs Joseph Boissy of Washington D.C. and Betsy Anne Haviland, a student at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie; a son, Harcourt; his parents, Mr and Mrs L.G. Haviland, of Highland, and two brothers, William Haviland of Highland and Richard Haviland of Glens Falls.

January 30, Friday — 14 degrees at 7 AM 28 at 11:30 PM. The brilliant full moon following the early last evng total eclipse and an all night vigil settled serenely behind Blackberry Mountain shortly before 7 AM. The morning

was sunny but became veiled over with raw southerly wind and light PM snow showers. Milder tonight & part overcast.

Mother & I made 26 lbs sausage AM. Bought 3 lbs ground lean beef \$2.25 to mix with 4 lbs pork fat, besides the regular grind of 19 lbs. This PM I made a cold trip with wagon to Jesse Shurter's mill after stable plank I had sawed. Rec'd letter Mrs Knorpp & check \$23.40

Mike allen of Shokan retired D.W.S. gate tender died after a long illness.

January 31, Saturday — 31 at 7:30 AM 50 at 12 PM. Pleasant, bright, still ,sunny forenoon – sap weather. Strong southwesterly wind developed PM & the sky gradually became overcast. Rainy all evng.

Did usual morning chores & got 2 cases infertile eggs from Herman Weidner. This PM I hacked up some limb wood. I drew & piled on porch also drew out manure on woods corner. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge 24 present including all officers. Initiatory Degree conferred on Arthur Samson – refreshments followed

February 1, Sunday — 30 degrees at 8 AM Snow squally this morning. Raw cold very blustery day. Generally sunny, cloudless evng.

I got 1 ½ cases more of infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This PM I went for a very interesting ride with Jesse Shurter via Mt Tremper – Woodstock road and up over the mountain left around past the famous Meade's Mountain House & down thru Woodstock & to Kingston & Rondout where we had lunch & back home over route

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20 years ago today I presented my Dear Honey Girl Mariam at St. Lukes Hospital, NYC to enter her course of training. Feb 1, 1933.

February 2, Monday — 6 degrees at 7 AM 18 at 11 PM.

Clear this morning and snappy biting cold. The woodchuck readily saw his shadow. Gradually became overcast with a light raw southerly wind. Set in snowing early evng – continued past midnight.

Did daily chores. Changed to 1953 – CU 40 number plate on my car & worked repairing sleigh. Rec'd airmail letter from Mariam dated Jan. 29 – she enclosed 2 pictures of Bobby Jr, one in his three kings Christmas pageant Sunday school dress.

Feb. 2, 1933 Mariam's class work started at St. Lukes Hospital. I wrote letter tonight to Percy VanDemark, Schenectady.

February 3, Tuesday — 14 degrees at 8 AM 14 at 11 PM. Cold overcast – still with a clearing trend during the PM – crispy moonlight night.

Did chores, drew out manure on garden & worked on dray repairs. Tonight I went with Pop Beidler, Swan Brewster & Walter Lang to Kingston attending the conferring of the Master Degree on 4 Fellowcrafts including Walter Lang. He was raised by his father-in-law C.N. Beidler.

February 4, Wednesday — 14 degrees at 8 AM 10 at 12 PM. Reservoir frozen over – first of the winter. Clear,

sunny, still day. Thawed in the sunny part of the day.  
cloudless, still, cold moonlight night.

Ollie milked the cows & helped me get the old Ford out of storage and running. I made a trip over to Jesse Shurter's mill AM & tried my hand sawing lumber – first in 20 years. Went up to Bert Winnie's garage PM & got my 4 Ford T tires pumped up & some battery acid. Made another late PM trip to saw mill & Jesse sent me a big dump truck load of oak slabs for firewood. I wrote news copy this AM.

February 5, Thursday — 6 degrees at 7:30 AM Clear, still cloudless day & evng.. Thawed during warmth of the day.

Other than the usual round of chores – Ollie & I did a big job sawing up the truck load of slab wood. Tonight I made good use of the thin slabs in the kitchen & dining room stoves.

February 6, Friday – 32 at 7 AM 34 at 11 PM. Brief sunshine this AM. Raw strong south wind that quieted latter PM. Became overcast – mild and misty evng, later rainy.

Did chores — stacked up the porch with slab wood. Spread load manure on grass. This PM I got a wagon load of rock oak slabs & helped saw awhile on Jesse Shurter's mill.

February 7, Saturday — 34 at 7:30 AM 30 at 12 PM. Rainy night and continued most of forenoon – still – mild – clearing – still freezing evng low hanging fog patches.

Did chores, drew out manure on garden. Got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's and Ollie & I sawed up the load of slab wood. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. 14 present refreshments followed.

February 8, Sunday — 34 degrees at 8 AM 32 at 11 PM  
Cloudy – gloomy threatening snow – faired away evng & windy. Raw air.

Did daily round of chores. This PM I went with Reggie Davis and Oscar Dudley to Allaben & visited Mrs Henry Maben and presented her with \$80.00 – also called on Bro. Mabens mother & gave her \$40.00. This money was donated by members ( all but 2.00 from Cecil Gray) Shokan Lodge IOOF no. 491, 60.00 came from the Sunshine Box fund. Tonight I packed box with 4 lbs butter for Mrs Knorpp also box of vegetables, squash, hickory nuts, dried corn & 2 lb butter & 4 cakes sausage for Mr and Mrs Longyear. Lauren Boice came home back to his home after 3 ½ months stay in Albany Veterans Hospital. Jim Harrison also a patient had a kidney removed.

February 9, Monday ----28 at 7:30 AM 30 10 PM. Very blustery raw & snow squally. Typical March weather.

Did usual chores & got big load of rock oak slabs from Shurter's mill. Sent boxes to Mrs Knorpp & Mr & Mrs Longyear. Many Hudson Valley schools are closed due to an epidemic of winter sickness including the Big Onteora Central – Woodstoak and Kerhonkson.

February 10, Tuesday — 24 at 7 AM 20 at 12 PM. All

day and all night northerly gale.

Reservoir cleared of recently formed ice blanket, before the rially rolling waves. Cloudless – cold — wind quieted at evng. Brilliant cloudless starlight. Ollie & I sawed up the load of slabs. Drawed out manure on sweet corn stubble & took load of wood up to Ollie's & put on back porch. A cold windy task. Tonight I packed a 22 lb box of garden vegetables to send Mrs Knorpp.

Our old pre-reservoir adjoining farm neighbor Mrs Carrie E Lawson – widow of John Lawson died at her home in Hurley correction Kingston.

February 11, Wednesday – 24 at 7:30 AM 24 at 11 PM. Generally sunny – still, becoming overcast PM. Set in snowing around 10 PM.

I went over to Jesse Shurter's mill and got a good wagon load of mostly rock oak slabs AM. This PM I made a trip to Kingston – Ollie Burgher & Addie Kelder went along.

February 12, Thursday — 24 degrees at 11 PM. There was a 4 inch overnight fall of heavy snow ending this morning, followed by light freezing mist or rain. Murky PM & evng – clearing – frosty – still.

Did daily round of chores. This afternoon Ollie & I drawed out load manure & sawed up the load of slabs & piled the board edgings along end of barn and stacked up the porch supply. Rec'd card from Dick Herrington that he has bought a new Nash car. Snow plow trucks had a

busy day.

February 13, Friday — 24 at 7:30 AM 26 at 11 PM.  
Mostly overcast. Reservoir partly covered with slush. Still  
AM – light northerly breeze PM clearing still evng –  
thawing during day.

Sanding crews out this AM, roads mostly bare PM.  
Did chores & odd jobs around home. Cleaned plugs in the  
old Ford & filed the buzz saw.

February 14, Saturday ---- 24 at 7:30 AM 26 at 12 PM.  
Mostly bright sunny mild day & southerly wind. Starlight  
still freezing tonight.

I did chores – split & piled slab wood under shed, got  
2 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners, drew out  
load manure on garden. This evng I attended IOOF  
Lodge. Second & third Degree conferred on Karl Fichner,  
J Finley Gosso, Paul Herdman, Harry Keator Jr, James  
Quick, Herbert Gray & Arthur Sampson. They received  
their first Degree Monday night at William H Raymond  
Lodge No. 59 in Saugerties. Largest attendance in months  
– 37 present. Refreshments served.

February 15, Sunday — 28 at 7 AM 34 at 11 PM.  
Arrived snowing hard and continued till around noon,  
then changed to rain – that ended toward dark. Blustery,  
snow squally tonight. The sodden snow was around five  
inches & road conditions very slobbery. The town snow  
plows had tough pushing. I got swerved across road trying  
to get up the hill with car & had a slithery job getting back  
in garage. Nothing doing other than chores.

February 16, Monday — 22 at 7 AM 26 at 11 PM.  
Windy night — bright sunny day with raw blustery  
variable wind quieting latter PM & becoming overcast –  
set in snowing about 9 PM.

I drew out manure & split and piled wood under  
shed. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear. The Dr. told her that  
“Pop” is skating on very thin ice. The Onteora Central  
School at Boiceville re-opened.

February 17, Tuesday — 22 at 7 AM 22 at 11 PM. The  
snow petered out in the night with a fall of 2 inches.  
Today was mostly sunny, snow flurries & blustery. Partly  
cloudy – cold tonight. Its quite like winter.

This PM Ollie & I went over to Ellenville to see Dr  
Mc Cartney. Found him very weak & decidedly down in  
the dumps & his wifes' nerves worn & discouraged. I  
went by way of Kripplebush & took Ernie Lounsberry 6  
lbs butter @ .75 – she paid for the last 5 lbs + \$1.25 on  
this batch. Her sister may Giles was there observing her  
67<sup>th</sup> birthday. Red and white young cow bred artificially –  
fee 7.00 paid.

February 18, Wednesday — 20 degrees at 7 AM. A  
pleasant bright sunny day with crispy atmosphere and  
light wind northerly. Clear still evng – crescent growing  
moon high on South mountain.

Besides doing daily chores I finished up the pile of  
sawed slab wood – ranking it up & re-stacking kitchen  
porch.

John Tomasson of Olive Bridge died suddenly this AM  
at his home in Olive Bridge. Funeral Friday at the house.

Rev. Reese Jenkins of Kingston will officiate. Interment in Tongore Cemetery.

February 19, Thursday — 20 degrees at 7:30 AM 32 at 11 PM. Mild sunny day. Southerly wind developed latter PM & became hazy, cloudless – still, brilliant big crescent moon shining & still., freezing lightly.

Sap weather in the making. Drawed out manure before noon & this PM Ollie helped me cut a dray load of dead mostly oak pole wood & sawed it up. It was too warm to chop wood & I got lazy & tired.

February 20, Friday — 30 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM. Sunny this forenoon but with developing haze, becoming overcast – dark clouds with a westerly wind became strong & gusty evng. Light rain squalls PM & evng.

A real January thaw left the fields bare of the heavy snow blanket tonight. I stacked up the porch still more with yesterdays' sawed wood AM. This PM I cut a dray load of yellow birch poles in woods across the road. Rec'd birthday cards each from Bob & Mariam also Oscar Dudley & Charley Langer

February 21, Saturday — 54 at 8 AM 32 at 12 PM. Strong southwesterly wind thru night & rainy, a real Jan. thaw. The snow disappeared as if by magic – except on cold side of mountains. Continued rainy & windy AM. Gradually faired away PM, mid 60's temp, became cloudless & brilliant half moon evng with wind veering to northerly & turning colder.

This PM Ollie helped me saw up and pile the dray load

of wood – after we went up to the Chalet Indian & looked around for Mrs Ginsbittel's cat. Tonight I attended IOOF Lodge – had refreshments. I rec'd more birthday cards.

February 22, Sunday — 28 at 8 AM 22 at 11:30 PM.  
Crispy, bright, sunny weather – northerly wind, cloudless, brilliant, quiet moonlight evng– decidedly colder.

Many about the community are or have been sick – chicken pox, measles, mumps, colds , grippe and flu & what not.

February 23, Monday — 20 degrees at 7 AM 23 at 11 PM. Partly cloudy, crispy, light raw northerly wind. Cleared beautifully evng, brilliant moon, freezing quite sharp.

This is my 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday — Turn backward, I pray thee oh time in thy flight. Mother made me my time honored plain soft chocolate cake. This AM I cut a dray load of yellow birch pole wood over in woods behind barn & neighbor Will Davis (up for the holidays helped saw it up) I took him 4 PM to the Boiceville bus.

February 24, Tuesday — 24 at 7 AM Pleasant sunny all day with increasing PM haze – milder than yesterday. Moon shone, hazy evng, winds moderate – shifting.

I let the cattle out in the sun today. I took Mr Scheick a \$5.00 wagon load of stable manure before dinner. This PM I got a load of saw dust from Jesse Shurter's mill. No snow, weather savors early spring. Today's mail brought a grist of birthday cards.

February 25, Wednesday ---34 at 7:30 AM 30 at 12 PM. Bright mild sunny day, wind light. Like early April with no snow. Partly overcast evng.

I made a business trip to Kingston – Ollie Burgher went along for routine report to unemployment office. Called on Mr and Mrs Stewart Jones. He is on IOOF sick list & has palsy. (The former dapper Stewart Jones) I bought a new never used Peerless Steam 6qt size canner of them for \$3.00 – cost \$19.00. Sold 8 lbs butter @ .75. Came back on route 28 & stopped & saw Margaret & Clyde. I bought a heavy duty scissors type car jack at Strauss stores \$5.09. Rec'd birthday card Ernie Lounsberry making total 19. Sent Mrs Knorpp 6 doz eggs @.85 bought of Raymond Bell .65 doz. PP = .54.

February 26, Thursday —30 degrees at 7:30 AM Ground white with fresh snow this AM but melted away. Snow and rain squally weather. Mild – glorious clear evng – windy and brilliant big moon.

I split and piled wood under shed. This PM I got the sap boiling arch repaired & equipment ready to tap trees. Wrote air card to Mariam evng. Sent Cornelia 5lbs butter.

February 27, Friday — 28 degrees at 7 AM 35 at 12 PM.

A blustering day with dense snow squalls. Mountains freshly coated but disappeared. Brilliant clear with majestic almost full moon shining evng. – later becoming overcast.

Busy with chores & odd jobs AM. This PM I distributed sap pails & spiles for tapping. Wrote air card to Mariam.

Theo Weber Sr. of Olive Bridge died in Benedictine Hospital.

February 28, Saturday — 28 at 7 AM 20 at 12 PM.  
Blustery squally night & continued blizzardy snow squalls forenoon. Windy, part cloudy, raw colder PM & evng. brilliant full moon tonight amid broken clouds.

I put in a busy cold day tapping sap trees – partly Ollie's beautiful maple grove under the hill. Tonight I attended IOOF Lodge – 20 present & refreshments.

#### KILLED IN CAR CRASH

The little Methodist church at Glenford was filled Monday afternoon when the funeral service was held for Miss Muriel Gray, 15 who was crushed to death in a car accident in Kingston, Friday night at Fair and Henry Streets.

The Rev. Milton Ryan, pastor of the church, conducted the service. Miss Marlene Moore was organist. There were many floral tributes. The bearers were James Kinns, Joseph Holdridge, Robert Hastie, Douglas Franckling, Roger Cashdollar and Roger Grazer. Burial was in Woodstock Cemetery by the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock.

Miss Gray was a pupil of the Onteora Central School, is survived by her parents, Mr and Mrs Herbert Gray, her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Richard Gray of Glenford and a grandmother, Mrs Delia Dingey of Accord.

Miss Gray was a passenger in a 1953 Keyser sedan driven by Robert Lawson 17, of Nyack. The car and a

trailer truck operated by William D German, 40 of Montgomery, were in collision at Henry and Fair Streets at 9:33 PM The sedan was pushed into a tree and pole, and demolished.

Coroner Ernest J Kelly said that Miss Gray died instantly of many fractures of the skull. Lawson, who was removed to Kingston Hospital, suffered a fracture of the pelvis and internal injuries. He is the son of the late John Lawson and Mrs Fannie Lawson of Nyack.

German who was driving the trailer truck owned by Harold A Chaffee of Montgomery, was not reported to be injured.

The crash of the two vehicles was a terrific one, heard by residents several blocks from the corner where the sedan was crushed against the pole and tree on the property of Dr. Mortimer B. Downer, 55 Fair St.

A wrecker was used to pull the smashed car from the tree and pole before the young people could be taken from it. Miss Gray was instantly killed. The impact knocked both passengers of the sedan out of their shoes. The cars engine was knocked from its mounting to Dr. Downer's lawn. The cars bumper was found on the grounds of the George Washington school. Police estimated the distance to be about 500 feet from the crash scene.

The pole was broken by the impact and electric wires dropped to the wreckage of the car. The fire department dispatched two trucks to the scene and crews from Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation cleared the wires from the pole. ( Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> The News Leader)

March 1, Sunday — 20 degrees at 7 AM 14 at 10 PM.  
Bright sunshine – crispy cold – windy winter day. Snow  
alone lacking other than on mountains. High Point grimly  
white – cloudless & brilliant moonlight.

Sap froze up heavy ice in buckets & on spiles. I got 3 ½  
cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This PM I  
drew out 2 cart loads stable manure – an over  
accumulation.

March 2, Monday — 8 degrees at 7 AM 20 at 12 PM.  
Real winter weather. Ground froze up hard & thick ice.  
Sunny, cold, calm with increasing PM high haze &  
cloudiness. Cleared evng – still, bright stars & snappy.  
Brilliant declining moon – later became all overcast.

Busy with odd jobs PM. This PM I drew a wagon  
load firewood & Arthur Davis helped saw it. Rec'd a  
letter Mariam – asking for information to become charter  
member of Mexico City D.A.R.

Funeral 2PM for Theo Weber in Olive Bridge M.E.  
Church. Interment Tongore Cemetery. James Harrison  
returned home from Albany Veterans Hospital where he  
has been since Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and had kidney removed.

March 3, Tuesday — 20 degrees at 7 AM 30 at 9 PM.  
Reservoir is skimmed over this morning, but later  
disintegrated by lapping waves. Raw cold, cloudy, calm  
— moderated somewhat PM – set in steady rain before 9  
PM.

Drew out overnight manure & got big wagon load of  
firewood. Arthur and Billy Davis helped me saw it up  
with the old Ford mill.

March 4, Wednesday — 44 at 7 AM 36 at 11 PM.  
Rainy night with rising temperature. Mild occasional light rain squalls — muddy, windy, cloudy – squally tonight and turning colder.

I emptied the water filled sap buckets – did chores and odd jobs in variety. Wrote weekly news copy this morning. Saps running good.

March 5, Thursday — 30 at 7 AM 28 at 12 PM. Raw cold blustery snow squally day & evng.

Froze up hard lat night. Aside from chores put in the day & evng gathering and boiling sap. Ran down the first batch tonight. I gathered besides what I carried, 2 barrels with horses and dray. Sap pretty much froze up today. With Ollie sick with grippe or flu I worked alone.

The Russian Dictator Premier Joseph Stalin died today in Moscow at age of 73 following stroke Sunday night.

March 6, Friday — 24 at 7 AM 30 at 12 PM. March weather — windy, sunny with developing cloudiness PM. Blizzardy snow squall evng, whitened the ground, clearing colder & blustery.

Other than doing chores I boiled and gathered sap. Ran off my second batch tonight.

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> The former Shirley Bell — Mrs Courter of Walden, tragically committed suicide by shooting herself thru the neck early today. She leaves her husband & 3 children, the youngest 5. Funeral Sat. PM in Millstrauth Parlors, interment in New Hurley Cemetery — Episcopal service. ( Youngest sister(43) of Raymond Bell)

March 7, Saturday — 22 at 7 AM 14 at 12 PM. Biting cold, bright, sunny day, scattered high clouds – not so blustery as yesterday. Still evng and became overcast.

I did usual chores, boiled off a batch of sap & put a load of dry wood on Ollie's back porch. Arthur Davis helped me. I seem to keep having a cold — no wonder being out in the cold & wind. I made no attempt to go to IOOF Lodge tonight.

March 8, Sunday — 16 degrees at 8 AM 16 at 12 PM. Bright sunny biting cold, light wind. Became rather hazy later PM – stars dim tonight.

I got 4 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This PM I went to see Clyde Winchell in regard to Revolutionary War record of Andries Davis, information needed for my daughter Mariam to become a charter member of Mexico City DAR. I also went to both Tongore cemeteries and copied from headstones of Andries Davis died December 1, 1850 aged 90 years - 11 months, 10 days. Sarah Bogart died May 19, 1845 aged 81 years. John B Davis born March 19, 1802 died November 29, 1863 – wife Affe L. born April 6, 1803 – died April 30, 1867. Andries married at Marbletown December 21, 1786 by Rev. Stephen Goetchues. First pastor of Shokan Reformed Church.

March 9, Monday — 24 at 7 AM 24 at 12 PM. Another cold wintry day – windy – mountains snow squally. Quite sunny, partly cloudy. Reservoir had a skim of ice this AM

Busy with chores and home jobs AM. This PM I

tapped several more of the lovely stately hard maples in Ollie's woods & cut a small wagon load of firewood.

March 19, Tuesday — 18 degrees at 7 AM 12 at 11 PM.  
Blustery weather – reservoir rially– wavy and overflowing. Bright sunny – raw cold cloudless, windy day. Still starlight & cold tonight.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I spread wagon load manure on last years corn stubble ground. Had Mart Eckert give me a needed hair cut & chopped a load of rock oak & black birch firewood & brought it home.

March 11, Wednesday —6 degrees at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM. Coldest night since February 5<sup>th</sup> . Reservoir froze over again this morning but wind and waves later broke it up. Bright sunny day. Still early but became quite windy & moderated PM. Saps running quite good this PM. Clear still evng – stars, somewhat hazy. Late became overcast.

I made a trip to Kingston going by way of Kripplebush. I took Lounsberry's 7 lb butter. Took ride over to Ulster Park or rather Esopus to see Howard Markle about pigs. I engaged a pair for \$30.00 They are to be inoculated. Came home by route 28. Mrs Longyear foned early evng that Dear Pop Longyear is again in hospital since last Friday.

March 12, Thursday — 36 at 7 AM 44 at 12 PM. Mild – overcast & had light attempts to rai. Later PM settled in for a steady rain and low hanging fog.

Boiled and gathered sap twice – Ran off a batch of

syrup latter PM. This evng I went with Claude N Beidler to Kingston attending an official visitation at Ancient City Council # 21 – 33 present, including delegation from Catskill & Poughkeepsie Councils. Hamburgers & coffee served after. Companion Beidler is Captain of the Guard. We had a rainy foggy trip both ways.

65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous blizzard of 1888.

March 13, Friday — 44 at 7 AM 42 at 12 PM. The steady rain fell throughout the night & continued till early PM. The ice slogged streams getting a good flushing out. Mild, started to break away & stars shone evng.

Boiled down a batch of sap under wet conditions. After the rain stopped PM I emptied buckets & re-tapped the trees, except those tapped Tuesday.

March 14, Saturday — 38 at 7 AM Mostly sunny – wind light. Pleasant day. Became overcast tonight.

Busy with gathering & boiling sap, got 2 barrels. Took wagon load manure on corn stubble ground. Ollie kept the fire going tonight. I attended IOOF Lodge 33 present. In behalf of Lodge I presented bibles to 5 new members. Hamburgers & coffee served. Later I boiled sap along past midnight.

March 15, Sunday — Started in raining before 5 AM & continued steadily to downpour all day & evng – a cold storm.

We kept the batch boiling and ran it off around 3 PM—syrup very dark grimy. I got nearly 4 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners. Wrote news copies & air mail card

to Mariam.

March 16, Monday — 38 at 12 PM. Rainy night, finally stopped this morning, very dark and foggy. Wind came up noontime & the fog quickly vanished – somewhat windy & sour & mostly cloudy PM & evng but not freezing. Streams well up & the mountain snows thinned out – very muddy.

This AM I got the ham & bacon hung up & smoking. PM I emptied sap buckets & repaired the boiling arch. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear saying he is in hospital & very bad & weak. Had severe nose bleed Saturday nite & begs to come home.

March 17, Tuesday — 33 at 11 PM. Overcast this morning – clearing pleasant sunny PM cloudiness developed & all cleared at evng with brilliant new moon and nearby star & that settled behind Blackberry mountain.

Besides chores I worked on woodpile & kept smoke going. During PM we gathered sap but only got half a pan. Tired out & achy all over tonight. Mother also has a coughing cold.

March 18, Wednesday — 26 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM. Froze up last night & the sky was bright & sunny this morning but overcast & light southerly wind gradually developed. Set in rainy evng & changed to heavy fall of wet snow.

Sap ran good, tapering off as cloudiness & south wind developed. I did chores & split & piled wood, kept smoke

fire going — gathered sap & spread load manure on corn stubble. Ollie kept the sap boiling all PM & early evening & I finished off the batch — pulling the pan 1 AM.

March 19, Thursday — Snowy night and the big wet flakes continued falling till near noon — changed to rain. Became cloudless evng with a glorious growing new moon & a little colder — at best a cold storm. Had a couple inches & muddy ground still white tonight.

Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear written 6:30 yesterday AM — states that Dear Pop Longyear is unconscious at hospital, urenie poisoning had set in & at times he is like a mad man. Dr says only a matter of days. Was expecting Bob to arrive by plane from Mexico City. I kept mostly busy , split and piled wood under shed & kept the ham smoke going. I burned out the kitchen chimney & cleaned pipe & stove.

March 20, Friday — 26 at 12 PM. Northerly wind — mostly sunny with part cloudiness. Cleared beautifully tonight & freezing.

Split and piled wood — kept smoke going. This PM I cut a load of black birch & maple firewood along the sap gathering road. Tired out tonight. We had surprise week end visit by Cornelia , Dick & Norah. Mother has a bad coughing cold. Rec'd card from Bob written on plane 3:00 PM at 20,000 ft elevation. Mailed at Washington National Airport.

March 21, Saturday —30 at 7:30 AM Froze up last night — cloudless — light southerly wind. Mild but a chill in the

air. brilliant cloudless still evng with moon almost half.

Good sap day. Gathered sap twice & boiled PM & evng. No word from Brooklyn.

March 22, Sunday — 30 at 7:30 Froze up some last night so the sap ran fairly good today. Cloudless hazy – southerly wind, mild real spring like.

Cornelia, Dick & Norah left for home – Rome – around noon. He has to be at work 6 PM – cook at State School. Got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners. Boiled & gathered sap. It ran fairly well. Boiled tonight.

March 23, Monday 54 at 12 PM. Real spring weather & frogs chorusing. Variable cloudiness with considerable sunshine & southerly winds Growing half moon shone early evng amid broken clouds.

Boiled down a batch of sap & off at 2 AM. Tired out today – did chores & kept smoke going & split & piled some wood. Mothers cough seems better but has miserable stiff neck & feels miserable accordingly. Ollie came down PM & did a big batch of washing. Bob & Jeanne Longyear phoned me mid PM that their dear Father Robert Livingston Longyear Sr. died this AM 4:35.

March 24, Tuesday — 54 at 7 AM 40 at 12 PM. Dark warm & foggy drenching rainy day, tapered off finally stopped PM, as northerly wind developed & became cooler.. Cleared beautifully – moonlight & still. The starry moony heavens so peaceful. Streams high.

I managed to spread cart load manure on woods corner. Notices of Mr Longyear's death in NY Times &

Herald Tribune – also in Kingston Freeman. Dawager Queen Mary of England died at age of 85.

### Descendent of Original Settlers of Phoenicia Dead

New York, march 23, Robert Livingston Longyear, 65, who claimed to be direct descendent of the original settlers of Phoenicia, NY, originally known as Longyear – died today.

Longyear was employed for more than 40 years in the circulation department of the New York Journal American until his retirement several years ago. He was a native of Brooklyn.

He is survived by his wife Marion, a daughter Jeanette, son, Robert, Jr, and a sister Mrs Garrett Hegman De Nyse all of New York City.

A family spokesman said funeral services would be held Wednesday at Cadman Memorial Church in Brooklyn, with interment in the family plot at Hudler Cemetery, Mount Tremper, NY. Monday, 3/24/53

### Robert Longyear

Robert Livingston Longyear, a descendent of the Longyear settlers of Phoenicia died Sunday in New York. Mr Longyear whose age was 65, was employed for more than 40 years in the circulation department of the New York Journal American until his retirement several years ago.

He is survived by his wife Marion, a daughter Jeanette, a son, Robert Jr, and a sister Mrs Garrett Hegman De Nyse, all of New York; and grandchildren, Gaye, Jeannie and Robert Longyear III, of Mexico City.

March 25, Wednesday — 30 at 7 AM 46 at 12 PM.  
Crisp bright sunny this morning. Became overcast PM & surprisingly set in rainy. First thunder shower of the winter season – evng drenching rain.

Ollie Burgher & I made a trip to Kingston, She made routine report at unemployment office and we went to Howard Markles pig and poultry farm at Esopus & bought a nice pair of 3 month old pigs @ 15.00 each, brought them home & put in her pen.

March 26, Thursday — 46 at 7 AM Cloudy raw air. Had some rain forenoon and rainy again evng.

I attended the burial service in Bob & Mariam's new plot in Hudler's Mt Tremper cemetery about 1:30 PM of our esteemed Robert Livingston Longyear Sr., in his ancestral Shandaken soil – committed by Rev. Leo Insigna pastor of Phoenicia Baptist church. The undertaker was from Brooklyn. Casket encased in massive masonite case – casket opened for a last look at a fine man & Bro mason. A member of Bedford Lodge # 474, Brooklyn. Funeral service last night in Cadman Memorial church, followed by Masonic service conducted by 50 Brethern. Making the trip in nephews car, were James Smith, his mother, Mrs Garrett De Nyse ( last of family) Mrs Longyear, Bob & Jeanne. They stopped to see Mother on way back.

March 27, Friday — Rainy night – dark chill gloomy weather with intermittent light rain & drizzle.

Did chores & split & piled wood under shed. I had Dr.

Tocco of Stone Ridge come this afternoon for mothers grippe, flu or what is it. He said her heart condition is wonderful – gave her pills – said she should be better in a few days.

March 28, Saturday — Mostly cloudy some sunshine broke in this PM. Nearing full moon shone thru hazy overcast evng. Some morning drizzle.

I split & piled some wood AM. This PM I spread wagon load manure on corn stubble. This evng I went with Joe Steinlauf to Olive Bridge on a late start but IOOF Lodge was over except having some refreshments. Sap weather seems finished. Mother feels a little better & churned this AM.

March 29, Sunday — Mostly overcast & rather chill and damp, some sunshine got thru the murk this PM. White frost this AM on grass.

I got over 4 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Got the cattle out for exercise. Took a ride around the reservoir PM. I stopped and looked over the filled in site of "Hogs Back Tavern" in Shokan, famous resort of stage coach days. I brought home one of the old chimney bricks as a souvenir. Mother getting around better today.

March 30, Monday — 42 at 12 PM Strong northerly wind. Rainy all forenoon & light occasional PM squalls. Snow flurries on mountains – part broke away evng, with full moon occasionally in view — cool but no indication of sap making weather.

Besides daily chores I split and piled wood under shed

AM. PM I drew out manure & cut a wagon load of birch firewood over in woods across from driveway.

March 31, Tuesday — 44 at 12 PM Continued northerly wind – quieted evng – on the cool side. Nice sunny day for a change, scattered clouds – moon shone amid broken clouds tonight.

I cut a load of firewood across from driveway AM. This PM I got a big wagon load of rock oak slabs from Jesse Shurters' mill. Wrote news copy evng.

John Loughran 64 – Chief Judge of State Court of Appeals died of heart attack this AM at his home in Kingston – 12 John St.

April 1, Wednesday — 44 at 7 AM 44 at 12 PM. Still — Reservoir reflecting mirror – cloudy – set in intermittent rain PM & rainy tonight – mild.

Ollie and I sawed up the 2 loads of pole wood & load slab wood. Took big wagon load of the slab wood up to her place in the latter PM rain. I wrote several Easter cards evng. Also birthday card to Norah with a buck enclosed. Store keeper Lester S. Davis recently appointed acting West Shokan Postmaster succeeded Gladys VanDemark today. He retained Mrs May Lang as Assistant. Gladys served 2 years immediately following the death of William V Colange.

April 2, Thursday — 44 at 7 AM 36 at 12 PM. Partly cloudy to cloudy some sunshine broke thru. On the usual glum side of weather. Light wind northerly – cleared evng – starlight, brilliant declining moon.

Did chores as per usual. Took some slab wood up to Ollie's – took up sap buckets AM. This PM I got a big wagon load of oak slabs at Shurters' mill & Ollie helped saw them up & load up the wagon.

April 3, Friday — 36 at 7 AM Cloudless bright sunny – warm & mellow early spring. Clear, still, cool moonlight night.

Took load wood up to Ollie Burgher's AM. PM I got another big load mostly oak slab wood at Jesse Shurters' mill & Ollie helped saw it up & load wagon. She has worked 4 days this week at Dick Lane's. My steam saw mill burned 30 years ago tonight & rainy.

April 4, Saturday — 42 at 12 PM. The rising sun was shrouded by lowering clouds. Temperature cool early – overcast set in rainy by mid PM – foggy rainy evng.

Did daily chores. Took the load of wood up to Ollie's. Spread acid fertilizer on plowed last year potato patch above road. This PM I brought the sap hauling ----- & barrels back home, got caught in rain spreading load manure behind barn. Rec'd air card from Mariam – mailed Wed in Havana, where she and children are spending a few hours. They were traveling & having a wonderful trip on the Ward Line "Mexico" & would reach New York tomorrow. I attended IOOF Lodge tonight.

April 5, Sunday — 34 at 12 PM. A real nice bright sunny day – light wind was northerly clear still night.

Did chores let the cattle out for exercise. Mother and I

had our Easter breakfast together but I did not have the yen for eggs as in other days. I had an urge to go up to the Mt. Tremper Cemetery this PM & pay respects to Dear Mr Longyear, also visited Van Kleecks Cold Brook Cemetery. It was cold and windy on the silent cities. A 6 AM service was held on Tongore Cemetery. Mariam phoned evng from Brooklyn that she & the children arrived this AM after a wonderful trip.

Sally Anne Greene Becomes Bride of Elson S. Oakley Jr.

Miss Sally Anne Greene daughter of Mr and Mrs James J Greene of Olive Bridge, became the bride of Elson Sherman Oakley Jr, son of Mr and Mrs Elson Oakley of Shokan, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Easter Sunday, April 5, in St Joan of Arc Chapel, Woodstock. The Rev. James L. Riordan, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony. A reception for 50 guests was held at Holiday Inn, West Shokan.

April 6, Monday — 32 at 7 AM 40 at 12 PM. U.S. declared war on Germany, April 6, 1917.

Cool – sunny early. Became overcast early – gradually set in rainy PM – soaking rain tonight.

I split and piled some wood AM. PM drew out manure on grass behind barn & with Mart Eckert & Ray Kelder helping butchered wintered over hog. We got excellent scald. It dressed 256 lbs – weighed 304 as hung up in barn.

Hon. John T. Loughran with great pomp & ceremony 11 AM funeral for Chief Justice, State Court of Appeals, held at St. Josephs R.C. Church, Kingston. Gov. Thomas

E. Dewey headed honorary pall bearers. Interment in St. Marys Cemetery

April 7, Tuesday — Drenching all night and all day, and evening chilling rain.

Cut up the hog and Ray Kelder took a half 128 lb. @ .35 lb. I addressed about 100 IOOF Grand Comm. card notices evng – to be held 8 PM – Saturday – April 18 at William H. Raymond Lodge, Saugerties, supper at 6:30

April 8, Wednesday — A real pleasant sunny day – light northerly wind. Still clear cool evng.

After morning chores I packed 17 lb meat frozen hard in refrigerator chest over night and sent in PP to Mrs Knorpp @ .80 lb also 8 lb butter @.85 lb. Ollie and I made a trip to Kingston, for her routine unemployment report & shopping. I bought 2 – 100 lb bags Kathadin certified seed potatoes at A & P store, North Front St. @ 3.69 per bag. I put fresh hams & bacon in brine AM.

Dr. Robert A McCartney died last night at his home in Ellenville.

April 9, Thursday — Sunny early but became overcast– wind southerly. Rain sprinkles PM, dark cloudy night.

Busy with chores & home jobs this morning. PM I seeded down last years potato patch at Ollies above road with oats ( clinten) & mixture alfalfa & timothy – also harrowed fall plowed strip for potatoes. This evng Jesse Shurter, Ollie Burgher & I went to Ellenville, attending Warwarsing Masonic Lodge services at the Pueling Funeral Home for a dear friend & Brother Dr. Robert A

Mc Cartney also later called at his home 3 Park St. I sent fattened 4 month old baby beef calf to Pine Bush Livestock Market, got .22 1/4 lb comm and hauling 2.15 net rec'd \$65.48

Longyears to Visit here.

Mrs Robert L Longyear, Jr with her children, Gaye, Jeanne and Robert Longyear 3<sup>rd</sup>, arrived in New York Sunday on the Ward Line from Mexico. After spending a week with Mr Longyear's mother, Mrs Robert L Longyear of Brooklyn, she will come to West Shokan where she will enter the children in the Onteora School for the balance of the term. Mr Longyear who is employed in Mexico City, flew to the United States some time ago at the time of the death of his father.

Mr and Mrs Longyear will spend the next three months in the United States before returning to Mexico City. While here Mr Longyear will attend to company business in the New York area and enjoy a vacation. Mrs Longyear is the former Mariam C. Davis, daughter of Mr and Mrs Elwyn C Davis of West Shokan. She was graduated from Kingston High School, and from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York. Mr Longyear is associated with the Sidney - Ross Company in Mexico.

April 10, Friday - Drenching foggy day & evng.

Not much accomplished – cleaned out a long accumulated assortment of papers, magazines, letters, catalogues, & financial reports in the dining room, anticipating Bob & Mariam & the children coming tomorrow. Split and piled wood awhile PM under shed.

We have rec'd 3 cards from Kay & Dick on an Easter vacation trip to Milwaukee, Wis.

April 11, Saturday — Cool, bright partly cloudy – generally sunny with brisk northerly winds. Clear crispy tonight.

Busy with chores and odd jobs. Drawed out manure – brought a big wagon load of left over sap wood home to saw up. Bob, Mariam, Gaye, Jeannie & Robert arrived from Brooklyn 5 PM with their 51 Chevrolet car. This evng Bob & I went with Pop Beidler, Walter Lang & a Boiceville brother Hansen to Saugerties Auditorium & witnessed colorful conferring 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree by Cyprus Temple Shrine of Albany on class of 5 for Ulster Lodge # 193 F&AM.

April 12, Sunday — 36 at 8 AM. Set in this AM for a dreary foggy – drenching rainy day & evng.

Mariam & children attended church & Sunday school PM. Bob and I visited his Father's grave in Mt Tremper cemetery & went to Woodstock & called on Mr & Mrs Joe Steinlauf & Mr and Mrs Albert Jaques, also stopped to see Clyde Winchell coming home. I got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners'.

April 13, Monday — 36 at 7 AM 36 at 12 PM. Chilly damp, overcast – light rain AM. Cold steady PM rain with mountains white with snow. Blustery rainy tonight.

Bob helped me saw up the big load of Saturdays drawed wood.. This PM I got in a good lick splitting wood under shed PM. Mariam, Mother and I after the

children went to bed had a pleasant time together.

April 14, Tuesday — 30 at 7 AM 38 at 12 PM.

Blustery night – froze up this morning, ice on barn tub & water holes. Mostly cloudy – cold – raw very windy day, clearing evng & windy night. Several inches snow in Pine Hill area.

I piled up wood this AM & took a wagon load up to Ollies'. Brought home another load of the dry sap wood. This evng Bob, Mariam, Gaye & I went to Kingston and attended the Lions Club Exposition at the Armory on Manor Ave.

Provident Mutual Life Ins. Agt. Arthur Merritt of Monticello brought me check \$2589.04 matured endowment on policy due April 20 #294214 – taken out for myself as agt in 1918. \$2000.-- 20 payment policy – shows a capital gain of \$984.48 – proceeds to be left with company at 3 ½ % interest.

April 15, Wednesday — 39 at 7 AM windy night, clear, crisp, cool windy – quieted evng became overcast..

Bob helped me saw up the load of wood AM. I took a big load up to Ollies' PM. I got a big load oak top chunks at Jesse Shurters' mill. Bob, Mariam & kids left for Brooklyn noontime. This is Ollie Burgher's 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday. This evng Ollie and I attended a concert in the Onteora Central School auditorium by the 41 or 42 piece band from Stewart Air base. A rare musical treat after we were invited to the Chalet Indian for coffee. I note the mountains over the river are white with snow.

April 16, Thursday — Another stormy day of rain & snow mixed – stopped early PM & sun broke thru & murking over.

I got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners'. This PM Ollie helped me saw up the big load of top chunk wood. I ranked up firewood under the shed AM.

April 17, Friday — 40 degrees at 7 AM 34 at 11 AM. Bright sunny AM – crispy cool with strong northerly wind. The afternoon and evening was overcast raw cold and squally – Snowing on mountains.

Besides chores I split and piled wood this AM, finished the 4<sup>th</sup> rank on barn side. This PM I drew over 2 loads accumulated manure & spread on sweet corn stubble by the old house. This evng I balanced up my IOOF Grand Comm. report – Treas. Bal. \$134.24.

April 18, Saturday — 34 at 7 AM 34 at 11 PM. A cold light rain fell during day and a coating of mushy snow early evng. changing back to rain. A cold dreary storm.

Did chores – split & piled some wood under shed. Got 3 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidners' This evng I went with Harlowe Mc Lean to the Annual District of Ulster Grand Comm. meeting at William H Raymond Lodge # 59 in Saugerties. Meeting in charge of D.D.G.M. – David H Hilderbrandt 51 P.G.'s present from Shokan 491, William H Raymond 59 – /Sunshine 929. Arthis 172 – None from Catskill Mtn 487 – Paul W Rowe of Bearsville # 533 unanimously elected District Deputy & myself secretary – I've held the job since 1931.

April 19, Sunday — 34 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM. Another drab dreary chilly day & evng. Fleeting sunshine filtered thru briefly mid day. Occasional drizzles – snowy rain evng.

I feel tired out today. Did usual chores & later PM made an unexpected trip over to Harlowe Mc Lean's & had my yearling heifer bred to their Airshire yearling bull. Last evening a swiss steak donation supper for the parsonage repair fund was a sell out at the West Shokan Baptist church \$278.00 was realized. Don Bishop has the remodeling job. I wrote News Leader copy.

April 20, Monday — 34 at 7 AM 36 at 12 PM. April 23<sup>rd</sup> is Mrs Longyears birthday. Raw cold blustery snow squally weather – some sunshine. A half moon tried to peek thru the clouds tonight.

Did chores – Got big load of oak top chunks & slabs at Jesse Shurter's mill and sawed it up alone – also took load of chunks up to Ollie's. She worked at Dick Lane's today.

April 21, Tuesday — 36 at 7 AM 36 at 11:30 PM. Same raw cold mostly cloudy weather not so squally as yesterday. Broken clouds evng with bulging moon playing hide & seek – Not so blustery as yesterday. Later moon brilliantly clear.

Did chores, let the cattle out for exercise PM. Spread big load manure on sweet corn stubble across from the old house – to plant for oats. Split some wood PM. I feel very tired and achy tonight. 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at # 10 but didn't feel up to going with Pop Beidler.

April 22, Wednesday — 38 at 7 AM 60 at 10 PM. Nice and sunny – warmer & still this AM. Later gusty southwesterly wind developed & became overcast PM – part cleared evng with dashes of rain.

Ollie went along with me to Kingston for her unemployment report & shopping. We went out to Howaard Markle's at Esopus & she bought 2 more geese @ \$4.00 each.

April 23, Thursday — 56 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM Real springlike – clear but a high gusty northern wind howled all day & evng. Brilliantly clear moonlight, getting hazy late. The may flies out in their glory today.

Did daily chores and this PM I got an 8 row 2 bu. patch of potatoes planted above the road – (1 bu. of certified Kathadins) used nearly 80 lb bags 6-12-6 fertilizer in rows. A good tired out job for me tonight. Mother had a long wanted wish granted this PM & had the Steinway piano tuned \$12.00 paid.

April 24, Friday — 48 at 7 AM 50 at 10 PM. Shower late in night. Pleasant, mild, sunny day. Continued windy but quieted – became overcast tonight.

I did a good neighbor turn and plowed the Swan Brewster's garden. It was a big job and the flies tormented. During PM I spread load manure on corn stubble ground. Rec'd letter Mariam from Brooklyn. They will be back next week end. This evng Pop Beidler & I rode with Charley Ginsbittel to Masonic Temple Kingston from there we went with Leslie Lyons to Poughkeepsie and attended a District gathering at King Solomen

Council R&SM. Back home before 1 AM.

April 25, Saturday — 56 at 7 AM 60 at 12 PM. Sunny, warm, hazy still – thickening overcast PM. Warm and humid with southerly wind.

I feel lousy – that hang on winter grippe. Ollie has another cold & early PM I took her to Dr Anthony Tocco's office in Stone Ridge for treatment. I'm feeling decidedly under par, back aches – flare up of the winter colds & what not. During PM I took a load manure over and spread on corn stubble. I attended IOOF Lodge evng William Jordan now in failing health at 81 who became a member of Shokan Lodge April 11<sup>th</sup> 1893 was present and in behalf of the lodge for his long and faithful service presented Bro Jordan a 60 year pin. Refreshments followed.

April 26, Sunday — 56 at 7:30 AM 54 at 11 PM.. Daylight Savings Begins. Warm rainy night & this morning. Warm, lowery humid June like weather – with warm sunshine after the morning murk cleared. Thickened over PM & we got an evening of heavy thundershowers.

I got 2 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's – This PM. Ollie & I took a ride over to Ellenville and saw Mrs Mc Cartney and daughter Mrs Louise Martin. We also visited the Fantinekill Cemetery but failed to locate the place where Doc was buried. Neighbor Swan Brewster came home last evening from Bridgeport after recovering from a gall bladder operation.

April 27, Monday — 48 at 7:30 AM 42 at 12 PM. Rainy in night – still mussy this morning. Mostly cloudy occasional sunshine – turning cooler PM & became somewhat blustery tonight.

Did chores & put in several hours splitting up firewood. Late PM sawed up a load of limb wood for Swan Brewster.

April 28, Tuesday — 38 at 12 PM. Raw cold morning – mostly cloudy, windy. Cleared evng with a magnificent full moon shining among scattered clouds. The weather savors late March rather than April.

Days accomplishment mainly was getting a big load of oak slabs at Jesse Shurter's mill & sawing them up with Ollie helping & loaded up the wagon.

This evng Bro Vahan Kizirian, Charley Ginsbittel & I went to Prattsville where we attended the dedication of the new Oasis No. 119 Temple F&AM. A banquet preceded. Dedication conducted by acting Grand Master Wm. Turk & staff.

Rev. Milton H Ryan, Ashokan Methodist minister dropped dead this AM mowing the parsonage lawn.

April 29, Wednesday — 37 at 6:30 AM Mostly cloudy cold northerly wind. Light rain AM close to snow mixture – some periods of sunshine.

I got a big load of oak mill slabs & sawed them up with Ollie's help. Also took big load manure and spread on corn stubble. Mariam, Bob and family & Mrs Longyear came from Brooklyn. They bought a marker \$403. for their cemetery plot at Byrnes Monument place

near Kingston bridge.

April 30, Nice bright sunny day – cool northerly wind – becoming overcast during PM & set in rainy late evng.

Mrs Longyear returned to Brooklyn – Mariam & Bob took her to Rhinebeck for train. Gaye & Jeanne went along with me for load of oak mill slabs, got them sawed up this evng. Bob, Charley Ginsbittel & I attended Masonic funeral service conducted by Kingston Lodge # 10 for Past Master Milton H Ryan 61 at suite in Kaisers Parlors. He was a member of Downsville Masonic Lodge. IOOF & Rebekah services – American Legion & Fire Dept held theirs last night.

Assemblyman John Wadlin 51 of Highland died suddenly tonight while attending a meeting of Past & Present Grand Lodge officers F&AM held at Southpaugh Hall in Catskill.

May 1, Friday — Drenching cold all night rain – The day was glum chill damp with intermittent showers & drizzling rain tonight.

I rested late this dark rainy morning. This PM I managed to rank up wood along end of barn. Mariam gave a fine rendition of piano music tonight & enjoyed by Mother, Bob & myself. Mother & Gaye, great grandmother & great granddaughter played familiar duets.

Funeral services 2 PM at Ashokan ME Church of its beloved pastor Rev. Milton H Ryan.

May 2, Saturday — 36 at 7 AM 42 at 12 PM. Rainy

night and a cold drizzling rain continued all day – punctuated with an early evng thunder shower & drenching rain drizzle continued into night.

Besides chores I managed to rank up some wood PM but found the job too wet & cold. I attended IOOF Lodge evng, going in the downpour. Mariam, Bob and the children were house bound. Anna Cecile Deitzer & Carl Reynolds Marzahl married 4 PM in Woodstock Catholic Church – Reception at Holiday Inn.

May 3, Sunday — Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1953 Funeral services 2 PM for Assemblyman John F Wadlin at his home in Highland. A throng attended – many floral tributes, despite a request to contribute to the heart fund instead. Masonic ritual conducted in Highland Cemetery.

36 at 8 AM Aunt Cornelia's birthday. Drizzling cold night and this morning – another damp chill, still foggy day & evng.

Did usual chores. This PM at Mariam's request I attended with herself, Bob, Gaye, Jeanne and Robert 3<sup>rd</sup> the preaching services in the West Shokan Baptist Church. Mariam was organist as in her pre St Lukes age. Rev Walter A White in charge. Bob and Rev. White and Mrs mae Shimer sang a trio. Later we went up to Holiday Inn for a get acquainted visit. Mariam invited Oscar Dudley to have supper & they went after him & took him back home to Olive Bridge. Tomorrow is Oscar's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. The barn swallows were back this morning.

May 4, Monday — 26 at 7 AM 62 at 11:30 PM. Cleared in night and for a change a pleasant mild sunny day. Light

wind northerly, overcast tonight & noticeably warmer, wind southerly.

Mariam, Bob and children got started noontime to visit Cornelia up in Rome. I had a big job with over the weekend load manure & spread on corn stubble. Cleaned out pig stable & Ollie and I finally got the sap buckets washed.

Past Grand Alonzo Haver 87 of Ashokan who was presented April 26 with a 60 year membership pin by Shokan IOOF Lodge No. 491 died 11 o'clock last night at his home over Ashokan garage. He was Ford dealer for over 40 years.

May 5, Tuesday — 54 at 7 AM 62 at 12 PM. Arrived dark, humid and rainy, was rainy till early PM then gradually broke away. Still, sticky, warm atmosphere — stars shone tonight but hazily.

Did chores — wrote several letters. Sprouted potatoes and piled wood awhile later PM. I had no pep. Ollie Burgher started seasonal work at Chalet Indian. This evng I took Noble Grand Raymond Markle, his father, and Charles Ginsbittel to Woodstock at Lasher's parlors where a 25 member delegation from Ashokan IOOF Lodge no. 491 held ritualistic services for Alonzo Haver 87, a 60 year member. Coming back we stopped at Bearsville Lodge no. 533. They have changed from Friday night to Tuesday night meetings effective today. We were cordially welcomed.

May 6, Wednesday 54 at 7 AM Generally sunny warm & humid. Wind southerly. Became thickly overcast PM

— looked showery.

I did a big days work. Spread load manure on corn ground and plowed the sweet corn stubble strip from front of old house to the back road, before dinner. The ground was in surprisingly shape to plow. PM after a rest I got a big load of rock oak mill slabs.

May 7, Thursday — 54 at 7 AM 62 at 12 PM. Murky foggy warm – still. Intermittent rains.

Busy with odd jobs in variety. Started smoke under last batch of ham & bacon. Later PM Mother & I sawed up the load of slab wood but got wet before it was done. Our “Beauty Cow” who is a twin, had a dandy red bull calf this PM. Mother received Mothers Day card and letter from Lute and Ada Bell – His health is poor.

May 8, Friday — 54 at 6:30 AM 54 at 12 PM. Warm humid – sunny early but clouds thickened. Thunder showers all afternoon both to north and south.

Busy with chores & necessary odd jobs. Later PM split and piled up slab wood Mother helped.

May 9, Saturday — 54 at 7 AM 50 at 12 PM. Partly cloudy — real warm and humid. Rumbling afternoon – thunder showers went around both ways. Pleasantly cool still starlight tonight.

I had quite a busy day – got the cattle all out for pasture & back in stable. Spread load manure on planted potato patch and later PM harrowed the plowed chick weed matted strip in orchard lot. Was too late for IOOF Lodge tonight but in time for refreshments – hot dogs &

rolls, beaked beans, mustard, catsup, coffee & soda. A real good feed & I was hungry. ( Rec'd Mothers Day cards from Mariam & Cornelia)

May 8, 1953. This is from a newspaper clipping.

A reader sent me an item from the "Sample Case" from Commercial Travelers which item is dated March 1, 1849, reads in part " Having sold my farm and I am leaving for Oregon Territory, by ox team, will offer all of my personal property to wit: except two teams "Buck and Ben" and "Tom and Jerry" three milk cows, one gray mare and colt, one pair of oxen and yoke, one baby yoke, two ox carts, one iron foot of popular weather boards, one plow with wood mould board, 800 to 1000 three - foot clapboards, 1500 -- 10 foot fence rails, one 60 gallon soap kettle, 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber, one large loom made by Jerry Wilson, 1000 gallons maple syrup, spinning wheels, 30 pounds of mutton tallow, 1000 poles, 100 split loops, 100 empty barrels, one 32 gallon barrel of Johnson- Miller whiskey seven year old, 20 gallons of Apple brandy, one 40 gallon copper still, some oak tanned leather, one dozen real books, two handle hooks, three sythes and craddles, one dozen wooden pitch forks, one half interest in tan yard, one 32 caliber rifle made by Ben Miller, one bullet mold, one powder horn, 50 gallons of soft soap, hams, bacon and lard, 40 gallons of sorghum molasses, six head of fox hounds all soft mouthed except one.

This sale of items of 1849 continues with: At the same time I will sell my six Negro slaves, two men 35 and 50 years old; two boys 18 and 12 years old; two

Mulato wenchens 40 and 30 years old. Will sell all together to same party, as I will not separate them. Terms of sale – cash in hand or note to draw 4 percent interest, with Bob McConnell as surety. My home is two miles south of Versailles, Kentucky, on the McCouns ferry pike. Sale begins at 8 PM. Plenty to eat and drink. J. L. Moss — Canal Winchester Times – He certainly was blessed with worldly goods. I wonder why he wanted to give it all up and how he made out in the new Oregon Territory, that, I guess we will never know.

May 10, Sunday — 52 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM. Very warm – humid summery weather. Partly cloudy with afternoon thunder showers both ways, all cleared tonight, cooler.

Did daily chores, had the cattle out to pasture PM. I took 4 egg cases back to Herman Weidner and went up to Chalet Indian after Ollie. After chores I took her to Dr Tocco's office in Stone Ridge for a shot in the arm and medicine. Stopped at Mr and Mrs George Lounberry's coming back by way of Kripplebush with 6 lbs butter @ .75 paid. Ernie was very pleased we came.

May 11, Monday — 46 at 6:30 AM 72 at 12 PM. Sunny hot humid summer weather. Warmer tonight with light southerly wind. Expected showers did not develop.

I did a big days work, spread 960 lb (12 bags) lime on strip in orchard lot, harrowed it over and got the patch sowed with Clinton oats & alfalfa & timothy grass seed mixture & harrowed in. Also drew off stone & got load of sawdust from the old pile where Sueple's mill was.

Mariam & Bob & children arrived by late PM unexpectedly from their upstate trip & Niagara Falls & over into Canada. All have colds.

May 12, Tuesday — 56 at 7 AM 60 at 12 PM. Lowry, muggy hot summer weather. Considerable sunshine – thunder showery PM. We had a boisterous High Point shower late PM. Very heavy in Boiceville Cold Brook section. Lightening tore a big slab from large pine tree at top of Cold Brook hill route 28, across road from the new residence of Wm ----- .

I mowed and gathered border grass along north east sides of heavily weed grown corn stubble field, also spread on load of manure & got started plowing. Very hot tedious work. Donnie Bishop has pneumonia – temp 105. He was running around with the girls last night.

May 13, Wednesday — 56 at 6 AM 60 at 12 PM. Continued hot & muggy, generally sunny – becoming thunder showery PM. We got several rains. Last evenings storm poured 3 ½ inches water in Coopers Lake in 35 minutes. Road flooded 3 ft deep at Shady over 2 inches fell at Brown Station water works.

I went up to Bert Winnie's garage AM got car grease job and brake repairs \$4.40 Paid. Very humid weather. I sythe mowed on lawn PM. Had call by Ralph Longyear – then came the showers. Bobby Longyear is sick since yesterday – runs temp. Tonight Mariam & Bob took him to see child specialist Dr. Johnson in Kingston. He found throat irritation . Mariam's been giving him penicillin.

May 14, Thursday — 56 at 7 AM 60 at 12 PM. Dark, foggy, misty AM – brightened up PM and warm, sun broke thru. Dark, still, murky tonight.

Busy with chores and odd jobs AM. PM I spread a load of manure on early potatoes – some are coming up. Also got a load of oak slabs at Jesse Shurter's mill. Tiresome tasks. This evening Charley Ginsbittel took Reggie Davis, Bob and I & Pop Beidler went alone earlier to Ancient City Council # 21 – Kingston – select Master Degree conferred on class of 14 Royal Masters. Ice cream, apple pie & good coffee followed.

May 15, Friday — 56 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM. Murky rainy along till after mid day. Began breaking away later PM & became cloudless eve, still, brilliant new moon over old Blackberry mountain.

Mariam, Bob & the children left for Brooklyn 1 PM, right after lunch. Bobby is acting quite normal but looks pekid. I also note Donnie Bishop out on porch & whooping it up PM. Mother & I sawed up the big load slabs PM – a tedious 3 hour job.

May 16, Saturday — 60 at 12 PM. Partly cloudy, warm and humid. Had considerable welcome sunshine. Murked over again later PM & set in rainy late evng.

Had usual chores and odd jobs. Mother & I sawed up some old porch flooring, kept around for two years, after having kitchen porch re-floored. This PM after a late start got load manure spread on the heavily weeded corn ground. I attended IOOF Lodge but was 9 o'clock when I got there, had refreshments. Kingston Shriners Assn had

dinner tonight at the Chalet Indian – 60 present.

May 17, Sunday — Rainy night – muggy, foggy, lowry, mussy weather – a little sunshine filtered thru.

Did usual chores, also some needed sythe mowing along current bushes, cow drive etc. Dr McCartney's daughter, Mrs Louise Martin & son Bill called this PM & I went along with her up to Chalet Indian & along scenic side roads.

May 18, Monday — 60 at 12 PM. Warm – humid – windy, part cloudy, hot sunshine. A string of PM thunder showers passed by to the north. Growing crescent moon played hide & seek evng. Cooler tonight.

I did more sythe mowing including border along the garden & Mother helped clean up the hay for fodder. A hot summery job. Entirely unseasonable . I also took over a cart load manure & spread on the corn ground. The weeds have gotten too big & thick. It will be necessary to mow them off before I could plow. A most discouraging prospect for a corn crop.

May 19, Tuesday — 54 at 12 PM. Overcast – light wind, gradually broke away during PM – still – cooler hazy – starlight with growing moon nearing half tonight.

It was pretty soggy but I disced over the garden and last years potato & sweet corn strip out between cross patch & woods corner.. Also got a big load of mill slabs oak & hemlock – a sizeable days job. Rec'd letter from Mariam from Brooklyn. My grandfather who indelibly wrote his signature in my life died 48 years ago this AM, aged 76

years – 2 months – 2 days.

May 20, Wednesday — 54 at 7 AM 54 at 11 PM. Hazy this morning but developed into a pleasant warm sunny day. Summer weather, cool pleasant evng with burnished half moon.

This AM I mowed a wide swath around the last years potato and sweet corn strip of ground. Also spread on manure before a belated dinner. PM I cultivated the up and coming patch of potatoes at an earliest ever date. The rows show up nicely. Tonight I went with Charley Ginsbittel & Pop Beidler to Mt Horeb Chapter # 75, Kingston at a District meeting, presided over by Dr. A M Neilsen of NYC – Grand Royal Arch Captain.

May 21, Thursday — Generally sunny warm & humid – summer weather. Partly cloudy tonight.

Busy day – chores – odd jobs – plowed and disced Ollie's garden by the house, harrowed strip I plowed over a week ago along lower side of the bank, weeded corn stubble also re-diced the strip from the cross path to woods corner and our garden. Plenty tired tonight.

May 22, Friday — Murky this morning but faired away – breezy hot & humid. Murked over again later PM & a thunder shower broke during evng & continued rainy into night..

I mowed a cart load grass for the cows AM. This PM Mother & I had a call by Mrs McCartney and daughter Louise Martin from Ellenville. After that I plowed the strip out along cross path, a tiresome hot muggy 3 hour

job. Tired out tonight & hit the cot early.

May 23, Saturday — 58 at 7 AM 54 at 12 pM.

Drenching showers in night. The weather today had a drastic change to much cooler temperature & low humidity. Considerable morning cloudiness – brisk northerly wind all day & evng – becoming beautifully clear PM. Glorious crispy moonlight evng.

Mother and I split and ranked up 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of firewood across end of barn AM. This PM we sawed up the big load of slabs I drew Tuesday. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Late gathering there. Had customary refreshments.

May 24, Sunday — 52 at 7 AM 48 at 11 PM. A truly magnificent sunny cool day with continued northerly wind which quieted at evng & brilliant moonlight & real cool.

This PM Ollie having the day off at the Chalet Indian, she helped me do a disagreeable Sunday job repairing the pasture lot fence.

May 25, Monday — 52 at 7 AM 46 at 12 pM. Sunny early became overcast – light northerly wind and cool. Became glorious clear – still moonlight evng.

I got out machine and mowed out cross path to road – a strip down along the wall & thru the old saw mill road. Then a 3 swath strip up across 3 corner lot to corn ground. Mowed the heavily weed grown stubble above the lower end where I plowed and harrowed it. Also spread on cart load manure & brought back a big load of grass. Finally I disced the plowed woods corner potato & sweet corn

patch. This morning I packed and shipped P.P. Mrs Knorpp 18 lb butter.

May 26, Tuesday — 46 at 6 AM 46 at 12 PM. Rained some in the night. Cloudy still cool, set in a cold dreary rain early afternoon & continued into night.

Mother & I finished ranking up second tier of wood along end of barn AM. Got rained out PM & I took a nap on couch. Mr and Mrs Loren Bell's 50<sup>th</sup> a wedding anniversary.

News Leader Thursday June 4, 1953.

There was a surprise 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party given to Mr and Mrs Loren Bell, on Tuesday May 26, at 8 o'clock. Games, dancing and music were on the program, along with refreshments. A feature of the evening was a mock wedding performed by Judge Raymond Bell with Lottie Hesley serving as maid of honor, and Millie Barringer, the bridesmaid, Jennie Kerr the organist and Bertha Shimer soloist.

Included in the guests were the Misses Janie Eckert, Jennie Miller, Jennie Greene, Helen Barringer, Bertha Shimer, Belle Wood, Lottie Hesley Kathryn Terwilliger, Issabella Kessler, Marie Maugg, and Hazel Maier. Also the Misses Sarah Miller and Jennie Kerr, also Mr and Mrs Irving Hesley, Mr and Mrs Deyo Van Wagnen, Mr and Mrs Alvin Barringer, Mr and Mrs Raymond Bell and Mr and Mrs Francis Every.

May 27, Wednesday – Cool windy part to mostly cloudy. Afternoon and evng cold rain squalls.

As per my annual custom I went with Legionaires Joe Winkler, Jack Darling also Pop Claude Beidler and flag decorated & replaced markers on soldiers graves in the various Olive and Palentown cemeteries. This evng I went to Kingston with Charley Ginsbittel and attended the final seasonal meeting of Rondout Commandary # 52 Knights Temple.

May 28, Thursday — 42 at 6:30 AM 42 at 11 PM.  
Brilliant crispy – windy cold day with scattered clouds. A truly gloriously magnificent moonlight evng.

This AM I got a big load of hard wood slabs at Jesse Shurter's mill. This PM Mother & I sawed part & unloaded the remainder. I also took load manure over on plowed strip of corn ground & brought back cut weeds for the cows. This evng I took Ollie Burgher up to put potted flowers on graves of her father & mother in Bushkill Cemetery.

May 29, Friday — 50 at 7 AM Continued real cool, northerly wind – Bright atmosphere & sunshine. Thickening cloudiness developed PM & wind quieted – cloudy cool tonight.

Busy day – Mother churned 7 lbs butter. I plowed our garden AM and Mart Eckerts garden below old barn & harrowed it over PM. Also spread manure & brought back load of weeds off corn ground for cows. Mariam, Bob & children also Mrs Longyear & Jane Bostwick – also Cornelia, Dick & Norah & Ellen all arrived around 8:30 PM.

May 30, Saturday — 44 at 6:30 AM 42 at 12 pM. A dismal cold rainy day but didn't rain evng.

Memorial Day plans generally rained out – including Olive Post American Legion parade at Olive Bridge & the bigger demonstration in Kingston.

Mrs Longyear & Jane Bostwick are rooming at Gladys VanDemarks & having meals with us. Did chores & repaired big south side barn door. This evng Bob, Dick, Jeannie, Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick went to Phoenicia & saw the very tense, dramatic reproduction of the sinking of the S.S. Titanic, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1912 in which 1500 lost their lives from passenger list of 2200.

May 31, Sunday — 42 at 6:30 AM 47 at 12 PM. Sunny early – murked over & threatening but cleared away from the north in a very lovely pleasantly warm sunny day. Turned real cool latter PM with brisk north westerly wind which quieted evng & murked over late.

Mother & I took ride around with the folks up over Bushkill hill. The group including Mother attended the Baptist Church PM after which they went to Phoenicia and called on Ralph & Stella Longyear. Mrs Longyear, Mrs Bostwick & Bob visited & decorated his father's grave in Hudler's cemetery. Mrs McCartney & her unmarried sister & Louise & young Bob called PM A well rounded out day. The rain refreshed and sun kissed scenery today is gorgeous & inspiring. Dick & Cornelia & Norah & Ellen returned home AM.

June 1, Monday — 44 at 6:30 AM 52 at 12 PM. Bright sunny day with some cloudiness. Pleasant seasonable

weather on the cool side. Breezy later PM & evng.

Bob, Mariam, Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick went on a trip to Saugerties, where they visited and put potted flowers on Cy Bostwick's grave & back via Kingston, Hurley & Olive Bridge, where Mariam placed a potted geranium on her darling little sister Lillian's grave in Tongore cemetery. I spread load manure on corn field & gathered the last of the cut weeds. Also harrowed the potato patch & garden & with Gaye, Jeannie & Robert mostly Jeannie leading Molly. I marked out the ground ready for planting.

June 2, Tuesday — 46 at 6:30 AM 56 11 PM. Another bright generally sunny day. A bit cool with brisk northerly wind – some cloudiness.

Another busy day, worked at the potato fertilizing and planting, but time ran short. This evng all the family attended a Missionary meeting & social & musical program at the Baptist Church,. where Mariam, Bob & the children all played a prominent role. Refreshments followed. Bob & Mariam gave a talk on their experiences in Mexico. Bob took a hike on High Point.

June 3, Wednesday — 40 at 6:30 AM A truly magnificent perfect cloudless cool day with brisk northerly wind. Quieted tonight & became overcast late.

I got the potatoes planted 2 1/4 bu certified Kathadins also planted some golden cross bantam sweet corn with 2 beans to a hill. A big job alone. Mariam, Bob, Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick & Mother went to Woodstock & called on Kathryn Van Ness. This evng Bob, Pop

Beidler & I went to Ellenville & saw conferring of 2<sup>nd</sup> section of Master Mason degree on class of 5 at Warwarsing Lodge # 582 F&AM by the crack Craftsmens team of Kingston Lodge # 10. It was a magnificent work. Large crowd and feed after.

June 4, Thursday — 54 at 6:30 AM Mostly overcast today with some warm humid PM sunshine & a few sprinkle showers this evng.

I spread load manure on corn ground & this PM cultivated the early bushy potatoes. Mariam, Bob, Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick again went to Kingston. Mariam & Bob are searching genealogy records for D.A.R.

Mr and Mrs Conrad ( Deno) Juliano's Christmas Day baby son Dean Joseph died suddenly at 6:15 PM. Apparently well during the day, was seized with a choking spell & died in 15 minutes. Dr Anthony Tocco rushed from Stone Ridge but the child was dead before he arrived. Their 1<sup>st</sup> son Martin is 3 years old. Mrs Juliano formerly Florence Eckert is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Mart Eckert. The young couple live in Lawrence Kelder's caretakers cottage. Later an autopsy revealed the baby had walking pneumonia .

June 5, Friday — 54 at 7 AM 62 at 12 PM. 80 odd degree weather. Bright sunny and very warm, became thunder showery around north late PM. Cleared evng with fresh northerly or westerly wind & warm.

After having the family group photoed – Mariam, Bob,

Gaye, Jeannie, & Bobby 3<sup>rd</sup> concluded their final visit with Mother & I & accompanied by Mrs Longyear & Mrs Bostwick bade farewell & started with their 52 Chevy sedan for Brooklyn soon after 12 noon. This PM I went to Bert Winnie's & had a grabbing car brake fixed – \$1.50 paid & then went to Woodstock bank & signed up for the Blue Cross & Blue Shield community hospital service plan – fee 2.48 monthly.

June 6, Saturday — 62 at 6:30 AM 76 at 12 PM. 92 degrees PM shade temperature 5 o'clock. Very hot summer weather, sunny, humid but breezy. Murk and thunder showers conditions late PM & evng. We locally got drenched 9 PM.

I spread load manure & machine mowed a spot of grass behind barn AM. Mother & I got it cleaned up late PM. Had quite a jag for fodder.

Funeral service 2:30 PM for Mr and Mrs Deno Juliano's baby son Dean Joseph at Carr's Parlors in Kingston. Charley Ginsbittel & I attended, without benefit of clergy the interment in Cold Brook Cemetery. The immediate family & friends kneeled & repeated a catholic prayer – No grave committal – Looked heartless.

Miss Patricia Ann Purfield & John T Malloy Jr. Married 11 AM, in St. Augustine, West Shokan Catholic Church.

June 7, Sunday — Light rains warm & humid – clearing trend developed latter PM & was a magnificent clear cool evng.

Harlow Mc Lean & sister Mrs Nager called AM. Did usual chores – relaxed a bit PM. Annual IOOF Memorial Service 8 PM in Olive Bridge M.E. Church. Olive Rebekah Lodge # 470 participated. Good attendance . Prayer by Rev. Mr Cox pastor, address by the Rev. Walter A White, pastor of West Shokan Baptist Church. I as chaplain of Shokan Lodge presided as Master of ceremonies, organist Albert Fox.

Helen Louise Palen of Olive Bridge & Alvin L Avery of Shokan married by Rev. George Cox in the Olive Bridge M.E. Church 3 PM. A reception followed in IOOF hall.

June 8, Monday — 48 at 6:30 AM Lovely bright sunny day winds moderate. Pleasant temperature, clear, still, cool evng – later windy, warmer & overcast.

I bugged and smashed eggs on early potato patch this AM. Also re-harrowed our garden. This PM Mother & I set out cabbage, peppers & tomato plants. Bertha Mathews & friends called.

Patricia Purfield Wed to

John T Molloy, Jr.

Miss Patricia Ann Purfield of West Shokan was married to John Thomas Molloy, Jr of New York, Saturday, June 6, at St Augustine's Chapel, West Shokan. The nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Daniel J Potterton, godfather of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John F.Egan, of West Shokan and her husband is the son of Mr and Mrs John T Molloy, 2956 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx.

About fifty persons attended the reception at the hotel Phoenicia ,during which Mr and Mrs Molloy left for Lake George. Their home is in Brooklyn.

6/5/53 Dean Joseph Giuliano

Dean Joseph Giuliano, infant son of Conrad and Florence Eckert Giuliano died Thursday in West Shokan. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Martin Giuliano. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 PM from the parlors of A Carr & Son, 1 Pearl St. Burial will be in Van Kleeck Cemetery, Mt Tremper.

Helen L Palen Bride of Alvin L Avery

Miss Helen Louise Palen of Olive Bridge, and Alvin L Avery, of Shokan were married Sunday afternoon, June 7, in the Olive Bridge Methodist Church. The Rev. George Cox, pastor officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of sweet peas and gladioli, palms and ferns. Satin bows and peonies marked the pews. Albert Fox was organist. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Nelson Boice of Olive Bridge, and her husband is the son of Mr and Mrs Grant Avery of Shokan.

June 9, Tuesday — Clear windy high temperatures – showers forecast – wind shifted northerly and much cooler tonight.

Mother and I worked in garden. I planted 2 rows of potatoes along lower side & set out 20 bean poles. It was really too hot to work. I mowed another patch of hay for fodder & we got a cart load. Also we sawed up a load of

slab wood.

New England was hit by a devastating tornado late PM, worst in history. Heavy loss of life & vast property damage in central Mass. Residential section of Worcester bore brunt of the terrible twister.

June 10, Wednesday — 58 at 6:30 AM Cool strong northerly wind, some cloudiness but bright & sunny — clear & chilly tonight.

I mowed a chunk of hay in corner behind chicken houses. Took load of wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This PM I got a big load of hard wood edgings at Shurter's mill & Ollie & I sawed them up late PM. Am tired out tonight.

June 11, Thursday — 56 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM Elegant clear cool day with brisk northerly wind — quieted at evng & cloudless.

I mowed a big strip of hay behind barn out to road & cross path corner. Tedded it PM. Mother & I got in yesterdays well cured cutting. I wrote a final letter to Bob & Mariam this AM. They plan to leave Brooklyn, Saturday AM. Excellent haying weather. The searing mud and sun has cooked most of the tomato plants & the peppers, & cabbage we set out. "Gone With The Wind"

June 12, Friday — 48 at 7 AM. Sunny this morning — cool & cloudiness developed & was threatening — wind southwesterly.

Mart Eckert gave me a hand putting new tongue in hay tedder. The worn out broken one, I put in June 26 — 1936

a replacement when the horses suddenly bolted by the barn & Cornelia was thrown off & banged up somewhat. Late PM Mother & I got in a load of the rather green hay on a temporary rigging I made on wagon box.

June 13, Saturday — Dismal – chill - rainy day – slacked off mid PM. Misty damp tonight.

I did usual chores and variety of odd jobs. Drew out manure on grass stubble late PM. Attended IOOF Lodge tonight, 16 or 17 present. Vote on Grand Lodge nominations – refreshments. I was commended for my job as toast master at the annual memorial service.

June 14, Sunday — Chill - damp - still cloudy weather. Brief PM sunshine filtered thru the murk. Cleared away late evng.

Did usual chores & made pig yard clean out & repairs PM. Childrens Day exercises tonight at Baptist Church.

June 15, Monday — 46 at 6 AM 54 at 12 PM. Grass dripping with dew this AM. Quiet, pleasantly warm, partly cloudy – all clearing at evng & cool.

Drew out manure & worked drying out the mown hay. Mother & I got in a nice load PM.

June 16, Tuesday — 50 at 7 AM 58 at 12 PM Warm sunny calm drying day. Some high clouds & clear cool still evng.

Excellent hay drying day. I had a busy day – sprayed early potatoes & went thru the rows with shovel plow. Mowed another patch of hay behind barn. Got cart load

saw dust. Mother & I got the small load of cured hay out along road. This evening I took Ernie Lounsberry 11 lbs butter & jug of buttermilk. Paid \$8.00 in full. Rec'd card from Mariam from Alexandria Va., on their way back to Mexico City.

June 17, Wednesday — 50 at 6 AM 64 at 10 PM.  
Warm rather muggy, some breeze. Mostly sunny, cloudless warm tonight. Growing crescent moon over south mountain.

Busy day. Hoed up the early potatoes AM & planted squash & sugar pumpkin seed. Ollie not working the mid week at Chalet Indian & helping me today. This PM I cleaned up the small load cut hay, drew out manure & got big wagon load of sawdust for hog yard. Rec'd a real pretty neck tie & Mother a pink embroidered hanky from Mrs Boswick. Rec'd another Washington card from Mariam – said they left Brooklyn 10:30 Sat AM & arrived in sight of Capitol 5 PM over NJ Turnpike, drove thru torrential rain.

William Greene of Ashokan, nearly 83, died in Benedictine Hospital. In poor health for years.

June 18, Thursday — 54 at 6:30 AM 66 at 12 PM. Cool this morning and sunny. Became warm & humid – mostly overcast PM & evng, looked showery & hazy.

Another busy day. Got big load quite dry sawdust for bedding at Jesse Shurter's mill. Mowed and tilled last chunk of hay behind barn & sowed oats seeded down the strip of ground where I started plowing for corn & got rained out several weeks ago. After dark getting chores

finished.

Masonic services by Ulster Lodge #193, Saugerties conducted this evng for William Greene, (former old West Shokan village barber) at residence in Ashokan. In younger years he was an ardent sportsman.

June 19, Friday — 60 at 6:30 AM 62 at 12 PM. Warm, sunny & good haying weather. Cloudless evng with golden half moon.

I started cutting Ollie Burgher's hay & drew out manure & cleaned up the load & field behind our barn. Ollie not working during the week & gave me a hand.

June 20, Saturday 64 at 7 AM 74 at 12 PM.

Extremely hot – humid. Generally sunny, hazy, some breeze. Storm gathered to north PM. Faired away evng, bulging half moon.

Schenectady W.G.Y. reports this hottest June 20 on record & drought situation very serious. I had a long hot work day. Planted in sweet corn. Mowed more hay at Ollie's. All cleaned up around the house patches. Brought home a well cured small load late PM — 9:30 tonight getting chores finished – no going to Lodge.

June 21, Sunday — 68 at 7 AM Murky this morning, sun came out and heavy thunder storm went around. Rain around upper end of reservoir but only a sprinkle here home. Thunder grumbled all PM. We had a surprise mid day visit by Mrs Dale Hamilton and son Bud of Oneonta. First she's been here since Mr Hamilton's death.

Scudder – On Sunday, June 21, 1953, at residence, 324 Lucas Ave. Samuel D Scudder, Sr. Funeral at the parlors of A Carr & Son, 1 Pearl st, on Tuesday at 2 PM. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment in Wiltyck Cemetery. Friends may call at the parlors on Monday evening between hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

Attention Officers and members of Kingston Lodge, No. 10 F.& A.M. are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, 31 Albany avenue, this evening at 7:15 o'clock and proceed to the funeral parlors of A Carr & Son where at 8 o'clock Masonic funeral services will be conducted for our late Brother S.D.Scudder, Sr. Past master of Kingston Lodge No. 10, F.& A.M.

Was oldest Past Master of Kingston Lodge No.10 aged 91

Robert T Shellenberger,  
Master,  
Thomas Lebert, Secretary.

June 22, Monday — 64 at 6:30 AM 60 at 12 pM.  
Murky humid & threatening this morning but faired away hot but a more drying air & northerly breeze. Grand hay drying weather. Part cloudiness developed PM with a sprinkle from shower back of High Point. Magnificent clear cool moonlight night.

I did a big job finished mowing Ollie's hay on both sides of road. The "Little Meadow" may come at the end of haying as usual. Rec'd a letter Mrs Longyear.

June 23, Tuesday — 56 at 6 AM 56 at 12 PM. Brilliant,

clear, cool, & brisk northwesterly wind. A few scattered high clouds. Gorgeous cool moonlight night. Magnificent hay curing weather, but rain is much needed.

This AM I mowed a chunk of hay between potato patch and north side of garden. This PM I got a big well cured load of excellent hay from Ollie's. Was after dark with chores. Tonight is my Dear Mother's 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

June 24, Wednesday — 52 at 6 AM 50 at 12 PM.

Another magnificent, brilliant, cool windy day. Chilly quiet & moonlight tonight with some high overcast.

Did usual chores, spread big load manure AM & raked up the hay cut yesterday. Grand hay curing weather. This PM, Ollie not working today helped me get in 2 loads hay & raked up the rakings. I also cut another strip of heavy hay upper side of woods corner, along cross path to road.

June 25, Thursday — 48 at 6 AM 74 at 12 PM.

Warmer trend, generally sunny southerly wind – cloudiness thickened PM & faded away early evng with a mellow big moon & south wind strong.

Another busy day with the hay. Got a small clean up load of Ollie's hay & Mother and I got in a load cut yesterday. This morning I had Happy Myers splice a hay rope that broke yesterday, due to a broken edged east barn gable pulley. — Paid \$1.50

June 26, Friday — 70 at 6:30 AM 70 at 11:30 PM.

Warm, humid, windy & sunny till mid PM – showery conditions developed & we got welcome though light rain

PM & evng.

Mother & I made a clean up the cut hay & rakings, a good well cured load. This PM I got an urge to take a chance & cut another strip of the woods corner hay & tedded it just as the shower came. After supper I made a first neglected cultivating of my densely weed infested potato & sweet corn patch. Rec'd card from Mariam from Brownsville Texas telling of the heat & appalling drought conditions.

June 27, Saturday — 58 at 6 AM 58 at 12 PM. Cooler this morning & the sun casting a brilliant reflection across the reservoir. A magnificent sunny day & brilliant cool still moonlight night. Last nights full of the moon was stormed out.

Excellent haying weather, I tedded and retedded & raked hay cut yesterday & Mother & I got in a small load. I also spread load manure on hay stubble & cultivated both ways the sweet corn & potatoes. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Raymond Markle re-elected Noble Grand – William Lortz elected Vice Grand – I was named Grand Lodge representative and PDD Winston Vankleek prox – Grand Lodge will be held in Oneonta.

June 28, Sunday — Hot humid – windy weather. Mostly sunny with increasing cloudiness & murk PM Thunder showery around evng, followed by drenching rains. Excellent haying conditions but everything getting dryer by the day.

I mowed the last lower side of woods corner & working curing it. Mother & I got in the rest of

Thursday's cutting & rakings & tonight I got a load of today's curing. 10 o'clock finished.

June 29, Monday — Severe thunder storms & down pouring rain in night. The drought quencher was general. Today arrived sunny – hot & humid – part cloudy. I made a general shopping trip to Kingston. Rec'd a letter from Mariam that they arrived back home safely in Mexico City last Tuesday at noon.

June 30, Tuesday — Continued hot, humid, weather. Sunny, wind light southerly, became overcast during PM.

I'm on the ball as usual. Spread load manure on grass stubble. Mowed the patch of early sowed oats across the road at Ollie Burgher's & cleaned up the woods corner hay & rakings. After supper & chores I re-cultivated the discouraging looking potatoes & sweet corn.

July 1, Wednesday — 68 at 6:30 AM 72 at 11 PM. Mostly sunny, very hot & humid – 90 odd degree weather – some high cloudiness. Still– murky - muggy tonight.

I re-cultivated again the sweet corn and potato patch. The potatoes are very spotty many hills failed to sprout. I cultivated in the garden where weeds abounded. This PM I mowed chunk of hay on lower side of garden & along current bushes. Also planted late patch of golden cross bantam sweet corn with 3 beans added to a hill out along cross path. Mother had a surprise PM call by Janie Eckert, Mrs Rachel Barringer, Mrs Jennie Miller & Mrs Frances E Winchell & also Mrs Kizirian.

July 2, Thursday — 64 at 6:15 AM ( Pop Longyear's birthday) Very hot & humid with westerly wind, partly cloudy. Light passing afternoon showers around upper end of the reservoir. Mostly overcast tonight.

I worked at the hay, tedded & raked it, excellent curing weather. I cleaned up the small load of green cured oats at Ollie's & Mother & I also got in a load of hay, despite the sprinkle showers. While unloading hay on east end mow, the hay fork came down unusually easy & unluckily I was unable to handle it & one tine punctured & cut my right hip. After chores & attending Republican caucus in town garage office I went down to Dr Tocco's office in Stone Ridge & he gave me a shot for tetanus & put in 3 stitches.

July 3, Friday — 76 at 6 AM 60 at 12 PM. Unusually hot & humid night with brisk westerly wind – wind shifted northeasterly this AM. Gradually became cloudless brilliant weather & decidedly cooler – wind quieted evng.

It was so hot and although I had the kitchen & dining room doors open & wind going thru the house I couldn't sleep much and side hurt & felt achy & burning from the tetanus shot by Dr Tocco – no pep today. Was up and around shortly after 5 AM – Charley Ginsbittel did me a good brotherly turn & sent Harry Braithwaite down and gave me a hand cleaning up the last load & rakings of cut hay. After a rest this PM I got up steam enough to mow a strip of hay along top of side hill & draw out manure. I sent Gaye a birthday air mail card letter.

July 4, Saturday — 46 at 6 AM 54 at 12 pM. A cold

pleasant 4<sup>th</sup> of July – considerable high overcast & partly sunny, light southerly wind, cloudless, rather chilly tonight.

There is no glamour like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations of by gone pre world war I days. Mother and I spent the day at home & busy with the hay. We got in a load PM. The Olive Post Legion Auxiliary sponsored a public picnic PM at Joe Friedburg's Boiceville grove. I attended Phoenicia movies with Mr and Mrs Kizirian, advertised as a hilarious battle of war babes & sexes. "Dream Wife"

July 5, Sunday — 47 at 6 Am Partly cloudy – real cool this morning but the hot and humid weather returned as the day wore on – southerly wind.

Mother and I cleaned up the remaining cut hay a small load and a jag of rakings. This PM after we finished I got a few hours relaxation.

July 6, Monday — 62 at 7 AM 68 at 12 PM. Murky, warm, humid with light PM showers. Broke away & stars shone overhead tonight.

This AM I found the crows had started pulling my pecking thru sweet corn, so I planted in – put chicken house manure on hills & put up twine. Later pM i made a trip to Howard Markle's in Esopus & got a pair of pigs that were inoculated & paid him \$30.00 the pair.

This July 6<sup>th</sup> is my Dear Mother's – Mrs Matie Crispell Davis 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. She rec'd a dozen or so birthday cards & I got a letter from Mariam that they are settled down again. Bob feeling better & the children back in

school. Mr and Mrs Kizirian & Addie Kelder called evng.

July 7, Tuesday — 56 at 6 AM 58 at 12 PM. A magnificent, nearly cloudless, bright sunny cool day with northerly wind – cloudless, pleasantly cool evng.

I mowed, tedded and raked the lower part of the side hill. Broke wood pitman in the John Deere mower, I bought second hand last year & had to fall back on the old worn Deering. Spread load manure on grass stubble. Mother rec'd several more birthday cards.

#### Charles E Bibb

Charles E Bibb 66, died at Middletown June 24<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. He was injured in an accident in 1938. Mr Bibb was born at McKinny Ky. The son of John and Fannie Bibb. He married Helen Coyle, February 11, 1914. During his lifetime Mr Bibb was an operating engineer and he and Mrs Bibb moved to Ellenville seventeen years ago. His late residence was 23 Park street. He was a member of the Reformed Church of Ellenville, Kingston Lodge No. 10 F &AM and International Union of Operating Engineers. He worked for many years on the Ashokan Reservoir. Survivors are his widow, his sister Mrs F.K. Betts Jr; Harrisonberg Va and two brothers, Fleming of Batavia and Earl of Nashville Tenn. Masonic services were held June 29 at Pulling Funeral Home by Warwarsing Masonic Lodge. A large number of Easter Star members attended. A private funeral service was held Friday afternoon and burial was in Fantinekill Cemetery.

July 8, Wednesday — 58 at 6 AM 60 at 12 PM.  
Unsettled – thunder showery weather, with periods of hot

sunshine. Numerous showers went around PM & evng & locally we got considerable much needed rain.

This AM I went to Gus Korittke's and had a seasoned hickory pittman rod made & replaced the brash factory job. This PM Mother & I got caught in a shower trying to make a second load clean up of the side hill hay. This is Gaye Longyear's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

July 9, Thursday — 53 at 6 AM Cleared in night, sunny & cool. Fresh northerly wind, became partly cloudy, clearing at evng. Pleasantly cool.

I hoed and weeded potatoes AM & planted in some hills, also set out 2 dozen cabbage plants in missing hills. This PM I mowed lower part of 3 corner lot. The mixed timothy and alfalfa hay is heavy. Mother & I also made a clean up of the side hill rakings & missed hay of yesterday. That finishes the handy by home haying.

July 10, Friday — 48 at 6 AM 52 at 11 Pm. Pleasant partly cloudy, cool day. Northerly wind, cloudless – still – real chilly tonight.

I tedded the cut hay 3 times, raked it in winrows & Mother & I got a load late PM. I also drew out manure this morning.

Mother rec'd birthday card letters from both Mariam & Cornelia. One year ago this morning was the big Bushkill freschet.

July 11, Saturday — 47 at 6:30 AM Pleasant summery day, partly cloudy, heavy lazy clouds with late afternoon showers & we got a 6:30 Bushkill drencher.

I turned the hay winrows this AM. Went to Kingston with Claude Biedler & he & I attended the Republican County Convention as Olive Dist 2 delegates at Municipal Auditorium. Meeting in charge of Senator Arthur H Wicks, Cluett Schantz re-nominated sheriff, supervisor Kenneth Wilson of Woodstock to replace John Wadlin deceased, as member of assembly. Michael Galetta re-nominated coroner & Francis McCardle also corner to succeed Ernest Kelly deceased. The Olive delegates dined at the Sea Grill restaurant 11 Main St. Mother & I got a load of 3 corner lot hay ahead of the shower.

July 12, Sunday – Another pleasant lazy summer day. Light southerly day wind. Partly cloudy & somewhat hazy.

I got the showered wet hay re-dried & Mother & I got a nicely cured load PM – I also raked up the rakings & drew out manure.

“Skippy” world war 2 veteran Charles H Weidner 4<sup>th</sup> and Beatrice Coletti both of West Shokan married 2 PM in St Augustine Catholic Chapel by Rev Father ----- Reception for 60 followed at home of brides sister. Mrs Deanie Elwyn, Woodstock.

Yesterday PM, Mrs Longyear, Jeanne, and Mrs DeNyse, her son Frank Smith & wife called on a days trip from Brooklyn.

July 13, Monday — A day of refreshing pleasant rains. Still and moderate temperature, clearing evng.

The rakings got wet but I kept busy otherwise doing chores & odd jobs.

July 14, Tuesday — 56 at 7 AM 60 at 12 pM. Warm, humid, part cloudy – hazy lowery weather. Wind light. Faired away at evng & pleasantly cool.

I weeded sweet corn & potato rows AM. Weeds thick and rank – potatoes thin and scraggily. I got the rakings dried & got them in a good jag later PM. Tonight I attended the annual school meeting at the Onteora School. Edna Bishop beat out Harlowe McLean running for re-election as a trustee member of the school board 159 to 143.

Funeral 2 PM for Mrs Harry P Krum formerly Sylvia Carson at Lashers, Woodstock – Interment Krumville Cemetery, officiating clergyman Rev. George Cox, Olive Bridge, pastor.

July 15, Wednesday — 58 at 6 AM Mostly sunny, warm drying day. Wind northerly – still– clear warm tonight.

I mowed another chunk of 3 corner lot hay and along hedgerows & adjoining brush lot. Also mowed the patch of oats for hay in orchard lot & finally tedded the cut hay – A big days work.

July 16, Thursday — 64 at 6:30 AM Hot and sunny – breezy – starlight tonight.

Pop Beidler & I went with Charley Ginsbittel, leaving 12 noon to attend the Shriners parade, after dining sumptuously & a sight seeing visit to the Radio City 65 stores lower. We went down around Times Square &

visited the tap room of the Hotel Astor. Later we got a commanding view of the color and magnificence of the parade at Broadway & between 47<sup>th</sup> & 48<sup>th</sup> streets – with Pop Beidler sitting atop an 8ft sidewalk stepladder which he hired for \$5.00 Myself and Ginsbittel sharing the steps and a chair. The parade was 5 ½ hours in passing

July 17, Friday — Very hot – sunny – northerly breeze and drying – cloudless tonight with brilliant crescent moon settling behind South Mtn.

We arrived back 5:30 AM from New York City – leaving 2 AM with glamour of Shriners parade ringing in my ears & indelibly written in my memory. Mother & I put in a hard long day getting 3 loads of brittle dry hay from 3 corner lot.

July 18, Saturday — 68 at 6:30 AM. Extremely hot – searing day. Clear sunny with some northerly breeze. Everything tinder dry.

Mother & I cleaned up the last of rakings on 3 corner lot & a load of tinder dry hay oats – drew out manure. Rec'd cards Cornelia & Dick who are on a vacation trip to Nova Scotia.

Tonight I attended mid term installation at Shokan IOOF Lodge No 491 by D.D. David H. Hilderbrandt & staff of Saugerties.

N.G. Raymond Markle – Warden Reginald Davis – Conductor Abram Smith – RSNG Alonzo Davis – LNSG Jack Darling – LSS Alexander Adomis – RSS John Bush – IG Arthur Sampson – VG Edwin Ordway – Chaplain EC Davis. Alonzo Davis deputized to install not present

VG Wm Lortz & supporters. Too hot for comfort.  
Excellent refreshments. Bro William Manning of Easton  
PA.(76) spanish war veteran died July 13<sup>th</sup>.

July 19, Sunday — 70 at 12 pm Hazy PM – becoming  
overcast and thunder shower conditions developed mid  
PM. We got wonderful drenching showers of blessing.

Did usual chores. Luckily no hay is cut.

July 20, Monday — Heavy thunder showers in night. Hot  
humid weather – hot spells of sunshine. Afternoon  
thunder showers. Drenching rain cleared late.

15 years ago today I caught fingers of left hand in east  
gable end barn hay pulley. This added to my right hand  
steam roller accident June 27<sup>th</sup> 1914. Not much  
accomplished other than routine chores. Too hot & muggy  
to work. Sent Bob & Mariam and air mail card letter for  
their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

July 21, Tuesday — 70 at 12 PM. Continued hot and  
humid – part cloudy. Burning hot sunshine with a rash of  
early PM thunder showers. Here home we got a brief dash  
from South Mountain. Clearing away – still – cloudless  
evng, a little bit cooler & a brilliant golden moon.

This morning too wet for usual tasks. I managed to get  
some old wagon wheels stored under the old Hinkley barn  
– now falling down. This PM I changed oil in car –  
speedometer 41,153. Drawed out manure on grass below  
garden & cultivated both ways sweet corn and potatoes.

July 22, Wednesday — 62 at 6 AM 70 at 12 PM.

Margaret Winchell's birthday born 1904. Partly cloudy – August like – warm & humid – hot spells of sunshine, occasional sprinkles. Moon shone tonight & trending toward cooler, later overcast.

Today is Mariam & Bob's 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

July 23, Thursday — 64 at 10 PM. Set in raining this morning and developed into a steady settled rain for several hours. Broke away later PM & still warm & humid. Moon shining and pleasantly cooler tonight.

I got a good rest today. Wrote birthday card letter to Mariam. This evng I went with Pop Beidler & Charley Ginsbittel to an open meeting in parlor at Masonic Temple, Kingston, where a special award of merit was presented to W. Frank Davis by Dist Deputy Gunnison of King Solomons Council, Poughkeepsie in recognition of his faithful 30 years of consecutive service of Ancient City Council No. 21. Following – Illustrious Master Henry Rover was host for refreshments at Hamburger Paradise on St. James St.

July 24, Friday — 58 at 7 AM 54 at 10 PM. Real cool clear atmosphere – part cloudy. brisk northerly wind, brilliant nearing full moon tonight.

I started cutting hay on my old Hinkley farm and mowed out the once easy cross road to the forbidden Bishop line fence. Mother & I & Mart Eckert, Larry Kelder, Lester S Davis & Al Fox Jr by invitation of Mary McBride, noontime in making a broadcast tape recording at her patio wire screened studio at Dunrovin Farm, formerly Charley Hesley's. The off looking scenery in the

crystal atmosphere was grand.

July 25, Saturday — 48 at 6:30 AM A magnificent brilliant cool sunny day. Wind light, the night was equally pleasantly perfect with brilliant big full moon shining all night & real cool.

Despite the glorious weather I'm off the beam today & exerted myself to keep going. Drew out load manure on grass below garden & Mother & I got in 2 loads hay from orchard lot. I attended IOOF Lodge tonite. Alonzo Davis as special deputy installed William Lortz Vice Grand, William Jordan his right supporter and Oscar Dudley left. Had good feed after. I then went up to Chalet Indian brat Ollie Burgher & Anna Eckert home.

July 26, Sunday — 54 at 7 AM. Warm sunny with little wind. In fact hot during the mid day. Warm & humid tonight & somewhat breezy – rather hazy today. Full moon tonight.

Mother & I got load hay behind old barn – a hot job. However I got some needed rest PM.

My Father's birthday – He would be 94 – he died Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1934 about 7:25 PM.

A truce was signed 9 PM bringing to a halt the 37 month old long drawn out bloody costly Korean war. Cease fire begins 9 AM tomorrow. 22,000 American boys have been killed and about 100,000 wounded and For What.

July 27, Monday — 72 at 12 PM. An extremely hot humid day – partly cloudy. Threatened showers, failed to

materialized . There is a magnificent just past full moon tonight with cooler dryer atmosphere.

Mother & I got a small load of rakings late PM. as the weather acted better I mowed another chunk of the heavy orchard lot hay also drew out manure.

July 28, Tuesday — 54 at 12 PM. Decidedly cooler less humidity – partly cloudy with fresh northerly wind. Quieted, chilly tonight & brilliant moonlight.

I mowed the rest of lower part of orchard lot – heavy hay – long past its best – and Mother & I got in good load cut yesterday.

A million dollar early morning fire of unknown origin destroyed the famous Williams Lake Hotel at Binnewater, guests a Mr and Mrs Mathews & 9 year old son were incinerated and a lady was killed jumping from 4<sup>th</sup> story roof – nine were injured, some hospitalized. About 2/3 of the approximately 186 guests lost everything but their lives. This is my adorable daughter Mariam's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday.

July 29, Wednesday — 54 at 6:30 AM 76 at 11:30 PM. Pleasantly cool this morning early but became unsettled warm & humid. Partly cloudy to cloudy. A light mid PM shower developed – southerly wind, overcast warm & humid tonight.

Mother & I got a big load of hay ahead of the shower. I unloaded it after supper & chores. I also after the rain drew out manure & got a cart load dry sawdust over to the Supple mill pile.

July 30, Thursday — 66 at 12 PM. Cloudy this morning with a passing thunder shower to the north. We got a light brief rain – then faired away quite hot & northerly wind – stilled, part cloudy evng.

It became a good hay drying day. Mother & I with Billy Davis giving a hand got a big well cured load & I mowed the rest of the orchard lot and on both sides of the grove of trees below the wall. A 7 PM fire destroyed the big old Davis Winne barn on Cold Brook flats. A dense column of smoke drifted skyward as I watched from hay field.

49 years ago today July 30 – 1904, my Father, will Jones & I went up in the Canape on Hoopole mtn. after huckleberries.

July 31, Friday — 56 at 6:30 AM 64 at 12 PM.

Generally sunny – bright cool pleasant day with brisk northerly wind. Warm evng with bright shining old half moon.

Mother & I had a busy day with the hay. We got 2 loads, the last after supper & chores. I mowed the remaining hay in lower lot except a strip of dead brown summer grass next to Bishop's line. Mowing included white daisied corn ground & adjoining strip of rank weeds which ran out the oats I sowed. I heard first katydids tonight.

Mr republican – Ohio's senator Robert A Taft son of the late president William H Taft died 10:30 AM of highly malignant tumorous cancer at the new York Hospital.

August 1, Saturday — 54 at 7 AM 63at 12 PM. Sunny AM moderately cool, northerly wind, part to mostly

cloudy PM & evng & quiet.

Drewed out manure & kept working at the hay. Mother & I got a big clean up load PM. I was late getting around tonight – missed IOOF Lodge but made the after refreshments. I went up to Chalet Indian & brought Anna Eckert & Ollie Burgher home.

The venerable Mrs Julia Markle of Shokan died at her home – wife of Homer Markle Sr. Their home off Route 28 was formerly that of my grandfather Alva F. Davis at the time of the death of his wife (second) Matila Snow.

#### Wicks Pays Tribute To Taft As American

Senator Arthur h Wicks, of this city, majority leader of the New York State Senate and acting lieutenant governor- designate, said today of the death of Robert A Taft.

“I am shocked beyond words at the death of a close personal friend, and more at the irreparable loss to the nation of this outstanding American. His place will be very hard to fill in our public life, and I am sure in history’s evaluation will mark him as one of the world’s leading figures of his generation”

August 2, Sunday — 54 at 6 AM 48 at 12 PM. Light occasional rains & very cool and damp, cleared away beautifully latter PM & still.

This morning I took Anna Eckert & Ollie Burgher to Chalet Indian & I gave a helping hand with their full house crowd.

I got a good rest on the couch this PM. Quite relaxing from the long and arduous haying. I wrote A news Leader

copy tonight, first in several weeks. Jeanne Longyear phoned me PM that she will be up Thursday for a visit.

August 3, Monday — 46 at 6:30 AM 44 at 12 PM. A magnificent bright real cool sunny day. Very little wind, only an occasional fluffy cloud. Became overcast late tonight.

Mart Eckert's old Ford is out of kilter so I took Ollie & Anna to work this morning. I mowed the last strip of hay next to Bishop's line before dinner & later PM raked it up & Mother & I cleaned up the jag of weeds in the smothered out oats patch. After supper I drew out load manure on grass.

A State funeral in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington held 12 noon for Senate majority leader Robert A Taft where 23 years before the same honors were paid to his late father ex-president, & Chief Justice, Howard A Taft.

August 4, Tuesday — 50 at 6:30 AM Turned warmer late in the night – unsettled today – part cloudy AM became overcast & a damp chilly air – brisk southerly wind developed PM with sprinkle showers.

Mother & I long last cleaned up the final load of hay this PM – otherwise did chores & odd jobs.

Private funeral services in Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, held for Senator Taft with interment in Barren & first burial in adjoining grounds Indian Hill Cemetery.

August 5, Wednesday — 54 at 7 AM 56 at 12 PM. Had some rain in night but not much. Clearing away this

morning with brisk northerly wind, became cloudy PM & later broke away – clear cool night.

I am still tired out but got a rest on the couch after dinner. Did daily chores, drew out manure. This PM I mowed Ollie's little meadow & 2 alfalfa patches.

August 6, Thursday — 54 at 7 AM 52 at 12 PM. Partly cloudy, pleasant temperature – real cool, clear & still evng & today.

Bob Longyear's birthday. Did usual chores & odd jobs and this afternoon cleaned up the little meadow hay. Mrs Longyear & Jeanne came on the PM bus from New York. This evng I took them up to Mt Tremper cemetery & paid respects to Pop Longyear. Stopped at Challet Indian & brought Ollie & Anna Eckert home.

August 7, Friday — 52 at 12 PM. Partly overcast, on the pleasantly cool side – starlight tonight.

Drew out manure, did usual chores. Cleaned up the alfalfa cutting. This PM I took Jeanne and Mrs Longyear on a shopping trip to Kingston and later Jeanne & I went to the late movie in Phoenicia – Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. We came back by Chalet Indian & brought Ollie & Anna home.

August 8, Saturday — 52 at 6:30 AM 64 at 12 PM  
Partly overcast on the murky August side – considerable warm sunshine – became all overcast warm & humid evng.

Did daily rounds of chores – drew out manure. Noontime I took Jeanne & Mrs Longyear over to the

Watson Hollow Inn gift shop. Later in PM I went over to Shokan & brought Margaret Winchell over for supper. Tonight all of us attended the Fireman's Bazar in Olive Bridge – took Margaret back home before returning.

August 9, Sunday — Murky dark and misty this morning & continued intermittently with a nice latter PM rain. Tonight came heavy electrical storm with greatly needed drenching rain.

Did usual chores took Ollie & Anna Eckert up to work, rested up some. This PM Jeanne & I went to Woodstock and viewed Albert Jacquez portrait painting collection. We went over thru Wittenberg & came back around by Mt Tremper.

August 10, Monday — 64 at 6:30 Am 66 at 12 PM. Warm 7 humid with warm sunshine & occasional passing showers – cleared late tonight.

This morning I went up to Bert Winne's garage, got car greased etc at 41,563 speedometer reading. Did chores took an afternoon rest. For diversion I sythe mowed the green oats in north end of garden. Late PM I took Jeanne down to the Lester Davis store & we went over & called on supervisor Claude Bell.

August 11, Tuesday — 62 at 6:30 AM 58 at 12 pM. A pleasant generally sunny, part cloudy day with fresh northerly wind – cloudless, still, chilly evng.

I'm still out of pep from haying but mostly on the go with chores & odd jobs drawing out manure etc. It was beautiful on our front porch today. Late PM I took Jeanne

& Mrs Longyear up to the cemetery where they re-arranged flowers by Pop Longyear's grave.

August 12, Wednesday — 56 at 7 AM 68 at 12 PM.  
Very heavy dew this AM & real cool early. Some clouds, light winds, warm & sunny clear, still, warm, became breezy tonight.

I took Ollie & Anna up to the Chalet this AM & then Jeanne & Mrs Longyear to the 10:21, NY bus at Davis' store. After that I mowed out along the woods corner & it looks neat & attractive. Had an after dinner rest & later PM mowed along stone rows over at the Hinkley farm. Rec'd and wrote 2 cards to Dick & Kay.

August 13, Thursday — 60 at 6:30 am 66at 12 PM.  
Hazy, warm, humid, sunny became mostly overcast PM looking showery. Still atmosphere – rumbling electrical storm around north tonight.

Did usual chores, drew out manure. Took an after dinner rest & later mowed over the rocky corner by old house driveway. Mother & I rec'd thank-you letters from Jeanne & Mrs Longyear. They arrived back in N.Y.City around 2 PM.

August 14, Friday — 62 at 6:30 AM Lowery overcast, typical mid August weather. Moderately warm, breeze gentle.

Kingston radio WKNY reports this AM of a flash flood last night at Bovina in Delaware County. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear. I'm feeling better than yesterday and kept pretty much on the go, however I took a rest after dinner. I

drawed out manure and got 2 big cart loads of old sawdust. Later PM I mowed out the little grove above 3 corner lot, making a neat job. Also rec'd an air mail letter form Mariam.

August 15, Saturday — 54 at 6:30 Am 62 at 12 PM. A hot sunny somewhat breezy day. Some clouds – cloudless, still, & real cool tonight. A growing bright crescent moon settled behind Hoopole Mountain.

Drawed out manure and got another cart load of sawdust. Took a PM rest – too hot to work. I attended the annual Baptist sale & supper. The menu was turkey & all the fixings, family style & everything abundant & delicious. There was a large attendance. Got back up home 7:30& after chores went to Olive Bridge but too late for lodge meeting.

August 16, Sunday — 54 at 6:30 AM 62 at 12 PM. Bright pleasant mostly sunny day on cool side. Partly cloudy tonight & cool.

Did daily chores & rested up. Mrs Irene B Winchell (87) of Kingston, widow of henry L Winchell died last 10 PM after a long and terrible illness in hospital & nursing home, since mid November. She and Mother were first cousins. Mrs Winchell is survived by her son Chester A Winchell. A fire drill by the 3 Olive fire companies & truck from Phoenicia & Woodstock 1 PM at Onteora School. A large attended. Mrs Catherine Brands 93 of Cuba NY – step mother of Ed Avery & mother of Belle Burgher Wood died..

August 17, Monday — 60 at 6:30 AM 56 at 11 PM. A bit rainy & chill this morning – overcast & threatening till PM when a clearing trend developed. Little wind today. Beautifully clear to part cloudy cool tonight with brilliant half moon beyond High Point.

Did daily chores. Mother has a very lame left arm & shoulder. Drew out manure after dinner. Later I went to Kingston with Mr & Mrs Kizirian, did some shopping & went to Carr's Funeral parlor & paid respects to Mrs Winchell & signed the register.

August 18, Tuesday — 44 at 6 AM. 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death of my Dear Aunt Cornelia Bishop. Partly cloudy, cool, bright very pleasant weather. Chilly, bright moon tonight.

Charley Ginsbittel with his station wagon took Alonzo Davis, Jack Darling, Claude Beidler & myself to Oneonta where the IOOF Grand Lodge is in session and I am the Shokan Lodge delegate. During the PM we drove out to Cooperstown & visited the famous Farmer's Museum & Baseball Hall of Fame. Chartered trip buses made the trip also. After watching the Firemen's Parade at 7:30 PM – we left Oneonta & returned home. It was an intensely interesting trip & saw a lot of farm country. Funeral 2 PM at Carr's Parlors for Mrs Irene B Winchell, conducted by Rev. David Weidner, interment Tongore cemetery.

August 19, Wednesday — 53 at 7 AM 52 at 11:30 PM. Bright, partly cool day, wind light. Brilliant cloudless chill moonlight evng.

Did chores. Wrote News Leader copy & cards AM.

This PM drew out manure & after early supper I went with the hay wagon over to Jesse Shurter's mill & got a load of dry oak slabs & edgings. Cornelia & Dick arrived down from Rome about 3:30 PM.

August 20, Thursday — 48 at 12 PM. Continued very pleasant, cool part cloudy weather. Still, chilly tonight, brilliant moon nearing full, amid broken clouds.

This AM neighbor Wm. Davis (up from the city) and Dick Herrington helped me saw up the load of slabs, get the harrows under the front porch storage & change the hay rigging to the wagon box. This PM Dick & I went to Kingston. I opened an account in Kingston Savings bank where from childhood for many years I had an account. I did some shopping mostly at Wards & then we went to the Ulster County fair in Forsyth Park. Coming home we made a call at the Chalet Indian

August 21, Friday — 46 at 6:30 AM 54 at 10 PM. Continued cool & partly cloudy, still — Became rather muggy PM & looked rather showery, chilly, moonlight, partly cloudy observed.

Cornelia & Dick left this AM — May return tomorrow night. I had quite a busy day with chores & odd jobs. Also mowed second cutting at Ollie's above road. Late PM I went over the Shurter mill & got a big wagon load of dry hardwood slabs.

August 22, Saturday — 56 at 7 AM 54 at 12 pM. Continued fair somewhat warmer with considerable cloudiness during mid day, cloudless, still, cool & a bit

hazy tonight with moon nearing full.

I drew out manure on grass AM. Noontime Cornelia & Dick who unexpectedly returned last night gave me a needed hand sawing up the load of slabs. They then left for Ellen Schmoekels before starting back to Rome. Late PM I drew a big wagon load of sawdust from Shurter's mill. I was too late getting to Olive Bridge for lodge meeting but shared in the refreshments.

August 23, Sunday — 48 at 6 AM 56 at 12 PM.

Drying, real warm & sunny day. Still, pleasantly cool evng with beaming full moon ( crickets chirping), became cloudless.

I took the day easy, called on Pop Beidler & Claude Bell. Had quite a rest PM on couch. Wrote air card Mariam evng. Cousin Virgil Winchell of Connelly called as we were at supper. Charley Langer's 63 birthday. I sent him card Friday.

August 24, Monday — 56 at 6 :30 AM 56 at 12 PM.

Warm, dry sunny, northerly breeze. Cloudless, still & pleasantly cool tonight with a majestic full moon.

Unloaded the sawdust. Drew out manure & cleaned up the bone dry second cutting at Ollie's. Set traps for coons in sweet corn where they started working & the ears were blisters. This evng I spent an enjoyable half hour or so on front porch, watching the magnificent full moon rise over the hemlock grove – no skeeters either to pester.

August 25, Tuesday — 58 at 7 AM 66 at 11:30 PM.

Warm – very dry – humid & partly cloudy – not so consistently sunny as yesterday. Lovely warm still moonlight , some clouds and a bit hazy.

I mowed the fuzzy woods corner second cutting. After supper & milking I took a load of slab wood up to Ollie's.

August 26, Wednesday — 60 at 7 AM 64 at 12 PM.  
There came a very light shower this AM but that was it – a good sprinkle. Partly faired away, warm & generally sunny. All cleared over head tonight & moonlight.

Did usual chores etc. This afternoon I took Mrs Kizirian & her sister Mrs Meshijian to Kingston & saw Stalag 17 a famous world war 2 American prison camp in Germany, showing at Reades Wall St. theatre. This was a huge success in N.Y. City for 3 years.

August 27, Thursday — 68 at 12 PM. Hot humid & sunny & very dry & a little breeze. All clear & moonlight tonite – cooling somewhat.

This AM I had 3 racoons in ,my sweet corn traps & I got Pop Beidler & son to come up & help skin them. I put the choice meat in the refrigerator freezer. PM raked the woods corner & Mother & I got quite a load after supper. I attended recently formed Town of Olive Republican Club meeting tonight at Town Garage office, some 25 present in charge of lawyer Timmerman chairman. There was an informal discussion regarding candidates for the coming general election. About 25 present First meeting held July 21.

August 28, Friday — 66 at 6:30 AM 68 at 11:30 PM.

Somewhat hazy but hot & sunny generally. Starlight tonight & moon shone thru high thin overcast.

I mowed second cutting alfalfa patches in orchard lot also the garden patch. I took an afternoon rest from the drying heat. After supper drew out manure & cleaned up the woods corner rakings. Addie Kelder called evng. The Rosendale office of The Bank of Orange County opened today.

August 29, Saturday — 60 at 6:30 AM 64 at 12 PM. Exceedingly hot – northerly day breeze & generally sunny with usual August haze. Clear tonight & late moonlight.

Drew out manure & worked at the cut alfalfa & Mother & I cleaned it up in a nice green cured load on wagon box rigging late PM. I was too late with chores tonite to go to IOOF Lodge. I rec'd letter from Pratt Boice, president of the Olive Reunion Assn. regarding plans for the Labor Day Picnic.

Mrs Mary Pratt Sat. August 29<sup>th</sup> 1953

Funeral services for Mrs Mary Pratt of 1 Circuit Drive, Binghamton, formerly of 154 Prospect St, this city, were held Friday afternoon at the W.N. Conner Funeral Home, Inc. 296 Fair St. The Rev. Donald E Brown pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Services were largely attended by relatives and friends. Floral tributes were many and beautiful. Thursday night members of Vanderlyn Council, 41, Daughters of America, visited the funeral home in a body and held ritualistic services. Burial took place in Marbletown Cemetery.

August 30, Sunday --- 62 at 6:30 AM 68 at 12 pM.  
Another scorcher 95 in shade weather. Part cloudy with considerable searing sunshine & breezy. Calm tonight & stars overhead. The old half moon rose at midnight over eastern cloud bank.

Did usual chores, called on Claude Bell mid PM & talked over town politics. It is decided he will attempt his 5<sup>th</sup> straight campaign for supervisor. John Marshall who had set his sights for the nomination will not oppose Claude. Our pasture lot spring under the big rock was dry when I went to clean it out late PM.

August 31, Monday — 66 at 6:30 AM 72 at 11 PM.  
Mostly sunny, extremely hot with drying northerly wind. Cloudless, quiet tonight. 112 degrees 4 PM in sun on our kitchen porch post thermometer.

I kept pretty well on the busy side. Put off the load of alfalfa & got in the garden patch second cutting alfalfa. Drawed out manure. Had an after dinner rest & then mowed lower part of 3 corner lot alfalfa 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting. I brought Anna Eckert and Ollie Burgher home tonite from Chalet, also took Ollie to Dr. Tocco's office in Stone Ridge for an inoculation. Rec'd box 20 fly stickers from Cornelia. Rec'd card Charley Langer, after spending a month in Albany Veterans Hospital for ulcer of stomach he is now at the Vets Rest Camp at Mt McGregor.

September 1, Tuesday — 58 at 6:30 AM 72 at 12 PM.  
Another scorcher with considerable sunshine and a period of afternoon part cloudiness & a sprinkle of rain. All clearing – very slow cooling down tonight.

Drewed out manure. I finished mowing – teded & after supper raked the 3 corner lot & Mother went over with me & brought a feeding of alfalfa back. Was after dark with chores. With Sept. the effect of heat & drought are plainly evident. The mountain leaves are shriveling on the trees & individually the brown trees stand out noticeably. Fortunately our well or rather Bishop's across the dividing road where both families water remains at a high leve. I picked first mess of sweet corn -- stalks drying up.

September 2, Wednesday — 64 at 6:30 AM 72 at 12 PM. Noticeably cooler early this AM but the unpreecedenced hot & dry weather continues. A mixture of considerable sunshine & part cloudiness. This PM thunder rumbled & there were light passing showers, with occasional sprinkles from over south mtn. – cloudless warm tonite.

Mother & I got a beautifully cured green load of alfalfa in the mid day heat. Each passing day the effects of heat & drought become more evident. After supper I raked over part of 3 corner lot & brought back rakings – Dark drove me out.

September 3, Thursday — 66 at 6:30 AM 72 at 12 PM. Partly cloudy, usually hot & humid. Thunder showers rumbled around all afternoon & distant lightening flashed evng. Starlight overhead. We had only sprinkles.

I cleaned up the 3 corner lot rakings & laid off awhile pM, drewed out manure. This evng I took up hill neighbors Mrs Davis & Mrs Kizirian to Phoenicia & saw

the kind of all western films “Shane” in color. I stopped & watered flowers by Mr Longyears monument taking along a jug of water. We picked up Ollie at Chalet on way back. Leaves are falling as day by day the heat & drought continues. The new Phoenicia branch of the Kingston Trust Co. opened today.

September 4, Friday — 70 at 6:30 PM 76 at 12 PM.  
Another hot withering sunny day with brisk south westerly wind. Cloudiness increased latter PM – Hot breezy night.

Mother churned 3 times this AM. I was busy with chores & odd jobs this AM. Took time out to relax after dinner – drew out manure & after 6:00 o’clock supper I went over to the back woods sawdust pile & got a big dry load. After dark doing chores.

September 5, Saturday — 74 at 7 AM 62 at 12 PM.  
Continued hot humid with brisk southerly wind. Partly cloudy with occasional brief squirts of rain. Finally around 6 PM a drenching boisterous thunder shower broke from the High Point quarter. A deluge of rain fell followed by a nice rainy night.

Thus came a break in the unprecedented 12 days of heat & attending drought. A combination older residents agree never occurred in their recollectable lifetime. The mountains & woods coloring brown like mid October & the ground beneath blanketed with fallen leaves. No rain of consequence has fallen since Sunday – August 9. To hot & muggy to work much. Attend I.O.O.F.Lodge tonite. Caught 2 young coons in sweet corn traps.

September 6, Sunday — 56 at 7 AM. Real cool murky with considerable easy rain. A vast change from the terrific heat & humidity. Dark & murky tonight.

I had a big scrappy female coon this AM in sweet corn trap. This makes 7. Did daily chores. Not much else. Mid night supper served at Chalet Indian. I kept Ollie's dog Rusty company till she came home.

September 7, Monday — Rained some in night & continued murky & muggy with forenoon showers. Gradually clearing cooler & northerly breeze developed during PM. bright & sunny clear quiet cool evng.

I drew out load manure AM along with doing chores.

Despite the rain & uncertainty a sizeable crowd attended the Boiceville Labor day picnic. Refreshments provided by Olive Fire Co. No 3 of West Shokan. Music by the fancy fidler Shorty Russel. Loud speaker facilities by Clarks Radio Service of Kingston. Address by Mary Margaret McBride, noted radio artist, & Rev. David Weidner. Pratt Boice, president, in charge of meeting. Bal carried over from 1951 (1952 no picnic) 113.86. Today's collection \$46.06 Expenses, music \$35.00, trucking chairs 5.00, Albert North - - - ?- - repairs 3.00, sound track 15.00 Total expenditures 68.80 (Donation \$10.00 to Fire Co. No 3)

Old timers present – William Haver 90. Katheryn Terriwwiger 82. Sherman Short 82. William Buley 77. Harley Bishop gave a short talk – Millard Davis first time present in several years. With my secys report I gave a few remarks – also sang solos – Let me Call You Sweetheart and Carry me back To Old Virginia (

especially for Sam Ware of Petersburg VA. Old officers re-elected unanimously . Pratt Boice President, Lottie Hesley Vice President, myself EC Davis Secy - Treas.

September 8, Tuesday — 48 at 12 PM. Cool sunny & northerly wind with refreshing atmosphere, became overcast PM but was beautifully clear & crispy tonight, wind quieting.

I had another small racoon this AM – making 8. Did usual chores etc. During PM I went over to Jesse Shurter's & got a load of hardwood slabs. Mr Kizirian took me to the early picture tonight at Phoenicia showing Hans Christian Anderson. We stopped at Chalet & brought Ollie home.

September 9, Wednesday — 44 at 6:30 AM. A magnificent clear cool day with northerly wind. Reservoir in deep blue & widening dry shore line.

The dry mountain ridges look signed in their dead brown leaves. Wrote news Leader copy & did chores PM. This afternoon Mr Kizirian gave me a hand sawing up the load of slabs. Later I took a big load up to Ollie's.

September 10, Thursday — Another bright sunny day. Warmer than yesterday. Brilliant clear cool tonight.

This AM I hauled a load of hardwood seasoned slabs from Jesse Shurter's mill. This PM I went to Kingston and attended George Lounsberry's funeral at Connors Parlors.. Service in charge of Rev. Malcom Shattuck. Interment in Stone Ridge, Fair View cemetery. This evng I went to Kingston with Pop Biedler to fall opening of

Ancient City Council No 21 R.V.S.M. Royal Master Degree conferred on attorney Sherwood Davis. I had another small racoon this AM the 9<sup>th</sup>.

September 11, Friday — Partly cloudy some breeze – pleasant temperature – clear still evng.

I did chores and odd jobs – drew out manure. This evng I went alone to the Sunset open air theatre on Route 28 opposite the old Kingston toll gate – saw 2 feature films Sequoia and Trader Horn, the first showing wild animals of the High Sierras & the second filmed in the untamed wilds of Africa. Got back 1 AM.

September 12, Saturday — 56 at 7 AM Clouded over this morning with southerly wind & cool damp atmosphere. Threatening sprinkles of rain during the day – terminated with boisterous drenching thunder showers tonight.

Mr Kizirian helped me saw up the slabs before dinner & I took him up a load of wood, which pleased him & I had dinner with them. Latter PM I went over to Jesse Shurter's mill & got a big wagon load of sawdust. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonite. Plans set to serve a roast beef supper family style Sat. Oct. 10. The Rebekah Carr Cancer Fund Foundation held their annual masquerade & midnight supper at Chalet Indian Hotel.

September 13, Sunday — 56 at 6:30 AM 52 at 12 PM. Autumy weather. Partly cloudy – south wind. Mtn rain squalls late afternoon & evng. Wind shifted northerly.

I had a large female coon this AM – Thats 10. Did

usual chores – Felt tired and took a nap PM

I went up to Chalet Indian for pig garbage late PM & had supper with them. Mrs May Shimer called on Mother evng. Last nights rain was a sod soker & brought dried up water sources to life.

September 14, Monday --- 46 at 7 AM 48 at 12 PM.  
Cool and autumny south wind -- some cloudiness but generally sunny. Growing moon over High Point.

I got another coon -- a small one -- the 11<sup>th</sup>. Did chores drawed out manure & unloaded the wagon load of sawdust. I have a very painful calf of my left leg & its tough titty. I have so many shifting aches & pains of late. It seems a general complaint. The stock market in a decline since early Jan. sunk to its lowest level in 2 years. There is so much uncertainty & world wide confusion.

September 15, Tuesday — 50 at 12 PM. Overcast this morning continued real cool later clearing bright sunny. Starlight tonight with lightening flashes off beyond High Point.

Another small coon this AM. my game leg bothered miserable again today. This PM & evng – officially 12 –9 was Fall Primary Election. I served as Inspector Olive Dist No.2 The board remains same as last year – Emma Ackert chairman – Albert S Fox, Phillip Coletti (his wife served in his place today) & myself Elwyn C Davis. The vote was 14 Republican & 5 Democratic. There were no contests.

September 16, Wednesday — 48 at 6:30 AM 54 at 12

PM. Bright & sunny & pleasantly cool – became mostly overcast latter PM, later cleared & a brilliant half moon hung over High Point.

Leg still bothering, caught 2 more racoons thats 14. Did chores etc AM. This afternoon I took up a load of manure to Mr Kizirian & plowed a tough soddy garden patch for him, then I did Jim Harrison's tough big soddy garden. A long tiresome task & good medicine for game legs & achy shoulders.

September 17, Thursday — 42 at 12 pM. Overcast this AM but cleared away bright & sunny with fresh northerly wind. Quieted clear & chilly tonite.

Another racoon this AM the 15<sup>th</sup>. I note gray squirrels running plentifully. Busy with daily chores & odd jobs. Latter PM I went after a load of hardwood slabs & edgings at Jesse Shurter's mill. Rec'd air letter from Mariam.

September 18, Friday — 36 at 6:30 AM 48 at 12 PM. Magnificent clear October weather – wind southerly, brilliant oval moon tonight.

Mr Kizirian helped me saw up the load of slabs this AM. & this PM I took him a load of manure & a load of slab wood.

September 19, Saturday — 54 at 7 AM. Overcast & warmer this morning – then faired away & murked over again during PM. Warm cloudy tonight – wind southerly.

I made an all day trip to Kingston. Ollie Burgher having her first day off all season went along. Attended funeral

service for Mrs Lottie Campbell 11 o'clock at Connor's Parlors. Rev Walter A White local Baptist minister officiated. She was a member of the Ladies Aid – members attended. Interment Montrepose Cemetery. This PM we attended Broadway Theatre showing "So This Love" Biography of Grace Moore and Plunder of The Sun filmed in Mexico. Tonight I attended IOOF Lodge.

September 20, Sunday — 66 at 11 PM. Overcast threatening, warm southerly wind.

Did usual chores & odd jobs. Ollie had the day at home and canned 7 quarts green beans & roasted down a racoon for me. Katheryn Van Ness of Woodstock called PM. I wrote a complimentary News Leader copy tonight.

September 21, Monday – 68 at 6:30 A 50 at 11 PM. Cloudy this morning, real summery. Broke away hot sunshine. Brisk southerly to westerly shifting wind. Became much cooler & overcast PM. Nice wetting down rain evng.

I caught my 16<sup>th</sup> coon a beautiful dark large male, biggest to date. This afternoon after a rest I got things together and mowed below garden by current bushes & around the house. Rec'd brief letter Mrs Longyear enclosing an interesting one from Mariam.

September 22, Tuesday — 46 at 12 PM. Cleared away in the night. Part cloudy, real cool, brisk northerly wind. Bright atmosphere – mostly sunny. Crystal clear, still, chilly tonight with magnificent moon full – early rising and majestic.

Busy with chores in variety. PM I took wagon load manure up for Kizirain's garden & had Mart Eckert trim up my hair. This evening I went with Charley Ginsbittel, Pop Beidler & Walter Lang to Kingston & witness conferring of Second Degree on class of 4 at Kingston Lodge No.10 F&AM.

### Irwins' Shokan Home Damaged by Smoke and Fire

( The Joe Betts) Dewitt house Built 1911. The interior of the home of Mr and Mrs M.G.Irwin at Shokan suffered smoke and water damage in a fire of uncertain origin which was discovered shortly after 5 PM, Wed, Sept 23, 1953.

The fire was extinguished by volunteers of the Olive Fire Dept. with the assistance of the West Hurley Company's water truck. Much of the furniture was saved from damage by firemen, who carried it from the smokey building. Irwin reported today in commending the volunteers for their efficient operation.

The fire apparently began smoldering in the basement of the frame building while no one was at home. It was discovered by Mrs Irwin when she arrived home from Kingston, and she summoned the Olive Fire Dept. at about 4:50 PM. at 4:57 PM Fire Chief Albert Fox placed a call through Mutual Aid headquarters requesting the West Hurley tank truck.

The house is located on the Onteora Trail about midway between the Shokan and Boiceville post offices.

September 23, Wednesday — 42 at 6:30 AM Brilliant clear cold windy weather – still magnificent clear with

early rising moon, full last night. Frost is in the chilly atmosphere.

I went with a delegation of 13 to the annual visit of the Ulster County Grand Jurors Assn. at the Napanoch prison – A highly interesting and educational trip. Supt. Thomas Hanlon in charge of the tour – 63 in the full attendance. I went with Mr and Mrs C. Ginsbittel, Mr and Mrs Larry Bishop & Ollie Burgher, and Pop Beidler & his wife in their car — Mrs Tessie Nygard & Maggie Delamarter together and Harlowe McLean took Jack Darling & Will Jordan. I covered up the tomatoes & peppers tonight in garden.

September 24, Thursday — 27 at 6:30 AM 56 at 12 PM.

First frost. Cool clear bright moonlight night. We had heavy pumpkin vine frost this morning. Moderated with southerly wind – continued beautifully clear – Still gorgeous early rising moon starting to decline.

Chores & odd jobs took up the morning. I mowed alfalfa patches for 3<sup>rd</sup> time also grass behind old barn. Tonight I attended the Town Garage office pre- caucus meeting of the Olive Republicans. A list of prospective candidates was named to present before the nominating caucus this Saturday night.

September 25, Friday — 50 at 6:30 Am 64 at 12 pM.

Clear this morning but brisk south westerly wind developed z& became mostly overcast & warmer.

I sold my big bony farrow 10 year old Nellie cow for \$50.00 and big fattened 3 month old heifer calf \$55.00 also the pr of hogs kept in Ollie's pen for \$100.00 to

Horton Pearson – Saugerties (Phone 987 ) — This PM I took a load of manure up on Kizirian's garden, got a load of old sawdust, raked & cleaned up jag of grass cutting with Ollie's help.

September 26, Saturday — 56 at 6:30 AM 64 at 12 PM. Brisk south westerly wind. Partly cloudy real summery. The olding moon was considerably hazed tonight – still evng.

I caught my 17<sup>th</sup> coon a large fat male. PM I cleaned up part of the hay cutting over on the Hinkley place, also took cart load manure up on Kizirian's garden. Tonight I attended the Republican town caucus in Olive Bridge IOOF hall. Chairman Edgar Timmerman – Secy Justice Frank C. Carle Jr. Candidates chosen were – Supervisor Claude Bell for 5<sup>th</sup> term, Town Clerk Homer Markle Jr. – Supt of Highways – Howard Trowbridge ( re-nominated), Collector – Jesse DuBois (re-nominated) Assessor 4 years Otis Barringer ( re-nominated) Assesor 2 years Elwyn C Davis, Justice 4 years Bradford Kelder and John Adsit, Justice 2 years Claude Beidler. Only contest was a vote off between Howard Trowbridge and Alva Buley 126 votes cast of which Trowbridge received 90 Buley 30.

September 27, Sunday — 56 at 7 AM 64 at 12 PM. Back to standard time. Summery, August like weather. Generally sunny, all clearing late pm.

Did usual chores & thats all. This PM Ollie not working today, we took an interesting ride over thru Wittenberg & up the back mountain road to Meade's Mtn

House to see where the big barn burned a few weeks ago. Came down towards Woodstock, stopped to see Joe Steinlauf but not home & back over the Upper Upper Birdcliff road to route ---- stopped at Lake Hill Trading Post and read historical marker for Capt. Elias Hasbrouck, who served 1775 – thru 83 Revolutionary War – Was on General Montgomery's ill fated expedition in Quebec – Dec 1776. House In Kingston burned by British Oct. 16 – 1777. Visited his brush grown grave ----- just in dirt side road (north) right hand side. He died aged 50, Oct. 8, 1791. His wife Elizabeth 69 in 1807.

Told by man building new house just above that D.A.R. puts a .39 flag on his G.A.R. marker every year — A disgrace to Woodstock Legion & neighboring citizens that this stalwart heros last resting place is so neglected.

September 28, Monday — 52 at 6:30 AM 48 at 12 pm. Magnificent clear day& evng – northerly wind – Quieted tonight – Brilliant late rising moon back to bulging half.

My bum right hand is very lame and swollen – due to changing right front tire coming home yesterday in front of Skin Davis' store, car slipped off jack & caught hand between fender & inflated tire. It sure made me tame today. This PM I cleaned up the rest of the alfalfa cutting by Hinkley house.

September 29, Tuesday — 436 at 6:30 AM 50 at 10:30 PM. Cloudless truly magnificent weather. Late moon rise back to half.

Hand not so sore today & less swollen. I mowed the side hill clipping. Took cart load manure up to Kizirians.

Did chores. Mother busy out of doors gathering beans etc. We have a wonderful tomato crop in garden. They are a beautiful red color. I went up to the Chalet after Ollie tonight. Mr Kizirian paid me \$18.00 for 6 load manure & bag of acid phosphate spread on plowed garden. I got my 18<sup>th</sup> coon tonight, hit it with car below Dolan's barn & finished it up with rim wrench.

September 20, Wednesday — 46 at 6:30 AM 63 at 12 PM. Cloudy this morning but faired away, warm sunshine and summery weather – southerly wind,. Clear warm tonight.

Busy AM with chores & wrote News Leader copy. This PM I heard part of the opening game of the 1953 World Series at Yankee Stadium between the world champion yanks & the national league Brooklyn Dodgers, 2<sup>nd</sup> year pennant winners. Score 9 – 5 for the invincible Yankees. Attendance 70,000. Also raked the side hill clipping. Tonight I wrote a complimentary Freeman news copy.

October 1, Thursday — 54 at 6:30 AM 46 at 12PM. Another truly magnificent cloudless day with fresh northerly wind. Not so warm as yesterday. Still cloudless tonight. Everywhere the autumn colors are increasing. Truly a wonderful time of year.

With permission of Catherine Roe Hesley I picked 4 ½ bu of beautiful Baldwin apples from the tree growing along the now bone dry Jacky Brook, near the cider mill corner. Apples for unsprayed fruit are unusually fair. Mother and I cleaned up the load of side hill hay cutting. I

took time this PM to hear part of the second world series game at Yankee stadium. Same old story — Yankees 4 – Brooklyn 2. Batters – Lopat & Preacher Roe & Roy Campanella. Attendance 66,730 I got my 19<sup>th</sup> racoon tonight below Dolan's barn, ran over it with car..

October 2, Friday — 42 at 6:30 AM 44 at 12 PM. Yet another heavenly gorgeous cloudless warm day & still cool evng.

Ollie was home today & we dug out her potatoes, had 7 bushels. They are quite smooth & fair size but yield not heavy. It was hard digging, the ground is dry. We heard part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the world series on Ollie's portable battery radio set on fender of my car while working. With a world series record breaking 14 strikeouts, Brooklyn's ace pitcher who only lasted the first inning in opening game – mowed down the all powerful Yankees 4 – 2 at Ebbetts Field, Brooklyn.

October 3, Saturday — 46 at 7 AM 64 at 12 PM. Continued all glorious weather today & evng. Just lovely summery. Warm southerly breeze tonight.

First day of registration. With a dep feeling of regret due to being a candidate for town office I resigned as Inspector & turned over my job to Helen Marshall. I visited the board members twice & shared in our usual refreshments. Drowed out manure took big load up for neighbor Will Davis' garden, also got load sweet corn stalks. Had a PM call by Pop Beidler & 2 of his old cronies.

Attended IOOF Lodge evng. I heard considerable of the

4<sup>th</sup> worlds series game & Glory be the Dodgers won again 7 – 3 at Brooklyn. I paid out Onteora school tax to collector Mabel Weidner Home farm – 1600 val rate \$40.05 per M, 64.08 Hinkley Farm 300 val 12.02.

October 4, Sunday — 58 at 12 PM. Balmy summer continued southerly day wind. Sunny with cloudiness developing PM – indications for some greatly needed rain.

My right hand that I hurt last Sunday changing a tire when jack slipped continues swollen & painful. I didn't do much but chores. Took a ride over to Shokan latter PM to sell IOOF roast beef supper tickets for Oct 10.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> world series game in Brooklyn the Yankees trounced the Dodgers 11 – 7 – Gene Wooding first batter up clouted home run.

October 5, Monday — 52 at 7 AM 46 at 12 PM. A chilly rainy day and night. The rain is greatly needed.

I made a trip to Kingston went by way of Kripplebush & took Ernie Lounsbury 10 lb butter @.75 lb paid. She & daughter Florence went along shopping & came back with me. I had my foto taken at Penningtons & arranged with C M Thomas & sons for printing me 500 Election campaign cards.

The Yankees wound up the 1953 world series by defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers at Yankee stadium 4 – 3.

October 6, Tuesday — 46 at 7 AM 46 at 12 PM. Rainy night and continued nice easy rain along all day 7 evng. Dreary still chilly damp weather.

Did usual chores and rested somewhat. Latter PM rain continuing I drew out manure on meadow & got a drenched load of sweet corn stalks. Was summoned as a Grand Juror for October term of Supreme Court tomorrow 10 o'clock.

October 7, Wednesday — 40 at 7 AM 42 at 10 PM.  
First snow squalls. Raw cold blustery partly cloudy.  
Snow squalls played all day over the Wittenbergs.

I reported at the court house Kingston 10 O'clock for Grand Jury duty. Supreme Court Justice Taylor presiding. I was named foreman and Vermon Barnhart of Kripplebush assistant foreman. Upon retiring to the Grand Jury room I named Mrs Helen Stern Mann, clerk. After roll call the assistant D.A. dismissed this Grand Body to re- convene Tues, next 10 AM.

October 8, Thursday — 32 at 7 AM. There was a heavy frost last night in some areas but we had only a trace.

A magnificent clear day & evng – on the cool side.  
Really chilly tonight.

Ollie helped me dig out my potatoes & get down cellar. They are nice & smooth but yield light only 8 bushels. Pop Beidler & I attended the Samsonville church turkey supper. Big crowd & a wonderful feed. We then went to Kingston and attended Ancient Council No 21. The Royal & Select Master Degrees were conferred on Dist Atty Howard A St John & brothers from Middletown.

October 9, Friday — 28 at 6 AM 42 at 12 PM. Another delightful cloudless day & evng. There was a heavy white

frost this AM but everything is pretty much burned already.

I made a trip to Gus Korittke's shop this AM for stove bolt repairs. This PM I helped Claude Beidler & Ollie run out a line of a triangular piece of land on the S.W. corner of her property bordering the mountain road – lands of Nichols on south & Taradash on west side more or less 550 ft on south 700 on west 900 on east.

October 10, Saturday — 34 at 6:30 34 at 12 PM.  
Continued just lovely sunny still weather, some PM cloudiness developed – cloudless chilly tonight.

I was busy with chores mostly, cleaned up the last of sweet corn stalks.

I sold 17 tickets @1.50 each and attended the family style roast beef supper at the Olive Bridge hall. 215 tickets were collected including a proportionate number for children at half price. Ollie Burgher helped from early PM & donated her services. Her father Wm. Burgher was a member of Shokan Lodge 47 years when he died in June 1932.

October 11, Sunday — 36 at 7 AM 42 at 12 PM.  
Continued sunny pleasant still – considerable PM overcast developed. Light road wetting showers tonight.

Ferdinand Reiner 62 last Wed. well known Olive Bridge farmer & town welfare officer died suddenly about 6:40 this AM of a heart attack. He had a severe one yesterday PM. Was married and has a 10year old son. Fred was brother of Mrs (Pete) Augusta Crawford. This PM Ollie & I went over to Shokan & saw Clyde &

Margaret Winchell, visited both Olive Bridge cemeteries & called both at Crawford's and Reiner's.

October 12, Monday — 52 at 6:30 AM 42 at 11 PM.  
Cool to chilly fresh northerly wind. Considerable morning cloudiness but all cleared – a bright sunny day. Growing crescent moon settled early back of High Point.

This forenoon I delivered a wagon box load of manure up to Louie Scheik's. After a noon rest I went over to Jesse Shurter's mill & got a big load of fresh hemlock sawdust. 20 years ago today my Dear Father first had a doctor for his burning neck which proved to be shingles – Dr. Cosgrove then of Brodhead. This same blustery day I had Harold Constable & John Bell help putting cement floor under barn shed.

October 13, Tuesday — 26 at 6:30 AM 28 at 11 PM.  
First ice on barn tub. Heavy frost this AM. Magnificent brilliant sunny calm day & with autumn's tinge very noticeable – cloudless frosty tonight. Brilliant growing moon hung low over High Point.

I resumed Grand Jury duty 10 AM. adjourned 12 o'clock till Thursday 10 AM. Ollie Burgher went along & registered for unemployment. We went on to Kerhonkson to Humiston's parlors and paid respects at the bier of Fred Reiner. There were 150 beautiful floral pieces one from the members of the Olive Town Board. We then went to Ellenville & called on Mrs Doc McCartney & returned by way of Samsonville. Funeral services held this evng. members of the Olive Fire Company attended in a body & minister Rev. Cox.

While regular members of the Olive Fire Company were attending Fred Reiner's funeral last evng in Kerhonkson, fire evidently due to defective wiring broke out in the attic of the Olive Bridge M.E. parsonage occupied by Rev. James Cox & family as he was officiating at the funeral. The West Shokan siren at 8:20 sounded very loud & clear – Heroic & prompt work of mostly volunteer firemen confirmed the fire which broke out thru south west side of roof. There was quite extreme water damage. Most of the household goods were removed. I went to the fire but soon returned as the night air was biting cold. The remains of Fred Reiner were taken to Ferndale for cremation.

October 14, Wednesday — 26 at 6:30 AM 42 at 11 PM.  
Plenty frosty this morning. Continued magnificent still cloudless weather.

I drew out manure – unloaded wagon of sawdust AM – and along with odd jobs got a load PM from the old Suepples mill pile. Wrote to Mrs Longyear tonight at Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn & sending get well card. Rec'd 1000 election cards I had printed with my picture cut on.

October 15, Thursday — 36 at 6:30 AM 42 at 12 PM.  
A very lovely warm mellow colorful still sunny day — cloudless still evng. Brilliant half moon.

I made a trip to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Tonight I took Charley Ginsbittel & Ollie Burgher to the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Jurors Assn dinner at "The Barn" by Kingston bridge. A testimonial affair honoring County J36 at 7 AM

42 udge John M Cashin. Cornelia, Dick, Norah & Ellen came this evng from Rome for week end visit.

October 16, Friday — Yet another cloudless still summery day. Autumn scenery gorgeous.

Did chores etc & repaired bottom of sliding cow stable door – Dick gave me a hand.

They had dinner with Mr and Mrs Walter Schmokel. Dick and I called on supervisor Claude Bell & visited Holiday Inn this evng.

176 years ago this afternoon in time of similar sunny weather, the British army under Gen. John Vaughn burned Kingston. It was a sad time for our heroic fore fathers. The population reluctantly fled to Hurley, taking whatever possession they could hurriedly evacuate. I rec'd a card from Jim Harrison that they arrived in San Diego, Cal. Oct. 11 – Didn't even get a flat tire.

October 17, Saturday — 36 AT 7 AM 42 AT 12 PM.

Continued truly heavenly warm cloudless weather.

Brilliant rounding moon tonight & air really chilly. The surrounding autumn scenery despite many fallen leaves is marvelous.

Claude N. Beidler & I this PM started at upper end of the town canvassing for the coming election. We found the people expressive of their cooperation & cordial. We gave out our cards & of other republican candidates. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge. Highly encouraging reports on the last Sat nite roast beef supper showed a net profit of \$233.05. Miss Lorraine Lortz married 2 PM.

October 18, Sunday — 44 at 7:30 AM 44 at 11 PM.  
Yet another heavenly perfect cloudless colorful warm day,  
but the night feels chilly & damp. Magnificent still  
moonlight evng.

Cornelia, Dick and kids left for home about 11:15 AM  
Radio reports say the present drought is country wide.  
Peekamoose Lake is dry except for pools. I note today  
what used to be Tomp Eckerts spring fed pond bone dry  
as also is the Bushkill at the Twin Bridges on 28A. Did  
chores – relaxed & latter PM split up some slab wood for  
exercise.

October 19, Monday — 44 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM. Injun  
summer. Hazy, some cloudiness but summery sunshine.  
Southerly day wind sent the leaves falling fast. However  
the wonderful autumn colorings predominate.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty – Back early  
PM. Mother did 3 churnings this AM. Later PM I drewed  
out manure & mowed the grassy corner behind chicken  
house. Tonight I attended a meeting of Republican  
candidates in the town garage

October 20, Tuesday — 54 at 7 AM 48 at 12 PM. More  
Injun summer. Overcast this morning but faired away  
warm still hazy summery day. Cloudless still magnificent  
moonlight tonight.

Pop Beidler & I attended 11 AM funeral service at  
Carr's parlors in Kingston for Frank Roosa (80) as did  
many old Olive friends & neighbors. Interment in  
Tongore cemetery. Mrs Chris Louth, widow found dead  
in her Ashokan home this AM Coming back we made a

house to house canvass of the Ashokan Mountain road section & Main St. east from the Weiss corner store.

October 21, Wednesday — 42 at 7 AM 46 at 12 PM.  
Cloudy – very heavy dew this morning – still – damp & chilly – part broke away evng.

Drewed out manure and daily chores & drewed away 2 big wagon loads of accumulated years stuff Ollie cleared out of her attic. Rec'd letter Charley Langer from Veterans Rest Camp at Mt. McGregor.

October 22, Thursday — 46 at 6:30 AM 46 at 11 PM.  
Continued mild & sunny with some clouds. Brilliant still tonight with full moon.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Finished at 11:30 till next Tues. Latter PM Pop Beidler & I canvassed in the Shokan area from Van Steenburgs lane out to Winchell's Corner & down street right side to Ashokan.

October 23, Friday — 52 at 6:30 AM 46 at 11 PM.  
Continued pleasant mild sunny weather – wind light.  
Brilliant still moonlight night.

Pop Beidler finished canvassing on the east side of the reservoir. I find it interesting but tiresome work but invariably find people cordial & cooperative in manner.

My cost to become a member of Cyprus Temple  
AAONMS

Initition fee	75.00
Fez	8.00
DeLuxe Fez Pin	3.85
Dues to Dec.31	2.50

Hospital fee	5.00
Xmas fund	1.10
Total paid	95.45

October 24, Saturday — 38 at 6:30 AM Sunny this morning but became overcast, glum & still. There was a sprinkle of rain tonight.

Drawed out manure this AM & did chores. Ollie took over for the rest of the day. Pop Beidler, Mike Garriga, Reginald Davis, Jesse Shurter & myself went with Charley Ginsbittel to the Cyrus Temple Shrine ceremonial held in Poughkeepsie Masonic Temple 11 st section. Armory 2<sup>nd</sup> section on a class of 78 or more candidates which included Jesse, Reggie & I. The candidates dined at the Pokeepsie Inn. Imperial Polentale Rennie Arnold of Petersburg Va. gave a message of keen interest. We got back 1 AM I was sick with a terrific cold or grippe.

October 25, Sunday — 46 at 11:00 PM. Continued damp & overcast gloom thickened PM & finally long needed rain fell for several hours into the evening. Yesterday Gov. Dewey ordered the state forests closed. The rain did not reach much above Glens Falls.

Both mother & I have miserable achy colds. Ollie milked & helped with chores. I hung close to the couch all day & evng.

October 26, Monday — 26 degrees. A still bright sunny day after yesterdays gloom & rain. Mild mellow magnificent weather.

My cold still is miserable and Mother also has a

pippin. Ollie milked & helped with chores. This AM drew out manure and this PM Pop Beidler & I went canvassing with my car over thru Winchell District & on over the lower Krumville road area.

October 27, Tuesday — 36 at 7 AM 44 at 10 PM.  
Very heavy dew damp & chill this AM— became overcast with occasional sprinkles of rain – Set in rainy evng.

I resumed Grand Jury duty. Pat O’Keefe rides with me. After getting home Pop Beidler went canvassing over Acorn Hill and Krumville road section. John Warren of Hensonville came for a surprise visit. Rec’d letter from Lauren Boice at Albany Veterans Hospital.

October 28, Wednesday — 54 at 7 AM 53 at 10 PM.  
Dismal rainy night and continued wet & foggy this morning. Latter broke away partly & murked over again late PM.

Attended Grand Jury. The members made usual routine inspection of the well kept and maintained jail by Sheriff Cluett Schantz and staff & then returned to session & followed by adjournment till tomorrow 10 o’clock John Warren left after over night stay. Latter PM I made a canvass along north main street on 28A. This evng I attended roast pork supper at Ashokan M.E. Hall.

October 29, Thursday --- 46 at 6:30 AM 48 at 12 PM.  
Rainy night and morning. In fact off and on till a steady downpour set in early afternoon & continued till dark.

Pat O’Keefe & I made our daily trip for Grand Jury duty. After getting back Pop Beidler & I made pick up

the loose ends canvassing trip..

October 30, Friday — 48 at 7 AM 52 at 10 PM. Cleared away AM. Magnificent bright mild quiet sunny day – cloudless mild evng.

We made the final trip on Grand Jury duty. As chairman I signed up the reports and at 3:45 the jury assembled before Justice Taylor & reported. We were held impaneled subject for recall till Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. I made 9 days @ 5.00 = 45.00 360 miles travel @ .08 = 36.00 total \$81.00.

October 31, 32 at 7 AM Another very lovely mild day & still cloudless evng.

Ollie helped with chores & draw out 2 loads manure. Pop Beidler & I completed our election canvass covering Olive Bridge section & part way to Krumville. This evng I attended the West Shokan Ladies Aid swiss steak supper at the church. The serving was excellent except the steak was tough as leather. I was all in & did not attend IOOF Lodge. My cold also Mothers hang on miserable. Democratic rally & dance tonite at Olive Bridge Hall.

Preserve Perrine's Bridge

The appointment Monday night, Oct 19 of Supervisors Edward Eckert and Andrew J Snyder by Chairman Roy Denniston of the Board of Supervisors to act on Acting Superintendent of Highways Roland Green's communication regarding Perrine's Bridge (the historic covered wooden span at Rifton) should not delay preservation. Mr green stated that he had conferred with

C.H.Donaldson of Vermont, an expert on these structures, and it was estimated that the necessary repair work would cost about \$20,000.

Thirteen years ago the Board of Supervisors ordered, by a unanimous vote that the bridge be preserved by the county Superintendent of Highways permanently. At the same time, and by the same resolution the Superintendent of Highways and /or his successor was empowered to, with proper requisition or drafts, to draw upon and use from the county bridge fund “the moneys necessary for such purposes” The legislation leaves no question about what to do.

Thursday, October 29, 1953

November 1, Sunday — Another lovely sunny calm mild day – temp. mid PM in sun 80. Became overcast evng.

My hanging on cold just makes me feel lousy. Did chores and that's all. Early PM Ollie and I went up to Mt Tremper cemetery & placed a row of bulbs in front of Pop Longyear's monument & crocuses on his grave & fertilized the planting with old rotted stable manure. I went to bed soon after supper to try & get rested up.

November 2, Monday — 38 at 7 AM 46 at 10 PM. Still another mellow mild sunny day & still cloudless evng.

My provocative cough & cold hangs on miserably – makes me weak & achy. Did chores drew out manure & this PM Ollie helped me get a big wagon load of leaves from her yard & along back road.

Election Results In Kingston

Fred Stang Rep. elected mayor over Gerald E Fitzgerald

by 48 – 50 votes.

Cluet Schantz Rep. re-elected sheriff by majority.

Town of Olive results

Claude Bell Rep. 560 votes – Don Bishop 393

Delia Lewis Dem. 558 Homer Markle 388

Grant Avery Dem. 518 Howard Trowbridge 455

(Superintendent of Highways)

Otis Barringer Rep 497

Chas Gustavson 439

(Assessor 4 years)

John B Davis Dem. 495

Elwyn C. Davis 442

(Assessor 2 years)

Bradford Kelder Rep. 493

Raymond Bell Dem 478

John Adsit Rep. 470

James McGlocklin Dem. 417

(Justice 4 years)

Catherine Carlson Dem. 518

Claude N. Beidler 412

(Justice 2 years)

November 3, Tuesday — An unusually mild pleasant Election Day. generally sunny with developing strong southerly wind & turning cooler.

For the first in many years I did not serve on the Election Board in Dist. 2. I hung around the voting place most of the day excepting Pop Beidler & I took a ride PM over to the Shokan & Samsonville polls. In the town election Claude Bell seeking his 5<sup>th</sup> straight term as Supervisor cornered all three polls & decisively defeated

Don F. Bishop by 167 majority. I lost in my run for assessor 2 year term against John B Davis of Krumville by 53 majority but carried my home poll 218 to 188. Howard Trowbridge up for Supt. of Highways 2<sup>nd</sup> term defeated by Grant Avery Dem 63 majority.

Jennie Gorsline Eckert wife of Charles Eckert in Olive Bridge died in Benedictine hospital, Kingston.

November 4, Wednesday — The summery October weather changed definitely overnight to sour raw windy November – part to mostly cloudy.

Ollie helped me unload the wagon of leaves under back shed & draw out manure. I had a cold PM job getting big load of sawdust from Shurter's mill.

November 5, Thursday — 29 at 6:30 Am 24 at 10 PM. First ice on barn tub since October 14<sup>th</sup>. – Cold raw windy mostly cloudy. Starlight –calmed cold tonight.

Other than chores I started ranking up a tier of slab wood under shed. Really to cold to work & my snotty coughy cold hangs on miserably. Rec'd letter & card from Kay & Dick.

November 6, Friday — 22 at 7:30 AM 26 at 12 PM. Half inch ice on barn tub – cloudy cold raw windy day. A young blizzard, snow blowing set in at dark & continued into the night, gradually changing to rain after midnight.

My car battery went dead yesterday & refused to react to the charger. This necessitated me making a special trip to Montgomery Ward's in Kingston where I bought 142 --

-- 42 month service guarantee battery for \$17.44 & an old junk battery On my way back I had my car winter serviced at Bert Winne's garage grease job 2.40 1 qt permanent anti freeze 1.00.

2 PM Sat. Nov.7 In the cold drenching gloom funeral for Charles Eckert's wife Jennie Gorsline Eckert held in Olive Bridge church.

November 7, Saturday — 36 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM.  
Stormed change to rain in night. It was a cold dismal rainy sloppy day – till latter PM.– Partly cleared & was murked over evng. The snow fall varied anywhere from 3 to 4 inches. Town & county snow plows were in operation at a record early date.

I burned out the kitchen chimney this AM & cleaned out stove. PMI took Ollie Burgher to see Dr. Tocco for her severe chest cold. latter I drew out big load manure, a raw cold job. Rec'd card from Kay that she had letter from Mrs Longyear who is still in hospital – saying Bobby Longyear has a kidney infection & must stay in bed 2 or 3 weeks. I went to Lodge evng but missed all save the refreshments.

November 8, Sunday — 33 at 7:30 AM 36 at 12PM.  
Mostly cloudy drab like late winter weather. Starlight tonight. The snow is melting from the open spaces but the woods and mountains are well snow covered.

Did daily round of chores. Wrote one of my frequent cards to Cornelia evng. I am reading with keen interest "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Fulton Ourster, a faithful reverent re-telling of the ever new story of Jesus

our Lord & Savior.

November 9, Monday — 36 at 7 AM 40 at 12 pM.  
Sunny this morning but glummed over, raw damp atmosphere. Became starlight late evng, not much wind – High Point was wooly white in the morning sunlight like mid winter.

I drawed out manure and gathered a part load of maple leaves along Dolan's yard wall. My cold hit back at me and tonight I was all in but the buttons, ached & ran a temperature. Rec'd letter both from Mariam & Bob with a Shrine program enclosed with Bob's. Tells of the International Shrine ceremonial to be held in Mexico D.F. Nov.14. The ceremonial will take place at the Pyramids –temple of the sun Bobby in bed with liver infection Bob to leave yesterday for Phila for check up at Fels Institute.

November 10, Tuesday — 32 at 7 AM Sunny and still chill atmosphere. Became part overcast PM. Growing crescent moon settled behind Hoopole Mountain.

I feel weak & tired out today but after a lets start did chores & put in the day finishing up a rank of slab wood under the shed. No mail today.

November 11, Wednesday — 26 at 7 AM 34 at 11 PM.  
Heavy white frost this AM. A deeply significant Armistice Day. Practically cloudless still & sunny with a chill in the air. Burnished growing crescent moon disappeared behind the High Point barricade before 8 PM. Latter became overcast.

Mother & I got the beets and carrots pulled & down

cellar. Besides chores I drew out manure behind barn & got a nice load of maple leaves along Dolan's roadside walls. I am feeling weak & achy again today.

November 12, Thursday — 36 at 7:45 AM 30 at 11 PM. Still sunny – still & mild in sun part of day. Cloudless evng with an ever growing brilliant crescent moon.

Did chores – ranked up some wood – but just haven't got the ambish. Pop Beidler called mail time. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear she is home after six weeks in hosp Had ovary tumor (slightly cancerous) removed size of grapefruit after convalescing had 22 daily x-ray treatments at \$12.50 each. Tonite Pop Beidler & I attended Ancient City Council no. 21 R&SM.

November 13, Friday — 28 at 7:30 AM. Dense fog & white frost this morning — Still continued murked over all day, sun scarcely showed thru – All faired away at evng with brilliant moon nearly half grown.

Did daily chores & piled up a high rank of slab wood along end of shed.

November 14, Saturday — 26 at 7 AM 28 at 12 PM. Damp still and murky. Faired away PM. Brilliant half moon evng and frosty. Very heavy frosty dew this AM.

Did chores – drew out manure & worked some cleaning up on woodpile. I attended IOOF Lodge evng – Refreshments after.

November 15, Sunday ---- 34 at 8 AM 34 at 12 PM. Mild still somewhat hazy but sunny. Clear brilliant moon

tonite.

The deer season opened & hunters are everywhere. Deer are plentiful but does mostly have been seen. I did chores – I'm just not feeling myself – no ambition. This PM I took a lonesome walk over in the woods & along the Jacky Brook. Not a sign of life was to be seen or heard – not even a bird. However later I saw a big doe crossed the road from our lower woods as I was going down in my car after gas to Davis store.

November 16, Monday — 34 at 7:30 AM 34 at 10 PM.  
Continued mild mellow still weather – cloudless bright moonlight tonite with a trace of fog.

Did usual chores – still not feeling peppy. Rec'd letter Mrs Knorph & check 29. This PM I finished cleaning up the woodpile & drew out manure & gathered a load of dead grass I cut awhile back behind chicken yard. Yesterday I had a delivery by Deno Guliano he picked up for me at Styles Express in Kingston of a case of 12 bottles Bicardi rum Bob sent me by way of Florida.

November 17, Tuesday — 40 at 7:30 AM 38 at 11 PM.  
Continued still very mild and sunny. Bright moonlight evng – atmosphere a bit frosty.

John Young paid me mid day visit while deer hunting. I had Mart Eckert install new washers etc in our electric cellar pump after 19 years continuous service. I paid him \$5.00.

November 18, Wednesday — 38 at 7:30 AM Continued lazy sunny a bit hazy, unseasonably mild springlike

weather. Clear still crispy lovely moonlight evng.

I went to see Claude Bell & George Reitmeir AM regarding a political matter. This PM I made a special trip to Kingston purchased a 3/4 “ Myers hydrant \$12.45.

November 19, Thursday — 40 at 8 AM 42 at 12 pM.  
Inseasonably warm still hazy & sunny. Brilliant cloudless moonlight night. Altho the day is warm the atmosphere quickly chills after sunset.

I installed the new barn hydrant & my water leak troubles seem to be over, also drew out manure. This evng I attended a special meeting of the Olive Town Board. The newly elected justice Mrs Katherine Carlzon of Shokan took her seat as a board member. Mrs Carlson a lawyer is the County’s first woman justice. Pop Claude N Beidler was appointed Dog Enumerator and warden – Jennie Kerr welfare officer only for balance of year – ( this due to the death of Fred Reiner)

November 20, Friday — 38 at 7 AM Continued sunny hazy mild still cloudless chilly tonight. Majestic full moon.

A cattle buyer Abe Bernstein of Kerhonkson called this AM but wasn’t interested. The live cattle market is in the doldrums & the bottom fallen out. My days accomplishment was getting a big double load of sawdust from Jesse Shurter’s mill.

November 21, Saturday — 40 at 7AM 54 at 12 pm.  
Sunny early but murked over, south westerly wind PM – still real mild & mostly overcast tonight.

Did chores drew out manure & busy with odd jobs. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Had refreshments. I saw 4 deer grazing in turnip patch & seeding above the road at Ollie Burgher's. Earlier the state police car was patrolling the mountain road for violators.

November 22, Sunday — 62 at 12 PM. Warm dark murky drizzling rain set in early PM. Strong southerly wind developed evng with showers.

Did chores & relaxed. Ollie helped Reggie & Elsie Davis pick turkeys today. Going up to do chores after dark around 5:30 I saw 5 deer under apple trees by Larry Kelders house.

November 23, Monday — 52 at 8 AM 52 at 11 PM. Boisterous wind storm from south increased late in night with drenching showers & thunder & lightening. The day was damp & murky still. Broke away tonight & moon shining.

Ideal deer hunting weather. I packed and sent Thanksgiving boxes to both Mrs Longyear & Mrs Knorph by Ins. P.P. PM I unloaded sawdust, drew out manure & took my worn out Deering mowing machine over on the rocks above the old house driveway to make more room under shed. Swan Brewster shot an 8 point buck over near Eckee cottage ( Dwyers 5 acre lot)

November 24, Tuesday — 30 at 7 AM 36 at 11 PM. Sunny & frosty this morning but the day was drab chill & mostly overcast – still overcast evng.

The pipe line leak still persists and I started digging

down to the old pipeline outside the barn. It was the first that I really felt able to start such a job.

November 25, Wednesday — 38 at 7 AM Dismal weather – a steady rain set in around 10 o'clock & continued till 3 PM. More rain evng later breaking away.

I made a trip to Kingston on business. At State of NY Natl. Bank I subscribed to \$500 in American Tel & Tel 12 yr. 3 3/4 convertible debenture bonds – I rec'd 32 Rights one for each share of stock owned. I borrowed \$500.00 from Ollie Burgher, secured by demand note under my signature – 7 Rights & \$100 each for each \$100 bond. I placed an order for 3 extra Rights in order to cover full amount. Rec'd delivery of above 500 bond in 2 yr coupon form – int began Dec 10 & Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3 Rights cost \$7.65.

November 26, Thursday — 34 at 8 AM 26 at 12 PM. There was a skim of ice this morning. The day was rather chilly with considerable cloudiness. All cleared evng – Moon down to half – frosty.

Did usual chores & drew out manure AM. met neighbor William Davis up for Thanksgiving visit with his wife and family on the 12:00 o'clock Boiceville bus. Mother & I was invited to dinner by Ollie Burgher but Mother opined she had too much work, so I went and enjoyed the good meal. Her brother Ben & his wife was down from mt Tremper.

November 27, Friday — Sunny AM became gloomy overcast, raw cold damp air. Cleared evng.

Drew out manure & Ollie helped me get a big load of

leaves along back road PM. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear that she rec'd the Thanksgiving box I sent Wed. 11 o'clock. She enclosed letter from Mariam that she is in bed for 3 weeks with a liver infection like Bobby had.

M. Floyd Terwilliger 65 lifelong resident of Shokan & Ashokan died 1 AM in Garry's Sanitarium , 106 West Chestnut St, Kingston of prostate cancer.

November 28, Saturday — 24 at 7:30 AM 24 at 12 PM. Considerable cloudiness raw cold — not much wind — cleared tonight.

Drewed out overnight manure. This PM I dug out the water line shut off by milk house looking for a leak — no dice, after this I pulled that load of dandy turnips from Ollie's potato patch. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge. Initiatory Degree conferred on candidate Robert Merz for Sunshine Lodge 929, Highland. Hamburgers served after lodge.

November 29, Sunday — 30 at 7:30 AM raw chill mostly overcast still.

Did usual chores. I started getting infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's 2 cases. I went up to Chalet Indian Hotel & brat Ollie home — she worked there today. I also called on Claude Bell. Mother & I wrote to Mariam & sending her a cheery Get Well card.

November 30, Monday — 26 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM. Cold damp still murky weather — with occasional snow showers A nasty slippery snowy night.

Was busy with chores & jobs in variety. Rec'd letter

from Mariam & the children – she has been in bed since Nov. 13 with kidney infection. Which bug she caught from Robert. He is on the ball again. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter & Geo Nichol to Lashers Parlors in Woodstock where Kingston Lodge no.10 F&AM (25 brother masons present) held ritualistic services for m. Floyd Terwilliger 65. His wife an inmate at Middletown State Hosp. was present with escort. I wrote Mariam an air mail card reply & mailed in Woodstock.

December 1, Tuesday — 26 at 7AM 34 at 12 PM  
Everything snow covered this morning but gradually disappeared. Damp chill still gloomy weather only brief sunshine filtered thru.

I wrote to Cornelia & sent her letters etc from Mexico. This PM I drew the over weekend accumulation of manure & spread on garden — I tire easily.

December 2, Wednesday — 34 at 7 AM 22 at 11 PM.  
Clear bright sunny. Light northerly wind – thawing but crispy atmosphere – cloudless still colder tonight.

Did daily chores –Ollie helped top our 5 bu turnip crop before dinner & unload the wagon load leaves. This evng Ollie went with me to Lasher’s Parlors, Woodstock & paid last respects to Jimmy Burgher’s sister, Mrs Carrie Bender of Cottekill – Another old schoolmate. Like Jim she died of abdominal cancer.

December 3, Thursday — 22 at 7 Am 32 at 12 pM.  
Continued clear still Heavy white icy frost this morning ½"ice on barn tub. Moderated during day, cloudless

tonight.

Did daily chores & drew out manure on garden & started plowing the sweet corn & potato patch along cross path. Red cow had a red bull calf this morning. My first artificially bred calf a guernsey.

December 4, Friday — 44 at 7 Am 58 at 12 PM. A violent gusty equin---- like rain & wind storm developed from the south. Intermittent showers with gusty wind continued on past midnight.

The caved in shell of the old Hinkley barn a 3/4 century or more landmark collapsed this morning in a sprawling heap. Not much doing other than chores. This PM I went up to Bert Winne's garage & had car hand brake tightened.

December 5, Saturday — 50 at 7 am All cleared this AM still mild sunny day, clear still tonight.

Did usual chores. Mother made 6 lb butter. I spread load manure & got a load of leaves for bedding. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. had turnout of 20 and refreshments after.

December 6, Sunday — 30 at 7 AM. Clouded over this morning. Still mild – set in rainy mid PM.

Did chores – This PM I did some experimental digging by the barn until rain came. It appears that I have localized the pipe line leak under the barn foundation.

December 7, Monday — Blustery March like weather — All clearing away PM – cloudless tonight & wind quieted.

I worked awhile both morning and afternoon digging out the pipeline & found the leak in 3/4 " lead in from main line to hydrant was at the point where the lightning copper cable was clamped to the galvanized pipe.

December 8, Tuesday — 26 at 7 AM 36 at 12 PM. Froze up some last night – clear still mild spring like weather. A new moon crescent settled early behind hoopole mountain.

Plumber Walter Lang greatly obliged along with Pop Beidler and installed a 3/4 in. ex heavy copper lead in line from main line tee to hydrant. I had the tubing on hand – 3 -60 ft coils bought several years ago. Lang's bill including copper union was \$7.00 Paid. I sold my lame Ollie Gene cow to Horton Pearson for \$35.00.

December 9, Wednesday — 28 at 7 AM 54 at 11 PM. Overcast chill storm brewing. Gradually set in rainy latter PM & developed into a driving southerly downpour & continued into the night.

I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie went along and did some Christmas shopping & made routine report to unemployment office.

December 10, Thursday — 54 at 7 AM 32 at 12 PM Rained most of night – wind shifted north westerly and was a very blustery mostly cloudy raw March like day. All cleared evng, colder.

Did daily chores and filled in the water line trench. This evng I went with Pop Beidler & Charley Ginsbittel to Kingston attending Ancient City Council no 21 R.A.M.

— Royal Master Degree conferred – refreshments followed. The reservoir is noticeably rising.

December 11, Friday — 24 at 7 AM Clear still practically cloudless. Froze up last night. Mild during warmth of day. Part overcast mild & somewhat windy evng.

I spread cart load manure on alfalfa seeding — also drew load gravel & spread by barn. Ollie helped me make a batch of sauerkraut evng.

December 12, Saturday — 38 at 12 pM. Cloudy, glum, mild some sunshine early PM – some rain in night and occasional showers today. Set in steady rain latter PM & continued till around 9 PM.

Did chores – & not much else. This evng Mr & Mrs Charley Ginsbittel took Mr & Mrs Claude Beidler, Mr & Mrs Walter Lang, Ollie Burgher and myself to Albany (poured most of the way up to Washington Ave, Armory to the Cyrus Temple Ladies night program. We left for home around 11:30 and the stars were shining.

December 13, Sunday — 38 at 8 AM 34 at 12 PM. Clear still sunny like sap time. Brilliant half moon tonight – became overcast.

I got 1 1/4 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's also called on my old friend Ed Avery. Did chores & relaxed somewhat. Got back from Albany trip around 1:20 AM.

December 14, Monday — Fall of 2" or more – Started

snowing in night by morning had changed to rain that continued till around noon. Slushy traveling. Mild blustery rainy evng.

Not much doing but chores and spread a cart load of manure on meadow behind barn. A damp chill dismal day.

December 15, Tuesday — 34 at 8 AM 30 at 11 PM. Raw blustery snow squally — mostly cloudy. Snow gone from open spaces.

I gathered packed & sent box Xmas greens to Mrs Boswick also a feed bag and & box to Mrs Longyear, along with chores it took the day. Mailed registered letter to Bob & Mariam with letter, Christmas cards and 25.00 in new bills – for all their Christmases. Tonight I attended a meeting of the Town Board in town office. I rec'd from Mariam a photostatic copy of Andries Davis papers dated 1832 Nov. 5. – Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> 1834 he was to get an \$80.00 annual pension payable 3/4 and 9/4 for remainder of his natural life. He died 12/1 1850

December 16, Wednesday — 22 at 8 AM Quite like winter. Sunny raw cold. Froze hard last night – moonlight but a bit hazy.

Did chores and needed odd jobs. This evng Charley Ginsbittel & I attended the annual dinner and election of office at Mt. Horeb Chapter no. 7 R.A.M.

December 17, Thursday — 10 at 8 AM Genuine winter weather – Partly cloudy somewhat blustery & squally. Cloudless night – still. Bright moon nearing full & riding

high.

Did chores in variety and near froze my hands spreading load manure behind barn. Christmas cards are coming in daily batches.

December 18, Friday — 2 at 7 AM 12 at 11 PM Biting cold blustery considerably cloudless & snow squally. Heavy ground whitening squall evng.

Did chores & odd jobs. Moved a load of slab wood from pile to Ollie's porch in dry. Rec'd more cards & spent the evng writing – W.G.Y. radio tonight says theres heavy snow areas upstate.

December 19, Saturday — 10 at 7 AM 18 at 12 PM Typical raw blustery squally winter weather considerable cloudiness. Brilliant almost full moon tonight with scattered clouds.

Did chores – sent Mrs Knorph a bundle of choice Christmas greens. Rec'd and sent out a batch of cards. Stocked up the kitchen porch with slab wood. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Went with Charley Ginsbittel. I sent Cornelia a check \$25.00 for their Christmas.

December 20, Sunday — 30 at 8 AM 46 at 12 PM. The cold snap is breaking up. It sure “peericked a feller up” my good father use to say. Blustery but generally sunny & some cloudiness. Full moon tonight & windy.

Continued writing Christmas cards & letters. Jim Harrison and boys Bunky & Bill gone since early October returned from his trip to California. His old 37 Buick sedan stood the goff. I got 2 ½ cases eggs at Herman

Weidners. This PM took Christmas greens & put by Pop Longyear's monument in Mt Tremper cemetery. By the way its my 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

December 21, Monday — 32 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM  
Mostly sunny, became real mild. Big bright moon tonight.

Took wagon load manure & spread on alfalfa. Put load slab wood on Ollie's back porch & got a load of leaves along back road — along with chores was quite a days work. Jim Harrison called evng & told of his trip & mighty glad to be back home. He covered over 7,000 miles without a flat tire. I wrote a batch of Xmas cards. & rec'd 31 in mail today. I sent Cornelia \$25.00 check.

December 22, Tuesday — 32 at 7 AM 51 at 11 PM.  
Rained in night – Mild spring weather. Part cloudy to cloudy – cloudy blustery evng. Lightening flashes to north.

I wrote up a batch of cards this AM – before doing chores. Busy with odd jobs. Had the cows out for exercise – usually do. Rec'd P.P. Xmas box from Cornelia. Rec'd more cards. Tonight I started work on my Federal Income Tax report.

December 23, Wednesday — 26 at 7:30 AM 16 at 12 PM. Much colder blustery squally – Part cloudy.

Ollie Burgher went with me to Kingston. Took Ermie Lounsberry 10 lbs butter (\$7.50) & 4.25 for last 4 lbs. She and Florence went along & we kept together and shopped etc. Cashier Bob Murray took me all thru the State of NY National bank — very interesting — top to

basement

December 24, Thursday — 14 at 7:30 AM Raw cold some cloudiness but generally sunny, blustery.

Did chores – spread load manure on grass patch & got another load slab wood on Ollie’s back porch. I met neighbor Will Davis late PM walking home from NY bus to Boiceville. Rec’d a dwindling batch of Christmas cards & sent likewise. Worked on my tax report evng. Mr and Mrs William Shultis of Olive Bridge were tendered a Golden Wedding Anniversary tonight at Maverick.

December 25, Friday — 34 at 8 AM 32 at 12 PM. Clear this morning but became mostly overcast blustery & a bit squally. Quieted PM & continued mostly overcast. An unusually mild Christmas day. There is no snow in sight other than the cold slopes of High Point and Wittenbergs.

It was a lonesome Christmas replete with memories of other Christmases Mother & I have known. We had our Christmas dinner 6 O'clock — pork rib pie, mashes potatoes, fruit jello, cabbage slaw, cake, milk etc — Cornelia & Dick called up from Rome around 4 PM Norah & Ellen also spoke – it was a welcome call. I did usual chores & not much else. I made a late PM call on Pop & Mrs Beidler & enjoyed some Christmas cheer.

December 26, Saturday — 30 at 7:30 AM 34 at 9 PM. Blustery variable cloudiness moderately mild — March sap weather.

Did daily chores – spread a load of manure on grass & got a load of leaves in back woods. This evng Ollie & I

went to Phoenicia and saw the colorful western musical packed with action picture Calamity Jane of Deawood South Dakota days in early 1870's.

December 27, Sunday — Pleasant sunny day with some clouds and not blustery. March like weather.

Did daily chores. Was invited to a Christmas turkey dinner at Ollie Burgher's with her brother Ben and wife. Worked on my income tax report evng. It looks like Uncle Sam will squeeze a few bucks out of me this year.

John North died 8 AM in his ancestral home on Maltby Hollow road. He was 84 last Feb. 19 — Ill about 2 weeks.

December 28, Monday — 34 at 8 AM 32 at 12 PM. Overcast this morning and set in snowing – somewhat blustery – later gradually changed to rain & quieted. A real mussy day snowed to whiten roads — broke away late evng.

I took Ollie Burgher to Kingston PM to have a recently re-filled but troublesome tooth extracted. I worked on my tax report tonight.

North — at West Shokan, N.Y. Sunday, Dec.27, 1953, John North, father of Charles J. and James D. North, Mrs Louis Barbers, Mrs Carrie Myers, Mrs Russell Trexler, Mrs Herbert Hyde, Mrs William Hook and Mrs Rubin Markle.

Funeral services at the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock, Wednesday, Dec.30 at 2 PM. Interment in Bushkill Cemetery, West Shokan. Friends may call at the funeral home any time Monday evening and Tuesday

afternoon and evening. (Freeman notice)

December 29, Tuesday — 26 at 7 AM 34 at 12 PM.  
Cloudless this morning but became overcast, still & mild  
– cleared late evng.

Busy with daily chores. This PM I made a special trip to Kingston to sell 13 shares Standard Brand stock to establish an income tax loss.

December 30, Wednesday — 26 at 7 AM 26 at 12 pM.  
Sunny and pleasant became overcast sour raw air PM & cleared again tonight.

I went up to Bert Winnie's garage this AM & we went up to Chalet Indian & got tires pumped up on an old Studebaker sedan Charley Ginsbittel gave me. This PM Claude Bell, Lester S. Davis, Roger Elting & myself were bearers for John North whose funeral was held 2 o'clock at Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock followed by interment in Bushkill Cemetery. Rev. Milton of Ravena officiated.

December 31, Thursday — 12 at 7 AM Sunny pleasant AM followed with boisterous ground whitening snow squalls PM & evng, becoming decidedly colder.

With the second day of moving, with vans, passenger cars & trucks Mr & M5rs Charley Ginsbittel vacated the Chalet Indian Hotel in Boiceville where they have been operating for 10 years. A long after dark finish. Ollie Burgher aided vigorously in the task since Tues PM. I brought down several loads in my car for storage also had Swan Brewster bring a Ford pickup load tonight. Ollie & I got dolled up late evng & celebrated the old year out &

1954 in at Mr and Mrs Claude Beidler's. Bert Winnie brought the old Studebaker down this AM with his wrecker for which I paid him \$5.00.

I am keenly and regretfully mindful that 22 years ago our Darling Little Honey girl Lillian Ellen Davis was fatally ill but I failed to realize her condition.

#### ELWYN C DAVIS DIARY 1954

January 1, Friday – 20 degrees 7 AM . Cleared with unusually brilliant starlight after mid evening & later clouded over & this morning the snow had fallen to a depth of 2 inches. The day was cold blustery and snow squally.

Aside from daily chores my New Year job was spreading a big wagon load of manure on grass in Ollie Burgher's field. Mother prepared a delicious New Years supper, mashed potatoes, canned sausage, hot biscuits, apple sauce cake, milk etc. Which we enjoyed together.

January 2, Saturday — 12 degrees 7:30 AM 28 12 PM. Generally sunny and mild for the season. Roads rather slippery. Starlight tonight and still.

Did chores – drew out manure etc. Made a trip early PM up to Boiceville to now vacant Chalet Indian Hotel. Tonight I attended IOOF Lodge. Had good attendance & refreshments.

My adorable & never to be forgotten Little Honey Girl – Lillian Ellen Davis died 22 years ago 11:20 tonight in Kingston Hospital.

January 3, Sunday — Mild – April like showers – still & mostly overcast day & evng.

Did early chores – Got 4 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Called on supervisor Claude Bell. Tonight Oscar Dudley, Mr & Mrs Reginald Davis & myself were entertained socially at Ollie Burgher's.

22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of daughter Cornelia's appendicitis operation at Kingston Hospital.

January 4, Monday — Sunny this morning still and very frosty. Murked over with a raw damp atmosphere. Cleared away for a sunny afternoon & still cold cloudless evening.

Did usual chores and odd jobs. This evening I attended organization meeting of the Olive Town Board in Town Garage office. The place was crowded with 31 present. 5<sup>th</sup> term Supervisor Claude Bell presided. Justices – Rep Bradford Kelder 1 st term, Dem Catherine Carlson, Dem Raymond Bell re-elected, Rep Frank Carle hold over, Dem Delia Lewis 3<sup>rd</sup> term re-elected, Dem Grant Avery Supt of Highways Nov. Election, Rep Homer Markle Jr Assessor hold over, Rep Otis Barringer Assessor re-elected, Dem John B. Davis Assessor new.

The Board raised assessors wages from 60 to approx 70 dollars a month. Social Security benefits wee voted for town officials & employees. George Reitmeir Rep elected Welfare Officer at 720.00 per year over Fred Adsit Dem – vote was 3 –2. Constables appt – Larry Osterhoudt – Eugene Mc Gasom Fred Koegan – Town wage \$1.25 per hour for machine operators \$1.10 for laborers. 3 Justices at \$60.00 per month & Frank C. Carle \$2.80 extra. Claude

N Beidler named dog warden – also holds office of enumerator. Helen Marshall re-appt Registrar of Vital Statistics.

January 5, Tuesday — 22 degrees 8 AM 18 11 PM.  
Overcast - still - glum & stormy looking mountains about are wooly & whitened as the cloud veil lifts. Set in snowing hard 9 PM.

Did usual chores – drew a load of manure up to Ollie's & spread on grass.

It's 22 years this afternoon Jan 5 – 1932 that our adored and never to be forgotten Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis was laid away in Tongore Cemetery.

January 6, Wednesday — 26 degrees 7:30 AM 26 12 PM. Snow fall approx 6 inches. Snow storm continued thru night and petered out this morning. Continued still, overcast all day & part broke away evng.

Town and County snow plowing equipment were busy during the night and today. I made a business trip to Kingston today – roads rather slippery. I repaid Ollie Burgher loan of \$500.00 borrowed November 25 to purchase A.T.&T 33% Bonds. Rec'd payment thru State of New York Bank for 13 shares Standard Bonds - sold Dec.31 to establish a tax loss. Price 28 1/4 - State tax 52 cents, Federal tax 78 cents commission \$6.67 - net 359.27.

Funeral 2 PM for Myron Myers who died suddenly Sunday. Funeral at Stone Ridge M.E. church – Interment Fairview cemetery.

## Olive Town Board Holds First Meeting

West Shokan, Jan 4 — The Olive Town Board at its first meeting of the 1954 - 55 term was presided over by Supervisor Claude Bell.

Among recorded transactions was a \$10.00 per month raise granted the board of assessors, upped from \$60.00 for the veteran chairman and designated building inspector, Homer Markle, JR and fellow members Otis Barringer and John B Davis. Salaries of justices remained at \$60.00 per month. With a raise finally granted by unanimous vote of \$1000.00 annually to Frank C Carle of Shokan who handled the bulk of cases during his past year in office, preceding the resignation of Lester S. Davis who served for 18 years and resigned to become acting postmaster at West Shokan. Rate set for inspector of elections is \$12.00 for primary and registration day and \$15.00 for general election as last year. H. Edgar Timmerman was named attorney for the board. Helen Marshall registrar of vital statistics and Albert Fox fire inspector.

From a long list of aspirants seeking the office of welfare officer the names of George Reitmeir and Fred Adsit were nominated and by a 3 to 2 vote, Reitmeir was elected. The scale of wages for highway employees was fixed at \$1.10 an hour, for laborers and \$1.25 for machine operators. Jack Haggerty addressed the board with a suggestion that rates due to the increased cost of living be fixed at not less than \$1.50 and \$1.75 per hour. His request was promised future consideration by Chairman

Bell. What is considered a commendable forward trend was a unanimous vote by the board to place the town elective officers and employees under the Social Security Fund. Deputy Sheriff Claude N. Beidler was named dog warden and Eugene McGowan, Fred Keogan and L. Osterhoudt as town constables.

January 7, Thursday — 16 degrees 7 AM Sunny somewhat windy – white winter weather. Cloudless brilliant starlight evng. New crescent moon settled behind south mountain.

Did chores etc. Drew up a load of manure & spread on alfalfa patch. Sent Mrs Cornwell Longyear a second parcel of calendars , Farmers Almanacs etc. made out 1954 car license renewal.

January 8, Friday — 12 degrees 7 AM 6 12 PM. Bright clear sunny day – wind from north, cloudless cold tonight. Nice winter weather.

Did daily chores and stacked the kitchen porch with firewood & called on Supervisor Claude Bell. Tonight I started reading an interesting new book “The Negro in the Civil War.

Nine years ago today my wife Daisy S. Davis pulled out bag & baggage a load for a jackass. It was a cold windy morning following a snow storm.

January 9, Saturday — 4 degrees 8 AM 24 11 PM. Arrived snowing and continued til mid afternoon, changing to a cooling off sleet. Very cold this morning slowly moderating. Dark slippery tonight.

Town snow plows started operating PM – traveling heavy & slippery.

I made no attempt to go to IOOF Lodge tonite. Mother & I enjoyed the evening together by the kitchen stove. I did considerable reading. A copy of Sept issue of Sexology I find both interesting and informative.

#### Newspaper Obituary 1/4/1954

The death Friday of Aner E. Longyear, 92, removes still another of the remaining few local residents who had been adults in the old villages previous to waterworks days. A daughter of Solomon and Abigail (Davis) Markle, she was brought up on the family farm along the West Butternutkill. She was associated with the Shokan Reformed Church during most of her life time and conducted a successful summer boarding house for more than half a century. Mrs Longyear was a descendant of Col. John B. Davis who was prominent in county military circles, and of Andres Davis, a Revolutionary War soldier from Tongore.

#### Newspaper Article

Worshipful Schuyler C. Bishop, Cocksackie Mason whose boyhood home was near the site of the present Ashokan main dam, received his 60 year palm at a meeting of Greene County's Ark Lodge 48, F & AM Monday night Dec 7. He is one of the large family of children born to Jacob Bishop, Olive's famed "blind miller" whose large grist mill was at the south approach to the high covered bridge over the Esopus Creek gorge.

January 10, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 AM 4 11 PM.  
Reservoir covered with slush, cloudy, still scarcely a break of sunshine. Piercing raw atmosphere & turning colder. Set in snowing around 11:15 PM.

Roads open but travel is cautious. Did the usual chores – let out the cows for exercise. Latter PM I went over & got 2 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fred Bishop's wedding reception in old West Shokan. At that time there was no snow & weather clear & cold. I spent the evening reading, "The Negro in the Civil War" and writing to Mariam.

January 11, Monday — 2 degrees 7 AM 8 11 PM. The days reading was from 2 to 8+. Arrived snowing and continued moderately all day despite the still near zero cold. Another 5 inches of light snow had fallen by night fall & continued into the night.

Did chores – sent air mail letter to Mariam. Shoveled out to the barn, snow plows on the go & roads kept open – All of Kingston & many Ulster & adjoining schools closed., exception the Onteora Central in Boiceville. Funeral services 2 PM conducted by Rev. Richard Coons in Shokan Reformed church for lifelong and beloved resident Mrs Aner Markle Longyear, 92, widow of Rennslaer Longyear. Remains placed in Tongore Cemetery vault.

January 12, Tuesday — 6 degrees 7 AM 6 11 PM.  
Reservoir solidly frozen over. The long drawn out snow storm fluttered out this morning & became a bright sunny typical winter day. Flurries and very blustery and snow

blowing and drifting tonight.

Did usual chores – Spread a wagon load of manure on alfalfa patch up the road. Stacked up the kitchen porch with more firewood. Rec'd letter from Lauren Boice at veterans camp up at Mt McGregor. Read considerable evng & kept the stoves going.

January 13, Wednesday — 6 degrees 8 AM 4below at 1 AM. Blustery cold night with considerable drifting. Bright clear sunny day – windy and snappy cold – clear still and zerowy tonight. Did plenty snow shoveling.

Did chores and got scalding things ready to butcher. Tonight I took Pop Beidler & Reggie Davis to annual dinner and election and installation of officers at Rondout Commandary #52. K T at Masonic Temple, Kingston. A magnificent turkey supper preceded the meeting Mirror Lake Hotel at Ulster Park formerly Golden Rule Inn destroyed by fire this afternoon.

January 14, Thursday — 4 degrees 7:30 AM 24 11 Pm. Clear still and very cold this morning. Gradually became overcast and set in snowing early PM. The fall gradually became heavier and came down thick & heavy evng – stopping about 10:30. With a fall of 4 – 5 inches.

Besides the daily chores the days accomplishments was getting a hog butchered latter PM. With the help of 80 year old Mart Eckert & Ollie Burgher. It dressed about 190. Had plenty of snow shoveling. Rec'd letter of Mrs Nellie Eckert Flecher, 10 Niles Rd, Newton Highlands, Mass. A cousin of mother.

January 15, Friday — 24 degrees 7:30 AM 22 11 PM.  
Faired away this morning and started thawing. Pleasant,  
still, sunny – developing high overhead haze – moon  
nearing full showed dim tonight. More snow brewing.

Everything freshly snow burdened this morning. I had  
my quota of snow shoveling. Did the daily round of  
chores & got the hog cut up Ollie and I each having half.  
Town & County snow plows doing it all over again.  
Mr & Mrs Charles Ginsbittel now of Woodstock called  
PM.

#### Newspaper clipping

Shokan, Jan. 14 — Richard Tasse a dairy farmer at  
Willow for the past several years, was a caller here  
Wednesday. He and his family have recently moved to the  
old Jordan farm at Brodhead, a property which was  
brought to a high state of productivity by the brothers,  
Frank and Will Jordan. Tasse who last winter was feeding  
60 cows, has cut his herd down to about 30 animals.

#### Newspaper Clipping

Krumville House Fire Causes Slight Damage

(Former Aaron Mackeys)

Thursday shortly before noon fire was discovered in  
the Kurt Hahn home on Grassy Point Road. Krumville.  
Where a neighbor had been thawing out frozen water  
pipes with a blow torch, Chief Albert Fox of the Olive  
Department reported.

A half hour after the man left, Mrs Hahn heard a  
crackling noise in the cellar and on investigating found

the cellar filled with smoke and a fire burning along the cellar ceiling. All four companies of the Olive Fire Department responded and the fire was extinguished with comparatively light damage. Under the direction of Chief Fox. Company 1 was directed by Chief Alfred Rose, No 2 Company by Assistant Chief Lester Lawrence. No 3 Company under Assistant Chief Irving Hesley and No 4 Company which has not yet fully organized also sent men to the scene.

January 16, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 AM 28 12 PM.  
Another 5 inches of heavy snow fell during late night & this morning & petered out – moderating somewhat & a bit misty. The heavy snow blanket slid off barn roof. Moon shone evening & late became squally & blustery.

Did chores – shoveled snow & took a big wagon load of manure up & spread at Ollie's. This evening I attended Installation at Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge by District Deputy Paul W. Rowe & staff of Bearsville Lodge #533.

Hamburgers, pickles, cake & coffee served after meeting,— 30 were present. Jr Past Grand –Raymond Markle

Noble Grand – Wm Lortz

Vice Grand –Arthur Samson

Rec. Secy – Harlowe Mc Lean

Fin. Secy – Claude N.Beidler

Treas.— Grover C. Christiana

Warden — Reginald Davis

Conductor —Abram Smith.

R.S.N.G.--- Alonzo Davis

L S N G —Oscar Dudley

R S V G — Wm Jordan by proxy  
L S V G — Lester Lawrence  
Inside Guard — Chas Gustavson  
Outside Guard — Alvin Markle  
Chaplain — E.C. Davis

January 17, Sunday — 6 degrees 8 AM Blustery night bitter cold – clear winter weather with brisk northerly wind day & evng, blowing snow & drifting.. Brilliant moonlight almost full – wind quieted.

Did chores – Got 3 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Ollie Burgher entertained for dinner her brother Ira & wife and their son Corp Bruce Burgher home from service in Germany and now discharged after 23 months army service. I got stuck with car in snow filled driveway & had to shovel out.

Newspaper notice.

Supervisors Will Eat at Fallsview

Arrangements are being completed for the annual banquet of the Ulster County Supervisors Association which will be held at the Fallsview Hotel in Ellenville on Wednesday evening, January 27. For several years the event was held at Willams Lake Hotel and last year the attendance was well over 500. With the loss of Willams Lake Hotel by fire last summer the committee was at a loss to find a place for this year's banquet. Ralph Willams, president of the association sought aid in locating a place with sufficient seating capacity or in the event of failure to find accommodations he had suggested a summer clambake or barbeque. Fallsview Hotel will

accommodate the anticipated 500 guests.

January 18, Monday — 14 degrees below zero 5:30 AM  
22 12 PM. Coldest night in years, clear still slowly  
moderating. A full eclipse of the full moon which began  
6:40 PM was partly obscured by cloudiness & brisk south  
westerly wind that later quieted.

Did chores & daily quota of snow shoveling. The porch  
to the barn was pretty well blown full & was piled heavy  
on front porch roof.

January 19, Tuesday — 22 degrees 7 AM 28 12 PM.  
Cloudy - still - chill & damp. Moon tried to shine thru the  
clouds & haze tonight – a light freezing rain started  
falling late.

I did the daily round of chores. Mother did 2 churnings  
this AM. I took over a load of manure & spread in  
orchard lot. Roadsides are banked high by the snowplow  
& there is unusually good sleighing on the ice road beds.  
Following visit by Dr Marie Beiber of Phoenicia Edward  
Avery was conveyed by ambulance this AM to Kingston  
Hospital with a severe nasal hemorrhage.

January 20, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7:30 AM 52 12  
PM. A fine freezing rain was falling this morning &  
roads rather slippery. The day became very foggy. During  
the afternoon a warmer trend developed & was raining  
along with a sweeping south westerly wind that cut the  
deep snow & cleared ice from the roads.

Ollie Burgher went along with me to Kingston for her  
unemployment office report. Went by way of Krippelbush

& took butter etc to Lounsberry's. Ernie & Florence went along to Kingston. Called to see Ed Avery in mens ward at Kingston Hospital. He was sitting on side of bed quite comfortable & having callers. Also saw Stewart Jones at 112 Henry St. He is not working & severely afflicted with shaking palsy. Was very foggy coming back as far as Ashokan & long after dark before getting home. Called on Mr & Mrs Edward Adsit in Shokan.

January 21, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 :30 AM 20 11:30 PM. The January thaw worked like magic. Exposed fields & lawns are bare & the high roadside banks made by snow plows have diminished half & more. The weather gradually cleared becoming colder & blustery. The ice coated reservoir is clear of snow. Water level remains very low & our old farmlands below is showing bare

Did daily chores & took a load manure over & spread on orchard lot alfalfa seeding. My coming 3 year old big Guernsey heifer had a big gangling bull calf. Mother got sausage meat ready to grind. I bought 2 ½ lbs ground beef to mix in 60 cents lb.

January 22, Friday — 6 degrees 7 :30 AM 2 12 PM. Cloudy - still & biting cold – fair away evng hazy moonlight. A threatened snowstorm passed to the south and doused Atlantic City & Washington with 6 inches of snow.

Did chores – maneuvered the new calf to nurse 7 milked out the cow. Stacked up the porch with more firewood. Mother & I made 12 lb of sausage evng. I

bought 2 ½ lb ground beef to mix in. Walter F Barnes of Lomontville, formerly of Bushkill died tonight in Kingston Hospital.

Newspaper clipping

West Shokan, January 22.

The announcement in Monday evening's Freeman of the death of Edward J. Scherer revived local baseball memories of the reservoir days when the young and colorful southpaw baffled the Shokan batters with his wide and tantalizing curves and unique delivery as a member of the fast Wilbur club. On occasion he did mound duty for the Shokan team against other visiting teams. Other Kingston and Wilbur stars who performed on the Shokan team included "Cy" Conners, Matty Clark, George Zoller, Artie Rice, Matty Deegan and others.

Enumerator Claude N. Beidler has completed the dog census at 366, an increase of six over the 1952 figure.

The Charles H. Weidner & Son hatchery reports doing a rushing business in excess of a year ago with their newly installed and enlarged hatchery equipment.

January 23, Saturday — 2 degrees 8 AM 6 12 PM.  
Clear cold bright still sunny weather. Clear moonlight evng.

Did chores – spread load manure & cut firewood in back woods across road..

This evng I attend IOOF Lodge – refreshments followed. My Dear Father Chase West Davis died 20 years ago tonight at 7:20 o'clock. He died on a cot in our dining room by the bay window. He was in a coma several hours.

At his bedside were Aunt Julia Winchell, Aunt Cornelia Bishop, Mother, myself & Trooper Ray Dunn, dad's dear friend who came in as he was breathing his last. Dad's age was 73 years - 5 months – 17 days - Born July 26, 1859

January 24, Sunday — 10 degrees 7 AM 26 12 PM.  
Clear, still bright sunny weather - temperature moderating reminding of sap time - clear still evng, later becoming part overcast.

Did chores – Helped Ollie grind her sausage. This PM got nearly 5 cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Called on Claude bell, also Ollie and I made a special visit with Edward Avery who was in Kingston Hospital Wed. AM to Saturday.

My tummy had a spell of aches & loose bowels this morning & took my pep plenty.

January 25, Monday — 26 degrees 7:30 AM 34 12 PM.  
Cloudy, still mild day.

I did chores as per usual. Mother milked her beauty cow for the first since the weather got bad. I bucked up load firewood. I unloaded handy by kitchen porch & piled on stoop. Rec'd card Mrs Longyear and she had rec'd letter both from Bob and Mariam & he is feeling better. Rec'd letter first in a long time from Ellen Wilfris (Comma Pen Dist Alligator Pond PO Jamaica). She has regained her eyesight after operation. Wrote Mrs Longyear evng. Sent Mrs Knorph box of home treats & 4 ½ pork boneless loin. Dick Herrington entered the new Syracuse Veterans Hospital for an operation on his leg.

January 26, Tuesday — 34 degrees 8 AM 50 11 PM  
Mostly cloudy – wind south westerly. A genuine January  
thaw – snow melting & running & ground muddy. Rainy  
& foggy tonight.

Did daily chores. I mailed Ellen Wilfris a pkg of  
calenders & a Framers Almanac. Took load manure over  
on orchard lot patch. Ollie & I cut load firewood in her  
back woods.

January 27, Wednesday — 38 degrees 7:30 AM Rainy  
foggy night and a dreary day. Drenching thunder shower  
downpour late PM. Late evng a snow storm developed -  
foggy weather.

Did usual chores. Had a call from John Young. In  
downpour and fog I went with Reggie Davis, Ole  
Pederson & Jesse Shurter to Ellenville where at the  
palatial splendorous new Falls View House the Ulster  
County Supervisors Assn 37<sup>th</sup> annual dinner was held.  
Nearly 500 attended. We came home in a slippery nasty  
snowstorm.

Dick Herrington under went an operation on his leg stump  
at Syracuse Vets Hospital.

January 28, Thursday — 18 degrees 7 AM 8 12 PM.  
Much colder, clear & windy – roads icy - cloudless cold  
tonite.

As usual did chores & with Ollie's help spread load  
manure & cut load firewood along back road. Tired &  
sleepy tonight, after a nap on couch I managed to read  
some in book The Negro In The Civil War by Billy  
Quails.

January 29, Friday — 6 degrees 7:30 Pm 8 12 PM.

Biting cold, still & sunny with some high overcast, clear – still evng.

Mother made 6 lbs butter. I did daily chores etc. After early milking this PM Ollie & I went to Kingston & saw the magnificent showing of The Robe at the Broadway Theatre.

There was a Talented March of Dimes affair tonight at the Onteora school, 500 or more attended, tickets 1.00. Lena Brewster tells me that her brother Eddie Smith a patient at the Albany Veterans Hospital has T.B.

January 30, Saturday — 10 degrees 8 AM 18 12 PM.

We had a 3inch snowstorm - real blizzardly for a time. Gradually cleared away PM becoming colder, blustery, cloudless still cold tonight.

Did usual chores. Sent greeting card and 2 dollars( crisp new bills) to Cornelia & Dick for their 11 wedding anniversary tomorrow. Also sent Dick a card at Veterans Hospital, Syracuse.

January 31, Sunday ---- 12 degrees 7 :30 AM 10 12 Pm.

Partly cloudy but generally sunny clear still and cold.

Good crisp winter weather.

Did chores as usual. Got 4 ½ cases infertile eggs PM at Herman Weidner's – went to see Ed Avery. He looks good but doesn't feel it, he said. A rather lonesome day.

21 years ago today I took Mariam to N.Y. City to enter training in St Lukes Hospital.

Newspaper Notice. Sat. 1 – 30 –54

Miss Virginia C. Rossmann

Funeral services for Miss Virginia Carol Rossmann, 20, of Shokan, who died Wednesday at Benedictine Hospital after several months illness, were held today at 9:30 a.m. From the Lasher Funeral Home, Woodstock and at 10 a.m. from the St Joan of Arc Chapel, Woodstock where a solemn Mass of requiem was offered for the repose of her soul. The Rev. James L. Riordan officiated. Burial was in Woodstock cemetery In attendance at the service were the officers and employees of the Savings and Loan Association of Kingston. Miss Rossmann was secretary to E. Frank Flannigan, president of the local savings institution, for more than a year. She graduated from Kingston High School and worked with the Waterman Fountain Pen Company before coming to the savings and loan. A valued employee, she was loved and respected by each of her associates. Numerous floral pieces and Mass cards attested to the high esteem in which she was held by her friends and business associates.

February 1, Monday — Zero 7 AM 24 12 PM. Snappy cold this morning, gradually becoming hazy and overcast with rising temperature. Gradually got to snowing PM & continued on into the night.

I went over to Joe Snyder's & he made out my Federal Income Tax Report.

Later PM I took load manure over & spread on orchard lot & got small load of firewood which I bucked up by kitchen porch after supper.

February 2, Tuesday – 28 degrees 8 AM 30 11:30 PM.  
Stopped snowing during the night with only an inch or so falling. Cleared away this forenoon, still – sunny – mild sap weather. The new snow is melting & ground muddy. Rain squally evng.

The woodchuck had a grand stand view of his shadow. Today a weather breeder – 6 more weeks of winter. Rec'd letter Dick Herrington. He has the best possible treatment at the Veterans Hospital & leg gaining.

February 3, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7 :30 AM 32 12 PM. A very sloppy snowy - rainy day and evng. Heavy slippery traveling with a fall of 3 inches or so of wet snow.

Ollie and I went to Kingston by way of Kripplebush & took Ernie Lounsbury along & brat her back home. Lawrence Every attending Spencer's Business School rode along back from Kingston

February 4, Thursday — 30 degrees 7 AM 28 11 PM. Cleared away this morning bright – sunny & snow melting & water running. Became blustery, somewhat colder PM – cloudy evng. Everything heavily coated with frozen glistening snow this AM.

Did usual chores. This PM Ollie helped me spread load manure & cut load firewood along back road woods. Rec'd another letter Dick Herrington. Has quite a slit in his leg & may have to remain awhile in hospital.

February 5, Friday — 28 degrees 8 AM 28 12 PM. March like weather. Bright sunshine & part cloudiness -

northerly wind - still crispy starlight evng.

Drewed out manure & Ollie & I cut a load of firewood by Ollie's old quarry road. Included a . foot over black birch. Tonight Oscar Dudley, Ollie Burgher & myself were invited to a delicious roast beef supper at Mr and Mrs Reggie Davis' in Olive Bridge.

February 6, Saturday — 26 degrees 8 AM Raw – partly to mostly cloudy brisk northerly wind developed PM. A growing new moon set over the crest of South mtn.

Did chores as usual, Mother made six lb of butter. This PM I spread a load of manure on grass on orchard lot and Ollie and I cut a big wagon box load of firewood.

I attended IOOF Lodge evng – 18 present, refreshments as usual. The board of trustees – Wm Jordan, Reggie Davis, & Alonzo Davis were empowered to solicit cost of re-siding the hall with asbestos shingles as a preliminary step toward insulating the building.

February 7, Sunday — 20 degrees 8 AM 16 12 PM. Crispy - clear - calm cloudless evng. Appearances of a weather breeder. Growing moon high & brilliant over South mtn evng.

Did usual chores. Got 2 ½ cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Got up tired & achy & go to bed the same.

February 8, Monday — 24 degrees 7 AM 20 11 PM. Raw chilly air – wind southerly – snow flurries enough to whiten bare spots – cleared away still crispy tonight.

Spread load manure & Ollie & I cut load of polewood –

finally got snowed out.

Rec'd birthday card & Mother a valentine card from Lute & Ada Bell also a fruit cake in same mail for Mother & me. Tonight I finished reading the interesting and authoritative book "The Negro in the Civil war" also wrote a thank you card to Lute & Ada.

Dick Herrington came home from the Syracuse Veterans Hospital.

February 9, Tuesday — 24 degrees 7 AM 30 11 PM.  
Crispy - raw & blustery. Variable cloudiness with bright sunshine between – snow flurry evng.

This PM spread load manure & Ollie & I cut a good sized wagon load of firewood above the old house driveway.

February 10, Wednesday — 26 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM. Quite sunny AM followed by a dense snow squall PM, which melted on the roads. Cleared away at evng with high rising half moon.

Ollie Burgher went with me to Kingston and saw the celebrated motion picture Martin Luther at Reades Wall St theatre.

February 11, Thursday — 28 degrees 8 AM 16 11 PM. Partly cloudy but generally sunny – turned colder PM & developed blustery & driving snow squall early evng – clearing & much colder.

Spread load manure on grass patch behind the old wind demolished Hinkley barn & Ollie & I cut a big load of polewood on knoll above driveway. This evng I went

with Pop Beidler to Kingston attending Ancient City Council No 21, where the select Master Degree was conferred on William Crosby & Sherwood Davis. Sent valentine cards to each of our 5 grand kids.

February 12, Friday — Zero degrees 7 AM 4 11 PM. Cloudless biting cold – northerly wind. Rawest coldest day of the winter. Continued bitterly cold, clear moonlight & blustery tonight.

This PM we spread the small load of manure & cut a big wagon load of polewood.

This bitter weather gobbles up the wood with 2 stoves going strong to keep our kitchen & dining room liveable. Rec'd 2 cards from Cornelia that Dick came home from vets hospital, Monday. A pair of silvery high maneuvering back wing swept planes were overhead this forenoon. They made a swishing noise, first of this type I've seen.

February 13, Saturday – 2 degrees 7:45AM 18 12 PM. Stinging cold night – continued sunny & wind calmed down. Becoming overcast latter PM – slowly moderating but a biting chill air.

Did daily chores. This PM we spread manure behind old barn & cut a nearby load of soft maple pole wood. I attended IOOF Lodge tonite, 11 present – had refreshments. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear also card Joe Steinlauf from Miami Beach Florida. He said Tues was clear and cloudy 67 degrees.

February 14, Sunday — 24 degrees 8 AM 34 12 PM.

Generally cloudy mild and calm – Glum weather but no storm.

Did daily chores. Let the cows out in pasture for exercise – first in a week. This PM I took Ollie up to Mt Tremper to see her brother Ben & wife. Had Bert Winnie change tubes in a 30x3 ½ tire for the old model T Ford. Stopped at Herman Weidner's & got 5 cases infertile eggs. We had no visitors today.

February 15, Monday — 38 degrees 7:30 AM 62 12 PM.

Mostly overcast became unseasonably mild like mid April PM & evening – not much wind – some sunshine.

Too warm to work in woods. This PM Ollie helped clean out garage & got old Ford tires pumped up ready for sawing wood. Got 1 ½ more cases infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. Spread load manure on old barn patch & took saw bench up to Ollies' Jim Harrison made a long call evg & I'm pretty well tired out.

Newspaper clipping 2/15.54

Mrs Nellie Short of Cottekill died at her home early Sunday morning after a long illness. Born in Boiceville, she was the daughter of the late Alanson and Catherine Palen Short. For several years she had resided in Rosendale, later moving to Cottekill where she made her home for more than 60 years. She was an active member of the Cottekill Reformed Church and last survivor of charter members of its Ladies Aid Society. Her husband the late John M.Short died several years ago. Surviving is a daughter, Miss Anna E.Short of Cottekill; four sons, Harry W. of Greenfield, Mass, Alanson H. of Port Ewen,

Elbert L. of Kingston and Melvin M of Cottekill; 15 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a great great grandchild. Funeral services will be held at the Cottekill Reformed Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Walter A. White officiating. Friends may call at the George J. Moylan Funeral Home, Main St, Rosendale anytime until Tuesday noon.

February 16, Tuesday — 50 degrees 7 AM 40 11 PM.  
A rained a little in night. Overcast this morning but later there was considerable warm mid April sunshine during the day. Dark clouds set in rainy evng & getting considerably cooler. The snow has practically disappeared other than drifts.

Its lazy tired weather. Too warm to cut firewood. This PM Ollie helped me get a load of sawdust from Jesse Shurter's mill back on the old Jordan homestead.

February 17, Wednesday — 38 degrees 7 AM 34 11 PM.  
Rainy night continuing today till mid afternoon the storm changed to a wet dripping snow enough to whiten the ground, clearing away evng with brilliant high riding full moon & brisk northerly wind. This the winters heaviest precipitation & streams tonight are running full head. Up state reports ice jams & high water & in Adirondack regions 22 – 36" of snow.

Ollie Burgher went along to Kingston for her bi-monthly unemployment report. Went by way of Kripplebush & took Ermie Lounsberry along & brat her back home. I took her 7lb roll butter @ .75/lb which she paid.

February 18, Thursday — 40 degrees 8 AM Froze up a bit last night. Mostly a bright sunny day, mild & northerly wind. Still springlike & cloudless evng with brilliant big moon.

Typical maple sap weather. The snow blanket disappeared today & except for scattered snow banks & the cold sides of west side mountains there is little to be seen. This PM I feel miserably achy today. Such damp weather – a common complaint this winter. Did usual chores & this PM we spread load manure on grass & cut load of firewood. This AM I got the old Ford running.

Freeman clipping Thursday 2/18 54

Interior of Historic Stone Ridge House Destroyed by Fire

The interior of one of Ulster county's historic stone dwellings was destroyed by fire Friday.

Only the walls of Eugene Gorton's home two miles south of Stone Ridge village were left standing after a fire which was discovered Friday about 11:30 a m. The house was built about 1770 and is located on the old road which extended from Kingston to Ellenville.

Chief Harry Cornish of the Stone Ridge department believed the fire started upstairs over the kitchen or in wiring in between the kitchen ceiling and the upstairs floor. He summoned the Accord - Kripplebush departments and the High Falls water tank truck and its crew to help his department.

The firemen and the heavy walls of the home held back the flames from the nearby barns on the 200 acre dairy farm.

February 19, Friday — 32 degrees 7 AM 26 12 PM.  
Froze up quite hard last night. Mild - bright - quiet sunny day & clear still moonlight night. Freezing tonite – typical maple sap weather.

Busy with usual chore jobs AM. This PM I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage with the old Model T 1922 & had radiator soldered. Made the trip without trouble & created considerable interest en-route. This evng I took Ollie Burgher to see Dr A Tocco in Stone Ridge & got an envelope of capsules for my arthritis condition price \$1.00. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam & Gaye with a very pleasing little valentine picture of Gaye.

February 20, Saturday — 22 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM.  
Froze up hard last night, continued practically cloudless –mild muddy sap weather. A light high hazy developed into air overcast night and warm.

Busy with home chores etc AM. Let the cows out for exercise. This PM Ollie helped me spread load manure behind old barn & cut a load of firewood. This evng we attended Phoenicia movie in color The - - - - Story. American Legion dinner evng at Boiceville Inn & a big dance held at the Onteora school.

February 20, Sunday ----40 degrees 8 AM 51 10 PM.  
Cloudy - warm - rainy till early PM - brisk southerly wind – Rainy again evng.

Was late getting around this dark rainy morning. PM got only part case of eggs at Herman Weidner's & called on supervisor Claude bell.

February 21, Monday — 50 degrees 8 AM 30 12 PM.  
Mild generally sunny – fresh northerly wind some  
cloudiness . Stars shone evng & somewhat colder.

Let cows out for exercise. Did usual chores. This PM  
Ollie & I spread load manure on the patch behind old barn  
& cut nearby load of soft maple polewood. Only snow to  
be seen is on High Point & Wittenbergs & here and there  
a scattered snow bank. Ice has gone out of the streams.

Kingston Ulster Press – Thursday-- February 18, 1954  
The Railroad Had Its Turn

The Ulster & Delaware put the stagecoaches out of  
business and we suppose many a stagecoach driver had  
contempt for the trains. When the tanning industry was at  
its height in 1847 –1848 efforts to build a plank road  
from Kingston to Phoenicia were successful and with  
subscriptions of 70,000.00 the road was completed,26  
miles to Phoenicia in the autumn of 1851; and to Pine Hill  
during 1852. Although travel was heavy the Ulster &  
Delaware Plank Road Co was not a financially successful  
enterprise.

At the end of the Civil War a railroad from Kingston  
to Oneonta was projected. Organization began in 1866  
and the road was completed from Kingston to Phoenicia  
in `1869 and to Stamford in 1875. Cost of construction  
through the mountains was high and the railroad was  
reorganized three times before it extended to Oneonta. Its  
most successful day were under the management of the  
late Edward Coykendal when it was rated one of the best  
equipped roads in the country. Many old timers agreed  
with Barney Brennan about the glorious days when

accommodations were crowded.

Today there are many persons who believe that the New York Central should do a better passenger job. We think the Public Service Commission should give more consideration to the quality of service offered.

The West Shore can die, too, in a passenger way, if service is repulsive. Many witnesses told the commission that in hearings at the court house.

February 23, Tuesday — 26 degrees 7 AM 20 11:30 PM.

This is it my 64<sup>th</sup> birthday. Froze up some last night Clear cloudless some high haze – wind slight. Starlight evng & freezing.

Mother made my time honored plain soft chocolate birthday cake. Ollie & I got the old Ford mill set up & started sawing the big heap of wood we drew up to her place. Including Mariam's and Cornelia's I have received 16 birthday cards – One from Cyprus Temple shrine of Albany. I sold calf to Horton Pearson for \$40.00.

February 24, Wednesday — 20 degrees 7 AM 34 9:30 PM. Froze up stiff last night – sunny this morning but hazy and gradually became overcast & rained a little during PM.

Sawed wood but got bothered PM & had to go up to Bert Winnie's garage & replaces a worn out Ford timer 1.75 paid. Sold the remaining hog at Ollie's to Horton Pearson for \$65.00.

February 25, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 AM 28 10 PM. Variable cloudiness & considerable sunshine. It rained

some in night, mild this morning but a chilly trend developed PM with northerly wind – still starlight tonight – freezing some.

I slept and rested the best last night I have in a long time. Went to bed 9:15 and remained till 7:30 AM. Did usual chores this morning & Ollie & I got in a full afternoon buzzing up firewood. The old Ford chipped right along. I received a birthday card from Mrs Longyear making the 20<sup>th</sup> received – one more than last year.

February 26, Friday — 30 degrees 7 AM 32 12 PM.  
Froze a bit last night – chill wet day. Steady cold rain set in around noon and continued till late PM – clearing, blustery evng & colder.

Started sawing wood 11 o'clock but soon got rained out. Did daily chores otherwise. I received a belated birthday card from Adeline Eckert Kelder which makes 21.

February 27, Saturday ---- 30 degrees 7 AM 34 12 PM  
Strong northerly wind during the night, started the ice out of the upper end of reservoir at an exceptionally if not a record early date. It froze in solidly Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant mild sunny day & starlight evng.

Busy with daily chores. I let Jim Harrison take my Beauty cow awhile for the keeping. This PM we spread a big load of manure behind old barn & finished sawing the pile of firewood. I attended IOOF Lodge evng – had refreshments – a letter was read from the Grand Lodge telling of Past Grand Master Benjamin Saxen's death Feb 18. I met him last Aug at Grand Lodge session in Oneonta

& he appeared in hale & hearty health.

February 28, Sunday — 42 degrees 9 AM 46 10 PM.  
Cloudy, glum – mild still weather – dark still night.

Did chores – got less than ½ case of eggs at Herman Weidner's. Wrote air mail letter to Mariam tonite.

March 1, Monday — 48 degrees 8 AM 34 11 PM.  
Warm – cloudy dark threatening weather. Strong southerly wind. Drenching rain storm set in mid afternoon. Broke away by 10:30 PM Bright stars and colder.

Did chores and spread a load of manure. The rain prevented getting load of firewood.  
Monthly town board meeting tonight at town garage office. There is no snow in sight anywhere and reservoir ice field is breaking up. About 2:45 PM the House of Representatives in Washington was thrown into panic when 4 Porto Rican fanatics 3 men & a woman emptied automatic pistols from the gallery wounding 5 congressman.

March 2, Tuesday — 34 degrees 8 AM The storm cleared the reservoir of ice without track, trace or semblance. Pleasant sunny day a bit hazy – easterly wind quieted. Snow ans blizzard conditions in western New York.

Spread a load of manure & we cut & sawed a load of soft maple polewood.

March 3, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7:30 AM 26 11 PM.  
Clouded over this morning and set in cold rain noontime

continued downpour till later PM, with snow on mtns.  
Blustery & raw & broke away snow squally evng.  
Streams are running high tonight.

Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston for her  
unemployment report. Went by Kripplebush & took  
Ernie Lounsberry along & brat her back. It surely was a  
downpour & streams roaring. Took Ernie 4 lb butter@.75  
per – paid for.

March 4, Thursday — 16 degrees 7:30 AM 14 11 PM.  
March may have come in like a lamb but today he was a  
lion. Blustery wintery & at times dense snow squalls.  
Roads are icy in places and along the brooks. High Point  
& Wittenberg's look white & wintery.

We spread a load manure PM behind old barn & cut a  
good load of soft maple & black birch firewood handy by.  
I had to work fast to keep warm especially my bum hands.

March 5, Friday — 20 degrees 8 aM 20 10 PM. Wintry  
night – WKNY radio reports 6 – 7 “ snow in Pine Hill &  
Bellaire area another raw and cold snow squally day &  
evng.

This PM we spread the overnight manure & cut &  
sawed a big wagon load of mixed polewood – soft maple  
black birch & pepprage saplings. The sawing was a cold  
snow squally job.

March 6, Saturday — 18 degrees 8 AM 24 12PM. Cold  
blustery night. The reservoir west basin low many months  
is now noticeably rising..Another cold raw blustery day  
not so PM squally as yesterday. All clearing-- rim of a

brand new moon set early over South mtn. Cloudless windy night.

PM spread overnight manure finished covering the old barn grass patch. Also cut & sawed a load of polewood. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge Initiation Degree conferred on 8 candidates from Bearsville Lodge # 533. 46 visitors & home lodge members present including Dist Deputy Paul W. Rowe of Bearsville Lodge. Abundant refreshments served.

March 7, Sunday — 24 degrees 8 AM Milder cloudless AM – developing cloudiness PM – becoming overcast evng – windy.

This PM Virgil Winchell called and played several selections on his violin – Mother accompanied on piano on old favorites. This PM Ollie & I took a walk up on the old Dick and Abe Constables places going back to nature & down thru the woods where I again carved my initials & date on bent over beech where Golden VanBenschoeten made his mark in 1896. This tree I found in 1923 & made my first carving over G.V.B.

March 8, Monday — 24 degrees 8 AM Clear cold & somewhat windy – starlight & blustery tonight & freezing.

Did daily chores. This PM Ollie & I spread a load manure on grass stubble across from old house & cut & sawed a load of dry polewood & brought some home & piled on kitchen porch. Addie Kelder called this evng.

March 9, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 AM 38 11 PM. Clear

– froze up last night, moderating with southerly wind gradually becoming overcast PM. Rain squally evng – warmest PM of the month so far.

This PM spread the overnight stable manure & we cut & sawed a big load of firewood, soft maple & black birch polewood, cut it along the old pasture lot cross road.

March 10, Wednesday — 40 degrees 8 AM 26 11:30 PM. Cleared away in night. Sunny this morning & became partly cloudy, sour & windy. Clear tonight with growing crescent moon riding high.

Chores as usual. Spread overnight manure PM & cut and sawed a load of soft maple polewood along pasture lot cross fence road.

March 11, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 AM 20 12 PM. Partly to mostly cloudy - sour atmosphere – northerly wind – mtn snow squalls. Cloudless still frosty brilliant half moon tonight.

This PM spread overnight manure. Gathered a load of sap wood along back road and got the sap boiling arch in readiness & sapping supplies out of attic storage. This evng I went with Deputy Master Claude N. Beidler to official visit by District Deputy Parks of Catskill to Ancient City Council # 21 RVSM. Visitors present from several councils. Delicious hot hamburgers & coffee after meeting.

March 12. Friday — 16 degrees 6:30 AM 32 10 PM. Anniversary of the famous daddy of them all Blizzard of 1888. Froze up hard last night – clear – crisp raw cold &

northerly wind. Became part overcast tonite & milder.

Made a start with the sapping in earnest. Hung out about 75 buckets. Tapped handy by maples & some of the large old thrifty trees in Ollie Burghers bush under the hill amid the old quarries. It was a super excellent sap day & we gathered a barrel from the first tapped trees. It was a long & hard days work.

March 13, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 AM Dark – gloomy – chill weather. Had thunder & freezing rain during AM & set in rainy & freezy late PM & continued into the night.

Sap was froze up today – we gathered near 1 ½ barrels from the last evng run. It was a wet slippery job. Kept pan boiling & took off the first batch late PM – refilled pan & left to simmer.

March 14, Sunday — 26 degrees 12 PM. Steady, rainy, freezy night continued rainy & freezing on trees & ground till it slackened around mid day. Became colder & blustery PM with warm down snow squalls.

Boiled down a batch of sap under wet difficulties. Temperature moderated so sap started running good & then Ollie & I emptied the rain filled buckets. Went to Herman Weidner's & got less than a half case infertile eggs. After doing chores we gathered the handy sap & had well over the pan filled. A flock of robins appeared in the cold rain.

March 15, Monday — 26 degrees 7 AM 24 12 PM. Snow squally – Typical March weather very blustery day - evng - Generally sunny & bright bulging moonlight evng.

Became decidedly colder.

Sap was frozen up but got running in sunny locations. We gathered twice, boiled all day & evng. Spread load manure & got old barn lumber sap wood.

March 16, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 AM 30 11 PM. Bright, clear, raw, windy, sunny day. Cloudless bright moonlight night. Wittenberg's heavily snow blanketed & snow on High Point and around the northern barrier – moderating tonight.

Sap froze up solid, limbered up somewhat PM. We boiled all day & ran off a clean up batch of syrup. I also spread the overnight manure & got wagon load of barn lumber which makes good sap wood.

March 17, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 AM Clear brilliant day some cloudiness. Continued northerly wind & atmosphere still winter. Magnificent moonlight evng & windy – full moon.

Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston for her unemployment report & shopping. Sap ran good on the sunny side & we gathered with the horses & dray with 2 barrels by moonlight and kept the pan boiling.

March 18, Thursday – Froze up hard last night - cloudless northerly wind. Clear serene moonlight night - wind quieted & freezing. There was a thin high haze.

Kept the sap pan going all night & run off a big batch of syrup this morning. Spread the load of manure PM & got load of old barn lumber for sap wood. Sap ran good & we gathered & started boiling again noontime & kept it

going into the night.

March 19, Friday — 20 degrees 7 AM Froze up hard again in the still of the night. Continued sunny this morning with increasing overcast & developing southerly wind – set in rainy late PM & was a drenching night storm.

We kept the fire going all night & took off a batch of syrup this morning. Toward noon gathered by hand from handy trees around Ollie's & started boiling. Gathered with the sleigh dray & horses PM & got another load of old barn wood. Kept the fire going tonight regardless of rain. I received registered air mail letter from Bob & Mariam with a gift check of \$75.00 promise to pay my Shrine initiation.

March 20, Saturday — Drenching rainy night – mild this morning. & sun came out & was real springlike along with an April shower. Glum & overcast PM with northerly wind which shifted from southerly.

Finished boiling off the batch of sap – which was a problem due to the heavy rain soaking the inside of arch. Also spread load manure & got another load of the old barn lumber for boiling wood. The frogs started chorusing in Ollie's swamp which heretofore has proven about the finish of the sap run. Was too late to go to lodge tonite. Saw a flock o f bluebirds today.

March 21, Sunday — 26 degrees 8 AM 24 11 PM. Raw cold blustery, snow squally March weather – some sunshine but cloudiness prevailed.

Did daily chores – Got 11 doz infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's. This PM I took Ollie Burgher up to the Chalet Indien Hotel in Boiceville to see the new proprietors Mr & Mrs Johnny Carr regarding employment.

March 22, Monday — 24 degrees 7 AM. Froze up hard last night, cloudless calm day, became overcast evng & moderating.

Sap froze up this morning but ran favorably during day in sunny locations. I made a trip to Kingston to seek information for Mariam regarding our LeFevre ancestry at the Kingston library & Col. John B Davis' wife was Affie LeFevre. After returning gathered & boiled sap. Had 2 barrels – was after dark job.

March 23, Tuesday — Froze up some last night. Sunny this morning but became somewhat windy – mostly cloudy rather on the mild side – dark cold looking clouds.

I re-touched the sap trees, many of the spile holes were solid with ice. Some trees ran good & others frozen up. We took off the over night boiling noon time. Gathered sap late PM & started boiling.

March 24, Wednesday — 34 degrees 11 PM. Froze a little last night. Lovely mild clear day – wind southerly & light. Still and overcast tonight.

Sap didn't run much. Run off the over night batch this morning. Started smoke under the hams & bacon which I got hung up a few days back. This PM spread load manure on grass stubble & got a big wagon load of the old barn lumber for sap wood. Now getting the sprawled

wreck pretty well cleaned up. James Stoutenburgh struck a good strong flow of water yesterday at 126 feet in the well being drilled near SW corner of the Henry Ecke property across from Jim Harrison's.

March 25, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 AM 54 10 PM. A cold dreary rainy day with a late PM thunder shower – warm & windy tonight.

Sapping rained out. Did chores & this PM I did a long delayed crosscut saw filing. I feel miserably sore and achy today.

March 26, Friday — 56 degrees 7 AM Mild – frogs chorusing – sap dried up. Blustery typically March with considerable cloudiness but generally sunny – became cooler.

Did chores kept smoke going under hams. Spread load manure below garden. This PM Ollie & I emptied sap buckets & cut load firewood also sap busy load.. This evng attended the Kingston Lions Club, Kingston area on Parade Industrial Exposition & Automobile show at the NY State Armory, Kingston. Attendance over 3400.

March 27, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 AM. Cloudless – snowy air – Light southerly day wind – still starlight & freezing tonight.

Did daily chores as per usual – spread manure below garden. This PM sawed up yesterdays wood & got another load dead firewood. Attended IOOF Lodge evng. Good attendance & eats. Had flat tire tonight first since last Oct ( left rear).

March 28, Sunday — 47 degrees 7 AM Sunny this morning with increasing cloudiness & raw gusty south easterly wind. Froze up hard last night. Became gloomy overcast & set in rainy at dark but didn't amount to much with reoccurring showers. Despite the southerly wind and not too much sunshine sap ran surprisingly well. We gathered late PM& started boiling at dark & continued. Got a ½ case of eggs at Herman Weidner's PM & went up to Bert Winnie's for tire change & repair. Broken valve had chafed inner tube.

March 29, Monday — Cleared away in late night but during day became mostly overcast with wind southerly – raw atmosphere.

Drawed out manure – did usual chores and got a load of dead wood & gathered small rim of sap and boiled tonight, sawed up wood & brought some home & piled on porch. Kept the sap fire going thru night & took off batch syrup this morning.

March 30, Tuesday — 24 degrees 7 AM Froze up hard last night – sunny this morning but otherwise glum raw & mostly cloudy. Southerly day wind – all clouded over tonight still & snowy air.

Re tapped the trees for a second time. Sap ran surprisingly good & we had an after dark gathering of over a barrel by flashlight. Boiled again tonight.

March 31, Wednesday — Had an inch of snow late in night but disappeared in the morning sun. raw cold air& became overcast PM. Little wind today.

I made a trip to Kingston for Ollie's unemployment report. Took Ermie Lounsberry 7 lb butter @.75 per – paid & she & Florence went along & brought them back home.

The last passenger train ran over the old Ulster & Delaware R.R.

April 1, Thursday — We had a good whitening of snow during night which disappeared today. Plenty still on High Point Crisp sunny with cold northerly wind some cloudiness – still clear night.

I went up to Bert Winnie's this morning & had car greased \$2.25 paid – speedometer 45,154. Kept the sap fire going all night & took off the batch early PM. We got a load of old line fence rails along west boundary of Hinkley woods & gathered 2 barrels sap & started boiling. Sap run good considering the cold day.

April 2, Friday — Froze up again last night. Sunny calm this morning. Gradually became hazy & overcast with gusty south easterly wind. Blustery tonight & rain squalls.

Kept the sap pan steaming all night & ran off the batch of syrup this morning. This PM spread load manure, got load of old barn lumber for sap wood & gathered a big over 2 barrel run of sap late PM & started boiling for the night.

April 3, Saturday —24 degrees 7 AM 14 10 PM. Turned much colder and wind shifting strong nor- westerly with snow squalls during night. Sap froze up – sunny but very cold and blustery. Sunny all day but biting cold & windy.

Took off batch of low boiled thick syrup this morning and started another boiling, a small batch and took it off after dinner. Later Ollie & I got a big load of dead fire wood.. Too late & tired to attend IOOF Lodge. 33 years ago tonight my saw mill on 28A burned total loss.

April 4, Sunday — 16 degrees 7 AM 22 12 PM. Froze 1 ½ ice on the barn gutter kettle formerly sap boiling caldron for many years down on the old pre reservoir farm. Cloudless serene spring belated day & evng. Freezing hard tonite. A brilliant new moon settled early back of South mountain. (Flat on his back “Old Pap Crispell’s indication of a dry moon”) Relaxed today with sap flow froze up. Did usual chores. Got case of infertile eggs PM at Herman Weidner’s & called on Claude Bell.

April 5, Monday — 34 degrees 7 AM Clear – southerly day wind – Becoming milder trend – cloudless - still growing new moon over mtn.

Drawed out manure AM. Ollie gathered & boiled the sap. Had a barrel, ran off the batch tonight. I reported 2 PM for my 8<sup>th</sup> term as a Grand Juror County Court John M Cashin presiding. Augustus Weeks named foreman. Jury organized & adjourned till 10 AM. Thursday. John C. Marshall also on panel & I made the trip with him.

April 6, Tuesday ---- Early morning thunder shower - southerly wind. Mostly overcast – lovely weather. Set in rainy late PM followed by a drenching driving thunder shower of mid summer intensity – later cleared &

continued mild.

We had a heavy sap run today despite unfavorable weather. We gathered over 2 barrel batch & was wet & near dark finishing. Kept the pan & barrels covered during the storm & kept boiling into the night. Another evening job was addressing over 200 District Grand Comm meeting post card notices. Adeline Eckert Kelder's 64 th birthday

April 7, Wednesday —Clear sunny and real like spring – wind southerly. Became part overcast during PM but stars shone later tonight.

Sudden warm weather change took the pep out of me. Finished off the over night sap boiling after dinner & spread overnight manure & gathered a small batch of sap latter PM & boiled it down tonight also or rather harrowed Ollie's last year potato patch which I plowed yesterday.

April 8, Thursday —Continued warm & springy & sunny this AM. April showers developed and was blustery – mostly cloudy – turning colder during PM.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. John Marshall rode with me today.

April 9, Friday — Froze a little last night. Beautiful clear cool – Wind northerly, quieting, cloudless chill evng. Brilliant half moon.

Busy AM with chores & odd home jobs – spread load manure on grass & garden. This PM marked out Ollie's potato patch & sawed up sap wood & brought load home

& Mother helped pile on kitchen porch. A trash fire over across by Van Derbent residence got out of control and burned up the back side of Toren Hook this AM before controlled.

Russell Trowbridge 84 yr old proprietor of Trowbridge Farms, Kyerike burned to death 11 AM while burning brush alone.

April 10, Saturday — Clear sunny becoming overcast PM. Cool, brisk southerly wind developed.

Planted Ollie's early potato patch above the road – 8 rows & used near a 80 lb bag of GLF 6 - 12 - 6 fertilizer in rows & dug in. Also had calls by Pop Beidler & Johnny Young & took up the sap buckets. Most of trees dried up.

April 11, Sunday — 44 degrees 8 AM 48 12 PM.

Steady rain in night & this morning with a day of April showers. Temp on the cool side. Cleared beautifully tonight with brilliant bulging moon.

I'm tired today. Had dinner at Ollie's with her brother Ben & wife. Got some infertile eggs at Herman Weidner's & latter PM took a ride up to the Chalet Indien where the new proprietors are busy. Sent Mrs Knorph a 16 1/4 lb smoked shoulder.

Newspaper clipping Sat. April 10, 1954

Will Bury Victim Of Brush Fire in Kyserike Monday

Funeral services for Russell Trowbridge, 83 proprietor of Trowbridge Farms summer resort for the past 43 years at Kyserike, will be held from the residence on Monday at 2 p. m. The services will be in charge of Rev. George

Wood, Rochester Reformed Church; the Rev. John Tysse of New Hurley and the Rev. Clarence Howard of Troy. Burial will be in Kyserike Cemetery.

Mr Trowbridge died from first, second and third degree burns Friday which he suffered when his clothing caught fire while he was burning brush on the resort premises in preparation to opening the house for the season. Coroner Francis J. McCardle issued a verdict of accidental death due to the effects of the burns.

Born at the Vly in the town of Marbletown, son of the late Luther Trowbridge and Elizabeth Palen Trowbridge, Mr Trowbridge had conducted the Trowbridge Farms since 1911 and its reputation as a summer resort was widespread. Besides his wife Sylvia Simpson Trowbridge, one son Nathan, and two brothers Dory Trowbridge and Hazzie Trowbridge of Stone Ridge survive. Three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews survive.

State police at Ellenville were notified by Mrs Stanley Steen, an employee at the farm, of the accident shortly before noon Friday. Dr Alfred Feldshuh of Kerhonkson pronounced Mr Trowbridge dead and Coroner McCardle was then notified.

April 12, Monday — Raw blustery weather – Partly cloudy – mostly sunny.

Spread load manure AM on grass. This PM Ollie & I washed the sap buckets & cleaned up about the boiling place & sawed up two loads of surplus sap wood. My neighbor girl & schoolmate Mrs Willa Belle Eckert Robbins 67 died last night 11 PM in Ellenville of heart

condition. She had first attack Sat. nite of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

April 13, Tuesday — Sunny windy some cloudiness & milder. Brilliant moon tonight nearing full.

I finished a last fall job of plowing last years potato and sweet corn patch between cross path & corner of woods, also harrowed it over. Tonight I went with Reggie Davis, Harlowe McLean & Charley Gustavson to the District Grand I.O.O.F. Comm meeting at Bearsville Lodge. Dist lodges all represented, 68 present. Excellent baked ham supper served by Agapae Rebecca Lodge 623. Dist Deputy Paul W. Rowe, staff in charge of meeting. Myron Ronk of Sunshine Lodge 929, Highland elected Deputy. Myself, Elwyn C. Davis re-elected Dist Secy.

April 14, Wednesday — 48 degrees 11 PM. Considerable overcast & rained a little PM. Temperature moderate , still – part clear tonight.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty – Ollie Burgher went along for shopping and routine report at unemployment office. I had flat tire before starting. Had it repaired at Bert Winnie's Garage coming home. Funeral services 2 PM at Pulling Parlors, Ellenville for Mrs Willabelle Eckert Robbins. (Mrs Wills Bell) Interment in VanKlecks Cold Brook cemetery.

Newspaper clipping Fri. April 12, 1954

Russell Trowbridge

Funeral services for Russell Trowbridge were held Tuesday at his home in Kyserike, where many attended the religious rites conducted by the Rev. George Wood of

Rochester Reformed Church, Accord, the Rev John Tesse of New Hurley and the Rev Clarence Howard of Troy; both nephews of the 83 year old Mr Trowbridge, who died April 9 of burns suffered from grass fires on his farm summer resort property. Mrs Roy Webber of Stone Ridge sang two solos. The Old Rugged Cross and The Nearer My God To Thee. Burial was in Kyserike Rural Cemetery, where the Rev Mr Wood conducted committal services at the grave. Bearers were Floyd DeGraw, Wilson Sheeley, Wilfred Neff, Edward Carle, Robert Kelder and Sanford Cross. During the breavement, many friends called to offer condolence to the family. Surviving are his wife Sylvia Simpson Trowbridge; a son Nathan and three grand-daughters of Kyserike; two brothers, Dory B. of Stone Ridge and Hazzie J of The Vly; also several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr Trowbridge a native of The Vly, was the son of Luther and Elizabeth Palen Trowbridge. He attended schools in Ulster county, was a graduate of Albany Business College and for several years served as district manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company in Kingston.

Newspaper clipping, April 15, 1954

Mrs Adora M.Gray, Harry Krum Married

The marriage of Mrs Adora M. Gray of Stone Ridge and Harry R. Krum of Olive Bridge was solemnized at the Reformed Church parsonage at 8 p.m. Thursday April 15, with the Rev. Richard B. Coons officiating.

The witnesses were Mrs Elson Oakley, sister of the bride and Elson Oakley cousin of the bridegroom. Mr and Mrs Krum left for a trip to New Jersey. On their return ,

they will make their home in Olive Bridge.

April 15, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 AM. Sunny mild hazy – gradually becoming heavily overcast during PM. Light chill – damp southerly wind developed with light rain late PM & evng.

I spread 12 – 80 - lb bags lime on harrowed patch along cross path and harrowed it in – also spread manure and got a load of sawdust from the old Suepfle's mill pile. This is Ollie's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday.

April 16, Friday – 38 degrees 8 AM 46 12 PM. Set in rainy during night and was a dismal chill rainy day continuing into the night.

Did daily chores – rested up some.

April 17, Saturday — Rained throughout night and easy along till early afternoon – a cold storm. Continued cloudy – chill & became windy. The New York City water supply reported lowest for April in 25 years. Both east and west basins of the Ashokan only around 2/3 filled.

Did chores & drew out manure late PM.  
At I.O.O.F .Lodge tonight Irving T. Cornish, Emerson Brown & Jarvis Burgher by proxy of his son George – were presented by me as chaplain 50 year Golden membership pins – 25 present. Including Oscar Dudley who was Noble Grand. 50 years ago – the 1904 minutes were read by secy Harlowe McLean recording the initiations. Following colored sound pictures were shown of state of Maryland. Refreshments included hot

hamburgers & rolls, coffee, cake etc.

April 18, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 AM. Windy - sunny with part overcast. Real springlike weather.

Ollie & I visited the Cold Brook Cemetery & paid my respects to Willa Belle (Willabelle Eckert Robbins) buried Wed. PM also went to Pop Longyear's grave in Hudlers Cemetery & put bouquet of spring flowers by monument.

April 19, Monday — 44 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. Real springlike – rather hazy & windy but sunny. Lovely moonlight tonight.

Mrs Ruth West & sister Ester Risley came down this morning to see Cornelia. She & Dick left for New York around 11:30 I was busy with odd jobs – got the sapping equipment stored away & started plowing a strip of sod on north side of harrowed oats strip between cross path & corner of woods. It was tough going. This evng Mr & Mrs Kizirian took Ollie & I to Phoenicia & saw picture Rapshody.

April 20, Tuesday — 48 degrees 6 AM 74 7 PM. Breezy, hazy, sunny summer weather. The sudden change takes the gaff out of everybody.

Drewed out manure & with AM & late PM hitches I ploughed a strip of sod sufficient for potatoes & sweet corn.

Newspaper clipping, April 20, 1954  
Miss Alice Mae Avery, Henry Klercker Wed

Miss Alice Mae Avery of Shokan, daughter of Mr & Mrs Grant Avery, became the bride of Henry Klercker of Boiceville, son of Mr & Mrs Henry George Klercker, at Shokan Reformed Church at 4 p.m. Easter Sunday. The Rev. David C. Weidner, minister of the Tillson Reformed Church performed the double ring ceremony.

Miss Hazel Bell was organist for the occasion and played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a blue taffeta dress over white net. Miss Helen Avery was maid of honor for her sister, and wore a dress of pink nylon. Mrs Ruth Avery as bridesmaid for her sister-in-law wore a dress of yellow nylon.

Gordon Burns of Kingston was best man, Frank Avery of Shokan was usher,. A reception was held at the Orchard Rest, Shokan. The couple will make their home in Shokan.

April 21, Wednesday — 56 degrees 7 AM Breezy hot summer weather – sunny.

Went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty with John Marshall. It was a hot trip & Kingston like mid July. Jury reports again next Tuesday 10 AM. There is much activity along the Hurley mtn flats, plowing under rye cover crop for annual sweet corn planting. Some seeding also being done.

April 22, Thursday —Continued July weather. Sunny & windy from south west. Lightening flashes all around tonight.

The hard maples are leafing out & shad blows & fruit

trees in blossom, other than apple. I boated over the plowed sod strip, harrowed & picked off a wagon load of used sod & stones from adjoining oats ground strip, also spread load manure.

April 23, Friday — 41 degrees 12 PM. A rainy day & evng settled in this morning starting with light showers. Temperature became much cooler & at midnight was down to 41 & stars shining. Wind still for first all week.

I got up at 5:15 this morning and got the strip out along cross patch seeded down with Clinton oats & a rich grass seed mixture of alfalfa & timothy, also harrowed in before it got too rainy. Cornelia & Dick left for Rome this AM. I put in a new ash pole tongue in cutaway harrow. I sold my red & white yearling Guernsey bull to Horton Pearson for \$70.

Newspaper clipping Wednesday, 4/28/1954

Miss Edith Jeffs Wed To Burton Barringer

Miss Edith Jeffs, daughter of Mr & Mrs Percy Jeffs of Samsonville, and Burton Barringer son of the late Elmer and Carrie Barringer of Palentown, were married at the Samsonville Church, Friday evening, April 23. The Rev. Lester L. Haws of the First Methodist Church of Yonkers, officiated at the double ring ceremony. The attendants were Mrs Lawrence Kunkle of Samsonville and Mrs Stanley Keator of Palentown. Lawrence Kunkle was best man.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Percy Jeffs. Miss Jeffs was attired in a Dior blue street length gown and pale pink accessories. She carried a bouquet of

pink roses and lily of the valley.

April 24, Saturday — 40 degrees 6 :30 AM 54 12 PM.  
Decidedly cooler, quiet & sunny – considerable  
cloudiness developed PM.

Busy with chores & odd jobs AM & spread load  
manure on plowed sod. This PM I plowed a strip above 3  
corner lot, where I sowed & seeded oats last June but got  
drowned out by growth of weeds, sparked by heavy  
manuring. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng – 12 present &  
had refreshments. This PM Irving Hesley moved on skids  
down over Bushkill hill the former John Jordan cider mill  
building to convert into a garage on his property by  
entrance to Bushkill cemetery.

April 25, Sunday — 54 degrees 8 AM Day light saving  
time starts. Still, mild, gray mostly cloudy weather with  
light forenoon showers – cleared late tonight.

Did daily chores, called to see Will Jordan who is in  
poor health. This PM did a big washing with our machine  
& put up new window curtains for Mother..

‘Cider Mill Corner Became A Memory’

Charley Dwyer moved the press & grinder for his use.  
John Jordan erected the mill in 1920 or 21 & operated it  
for a number of years. After his death in 1935 it was  
operated by his son-in-law Morton Roe, but has been  
unused several years. A primitive mill on the site operated  
by horse sweet grinding & wooden cylinders & press  
screws known as Andrew Eckert’s cider mill is in my  
early recollection.

April 26, Monday — 44 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM.  
Sunny this morning becoming overcast - calm - on the cool side. Light rains tonight.

Ollie helped me repair the pasture lot fence which was a 3 hour & tedious job. After a late dinner I took over load manure & spread on lower lot plowed strip, harrowed it over & cleaned up a wagon load sod clumps.

This evng I took Ollie to Dr Tocco in Stone Ridge & came back by way of Kripplebush and left 4 lbs butter at Lounsberry's. Received air mail letter & Easter card from Mariam.

April 27, Tuesday — 43 degrees 7 AM 44 12 PM.  
Rainy night and a dismal chill rainy day, with thunder shower early evng.

Made trip to Kingston on Grand Jury. John Marshall went with me. Did daily chores. Tired out and hit the couch soon after supper.

April 28, Wednesday — 42 degrees 7 AM 42 12 PM.  
Wet night and continued cold, foggy, rainy most of day. Chill cloudy damp tonight.

Busy with chores & odd jobs – cleaned out the kitchen stove & chimney. Drawed out manure. Ollie Burgher started work at Chalet Indien Hotel , Boiceville where she worked for the past 5 seasons for Chas Ginsbittel, now under new management of John Carr.

Tonight I went with Claude N. Beidler to Kingston and attended the conferring of The Order of The Temple on a class of 6. Wrote air mail card to Marriam.

April 29, Thursday — 36 degrees 6:30 AM 42 12 PM.  
Dense morning fog in some areas. Arrived sunny and was a magnificent sunny calm spring day – cool still evng.

John Marshall went with me to Kingston on Grand Jury which handed in at 11 AM a partial report to County Judge John M Cashin. The Grand Jury will be held impaneled until the October panel is drawn. We next report Wed, May 12. Coming home John & I visited Stone Ridge cemetery where his son Harry killed 3 years ago in an auto accident is buried.

April 30, Friday – 46 degrees 12 PM. Still another delightful practically cloudless sunny windy day from the south quarter. Still clear chilly tonight.

I got in practice with my new Savage power mower this AM & mowed some lawn after doing chores. Then took over load manure & spread on patch in lower lot & harrowed it over & cleaned off load of chick weed sod & stones. This PM I sowed it with Clinton oats & 50/50 mixture timothy & alfalfa & harrowed in. I also got a load of dead polewood & after supper & chores took it up to Ollie's and sawed it up alone, brat wood home & piled on porch. A long days work.

May 1, Saturday — 62 degrees 12 PmReal summer and somewhat humid. Considerable overcast but mostly sunny – clear warm evng.

Lilacs coming in bloom and apple trees blossoming & grass growing rank & green. I gave the new power lawn mower a good try out this AM & am well pleased with results. Should have had one years ago. During PM I disc

harrowed well the strip of plowed sod & garden. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng had refreshments. A comm appointed for the annual memorial service scheduled for Sun. June 6, Oscar Dudley, Alonzo Davis, Arthur Sampson & myself E.C. Davis. Chairman.

May 2, Sunday — 62 degrees 12 PM. Damp - chill - still - murky. Faired away PM & warmer.

Did chores – took a rest after dinner on couch. PM went to Herman Weidner’s for last batch of infertile eggs for the season. Ollie worked today at the Chalet.

May 3, Monday — 56 degrees 7:30 AM. Dense fog this morning settled in around 1 o’clock for a chill rainy day. Thunder showers evng & continued raining into the night.

Ollie Burgher & I went to Kingston – she started serving as a petit juror for May term supreme court, Justice Harry E. Shiriek presiding. I was tired out tonight & hit the couch early.

May 4, Tuesday — 54 degrees 7 aM 4:12 PM. Drenching night & continued raining this morning. A cold chilling storm which thoroughly soaked mother earth & flushed the streams noticeably The day was cloudy and cold with sun breaking thru latter PM, cleared evng and later clouded over.

I went up to Bert Winnie’s Garage this morning & had tail pipe & emergency brake band installed – cost of material \$7.00 plus \$3.50 for labor. This PM I got to pulling wild mustard & made a job of it.

May 5, Wednesday — 42 degrees 7:30 AM 32 12 PM. Sunny this AM becoming mostly cloudy PM. Very cool & northerly wind. Beautifully clear, cold, still tonight with brilliant growing crescent moon over the Wittenberg's.

Did daily chores, spread load manure on potato rows. Where now & then a sprout is peeping thru. Also cut & sawed a load of small dead polewood & brought home & piled it along end of barn. This evng Ollie & I went to Dr A. Tocco's office in Stone Ridge. My blood pressure is down to 100, ears ring miserably. He cleaned them out & gave me a supply of vitamin pills to take every 4 hours. I tire out so easily – Fee paid 3.00.

May 6, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 AM sunny this morning but clouded over glum and chilly – felt quite frosty this AM – wind light – cold night.

I've had a refresher smoke under the hams going 2 days. My days job was getting the old Ford saw rig back home & stored away. My head sure rings today especially right ear. It's a job for me to remember to take my vitamin pills. Ollie on jury duty since Monday, she got thru this AM till Monday & came up to Boiceville on bus & got in a day at the Chalet.

May 7, Friday — 27 degrees 6 AM. Real nippy this AM but I see no frost effects, clear, chill sunny till early PM when overcast developed with wind in south. Set in rainy gradually before dark and continued into the night.

Lilacs, shadblooms and apple trees are in luxuriant bloom. Had cows out in pasture. Power mowed lawns AM. This PM I finished spreading manure on early potato

rows. Where an occasional spud is coming up. Then I went over to Jesse Shurter's mill and got a walloping big load of fresh sawdust & unloaded under shed.

May 8, Saturday — Cold rainy night and continued a dreary downpour most all day, later intermittent showers.

Mother & I sprouted potatoes this AM. Busy with chores & odd jobs in barn. Tonight I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge in Olive Bridge. Had a turnout of 15 with refreshments. Excellent coffee, which has risen in price to a luxury. I wrote several cards PM.

May 9, Sunday — 40 degrees 12 PM. Intermittent showers in night and this morning. Started breaking away latter AM & sun came out. The reservoir is a reflecting mirror. More afternoon & evng intermittent rains & thunder showers with hail. Part cleared evng.

It surely has been a wet chill Mother's day. I bought her a fancy heart shaped cake at A& P store & Ollie gave her a box of pansies. I called to see Will Jordan late PM & while there it hailed till it bounced on the lawn.

May 10, Monday — Wet night and continued a cold rainy day & evng, at times a downpour. There is freshly coated snow on High Point and the Wittenberg's.

I finished & mailed a long letter to Mariam with enclosed birthday card for Jeanne. Did chores generally kept busy & did a long needed & delayed job cleaning off the junk cluttered anvil work bench in barn.

May 11, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 AM. Wittenberg's

wooly white. Cleared away in night, cool - partly cloudy - northerly wind but generally sunny for a welcome change. Afternoon mountain showers. The ground is spongy with water

Did chores - had the cows out in the pasture – busied with odd jobs. Packed 7 3/4 lb butter to send to Mrs Knorph. This PM I spread a big load manure on plowed ground also cleared a mess of litter out of old part of chicken house & spread that on ----. A good task done.

May 12, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 AM Cool partly cloudy – northerly winds – PM rain & snow squalls on Wittenberg’s.

I went with John Marshall for 10 AM re-convened Grand Jury session. Due to absence of Augustus Weeks I presided as foreman and named John Marshall as my assistant. We came back by way of Stone Ridge & I had Dr Tocco re-clean my wax stopped ears, greatly to my relief and increased hearing. He also gave me a new supply of vitamin in capsule. Fee \$3.00 paid. My blood pressure also showed improvement.

May 13, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 AM. Temperature n the cool side – northerly wind. Nice sunny weather - some clouds.

Mart Eckert helped me start repairs on my dump cart. Tonight I went to Kingston with Pop C. N. Beidler. Deputy Master Ancient City Council No 21 and saw the Select Masters Degree conferred on a class of 3 Royal masters.

I note our barn swallows have returned – also recollect

how my good Father used to say about their leaving “The swallows never let the September winds blow on them”

May 14, Friday — Warm & pleasant today – not much wind - some PM overcast developed, later cleared with beautiful bulging moon shining.

Mart Eckert and I worked on dump cart truck repairs which includes a new hitching pole tongue and ash balster.

May 15, Saturday — Real warm today - sunny - some overcast. Wind quiet, beautiful clear later moonlight night & pleasantly cool.

I went up to Gus Korittke’s shop in Watson Hollow AM & had bolts repaired for the cart truck & finished work on it PM. Spread load manure on plowed ground along cross path & cut first feeding of green grass for cows. Tonight I went with Jesse Shurter, Pop Beidler & Reggie Davis to Woodstock and attended Ulster Co Shrine Club dinner at Town House - opened today by former Chalet Indien proprietors Mr & Mrs Chas Ginsbittel, 30 Nobles served.

May 16, Sunday — 54 degrees 12 PM. A very lovely warm light breezy day, some high scattered clouds. Still - perfect warm, early moonlight night – moon at full.

I’m tired today. Did chores. Wrote cards to Mariam, Mrs Knorph & Cornelia & got a bale of newspapers ready to send to Mariam & Bob. After supper & chores I power mowed the yard.

May 17, Monday — 53 degrees 7 AM Considerable morning cloudiness. Fresh northerly winds developed and forecast of possible light showers failed to materialize . A cooler trend developed and the afternoon had but scattered clouds & bright sunshine. Magnificent full moon tonight in a all cleared sky.

I plowed Mr Kizirian's garden AM where I broke up tough old sod last fall. I had dinner with them and this PM after putting off a load of manure for Mr Kizirian I made a trip to Jesse Shurter's mill and got a walloping load of fresh whitewood sawdust, and unloaded it. Had a 10:30 PM getting chores finished. Edward Avery underwent a hernia operation today in Cuba N.Y. Hospital.

May 18, Tuesday — 48 degrees 11 PM. Bright sunny AM. Noticeably cooler, not much wind – mostly cloudy PM & evng.

I got out the mowing machine this morning and did quite a young haying for better getting around, cow drive, garden, plowed patch etc. Also disced well Kizirian's garden & got a load of grass for cows. Tonite I went with Pop Beidler, & Walter Lang to Kingston and witnessed the conferring of the First Degree at Kingston Lodge No 10 by a staff of Past Master Leslie S. Ryous (1932) acted as Master.

May 19, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 AM Cool – considerable cloudiness. PM showers went around both ways.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury. Came home by way of Stone Ridge & Kripplebush, stopped to see Dr Tocco

for check up. My ticker is ok & blood pressure up from 100 to 112, again changed pills to high potency – fee \$3.00 paid.. I got the steelman radio where repairs were made at Shwatts Radio shop on Broadway \$6.85. This is the radio Charley Ginsbittel let me take. Its 49 years today my Grandpa Crispell died at age of 76. He spent his life time at the old homestead on the reservoir property.

May 20, Thursday — Heavy dew last night - cool. Part cloudy this morning becoming overcast & gradually set in rainy PM.

Did daily chores - spread load manure on plowed patch AM. I kept the cows in stable today. This PM I cultivated the patch of potatoes, partly up enough to see the rows & was getting rained out. Yesterday I received a lovely blue nylon dress shirt & matching tie from Kay.

May 21, Friday — 50 degrees 10 PM. Wet night and a cold drenching rain today terminating PM in intermittent light showers. Dark damp chilly tonight.

Not much doing other than chores and some writing. Rec air letter from Mariam and enclosures, written for Mother's Day by Jeanne & Robert. I went to Boiceville 4 P.M. & met Ollie. She had the full week on jury duty in Kingston.

May 22, Saturday — Cloudy - cool - northerly wind with light showers along all day.

I did a variety of chores & odd jobs. Took a load of manure up to Mr Kizirizn's. Got load cut grass for cows.

Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonite 15 present – refreshments followed. Will Jordan 61 year veteran member was present. His health has not permitted him to attend lodge of late.

May 23, Sunday — 46 degrees 6:30 AM 44 12 PM.  
Mostly cloudy – northerly wind – cool. Passing showers, a clearing trend developed – still & chill tonite

Did chores – mowed a swath of hay along row of currant bushes. Rested some – Wrote a complimentary news copy for the Freeman.

I had my oldest Guernsey cow artificially bred this PM with Jersey serum. Fee \$6.00 paid.

May 24, Monday — 46 degrees 7 AM 46 12 PM. Partly cloudy - still - cool becoming overcast PM with drooping rain looking clouds. Partly overcast tonight.

Legionaries Joe Winkler, Jack Darling assisted by Claude N Beidler & myself made our annual visit replacing flags & re-guilding markers on soldiers dead lying in the Palentown, Krumville, old & new Tongore, Moe, Winchell, Coon's & Bushkill cemeteries.

May 25, Tuesday — 46 degrees Beautifully clear late in night with the old moon back to half. Became overcast this morning but the PM was sunny warm & northerly winds – cloudless, still, & cool tonight.

Had a busy day in variety. Spread big cart load manure on the plowed patch. It's now covered over. Racked up & got cut grass for cows. This PM I plowed & disc harrowed Mart Eckert's garden & had an after dark job

with chores. Lauren Boice called this evng. He is home again from veterans Hosp in Albany.

May 26, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 AM A truly magnificent cool sunny day with northerly wind – cloudless very chilly tonight.

I went to Kingston with John Marshall on Grand Jury duty. Mowed lawn after getting back. Did the daily routine of chores. This evening I took Ollie up to the Chalet Indien with hotel supplies purchased in Kingston.

May 27, Thursday — Clear and very cool this morning. Maneuvering jet planes at high altitude left their comet like vapor trails.. Winds were light southerly. Became overcast PM.

Other than daily chore routine I disced the unplanted garden & went criss cross over the plowed & harrowed strip of ground out along cross patch. This PM I spread a load manure in upper end of early potatoes and mowed and brought home a border strip of cow grass. Charley Ginsbittel of Woodstock called for some of his tools I kept for him. I am reminded that this is Daisy's birthday.

May 28, Friday — Overcast - murky AM faired away sunny all Pm becoming noticeably warmer & southerly wind – warm tonight.

Busy with the always present chores AM. PM I got a load of bedding leaves along back road & grass for the cows. Tonight I accompanied Mr & Mrs Swan Brewster to Kingston & I made my first visit to an Eastern Star meeting Kingston Chapter #447. The very impressive

degree work was conferred on Mrs Katheryn Ginsbittel and Mrs Zwbold. After meeting went around by Woodstock visited Town House.

May 29, Saturday — Very warm & humid & murky AM. Partly fair PM – breezy with occasional sprinkles. Thunder showery conditions general evng.

I took Ollie & Anna Eckert up to the Chalet Indien this morning. Did chores. Put the cows out in the pasture. Spread load manure on garden. This PM I mowed a load of grass around the house & yard at Morton Roe's. They are home now for awhile in Newburgh due to a strike in factory where she works and late PM I plowed our garden. Didn't get to lodge tonite. Mother is not feeling well & very sore & lame. Rec'd short letter from Mariam with picture of the children.

May 30, Sunday — 46 degrees 12 PM. Bright cooler sunny with fresh northerly wind. A truly all glorious crystal clear Memorial Day just on the pleasantly cool side – cloudless – wind calmed very cool evng.

We had no callers today. Mother is very sore & lame but hobbles around & gets the meals. I too am sore & stiff from hand mowing. I wrote to Mariam evng on front porch till it became too chilly for comfort.

May 31, Monday — 46 degrees 6:30 AM. Another almost perfect day. Very cool early AM but became quite hot – cooled pleasantly evng. Some high thin clouds – easy breeze – cloudless still tonight.

I treated 100 lb bag of certified Kathadin seed potatoes

– cost 2.79 AM. PM I cut them for planting, spread load manure on patch & went over both ways with spring tooth harrow also harrowed garden its lumpy. Legion parade PM at Olive Bridge led by Onteora school band. Memorial service in M.E. Church.

June 1, Tuesday — Hot humid – part cloudy yet mostly sunny. Thunder showery around noontime. We got a squirt from High Point, strong south westerly wind PM.

I machine mowed & cleaned up a load of grass for cow fodder, a tedious hot job. Also disced garden both ways & the patch cut along path – now mellow & ready for planting. Mother hobbles around but does her work & churning.

June 2, Wednesday — Rained some in the night & this morning – continued warm & muggy. Mostly cloudy – westerly wind broke away evng.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Ollie had the day off from the Chalet Indien & went along with me. Bought a geranium plant and took it to Mt Tremper cemetery & set it out in front of Mr Longyear's monument. After getting home Ollie helped me mark out and plant the 100 lb of Kathadin seed potatoes in lower part of patch next to woods. I put a small handful of 6-12-6 fertilizer in bottom of hill. Cellar excavation made today by a bulldozer for new house near S.W. corner former Dwyer lot.

June 3, Thursday — Mostly cloudy AM and mostly sunny PM becoming overcast then fairing away. Temperature on

the cool side but warm when sunny. Wind light –b right new moon evng.

I spread a load manure & cut and got in another strip of grass behind barn. Plowed Mother's flower beds and got them ready. Rec'd a letter from Dick. They plan on taking a 10 day trip to Florida next week. I caught my foot in the lines as I was getting out of wagon box & fell striking back of my old nut in the road gravel up by Ollie's mail box. I sure got a good jam. Work commenced on foundation work for new house by recently driven artesian well.

June 4, Friday — Rained in night and early AM. Part cloudy – very warm sunshine. Passing afternoon showers. Growing crescent moon amid the cloudy evng.

I went to Kingston alone on Grand Jury duty. This is foreman Augustus Weeks 70 th birthday & now living in Woodstock was born & reared in Shokan. He is pres of the Olive Co-op Fire Ins Assn. I came back by way of Woodstock and called on Mr & Mrs Chas Ginsbittel at Town House.

June 5, Saturday — Mostly cloudy cool & windy especially PM & evng. Partly clear tonight with brilliant growing crescent moon over South mountain. Real chilly tonight.

I planted 18 rows of Golden cross bantam sweet corn AM with 3 beans to a hill. This PM I spread load manure on cut grass stubble and did a good job setting out plants in garden – 52 Vigilant tomato, dozen peppers & 15 cabbage. Set plants in rotted hog manure. Attended

I.O.O.F. Lodge evng 15 present. Had refreshments. Albert Bell who had a stroke Monday while getting breakfast died this noon at Benedictine Hospital

June 6, Sunday — Very cool and had rained a little this morning. Looked like snow squalls on Wittenberg's. The day continued cool brisk northerly winds and mostly cloudy with periods of bright sunshine. Very cool tonight – windy & sky clearing.

Other than doing necessary chores I relaxed today. Had no callers. This evng Mrs Kizirian and I attended the Odd Fellows annual memorial service at the Olive Bridge M.E. Church. Olive Rebekah Lodge #470 took a very impressive roll in the program. Address by Rev. - - - - .Prayer etc by the new pastor – church filled. I was master of ceremony.

June 7, Monday — Continued cool with brisk northerly wind – quieted at evng. Crystal clear atmosphere – high cloudiness yet with plenty bright sunshine. Cloudless brilliant stars & half moon.

I machine mowed grass for cows & got big cart load after drawing out manure. This PM I got a whopping high wagon load of mostly fluffy whitewood sawdust at Jesse Shurter's mill & cultivated Ollie's patch of thrifty spuds.

June 8, Tuesday — Brilliant sunny day with some high cloudiness. Real warm and drying atmosphere with wind northerly. Cloudless evng with brilliant swelling half moon.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury. A partial report was

handed in to County Judge John M. Cashin. I came back by way of Woodstock & attended Albert Bell's funeral 2:00 o'clock at Lasher's Parlors. Sermon by Rev. Ranney I. Todd. Bearers old D.W.S. employees – Wm Shultis, Granville Bush, Elson Oakley. Interment in Bushkill Cemetery. I was entertained after service at Charley Ginsbittel's along with Joe Steinlauf.

June 9, Wednesday — Sunny AM but mostly overcast & humid PM & very warm.

I planted bush lima beans 4 rows & 1 row each of beets & carrots in garden AM. This PM I machine mowed Mr Kizirizn's yards & a strip along entrance driveway. Drewed out manure & cleaned up a big cart load of well cured hay below garden rock. I'm plenty tired tonight.

June 10, Thursday — Mostly hazy overcast AM – sunny PM. Warm & humid with brisk southerly wind. General thunder shower continues developed latter PM. Brilliant shower late evng but not much rain here.

I had a busy day got in 3 wheelbarrow loads of grass for cows – along with chores & odd jobs also hoed & weeded Ollie's thrifty patch of potatoes PM. Larger plants are showing bud. The rows were remarkably clean of grass & weeds. I found no sign of a potato bugs or eggs. This evng I went to Kingston with Claude N. Beidler. He was elected & installed Master of Ancient City Council # 21 R&SM. Frank W. Davis retired as active secy after 30 years faithful service. Went up to Bert Winnie's this AM & had tire changed & neck yoke repaired \$1.50 paid.

June 11, Friday — Thick fog & murk this morning —  
faired away part cloudy & hot. Glorious cool still  
moonlight night with thin haze.

The Jos Celio, Kingston contractor completed cement  
block celler foundation for the new house.

I went up to Bushkill Cemetery this AM & set out flowers  
on Mr & Mrs Wm Burgher's graves & mowed off the plot  
& several others about. Mowed north end of garden patch  
of alfalfa. Put cart load chicken manure on planted sweet  
corn hills. Got in 2 cart loads cured grass for fodder. This  
evng I had a pass & took Mrs Kizirian to Phoenicia  
movies. The Flesh & The Flame was filmed in Naples.

June 12, Saturday — Hot humid weather — sunny with  
hazy atmosphere. Warm moonlight evng — wind light  
today — became overcast late, breezy & lightning to west.

Kenneth Wheeler — husky & nearly 14 and familiar  
with farm work helped me today — put up twine on  
planted sweet corn patch to scare off the crows. Unloaded  
the sawdust I drewed last Monday — changed from wagon  
box to hay rigging, got in the garden patch alfalfa —  
helped with the cows etc. During PM I mowed a good  
chunk of hay behind barn. This evng I attended I.O.O.F.  
Lodge 17 present — voted for Grand Lodge officers.  
Refreshments served. Beauty cow artificially bred (  
Brown Swiss) 6.00 paid.

June 13, Sunday — 2 AM drenching thunder shower —  
much needed for gardens & field plantings. Very warm &  
humid — light northerly wind — sunny some clouds &  
haze.

I tedded over the cut hay PM. Did chores & rested some. Mothers corns& bunions bothers her a lot. Wrote front porch card to Mariam after supper. Reservoir running over, scenery beautiful & refreshed.

June 14, Monday —Very warm & humid somewhat unsettled but generally sunny with wind from north

This AM I put in 2 rows of onion sets & set 26 bean poles & made cucumber hills in garden. Worked at the cut hay, tedded & raked it. Also mowed another strip behind barn latter PM It made the horses sweat. Kenneth Wheeler came after school & gave me a hand. I went with Mr & Mrs Kizirian to Phoenicia movies – very educational & interesting film about the Cerosta Fla, high schools – Biggest Little Show On Earth..

June 15, Tuesday— Murky & humid – was very dark this AM & rained a little – sun failed to break thru and had a brief shower PM.

I turned the cut hay but was too wet to get in barn and with Ken Wheeler's help cocked it up – sharpened mowing machine knives & repaired hay rake – besides the daily round of chores. I mowed lawn early evng. The grass had gotten a thick start again.

June 16, Wednesday — Rainy in night and this morning another murky gloomy still day & evng – cooler than yesterday.

Haying at a stand still. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Ollie had the day off and went along to shop.

June 17, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 AM. Bunker Hill Day 1775. What is so rare as a magnificent June day. Real cool and heavy dew this AM. Glorious sunny dry atmosphere some high streaky overcast developed PM — not much wind.

Maneuvering jet planes streaked their plummy trails in the sky. An unknown phenomenon of only a dozen years ago. I worked at getting the cocked hay dried out & tedded, Tuesday cutting. Kenneth Wheeler helped get in 2 small loads latter PM & spread big load manure a busy day. This evng Pop Beidler & I attended Masonic service at Lasher's Woodstock for Bro. Geo. S. Goass of Lincoln Lodge #748 F&AM in N.Y.C.

June 18, Friday — Even more majestic than yesterday — cloudless, brilliant sunshine & but gentle wind. Real chilly this wonderful still cloudless evng.

Tedded & raked the cut hay — cleaned up yesterday's rakings. Started mowing up at Ollie's PM. Ken Wheeler helped this afternoon. I rec'd 2 very pleasing Father's Day cards from Mariam, Bob & Gaye, Jeannie & Robert.

June 19, Saturday — Continued heavenly perfect weather. Practically cloudless light wind. Hay drying atmosphere — clear cool tonight.

I cut part of the hay at Ollie Burgher's above the road AM. This PM Kenneth Wheeler helped me clean up the cured load behind barn & drew out manure. This evng I took Mrs Kizirian & nephew Haig Meshijian to Phoenicia & saw the movie concerning the grasp for executive power & money in Executive Suite with an all star cast.

Jim Harrison cut the neighbor Bishop's hay.

June 20, Sunday — 66 degrees 12 PM. Hot drying sunny day. Breezy PM & evng not so brilliant as yesterday some clouds. Clear & very warm tonight.

I celebrated Father's Day by getting a well cured load of hay up at Ollie Burgher's. The jet plane maneuvering of past several days was quiet today. Yesterday 1 PM a loud jarring aerial blast was caused by a super speeder breaking the sound barrier or speeding faster than sound. No visitors today. Wrote evng front porch cards to Mariam & Cornelia. Mother milked a cow tonite first in some time.

Lois K Gray & Geo Kortright married 2 PM in Olive Bridge M.E.Church by Rev. Harlen Kishpaugh.

Newspaper clipping 1954

Lois K. Gray, Russell Kortright Nuptials Are Held

Miss Lois Katheryn Gray daughter of Mr & Mrs Cecil Gray, of Olive Bridge, became the bride of Russell Kortright, son of Mr & Mrs George Kortright of Kerhonkson, Sunday, June 20, at 2 p.m. at the Olive Bridge Methodist Church. The Rev. Harlen Kishpaugh performed the double ring ceremony.

Albert Fox played traditional wedding music on the organ. Richard Baker soloist, sang Oh Promise Me and O, Perfect Love. The church was decorated with white gladioli and stock, and the pews were marked with white satin bows and sprigs of flowers.

The bride a graduate of the class of 1954 of State University Teachers College, at New Paltz will teach in

Ellenville Central School. The bridegroom, a graduate of Kerhonkson High School, served in the army for two years, and is now self employed.

June 21, Monday — 84 degrees 11 PM. Hottest and longest day of the year. Partly cloudy, breezy – thunder showery to north.

Drawed out manure and worked at Ollie's cutting and tedding hay – drying conditions favorable. Kenneth Wheeler helped me some & sprayed the blossoming potatoes. Put off the load of hay late PM. Very warm tonight.

June 22, Tuesday –Part cloudy very hot but a good stiff southerly breeze helped somewhat. Thunder showery around to north PM & evng.

We had sharp thunder & lightening but worked at Ollie's hay – not much rain. Kenneth Wheeler is excellent help. We made a clean up job this PM. drawed 2 loads . Have the little to cut yet and some raked up grass from her patches near the spring.

News paper clipping June 20, 1954

Miss Patricia Joyce, Daniel Purfield United In Marriage

Miss Patricia Helen Joyce daughter of Mr & Mrs Paul Joyce of Ashokan, became the bride of Daniel Eugene Purfield of West Shokan, son of Mrs John Egan of Agana , Guam, Sunday afternoon at St John's Church West Hurley. The Rev. James DePree of this church officiated at the double ring ceremony.

John Molloy of West Shokan, brother-in-law of the

bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were Lawrence Ennist of Phoenicia, and Charles Weidner of West Shokan.

Following a reception held at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left on a trip to Albany. For traveling the bride wore a beige print dress with white accessories. On their return, they will make their home in West Shokan.

June 23, Wednesday — We had some rain last night and this morning. Muggy and murky this morning but partly cleared PM with northerly wind & somewhat cooler.

I went to Kingston with my car on Grand Jury duty – only 2 incomplete cases presented. Ollie Burgher had the day off at Chalet Indien & went along shopping. Got back early PM & after a good dinner got the mower going & cut the chicken yard & finished mowing remaining hay behind barn lot.

June 24, Thursday — 64 degrees 11 PM. Pleasantly cool brisk northerly wind – quieted at evng. Part cloudy AM – clear PM brilliant weather became partly overcast evng.

I put in a big haying day. Mowed the big chunk from the garden to the stone wall below also part of woods corner. Tedded it over also raked yesterdays cutting. Drewed out manure. Kenneth Wheeler came up late & helped me with chores & marked out unplanted west end of patch along cross path. Sent Cornelia birthday card with \$2.00 bill. Rec'd letter Dick.

June 25, Friday 66 degrees 6:30 AM Cloudy and sultry

this morn but before noon cleared away with northerly breeze & was an excellent hay curing day. Quieted again evening.

Kenneth Wheeler & I put in a long day curing, tedding, raking & got in 3 loads of well cured hay. Back of barn lot all cleaned up.

June 26, Saturday — Mostly cloudy, warm, & humid – threatening uncertain weather.

Kenneth Wheeler & I worked hard with the hay & cleaned it up 2 well cured loads. I took Kenneth to a Cub Scout picnic supper in the Boiceville picnic grove – now Greenburg's Park. Had a flat tire coming down on the highway & made hurried change & had flat fixed at Bert Winnie's Garage (.75) Then went to Phoenicia movies "The Command"

June 27, Sunday — The rain miss fired except for a squirt in night Change to cooler & low humidity very strong nor westerly wind – brilliant atmosphere & sunny AM became overcast with dark threatening clouds PM & passing squalls turned real cold.

Cornelia's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday & 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mangling of my right hand in high speed gear of steam roller at Brown Station.

With indications favorable I mowed the remainder of our big side hill field from cross path down to wall.

June 28, Monday — Mostly cloudy, glum brisk northerly wind & frequent rain squalls. Heavier showers passed over the east side, our west side merely got sprinkles.

I tedded over the hay which dried considerably despite the squirts. Drawed out manure & I also gave my sweet corn and potatoes a much needed first cultivating.

June 29, Tuesday — Continued cool – faired away during the morning with drying northerly wind & sunshine. Thicked over again PM & wind settled followed by a 6 o'clock general shower so badly needed.

Kenneth Wheeler & I worked at the hay – raked it & this PM got in 3 well cured loads but the shower dampened part of the last load while hurriedly getting it. Part of a load is left under the hill.

June 30, Wednesday — Murky gloomy this AM with partial eclipse of the obscured sun. The day was warm, still & humid –part clearing then becoming overcast.

I went to Kingston alone on Grand Jury duty. Getting home mid PM. I opened up the hay under the hill & raked over the upper side – also drawed out manure and gave the weedy sweet corn & potatoes a much needed first cultivating.

July 1, Thursday — Rainy this morning in a grand downpour. Murky – unsettled with a clearing trend evng – warm & humid.

Drawed out manure – did chores & odd jobs in variety and late PM made last planting of golden cross bantam sweet corn with beans in hills & also planted acorn & butternut squash & sugar pumpkin. This evng I attended Republican caucus in Town garage. Atty Edgar Timmerman, Oscar Dudley & Pauline Loertz were Dist 2

delegates to County Republican convention June 10.  
Hectic monthly Town Board meeting also held.

July 2, Friday — Change to fair weather with northerly wind & moderate temperature. Generally sunny – still starlight evng & pleasantly cool.

Kenneth Wheeler helped with a variety of jobs. Weeded potatoes planted in first patch sweet corn. Planted 4 rows beans above road up at Ollie Burgher's and made final shovel plow cultivating of vigorous vined early potatoes. No signs of potato bugs. We also dried out & got a load of rakings & rain damaged hay under the hill. This evng I took Kenneth & Mrs Kizirian to Phoenicia & saw Canada to Mexico border auto race picture "Johnny Dark"

July 3, Saturday — Murky and misty shower this morning – a clearing trend developed PM. Starlight – still & cool tonight.

Did usual chores etc. PM I tedded & raked the woods corner hay & cleaned the side hill rakings & drewed out manure. This PM Mrs Longyear & Jeanne came by bus from Brooklyn.

I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Dist. Deputy Paul W. Rowe & Staff of Bearsville Lodge #533 installed officers Jr. P.G – Wm Lortz.-- N.G. Arthur Sampson – VG Alex Adami – Treas Walter Lang – Warden Regianld Davis – Conductor Abram Smith – R.S.N.G. Alonzo Davis –L.S.N/G. Oscar Dudley – R.S.S. John Bush – L.S.S. Jas McGlocklin – R.S.V.G. Jack Darling – L.S.V.G. Wm Jordan. Inside Guardian Chas Gustavson – Outside

Guardian – Wm Stevens – Chaplain Elwyn Davis.  
Refreshments followed-- attendance 25.

July 4, Sunday — We had a light but refreshing rain this morning – cloudiness continued till early PM. Cleared beautifully – cool with gentle southerly wind. Starlight – still & refreshingly cool tonight. A burnished growing crescent moon settled over south mountain.

This morning I took Mrs Longyear & Jeanne to Phoenicia stopping at Hudler's Cemetery where Mrs Longyear set out potted plants by Pop Longyear's monument. This PM Ken Wheeler helped me get the woods corner hay dried out & load in the barn. I had beauty cow artificially bred second time – no fee. My Beauty cow I let Jim Harrison have to keep last winter was home in the stable this AM.

July 5, Monday — Generally sunny forenoon – overcast thunder showery PM. We got only sprinkles. Heavy shower in Phoenicia.

I mowed a strip of - - - timothy and alfalfa hay adjacent driveway to the old Hinkley house. Mrs Longyear & Jeanne left for their return trip to N.Y.C. on the 10:20 AM bus at Lester S. Davis store. This PM I put off the load of hay & got in 3 corner rakings & drew out manure.

July 6, Tuesday — partly cloudy light wind northerly – pleasantly cool – pretty fair hay drying weather..

This PM I mowed another strip of heavy hay adjoining that cut yesterday. Tedded it all thoroughly &

drawed out manure – another busy day.

This is my Dear Mother's 86 birthday which she observed doing her usual round of house & garden work & milking her "Beauty cow" Early evng Ed Avery, Jennie Kerr & Katheryn Terwilliger called & we all had a pleasant chat on our scenic front porch. Mother rec'd a batch of birthday cards & letters & a lovely all frosted black chocolate cake from Mrs Bert Wheeler.

Kingston - Ulster Press, July 6, 1954

Joyce Barringer Wed To James Quick

Miss Joyce W. Barringer was married to James J. Quick in a double ring ceremony at the Samsonville Methodist Church on, Sunday , July 4, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. H.P. Kishpaugh officiated.

Mrs Vera Sickler of Shokan was organist. Mrs Genevieve McLean sang "O Promise Me"  
A reception was given at the Samsonville Community Hall.

After the wedding trip to the New England States the couple will live in Samsonville.

The bride, daughter of Mr & Mrs Otis Barringer, Samsonville is employed by the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Kingston. The bridegroom is the son of Mr & Mrs Chester Quick of Leibhardt, he is employed by Schwab's of Ellenville.

July 7, Wednesday — Unsettled murky August like weather – some sunshine early PM – occasional sprinkles – wind southerly.

I went to Kingston alone on Grand Jury duty. Latter

PM Mart Eckert & 10 year old hustling Johnny Wheeler helped me get a sprinkled dampened load of hay.

July 8, Thursday — Excellent hay drying weather – cool & northerly wind – some cloudiness – brilliant atmosphere.

Spread the load of hay back of chicken house to dry out. This PM got 2 loads & cleaned up rakings of the well cured hay which I raked up this AM. Johnny Wheeler helped me good – after supper Kenneth Wheeler gave me a hand & put off last load of hay & re-loaded the load out to dry. A long busy day.

July 9, Friday — Partly cloudy - wind light - clouds looked heavy PM. Glorious clear bulging half moon tonight - still & very cool.

Johnny Wheeler helped today – put off the load of hay – cleaned up rakings and this PM we got in the small load of oats which I cut green yesterday AM. Late PM I put up twine over the sweet corn, which crows were starting to pull after I first went the patch with Molly & cultivated. Mother rec'd birthday card & letter from Mariam & each one of family.

July 10, Saturday — Very cool this morning. There was variable cloudiness during the day, little wind. Cleared gorgeously moonlight evng – still & again very unseasonably cool.

Weather conditions are very dry. I mowed lower part of the heavy lodged timothy and alfalfa on 3 corner lot & along bordering brush lot also teded the cutting. Latter

PM attended at West Shokan schoolhouse Olive Library Assn picnic & showing of paintings by local artists. I went with work clothes & mowing machine & horses. Tonite I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge new officers in chairs – 13 present.

July 11, Sunday — Very cool again this morning – northerly wind – a truly delightful brilliant day – some cloudiness. Magnificent moonlight evng & pleasantly warmer.

A most excellent hay curing day. Kenneth & Johnny Wheeler helped me get 2 large well cured loads of hay from 3 corner lot.

July 12, Monday — Another nice drying day with variable cloudiness – warmer a little wind. Pleasant moonlight night.

Johnny Wheeler (10) helped today. Put off the big load of hay AM. PM finished mowing lodged upper corner of 3 corner hay – cut the strip above and around the L to the Bishop line also mowed patch of oats & got big load bone dry hay.

July 13, Tuesday — Hot – windy – part cloudy – glorious clear brilliant moonlight warm evng - still. Truly a mid summer nights dream.

Mother & I put off the load of hay AM. This afternoon Kenneth Wheeler helped me get the 4<sup>th</sup> & tinder dry load of hay from 3 corner lot. After supper & milking I went over and got a good sized load alone of yesterdays cutting. 10 PM when I finished.

July 14, Wednesday — An extremely hot sunny drying day, windy but with low humidity. Thunder showery evng all a round but not much rain.

Johnny Wheeler helped me today after morning chores we put up the load of hay, then went over and got a small dry load & the green cured oats on top. Unloaded after dinner & then went back & I mowed another chunk of lodged growth & cleaned up the left over rakings in a small brittle dry load.. Also spread load manure behind barn. Another after dark doing chores.

July 15, Thursday — Clearing this morning gradually. A refreshing change to much cooler developed with northerly wind. Magnificently clear evng with brilliant early rising deep south full moon impartial eclipse. Wind of hurricane force last evng raised havoc in Ellenville & vicinity & down thru southern Ulster.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. We made another partial report to County Judge John M. Cashin. After getting home I raked & got a load of hay alone after supper & chores. Rec'd lovely letter from Gaye thanking for birthday card.

July 16, Friday — 54 degrees 10 PM. Real cool part to mostly cloudy – northerly wind. Another magnificent moonlight night & very cool . Savoring of early autumn.

Johnny Wheeler helped me today. Put off the load of hay AM. This PM we got another load of the coarse hay & rakings above 3 corner lot & I mowed the remaining large portion of orchard lot. Tonite I took Mrs Kirizian to Phoenicia movies. The picture in color “Elephant Walk”

Newspaper clipping

July 16, 1934

The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$20,000 for repairs to the court house.

Albert Whispell died at his Gage st home.

A Grand Jurors Association of Ulster county was formed at a court house meeting with Robert Flemming of Kingston as its first president.

The late Henry Winchell & myself E.C. Davis were present & became charter members.

July 17, Saturday — Continued unusually cool brilliant weather but very very dry. Some PM cloudiness – looked showery to north late PM. Cleared beautifully again evng – day wind light northerly.

I raked the orchard lot hay PM. Mother & I got a big load together and after supper I went over & got a load alone. Hay well cured without tedding. This morning after chores I cultivated in the garden with Molly – ready to set out cabbage plants along lower side but ground is very dry.

July 18, Sunday — Unsettled – sunny this morning but became overcast with a few sprinkles of rain PM. Lovely mellow moonlight evng.

Mother & I put off the hay this morning. Kenneth Wheeler helped me get another big load from orchard lot & unloaded it & drew out big load manure. I then went back cleaned up a jag of rakings. The field is a clean looking job.

July 19, Monday — 102 degrees 5 PM. Sun temp. Passing thunder shower in night but little rain. Showers followed up and down the Hudson river during night & a barn was struck & burned over the river.

Today developed hot & partly cloudy & still. It was foggy this morning for the first in a long time. I took the day working thru sweet corn & potatoes and got them hilled up & weeds pulled a hot tiresome job.

July 14 – Daniel Crispell 91 of Richmond VA ( Westover Hills) died at his home 4611 Pylvan Road. He was a half brother of Uncle Jake Crispell who died at Shokan, April 1933, aged 91. Both were sons of Abram Crispell “ Old Boomechy” born on the homestead in West Shokan.

July 20, Tuesday— Continued fair and extremely dry weather some cloudiness. Lovely starlight evng & declining moon.

Trees are turning brown & leaves withering & falling on shallow soils. The Jacky Brook up the road is bone dry. The early planted potatoes on shale ground are turning yellow & withering. The east & west basins of reservoir are within a few feet of high levels & a good stream flows from the Esopus. Today I cut the chunk of hay on upper side of clump of trees. The dead brown heavy growth behind old barn & mowed out the pasture cross road to the forbading Bishop line. And Mother & I got a small load out first.

July 21, Wednesday — Hot – part cloudy – wind

northerly – starlight cool evng.

We had an early morning past 3 o'clock thunder shower with a magnificent refreshing rain for an hour or more. Temporary relief for the drought which has become serious. The rain was general over the area. This AM Mother & I set out over 50 cabbage plants in garden. I made a hot trip to Kingston & Ulster Park & bought a pair of thrifty white pigs of Howard Markle \$25.00 paid. Put them in Ollie's pen & each pay half.

July 22, Thursday – Pleasant bright day – northerly wind – part cloudy – a day of sunshine & shadows. Beautifully cool clear evng.

I was busy with chores & drawing out manure AM. This PM I mowed Ollie's "Little Meadow" hay heavier than usual due to spring wet weather. I also mowed some hay for Kenneth Wheeler by Hendriken's & Shimers'. This evng I wrote birthday card & letter to Mariam. Wed. evng I attended Republican Rally at Olive Bridge I.O.O.F. hall – an informal get together and sponsored by the Olive Republican club. C.J. Heiselman speaker & atty Timmerman chairman – about 50 present & refreshments served.

Newspaper clipping

Edward Adsit and Fred Brooks are making a good job of repainting the Olive & Hurley O.S. Baptist meeting house. This is the first time the 97 year old house of worship has received a coat of paint in many years.

July 23, Friday — Continued partly cloudy cool and

northerly wind. Beautifully clear & warmer evng. – brilliant weather.

I raked the hay behind old barn AM & this afternoon cleaned up a nice load of cow hay in Ollie's "Little Meadow". This evng Mrs Kizirian, Kenneth Wheeler & I went to Phoenicia to early show & saw Danny Kaye in "Knock On Wood" the place was packed – many children present.

July 24, Saturday — Partly cloudy – cool – northerly wind. Thunder showery all around PM but our locality only had occasional sprinkles. Part cloudy – pleasantly cool tonight.

Kenneth Wheeler helped me clean up a load of hay behind old barn which finished my haying. Still have some sythe trimming. Drawed out manure & I mowed the hay on Bishop's corner by his "factory" for Kenneth. Edna Bishop gave him the hay. Last time I cut it was 1940 "before the leopards showed their spots outwardly" I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng. Today is Bob and Mariam's seventeenth wedding anniversary.

July 25, Sunday — Part cloudy – wind northerly brilliant cool day. Thunder shower back of High Point at eventide. Later we had brief showers.

Haying done – I relaxed – did daily chores etc. Wrote Mariam air mail card evng.

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1904, Fifty years ago today, Will Jones, Pa & I went huckleberrying up in the Canape – familiar scenes of their boyhood. We found plenty of berries ( but not like

the super duper picking in 1912 – when I went twice)  
After days of preparation we took off with my grandfather Crispell's jingling high 2 seated spring wagon behind his former colt's Barney & Dan. We left the team at the old Watson Tannery barn. Drank icy cold water at the old Jones spring.

Correction the actual date was July 30<sup>th</sup> 1904.

July 26, Monday — 60 degrees 7 AM. Pleasantly cool – partly cloudy more humid PM with thunder showers off around to north.

Did daily chores. This PM I helped Kenneth Wheeler get his load of hay for his goat. It was warm & I felt lazy. This evng much to my surprise Mother went with Mr & Mrs Kizirian to the early showing at Phoenicia of Ceil De Mille's – Greatest Show On Earth – Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey circus. I took Ollie to the late show picked her up at Chalet Indien Hotel. I saw the picture two years ago & enjoyed it even more this time. It is the first movie Mother has attended when she & Aunt Cornelia Bishop went to the old Bijou Theater in Kingston over 40 years ago.

July 27, Tuesday — The night and morning pleasantly cold but it was a sunny breezy hot drying day. A distant thunder shower rumbled early PM.

I feel lippy after the long hard haying & other than doing daily chores just relaxed. Latter PM I took up the crow twine and hoed the late patch of sweet corn, a foot or so high. The beans & squash vines in hills look promising.

July 28, Wednesday — Cloudy this morning – cool had a sprinkle of rain – became warm & humid and continued mostly cloudy with a refreshing latter PM thunder shower but brief.

Did daily chores – drew out manure and got a cart load of dry sawdust from the old back woods heap. This is Mariam's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. It just don't seem possible.

July 29, Thursday — Rather sunny – lowry - warm & humid weather. Became thunder showery PM after occasional sprinkles, our west side got a nice refreshing but brief shower from High Point. Heavier and longer rain over the east side. Kingston area had a deluge.

I'm feeling hazy today like the weather. This AM trimmed out along the damp cool woods corner. Relaxed awhile PM & then mowed along orchard lot hedgerow. Cornelia & Dick & friends Mr & Mrs Wolliber drove in during shower.

July 30, Friday — Hot and sunny some clouds – Forecasted late PM showers failed to develop – wind light northerly. Cloudless – still evng – Typically mid summer.

Cornelia, Dick & friends left for Rome around 11 o'clock. This PM after a couple hours resting I continued hedgerow trimming. Pretty hot for such work. 50 years ago today Will Jones, Pa & I went after huckleberries up in the Canape.

July 31, Saturday — An extremely drying hot breezy day. The searing wind was as hot or hotter than I can recollect in PM. Thunder showery condition developed early evng.

A brief shower passed around over the upper end of reservoir. We later had just light rain.

Drawed out manure before dinner. Jim Harrison gave me his newly cut but dried up hay in lot by his barn. I raked it PM and after chores got it alone – a pretty good load. At 5:30 I attended the Baptist annual supper & sale, sponsored by the Ladies Aid. A good generous meal – Virginia baked ham & trimmings.

August 1, Sunday — Sunny not so hot & northerly wind. Pleasantly cooler evng & quieted & cloudless.

I relaxed today – took a rest on the cot PM. Did daily chores. Wrote Bob Longyear a birthday card & letter to all the family. Birthday August 6 I'm told.

August 2, Monday — Part overcast, lowry like. Light wind northerly – moderate temperature. Beautifully clear quiet evng – cool – growing new moon settled at dusk behind south mtn.

Did usual chores. Drawed out manure. This PM I got a big cart load of old sawdust from back woods pile also shovel cultivated thrifty looking late sweet corn despite the drought.

August 3, Tuesday — Arrived raining & cool this morning. It rained quite steady most of the day. It came right down this PM – just wonderful.

I did usual chores – wrote a West Shokan copy for Kingston Ulster Press this AM. Rec'd a letter from Mariam saying that Bob's illness has now been diagnosed by the lab in Mexico City as Para Typhoid.

August 4, Wednesday — Part cloudy breezy pleasant day. Beautiful clear cool still evng with burnished growing crescent moon.

Did daily chores. Sent an air mail reply card to Mariam. All nature is showing recuperation from yesterdays rain. “The Tress of the Fields Shall Clap Their Hands Sayeth the Good Book”.

I weeded out the woodchucked late beans at Ollie’s AM. PM I finished my after haying brush row trimming. I did a through job with sythe and long handled clippers.

August 5, Thursday — Bright warm breezy day – part cloudy. Scattered distant PM showers. Clear cool quieted evng moon nearly half.

Spread load manure behind barn – cultivated thru late bean patch & went with narrow cultivator thru early potato patch to knock out prickery weeds. Then got cart load of old sawdust for cow stable. I felt tired out all day.

August 6, Friday — Brisk northerly wind – part cloudy – real cool – brilliant atmosphere. Still beautifully clear evng with half moon (correction) Part cloudy.

I just didn’t feel like working today & did little but chores. Went up to Gus Korittke’s evng to have handles straightened on my power lawn mower.

Emilie Dionne of Callander one of the world famous 20 year old all girls quadtripulents died suddenly 10:30 AM of a third epileptic stroke and chest congestion in an old people Catholic hospital in Quebec.

August 7, Saturday — Pleasant bright sunny day with

northerly wind and quiet cool cloudless evng with bulging half moon.

Aside from chores my days task included spreading load manure and getting 2 cart loads of old sawdust. Olive Fire Dept annual bazaar held last night & tonite at Olive Bridge.

August 8, Monday — Murky threatening still muggy – several attempts to rain petered out.

Did chores — drew out load manure up to Wm Davis' for his garden. This PM I got a cart load of old sawdust.

August 9, Tuesday — Part cloudy rather warm & humid –Pleasant cool starlight evng.

I did chores, didn't have an urge to look for jobs.

Newspaper clipping

Hoover's appearance on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, deeply surprised people who had not seen him in some years. He was full of vigor. He marched through a warm sun, delivered a lengthy speech without a falter, rode dusty miles to dedicate schools in Iowa City and West Branch and was still in a joking mood at the end of a long day.

Moreover, the force with which he attacked the actions of the Democrats, and the applause he evoked, showed that he is still capable of taking part in a political affray.

August 10, Wednesday — Continued fair pleasantly cool with northerly wind, cloudiness developed latter PM with

general thunder showers and our west side got a grand half hour rain.

Did daily chores. This PM I pulled myself together and starting painting south side of chicken house. Opened 5 gal can of G.L.F. Super barn red paint.

Mrs Kizirian and I went to the early show at Phoenicia and greatly enjoyed 3 pictures the feature — The Gambler From Natchez — Pre civil war Mississippi river.

August 11 Thursday – Transition from summer to autumn weather. Real cool mid day with intermittent blustery showers with some light thunder. Our west side got 2 nice rains, the one at noontime came right down for awhile.

I finished painting south side of hen house & got the white trim on woodshed end part of barn.

This evng Mother, Mrs Kizirizn and I attended concert show at the Onteora Central school auditorium 550 present. Sponsored for benefit of Olive Library Assn. Peg Leg Bates famous negro entertainer and dancer headed the program as Master of Ceremonies – with other professional & local cast.

August 12, Thursday — Coldest Aug 12 ever recorded by N.Y. weather bureau. Mostly cloudy occasional warm bursts of sunshine – windy – unseasonably cool with intermittent light mtn squalls.

Did chores and odd jobs – drew out manure – had several callers including Mrs Longyear, Mrs Jane Bostwick & Stella Longyear down from Phoenicia. I also painted wood shed end barn. Mrs Longyear said she had phoned Mexico City , Friday, & talked with Mariam who

told her Bob had left Thurs for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minn.

August 13, Friday — Considerable morning cloudiness & cool otherwise pleasant warm temp & sunny, cloudless – cool & magnificent early rising almost full moon.

Other than chores I did considerable painting on north side of barn.

August 14, Saturday — Sunny – northerly wind – pleasant temperature became part overcast & warm & humid latter PM with just a sprinkle of rain. Full moon tonite was pretty well hazed over.

I did chores & drawed out manure AM. PM I got in 3 hours painting on granary part of barn. I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng.

August 15, Sunday — 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japs surrender in world war 2. Raining lightly this morning – Dark murky gradually faired up PM. Warm – humid – cloudless still cool tonight & moon a bit lazy.

Did daily chores – took a good rest after dinner. Wrote card Bob Longyear at Mayo Clinic – Rochester Minn.

August 16, Monday — Sunny – warm – humid – clouded over latter PM became breezy & Bushkill showers around provided a shirt wetting when I was getting the cows.

Did chores – pasture lot spring under the big rock is dry. Painted back side of granary & adjoining north side of barn.

Rec'd August 23

Mariam said in letter, Dr says Bob has ulcerative colitis, probably due to parasitic infection & now has strep infection in little ulcers. It is curable with diet – rest & medicine.

August 17, Tuesday — Sharp drop in temperature during night. Real cool this morning, beautifully clear & unseasonably cool with stiff northerly wind.

I went up to Bert Winnie's Garage this AM & had a left rear broken spring replaced and car greased \$5.00 paid. This PM I drew out big load manure behind barn. Had Mart Eckert cut my hair & painted north end of garage part of barn & finishing up the job from the woodshed end around north side.

August 18, Wednesday — Sunny quite hot with PM high thin part cloudiness – part cloudy tonight.

I made a trip to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Go again next Wed the 25<sup>th</sup>. I made a brief attendance at the opening day of the Ulster County Fair at Forsyth Park. Large crowd & excellent exhibits. I came back by way of Woodstock and stopped to see the Ginsbittels at Town House. This evng I took Ollie Burgher down to Bill Lortz's for a hair cut.

August 19, Thursday — Lowry – muggy - mostly cloudy typical dog days weather. There were intermittent light sprinkles of rain PM. Southerly wind quieted. A thunder shower rumbled off below High Point around early evng.

Aside from chores routine. I kept the paint brush going. Painted north & west sides of chicken house – not

needed but looks better freshened up. I did it in early Nov 1952. I also put a coat of red on the black corrugated north & west sides of hog pen – for a change in color. I also painted over red my dear old Fathers hand made wheelbarrow on which he gave Little Honey Lillian her “wheebarra rides”

August 20, Friday — Murky - warm - humid with scant sunshine. Two early PM short but sweet High Point showers were greatly welcomed – all clear cooler still tonight.

Did chores & drew out manure - My PM plans got rained out. Wrote complimentary Freeman news copy evng.

Rec'd letter from Mrs Longyear saying that Bob would be in Rochester Minn Mayo Clinic 2 weeks & would not come to NY. His case diagnosed as having tiny ulcers from parasite & each full of strep germs. Can be cured but will take time – medicine & diet.

August 21, Saturday — Mostly overcast & humid till early PM when sun broke thru warm - still - cleared and was cloudless & real cool evng.

I was busy with chores & odd jobs AM. Mother churned 7 1/4 lb butter. This PM I did a big job re-painted the west end gable of the barn to freshen the appearance. I painted it in early Nov. 1952. Rec'd air mail card Bob Longyear from Rochester Minn.

August 22, Sunday — Bright and sunny AM. Part overcast PM & evng. Pleasant but continuing dry weather.

Real cool morning and evng.

Feel tired and achy – other than chores wrote cards & news items for Kingston Ulster Press.

August 23, Monday — Bright warm sunny day with southerly day wind – drying atmosphere.

Did chores – drew out manure AM. This PM I got a big cart load of dry sawdust from the old mill pile in back woods. Still feel achy & tired out. Rec'd air mail card from Mariam also card from Bob Longyear in Rochester Minn. Said he is staying rest of the month & will return by train to Houston Texas to see the country and save \$25.00. Said he was feeling fair.

August 24, Tuesday — Very hot & humid some breeze – part cloudy. Thunder showery conditions (not forecast) developed PM chore time. We got a good rain from a Bushkill shower & continued moderately a couple of hours. Very severe thunder & lightening all around..

Did chores. Too hot & humid to work. Latter PM started 4 o'clock I painted a strip around front porch & part of kitchen porch. Just in time for the rain.

August 25, Wednesday — Continued hot & humid – partly clody -still. Forecasted showers, didn't materialize. Had a few drops this PM.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Came back by way of Kripplebush & stopped at Lounsberry's. Ermie paid 12.00 for butter. It was a hot trip.

August 26, Thursday — Murky muggy warm dark

threatening with a few intermittent but brief showers and much welcomed. Noticeably cooler evng with a clearing trend.

Rec'd card of Bob Longyear from Rochester Minn – Letter from Dick Herrington. Did chores – drew out manure & odd jobs. I re-set & repaired mail box posts & platform, someone knocked over last night.

August 27, Friday — 45 degrees 6 AM A magnificent sunny but real cool day – still– chilly, cloudless evng – southerly day wind.

Did chores as usual. I gave Raymond Wheeler a hand building new front porch steps, first replacement since house was built in 1910. I painted the steps & more on kitchen porch. I had lumber on hand paid him \$5.00. Movies in church tonight –“ Revolt In Berlin”

August 28, Saturday — 40 degrees 6 AM Very cool this AM & overcast. Cleared away bright sunny & pleasant PM. Calm, cloudless, chilly still evng.

Kenneth Wheeler dug out & opened up Ollie's kitchen sink drain – got an oil barrel of Mart Eckert & painted it ready to replace the old one in use well over 20 years. I also drew out manure. Raymond Wheeler worked re-puttying Ollie's house windows. I set 8 traps for coons in my early sweet corn. They started working in it now just coming ready for the table.

August 29, Sunday — Clear early but became overcast, still & cool. Had a brief shower latter PM & was a bit messy tonight.

Did usual chores. I caught a coon in one of my newly set traps but somehow broke loose after a desperate struggle. I dug up the old sink catch barrel at Ollie's this PM & made a temporary pipe connection into the cleaned out drain pipe. Started raining and I listened awhile to the Dodger & Braves ball game in Milwaukee. With score tied 4 all in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning. Bklyn scored 8 runs & broke an all time natl league after inning record. Final score 12 – 4. This evng Mr & Mrs Kizirian took me to the Woodstock barn theater & saw a play Country Girl. Tiresome & drawnout.

August 30, Monday — Dark - murky - gloomy weather – cool. We got a little rain early AM.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Yesterday at the Sunday church service Rev. Walter A. White baptized Mr & Mrs Francis Every – Charlotte Wheeler & John & George. Tower of famous old north church in Boston where Paul Revere's signal lanterns hung, belfry withstood storm, a similar thing happened in 1806 – tower replaced several years later.

August 31, Tuesday — Set in raining around midnight and increased in tempo into heavy drenching driving storm. Warm & gusty northerly wind developed. The storm a back wash of a coastal hurricane ceased during early PM & part broke away.

Larry Kelder's pond bone dry all summer is over flowing & streams came to running life. Drought dry springs & wells too are responding. Praise God from

home all blessings flow the long drought is over. Terrific damage in New England & along coast Long Island. Rhode Island especially hard hit & Mass – reports 1 ½ million bu apples – - - - off also up in Maine crop. Rec'd air mail letter & clippings from Mariam written August 15.

September 1, Wednesday — Pleasantly warm – part cloudy calm looked like a showers. Cloudless still and chill tonight.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty also made a trip down thru the bounteous southern Ulster fruit country to Milton and called on John and Keats Young & their 84 year old Mother. Keats took me around in fruit orchards and got me some wonderful big red delicious peaches & a basket of Elbertas for canning. I came home up thru Gardiner and over the scenic Minnewaska Trail. This evng I took Ollie to Dr Tocco's in Stone Ridge

September 2, Thursday — A very lovely bright clear day. The nights are chilly – cloudless still evng.

I got started painting the high east end gable of barn and cornishes. This evng I took Mrs Kizirian – Haig Meshjian to Phoenicia and saw the much noted picture –“The Caine Mutiny” from famous novel of world war 2 – navy. Adm. 1.00 – N.Y.C. prices 42.20.

September 3, Friday – Partly cloudy warm & humid – breezy. Thunder shower AM rumbled off beyond High Point. We got a dashing lovely 5 PM shower from Bushkill quarter.. Cloudless still & real cool evng.

Brilliant growing crescent moon settled back of Hooppole Mtn.

Did chores & few odd jobs. Discovered 4 coon traps in sweet corn missing.

September 4, Saturday — Mornings & evenings chill tinged and dew heavy. Pleasantly warm sunny day with some clouds. The almost half moon tonight is a bit hazed.

Did daily chores – Mother churned this AM. I drew out manure. This PM I got in a few hours painting prime coat on east end barn. The old paint is badly peeled off in places.

September 5, Sunday – Sunny warm & humid – some overcast. Breezy PM & evng – cloudless tonight with half moon.

I did daily chores and relaxed. Really hot this PM and warmest tonight in several weeks. Mart Eckert obligingly cut my hair. To late with chores to go to I.O.O.F. Lodge as intended. Olive Dem club held fish & chips supper at lodge hall.

September 6, Monday — Clear hot and humid very little breeze. Ideal Labor Day Picnic weather. Beautiful still cool bulging half moon tonight.

Drew out manure AM & did daily chores. Mother & I attended the annual Boiceville Picnic or Olive Re-union. There was a real good turnout – coming longest distances were Mr & Mrs Sam Ware and members of family from Petersburg VA & Dr Shem Everett of Freeland PA. Olive Fire Dept Co 3 W.Shokan served refreshments. Musical

entertainment by The Pine Creekers – Shorty Russell - Kay, Ray & Billy. Meeting in charge of President Pratt Boice. Speakers Al Kurdt subject Ulster County Past, Present & Future. Opening & closing prayers Rev. David Weidner. Short talks by Dr Shem Everett, The Blood Stream life of the body. Jesse B. Shurter, Mary Margaret McBride appeared late & spoke briefly. The old officers re-elected by acclamation – Pratt Boice president, Lottie Hesley Vice President & E.C. Davis secy - treas. Bal forward past year \$93.55. Today's collection \$62.81. (1953 service charge .22. Expenses = Misc \$40.00 – Sound truck 15.00, carting chairs 5.00 = total 60.00. 1953 collection was \$46.06 – Today's collection was bal over expenses \$2.81. Balance forward for next year \$96.36.

September 7, Tuesday — Heavy down partial thunder storm around to north & off below High Point. Very hot sunny & humid followed by cracking banging drenching thunder showers PM – most severe of the summer.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury . The panel inspected the spic and span jail( about 33 inmates) in charge of sheriff Cluett Schantz & undersheriff Clayton Vredereburgh. Reports handed in at 11:15 to County Judge John M Cashin & jurors paid off.. Panel held subject to re-call till Oct jury convenes. I had a total of 22 days @ \$5.00 per day and mileage 50 per day at .08 per mile = 1100 miles 88.00 total amt of check \$198.00 – deposited to NY State of NY Bank checking acct The panel was thanked for their service by Judge Cashin. Sept County court convened 2 PM.

September 8, Wednesday – Murky, damp, cool mostly rainy – noon shower thru broken clouds.

Did chores and little otherwise.

September 9, Thursday – Heavy fog this morning broke away sunny but cool.. Became partly cloudy PM with chilly wind off the reservoir. Broken clouds still evng.

Busy with chores etc AM. This PM I painted prime coat on east end of barn. The surface had to be scraped well due to paint shelling off. This evng I went with Pop Beidler to opening fall meeting of Ancient City Council No 21. R.S.M. in Kingston. It was his first full presiding as Illustrious Master after June installation.

September 10, Friday — Murky, still, cool, damp – sun broke thru awhile early PM then the low hanging murky settled in again.

Drawed out big load manure AM. Tonite I went to Phoenicia with Mr & Mrs Kizirian and saw for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time (Last March 1944) the greatest picture of all time Gone with The Wind or ( The Gallant South's Last Stand) from Margaret Mitchell's famous novel of that name – Full house 2<sup>nd</sup> nite.

September 11, Saturday — Set in rainy around midnight - was a downpour all forenoon, petering out this afternoon with gusty northerly wind & atmosphere warm & humid. This is the back wash of the seasons 5<sup>th</sup> tropical hurricane. Part clearing evng, chilly and continued windy.

Did chores and little else other than a long delayed sweeping down in cow stable. This evng for the first in

several meetings I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge – attendance was 17. Hot dogs rolls & lemonade followed the meeting.

September 12, Sunday — Beautifully clear, continued windy & very chilly this morning. A truly magnificent day and evng. Wind quieting & majestic early rising full moon tonite with a tinge of frosty atmosphere.

Did daily chores. Wrote air mail card to my granddaughter Gaye C. Longyear in reply to her lovely letter rec'd air mail yesterday. I picked a dandy lot of dried beans in sweet corn. This is Mrs Anna Eckert's birthday.

September 13, Monday — Very chilly and near frost & heavy dew this AM. Bright and sunny with a developing chilly southerly wind gradually becoming heavily overcast PM.

I finished painting prime coat on front end of barn AM. PM I started putting on second coat red peak down below eaves. I also took a run up to the Boiceville picnic grove looking for a pair of my missing glasses.

September 14, Tuesday — Cloudy and cool. There were a few light rains. Gradually broke away PM with light southerly wind. Cloudless, very chilly still evng with a burnished declining full moon rising directly across the reservoir.

Did daily chores and drew a big load manure behind barn and got 2 cart loads sweet corn stalks for the cows. Latter PM I went down to Town Garage and voted in Fall Primary Election.

September 15, Wednesday — Gloomy - still - chilly - cloudy weather with light rains – set in steady rain evng.

Did chores & picked beans in sweet corn & re-placed a clothes line post. This is supervisor Claude Bells' birthday his 59<sup>th</sup>.

September 16, Thursday — Rainy night and today. Gloomy chilling weather. Rain stopped before dark fell. Moderate to hard rains most of the day.

Mother earth got a good soaking. Streams are running moderately. There is a wide dry band around the reservoir west basin. Other than chores nothing accomplished. I called on Claude Bell latter PM just for the sake of his birthday past.

September 17, Friday — Damp chilly murky weather. Heavy fog this AM. Some sunshine filtered thru during the day.

I attended the Accord Farmers Co-operative first barbequed chicken dinner in Accord About 200 stockholders and patrons attended the festive affair.

September 18, Saturday — Continued stagnated murky damp chilly weather – low hanging clouds – occasional brief sunshine filtered thru – set in raining 8 PM.

Did daily chores. Drawed out manure on grass behind barn – got a load sweet corn stalks. Latter PM I went up to oculist, who weekends at his country home in Watson Hollow & re-fitted for reading glasses with gold frames. Price \$12.00 paid. His business is in Elmhurst L.I.. I am to get glasses next Saturday .I planned but got late with

chores & didn't attend I.O.O.F. Lodge.

September 19, Sunday — Rainy wet night and continued along throughout the gloomy chilly day. Lightening off to north evng.

Did usual chores. Mother churned this morning 3 batches a big job for an 86 year old lady.

September 20, Monday — The cloudes and murk cleared away during night & the old half moon hung above the eastern horizon. The forenoon was part to mostly cloudy & warm & windy. Cleared away PM was cloudless tonight.

I sent a parcel post box to Cornelia – with potatoes, tomatoes & 2 lb butter. This PM I got in my painting togs again and finished second coat red on east end of barn.

September 21, Tuesday — Set in rainy this morning and kept up most of the day. Drab, dreary wet weather – rainy again evng.

My planned trip to the Napanoch Institution annual visit by the Ulster Co. Grand Jurors Assn was rained out. A call from the District Attorney's office this AM re-convenes the April panel Grand Jury 10 AM Friday.

September 22, Wednesday — Strong gusty westerly wind – simmering down evng. Partly cloudy – warm & pleasant except for the wind – rain squalls PM.

Reggie Davis called Am & brought a big mess of bush lima beans. PM I drawed out manure & got cart load sweet corn stalks for cows. Then at 3:30 I started digging

potatoes & forked out 10 rows. The yield is fair to middling., tubers mostly smooth – plenty small ones.

September 23, Thursday — Continued very blustery from N. West – the day was bright very cool & partly cloudy, clear tonight. Light rain squalls PM & early evng.

I finished digging our potatoes AM & this PM Ollie Burgher helped pick up & get them down cellar. Had about 7 bushel from about a bag of cert Kathadin seed planted, some are real nice size & generally smooth. James Stoutenburghs' well drilling outfit set up ready to start on east side of Mr & Mrs Vahan Kirizian's residence.

September 24, Friday — Brilliant, sunny, cloudless cool day and evening. The blustering wind has died down.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury re-call duty. The panel heard the gruesome evidence presented by asst Dist Atty John Schick & witnesses in the Bechtold 1st degree murder. In this case William Bechtold, chief chef at the Nevele Hotel in Ellenville was shot 3 times & killed by his wife Anna at the cottage on Nevele Road. She then drove to their Samsonville home and several hours later after reviving from attempted suicide by inhaling chloroform & heating gas phoned the state police station at Lake Katrine, awaited arrest by troopers about 1:30 AM – Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. At the Dist Atty's office in Kingston Mrs Bechtold signed a full confession to the crime.

September 25, Saturday — Murky & threatening am – cleared away PM, warm pleasant south westerly breeze.

Starlight mild still evng.

I drew out manure AM. Did daily chores. PM I got the mowing machine operating & clipped off the grass around the yards –garden ends alfalfa patches & the strip of new alfalfa seeding out along sweet corn & potato patch. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. The application of Joseph Sigmud Friedburg was rejected by ballot vote. Refreshments served.

September 26, Sunday — Mild unsettled murky this morning became quite sunny PM followed by blustery thunder showers. Starlight still tonight distant lightening.

Did daily chores. Had Mart Eckert give me a hair cut PM.

September 27, Monday — Bright very cool sunny day with light northerly wind – some clouds. Clear still & very chilly tonight.

Sent air mail card to Mariam. Also get well card to Kate Young who had a very bad heart attack & is in St Lukes Hosp, Newburgh. Rec'd air mail card from Bob Longyear. He said he is feeling a lot better & taking on weight. All the family fine & send all their love. I spread load manure on alfalfa stubble north side of garden & got in the clippings on south side for cows. This PM I painted front steps second coat & some on kitchen porch.

September 28, Tuesday — A very lovely sunny summery day with a few scattered clouds – clear still evng.

I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. The panel

assembling in the court room before Judge John M Cashin were excused till 10 AM Saturday, for the formal presentation of the indictment and arrangement of confessed murderess Mrs Anna Bechtold. I came home by way of Woodstock & called on Charley & Catherine Ginsbittel. Late PM I spread overnight manure. I raked & got a cart load of alfalfa seeding.

I purchased black rubber raincoat at the Shanty store price \$8.95.

I saw Hitler's 10 ton armored 8 cly Mercedes 1944 car on exhibition on Wall st under auspices Vets of Foreign Wars.

September 29, Wednesday — Another sunny serene summery day. A bit more hazy than yesterday – clear still pleasantly cool evng.

Did the daily tasks. This PM I mowed the second cutting alfalfa in upper part of orchard lot. Cleaned up the remaining alfalfa clipping. Ideal world series weather. The opening game at the Polo Grounds in N.Y.C. was played PM between the national league champs the N.Y.Giants & Cleveland Indians of American league. Dusty Rhodes broke up the tied game in 10<sup>th</sup> inning with a 3 run homer – 5 - 2. Bob Lemon of Cleveland losing pitcher. I saw latter innings on Jim Harrison's television.

September 30, Thursday — Murky muggy hot summer weather – occasional sunshine broke thru – starlight evng.

Did daily chores. This PM I dug potatoes at Ollies. Yield light dug about 4 bu. I hear most of the second world series game while digging with Ollies battery radio

over WKNY. At the Polo Grounds the Giants won the second game with Cleveland 3 – 1. Attendance 49, 099. Johnny Antonelli winning pitcher – Wes Westruyn catching.

This evng a group of 14 Masons from several lodges met at George Reitmeir's Hanover Lodge and organized an Olive Square Club – patterned after the one in Woodstock. Sponsor Claude Beidler was made temporary chairman. Reggie Davis president, Arthur Blume Vice President, & Walter Lang Secy.

The electric lights failed at 7:10 PM. (Correction) Friday evng.

October 1, Friday — 10 AM shade temperature 86. Hot humid summer weather – rained some in night Murky this AM but the day was mostly sunny – cloudless still & pleasantly cooled off evng with heavy dew.

Picked up 4 bu of apples under orchard lot trees. Did usual chores. Drawed out manure AM on alfalfa patch seeding. This PM I kept busy digging potatoes & heard some of the series game on radio – yield light only got 2 ½ bu. The amazing N.Y. Giants swept the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight game from the much wanted Indian's at Cleveland's Lakeside Stadium 6 – 2. Attendance 71,555.

Cornelia, Dick, Norah & Ellen came 7:15 o'clock. The electric lights failed 7:05 due to an accident over across on 28. Geo Sleschinger, Boiceville metal worker hit & sheared off a light pole. Wrecked his Buick car & was badly injured.

Mrs Mabel Weidner took permanent office as West Shokan P.O.. 3<sup>rd</sup> class, succeeding Lester S. Davis

temporary Postmaster after 18 mo.

Newspaper clipping, Kingston Freeman  
October 2, 1954

Anna Bechtold Indict For Murder, 1sr Degree

Mrs Anna Bechtold, 58, of Samsonville, was indicted by the Grand Jury this morning on a charge of murder, first degree.

She is accused of killing her husband, William Bechtold, 48, as he walked in the front door of his bungalow home on Nevele road , near Ellenville, on Tuesday night, September 14.

The indictment was the only order of business to come before a session of County Court called for a specific purpose of receiving the final report of the April Grand Jury.

The open indictment was read to the defendant by District Attorney Howard C. St John. County Judge John M. Cashin assigned Attorneys James J. Abernethy and N. LeVan Haver to her defense. Abernethy who was in court this morning, entered a plea of innocent for the defendant and requested he be served with a copy of the indictment and to be granted the usual time for making motions. This request was granted by Judge Cashin. Mrs Bechtold was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Mrs Bectold appeared in court guarded by Undersheriff Clayton W. Vredenburgh and Mrs Mabel O'Reilly, matron.

Mrs Bechtold wore a two piece dress and a white necklace. She stood quietly when the indictment was read and showed no signs of emotion.

Abernethy is a former assistant district attorney while the woman's other attorney, Van Haver, is a former district attorney. Abernethy currently serves as corporation counsel for the city of Kingston.

The April grand jury, which was called back into session by the court for the sole purpose of hearing the charges against Mrs Bechtold was discharged with the thanks of the court.

October 2, Saturday — Very unseasonably hot humid and generally sunny except for a mid day thunder shower across from the north. Still warm evng with stars showing.

Dick Herrington took me to Kingston this AM where the reconvened Grand Jury assembled in court room. Where each answered roll call & foreman Gus Weeks handed in to Judge John M Cashin 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder (Bechtold) indictment against Mrs Anna Bechtold who upon arrangement by atty James Abernethy entered a plea of not guilty. He stated her funds were temporarily unavailable & Judge Cashin assigned her as council Mr Abernethy and N. LeVan Haver. Jurors discharged from further service & paid off. I rec check for 3 days @ 5.00 & 150 miles allotment of .08 per mile – Total \$27.00

I caught my first coon of season in trap set in sweet corn – one front foot missing. I assume it was the one that got away when I first set traps a month ago.

I heard part of the 4<sup>th</sup> game of world series at Cleveland where the N.Y. Giants most amazingly swept the worlds Championship for 1954 in 4 straight games – score 7 – 4. Winning pitcher Liddle – loser Bob Lemon.

October 3, Sunday Continued humid summer weather – lowry – murk thickened early PM & had light rain. Latter part broke away hot sunshine & became windy from s.west. Rapidly growing new moon settled behind High Point.

The warm humid weather saps everybody's energy. Did little but chores. After working 5 days thru Wed Ollie started assisting yesterday at her former employer for 5 seasons Mr & Mrs Charles Ginsbittels at Chalet Indien now proprioritors of Town House in Woodstock.

October 4, Monday--- Continued hot and humid – threatening - unsettled weather. Breezy with southerly wind shifting northerly PM. Half moon partly obscured by clouds, later clearing.

Did chores as usual, so warm tonight have barn doors all open. Spread cart load manure before dinner on alfalfa seeding. I was invited to dinner at Mr & Mrs Kizirian's after which he went with me over to Jesse Shurter's mill & got a load of slabs etc for him and bags of sawdust for stable bedding. It was a hot muggy trip. Tonite I sat in dining room writing with both doors open & the atmosphere still warm & humid.

October 5, Tuesday — Decidedly cooler. Bright and sunny with southerly breeze gradually becoming very chilly and overcast PM with light rain setting in at dusk.

Drawed out manure on alfalfa seeding AM. This PM I raked the faded damp second cutting over by the old house and brought a big high cart load home for fodder. Tonight I went to Kingston with Bro Vahan Kizirian and

with other town of Olive Mason's Arthur Blume, Claude Beidler, Walter Lang, Reggie Davis, Swan Brewster, and candidate Dick Darling attended Kingston Lodge No 10 where the Master Mason Degree in full impressive form was conferred upon a class of 4. The Master Burton Giles gave the honor of Raising – Ray Osterhoudt, Reggie & Dick Darling. There was a large and widespread attendance of Brethern present, various lodges from N.Y. state to the deep south.

The well driller at Mr Kizirians struck a plentiful vein.

October 6, Wednesday — Light rain during night & AM. A clearing trend with northerly wind developed & it was beautifully bright and sunny this afternoon. ( the reservoir below with its wide dry shore line and deep blue water and autumn surroundings presents a majestic panorama) more cloudiness developed was rain squally & blustery.

In rear of the Boiceville Inn an early morning fire yesterday destroyed a 2 story garage & up stairs apartment with 2 families losing all their possessions & 4 automobiles destroyed. The Olive Fire Companies responded.

Today I did a variety of odd jobs along with chores. Finished digging Ollie's potatoes. I sent Mrs Knorph 7 lb of butter & a few choice potatoes.

October 7, Thursday — Snow squalls last nite in Pine Hill mountains area. Pumpkin vines were touched by frost last night. Crystal clear very cool & northerly wind. Still clear bright moon & frosty air evng.

Did chores & odd jobs in variety. My Susie horse has

developed a knotty like growth near root of her tail beneath about the size of my fist. Dr Crandall of Saugerties tells me it is mostly found on gray horses. Bleeding spells have developed & yesterday one was very severe. Dr said there is no cure & a horse could bleed to death. Horton Pearson to whom I have sold cattle & hogs brought me a gray chunk mare a good mate to old Molly & not so large & tall as Susie & we made an exchange deal after a try out. He took Susie & I paid him \$50.00. The new horses name is Kit very gentle & quiet, cleaned up the rest of the hay cutting over by old house. Govt farm census officials John G. Graves & Chas Cormcil of Port Ewen called late PM & in regard to my appt as Olive census taker.

October 8, Friday — General killing frost. Autumn flowers & gardens are blackened. The ground frost was white and disappeared as the sun rose higher. It was a majestic clear day with a moderating trend & light southerly wind. Brilliant still moonlight evng with early moon 3/4 full. 1953 frost date Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Did daily chores and odd jobs. Picked dry beans in the delicious late sweet corn that, which was held back due to dry weather and stalks now frosted. John Young called PM & brought a half bu basket of pears for canning.

October 9, Saturday — Partly cloudy on the murky side, some hot sunshine – winds southerly. Part cloudy tonight.

Did daily chores & drew out manure. Dug the last side row of potatoes along sweet corn – a nice clean bu. This evng I attended I.O.O.F. roast beef supper, 200 or

more served. The net was \$275.00 Expenses only 15.00 as the Amana Freezer Co furnished 100 lbs of beef. The affair proved an outstanding success. I also attended lodge meeting. Lester B. Davis bed ridden, helpless and mind gone for 5 years died at noon in his ancestral home.

October 10, Sunday — Mostly cloudy warm & humid – calm.

Was busy all day with chores getting 2 cart loads of frosted sweet corn & pumpkins. I picked another 5 gal pail of dried beans in corn which makes 5. This keeps Mother shelling.

This evng Mr Kizirizn & I attended a meeting at Hanover Lodge, Watson Hollow, of the newly formed Olive Square Club. Pres. Reggie Davis presided – 15 members present. A set of by laws modeled after the Woodstock Square club. Committees appointed etc. Place of future meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at American Legion Hall, Ashokan – Dues \$3.00 annually.

October 11, Monday — Hot summer weather & sunny. Became very showery looking PM & cleared beautifully tonight. Sprinkles of late PM early evng rain. Beautiful moonlight.

I went to Kingston and attended the first of 4 days U.S. Farm Census school of instruction in supervisors room in court house. John W Graves crew leader. This evng I attended I.O.O.F funeral services for Lester B. Davis at Lasher's Parlors. I officiated as chaplain & Reggie E. Davis as Noble Grand. Olive Rebekah Lodge No 470 of which he was a charter member also conducted

their services. There was a large attendance of both lodges.

October 12, Tuesday — Another hot summer day. Part cloudy but sunny – breezy PM & evng – strong from south.

Did usual chores and went to Kingston and attended farm census school.

Funeral services 2 PM at Olive Bridge M.E. church for Lester B. Davis. Interment in Tongore cemetery.

New York city reported 85 degrees this PM. Hottest Oct.12 in history of weather bureau by 2 degrees. Walter Lang called early evng & we sat comfortably on front porch with sleeves rolled up.

October 13, Wednesday — Continued hot summer weather – partly cloudy – breezy from S.W. Lovely quiet moonlight evng with scattered fluffy clouds – Pleasantly cooler tonight.

This AM I drew out manure and mowed 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting by currant bushes & the patches on both sides of road at Ollie's.

This PM I started practice Farm Census enumerating along Mountain road over as far as Jacob Winchell's.

October 14, Thursday — heavy dew last night. The hot unseasonably weather continues. Well in the 80's today in sun. Part cloudy, humid with light wind southerly.

I made final trip today to farm Census school. I am assigned the townships of Olive & Denning.

Mother is - - - up again from a fall down the kitchen

porch steps Monday PM chore time. She can't understand why she's so lame & sore

October 15, Friday — Continued warm weather – cloudy with developing southerly wind & intermittent showers which became a driving storm evng. Before 10 o'clock the rain had stopped & wind subsiding – later moon came out. .

Other than daily chores my accomplishments were cleaning up the last 2 cart loads of frozen sweet corn stalks. Drawing out manure & getting cart load of old sawdust. The seasons most destructive tropical hurricane known as Hazel born 10 days ago in Carribean hit Washington this PM & is now howling its fearsome way toward central N.Y. I saw an exceptionally large flock of crows also starlings evidently aroused by the weather.

October 16, Saturday — 177 anniversary of burning of Kingston by the British. A magnificent warm sunny day with gentle southerly wind. Temperature dropped sharply evng and the sky was calm & brilliant in old moon back to plump half. The hurricane swept on thru in Ont, Canada with heavy property destruction & loss of over 90 lives & 50 some in the U.S.A.

This PM Jesse Shurter with his car, Reggie Davis, Pop Beidler, Master of Ancient City Council 21 also Paul Jones of Kingston in a total delegation of 27 or 28 council members attended a large conclave at Masonic Temple in Poukeepsie. Where Ill Grand Master Edw H. Flemming & full staff of Grand Council officers - - - - -present & past council dignitaries numbering well above 200 were

present at the conferring of Royal & Select Master degrees followed by a sumptuous turkey dinner 6 PM – at 8 PM the magnificently dramatized deeply impressive Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred by Rome N.Y. Council cast on class of 22. It is an event long to be remembered and a great demonstration of the Noble teaching of Council Masonary. Was home 12:30 AM My Dear Mother is slowly recovering from her fall down the kitchen porch steps. Kenneth Wheeler did my chores tonight.

October 17, Sunday — 42 degrees 7 AM 42 9 PM..  
Decidedly on the chilling side – bright sunny AM developed part cloudiness PM – clear still evng.

Did daily chores. Cornelia & Dick made us a surprise visit this AM. They stayed last night in Saugerties with Mr & Mrs Cortland Whittaker. Dick had to be back for work 6 PM. We including Mother went for apples on other place & around by Jordan farm & up schoolhouse hill . Mother gets around better today. Kay & Dick said the storm was very bad up their way. Uncle Watson Bishop died 33 years ago tonite at 9:20.

October 18, Monday — Very chilly, sunny with increasing cloudiness & becoming overcast PM – wind light.

Other than chores I did farm census enumerating along the Mountain road & along Brodhead cross road.  
Oct 16 – Gov. Thos. E. Dewey spoke in Kingston at an opening of the Thruway 183 mile segment. It is considered by Gov. Dewey as the most important

development in N.Y. state since the opening of the Erie canal 130 years ago. The Thruway when completed will form an express route from Buffalo to new York City.

October 19, Tuesday — Rained in night and this morning – chill gloomy weather with cold rain again tonight & reported mixed with snow.

I enumerated farm census about Brodhead area. It was a cold wet job. Olive Republican club met tonight in town garage office & elected officers.

October 20, Wednesday — First woolly snow on Wittenberg's. Sunny this AM but became part cloudy & continued raw cold. Not much wind – chill still starlight evng.

I was on census enumerating job this PM in Brodhead sector & along 28A to Colange corner. This AM I duplicated a feat of 52 yers ago. I killed 2 gray squirrels with one 22 shot in hemlock tree by smoke house & another with 2 shots in adjoining hickory tree. My 1902 feat was with my Grandfather Crispell's double barrel shot gun muzzle loader. The hickory tree still stands sown on city property below our house.

October 21, Thursday — Cool pleasant quiet sunny day – some clouds. Cloudless still chilly evng.

I started from census canvass along Watson Hollow road.

Frank Royce paid me a pleasant call evng. "Old Pap" Great Grandfather Henry Martin Crispell died of typhoid fever Oct. 21, 1881 aged nearly 80.

October 22, Friday — A magnificent cloudless day – northerly wind quieted PM– cloudless – chilly evng.

I worked at the census job up in Bushkill section. I went up to last place in Davis Eckerts' Hollow. The old stone walls bear militia testimony of the hard labor in now wooded fields of hands long gone back to dust

October 23, Saturday — Another magnificent warm cloudless day & evng. Brisk warm southerly wind developed & latter PM shifted northerly & some cloudiness developed late PM & evng.

Did daily chores. I picked up a batch of cider apples at Larry Kelders & took them in hay rigging down to Charley Dwyers' private mill. (Formerly the mill on Morton Roe's corner. Also drew out manure on meadow grass. Was too late to attend I.O.O.F .lodge

October 24, Sunday — Some scattered clouds this morning, became cloudless magnificent day with northerly wind and very pleasantly warm, clear, still evng.

Plenty tired & sore from picking apples. I put in a busy day – drew out overnight manure. Raked & cleaned up the hay up at Ollie Burghers'. Charley Dwyer made my batch of cider this PM & brought me my batch of cider this PM & brought me up a barrel with his car trailer. I also had 15 gal keg & 5 gal jug — several more are left in the cider mill tub. I gave Charley a hand making the cider & the juice is thick & delicious.

October 25, Monday — A super glorious cloudless day – calm – pleasantly warm.

The autumn coloring is just gorgeous. The mountain crests have shed their leaves but the lower levels remain snubline

I took farm enumeration to the head of historic old Watson Hollow – now largely reclaimed by old mother nature. I also took in 28A from Traver Hollow Inn to the upper settlement in Traver Hollow.

Charles Lang retired NY fireman, local resident for several years – about 74 seized with internal illness this AM & taken to hospital, died soon after ambulance arrived.

October 26, Tuesday — Overcast threatening this morning but faired away pleasantly, still warm day – clear, still evng.

I worked enumerating in the Boiceville – Cold Brook area. I got another 165 gal keg sweet cider at Charley Dwyers' press.

Onteora School tax

Ralph B. Thompson coll. Pine Hill

Home Farm 1600.00 val 63.48 +1% penalty

Hinkley place 300 11.78

Rate \$39.28 perM Total 75.26

October 27, Wednesday — Foggy & rainy this AM became rain squally & somewhat blustery & colder & squally evng.

I worked enumerating farm census – along Boiceville Mtn road down 28 as far as Edna Longyears.

October 28, Thursday — Another magnificent clear, cool

crisp day & evng. Frosty tonight –still.

I drew out load manure this AM. After chores I canvassed farm census over the Bostock Mtn road & route 28 beyond Reformed church. I ate lunch by the new house on the hill Bert Dibbel is building.

October 29, Friday — Rainy dreary – chill day & evng. The leaves fell fast.

I enumerated farm census along 28 in Shokan & adjoining Van Steenburgh Lane. It was a cold tedious task.

Funeral services 2 PM for Mr Charles Lang at Lashers Parlors in Woodstock in charge of Rev. Olney Cook, Woodstock, Lutheran pastor . Bearers were Claude Bell, Lester S. Davis, Joe Winkler & Geo Reitmeir. Interment in Cold Brook Cemetery.

October 30, Saturday — Wet night and chill – mostly rainy weather. A clearing trend developed mid afternoon & was cloudless & frosty tonight.

Did daily chores etc. This evng Pop Beidler, Jesse Shurter, Reggie Davis & I went to Braligoes, Ulster Park, where the Ulster County Shriners' Club were guests of Cyprus Temple at a turkey dinner & excellent floor show.

October 31, Sunday — Snow fringe on Wittenbergs' clear early this AM but became part to mostly cloudy & still – cleared beautifully evng, a brilliant growing new moon settles behind Hoopole Mountain.

I drew out a load manure this AM. This PM crew

leader John T. Gross called & checked over my census work with an OK.

Newspaper clipping Oct.30, 1954  
Miss Lillian Jeffs, Norman Gray Wed

Miss Lillian Jeffs daughter of Mr and Mrs Percy Jeffs, of Samsonville, and Norman Gray, son of Mr and Mrs Jacob Gray, of Tabasco, were married Saturday afternoon, Oct.30. Attendants were Mr and Mrs Richard Gray, Herbert Gray, Mr and Mrs Alex Jeffs and Mrs Vincent Barringer. A reception followed at Samsonville church hall.

November 1, Monday — First ice on barn tub this AM. Partly cloudy – raw – mtn snow squalls. Starlight evng becoming dimmed.

I worked on farm census in Ashokan area.

November 2, Tuesday — Seasons first snow storm – soggy snow at times heavy fell during AM, gradually turned to cold drenching rain & continued into the night.

This is the first snowy election day in a number of years. Back in 1910 there fell several inches. I went to Dist 2 polling place before dinner & cast my vote. After dinner 2:30 I took Mother down in the drenching rain to cast her 34<sup>th</sup> straight vote.(Women first voted in 1920) It is the quietest election I can recall. Considering the very stormy slushy slippery day there was 399 machine votes in Olive Dist No 2 Ives – Gov, Rep got 258 & Harriman — Dem 140. Ives' carried all 3 Olive Districts with plurality 727. Sen Arthur Wicks plurality

was 241 — Ives Ulster Co. Plurality 13,389 – Wicks 12,026.

November 3, Wednesday – The snow blanket disappeared during night. Drenching night and continued intermittently today – snow squalls on mountains – cold raw weather.

I continued farm census enumeration in the Ashokan – Shokan area. The heavy rain has filled up the streams for winter. Averill Harriman Dem apparently carried the state over Irving M Ives by the slimmest margin in history of approximately 10,000. As pre-election polls predicted the Democrats carried both houses of congress. The US senate by 1 majority. Gov. Dewy ordered a re-canvass of the vote for Gov.

November 4, Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy – sunshine scarce. Light southerly wind – set in raining lightly late PM – raw chilly day.

I worked on the Ashokan Mtn road section taking farm census then to Brown Station and over the hill to the Marbletown line.

November 5, Friday — Mountains freshly snow dusted. Considerable sunshine for a change – cold raw atmosphere. Bright bulging moon tonight, not much wind today. Gloriously cloudless tonite.

I worked taking census from the Samsonville road corner, along the mountain road up to the old Ed Palen place. Put in 9 hours.

November 6, Saturday — 22 degrees 7 AM 1/4 ice on the barn tub. A colorful crisp mostly sunny quiet day – some PM high overcast. Brilliant crisp moonlight evng. Ground crust frozen.

I made census call backs along Ashokan Mtn road. Then ran to Kingston purchased of Strauss stores on B'way a pair of suburbanite re-capped snow tires @\$9.99 each & had same mounted on rear wheels. Speedometer 48,472. I came back by way of 28A & spillway road over Beaverkill Hill for a call back at the Guiseppe Carramusa farm (Ed Burhans') R.D.3 Kingston box 214. Then made several calls along Samsonville road. Tonite I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Initiation Degree conferred on Joe Friedburg & Andrew. Large turnout with hot dogs, rolls, cake, coffee & lemonade. 2 lanes of the overpass on Route 28 near Kingston open to traffic.

November 7, Sunday — 22 degrees 7 AM. 1/4 ice on barn tub. A magnificent still cloudless day & evng with brilliant moon nearing full. Pleasant in the sun but very chilly tonight.

The snow clings on the cold side of High Point & the Wittenbergs unusually early – ground crust frozen. Did chores & this AM drew out 2 loads of manure on meadow woods corner.

November 8, Monday – 24 degrees 7 AM 44 10 PM. The weather is moderating. Magnificent quiet cloudless day & evng with moon almost full.

I worked on the farm census in Samsonville & the

lower Krumville road.

November 9, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 AM. Brilliant – cloudless, crisp, light northerly wind & magnificent early rising moon.

I put in the day enumerating in the Krumville sector. Noontime I took a run down to Kripplebush to Ernie Lounsberry's with 4 lb roll of butter @.70 – not paid. I couldn't make change.

November 10, Wednesday — 20 degrees 7 AM. Coldest night 1/4 inch tub ice. Cloudless brilliant quiet day with a crisp chill atmosphere. Majestic full moon tonite. I made 9 hours enumerating farm census in Krumville – Samsonville road area. The work gets monotonous.

November 11, Thursday — 18 degrees 7 AM 36 12 PM. 1/2 ice on barn tub. Another magnificent clear day & evng. Became windy latter PM but quieted.

I drew out manure this morning and did usual chores. This PM I made a trip to Kingston for another Enumeration Record book, checked on a call back above Ashokan & started re-enumerating over Sheldon Hill. This evng I went to Kingston with Jesse Shurter attending an official visit by the Grand Capt of the Guard at Ancient City Council No 21. After business session a lecture was given and colored slides shown on South America.

November 12, Friday — 50 degrees 7 AM Becoming colder with northerly wind, continued bright sunny weather. High thin overcast evng with moon dimmed.

I canvassed farm census on Sheldon Hill & Acorn Hill. I bought 3 geese going on 2 yrs old ( & a gander) from Mrs Earl Paul in Krumville for \$10.00 Paid.

November 13, Saturday — 1/4 inch ice on barn tub. Continuing clear bright sunshine. Raw light southerly wind PM.

Kenneth Wheeler & his dad helped me change off the hay rigging. I drew out manure & did odd jobs. Latter PM I went over to Jesse Shurters mill & got a big wagon load of sawdust.. Got back dark & in attempting to push dump cart back in its place under shed the tongue swung around & knocked me down off balance on my right side & caught my legs fast. My right thigh quickly puffed up & Mother had to go up in attic & get Uncle Watson Bishops' crutches so I could do chores.

November 14, Sunday — Clear & mildest in some time — AM becoming mostly overcast glum & a blustery day. The leaves are tinder dry & blew everywhere.

I am sore & stiff all over from my fall last nite & can just about navigate.

November 15, Monday — continued clear & practically cloudless — cold & wind light.

I rested late this morning & am perking somewhat better today — yet plenty sore & stiff.

Was busy with chores & drew out manure. Ollie wasn't working today & this PM helped me get the cabbage out of the garden & pull a load of turnips. My poor hands & feet nearly froze

November 16, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 AM 54 9 PM.  
Moderated in night continued bright cloudless weather & windy PM & evng. Became overcast tonight & noticeably warmer.

I feel pretty well bruised up. Have a purple or blue spot on my right thigh cheek size of a dinner plate. I've had many discolorations but no comparison to this.

November 17, Wednesday — Rained some in the night. Cloudy – still –mild – sset in rainy latter PM but stopped evng & foggy.

I worked the census job along Olive Bridge cross road and Webber's Lane.

I bought of Mr George Woodcock a Maynard Civil War 1865 breech loading 50 cal carbine firing percussion cap for \$5.00. He also gave me a French Bayonet scabbard and World War I steel helmet. I made an early dark trip to Krumville for a census call back report on Renne Dumont & stopped at Clarence Eckerts store & P.O.. I talked with him & his wife. It turned out to be the last time I'd see him alive as at 10 PM he had died of a heart attack. He was 68 – one of the sons of Gordon Eckert  
(Nov 28) I sold the Maynard carbine to James Burgraff for 14.50.

November 18, Thursday — Continued mild – gloomy weather & set in foggy & rainy latter PM.

I worked along Webbers Lane road and along route 213 from 28A intersection to Marbletown line & back to Cecil Grays' store.

I sold my Beauty cow yesterday to Ashokan Jewish

dealer Abe Davis for the give away price of \$25.00. I've simply got to cut down on stock, my hay mows look like 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb.

November 19, Friday — Unseasonably mild, foggy, misty, gloomy, rainy, weather. Rainy night.

I finished work along the Olive Bridge Route 213 & started along Krumville Road.

I had Olive Bridge garage do a grease job on my car. Speedometer 48,687 2.45 Paid.

November 20, Saturday — Rainy night and this morning set up misty drizzling rain mid PM and continued tonight at times heavier – Gloomy mild wet weather.

This morning I took my Plymouth car down to Ollie Crawford's garage and much needed repair job done to left front wheel hydraulic brake & both front end hoses replaced \$16.41 Paid. Ollie Crawford brat my car home mid PM. Drove out big cart load manure & got rest of turnips pulled. Too tired & leg hurts to go to lodge.

November 21, Sunday — Rainy night and continued most of the day. Turned colder blustery with mountains snow squalls – cleared evng.

Mother earth has another good soaking up & streams running full.

Sat. November 20 – Funeral service – 2 PM at Olive Bridge M.E. Church for Clarence Eckert, who died suddenly Wednesday evng at his Krumville home. Rev. Harlan B. Kishpaugh officiated asst by Rev. Richard Coons of Saugerties, recent Shokan Reformed pastor.

Bearers were John Nichols – Henry Merrihew – Ernest Smith – and Lester Barringer – all nephews. Interment Stone Ridge, Fairview cemetery.

November 22 Monday — Clear - cold - still. Froze ice last night & heavy frost on grass this AM. Became overcast at dusk later stars shone.

I took farm census along Olive Bridge - Krumville road. Rec'd letter Mrs Longyear.

November 23, Tuesday — clear still cold this morning, froze ice last night on barn tub. Gradually became overcast – chill damp weather.

Working back along Krumville road to Davis corners'. I completed the Olive Farm Census except for one call back. My record shows 117A-1 Agricultural Farms filled - 691-A-2. Record book names listed. 224 hours worked @\$1.25 & 1231 miles traveled @ .07.

November 24, Wednesday — Cloudy – set in slushy snow storm before noon and continued – changed to rain evng. A clinging snow mixed with rain.

I started enumerating farm census in the town of Denning – over Peekamoose trail – first stop at the other end of lake - worked down toward Sundown. I had a pleasant chat & coffee with Albert Anderson at Peekamoose club. The road has been greatly improved from top of mountain to Sundown.

November 25, Thursday — A very gloomy foggy damp day. The clinging wet snow is disappearing.

I was busy along all day doing chores & odd jobs. Rather lonesome but very thankful Mother & I are privileged to spend another Thanksgiving together. We had a good supper of mashed potatoes, canned pork & gravy, biscuits, applesauce, milk etc. No mail today.

November 26, Friday — 3/8 ice on barn tub. Froze up last night. Clear early, fogged over from reservoir. The day was damp chill, part to mostly cloudy.

I made my second trip over Peekamoose Trail & canvassed farm census enumeration in Sundown area. I continue to meet friendly cooperative people – several being Masons.

November 27, Saturday — Generally sunny still damp & chill became overcast PM with a stormy evng of mixed snow & rain.

I made my third trip over to Denning. Worked along the mountain road from Sundown village over to the Warwarsing town line. The improved highway leading down past the Merriam dam to Napanoch. Was long after dark getting home. Hustled chores & a bath and attended I.O.O.F. Lodge where Initiatory Degree was conferred on 3 candidates for Phoenicia Lodge No 154 for which strenuous efforts are being made to rehabilitate.

November 28, Sunday — Mild and generally sunny still with some cloudiness. Bright growing new moon settled early evng behind High Point. Later became overcast.

I did necessary chores & odd jobs and drew out manure on woods corner. Mr Kizarian up from the city

over weekend had supper with Mother & I. The snowy mountains surely look wintry & so early. Raymond P. Zeeh 26 of Kingston fatally shot about 7:30 AM by hunting companion Chas Senor of Kingston at foot of Wittenberg Mtn. Zeeh died 9:10 AM on operating table at Benedictine Hospital.

At Samsonville near Whitestone Inn, William McInch Jr. of Belmore L.I. also fatally shot accidentally by hunting companion, met last night-- Edw J. Varanella 21 – Valley Stream L.I.. Bothe victims were world war II veterans.

November 29, Monday — We had an inch or so of sleety snow during night. Today was mostly cloudy, rain squally & was very blustery awhile PM.

Ollie helped me make a batch of sauerkraut. This PM I made a trip to Kingston for a call back on farm census question and on Chas F. Relyea who rents the former Merritt Winchell farm in Olive Bridge. I also added some missed names along Watson Hollow road to my record.

November 30, Tuesday — Part to mostly cloudy – sour raw weather.

I started for Denning but got stalled on icy Peekamoose mtn road & had to turn back and go around by way of Warwarsing & Merriman Dam to see enumerator Mrs Susie Depew in Claryville, came back over Peekamoose. The county had scrapped the road over the mountain. I took particular interest of the foundation site and 40 ft stone chimney where a century ago stood the Snyder tannery. The tall expertly laid chimney is in excellent preservation. In Samsonville below the bridge I viewed

the old foundations of the Pratt & Sampson tanneries. It burned some 75 years ago,

December 1, Wednesday — Partly cloudy, crispy atmosphere not much wind. Growing crescent moonlight evng.

I made another census taking trip over in Denning and up in Claryville and Wildcat mountain farms where there is 3 or more inches of snow on the fields.

I made interesting notice today a 1/4 mile above the Snyder tannery site of the similarly built stone chimney & boiler bed foundations of the Hammond tannery, otherwise the site has been filled in. On up in Denning is the site of Johnson Bros tannery. The first built in town of Denning.

December 2, Thursday — 20 degrees 7 AM. Cold – part to mostly cloudy – wintry weather – not much wind.

I put in a long day and a long ride enumerating farm census between Claryville and Ladleton. Today on the farm of Wm Ertz in Ladleton I visited the site of Johnson Bros tannery that burned about 80 years ago. There is several inches of snow on the hills of Denning & slippery side roads.

December 3, Friday – 16 degrees 7 AM Winter weather – clear still bright sunny cold. Moon half full tonight, sky cloudless.

I made my final farm census enumerating trip in the town of Denning. I went up over snowy slippery snowy Winnisook mtn to the Farstman and Connell Estates in

Frost Valley and out by way of Claryville & home thru Sundown and over Peekamoose trail. I note Peekamoose lake lower half frozen over also nearby Karns (Hesley's Pond) 1½ ice on our barn gutter tub. The entire Denning mountainous area is covered by several inches of snow. The lofty peaks glistened in the sunlight.

December 4, Saturday — Wintry weather. Sunny this morning with increasing overcast. Snow flurries PM & evng – ground whitened tonight.

Did chores and drew out 2 loads manure on woods corner. This evng I attended the Olive Square Club 1<sup>st</sup> annual dinner held at Bro Chas Ginsbittels Town House in Woodstock. Rec'd air letter from Mariam Nov. 2. She won championship 1<sup>st</sup> class in B Flight of national Mexican open golf championship. Prize a lovely big silver tray.

December 5, Sunday — Sunny and unseasonably cold – continued clear, still, very cold tonight – bulging half moon.

I feel very tired and sore today. This PM I made a final farm census call back for A 1 reports at Chas F. Relyea's on Tonche Mtn "Pitcairn Farm" & Kenneth Struber who now rents the old Jordan Bros farm.

December 6, Monday — Severely cold 10 degrees at 9 PM. Mostly cloudy AM – sunny PM & blustery – clear moonlight tonite.

Did chores – kept the 2 fires jumping. Covered up the cold drafty hay mow hole for winter. This PM John

Graves came and collected my farm census reports & my job is terminated. 773 lines on A-1 farm reports. Made 310 hours @1.25 & 2202 miles @ .07. Mr Graves said I have done an excellent job & I am a “Swell Guy” Ollie Burgher finished work at Town House, Woodstock. Due to financial difficulties they are closing indefinitely.

December 7, Tuesday — Pearl harbor 13 years ago today. Continued wintry cold & sunny – windy and moon hazy tonite. Temp up to 20 degrees 9 PM.

Have to keep the kitchen and dining room stoves jumping to keep house warm. Did usual chores. Took wagon load manure up to Ollie’s & brat home load seasoned chunk wood sawed last winter.

Newspaper clipping

Olive - Denning E.D. completed Dec. 6, 1954

You have probably already received in the mail a census blank with a lot of unanswered questions. Following on the heels of the questionnaire will be an enumerator to collect it. While he’s at your place, he will probably check your answers to see if everything is in order. All of us get a little fed up at times with all the blanks we are asked to fill in. And so often we wonder why we should bother. As for those census sheets, next to our voting ballot, they are most important. Here’s why our agricultural census taken every five years is so necessary.

The census is the foundation for the entire statistical system covering the nations agriculture. It provides detailed information available from no other source.

Manufactures and marketers use the assembled

statistics to measure sources of raw materials and conversely, to determine the needs of the farm market for machinery

, supplies and services necessary to efficient operations. The census figures serve as reference points for all kinds of estimates, notably those of USDA. For efficient planning you too can benefit greatly from the census tabulations.

The next census will be taken in 1960. Until then “answers” to agricultural questions will be base on the vital answers you provide now.

December 8, Wednesday — This day I nearly lost – cold raw – part to mostly cloudy.

Did usual chores etc. This PM I got a load of seasoned round wood from Ollie’s pile & ranked it up on her back porch. This evng I packed a box requested Christmas greens to send Mrs Jane Bostwick, Bloomfield N.J.

December 9, Thursday — Cloudy gloomy windy this morning. Freezing rain set in around 10:30 & whitened the ground – moderated & rainy PM. Part cleared evng. Dark murky weather.

A grass & brush fire at Brattain’s at entrance of Watson Hollow, brought West Shokan, & Olive Bridge Fire apparatus soon after 10 AM. The blaze was rapidly extinguished by the local pumper and the ----- coming storm prevented any further blaze. I did little but daily chores. Called on Claude Bell this PM. Rec’d letter Mrs Longyear the Jeanne is expected home Sunday from Mexico City trip.

Ben W. Dudrey 79 native of Olive died at his home in Kingston. Son of last Civil War veteran John J. Dudrey.

December 10, Friday — Part to mostly cloudy. Thawing but chill - damp weather. A bit mtn snow squally weather. Full moon tonight & shining.

Did daily chores. Let the cattle out for exercise. This PM spread load manure and got partly load wet leaves under the ledges above Ollie's. Made out Plymouth license renewal blank evng & fee \$15.50.

December 11, Saturday — Generally sunny windy. Thawing in sun with snow squalls on mtns – seasonable weather – cloudless evng.

Did daily chores & little else. This PM Lester S. Davis, myself, George Burgher & Harlowe McLean were bearers at the funeral of Ben W. Dudrey 2 PM at the Olive Bridge M.E. Church. Interment in family plot Tongore Cemetery. Services in charge of Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh pastor. In the plot with his father John J. Dudrey, who died early in 1937. His grand parents Mr & Mrs Lemeul Dudrey. Son Kenneth killed in action in Holland 9 /27/ 44 & brother in law Egbert VanKleeck.

The Mt Tremper Reformed church observed its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Rev. Harvey I. Todd is pastor.

December 12, Sunday — Reservoir partly skimmed over this AM. Sunny pleasant this forenoon became overcast P.M. raw & damp.

I was invited to a belated Thanksgiving very excellent chicken dinner at Ollie's along with her brother Ben

Burgher & wife of Mt Tremper.

With storm threatening and bedding needed I got a good wagon load of leaves along the back road. It was a tiresome job alone & I sure feel the effects tonight.

December 13, Monday — Sunny and still – raw chill atmosphere & some part cloudiness developed P.M. – light snow in forecast.

Did daily round of chores. This P.M. I spread load manure and got good wagon load of leaves along the back road. Addie Kelder called on Mother & I evng.

December 14, Tuesday — Icy slippery drenching rain storm all day & evening.

Town & County sanding crews busy. Onteora big school open but many others closed due to slithering highways. I started writing Christmas cards tonite. Sending Mariam & Cornelia each \$25.00 check.

December 15, Wednesday — Rained most of night. Took along some of the mountain snow. Mostly cloudy, sour weather. Rained again tonight turning to snow flurries.

Did chores & odd jobs around the barn. This evng I went with Reggie Davis & Pop Beidler to annual meeting & election of officers at Mt Horeb Chapter No 15 R.A.M. in Kingston. A super excellent ham supper was served at 6:15. Large attendance. Pop Beidler was installed chaplain.

December 16, Thursday ---- Froze up this morning – part to mostly cloudy raw & windy. Thawed during day – clear

tonight & 24 degrees at 10 P.M.

Did chores – went up & had Gus Korittke repair dining room stove grates.

This P.M. I drew out manure on woods corner & went up to Ollie's with wagon & piled load round wood on back porch. After snooze on dining room couch tonight packed a box of greens to send Cornelia including a lovely little Denning spruce tree for Norah Ellen.

December 17, Friday — Sunny this morning but gradually hazed over – still snowy atmosphere – cloudy cold tonight.

Did daily chores & odd jobs. Later P.M. Ollie helped me get a hurried load of leaves along her quarry road. Rec'd air mail letter & Christmas card letter from Mariam, also a batch of Christmas cards and letter Mrs Knorph.

December 18, Saturday — A drenching cold rain set in during late night & continued a steady downpour with warmer temperature till along in P.M.. A very dark gloomy day. Stars shone early evng but murked over & colder.

I made a shopping trip to Kingston P.M. & got a Winter Kingston 2 year guarantee battery at Montgomery Wards for \$8.44 & junk battery for the old Ford. Also 1955 standard diary at O'Rielly's stationary for \$1.90. 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Uncle Jake Crispell's 72 birthday party at Mose Palens, Ashokan. Attended by Jake Smith, Chas Hesley, Mose Palen & his wife & a blacksmith employed at Mose's shop, of these I am the lone survivor.

December 19, Sunday — Froze up this morning. Part to mostly cloudy P.M. – snow flurries clear tonight.

Did daily chores & odd jobs. Late P.M. Ollie & I went up to Mt Tremper cemetery and put a crock of greens & red berries by Pop Longyear's monument.

December 20, Monday — Cold raw part cloudy. Bright still starlight tonight.

I gave a hand sawing wood at Gus Korittke's helping Harold Constable and Bus Every.

This evng I attended meeting of The Olive Square Club at the Legion Hall – Ashokan school house.

I am reminded that today is my 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Christmas cards keep coming. Rec'd letter from Ellen Wilfris, Comma Pen – Junction P.O. Jamacia. The cards keep coming and going.

December 21, Tuesday — Very cold – part to mostly cloudy with P.M. snow flurries becoming very blustery – starlight tonight.

I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie Burgher & Mrs Raymond Wheeler went along to shop & Ollie had hairdo & made routine report to Unemployment office.

Christmas cards come & I sent out batch including calendars & 1955 Farmers Almanacs

December 22, Wednesday — Wind subsided – clear & snappy cold.

I wrote & sent Christmas cards also rec'd a batch. Drewed out manure PM – got a small load of leaves in upper woods along ledge – cold job and leaves pretty well

froze.

December 23, Thursday — Sunny this morning getting mostly overcast, blustery with P.M. hail showers – cloudy south westerly wind howling tonight.

More cards came – more going and I wrote several note cards tonight making an even hundred. I have my 4 ft spruce Xmas tree up in north corner dining room & a string of 9 colored bubbling candle lights on it.

December 24, Friday — 26 degrees 10 P.M. Partly to mostly cloudy – some periods of sunshine. Moderately mild somewhat blustery. Stars dim tonight raw & windy.

Did chores & odd jobs but otherwise it was the day before Christmas.

Rec'd more cards including card letter from Lute Bell & registered air mail letter from Bob & Mariam with enclosed Christmas check for \$25.00 for Mother & I. Mother & I ate our Christmas dinner together supper time – Roast duck, mashed potatoes, apple pie etc etc.

December 25, Saturday — Practically cloudless – bright sunny Christmas weather. A biting overnight northerly wind quieted this AM. High Point and Wittenberg's around to north continued snow covered. Looking across the unfrozen reservoir the only snow in sight is a dusting on old Tysteneck Mtn.

This morning we opened our gaily wrapped presents from Cornelia & Dick. Mother had a skirt Kay made, fruit cake & cookies. Me a gray wool dress sweater – rec'd plaid necktie & hankie to match. A Shriners tie clasp & chain.

Ollie gave Mother an iced Xmas A&P layer cake – baked duck & apple pie. Me a Capt Hickey's History of Kingston. This P.M. Johnny Young came with box of Schrafts chocolates & bottle Rhine wine. I observed Christmas doing chores & spreading load manure & getting load leaves along back road. Ollie had a family home coming turkey dinner.

December 26, Sunday — 15 degrees 7 A.M. Continued clear - still pretty snappy this morning & reservoir again partly frozen over. Starlight evng – still.

Did daily chores. Mart Eckert gave me a hair cut. They have the old Hinkley house inside very cozy & comfortable.. Mother & I enjoyed an excellent supper together – left over Xmas duck – mashed potatoes - lima beans- peas- apple pie- bread & butter & milk. I wrote several Christmas card letters tonight.

December 27, Monday — Reservoir pretty well frozen over again last night. Another pleasant mild day in sunshine, somewhat hazy - still & becoming overcast evng.

Jet planes made fantastic vapor trails in sky today. Would created consternation 50 years ago – yes 25. The crack of doom would be at hand. As a boy I was fearful of any unusual cloud appearance due to the often expressed anxieties of Aunt Cornelia Bishop and Mother. Rec'd several more cards & wrote several tonight. Had cattle out for exercise. Took load manure up to Ollie's – spread on grass & took saw bench down by Wheeler's new house along schoolhouse hill to saw up wood where

electric line cut along road. Noon time I went with Raymond Wheeler over at Benoit's place above Ashokan to see about a fire repair job to the house.

December 28, Tuesday — 50 degrees 10 P.M. Froze up last night but decidedly milder today. Cloudy & southerly wind with intermittent sprinkles – rainy windy tonight.

I got the old Ford tires pumped up & car running. I drove it over by Wheeler's along schoolhouse hill. It was a tiresome job. Wrote new years cards tonight.

December 29, Wednesday — 40 8 A.M. Cloudy damp raw air but thawing. Set in rainy latter P.M. & continued into the night.

Busy with daily routine. This P.M. got the old Ford wood mill set up & ready fro sawing as rain began.

December 30, Thursday — Rainy night turned to freezing. Everything coated with ice. The sunshine and fleeting shadows passing over the west side mountains most brilliantly revealed every contour with a clearness seldom seen. Turned windy gloomy & sour P.M.

Our old friend Edward B Every was seized with a severe heart attack last evening and Dr Marie Bieber of Phoenicia was unable to relieve. He was taken by ambulance to the Benedictine Hosp, Kingston where he died early this P.M. I made a trip to see him but was too late.

I rec'd U.S. Treasury check \$ 497.40 for my Farm Census work, after deductions for social security & income tax.

December 31, Friday — Froze up last night. High Point and South Mountain continued crusted with glistening ice. Sunny all day hazy – still - crispy bright growing near half moon tonite – muddy today.

Did daily chore routine. Took load manure up to Ollies & spread on grass P.M. We got the saw rig running & cut up a load of firewood & brat part home.

Cousin Virgil Winchell called early evening. He is keeping steady company with Addie Kelder.

23 years ago today my Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis was taken fatally ill with what proved to be appendicitis.

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### JANUARY 1 Saturday

The old year ended with the mountains ice coated and the landscape freshly retouched this morning. Slowly the murky sky cleared and the day was fairly sunny & the half moon was brilliant early evng. - the sky again gradually murking over. Frosty tonite. Jesse Burgher & Frank Royce - down from Cuba, NY due to the heart attack death of Edward Avery, 77, early Thurs. pm in Benedictine Hosp. - called this am & later returned asking would I be a bearer. I did daily chores & drew out manure. This evng going with Jesse Shurter attended a Masonic Service conducted by Rondout Lodge No343, for Bro. Ed at Lasher's Parlors Woodstock. About 17 brethem from various lodges present.

New Years 1932 My Darling Lillian continued so sickly ill. The weather heavy, 4" wet snow.

Averill Harriman Dem. Inaugurated Governor. He succeeds Thos.E.Dewey, Rep. for 12 yrs. Harriman defeated Irving M. Ives by 11,125 votes

### JANUARY 2 Sunday

There was a fresh soggy snow fall of 1 inch late in night turning to rain, raining this morning but stopped and started breaking away toward noon. The pm was mild partly cloudy & windy. Blustery night. Mother and I attended our Dear Friend Edward Avery's (77) funeral 2pm in Baptist Church. There was a large attendance of relatives neighbors and friends. 7 or 8 Floral pieces - one from Rondout Lodge no343 [F &AM] another from the Olive Square Club. Sermon by pastor Rev. Walter A. White. Organist Mrs. Swan Brewster. Solo *Beyond The Sunset*. Bearers Lester S. Davis Eugene Nicholas Walter Lang Irving Hesley & myself, E.C.Davis. Interment Laurel Hill Cemetery in S.E.corner besides his wife Anna Burger Avery & father Jacob Avery. 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Little Honey Lillian's death.

### JANUARY 3 Monday

Mild - clear still - muddy. Gradually became hazed over pm. Bulging moon shone thru early envy.- becoming blacked out by heavier clouds. 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Cornelia appendicitis operation at Kingston Hospital. It was a tragically sad time. Did daily chores - spread load manure pm on grass & got pail load leaves - pretty wet. Frank Royce called evng. Yesterday at the cemetery Jesse Burgher presented me with a cherished and greatly admired memento - Bro.Ed Avery's gold Masonic ring

with raised emblem.

JANUARY 4 Tuesday

24/10pm

Snowed a trace in night but disappeared. Continued mild, clear turning colder pm & blustery. Ollie's faithful Husky dog Rusty her faithful companion for 10 years has been getting feeble and old & very weak. This morning she had Dr. Crandall of Saugerties come and give him needles. Ollie wrapped him tenderly in a blanket and oil cloth & I buried him beside her former dog Pal - on north side of her pig house. Latter pm I took Ollie down to High Falls to see a Home Comfort 1937 model stove for sale.

JANUARY 5 Wednesday 24/7am

24/11pm

Sunny still - cold. Gradually became overcast pm. Started sleeting tonight. Did daily tasks - Drawed out manure pm & Ollie & I drawed up firewood cut under electric line along school house hill to the old Ford wood mill set up by driveway into the new Raymond Wheeler house - Ollie sold them the lot last fall & took a blanket mortgage for security. This date 2pm Jan 5, 1932 my adorable and beloved Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis' funeral was held in our home. Sermon was by Rev Carl F. Ahrens & burial in Tongore Cemetery. My old pal Ed Avery & I carried the casket from front porch to hearse.

JANUARY 6 Thursday

Widespread ice storm. Roads a glare of ice - Freezing rain

continued till midday. Foggy. Clouds breaking up pm with blustery northerly wind. Nearly full moon shining amid scurrying clouds evng. Practically all Ulster Co schools closed today. Sanding crews out full force. Raymond & Kenneth Wheeler - Ollie Burgher and I butchered my sleek yearling bull. Rec'd air mail letter Mariam. Funeral services 2pm for Benj. VanSteenburgh 84 yrs old. Shokan native resident at Lasher's Parlors Woodstock.

#### JANUARY 7 Friday

Windy cold night with snow flurries. Clear cold high northerly gale howled all day and evng. Brilliant almost full moon rose early - beautiful reflection on the wave tossed reservoir. Nothing doing but chores & latter pm I went up to Chas. Wood's after 2 bags of cow feed he offered me due to selling their stock - I gave him 2.00. Said he would settle for a bottle of wine. Ollie Burgher had a roaring chimney fire around 10 am. She call Fire Dept and both West Shokan, Olive Bridge pampers responded with plenty of assistants. The west side tall tile \_\_\_\_\_ chimney got hot but no damage resulted. Rec'd lovely Christmas thank you letter from Gaye Longyear.

#### JANUARY 8 Saturday

In marked contrast with yesterday's blow Today was quiet still & clear - Cloudless - cold brilliant full moon rose early across the reservoir. Did daily chores & odd jobs and drawed out load manure on woods corner. I attended IOOF Installation evng. Dist Deputy Myron Ronk, Staff of Sunshine Lodge No 929 Installing

officers.

JPG - Arthur Samsen NG - Alex Amai VG -  
Edw.Ordway Rec Secy - Harlowe McLean Fin Secy -  
Walter Lange Treas - Grover C. Christiana RSNG -  
Alonzo Davis LSNG - Oscar Dudley Warden - Reginald  
E. Davis Conductor - Abram Smith RSS - John Bush  
LSS - Herbert Gray Chaplain - Elwyn C. Davis

JANUARY 9 Sunday

Cold - Calm - Sunny this morning becoming overcast  
with ground whitening snow falling pm. Did usual  
chores.

The Wheelers took Ollie Burgher to High Falls pm & she  
bought a good used 1937 model Home Comfort wood  
stove & brot it back & helped set it up. Replacing the old  
Home Comfort of the Grandfather Levi VanKleecks in  
use close to 60 years. The new one cost her 12.00  
complete.

JANUARY 10 Monday Reservoir still open  
24/10pm

Clear cold still. Roads still icy places. Cloudless  
moonlight. Busy with usual chores & odd jobs.  
Drewed out manure & snaked firewood together pm.  
Started working on my income tax report tonite. A year  
ago the reservoir was covered with slush.

JANUARY 11 Tuesday

Continued practically cloudless bright sunny and cold.  
The reservoir west baisin pretty well froze over last night.

Bright moon shining. Busy with daily routine. This pm Ollie & I drew and sawed firewood & I brought a wagon load home.

JANUARY 12 Wednesday Reservoir frozen over Same date 1953 10/7am

Cold clam part cloudy, but generally sunny. Cold tonight.

Did daily rounds of chores & odd jobs. The pm or rather evg I went to Kingston with Claude N. Beidler to the Annual Dinner of Rondout Commandary - Excellent ham & trimming came back to Woodstock with Reggie Davis - where Shokan Lodge No491 - IOOF held ritualistic service at Lasher's Parlors for Jarvis Burgher 87, over 50 years a member. 29 brothers present - James McGlocklin acted as Noble Grand & myself ECDavis Chaplain.

JANUARY 13 Thursday

Reservoir solidly frozen in. Biting cold - overcast & had a half inch snow fall - Sun broke thru early pm & turned colder. Blustery - coldest nite of the winter. Busy with usual chore routine. This pm I cut a load of ash polewood along schoolhouse hill by the brook.

JANUARY 14 Friday 16/8am

Very windy night and today - Biting cold - clear. Wind quieted at evng. Ollie Burgher & I went to Kingston and attended 11 oclock funeral at Carr's Parlors for Mrs. Emma Gough nearly 94. Mother of Mrs. Ernest Shader. Rev Clyde Snell Clinton Ave. ME Minister officiated. We also went to burial in Wiltwick Cemetery. Then

invited to Shader's 115 Franklin St for dinner. I paid Chilson Newberry & Co \$1010.67 for Schenectady Discount Corp 6% convertible Debenline Bond with acc't int. I did considerable shopping After dark getting home

JANUARY 15 Saturday

34/10:30pm

Snowstorm enough to whiten the ground am with later intermittent flurries. Not much accomplished. Did chores - drew out manure on woods corner. Started up the old Ford pm intending to saw wood but had to take carburetor apart & clean the bowl & didn't get running again. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. About 15 present. Had usual refreshments.

JANUARY 16 Sunday

22/10pm

Sunny with some part cloudiness. Raw air - but temperature moderate. Starlight crispy tonite. Looking across the frozen in reservoir pretty well filled - no snow in sight other than a spot of the ledge on Tysteneck. Did daily chores. Had dinner at Ollie Burghers with her bro Ben & wife.

JANUARY 17 Monday

16/11pm

Clear - cold northerly wind. Starlight & blustery tonite - scattered clouds. Did daily round of chores. Drew out manure on woods corner am. This pm Ollie & I drew & sawed firewood & brought a part load home. This evng I went with Art Blume - Walter Lang and Sam

Wactel to monthly Olive Square Club meeting at Ashokan Legion Hall. 8 present. Art Blume, Vice Pres in charge. A collection was taken to pay for Square Club wreath fro Bro Ed Avery. Refreshments followed.

JANUARY 18 Tuesday

Cold sunny scattered clouds & raw northerly wind - Snow on the cold side of High Point & Wittenbergs - It has remained on High Point since the fall on Election Day - Did daily chores - Drawed out manure. This pm Ollie & worked drawing & sawing firewood. A cold 3 hour job. Rec'd \$1000 Schenectady Discount Corp 6% [Connectable sub debenture] bond due 1966. Bond dated Nov 1 - 1954. Int payable quarterly - convertible into 100 shares stock before 11-1-60.

JANUARY 19 Wednesday

Sunny cold with some thin overcast winds light tangy. Starlight evng. Did chores & Ollie & I drawed and sawed firewood from along schoolhouse hill electric line.

JANUARY 20 Thursday 10+/7am

Very blustery night. Clear cold & northerly gale all day. Coldest weather of winter. Clear & not quite so blustery tonight. Did daily chores. This pm Ollie & I finished the wood sawing job along schoolhouse Hill electric line. I rec'd by spl. Handling PP a badly damaged wood box sent Jan 14 from San Antonio Tex (from Bob & Mariam) containing 3 intact (and one smashed bottle) of Bacardi Rum - Postage \$3.14

JANUARY 21 Friday 4+/8am

Wind quieted in night & coldest of winter. Still & biting cold today. Mostly sunny - with increasing cloudiness. Dark cold still overcast evng. I made a business trip to Kingston. Ollie Burgher went along for bi monthly report to Unemployment Office. We attended showing of DeMilles *Reap The Wild Wind* 1840 Piratical sea picnic in color at Reades Theatre.

JANUARY 22 Saturday

24/10pm

About an inch of snow fell during night but mostly disappeared from the open during the day. The weather was moderately cold, still & partly cloudy. Bright starlight evng. Did chores - drew out manure am. This pm a group of members of the Olive Square Club attended funeral of Bro Hansen of Corinthian Lodge FvAm (x) St.Celia chapter RAM. As Chaplain I led in conducting an informal ceremony at close of service. Interment in Shandaken cemetery - minister in charge. This evng I attended & took part as Chaplain in Conferring of Initiatory Degree at Shokan IOOF Lodge. 2 candidates from Bearsville and 2 from Sunshine Highland D--Deputy Myron E. Ronk & staff present.

JANUARY 23 Sunday

24/10pm

Partly cloudy- raw atmosphere. Southerly wind pm. Clear still tonight. I'm not feeling up to par today - cold & achy. Did daily chores etc. This evng I went to Phoenicia and with a delegation of members from Kingston Lodge

No10 held ritualistic services at Gormley's Parlors for Grover C. Hedges 70 of Mt. Tremper, veteran Ulster & Delaware div. station agent. He was about to retire when injured last fall in an auto accident at Boiceville the cause of death. Fri night.

My Dear Father Chase W. Davis died 21 years ago tonight at 7:20

JANUARY 24 Monday

Clear - moderately cold - light ice southerly wind pm  
Did chores - spread load - this pm drew up 2 loads wood from sawed pile, brought one load round stove wood home & piled on porch.

JANUARY 25 Tuesday 10/7am

26/8pm

Cold night - Generally sunny with part cloudiness, becoming all overcast early evng & turning milder. We sawed up Raymond Wheelers pile of firewood with his help. Then moved the old Ford & saw bench down to Pop Beidler's & got it set up and did some sawing with Walter Lang's help. After dark getting the horses & wagon back up home & doing chores. Rec'd letter Mariam.

JANUARY 26 Wednesday

Generally sunny with some cloudiness raw northerly wind. Clear quiet evng. Went to see Joe Snyder about amking out my Federal Income Tax report. This pm Finished sawing Pop Beidler's pile of firewood.

JANUARY 27 Thursday

Cold windy snow squally night. Ground white this morning but mostly disappeared during day. Cold windy sunny forenoon - mostly cloudy pm light squally. Clear evng with growing new moon over crest of South Mtn. Did chores & odd jobs. Really too cold to work out. Rec'd orders Sears Roebuck & Montgomery Ward.

JANUARY 28 Friday

Biting cold - near zero this am. Sunny with increasing high overcast, but clear still evng with flowing crescent moon over South Mountain. Later increasing overcast. Did daily chores - drew out manure & this pm Ollie helped me put 2 loads of seasoned firewood on her back porch. I also brought some round wood home.

JANUARY 29 Saturday

Biting cold clear & still - cloudless moonlight evng. Did chores & a few odd jobs - Really too cold for outdoor work. I went over to Joe Snyder's and got my compiled 1954 Federal Income Tax return - His fee \$6.00 total. Tax 32.23. Last year \$2.50. My sale of Carrier Corp stock & Farm Census enumeration put me in the paying bracket. I have 2 - \$6.00 exemptions. This evng I went with Walter Lang to Phoenicia where IOOF Grand Master M. Jerry Judin & Marshall \_\_\_\_\_ of NYC was present at a large gathering of brothers (over 50) took part in ceremony of re instating defunct Phoenicia Lodge No54 & electing officers. 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on 9 candidates by Sunshine Lodge of Highland. New members of Shokan, Sunshine & Phoenicia lodges. (47.25 withholding tax

taken from Farm Census Wages 401.50)

JANUARY 30 Sunday

Near zero this am. Continued calm & biting cold. Quite sunny am. Light snow flurries pm & part cloudy tonight with moon at half. Did daily chores & odd jobs. Got the old scalding tub soaked up & kettle set up ready to butcher.

JANUARY 31 Monday 10/8am

Generally sunny and scattered clouds. Light northerly day wind. Still tonite & big circle around the hazy bulging moon. Not quite so snappy today. Mart Eckert Ray Kelder & Ollie helped me butcher a 170lb dressed last June pig. Good scald & a neat job. Got it down cellar & partly cut up.

FEBRUARY 1 Tuesday

2" snowfall during late night & flurrying along this morning. Considerably sunny with light flurries pm. Continued cold and still. Hazy moonlight evng. I went to Kingston to serve as Court officers 2 pm at the Feb. term of County Court. Judge John M. Cashin presiding. This evng I went with a delegation of members of Shokan IOOF Lodge No441 to Moylan's Parlors in Rosendale and took part as Chaplain & Jimmy McGlocklin as Noble Grand for Bro. Edward Coons 77. 49 years a member. This is the first ritualistic service the new purchased books were used in much changed form. 21 years ago Mariam entered St.Lukes Hosp training.

FEBRUARY 2 Wednesday Zero this am

10 below zero/10pm

Coldest night of the winter with 1 ½" fluffy snowfall abating this am. Still & very cold. Sun gradually broke thru & quite bright pm for Mr. Woodchuck to see his shadow. Cloudless zerowy moonlight evng. I went to Kingston this am & went to Vanderlyn Battery Co St. James St & had plugged up South Wind gasoline car heater repaired - new kit installed. 8.65 paid. Then reported to County Court session which was soon adjourned till 10am tomorrow. This pm I caught up on chores - drew out manure on garden. Rec'd letters Kay & Dick.

FEBRUARY 3 Thursday 10 below/7am

4+/10pm

Extremely cold & sunny. Northerly wind pm & evng. Snow blowing - 20 below zero in Olive Bridge area. I went to Kingston this morning but had difficulty with my car heating up. Court adjourned at noon till 2pm Mon. Bothered with overheating coming back & went up to Bert Winnie's Garage & he found radiator plugged up with rust etc. & gave it a thorough flushing out & added more antifreeze. Bill 3.65 paid.

FEBRUARY 4 Friday 10/7am

14/9pm

Still - cloudless. The extreme cold is letting up somewhat. Cloudless moonlight still pretty crispy evng. I went to Kingston shopping. Ollie went along for Unemployment

Office report. Went down to Alcon's in Rondout and bought a pair of Hoods 12in hunting pacs - rubber bottom, leather top \$9.95 paid.

#### FEBRUARY 5 Saturday 10/7am

Overcast this morning but later fared away tho hazy. Still & milder. Becoming overcast & threatening snow. Did chores as usual. This pm I drew out manure on grass & got small load of leaves that were thawed out along back road ledges. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter & Pop Beidler to Kingston attending roast beef dinner & meeting of Ulster Co Shriners Club at Hoppey's Restaurant on Wall St. 89 present. Speaker was Frederick Snyder widely known lecturer. I went as guest of Pop Beidler.

#### FEBRUARY 6 Sunday

Arrived snowing about 2" fell, later changed to a chill gloomy foggy all day & evng rain. This pm Ollie & cut up the hog meat & made brine. After supper round 13 lbs of delicious sausage. Ice clogged streams got a partial flushing out.

#### FEBRUARY 7 Monday

Roads a glare of ice this morning but later melted & snow pretty well disappeared today. Sunny & thawing - windy - PM considerable cloudiness & somewhat colder. I went to Kingston on Court duty at 2pm out at 3:15. Radiator plugged up again & I made the trip by easy stages on way back I had Bert Winne clean out again. \$1.50 charge paid. I put the hams & bacon strips in brine cure evng & packed box of 7lbs fresh shoulder pork & 5

3/4lb roll butter to send Mrs. Knorph.

FEBRUARY 8 Tuesday

Clear quiet day & evng. Froze up hard last night but melted during day. Last night's full moon shining behind mackerel sky tonite. I made a trip to Kingston this morning on Court duty. After a 15 minute session Court adjourned till 10am tomorrow. Still having car heating trouble & again this pm had Bert Winnie recleaned the cooling system & add another qt of antifreeze. 2.00 charge paid.

FEBRUARY 9 Wednesday 10/7am  
32/9pm

Clear, cold night. Quiet. Milder weather - but atmosphere feels of snow. Hazy starlight evng & warmest in a long time. I went to Kingston this morning but court recessed before noon till tomorrow am. Home 1 o'clock. This pm I drew out manure on grass & got load green sawed firewood & piled on kitchen porch. Rec'd letter Dick Herrington. Said Rome had 28 - 30 degrees below zero.

FEBRUARY 10 Thursday

Froze up this morning. Sunny hazy with light southerly wind. Clear evng. Later moonrise. Real spring like weather became very pleasantly warm. Ground top thawed & very muddy. Underlying frost is deep. I went to Kingston this morning, but Court soon adjourned till next Monday 2pm & I was back home 11:30am. This pm drew up 2 loads of the sawed wood along schoolhouse

hill to Ollie's.

FEBRUARY 11 Friday 46/8am

Dark rainy this morning & continuing till early afternoon when dropping temperature changed into snow storm & bluster. Tonite travel on slippery roads is extremely hazardous. Aside from daily chores nothing accomplished. I cut up part of hind qu of beef hanging in granary. The snow fall petered out tonight - much colder windy & snow blowing. About 3" fell.

FEBRUARY 12 Saturday

Snow plow & sanding crews had a busy night. Biting cold windy - part cloudy - snow squally pm. Did daily chores - This pm Ollie helped me draw out & spread manure - get the sleigh & dray out of hen house storage & got small load firewood. Very cold in the woods.

FEBRUARY 13 Sunday 10.8am

Sunny biting cold & light northerly wind. Clear still tonight. Did daily chores. Mr. Kizirian up 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2 mo. Found his celler door hinges broken in & dz qt bottles beer & 2 bottles gin missing & pump frozen cracked. His bro in law house above Bushkill bridge also had been entered. Mr. Kizirian & I had dinner at Ollie's & he had supper with mother & I.

FEBRUARY 14 Monday 6/7am

Clear early, pretty snappy - cold snowy air all day. Became increasingly hazy & set in snowing at dusk. I went to Kingston on Court Duty pm. Ollie Burgher went

along for shopping & Juryman Geo. Nichols at Boiceville coming back I technically passed a stopping east bound school bus at West Hurley was proceeding when overhauled by a State Trooper at Woodstock road & given a summons to appear before Justice Alton Boice at 7:30pm tomorrow in West Hurley.

### FEBRUARY 15 Tuesday

Last nights fresh fall of snow less than 2" Rather on the murky side today. PM snow flurries - All clearing later - Still starlight evng. Went to Kingston for 10 oco Court duty. Court adjourned after short session till 10am Thurs. Back home 1 o'clock. Ollie & I worked in woods awhile pm - picking up firewood. This evng I reported to Justice Alton Boyce in West Hurley on school bus passing charge. Found him very congenial & co operative. He laid a fine of \$5.00 on guilty plea & left my operators record clear - so I'm well satisfied.

### FEBRUARY 16 Wednesday

Still sunny am acted like sap weather. Murked over and set in snowing mid pm & continued falling heavily into the night. I sent Mrs. Knorpp 6 dz case eggs by Ins. Pm. I got the eggs large size at John Zinner's .58 doz. I put the cows out awhile for exercise. This pm spread load manure & later Ollie helped me cut a dray load firewood in woods across the road.

### FEBRUARY 17 Thursday

The heavy overnight fall of snow is about 7 inches. Snow plows and sanding trucks are doing heavy duty. Went to

Kingston am on court duty, after sentencing. -----  
Gordon 2-4 yrs in prison for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree manslaughter,  
court was adjourned till Monday 2pm - Back home  
noontime. The weather was chill & foggy & muggy  
gloomy.

FEBRUARY 18 Friday

Froze up icy this am. Side roads slippery. Northerly wind  
- Bright sunshine - Thawing. Clear evng - freezing.  
Typical March weather. I made a trip to Kingston to  
shop, look at a second hand Plymouth 1952 car. Ollie  
went along for routine unemployment office report.  
Coming back we called at John & Helen Marshall's &  
Reggie Davises.

FEBRUARY 19 Saturday

22/12pm

Froze up hard icy last night. Still bright sunny day &  
thawing. Clear still crispy tonite. Busy with usual daily  
chores am & put the cows out for exercise. This pm Ollie  
helped me spread a load of manure & cut a dray load of  
firewood over along Ecke's stone wall line. This evng I  
went with Pop Beidler to Kingston & with a bus load to  
Cairo where Dist Deputy Gordon A Craig Sr of Kingston  
Lodge No10 paid an official visit to Kedewah #693.  
Came back to Kingston on the new thruway.  
Sap running briskly in pm sun.

FEBRUARY 20 Sunday

Clear still night, froze up this morning. Clear still bright  
sunny day, snow melting & water running. Typical maple

sap weather. Froze up again evng clear & still. Did usual chores. Let the cows out for exercise. Had good steak dinner at Ollie's along with Ben & Ida down from Mt. Tremper. This pm we took a ride in his Dodge down to Rondout & Ben checked over the Plymouth 1952 Cranbrook sedan I looked over Friday, owned by Policeman Anthony Turck. Car seems in Excellent condition inside & out.

#### FEBRUARY 21 Monday

Froze up lightly last night. Sunny this morning, but gradually hazed over cloudy still. Dark overcast evng. Damp chill weather. I went to Kingston early pm for 2 o'clock Court duty. For the first time a jury was drawn (in a Civil Action) Recd 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming Edition of Casper Herald Morning Star. Im getting birthday cards.

#### FEBRUARY 22 Tuesday

Sloppy damp foggy overcast weather. Misty chilling pm, I went up to Gus Korittke's for wagon tongue iron repairs around noon time & got load manure spread pm on grass stubble.

#### FEBRUARY 23 Wednesday

Near freezing rain fell last nite & forenoon. Thawing & water running. Broke away sunny & pleasant noon time or early pm. The fields are pretty much bare tonight & freezing. I went to Kingston this am on Court officer duty. A Civil action to recover on a contract is being tried. (A woman changing her mind on a cabinet &

stoped installation in Highland.) I was excused early pm & came home by way of Kripplebush & left 6 ¾ lb roll butter at Lounsberry. Birthday cards keep coming. This is my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mother made my time honored soft chocolate plain cake.

FEBRUARY 24 Thursday

Froze up this morning. Sap weather - Sunny becoming partly overcast still - Clear crispy evng with brilliant new moon settling behind South Mtn. I went to Kingston for 10am jury duty. I was excused before pm court convened & came on home. This evng Ollie & I went to Phoenicia and saw the famous picture *White Christmas*, also a magnificent educational color film of Norway - *Land of The Midnight Sun*.

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

**VIOLA L. TOMPINS, OLIVER TWEEDY WED**

The marriage of viola Losee Tompkins of Port Ewen and Oliver Tweedy of Hurley took place Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19, in the parsonage of Port Ewen Methodist church. The Rev. Fenton C. St. John officiated.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Zade Liese, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy are now on a wedding trip to Florida.

FEBRUARY 25 Friday 20/7am

Froze up hard last nite. Bright sunny crispy still day, cloudless evng. - with growing new moon. I went to Kingston for 10am Court duty but after a brief session

Judge Cashin adjourned court till Mon. 2pm. My car is again overheating & on way home, I went up to Bert Winnie's & he for 4<sup>th</sup> time - put in all new antifreeze. Latter pm Ollie helped me draw out manure & cut a dray load of handy by polewood.

#### FEBRUARY 26 Saturday

Sun shone hazily still - becoming glum & murky - snowed and rained tonite & foggy. Did chores - drew out manure and this pm Ollie & I cut a dray load of firewood in nereby woods. Its bare ground sleighing mostly muddy. This evng for first since Jan 22 I attended Shokan IOOF lodge 491 - 15 present. Refreshments served. I have recd 25 birthday cards. 5 more than last year.

#### FEBRUARY 27 Sunday

Foggy murky damp muddy weather. Rainy pm. Not much doing. I finished reading an abridged book article, *A Stillness at Appomatix* by Bruce Catton. Grant's wilderness campaign before Petersburg & Lee's final surrender, April 1865. "Intensely interesting" Did usual chores. Wrote several cards tonight.

#### FEBRUARY 28 Monday

Heavy fog early - sun broke thru & pleasant & mild. Murked over again pm & rain evng. I went to Kingston for 2pm court officer duty. After a brief session Judge John M. Cashin adjourned court for the Feb. Term. I have 15 days @ 5.00 and 750 travel miles @.08 Total \$135.00

MARCH 1 Tuesday

70pm in sun

Rainy night continued dismal foggy rainy till early pm when wind started up & sun broke thru & continued clearing. Brilliant half moon tonite. By far warmest of winter. Streams flushed from rain & melting mtn. snow. Ground surface muddy - no snow in sight looking across the reservoir & greatly thinned out on west side mtns. This pm I drawed dray load cut wood from across the road, took wagon load manure up & spread on patch above the road.

MARCH 2 Wednesday

Pleasantly mild & sunny this forenoon. Became overcast blustery with afternoon snow squalls. This am I went up to Gus Korittke's shop & had dented car fender repaired & new handle put in axe. After a late afternoon start Ollie & I cut a dray load of firewood in woods across the road. Arthur Elting of Wittenberg completed drilling an artesian well for Jim Harrison on his back lot.

MARCH 3 Thursday

24/10pm

Froze up this morning. Generally sunny with partial overcast. Chilly snowy air & light south easterly wind. Still crispy moonlight evng. With increasing cloudiness. Spread load manure before dinner & this pm Ollie & I cut 2 dray loads firewood across the road & got it on bare ground sleighing. Recd long letter Mrs. Longyear she has had a 3 weeks seige with the prevailing Virus.

MARCH 4 Friday          Thunder rumbled evng.  
3 inches of heavy sleety snow fell during the night and made a busy job for town & county snow plows & sanding crews. Misty foggy gloomy sloppy weather & travel. Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston for her unemployment report & shopping. We called on Grace Winchell at 10 Green St. & had lunch. Went down to Rondout & had a ride in Tony Turck's 1952 Plymouth - I made him an offer of \$600 & my car. Ollie bought a pedigreed German police spayed female dog for \$10.00 of Mrs. John Dolan 155 Spring Street & brought it home in car.

MARCH 5 Saturday  
Continued foggy gloomy misty sloppy weather with everything coated with snow & ice. Temp just above freezing. The plows have piled up sizeable snow banks along the roadsides for the first of the winter. Did usual chores. Had cows out for exercise. I went along with Walter Lang to IOOF Lodge evng. Small crowd but good refreshments.

MARCH 6 Sunday  
24/10pm  
Thundered in night. Continued sloppy dismal foggy weather. Heavy wet snow fell this pm for a few hours, adding 1 ½" atop the crusty under snow & hail. Turning much colder tonight. Did chores & not much else. Had Mart Eckert trim up my hair.

MARCH 7 Monday 24/8am

Froze up hard last night, snow crusty & roads icy. Morning snow flurries developed into blizzardy afternoon squalls adding another 1 ½" snow. Clearing moonlight cold & blustery evng. Roughest weather of the winter. Did daily chores & drew out manure pm. Got peppered by the last snow squall. Rec'd card Cornelia, first in over a week.

MARCH 8 Tuesday 4+/7am  
12/11pm

Snappy zeroxy night. Bright sunny day with light winds & scattered clouds. Cloudless still evng with brilliant early rising full moon - later getting hazy. Busy with chores etc. am this pm Ollie & I cut a big dray load of handy firewood. Ed Young Tillson Auto Garagemen called early pm to demonstrate a 1951 Gray Plymouth Sedan. We took a ride around up over Bushkill Hill but I did not deal. Offered him \$500 & my car.

MARCH 9 Wednesday

We had 1 ½" fresh snow this morning, - Sunny - becoming overcast & rain, squally around noon, later fairing away sunny. Real spring like & water running & snow settling. Got ready to butcher this am but Ray Kelder's expected help missed fire. This pm Ollie & I cut & drew out firewood from across the road behind barn. This evng I went with Walter Lang & Swan Brewster to Visitors Night at Ulster Lodge 193 \_\_\_\_\_ in Saugerties. Nearly 100 present & many lodges represented. Dr. Jas. C. Crandall Master. My first visit & I was very favorably

impressed.

MARCH 10 Thursday 54/10am

62/9:30pm

Balmy spring - Generally fair & sunny, wind light. Snow went like magic & water running everywhere. All gone from the open tonite. Some overcast. Tonite clear & blustery. Busy with usual chores & drew out manure pm. This pm Ollie & I cut a big load of firewood and the old dray sleigh went broke. Not entirely unexpected. My artificially bred Guernsey cow - *Limpsy Tit* had a week over due half Swiss bull calf late pm.

MARCH 11 Friday

Continued break up weather - Strong gusty S. Westerly winds, rain squalls. Mostly cloudy - forecasted severe thunder showers did not materialize here. All cleared evng & cooler, wind diminished. Did usual chores - This pm Ollie & I got the broken down dray load of wood re loaded on wagon & on wood pile. Ice still holding on reservoir. No snow to be seen other than on High Point & around to the Wittenbergs.

MARCH 12 Saturday

36/11pm

Anniversary of start of great blizzard of 1888  
Froze up last night. Sap weather - Sunny mild - becoming overcast late pm with chill southerly wind. Set in rainy tonight. I went up to Bert Winnie's & had tire changed & pair whiffle tree irons repaired toward noon, 2.00 paid. This pm after a late start Ollie & I drew out manure &

cut wagon load of polewood. Late tonight getting around & didn't make IOOF Lodge.

MARCH 13 Sunday

24/10pm

Quite cold - sunny with some cloudiness. Northerly wind. Clear crispy tonight. Did daily chores - this pm Ollie & I took a ride over to Town House Woodstock & saw Harry Braithwaite who has stayed there alone since the sudden closing & lease taking by Mr & Mrs Charles Gensbittel, early in Dec.

MARCH 14 Monday

Froze up last night. Bright sunny, rather chilly, light southerly wind. Good maple sap day. Thawed & muddy pm. Hoped to butcher hog but no help available. This pm Ollie & I raked in woods across the road cutting & drawing firewood. The New York Stock Market sustained its heaviest reaction in 15 years continuing from last week.

MARCH 15 Tuesday

Sunny this morning. Froze a bit last night. Became overcast, with a damp raw air & was mussy & somewhat rainy pm. I got the old ford wood mill set up & Ollie & I got a good start sawing pm despite the rain. The stock market re bounded sharply today - recovering about 2/3 of yesterday losses.

MARCH 16 Wednesday

Rainy dense foggy night & this morning continuing foggy

with light rains & misty. Became windy & colder latter pm with the fog cleared away. Very blustery snow squally tonite. Not much doing but chores etc. This pm I managed to set and filed up the wood saw. This evng I went with Pop Beidler to Kingston and greatly enjoyed the dramatized conferring of Most Excellent Master degree on 9 candidates by uniformed team from PoKeepsie Chapter RAM at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75 - a large attendance present. Mrs. Helen Barringer 77, died at her home directly across the reservoir at Grant Avery's.

#### MARCH 17 Thursday

Froze up hard last nite. Northerly gale howled all night & gradually calmed down latter pm. Cloudless & cold. Did chores - drew out manure - Latter pm Ollie gave me a hand buzzing up firewood. The reservoir ice field is weakening and tonite there is open water in upper end.

#### MARCH 18 Friday

Nasty sap snow all morning & early pm. About 2" fell. Part broke away but kept squally. I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie & Mrs. Raymond Wheeler went along. Ollie made routine report to Unemployment office. I went to Senate House Museum & made inquiry about the old now dismantled cannon in the rear. It is a relic of the old militia training era in Olive, Shandaken. It stood for many years along the bank, near the old Davis Winnie farm & boarding house at Cold Brook. It was removed to the Senate House yard in Kingston & stood there for some years before decay of the wheels caused its dismantling.

MARCH 19 Saturday

22/11pm

Froze up hard last night. Cloudless, raw air - Light crispy northerly wind. Clear still cold tonight. Sap weather and making more. Drew out manure before dinner. Would been a grand day to butcher the hog, but as usual no help available. This pm Ollie & I cut & hauled firewood from woods back of the barn. Funeral 2pm in Shokan Reformed Church for Mrs. Helen Barringer, Rev. Benjamin Scholten officiating. Interment Tongore Cemetery.

MARCH 20 Sunday 20/7am

Another hard freezup last night. Cloudless with light south wind and moderating temperature. A group of 13 members including myself were welcomed at the 9:30 am service held in the Ashokan Methodist Church. John W. Grob, A.B. Minister. The service was very interesting and inspiring.

MARCH 21 Monday

Spring Spring Gentle Spring, came in wintry garb. We had a sloppy clinging snow storm of 4 or 5 inches & during pm turned to rain & continued into the night. Roads slushy & slippery & snow plows & sand trucks operating. The mail failed to get up over schoolhouse hill for first in past 2 winters. Not much could do but chores - Carpenter Raymond Wheeler started the tearing out Ollie Burgher's old kitchen pantry for remodeling. This evng I attended monthly meeting of Olive S\_\_\_\_\_ Club

at Ashokan Legion Hall.

MARCH 22 Tuesday

Rainy night and freezy storm continued along in an assortment of pm hail thunder & lightening. Everything is burdened with a coat of dripping snow & ice - slushy traveling. Trees on South Mtn. broke under the heavy burden with echoing crashes. Other than doing chores I took a pm nap & hung up & started smoking hams & bacon. Sent Mariam air mail letter bd'le papers.

MARCH 23 Wednesday 26/7am

40/10pm

Blustery night & froze up hard this morning. Ice everywhere. Snow flurries with gradual clearing am. Cloudless pm & slushy. Clear & blustery tonight & warmer. Did daily chores. This pm I spread big cart load manure along road on field side. Also cut and hauled to woodpile several drays of wood. Kept smoke house going.

MARCH 24 Thursday

Froze up again last night. Variable cloudiness with occasional brief sprinkles and a blustery rain squall late pm followed by clearing. Did daily chores & this pm worked in woods alone hung up 3 firewood trees & hauled 2 drays to woodpile. This evng Ollie & I went to the Lyons Club annual Exposition at the Armory on Manor Avenue. Many exhibits & large crowd, but no automobiles on display but Hudson.

MARCH 25 Friday

32/10pm

Froze up some last night - Sunny with gradual overcast developing during pm. Dark overcast still evng. Thawing during day but a chilling air. I not the reservoir ice field is open down to Weidner's point and along the Bushkill entrance. Other than chores - it took the day to get things ready & butcher the hog this pm. Had good help Mart Eckert & Ray Kelder & a good scold. Dressed 175. Cut up pigs heart tonite.

MARCH 26 Saturday

Another nasty day. Snowed 1 ½" during late night. Wet clinging snow, turned to light rain. Got the hog down celler this morning & cut up the meat pm. Beautiful lean - Sent 13lb butter to Mrs. Knorpp Ins. PP .79 Pop Beidler & I attended IOOF Lodge tonight. Dick Herrington Thursday again became a patient at the Syracuse Veterans Hosp. for removal of a surplus growth on his leg stump.

MARCH 27 Sunday 20/7am

20/10pm

Wild wintry night & very rough snow squally blustery day & evng. It's winter and no mistake. The relentless north wind is cutting away the stubborn ice barrier on reservoir. Did daily chores - Went to John Zinner's for 6 dz eggs pm for Mrs. Knorpp .55 dz paid \$3.30. Tonite packed 9 ¼ lb chunk of frozen pork meat to send Mrs. Knorpp.

MARCH 28 Monday 18/7am

Continued wild wintry weather - cold - snow squally - clear evng. Drawed out manure & spread on field behind barn am. Sent Mrs. Knorpp 6 dz eggs @ .95 dz. - cost .55 also 9 ½ lbs shoulder pork meat @.75 lb - with several choice potatoes.

### MARCH 29 Tuesday

Continued blustery with variable cloudiness & sunshine froze up hard again last night but the temperature trend is moderating. The reservoir is cleared of ice down about across from the Bridal veil stream inlet. Busy with usual chores and this pm Ollie & I worked in the woods & snaked drays to woodpile. This evng Pop Beidler, Reggie Davis & I went to Kingston and attended Masonic service at Carr's Parlors for Geo. J. Schryner. Fully 150 brethern present. By far the largest turn out I ever saw. Later we attended session of Kingston Lodge No 10.

### MARCH 30 Wednesday

Maple sap weather de-luxe. Cloudless mild with diminished northerly wind. Brilliant half moon tonite. The snow disappeared from open spaces. This am I snaked out firewood drays to woodpile & this pm worked up logs for saw bench and got considerable wood sawed. I learned last night that Mrs. Grace Winchell of 10 Green St. Kingston while visiting a friend on Lucas Ave. Sat. March 19, had slipped on a scatter rug & fell & broke her right shoulder. She is in Benedictine Hosp. I sent her card & letter today.

### MARCH 31 Thursday

Froze lightly last nite. Another lovely warm sunny day with light northerly wind. Still clear moonlike evng. 10 years ago temp. last week in March hit mid eighties & trees were leafed out. March has passed without the chirp of a frog which is unusual. The snow faded from the sunny side of mtns today - but there is plenty on High Point. This am I spread cart load manure & got 2 loads firewood. This pm Ollie & I sawed wood.

### APRIL 1 Friday

A really delightful real warm spring day. Bright & sunny - few scattered light clouds - Light northerly wind. Cloudless still moonlight evng. "Peepers came to life." Spent the day making a trip to Kingston. Ollie went along for her unemployment office report. Came back by way of Woodstock & stopped & saw Harry Braithwaite at Town house. Last nights strong wind cleaned out the remaining ice fields in both reservoirs.

### APRIL 2 Saturday PM temp mid 70's

Beautiful balmy sunny day with northerly wind. Cloudless Bright moonlight envy. June like weather - clouding over tonight. Busy with chores or odd jobs am. PM Ollie & I drew out manure and sawed wood. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge 16 present. A 50 year veteran membership pin was rec'd to be sent to Lewis Bell - who became a 50 year member March 11. A life membership dues card also being sent him.

### APRIL 3 Sunday

Dismal chill weather. Vast change from yesterday. Set in rainy noon time changed to wet snow. Ground white with snow tonight. Not much doing other than chores. Wrote Norah a birthday card & enclosing 2 new dollar bills & one for Ellen.

#### APRIL 4 Monday

Cleared away this morning - mild with brisk northerly wind. Bright moonlight evng. The snow disappeared like magic today. Drew out manure. This pm Ollie & I sawed firewood. I sent Norah birthday card. Heavy snow storm up state & in New England. Stewart A. Jones 63, for many years locomotive engineer - Employed for a number of years by Winston & Co at Brown Sta. since 1915 with West Shore RR. His last few years was in the Kingston yard till failing health caused his retirement a year ago Christmas - died at his daughter Mae in Dillion, SC

#### APRIL 5 Tuesday

Magnificent clear balmy May like weather. Temp up in 70's this pm cooler tonite & getting cloudy. Started to rain. Spring fever weather. Did usual chores - drew out manure - Took load firewood up to Ollie's. This pm we sawed up another wagon load. Sent Easter card letter to Mariam & Bob - & cards to Gaye Jeannie & Robt yesterday. The Berkshire Mtns over the river are white with snow. A flock of around 30 wild geese circled and spent the pm on the reservoir off below our place. First in my recollection of seeing geese on reservoir. Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>

### APRIL 6 Wednesday

Warm rainy weather. Murky - with bits of pm sunshine. Summerlike late pm thunder shower. Cleared beautifully - moonlight evng, cooler. Not much doing but chores and odd jobs.

32 years ago tonight my saw mill on 28A burned with a total loss. That evng (rainy) I was at Kingston Lodge No 10 with Herman Weidner, Clayton Burgher at which time Clayton recd his Entered Apprentice Degree. I proposed his application.

Very dense ground fog this evng. It was the worst I ever drove in to get my hair cut at Bill Lortz on Krumville road back across the dam to Winchell's store. North side reservoir clear.

### APRIL 7 Thursday

Mostly cloudy snow squally windy & becoming much colder. Full moon occasionally showed thru cloud rifts tonite. Did chores & took load sawed wood up to Ollie's. Pop Beidler, Walter Lang Reggie Davis and I attended dinner and evening session of Ulster Greene Masonic District convention at Kingston Masonic Temple. Large attendance.

### APRIL 8 Friday

Clear real cold wintry weather. Froze up last night. Strong gusty northerly wind. Water rolled wild on the overflowing Ashokan West basin - The East side laps over the dividing weir. Did chores - Too cold to pile wood this am on the sunny end of the barn. This pm

Frank Royd down from Cuba, NY started wiring Ollie Burgher's house for electricity. Ollie & I were invited to steak supper with Frank & \_\_\_\_\_ Burgher. They are staying at Ed Avery's bungalow.

#### APRIL 9 Saturday

A vast change from yesterdays winter. Balmy sunny spring weather - wind northerly. Scattered pm cloudy. Lovely mild moonlight night. The trout season opened. Poor fishing reported. Drewed out manure & took load wood up to Ollie's & got the last load down along school house hill. Dick Herrington arrived unexpectedly mid pm. He just got out of Veteran's Hosp. Thursday. I attended IOOF Lodge evng and later Dick & I went up to Holiday Inn awhile. Jacob Winchell died pm at his home under High Point. He had stoke Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### APRIL 10 Sunday

Summery weather, 82 sun temp mid pm. Sunny with drying northerly wind. Cloudless warm evng. Frank Royce resumed wiring work on Ollie's house, after fishing yesterday without luck. Dick spent the day visiting with the Schmoekel's. I had Easter ham dinner at Ollie's along with Frank, Gregory Burgher - Ben Burgher & Ida. Mother said this is a lonesome Easter for her. After supper Dick & I drove up to Mr. Longyear's grave in Hudler's Cemetery. Easter Dawn Service on Tongore Cemetery. Evng service here in Baptist church.

#### APRIL 11 Monday

Continued warm summer like weather. Sunny, becoming

partly overcast rainy looking pm. Cleared evng. Did chores - drew out manure - took load wood up to Ollie's. Helped her clean up couple loads of rubbish. Then latter pm she helped me saw up a load of wood. Dick Herrington went home this morning.

#### APRIL 12 Tuesday

Cloudy - decidedly cooler chill atmosphere. Rainy along all pm cloudy chill tonight. The rather light rian relieved very hazardous brush & grass fire conditions. Frank Royce worked on Ollie's house wiring. I drew out manure & took load wood up to Ollie's before dinner. This evng I rode with Reggie Davis. Harlowe McLean & Alonzo Davis to Highland, attending Annual meeting of IOOF District Grand Committee. 40 Past Grands present. Supper served at 6:30. Meeting followed at 8:12pm District Deputy Myron C. Ronk presiding. I was unanimously re-elected Secretary. Fred Russel of Catskill Mtn. Lodge No487, was elected District Deputy over Myron Ronk, 26 to 12. Result extremely disappointing & unexpected for Bro. Ronk.

#### APRIL 13 Wednesday

Dismal chill cloudy still weather - mtns foggy - misty. Did chores & helped Frank Royce some with wiring am. This pm, 2 oco. Ollie and I went to funeral of Jacob Winchell 80 at Tongore Church. Sermon by Rev. Harlow Kishpaugh. Solo by Mrs. Kishpaugh God Understands - organist Carol Davis. Bearers nephews - Burton & Laurence Winchell, John Nichols and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Interment Tongore Cemetery.

APRIL 14 Thursday

54/9pm

Dreary chilly foggy rainy day & evening. Moderating pm.

Did chores - managed to draw out load manure pm during a let up. Also had a flat tire (Electric wiring staple) & went up to Bert Winnie's garage for repairs - \$1.00 paid.

APRIL 15 Friday

Warm spring weather again. Mostly cloudy. Late pm showers. I made a trip to Kingston. Ollie went along for her routine unemployment office report. Called on Mr & Mrs. Chester A. Lyons at 1 North Front Apartment - Chets health is not to good & eyesight poor. He don't get out around much. This is Ollie Burghers 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The following two clippings found in journal for this date:

**STEWART JONES**

Stewart Jones of 112 Henry Street, this city, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Jones Lupo, Dillon, S.C., April 11. Funeral services will be held from A.Carr & Son, 1 Pearl Street, Monday at 2pm. Burial will be in the Wiltwyck Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral parlors Saturday, 7 to 9pm, and Sunday 2 to 4pm, and 7 to 9pm. Sunday at 7:30pm, members of Shokan Lodge 491, IOOF will hold ritualistic services. At 8pm, Kingston Lodge 10 F & AM will also hold services. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, the former Ethel M. VanAken, and two daughters, Ethelmae, wife of J.C. Lupo, Jr., of Dillon,

S.C., and Anna L, wife of Robert L. Tucker of Kingston. He also is survived by four grandchildren, a brother, Robert D. Jones, Schenectady, and a half-brother, Gail L. Jones, Detroit, Mich. Mr. Jones was a retired locomotive engineer on the West Shore Division of the New York Central Railroad.

MANUEL SUAREZ (dated 4-15-55)

Manuel Suarez, 66, a resident of Olive Bridge for the past 20 years, died at his home today. He was a native of Asturias, Spain. Besides his widow Benigna Suarez, he leaves two sons, Edward M. and Joseph S. Suarez; a daughter, Louise A. Suarez; and a brother Silverino Suarez. Funeral services will be held at the Henry J. Bruck Funeral Home, 27 Smith avenue, Tuesday, April 19, at 2pm. Burial will be in Tongore Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday and Monday between the hours of 3 and 5 and 7 and 9.

APRIL 16 Saturday

Faired away this morning into a lovely warm sunny spring day with light wind, clouded over evng. Did daily chores - Drawed out manure am & took load chunk wood up to Ollie's. After dinner I sawed the patch above road with Clinton seed oats & seeded with alfalfa and timothy mixture. The last traces of the over winter snow on High Point have disappeared.

APRIL 17 Sunday

Chill cloudy damp weather - with a rain shower toward noon. Milder pm Cleared evng. Did usual chores - I

wrote a news copy for Kingston Ulster Press. Bob Bishop & friend Elmer Moore of Delhi called. They came down to fish. Mr. Kizirian up from the city called pm. This evng Mr. Kizirian took Ollie & I & Sam Wachel to Carr's Parlors in Kingston where at 7:30 members of Shokan IOOF Lodge No491 held ritualistic services for Stewart A. Jones. PG James McGlocklin took the Noble Grand's part. Myself, EC Davis, Chaplain's part. At 8pm Kingston Lodge No 10 F&AM led by the Master Garry Schryver conducted their funeral service. A delegation from Olive Rebekah Lodge No 470, also attended.

The following is from clipping found this date in journal:  
FOX IS REELECTED OLIVE FIRE HEAD

Albert Fox was reelected chief of Olive Fire Department No.1 during the annual meeting Wednesday night. All other officers also were reelected.

Following the election, a demonstration was held on the use of chemicals to extinguish fires. A movie was shown explaining the safety features of gasoline trucks traveling on highways in the event they become involved in accidents resulting in fire.

A social hour followed the business meeting. (dated 4-16-55)

APRIL 18 Monday

A lovely sunny day - with variable wind, quieting. Cloudless - pleasantly cool evng. Put in the day cross-cutting & splitting up firewood logs ready for the saw bench. Ollie helped pm. This evng I attended monthly

meeting of the Olive Square club in Ashokan at the Legion Hall. Had good refreshments after.

APRIL 19 Tuesday

Cloudy mild morning showers - Hot patches of pm sunshine - otherwise mostly cloudy. Northerly wind pm & evng. Ollie helped me pm finish working up logs & sawing wood. Plenty tired tonight. Monroe Coddington, Tillson cesspool cleaner called after dinner - first I've seen him in several years. Has been in poor health & in army hospitals due to World War 2 injuries.

APRIL 20 Wednesday

Pleasant clear sunny weather - wind gentle, cooler than yesterday. Still starlight evng - getting hazy. Drewed out manure on grass below garden and this pm finished sawing up the pile of firewood. Body of Joseph Krump 66 of Whiteport recovered from 20 ft of water at the treacherous Bridal Veil Falls rocks about 9 10 this am. He was fishing & failed to return to his home last night. His car was parked by Watson Hollow Inn entrance to old Brodhead road on city property. DWS employees grappling for the body brot it to surface in a sitting position arms extended like he had fallen off the rocks on north side. He had a heart ailment & suffered dizzy spells.

APRIL 21 Thursday

Rained in night. Considerably sunny today. Temp pleasantly on the cool side - Murked over latter pm & was rainy and foggy tonite. I took load of chunk wood up

to Ollie's (Yes that was yesterday) Mother & I started ranking up small wood along end of barn. This evng I went with Jesse Shurter & Reggie Davis to the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Ulster Co. Supervisors Assn. banquet held at Villa Nueva in Plattekill. The Olive group attending were guests of Supervisor Claude Bell. A total of 600 were served. Excellent & plentiful family style roast beef supper. Raymond Wheeler put in a new sliding window over Ollie's kitchen sink.

#### APRIL 22 Friday

Rainy night - foggy this morning. Weather still seasonable and on the murky unsettled side - with some sunshine. Threats of showers. Starlight evng cool & northerly wind. Mother & I finished ranking up the heap of small wood along barn - Considerable splitting was required. I felt tired & fagged out after the trip to Plattekill.

#### APRIL 23 Saturday

Pleasantly cool sunny day. Wind light. Some pm cloudiness. Clear still cool evng with rim of brand new moon. I started home farming. Ploughed last years sweet corn & potato strip of ground out along cross path - disced it over, also disced the garden. This evng I attended in a delegation of about 20, IOOF ritualistic services at Humiston's in Kerhonkson - for Ole J. Peterson. He joined Shokan Lodge No491 in March 1925 in a class of eleven. Of these were present Alonzo Davis PDD - Lester Lawrence PG Jesse Shurter & myself a PG - about 17 elegant floral pieces. Past Grand James

McGlocklin & myself EC Davis Chaplain officiated.

APRIL 24 Sunday 6 mo. Daylight Saving begins

Extended 1 mo by state law.

Temp on the seasonal cool side. Sunny this morning became overcast & rained steadily all afternoon - Rainy night. Not much doing chores as usual - Had dinner at Ollie Burgher's with Ben & Ida. Called on Claude Bell & Pop Beidler pm.

APRIL 25 Monday

Rainy night & continued steadily nearly all day - cold dismal weather. Cont'd misty rainy evng. Did chores. Went up to Gus Korittke's & had log chain repaired & broken cutaway harrow seat spring welded & re-enforced. No charge. During pm I took Ollie over to see Grover Winchell about a freezer, he offered for sale. Sent Mrs. Knorpp 10  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb butter @ .85 - PP .93

APRIL 26 Tuesday

40/11pm

Rainy night & cont'd falling steadily & easily all day. Just the kind needed after a spell of drought. Drizzily evng. Did chores & odd jobs in barn - repaired whiffletrees & made one. Managed to split & pile some wood for exercise after supper. Rec'd nice interesting letter from Mrs. Longyear. Saturday was her birthday.

APRIL 27 Wednesday

Didn't rain during night - cloudy, damp chilly weather. A bit mtn. squally - Part cleared evng. The new moon last seen Sat evng is nearly half. Did chores - this pm I took wagon load of manure over to Mr. E. Krause - next

beyond Die--zic Garage & then went to Geo. Singer's big new saw mill plant located in back part of field next to Traver Hollow Inn & got a big load of hard maple sawdust for bedding. The mill was built during the winter. The mill machinery was moved over from near Peekamoose Lake. I then went up to Gus Korttke's & had car muffler repaired.

#### APRIL 28 Thursday

Didn't rain in night. Cloudy - damp chill. Light northerly wind. Still part broke away evng, with half moon showing thru clouds. I had another set of rear springs put on my car & a complete grease job done at Bert Winnie's Garage. This pm I got my savage power mower operating & did a big job mowing the yard around the house.

#### APRIL 29 Friday

Rained hard in night. Cloudy - cool - wind light. Sun shone in Kingston early pm & rained in Woodstock later. I made a business trip to Kingston & came back by way of Woodstock & Mt. Tremper. Ollie went along for her unemployment report.

#### APRIL 30 Saturday

Lovely warm spring weather - Generally sunny, became mostly cloudy pm & evng. Sprinkle of rain latter pm  
Wind light.  
Busied with chores & odd jobs am. Let the cattle - This pm I plowed Ollie's old barn sod patch for potatoes &

harrowed it over. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng 15 present. Refreshments followed.

MAY 1 Sunday

Comes May. Considerably overcast still - warm - with pleasant afternoon periods of sunshine. Cleared beautifully eng & cool. Did usual chores - Mrs. Bertha Duloff and mother, Mrs. Mary Kierstead of Olive Bridge gave mother & I a pleasant afternoon visit.

MAY 2 Monday

Partly overcast on the murky side, but with considerable sunshine southerly wind. I delivered second load of manure to Eric Krause on his garden. Got a big load sawdust at Singer's Mill & unloaded it. Re harrowed garden & oats ground & then took disc up to Ollie's & harrowed potato ground thoroughly. Made a long day.

MAY 3 Tuesday

Lazy weather - warm - considerable cloudiness. Hot patches of sunshine. Mackerel sky evng. Cool - moon nearing full.

We marked out fertilized and planted Ollie's potato patch - 2 weeks later than usual. Rec'd letter Kay & Dick - He is working but leg very bothersome. Sent nice birthday card to Oscar Dudley - 76 tomorrow. This is aunt Cornelia Bishop's birthday - born 1859 died Aug 18 - 1935.

MAY 4 Wednesday

66/9:30pm

Lazy summer weather - Generally sunny - considerable

am overcast. Brilliant nearly full moon. Sent considerable time am with Electra Co of Albany Lightning protection representative - Mr. Fred Field of Kingston. Gave estimate for protection to our house \$308.60 - Barn was rodded Aug 19 - 1948 by Electra Company for \$199.00. This pm I mowed off a strip of sod out along cross path adjoining oats ground for planting. Also plowed & harrowed Ollie's old garden . After supper I mowed the lawn. Joe Torno, Woodstock Druggist called pm. He wants to buy my 1922 Model T Ford.

MAY 5 Thursday 76/8am

Much like yesterday but more breeze stirring pm & not quite so warm. Considerable cloudiness but not without sunshine - Light showers around late pm. Broken clouds evng. Northerly wind-cooler. I did a big afternoon job limed sowed seeded & harrowed in the oats patch - used Clinton seed oats & alfalfa & timothy grass mixture. Also plowed a strip of north side adjoining sod. After supper finished up lawn mowing. I layed down on kitchen porch tonight with shirt sleeves rolled up & comfortable.

MAY 6 Friday

46/10pm

Much cooler - Part to mostly cloudy - northerly wind - mountain rain squalls latter pm - cleared tonight with brilliant full moon in the south. Did chores & got old odds & ends of firewood together to saw up & drewed out manure am. This pm I did a big & tiresome job, finished

plowing strip of sod for potatoes & sweet corn, also plowed the garden. Mother recd lovely Mothers day card & note from Jeannie Longyear.

#### MAY 7 Saturday

The cold wind last night blasted some tender foliage. A very lovely clear cool sunny day - Rather windy. Became overcast late evng & set in rainy. I had a busy day but not too much accomplished. Planted 2 more rows potatoes in Ollie's patch - was bothered getting the old Ford started pm & took battery up to Bert Winnie's for testing. Was O.K. - simply poor connections. It was late pm when we got started sawing wood & couldn't finish. Took a run up to Hudler's Cemetery & paid respects to Pop Longyear. I attended IOOF lodge. We conferred the Initiatory Degree on 7 candidates from Phoenicia Lodge & Floyd Beesmer of Shokan Lodge. Mother rec'd Mothers Day lovely cards both from Mariam & Cornelia.

#### MAY 8 Sunday

Rained in night & this morning - faired partly away & sunny. More light showers latter pm - Uncertain weather.

Despite Sunday & Mother's Day - Ollie helped me finish sawing up the pile of firewood am. I went over to Eric Krause's & he paid me \$12 for the 2 loads of manure. During the pm between showers & after supper I cut down the 4 remaining dead peach trees in row current bushes, & sawed up the wood. We had no callers today. Funeral for Rev. David C. Weidner 4 pm in old Dutch Reformed church, Kingston.

MAY 9 Monday

4/10:30pm

Cold raw-brisk northerly wind. Considerable cloudiness with intervening sunshine. Cloudless tonight. I had a busy day besides chores - filed buzz saw, loosened up saw bench ready for staring am. This pm I cleaned up the dead peach tree tops & piled in garden to burn. Disced garden & near froze discing the strip of plowed sod both ways. Mr & Mrs. Kizirian up for the week called evng. I have the last batch of hams & bacon smoking.

MAY 10 Tuesday

No frost last night as threatened. Beautiful clear pleasantly cool brisk northerly wind quieted & became overcast during pm. Rain threatened & needed. Busy chores & usual tasks. This pm Joe Forno Woodstock druggist purchased my 1922 Ford Model T roadster for \$100.00 cash. I bought in July 1938 from Lem DuBois for \$12.00 & used it ever since. Henry Winchell original owner to that time. Ollie gave me a hand repairing the pasture lot fence - also burned the heap of peach limbs in garden. Robert Burgher 30 - came & filled out a petition for membership in Kingston Lodge No 10 F & AM. I propped his father Edmund C. Burgher in 1923.

The following clipping was found in journal for this date: Old Timer reckons the 30-inch 9 ½ lb brown trout caught April 29 in the upper Esopus by Larry Decker of Goshen was the largest ever taken in the upper reaches of that stream. O.T. does recall, however, that "old whoppers" ranging from 21-27 inches were occasionally lifted 50 years ago and more, from the rifts above the Shokan long

bridge by such masters of the noble art as A.T.Schoonmaker, the undertaker; George Siemon, West Shokan wagon maker; and Golden Van Benschoten, local surveyor.

### MAY 11 Wednesday

A truly magnificent day & evng. Northerly wind, quieted during pm. Cloudless cool tonight. Busy with chores in variety. This pm I drew out manure - mowed heavy grass strip below garden & garden rock. Re disced the plowed sod strip & garden. This evng Mr. Kizirian his wife Ollie & I went to Kingston and attended Ladies Night Program at Rondout Commandary No 52. K.T. - Musical program followed by table refreshments. This pm Mother & I had an unexpected call by lifelong friends Bertha Mathers & cousin Buelah Phillips & Mrs. Emma Fetter of Kingston and Hazel Bloom also of Kingston. Bertha has recovered miraculously from a broken neck injury.

### MAY 12 Thursday

Another magnificent pleasantly cool day with northerly wind quieting at evng. Busy with usual chores & odd jobs. This pm I cleaned out Ollie's pig yard. Threw a big rich pile over the fence. Mowed front lawn after supper. Robert L. Bishop called & I gave him back his father's 32cal Savage Automatic pistol with holster and cartridge belt as given me by Fred during his last illness in summer of 1923.

### MAY 13 Friday

68/10pm

Warm, still sunny but hazy & became overcast pm. Still warm & humid tonite - later became windy. Ollie & I went to Kingston for her routine unemployment report. Also visited the immense growing new International Business Machines plant at Lake Katrine (former Myron Boice farm) where Ollie filed application for cafeteria employment & was interviewed. We also went over to Esopus & bought a thrifty pair of 6 weeks old Yorkshire pigs for \$24.00 paid

The following clippings found in journal for this date:  
The Rev. David Weidner, who died Thursday, May 5, in Kingston at the age of 78, had a large circle of friends in the north reservoir country where he resided as a boy and young man. One of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weidner, his early home was along the Bushkill near West Shokan where his parents operated a summer boardinghouse and apple farm. Dominie Weidner had served as supply pastor at the local Dutch Church upon numerous occasions. He was a forceful preacher, well liked by everyone.

Herman Roosa, 89, who died in Kingston Sunday, was brought up in the old village of West Shokan where his parents, Lucas and Angeline Roosa, lived along the Bushkill road.

#### MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son, Harry L. Marshall, who passed away 4 years ago today, May 12, 1951.

Nothing can ever take away  
The love a heart holds dear,  
Fond memories linger every day,  
Remembrance keeps him near.  
Signed MOTHER & DAD

MAY 14 Saturday

Its dry weather. Fair - still am. Fresh northerly wind pm. Cloudless still cool evng. Some cloudiness during day but sunny & pleasant. Insect control low flying planes operating from the Accord Air Port are doing a thorough job spraying this area. My Day - doing routine chores - Got load sawdust from the old Supfle Mill site & put in pig yard - Spread load pig manure on sweet corn ground. Drewed out cart load manure - got in the tinder dry grass below the garden. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge evng

MAY 15 Sunday

Heavenly weather. Pleasantly cool but very dry. Some cloudiness but was sunny & magnificently clear cool evng. Northerly day breeze. Did usual chores. I was invited for dinner at Ollie's with her brother Ben & wife. We took a little ride pm up to Bushkill Cemetery and looked over George Reitonen's new building development, the former Lucas Palen farm. The first house going up along the drive way thru the property - work on celler foundation under way. A well being drilled.

MAY 16 Monday

Sunny and warm, becoming mostly overcast & breezy

pm. Thunder showery evng but little rain. The dousing of the west side area by Insect control bi planes continued am. This pm I got a load of hog manure & spread on sweet corn ground drewed out cart load manure & harrowed over garden. This am I sold my farrow wild cat cow 9 weeks old calf to Ludwig Polack of Woodstock for \$90 paid. Cow \$55 & calf \$36. This evn I attended monthly meeting of Olive Square Club in Ashokan Legion Hall. Schuyler Bishop-Past Master & 62 yr member of Coxsockie F&AM - became a member. Delegation present from Woodstock & Saugerties. Plentiful refreshments after.

#### MAY 17 Tuesday

Much cooler - sunny with some cloudiness. Brisk northerly wind quieting evng & real chilly, feels frosty & practically cloudless. Did daily round of chores & odd jobs. This pm Ollie & I got some garden planted - unusually early & ground dry & lumpy. Set raw cabbage plants - 3 rows onion sets - 2 rows carrots & row parsnips. Latter pm I took Ollie over to the Beaver Lake House, Krumville to interview about employment. Rec'd letter & check Mrs. Knorpp \$52.49

#### MAY 18 Wednesday

Brisk northerly wind quieting evng. Few clouds-sunny dry & cool - Clear tonight. I'm starting haying at an all time early. I mowed a big chunk by the old house corner - Thick alfalfa & timothy knee high. Tedded it over twice. Mowed the grass by our house & down the cow drive to pasture. After supper I disced both ways the sweet corn &

potato ground. Its mellow like an ash heap.

#### MAY 19 Thursday

Considerable cloudiness. Looked thunder squally. Brisk nor westerly wind. Quieted & cloudless evng & real cool.

I put in a full day 9 o'clock getting finished. I repaired horse rake tongue. Drew out manure on pile over in woods. Tedded & raked yesterday's hay cutting. It has dried remarkably. Late pm I went over to the Geo. Singer mill & got a walloping load of hardwood sawdust. 50 years ago this am about 9:30 (a bright sunny day) my esteemed grandfather Martin H. Crispell died in his life long home. He was 76 that march 17 - He was sick 4 years, had 2 operations & suffered daily agony the last years. He sustained bladder trouble from an injury by an ox jumping on him against a manger.

#### MAY 20 Friday

A lovely day - wind light southerly - Clear am. Part cloudy pm. Cloudless still real cool evng. Finished curing & cleaned up the hay in a good sized load, in wonderful green cured shape. I improvised a hay rigging on wagon box - didn't have help to change to regular rigging. Ollie helped load the hay & Mother also helped hand raking around.

#### MAY 21 Saturday

Warm and all glorious cloudless weather, day & evng. Cool tonight. This am I mowed the lower part of the 3 corner lot. A mixed thick stand of alfalfa & timothy, June grass etc. Tedded it over pm. We planted raw beets in

garden & set out 2 doz early tomato plants. Then late pm Ollie & I went up to Hudler Cemetery & put new flag in Mr. Longyear's Sons of Revolution marker & planted geraniums & bulbs by monument. Too late to attend IOOF Lodge.

#### MAY 22 Sunday

Warm humid sunny am with thickened haze & murky pm. I attended with members of the Olive Square Club 11 am services in the Olive Bridge ME Church - Sermon by Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh. Selections by Junior Choir under direction of Mrs. Kishpaugh - Al Fox organist. This pm I tilled & raked & Ollie & I got in a pretty well cured load of the 3 corner lot hay.

#### MAY 23 Monday

Warm humid - Mostly murky. Several light rains & a mid summer like cracking thunder shower latter pm. Thunder showery conditions general. We had a grand lovely 15 minute rain & no wind here. A heavy drenching banging flashing shower 9:30pm. Ollie & I unloaded the hay this am. This pm the sun broke thru awhile & I got jag of hay rakings left from yesterday. The Electra Co. of Albany 2 man installing crew inspected my lightning rod system on barn installed in 1948.

#### MAY 24 Tuesday

Very warm & humid & still. Part to mostly cloudy - with mid day sprinkles & shower threats. Legionaires Joe Winkler & Jack Darling & assistants Claude N. Beidler & myself made our usual rounds of placing flags on soldier

dead in the various town of Olive and Palentown cemeteries. I wrote Kingston Ulster Press mews copy this am.

#### MAY 25 Wednesday

Continued warm & humid & murky. Sun broke thru hot awhile toward noon. Drenching dashing High Point early pm. Thunder shower & showers lingering along into evng. Had a down pouring late pm thunder shower. This am, I took a chance umcocking the rest of the hay but it got soaded. Busy with odd jobs & chores pm & after supper.

#### MAY 26 Thursday

Warm murky & humid. Sputters of rain forenoon. A clearing trend set in pm with light northerly wind. Clear cool still evng - Growing crescent moon over South Mtn. Did usual chores. Prinicpal job was replacing a 6 ft rotted inside NE corner section of sill & siding of barn shed, where I store sawdust. Water from the barn & granary roof caused the decay. Maxie Luedthe here from Ft.Lauderdale, Fla called to see me pm. Their first visit in 2 ½ years. This pm I turned over the wet hay & late before & after supper I split & piled up firewood under woodshed & mother helped.

#### MAY 27 Friday

Murky warm humid. Drizzily am. Gradually faired away during pm with southerly wind. Clear & cool evng with burnished moon high over South Mountain. I spread the hay again took over cart load manure & spread on hay

stubble. Cultivated Ollie's patch of potatoes. Got 2 cart loads of the hay after raking it. Bishops are having the driveway shaled & graded. I did this same job myself in 1939 & paid for the hauling. They use the road 10 times to our once. Cornelia, Dick, Norah & Ellen came 5:15pm. Tonight Dick & I went up to Holiday Inn awhile.

### MAY 28 Saturday

Southerly wind sunny warm & humid. I re dried the hay outside the barn & cleaned up the remaining left from yesterday. Bishops had a nice job done with the road shaling & grading. Gordon Miller & Weber did the job hauling with truck & leveling & grading with caterpillar bulldozer. Frank Royce & Jesse Burgher worked at Ollie's house wiring. This evng Dick, Cornelia, Mr & Mrs Kizirian & myself attended Square Club chicken supper at Ashokan ME Hall. After we went for a ride to Woodstock. Tonite after Ollie got home from work at Beaver Lake House we were invited to have supper with Frank & Jesse at Ed Avery bungalow.

### MAY 29 Sunday

Southerly wind - warm humid - Sunny am. Generally thunder shower conditions pm & evng. We had several lovely rains. Frank Royce & Jesse Burgher worked at Ollie's house wiring forenoon. I did usual chores & variety of odd jobs.

The following is from clipping found in journal this date:  
KRUMVILLE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

The former Krumville school house, district No1 in the Town of Olive, will be dedicated at 2pm Sunday. The Rev. J. Dean Dykstra of the Fair Street Reformed Church will preach the sermon. Other ministers of the Classis of Ulster will be present and have parts in the service.

The Krumville school house was built in 1844 for school and religious purposes.

When the Onteora Central School was organized the heirs of Simon Krum presented the school house to the Krumville Reformed church, carrying out the original purpose for which the building was constructed.

The school house has been remodeled and redecorated in readiness for the service Sunday.

The Krumville Reformed Church was organized in Samsonville in 1851 and in 1873 it was moved to Krumville and rededicated. The original church burned a few years ago and the people of Krumville met for worship services in the homes and parsonage. Services of worship will be held in the new church each Sunday morning, beginning June 5.

(Freeman Sat. 5/28/55)

### MAY 30 Monday

Sunny warm humid with continued southerly wind. There was however considerable cloudiness but no showers. Clear-still-cool tonite. Lovely moon. Yesterdays storms were very violent in southern Ulster & over across the river.

Did usual chores & variety odd jobs. This pm I drew out manure & put on heap over in woods. Harrowed over with spring tooth potato sweet corn ground. Unplanted part of garden. Mother & I had

an unexpected morning call by Mr. & Mrs. Lester  
Personeus of Suffern.

MAY 31 Tuesday

Cloudy with a cold rainy afternoon. Steady hard rain fell for 3 hrs. Did chores. Wrote Kingston Ulster Press news copy. Rec'd letter Bob Longyear & Mrs. Longyear. Inseminator Chas. Maxfield artificially bred my older Guernsey cow Limpsey Tit with Brown Swiss Serum. Fee Paid \$6.00 Lauren Hesley has been taken to the Middletown State Hospital. Also the S.P.C.A. have taken Ray Kelder's Guernsey cow & calf - for neglectful cruelty.

JUNE 1 Wednesday

Cold dark cloudy weather - with light scattered showers. Wind northerly. Part fair evng with nearing full moon showing. Other than chores - my main job for the day was splitting & piling winter wood & starting rank along north side of wood shed

JUNE 2 Thursday

Cloudy-cool light wind northerly. Scattered light rains. Part clear evng. Other than doing chores I put in the day splitting & piling winter firewood. This evng - As a charter member of Olive Rebekah Lodge No470 25<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary 7 new members were received . 6 were ladies & the IOOF Noble Grand John Adamy. Large delegation over 20 from Agapae Mother Lodge No623 of Bearsville. Another from Kingston & Highland. Table refreshments served down stairs. About 120 present.

### JUNE 3 Friday

Partly cloudy-heavy clouds- north easterly wind.  
Pleasantly mild. I spread cart load manure over on 3 corner lot & harrowed over again potato & sweet corn ground. This pm I maped out and got a bushel Kathadin potatoes planted.

### JUNE 4 Real cool damp & part cloudy tonite.

Cool-northerly wind. Partly cloudy with a mid afternoon thunder shower. West side rain light. Soon followed by a driving drenching storm that drifted in from the reservoir. Busy with chores & odd jobs. I managed to plant 2 more rows of potatoes & cross rows of sweet corn. Mostly Golden Cross Bantain with sugar pumpkin & beans in hills. This evn I attended IOOF Lodge - First Degree in Short Form conferred on Joe Friedburg & Floyd Beesmer. Usual refreshments followed. Looking briefly over original minute book dating from Sept 1881. I found that my father then 21, Chase W. Davis was given the Initiatory Degree Aug 22 - & the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & Third - Aug 29. With notation by Secry. Chas. Hanck - that "He stood it like a Turk" Robert C. Burgher called pm - I renewed Woodstock Mutual Fin. Ins. Policy \$42.01 Merchants Mutual Auto policy \$50.15.

### JUNE 5 Sunday

Warm summer weather. Partly cloudy - but mostly sunny. Possible showers did not materialize. Light breeze northerly. Still cool and full moon tonight. A lazy day - did chores - Took a little ride up Bushkill pm. Around

thru Reitmeir boulevard where Claude Bell celler foundation for new house is done. His driven well is some 209 ft deep with a heavy flow of water - for deep well pump. Made out small order Sears Roebuck.

#### JUNE 6 Monday

Pleasant warm sunny summery day. Wind light southerly. Still, clear evng. Did usual chores & odd jobs am. This pm I cultivated Ollie's patch of thrifty early potatoes & her old garden patch - and got old hay for pig yard.

#### JUNE 7 Tuesday

Cool still murky gloomy weather - Thundered back of the Wittenbergs early pm - but didn't rain. Did usual chores - spread load manure over on 3 corner lot. This pm I cut cart load grass for cows. Had a call by Pop Beidler.

#### JUNE 8 Wednesday

Dark cloudy chill damp weather. With cold easterly wind off the reservoir. Busy with usual chores. Fell tired today & my right chest is sore when I have to cough, a condition felt all thru the winter. I had thought it was caused by opening & closing the binding front barn door. This pm I got a wallopig big wagon load of sawdust from the Singer mill.

#### JUNE 9 Thursday

Arrived rainy and continued till afternoon when a clearing trend developed & sun came out warm. A cold rain. Cool tonight.

Frank Royce worked awhile this morning with Ollie's house wiring. 11 o'clock we started for Kingston and I did some shopping and other errands in town. I had dinner with Frank when we got back latter pm. I hurrid did chores, changed my clothes a bit & went right back to the Annual Meeting & Election at Ancient city Council No.21 RVSM - with Pop Beidler who has completed his term of Illustrious Master.

#### JUNE 10 Friday

Pleasant day on the cool side - Variable cloudiness - Looked showery midday. Stars dim tonight. Other than doing chores Mother & I worked in the garden am. I set out more cabbage - Late tomatoes & a row of pepers. Set 26 bean poles. This pm I set out tomatoes & peppers in Ollie's garden & planted sun flower seeds. This evng I went with Frank Royce to Phoenicia and saw *A Man Called Peter* depicting the life of Rev. Peter Marshall - a Scotch boy who became pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian church in Washington (where finally attended 1861-1865) & died in prime of life with heart attack.

#### JUNE 11 Saturday

Gloomy chill murky. Light rains am. Ground soaking rain pm. Rainy tonight. Clipping pasted in this date next:

Approximately 40 natives of Puerto Rico have been working on the Hudler farm for the past week. The farm has been leased to the Davenport Brothers for the season and the workers have been hoeing corn.

Frank Royce cont'd working on Ollie's wiring. I did usual chores - cut 2 wheelbarrow loads of grass for cows & split & piled some wood. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge - Second Degree conferred on 5 candidates from Phoenicia Lodge No 154 and Joe Friedburg & Floyd Beesmer of Shokan Lodge D.D.G.M. Myron Ronk present. Good attendance & refreshments served.

### JUNE 12 Sunday

Thunder storms in early hours & down pouring rain. The Bushkill came up rially. Murky & considerably rainy. Thunder shower again late pm. Frank Royce has Ollie's house wiring ready to turn on lights. I did chores & odd jobs. This is Fathers Day. Yesterday I recd a very lovely sentimated cards from Mariam & bob also from Gaye & Jeannie.

### JUNE 13 Monday

Mostly cloudy with occasional drizzles & occasional sunshine, some wind. Cool & damp. Did daily chore routine. Put up crow twine on sweet corn now peeking thru - Went to Kingston on an errand trip with Frank Royce mid day. Split & piled some wood pm. After supper I mowed the yard all around the house. The grass had gotten a head start as my power mower was laid up 2 week due to broken drive chain. Now thanks to Frank Royce it cuts better than ever.

### JUNE 14 Tuesday

Cloudy damp rather windy. Unseasonably cool. Busy with daily grind. Drawed out manure. Shot a crow in

chicken yard (a rather \_\_\_\_\_) this am & hung up in sweet corn. This pm I cultivated Ollie's potatoes - They are stocky & thrifty & showing blossom. Ollie was home today & picked strawberries for a delicious short cake for dinner. Tonite went with "Bob" Robt. C. Burgher to Kingston where at Kingston Lodge No10 the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Masonry was conferred on Schuyler Weidner, Earl G. Mack, Edw. M. Goldman, Jos.E. Leiching & Bob Burgher. I acted as his conductor - also sponsored his application. 32 years ago I proposed his father, Edmond C. Burgher.

#### JUNE 15 Wednesday

For a decided change a real warm summery sunny day. Wind northerly. Ollie & I went to Kingston. I had some shopping & business errands & she stocked up on groceries etc. for the summer.

#### JUNE 16 Thursday

Warm - Fresh northerly wind. Bright sunny weather - It acts like haying weather - and now certainly.- good growing weather. A late pm shower passed off to the east. This am I got out the machine and did some handy \_\_\_\_\_ mowing. This pm Ollie weeded in garden & did a batch of washing. I took over cart load manure on 3 corner lot & brot hay rake back - and got a cart load of hay for night fodder.

#### JUNE 17 Friday

Hot humid weather Sunny am - mostly cloudy showery looking pm clear still evng cooled off somewhat. This

am I planted border row potatoes in garden. Mowed heavy grass patches both ends of garden & along south side currant bushes. This pm Mother & I got in hay cut yesterday. After supper I went after a shopping big load of sawdust at Singer Mill - After dark getting back.

### JUNE 18 Saturday

Hot humid - breezy. Part cloudy somewhat hazy. Still & fair evng. Cooling off somewhat. Busy day unloaded the sawdust, besides chores & odd jobs - cured & cleaned up the hay patches cut yesterday on an improvised hay rigging load, with Mothers help - also spread load manure - after supper I re harrowed the unplanted sweet corn ground. Big Hudson Valley Firemens Parade in Kingston pm. Reported 8000 or more in line, and some 60000 spectators. Largest & longest parade ever held in Kingston. Some 7000 packed the Dietz Memorial Stadium tonite & witnessed the "Pagent of Champions"

### JUNE 19 Sunday

Overcast hazy very warm & humid. Breezy evng, becoming overcast and set in rainy. Did usual chores & odd jobs. The newly cleaned up hay patches around the house & garden make a neat attractive appearance. A restful look from our front porch. Tonite the Odd Fellows Annual Memorial Service held in Olive Bridge church. Olive Rebekah Lodge cooperated & presented a deeply impressive memorial program. Rev. Harlan B. Kiskpaugh delivered the address. The O Bridge Junior choir took part. Past DD Winston VanKleeck spoke briefly. I was Master of Ceremonies. Since last memorial

service 5 members of Shokan Lodge died. Lester B. Davis - Jarvis Burgher - Edward Coons - Stewart Jones & Ole Peterson.

### JUNE 20 Monday

Very warm & humid. Rainy night - Lowry weather - overcast am. Sunny pm. Did daily chore routine etc. I went to Olive Bridge early pm called on John & Helen Marshall, Oscar Dudley & Reggie & Elsie Davis. I bought a husky holisteen 94lb baby bull calf of Al Fox for \$15 cash. I put it on my Limpsy cow to nurse - thus saving milking & Mother extra work with the butter. Have one cow for use & that's plenty. This evng - Geo.Kizirian, Hubert Roosa, & I attended monthly meeting of Olive Square Club in Ashokan Legion Hall - Refreshments.

### JUNE 21 Tuesday

Very warm & humid Considerable murk also hot sunshine. Thunder showery all around pm. Except for a High Point squirt we got no rain till a heavy blustery shower passed over the upper end of reservoir & we got a light half hard rain. The scenery of storm & sunshine & a brilliant rainbow from over front porch was briefly majestic. Thunder showery late evng. Other than chores my days job was marking out & planting sweet corn patch, & border rows potatoes. Planted mostly Golden Cross Bantam, putting sugar pumpkin & squash seed & 2 beans in a hill. Mother recd birthday letter & hanky from Lute & Add Bell.

JUNE 22 Wednesday Had quite some rain last night. Hot July weather. Mostly sunny with passing around afternoon thunder showers. Clear & cooler evng. The fire sirens touched off 6am and equipment responded - but an unoccupied house, Harrington's, back of Boiceville along the road past Piney Ridge Development burned to the ground. Lightning probably caused the fire. Ollie had today off & helped me this am put a ring in big Jersey - Brown Swiss heifer's nose. Had to repair broken [staubin]. This pm I drew out manure on grass stubble & went thru Ollie's spreading & starting to bud potatoes - with tiller plow & started cutting her hay above road.

JUNE 23 Thursday

Contd hot mostly sunny breezy - Looked like thunder squalls. Growing new moon above South Mtn. evng. But sky became overcast. I brushed up the early potato patch this am did daily chores. This pm I mowed the lower side of road hay at Ollie's - also got cart load grass for cows. After supper I took down crow twine on sweet corn. It worked well along with dead crow hanging up. Today is Mother's 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. She observed it doing her daily housework & hoeing in garden. I bought her a bag of delicious ash cakes

JUNE 24 Friday

It rained some in night. Hot & sunny am brot early pm general thunder shower with nice rain. Showery around all afternoon. Cleared with burnished crescent moon over S. mtn. I hoed around my late potato hills am & planted butternut squash & sugar pumpkin seeds.

### JUNE 25 Saturday

Overcast cooler breezy. We got a dashing High Point shower mid pm. I did chores - drew out manure on grass stubble am. This pm I cleaned out Ollie's goose packed chicken house manure & on wagon & topped off with some cut hay for cows & horses. Got quite wet getting it. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge. 16 present including PDD Windston Ankles - Edward Ordway elected Noble Grand and Herbert Gray, for Vice Grand. Refreshments followed. Had letter Mrs. Longyear.

### JUNE 26 Sunday

Pleasantly cool - Northerly wind mostly sunny but hazy. Part cloudy. Real cool still evng. Did usual chores & odd jobs. Wrote letter Mariam tonite after supper on front porch. Emery Personeus - an old friend neighbor boy and schoolmate - for many years living in Kingston - World War 1 A E Fr veteran, died at Albany Vets Hosp. Had been in poor health for years - an older brother of Merritt Personeus who was killed in action in France July 26 - 1918.

### JUNE 27 Monday

48/10pm

Mostly cloudy - with a general thunder showery afternoon. Local rains accompanying were rather light but refreshing. Cleared evng quick, chilly - Bulging ½ moon. I had a busy day - Wrote weekly Kingston Ulster Press news copy. Put the load of chicken house manure, mixed with 2 bags acid fertilizer on the sweet corn

patches. PM I got wagon load old sawdust & put in Ollie's chicken house, brought home some hay for fodder & after supper spread cart load manure. 41 years ago today about 11:20 I had my unfortunate steam roller high speed gear accident to my right hand. Today is Cornelia's 37<sup>th</sup> birthday High School graduation exercise at Onteora school.

### JUNE 28 Tuesday

Hot - Drying weather - Sunny - part cloudy, but no showers. I cultivated thru potatoes & sweet corn one way am. This pm I mowed some hay & patch of oats above the road at Ollie's - Brought green fodder home on wagon. Bought thru Morgan Davis Co. Kingston office, 20 shares Bucyrus Erie Co @34 5/8 Tax & comm \$9.93 - Total 702.49 This evng. I went with Harlowe McLean to Phoenicia where Shokan Lodge conferred 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on 6 Phoenicia candidates & Floyd Beesmer of Shokan Lodge. Dist. Depy. Myron Ronk present. Had refreshments.

### JUNE 29 Wednesday

Hot haying weather. Generally sunny considerable pm cloudiness. Clear still warm evng with burnished bulging moon. Near by thunder showers early evng. Another busy day. I finished cutting the standing supper side hay at Ollie's & tedded & raked it - and brought a good appetizing load home on improvised hay rigging. I also re-mowed the thick 2<sup>nd</sup> stand of alfalfa mixture by the old house. After supper drew out manure.

### JUNE 30 Thursday

Not so sunny as yesterday , hot humid with considerable haze & murky. Getting ready for showers evng. Ollie had off today & helped me put off yesterday's load & got a nice clear up load with cured oats above the road. Ollie & I had noon lunch & cubed steak supper with Frank Royce, at Ed Avery's bungalow. Republican town Dist Caucuses held tonight to send delegates to county convention July 9. The Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co hooked up Ollie's lights this pm.

### JULY 1 Friday

We had a nice rain in night. Cont'd hot & humid - partly sunny. I went to Kingston with Frank Royce got back around 2:30. I met Mrs. Longyear & Jeanne at Governor Clinton Hotel & brought their luggage home. They came later on bus - I forked over the cut hay & after supper took the team over & raked it in winrows. My good faithful Molly horse played out & got down when I reached the barn. However, I got the harness off & she got on her feet & in stable.

### JULY 2 Saturday

Very hot and humid. Quite sunny, becoming thunder showery pm but the west side of the reservoir missed most of the rain. Cleared late evng with hazy moon nearing full. Molly horse somewhat has recuperated & I could use her. Did chores - drew out manure - put off the load of hay - and cleaned up a well cured load of the second cutting. After supper I took Jeanne and Mrs. Longyear up to the Hudler cemetery and around thru Woodstock coming home. It was a pleasant trip. I rec'd

a lengthy & pathetic letter from Lauren Hesley in Middletown State Hosp.

### JULY 3 Sunday

Continued very hot & sunny - some clouds but no showers - Beautiful clear - pleasantly cooler tonite with near full moon. Mrs. Longyear and Jeanne left for Brooklyn on the 10:10 bus. Other than chores I didn't do much. After supper I mowed the yard front & back. 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the world famous Civil War Battle of Gettysburg.

### JULY 4 Monday

Hot - sunny - Typical 4<sup>th</sup> July weather. Beautifully still clear bright moonlight evng. Its 4<sup>th</sup> July in recollection only - the thrills & excitement gone with the wind of time. I celebrated by mowing & tedding the woods corner hay - also a border strip of oats next to sweet corn & potatoes. Mother helped me hand rake & get it in a big cart load for cow fodder. Molly got down again but got her back on her feet & perking.

### JULY 5 Tuesday

Continued extremely hot weather - Sunny becoming part cloudy & thunder showery pm. No rain on west side. Busy hard day - put off the load hay this am & mowed last chunk & tedded woods corner. Raked it pm & got in 2 loads with Mother helping. 9:45 evng - Mother & I watched a vicious electrical storm over east GOD'S FIREWORKS & the fire red full moon rising in the deep south.

### JULY 6 Wednesday

Warm humid - unsettled. Clouded over & we got a nice High Point shower noon time - followed by a thunder shower. A twilight shower went down over the east side. Put off the load hay, drew out manure & with Mother helping cleaned up the remaining woods corner came just as the shower came. After a noon spell I tiller cultivated both ways thru the potatoes & sweet corn with good old Molly. I also cultivated the garden. Today is Mother's 87 birthday - She spent it working as usual. Lena Pleasants came up this morning with her car & took Granny down to her house awhile. Mrs. Kizerian called early evng & brot her an iced layer cake. Mother rec'd a batch of birthday greetings.

### JULY 7 Thursday

Part cloudy - warm & humid is the weather picture No showers today. Busy day - I mowed a chunk of heavy hay along driveway - tedded it twice & raked it. Put off the small load of hay - drew out overnight manure & got cart load cut hay for the cows.

### JULY 8 Friday

Another extremely hot day. Mostly sunny somewhat hazy. Breezy pm. Worked at the cut hay got it well cured & Mother & I cleaned it up neatly pm in a nice load. My neighbors Henry Ecke & Henry Hunststein gave me a hand changing to regular hay rigging am. I also re-hoed my patch of potatoes in the hot pm sun & destroyed the few weeds & quack grass. There isn't a sign of a potato bug this year. After supper I cut a cart load of green oats

for cows & put up load hay. Mother rec'd more birthday cards.

### JULY 9 Saturday

Very hot - humid Generally fair - with indications of shower activity. This am I went to Kingston with "Pop" Beidler and attended Republican Unofficial County Convention 11 o'clock at Municipal Auditorium Olive Dist 2 delegates - C.N.Beigler Helen Marshall - Lillian Large. The Olive group & others had dinner at Hoppe's on Wall St. Later I attended at Old West Shokan school house, The Olive Library Assn. open house picnic & oat exhibit. I loaned some of my antique collection for the occasion.

### JULY 10 Sunday

Continued hot - humid sunny hazy am with afternoon thunder showers. Plenty thunder but not a great deal of rain. Faired away cooler evng. A group of members of the Olive Square club including myself attended 9:30 am service in Samsonville ME church Service in charge of Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh. This evng I again attended first of a weeks series. Lightning struck & damaged Grover C. Christians barn in Olive Bridge - Did not catch fire. It was hit once before some years ago.

### JULY 11 Monday

Cooler & not so humid Clear breezy excellent harvest weather. This am I drew out manure & mowed the patch of rank green oats in milk stage & alfalfa seeding adjoining. This pm I tedded & raked the hay - turned over

the oats & got a cart load for cow fodder - also cut another chunk of hay behind barn. After supper I horse cultivated in garden & set out 34 Danish ball head cabbage plants in north end.

### JULY 12 Tuesday

Much cooler comfortable brilliant sunny weather. Winds southerly cloudless still real cool evng. Back to half moon. I mowed another strip of hay behind barn - Raked yesterdays cutting & this pm - Ollie having her day off helped me get in the load alfalfa & load of hay oats. A big days job. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Star game played in Milwaukee this pm. The National Leaguers overcame a 5-0 mid game score & won out in 12<sup>th</sup> inning 6 - 5 on Stan Museals home run.

### JULY 13 Wednesday

70/9:30pm

Real cool this morning & clear - became part cloudy, a bit showery looking pm & warm & very dry. Breezy somewhat - Pleasantly cool still evng. I mowed the last chunk of hay behind barn & raked yesterdays cutting am. This afternoon I cleaned up 2 loads hay & rakings - with Mother helping along with hand rake. Was late after supper getting last load off wagon. Slow & tiresome work alone.

### JULY 14 Thursday

Hot and humid but with considerable haze and overcast. Breezy. I put in a hard long day working in the hay.

With Mother helping determinedly. We got in 3 loads of hay - the last and biggest after supper.

#### JULY 15 Friday

Excessively hot & humid. Brisk south westerly breeze - Laury hazy with developing after noon thunder shower conditions around. A brief shower passed over the Boiceville area. Mother and I cleaned up the field behind the barn in one load & the rakings. I took a cart load manure down to Mrs. Shimer's for her strawberries. After supper I went thru the potatoes & sweet corn both ways with shovel plow.

#### JULY 16 Saturday

We had 2 brief showers this morning combined with super hot and humid. Showers off to north beyond hearing late pm. No let up in heat wave. I made a final hilling of (of) my potato patch. First of the season I found several potato bugs. Molly got down behind the barn early pm. I had to get help to get her up. I put her under the cool breezy shed where she could rest & later got on her feet unassisted. I made (to) effort to go to IOOF Lodge tonight.

#### JULY 17 Sunday

Yet another extremely hot drying day. Sunny & breezy pm. Still humid evng & looks showery. We had a light twilight shower. This am I had a visit from Mr. Minray of the Ulster County S.P.C.A. on complaint of Mrs. Donald F. Bishop (next door) Mariam old school chum - of abusive conduct toward my faithful Molly horse who got

down behind the barn yesterday. He noted it a spite complaint and inquired “which horse is sick” upon looking at                    & Molly complacently eating hay in their stables. This pm on invitation attended open house at the West Shokan firehouse.

### JULY 18 Monday

Continued very warm & humid. Light breeze. Had an early pm squirt of rain - Pleasant warm evng. I sowed golden ball turnip seed in potato patches & made a late planting of butternut squash seed in potatoes & sweet corn am. This pm I sharpened mower knives & replaced broken hay fork handles. This evng Mr. Kizirian & I attended the monthly meeting of the Olive Square Club at the Ashokan Legion Hall. Pleasant gathering followed by refreshments.

### JULY 19 Tuesday

Cooler weather - no rain & drought continues. Bright sunny day with some high fleecy clouds & breeze southerly. Clear still cool evng. I mowed the strip of hay from woods corner seeding patches to garden rock am. This pm tedded raked & got in 2 loads with Mother helping with hand rake. Second load after supper left on wagon. Good old Molly worked bravely but definitely slipping.

### JULY 20 Wednesday

Grand haying weather. Light northerly wind - Bright sunny. Terribly dry but pleasantly temperatured. Cool. Clear tonight.

I mowed chunk of hay below garden am & tedded it. This pm raked it up and Ollie having her day off gave me a wonderful hand. Got in 2 loads hay - after dark unloading the last one. Almost vivaciously Molly perked up & feels quite peppy today. Its 17 years ago this am I caught my left hand in hay mow pulley.

#### JULY 21 Thursday

Change to extremely hot hazy sunny - terribly dry weather. Northerly breeze, 94 degrees in shade pm. This am I got in small load hay below garden and mowed strip of the dead ripe hay along top of side hill. Raked it up latter pm. Molloy's leg got weak working on side hill & I couldn't get an expected load in.

JULY 22 Friday                      Kingston reported 105 degrees  
Extremely hot - 100 degree weather. Clear with smoky haze, radio says from Canadian forest fires. Northerly breeze - Rim of hazy new moon set 9pm behind crest of South Mtn. Molly perked up in her weak leg overnight & I got in 2 loads hay alone before dinner. I simply hibernated this afternoon out of the sun. Its terribly dry - including our pasture cow spring. I had a noon time call from John T. Groves - Last fall census supervisor - who I have not seen since early December. After supper I raked up the rakings. This Mariam & Bob's 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. PS Correct date July 24.

JULY 23 Saturday                      94/4pm shade temp  
Continued extremely hot - breezy. Murked over pm. Sprinkled briefly & distant thunder rumbled off north.

Did chores - got in jag rakings this am & took cart load manure down to Mrs. Shimer's - paid 2.50. I just relaxed pm & listened to ball game between Brooklyn & Milwaukee Braves - who won 11-6. I attended IOOF Lodge evng. Dist Deputy Myron Ronk installed officers - 18 home members present - Ice Cream cake & lemonade followed. Jr.P.G.-Alex Adami - N.G. Edw.Ordway - V.G. Herbert Gray. Warden - Reginald E. Davis Cond-Abram Smith RSNG-Alonzo Davis LSNG-Oscar Dudley RSS-John Bush LSS-Wm.Jordan NSVG-Wm.Lortz LSVG-Andrew Holmes IG-Chas.Gustavson OG-Jack Darling Chaplain-Elwyn C.Davis

#### JULY 24 Sunday

A little rain in night and a half ham or so rain early am. Broke away hot & humid as usual. Had another brief light shower latter pm. Somewhat cooled off tonight down to 72/9pm. Growing crescent moon over S.Mtn. I just did chores etc. & relaxed. Listened to part of double header ball games pm between Dodgers & Milwaukee - Each took one. Dodgers 9-7 - Braves 7-2. Those Braves surely are hitters. Wrote long letter to Mariam & enclosing with wedding anniv & each birthday cards.

#### JULY 25 Monday

Pleasantly warm & peaceful - Part cloudy with scattered sprinkle showers. Quite warm & humid evng. Other than chores etc. I took a ride over around Mt.Tremper & Shady heading home by way of Wittenberg. Stopped at Larry Hogans garage & had car grease job speedometer 52740. New oil filter, & brakes & front wheels checked

over. Bill 6.60 paid. I stopped & paid respects at Mr. Longyear's grave in Hudler cemetery. Card from Mrs. Longyear telling that Jane Bostwick had had 2 strokes, cannot speak & is in St. Nicholas Hosp. Newark, NJ. Mr. & Mrs Bob Wenzel called after supper. I sent air mail letter with birthday & anniv cards to Bob Mariam.

### JULY 26 Tuesday

Hot again. Breezy bright sunny - Everything drying up. Cloudless glorious half moon over Hoopole mtn. I had Jim Harrison with his Ford tractor mow & rake the last chunk of hay under the hill. This is the first time a tractor has worked on our farm. He charged \$5. I paid it - I managed to get a load of hay under the hill but Molly was pretty well played out getting back to the barn. This is my esteemed Father's birthday Chase West Davis. He was born in 1859 on his grandfathers John B. Davis farm., later Mrs. Silas Terwilligers. Now on reservoir flooded property.

### JULY 27 Wednesday

88/9pm

Another scorcher. Even up in Fairbanks Alaska - 93 is reported. Breezy - Became overcast pm & breezed calmed - very warm & close - 90/6pm I managed to draw out & spread cart load manure am & got cart load hay from along side hill. Molly's hind parts is pretty wobbly. This pm I just kept quiet & rested. Its too hot to work. Flies are very pesky.

### JULY 28 Thursday 70/6am

Murky overcast & noticeably cool, yet muggy. Not much accomplished. Did chores - Went down to P.O. with order letter Montgomery Ward before noon. This afternoon Molly got down under shed where she was contentedly tired & near choked in halter chain. I got her loose with Susie horse. Called Dr. J.C.Crandall of Saugerties who came & examined her & gave medications & got her up & put her on barn floor. Says Molly has double pneumonia. Fee 12.00 paid - went to Beaver Lake Krum Ville & brought Ollie & took her back. This is Mariam's 41<sup>st</sup> birthday.

#### JULY 29 Friday

Pleasant temperatured mostly sunny breezy weather - quieting pm. Dear old Molly was down on barn floor this morning - Hard pressed & panting for breath & thrashing around with her feet - She broke out in a soaking wet sweat & her body & face was like an oven. She was unable to eat or drink - but when she heard me coming in barn to her after dinner about 2 o'clock Dear Molly welcomed me with a short neigh - so customed to greet me when she saw or heard me coming. Gradually her pitiful struggles quieted & she died about 4 o'clock - as I was close by painting hen house roof - which I started in order to be handy by. Gordon Eckert 56 - Great Grandson of Uncle Peter Eckert, who settled on former Hesley farm & raised his family, died suddenly at his Lomontville saw mill.

#### JULY 30 Saturday 58/6:30am

62/11pm

Bright drying up sunny breezy - Became part oversat pm.  
Real cool - almost chilly evng with bright moon nearing  
full & wind stilled. Raoch Rendering plant truck came  
8am and took Dear old Molly's toil warm body - I  
reverently kissed her kindly face good bye forever. I  
painted more on hen house roof using up the last of black  
pain on hand. During the afternoon I drew out the  
manure on stone boat with Susie - she misses her mate.  
This evng Ollie went with me to the L. Batsch & Son  
place near Hinley & looked over another horse - A gentle  
stocky 1400lb white mare. He wants \$135

The following is from clipping found in journal for this  
date:

#### GORDON ECKERT

Gordon Eckert, 56, well known resident of Lomontville,  
died suddenly on Friday afternoon from a heart attack  
while at work at his saw mill. He is a native of the town  
of Marbletown, son of the late Peter and Sarah Dubois  
Eckert. He was an active man in the community in civic  
affairs and at one time served as Justice of the Peace. He  
was a member of the Ulster county Volunteer Firemen's  
Association, councilman of the town board of  
Marbletown and was the present chief of the Lomontville  
Fire company. Surviving are his wife, the former Stella  
Winchell; a son, Willis of Stone Ridge; a half-brother,  
Harold Arnold of Kingston and two grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be held at the Frank H. Simpson  
Funeral Home, 411 Albany avenue on Monday at 2pm.  
The Rev. George I. Goodwin of the Stone Ridge  
Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in

Marbletown Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 7 to 9pm and on Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9pm.

JULY 31 Sunday

84/9pm

Real cool this morning. But became hot & humid & breezy. Bright sunny & dryer than ever. Very not & brisk S.W. wind tonite. Big moon. I went up to see Bobby Burgher & stopped to see Mr & Mrs Jesse Burgher at Ed's Buckhorn Cottage & had an excellent roast chicken dinner with them. I rested at Ollie's in the afternoon & listened to Broadcast over W.MCA New York - of third game between Brooklyn & St.Louis at St.Louis. Score 11-2 The Dodgers swept the series.

AUGUST 1 Monday 100 shade temp

Sunny hazy - thickening over pm & was thunder showery passing over along East side. Very hot & humid & breezy. Later thunder storms followed more distant. Too hot to work - did chores, odd jobs. Tried to relax from the heat pm. Tonite a fire on the back side of Cold Brook Mtn. probably set by a bolt of lightning, - called in action a small army of firefighters - To reach the fire they had to go up in Traver Hollow & up the mountain.

AUGUST 2 Tuesday 80/8am 96 pm  
temperature

Sunny - northerly wind almost equaled yesterdays 100 degrees but no so humid. Cloudless & and early rising almost full moon evng. - so majestic cooled pleasantly &

still tonite. Really too hot to work. I other than chores managed on stone boat & spread on alfalfa seeding also cleaned up the remaining hay left under the hill - 2 boat loads drawn by Susie horse. This pm I finished painting chicken house roof. Got a 5 gal pail of black paint from Davenports - \$2.90. The Cold Brook Mtn fire has crept over the top & working down on Traver Hollow side. Bob Longyear's 42 birthday. This evng I took a ride up along Boiceville upper road to get a view of the scattered mtn fire line.

AUGUST 3 Wednesday 70/7am

Sunny - southerly breeze. Getting hot & humid again. Became part overcast latter pm, Warm still humid evng.

No sign of rain & heat wave to continue several days at least. Did chores & trimmed up along wall below hill & out thru the old saw mill road & then up along woods corner. Doing a good job - cutting back limbs etc. The Cold Brook Mtn fire put out last night.

AUGUST 4 Thursday 90 degree weather

Dryer than ever. Considerable spells of cloudiness, with intermittent hot sunshine. Clear warm evng - with big moon, full last night. A lone thunder shower rumbled off below High Point 2 pm - Krumville section got a brief downpour. I finished cleaning up along woods and piled up brush. Also drew out manure on stone boat. Lawns are burned brown.

AUGUST 5 Friday 80/7am Kingston had 105 degrees  
84/9pm

Hotter today - breezy. 116 degrees in sun on our kitchen porch 4pm. Part cloudy. Too hot to work. I did some more trimming back am along woods under the hill. Just relaxed. Bob Bishop down from Delhi with his family to see Don - came over & visited latter pm. We went down back in woods by the old water supply ram & Jacky Brook Bob knew so well as a boy staying with his Grandmother - Aunt Cornelia Bishop. The brook is low or lower than I ever knew, only shallow water holes. Olive Fire Dept. carnival opened tonite at Olive Bridge - Too hot to go anywhere.

AUGUST 6 Saturday 74/7am  
80/9pm

Mostly overcast & more pleasant temperatures am. But became 90 degrees and humid pm & thickened overcast. A most welcome but brief shower came from over South Mtn. late pm. Thunder showery around evng. We got a light rain. Drawed out manure with Susie on stone boat am. Had a pm rest and finally I collected ambition and painted the back side of the garage. I feel well paid for my effort. U.S. plane dropped its first Atom Bomb on Hiroshima Japan - 10 years ago today.

AUGUST 7 Sunday 74/7am  
80/9pm

Unsettled - Considerable cloudiness, with an unannounced 5 minute shower 1:30pm. Gradually cleared later. Still muggy evng. Other than chores no accomplishments. Early pm I went over & called on Mr & Mrs Grover C. Winch ell - took them a big pail of red

MacIntosh apples. They are failing badly - scarcely ripe & undersized. I had a call to be bearer for Mrs. Ben Dudley's (Alida Hamilton) funeral 2pm Mon at Olive Bridge church. Mrs. Jane Bostwick 80, died in a Newark, NJ Hosp. Had strokes & broken blood vessel in head.

AUGUST 8 Monday 64/7am

Coollest and most brilliant sunny fresh weather all summer. Northerly wind. This pm 2 o'clock Lester S. Davis, Geo. Burgher, Henry Fischang, Jr. and myself were bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Alida Dudley held 2pm at the Olive Bridge ME church. Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh officiated. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes. Interment family plot Tongore cemetery. I have been a bearer for members of the family for nearly 20 years.

AUGUST 9 Tuesday 55/7am

Mostly bright sunny with some high overcast, cool brisk day breeze shifting southerly. Cloudless still real cool evng. Vast change to cool bracing temperature. Chores & odd jobs took my morning. Mother is canning apples. This pm after a rest I painted south side of garage.

AUGUST 10 Wednesday 56/7am

Clear this morning & real cool but gradually developed cloudiness with light wind southerly quieted and became warm & muggy pm. Rain is promised and the seasons first hurricane is working up off the Carolina coasts. Did usual chores and drew out manure with stone boat

am. This pm got in a couple hours painting on south side of barn. Also listened to parts of 13inning ball game pm won 3-2 at Yankee Stadium by Yankees against Red Sox.

AUGUST 11 Thursday 74/7am

Cloudy warm humid. Rain came in night with intermittent showers today. Indications are that at long last the worst recorded summer drought is breaking. This pm Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston. I renewed my operators license - for 3 yrs ending Sept.30, 1958. Fee \$3.00 upped from \$1.50 - on way home attended at High Falls the W.Davenport Sons free to patrons a very delicious chicken barbecue. About 200 served. Rain dampened the out door feasting & all concerned finally took to cover. Stopped at Lounsberry's in Kripplebush & Ernie paid me 8.00 owed for butter.

AUGUST 12 Friday

Warm & humid - Rained in night followed by an honest to goodness rainy day & evng. Real nice soaking rain. Thank God for this wonderful drought breaking blessing. Did chores etc. cleaned out Ollie's spring, & a much needed job am. Split & piled some wood. During pm I took a run up to see Ben Burgher & stopped & paid respects to Pop Longyear in Hudler's Cemetery. Rec'd letter Ellen Wilfris.

AUGUST 13 Saturday

Rained throughout night, continued downpours & gusty southerly wind & temperature warm & humid. Rain diminished to light showers pm. Drenching driving rain

early evng. Wells, springs - long dry water holes, & streams are on a rampage. Water over route 28 at Cold Brook. Community wind damage light.

#### AUGUST 14 Sunday

Warm humid, Southerly wind & showers. Sun broke thru warm at brief intervals. Thunder rumbled. This pm I went with Jesse Shurter up to Camp Woodland above Phoenicia - where they held an indoor program of music singing & dancing. The camp is inter-rational & accommodated about 165 - in groups from 6-17 boys & girls. Jesse & I were interviewed in a tape recording, concerning old time stories folklore & industries, etc. It rained up Woodland Valley & stream ran high & riolly.

#### AUGUST 15 Monday

Showers lingered this am but faired away part cloudy - Warm sunshine pm. Temp warm & humid. Pleasant clear evng. I got in some pm painting on south side of barn. This evng. I went with Mr. Kizirian to monthly meeting of Olive Square Club at Ashokan hall. 11 present - good meeting followed by refreshments & moving pictures.

#### AUGUST 16 Tuesay 90/pm

74/10pm

Hot - part cloudy but sunny - Southerly breeze pm quieted. Cloudless warm evng. I finished painting south side of barn - This completes the all around job I started last August. Still have some white window trim & garage door to do. I drew out big stone boat load manure

which finished manuring oats patch alfalfa seeding.

### AUGUST 17 Wednesday

Very warm & humid. Unsettled - Sunny early & at later intervals. Light showers toward noon. Had a 6pm drencher with grumbling thunder. Besides daily chores I re painted the milk house before later dinner. Red with white trim, as always. Ulster County Fair opened at Forsythe Park, Kingston. Rec'd letter Mrs. Knorph with check \$21.85

### AUGUST 18 Thursday 70/7am

Set in raining during night and continued with drenching downpours am. Let up followed followed by settled in rain. Thunder grumbled today. Lazy day - did chores & that's it. Wrote several cards. Rec'd letter Kay. She & Dick got dosed with poison oak weekend before last on trip up Saratoga way. Now getting better. I went over to Broadhead during pm & had a talk with Town Republican Chairman - Major H. Edgar Timmerman in regard to the up coming town election selection of candidates. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Ulster Co Fair completely rained out. Bob Pleasants called to see Mother tonight. My Dear Aunt Cornelia L. Bishop - 77 died 20 years ago tonight.

### AUGUST 19 Friday

Downpouring night. Partly cleared this morning - Warm, humid generably sunny. Fresh Northerly wind. Quieting pm. Streams pouring flood waters - Jacky Brook was over the road up on the corner. Bushkill high & Esopus - but this pm although the west basin poured over dividing

weir bridge - the spillway was not over flowing. A vast section of the North East is badly disastrously flooded as aftermath of hurricane Diana which petered out in Central Penna. Rondout Valley flooded. Heavy destruction in Ellenville & vicinity. Penna. S.E.NY & New England comprising 9 states has the worst flood in history. I bought 10 shares Crucible Steel Co. @49 at Morgan Davis Co. office.

AUGUST 20 Saturday Shad temp above 90 Pm Sun temp 116

Bright sunny fresh northerly wind, but extremely warm & humid. Clear still & pleasant tonight. I drew out manure am. Did chores. This evng I attended - large crowd - Olive Square Club - Scholarship Fund movie. *The Girl Next Door* at Onteora Central School, Boiceville. The Spillway is now overflowing. Rainfall at Brown Station Headwork 5.54in for the 2 day storm which ended 7am, yesterday. The Tongore Brook highest - at least in many years.

AUGUST 21 Sunday

Another hot humid 90 odd degree day - northerly breeze - Sunny but thunder showery conditions developed pm our rains were light. Other than daily chore routine not much doing. Wrote air mail lengthy letter to Mariam finished in showery twilight on front porch. Otis Terwilliger died at his home in Port Ewen, husband of Mrs. Nettie Eckert Jones Terwilliger. Both born & grew up in West Shokan. Mrs. Dora Bulter 90 - died at her home in Olive Bridge - Neighbors reports she choked to death. She had been in a

Kingston Hosp but retd home a week ago.

AUGUST 22 Monday

More warm humid 90 degree weather. Sunny developing thunder shower conditions latter pm & evng. We had several rains continued into night. Other than daily chores - my activities for the pm was cutting the growth of weeds around Ollie's back yard & pig pen. Got my hands blistered - getting soft. This evng I went with a 25 member Shokan IOOF delegation to Humiston's Parlors in Kerhonkson - where services were held for Bro. Alvin Markle. Jas. McGlocklin led as Noble Grand & myself as chaplain.

AUGUST 23 Tuesday

Continued warm & humid considerable cloudiness & looked showery - A clearing cooler trend developed pm with fresh nor westerly wind. Did usual chores - went down to Davis store & got gas & tires pumped up am. This pm 2 oco. Funeral for Alvin Markle, 71 & held in the renovated & recently dedicated Krumville Reformed church - formally the school house built 1844. 34 pieces of beautiful flowers - overflow attendance. Sermon by Rev. Richard Coons former Shokan pastor. Interment Krumville Cemetery - besides his wife who died 10 months ago. Bearers were Oscar Dudley, James McGlocklin, Alexander Adams & myself - all past Grands Shokan IOOF Lodge. Funeral 2pm at Gormley in Phoenicia for kindly Mrs. Adoa Butler of Olive Bridge - Interment Tongore cemetery. I had a pleasant visit with her last fall, taking farm census.

AUGUST 24 Wednesday

56/9pm

Bright pleasant weather. Considerable cloudiness. All clearing beautiful during pm - Brilliant half moon tonight over High Point & actually chilly & still. Part cloudy again tonite. Drawed out manure am. This pm ( Ollie having her day off ) we went to Kingston - Funeral for Mrs. Roena Barringer 2pm at Old School Baptist Church. Elder Arnold Bellows preacher. I stopped and paid respects but couldn't stay for service. Interment Palentown cemetery. Funeral 4pm for Otis Terwilliger at Port Ewen Methodist church. I bought at Montgomery Wards 5 gal vans aluminum paint @ \$4.59 each. 1 gal linseed oil \$1.99 1- 3 1/2" paint brush \$2.69

AUGUST 25 Thursday 56/7am

Lazy day - considerable high cloudiness - muggy this forenoon. Pleasant temperatured weather. Clear still rather chilly tonight. I did usual chores - wrote several cards. Picked a big pail of dried beans & got 2 wheelbarrow loads of stunted

2 - 2 1/2 ft sweet corn for cows. Very few ears. Also painted windows on the barn. The body of 12 year old William Fyke of Marbletown recovered at 9:40 this am by B.W.S. Police Sgt. Vincent Eckert & others at the foot of the 40ft falls from the deep pool, 300 yards below the lower 90ft high Spillway Bridge. The lad who could not swim was swept in the current & drowned above this bridge last Saturday.

AUGUST 26 Friday

Real pleasant quiet sunny day - some clouds - Beautiful clear cool evng with brilliant growing half moon. Frank Royce and Gregory Burgher, down from Cuba on a fishing visit, called this morning & I went along with them to Kingston on brief stay. After pm chores I finished barn window trim & painted the garage door. Addie Kelder called to see Mother evng.

#### AUGUST 27 Saturday

Light showers this am followed by a definite clearing trend. Pleasant temperature - Beautifully clear real cool evng with magnificent bulging moon. I drew out stone boat load manure am and burnt 2 heaps brush along the woods corner. I did a good clean lawn mowing job latter p. Also got 2 wheelbarrow loads stunted sweet corn for cows. This evng I attended IOOF Lodge - 13 present. Had refreshments. I then took a run over to Samsonville and had a look in at the tail end of a church celebration. A string of electric lights illuminated the church yard. The Ellenville band provided music.

#### AUGUST 28 Sunday

A magnificently perfect day - with a real tinge of autumn in the air. Beautiful chill moonlight night. Did usual chores. Listened to ball games pm. Got sweet corn for the cows. Wrote a news copy pm for Woodstock Press & Catskill Mtn. Star. This evng went to Phoenicia with Frank Royce & Gregory Burgher and saw a very beautiful color film of \_\_\_\_\_ & a first showing of Vista Vision. Big musical. First to

be filmed in Reno, with songs & Gals galore - starring Roseland Russel & Fernando Lamas in *The Girl Rush*

AUGUST 29 Monday 50/7am

Real chilly this morning. Another beautiful still cool day & evng with brilliant big moon. I went to Kingston toward noon with Frank Royce & Gregory Burgher & had dinner with them after coming back. They helped me get the hook ladder up on house roof & I got started re-painting with aluminum on west side - I painted the west & east sides & gables in Oct.1945. Had Lauren Boice painted the north sides 4 or 5 years ago.

AUGUST 30 Tuesday

Typical August weather. Lowry - Murk & fitful sunshine. Became warm humid & breezy from south west - Driving rain set in late evng. I managed to do some painting on roof - Got sweet corn for cows & picked a ½ bu bucket of dried beans. I first heard this pm that Lizzie Trowbridge is terribly ill of cancers.

AUGUST 31 Wednesday

Hard rain in night. Warm humid. A clearing trend developed pm with a perfectly pleasant still moonlight evng. Drawed out manure am. Got in a good stretch of roof painting pm. Developed a mean headache from the glistening aluminum paint. Ollie's day off & we had a delicious fried chicken supper with Frank Royce and Gregory Burgher. Tonight we went to the Sunset Drive In Theatre this side of Kingston and saw *Not A Stranger* This is the 63 anniversary of Grandma Sarah Eckert

Crispell aged 59 - I remember her

SEPTEMBER 1 Thursday                      SEPTEMBER MORN  
Mostly overcast still - pleasant temperature. Partly sunny  
pm. Hazy moonlight tonite. I did usual chores , cut 2  
wheelbarrows 3<sup>rd</sup> crop alfalfa for cows - from patch along  
north side of garden. I also finished painting west side  
gable of house roof. Went to Town Board Meeting  
awhile tonite in Town Garage office. Supervisor Claude  
Bell presiding.

SEPTEMBER 2 Friday                      FULL MOON  
Mostly cloudy cool still rather threatening. Sun broke thru  
latter pm. Autumns in the air. Did usual chores - cut  
alfalfa for the cows. Latter pm I got in a nice strip of  
painting on the east side gable. Every shingle requires  
scraping with wire brush or cloth. The Olive Fire Dept re  
held their rained out Carnival tonite at Olive Bridge. Not  
very big crowd reported.

SEPTEMBER 3 Saturday  
Considerable cloudiness still & warm. Quite sunny pm.  
Hazy pleasant moonlight night. Drewed out manure am.  
Got grass for cows. With better painting conditions pm I  
finished the east side house gable & got in a corner strip  
adjoining. Also aluminum repainted toilet roof. This  
evng I attended IOOF Lodge. Also afterward the last  
night of the Fire Dept Carnival. The evening was still &  
pleasant with a big hazy moon. At 10:30 an elaborate  
display of aerial fireworks was provided.

### SEPTEMBER 4 Sunday

Generally fair - but hazy - considerable cloudiness - Still - warm & pleasant. Fair evng with a declining red moon rising across the reservoir. Toward noon Pop Beidler & Walter Lang and another son in law Sgt. Howard \_\_\_\_\_ of NY Police force gave me a hand changing house roof ladder over to east side. Also weighed my 10 weeks old Holsteen calf - about 228 lb.

This pm we had several callers including Mr & Mrs Kiziran & friends and Mr & Mrs Jack Kolts of Kingston. 6 of today's visitors are brother Masons. Mr Kolts is a veteran Catskill Mtn Div. Engineer & soon to retire.

### SEPTEMBER 5 Monday

Pleasant warm weather. Sunny this morning with developing cloudiness in pm followed around 5pm by a brief dashing general thunder shower from north west. Cleared still cool evng. This pm I attended the annual Labor Day Picnic at Joe Friedburgs grove. Very successful old home gathering & attendance West Shokan Fire Dept served refreshments. Music by Fred Russell & Pine Creekers. Speaker, Rev. Dean Dykstra & Frederick Snyder of Kingston -International lecturer & world traveler, Mary Margaret McBride Radio & TV star. Jesse Shurter, Schuyler Bishop 87 - Major H. Edgar Timmerman - Dep. Uls.Co. Chief of Civil Defense. He told about the disastrous Rondout Valley flood. Millard H. Davis, Dr. Shem Everett, Irving Hesley, Pratt Boice - Pres. - chairman. Closing Lords prayer dedicated to memory of late Rev. David Weidner was led over the mikes by E.C.Davis with audience standing. A dozen or

more over 75 present. Including Wm.Haver 92 - Liberal presence of children. Old officers re elected by acclimation. Pratt Boice Pres. Lottie Hesley VP - Elwyn C.Davis, Tres.

Bal fwd from 1954 96.36 Todays coll. 70.86 = 167.22  
Expenses music 40.00 Loud speaker 15.00 carting chairs 5.00

167.22 - 60.00 expenses = \$107.22 Bal for next year.

### SEPTEMBER 6 Tuesday

Pleasant warm sunny am with southerly wind that quieted & pm was mostly overcast & murky & humid. Mr & Mrs Ludwig Polack of Woodstock called am to buy my calf - But I didn't sell. I cut several wheelbarrow loads of grass for cows. Picked the kitchen porch tree of lovely reddened peaches - fully a half bushel. The tree grew up from a pit by celler wall & roof drain. Picked first mess of delicious sweet corn & new potatoes, which Mother & I engaged for supper.

Recd letter Cornelia from Waverly that Uncle Ray Herrington had another stroke last Wed. & his hosp. condition grave.

### SEPTEMBER 7 Wednesday

Very cool - Magnificent sunny day with fresh northerly wind. Still cloudless & chilly tonight. Did usual chores - cut more grass for the cows. A lush re growth along the garden & sides & currant bush patch. This pm Ollie having her day off we made a trip to Kingston, stopped at the Jim Allen farm beyond the lower spillway bridge & looked at a beautiful chestnut chunk of a mare but too

much horse for me. I had my troublesome lower right side loose tooth pulled by Dr. Brodhead on Fair St. \$3.00 paid.

SEPTEMBER 8 Thursday 44/7am Real Cool  
Brilliant sunny day, some cloudiness developed pm.  
Northerly wind quieted. Old moon back to half. Busy with usual chores & odd jobs am. This pm I got an early start and finished painting east dies of house roof. A big job, but the new look repays me. Recd letter from Dick that Uncle Ray Herrington's condition in hospital is considered hopeless. By beating the Milwaukee Braves this pm \_\_\_\_\_ the Brooklyn Dodgers clinched the National League Pennant at earliest date in history.

SEPTEMBER 9 Friday 44/7am  
Brilliant cool - southerly wind & increasing cloudiness pm. Chilly tonite. Busy with daily chores getting grass for cows etc. this pm I got started painting east side of house under porch eaves.

SEPTEMBER 10 Saturday  
Glum threatening overcast weather. Cool - humid pm. Stars shone tonight. Did daily chores - drew out manure on stone boat. Cut 3 wheelbarrow loads grass for cows. Attended I.O.O.F. Lodge tonite 15 present - no refreshments. Mart Eckert cut my hair this am.

SEPTEMBER 11 Sunday  
Glum still cloudy weather. Sun broke thru awhile pm. It tried to rain several times - had a healthy squirt late pm.

Did usual chores & grassed the cows. Wrote several cards. Listened to broadcasts of Yankee Stadium. Yanks took 1<sup>st</sup> game 6-2 & last nightcap completed 7:55pm to Cleveland Indians. Latter retamed 1 ½ game lead in American circuit.

SEPTEMBER 12 Monday

Rained hard in night. Brisk northerly wind. Magnificent sunny day - real cool - wind quieted latter pm. Cloudless - chilling evng. Did daily chores - cut grass for cows & got wheelbarrow load sweet corn. The coons are raising havoc and I had 2 in my trap set yesterday. Latter pm I got started painting east gable end of house. Recd letter Mrs. Longyear saying, Bob is in South America on company business. She has been to ill to write me & yesterday going to hospital for stomach observatory after xrays. Letter from Dick. Uncle Ray Herrington condition weaker.

SEPTEMBER 13 Tuesday

Another lovely sunny day - with some high clouds. Southerly breeze - clear chilly evng. Doing the usual daily grind - got grass & corn stalks for cows. This pm I got in a stretch of easide side house painting. Fall Primary Election 12 - 9pm. Dist 2 officials Helen Marshall - Emma Ackert - Mrs. Phil Coletti & Al Fox, Sr. I went down & voted evng. Also Ollie & I went to Woodstock to Lasher's Parlors in respect to Mrs. Jennie V. Myers, 80. Mrs. Reggie Davises mother.

SEPTEMBER 14 Wednesday

Real cool - considerable cloudiness - Rather brisk southerly wind. More sunny during pm. Did daily grind of chores etc. this pm I finished 1<sup>st</sup> coat painting east gable end of house. Funeral 2pm of Mrs. Jennie V. Myers, 80 - of Samsonville at Lasher's in Woodstock - in charge of Rev. Geo. Goodwin Stone Ridge - Interment Hudler Cemetery - she had a long illness & had stroke - died in Kingston Infirmary, Sunday. Widow of Horace Myers - a daughter of Simon K. Bishop.

#### SEPTEMBER 15 Thursday

Summer again. Nice 6am shower. Mostly sunny & humid with fresh southerly wind. Clear - still - cool evng. Recd Registered letter summons to serve on Supreme court panel Grand Jury Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am. Did usual round of chores grass cutting etc. Latter pm I painted the 2 windows over kitchen porch. I felt off color today & hard to keep going. Heavy dew this morning or rather from the early shower.

#### SEPTEMBER 16 Friday

Pleasantly warm & sunny with southerly day wind. Still clear cool evng. Drenching dew this morning. Did daily chores & odd jobs - got sweet corn & grass for cows. Mr. Maurice Hamilton of Woodstock - Publisher of Woodstock Press called am in regard to writing West Shokan weekly news column. Mr & Mrs. Beidler called pm. Recd letter from Mrs. Longyear in Methodist Hosp & letter from Dick saying Uncle Ray Herrington shows marked improvement.

SEPTEMBER 17 Saturday

Sunny, summery and hazy temperatures above 80. Clear still cool evng. Did the usual run of chore jobs.

Reginald E. Davis and I attended the Accord Farmers Cooperative 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chicken barbeque 2pm dinner at the plant in Accord. About 200 halved 3lb broilers were deliciously roasted over charcoal heat. This evng attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Third Degree in abbreviated form conferred on Joseph S. Friedburg. Refreshments followed.

This is "Pop" Claude N. Beidler's birthday. He & Reggie attended evng. Ulster Co. Shrine club dinner at Lake Hill

SEPTEMBER 18 Sunday

Continued in the 80 degree warm humid sunny hazy weather. Clear pleasantly cool evng. I've lost my zip - Done usual choes & corn & grass getting for cows. Had two groups of callers. Mr & Mrs Henry Fishchang am & late pm Mr & Mrs. Jack Kolts and Mr & Mrs Donald Hefferman all of Kingston. I wrote long news copy for Woodstock Press.

SEPTEMBER 19 Monday Temp mid 80

Lovely clear sunny a bit hazy weather real summer time. Clear still pleasant evng. Other than necessary chores & odd jobs getting cow fodder - I feel all in - Summer grippe been working on . it's a shame not to be painting such drying weather. However I went with Bro. Kizirian and Hubert Roosa this evng to the Olive Square Club monthly meeting at Ashokan Legion Hall - 12 or 13 present. Pres. Reggie Davis- chairman. Refreshments

followed.

SEPTEMBER 20 Tuesday

Overcast murky and humid this am. Had sprinkles of rain. Clearing pm cooler with brisk northerly wind - a big relief from the lazy humid hot weather - a brilliant growing new moon settled early back of South Hollow. We had a very pleasant surprise visit from John Young am. He brought a small basket of delicious peaches & Mother canned a quart jar. Did usual chores - jobs. This pm I got in a good strip of painting along front porch facing board & posts. Thankful I'm feeling better. The much alerted hurricane "Iona" veered out to sea.

SEPTEMBER 21 Wednesday

Magnificent sunny crispy early autumn weather. Brisk northerly wind. Beautiful growing new moon clear & real crispy evng. Same old daily routine. Caught a coon last night in remaining patch of sweet corn. This pm I finished painting around the front porch facing barn. Everything seems such an effort anymore. Latter pm I went over to Acorn Hill at Raymond Markle's and looked at his gray horse. I'm favorably impressed.

SEPTEMBER 22 Thursday

Real cool - Autumny. Bright sunny day - with developing pm overcast clearing evng, still & chilly. Worked around home with chores & usual routine. This pm I put new planking in Molly's empty stable - over the concrete - ready for another horse. After supper I got Fred Ohliger, Jr. "now operating Maple Dell Farm" to go with his panel

truck over to Raymond Markle's after horse to try out. Back end truck to high to load horse without planking. So had to come back empty. Rec'd letter from Mariam that Jeanne had phoned them that Mrs. Longyear's hospital visit has revealed necessity for exploratory operation.

#### SEPTEMBER 23 Friday

Very cool - chilling damp atmosphere. Sunny becoming overcast & set in rainy tonight. Almost feels like snow. Did daily chores & cut several wheelbarrow loads of grass for cow fodder. Wrote air mail card to Mariam - Rec'd letter from Dick. NY Yankees won American League pennant 3 ½ games ahead of Cleveland.

#### SEPTEMBER 24 Saturday

Rainy night and continued along till early pm. Good soaking rain and well needed. Part broke away evng. & somewhat foggy. This pm Fred Ohliger, Jr. & I with his panel truck & with a tail end loading gate went to Acorn Hill & got the Raymond Markle chunky speckled gray horse, Tony & I paid him check in full for horse \$40.00. This evng I attended Olive Republican nominating caucus at new Olive Bridge Firehall. Major H. Edgar Timmerman, Chairman & John Adsit, Secy. Prayer by Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh. Claude Bell nominated Supervisor. Lola Barringer - Town Clerk - Viva Winne, Collector. Homer Markle, Jr. Assessor 2 yrs. John E. Marshall, Councilman 4 yrs. Frank C. Carle, Jr., Justice 4 yrs. Our great & adored President Dwight Eisenhower suffered heart attack early this am where he is

vacationing in Denver, Colorado.

SEPTEMBER 25 Sunday

Considerable but a brilliant crispy day with brisk northerly wind. Very chilly part clouded moonlight tonight. The Nation and the world is shocked over the sudden and unexpected heart attack suffered by President Dwight Eisenhower. Prayers from all faiths rose to the Supreme Ruler of The Universe for his recovery. This evng the Olive Square Club attended a regular service at the West Shokan Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. Walter A. White from the several opening verses of Rev. chapter 3.

SEPTEMBER 26 Monday

Another crispy brilliant sunny early autumn day with some cloudiness. Not so windy as yesterday. Brilliant still moonlight early evng with a frosty air. Became part overcast to milder. I drew out boat load manure with the sturdy new horse Tony. Then hitched her with Susie on mowing machine & cut a stub of grass out along the woods corner & then mowed the alfalfa patches up at Ollie Burghers & later got in cart load grass for night fodder. The NY Stock Market reacted violently with a 7 million odd share volume.

Late pm Mr & Mrs Norman Studer, directors of Camp Woodland paid Mother & I an unexpected call.

SEPTEMBER 27 Tuesday

No frost - cool and sunny - with developing southerly wind - becoming overcast during pm. Was busy other

than doing chores & machine mowing & getting 2 cart loads of grass for fodder. With favorable reports on the condition of Pres. Eisenhower the stock market recovered 24% of yesterday's decline. Onteora School tax coll was at Lester S. Davis store 10am to 4pm. I went this am & paid our taxes - Olive rate \$40.67 per thousand. Home Farm - 25 acres. 1600 value - 65  
My-Hinkley farm 43 acres 300 value - 1220

### SEPTEMBER 28 Wednesday

Hard needed rain in night raised springs and streams. Today was on the rain squally type - clouds & some sunshine. Cleared glorious moonlight still evng. Not much accomplished today - Did usual chores. This pm Howard Trowbridge came along with his dump truck & helped me get a load of sawdust at Singer's Mill - no charge only \$1.00 for sawdust. Then went back to mill & I helped him get load slab wood. I heard part of the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the World's Series at Yankee Stadium where the NY Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 6-5. Whitey Ford winning pitcher & Don Newson loser. President Ike reports favorable & stock market climbing.

### SEPTEMBER 29 Thursday

Mostly sunny brilliant atmosphere. Gathering overcast partly obscured the nearing full moon evng. Pleasantly cool weather calm. Did daily chores etc. This pm I took the team hay rake & wagon up & cleared up Ollie's alfalfa cutting. I caught my left leg above knee between whiffletree evener & rake frame when horses stepped up & it's a sore achy job tonite. Not much interested as

formerly I heard parts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Series game at Yankee Stadium. Yanks 4- Dodgers 2. Billy Loas loser & Tommy Byrne winner.

#### SEPTEMBER 30 Friday

Dark dismal weather with a rainy afternoon and some driving S.W. wind quieting. Messy drizzling evng. My leg aches & is lame but getting around fairly well. Did chores & split wood awhile - I heard broadcast over Kingston WKNY 3<sup>rd</sup> World Series game at Ebbetts Field Brooklyn - where the Dodgers came to life and beat the Yankees 8-3. Johnny Padras winning pitcher all the way on his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Roy Campanella catching. Tom Turley loser Yogi Berra catcher.

I recd a nice well written letter from Jeannie Longyear.

#### OCTOBER 1 Saturday

Brilliant atmosphere wind light northerly. Sunny with some high thin cloudiness. Still - gorgeous full moon tonight. Drawed out cart load manure - finished mowing woods corn & a strip below garden & drawed grass for the cows. I heard part of WKNY broadcast of 4<sup>th</sup> Worlds Series game which the now champing Dodgers won over the Yankees 8-5.

#### OCTOBER 2 Sunday

Heavy morning dew but still no frost. A magnificent cool quiet sunny day and super brilliant moonlight evng. I have an achy cold but got myself under control this pm sold 10 tickets for the I.O.O.F. roast beef supper next Saturday night. Also saw my first World Series game.

### OCTOBER 3 Monday

Another majestic sunny day - some scattered hazy clouds, wind light. Cloudless still chilly evng. I went to Kingston as a member of the October Supreme Court Grand Jury - Justice Deckelman presiding. Thomas J. Murphy, Pres. Of the Ulster County Grand Jurors Assn - appointed foreman & myself E.C.Davis Assistant Foreman. Mrs. Anna Ashdown, secretary. Jury after organizing adjourned till 10am Wednesday. After getting home I mowed alfalfa patches along cross patch. Drewed out manure and got grass for cows. Recd card Cornelia that Uncle Ray Herrington now home from hosp. in care of 2 nurses. At Yankee Stadium the Yankees evened up the World Series 3 each - defeating Brooklyn 5-1 - Whitey Ford winning pitcher.

### OCTOBER 4 Tuesday

Warmer - Fresh south westerly day wind - later quieted sunny & somewhat hazy with a smell of autumn smoke in atmosphere. Cloudless evng. Put in a mostly busy day getting in grass hay cutting another strip down below the garden & wheeling 2 loads to pasture fence for cows. Made a clean up of the woods corner. I took time this pm to hear a considerable part of WOR broadcast of the 7<sup>th</sup> and deciding game at Yankee Stadium - where the Brooklyn Dodgers with the masterful pitching of Johnny Padres shut out the Yankees 2-0 for Bklyn's 1<sup>st</sup> World Championship.

### OCTOBER 5 Wednesday

Sunny & warmer. Murked over during pm dark evng

southerly wind. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Rec'd from Morgan Davis Co. net less selling comm etc. 10 shares Crucible Steel Co @56 \$55.80 - net profit \$51.72. Date of sale Sept 23 - Date purchased Aug 19

#### OCTOBER 6 Thursday

Arrived rainy and continued a dreary downpour all day and lighter evng. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Miserable day in town & I got home around 3pm

#### OCTOBER 7 Friday

Murky warm humid. Wet night - Damp misty atmosphere. Became blustery from South West quarter pm continuing evng. Grass dripping wet ground soaked. Did chores - Mother & I picked up hickory nuts & butternuts from trees near the barn - Got grass for cows & finished up the pile of wood splitting & put under shed.

#### OCTOBER 8 Saturday

Rainy in night & this morning - mussy light showers along till afternoon when a clearing trend developed still & decidedly cooler. I served on Board of Registration First Day. Hours 7am - 10pm in place of Helen Marshall who due to husband's operation for breast tumors external was needed at home. Day's registry 674 names. Last year 634.

#### OCTOBER 9 Sunday

A Heavenly perfect crystal clear still day with the autumn foliage at its coroful crest. Over beyond the fabled Hudson the range of the Berkshires stand out unusually

distinct. Did the daily grind of chores & spent most of the afternoon getting grass fodder for the stock - via hand rake & wheelbarrow.

#### OCTOBER 10 Monday

Another beautiful practically cloudless warm still day & evng. Did chores - drew out manure am. This pm I gave the horses a good workout on the mowing machine. I cut out the old crosswood to the forbidding Bishop line fence - Mowed the heavy new & old growth back of the old Hinkley barn also a third cutting of the mixed alfalfa & grass opposite the old house.

#### OCTOBER 11 Tuesday

Continued magnificent warm still sunny weather - cloudless pleasantly cool evng. I went to Kingston this morning on Grand Jury duty - back home 2 o'clock. I worked at the hay raked the remainder of cutting out along cross patch & wheeled in 2 loads for fodder. Also teded yesterday's cutting behind old barn & by the Hinkley house.

#### OCTOBER 12 Wednesday

Balmy weather. Considerable high overcast at times but generally sunny especially this pm Southerly day breeze quieting. I had a busy day - Drew out manure, cleaned up the rest of the hay out along crosspatch. Teded the Hinkley cutting again pm & brought a jag home on hay wagon for fodder.

#### OCTOBER 13 Thursday

Rained some before morning - A gloomy damp more or less misty day & evng. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury. Got a soft tire coming back & had it fixed at Ashokan Garage .75 & 9 gal gas @ .27 - \$2.43. I went over to Olive Bridge & had a visit with John & Helen Marshall. He is gaining after his operation for removal of breast tumors. Also stopped at Reggie Davises. I recd letter Mrs. Longyear that she is still in Methodist Hosp. Bklyn. Operation 2 wks ago for deep seated ulser - part of stomach removed. Rec'd letter Cornelia that Uncle Ray Herrington died 5:45pm Friday - Funeral Monday pm.

#### OCTOBER 14 Friday

Rained some in night. Heavy storm brewing & settled in rainy noon time & continued a downpour & windy pm & evng. Did usual chores. This pm I went over to Larry Hogan's Bearsville Garage & had needed work done on my car. Wheel bearing right front wheel - new brake shoes left front - New Emergency hand brake band installed & grease in rear end. Labor \$6.00 - grease .60 paid. The repair parts I had bought of Montgomery Ward.

#### OCTOBER 15 Saturday

Heavy rain continued thru the night and all day. Moderating evng. The Bushkill stream is on the wildest rainpage Ive ever known. It broke thru both sides of the Bushkill Bridge & tonight overflowing the road down around the fields to 28A - at Davis store & overflowed at Colange's corner also beyond the second Twin Bridge to Traver Hollow Inn - the water tore a big gap thru 28A at Lohrs sluice (Johnny Eckert's brook) Also gullied out a

huge hole almost across road at north end of north end second bridge & tore out the sluice at Snyder's driveway - The gap at Lohrs sluice was filled in & open to travel late pm.

### OCTOBER 16 Sunday

The rain continued continuous thru night, all day & into the evening. A great hole was washed out at south end approach to the Big Bushkill bridge & for 50 feet around the corner at Hesley's house. Residents vacated last night above & below bridge. The Olive Fire Dept. - Civil Defense, Town & County & DWS forces had a hectic day - also Central Hudson & Telephone Co. crews. Up the hollow the Wittenberg bridge S.W. abutment settled & open to one way traffic. Up by George Reitmen's Hanover Lodge the road at the turn down stream is completely washed out. A 4 ft volume of water pours over the Ashokan East basin spillway & Kingston flats deeply flooded also down along the Rondout Creek section. In Maltby Hollow, Krumville and Upper Samsonville areas there is heavy highway damage.

### OCTOBER 17 Monday      Snow on Wittenbergs

Rain continued moderately thru night - But none today. 11 o'clock the first rays of sunshine filtered thru for first since last Wed. Some broken sunshine pm. Rosendale was still deeply flooded & heavy property damage again in Ellenville. Route 28 closed from washouts at Cold Brook. Yesterday I was on duty, deputized as a member of Civil Defense police & again parts of today viewing flood damage. The flood damage is widespread in the

N.E. - The mail got thru roundabout eastside.

OCTOBER 18 Tuesday

Rained some in night & this morning. Part broke away letting in some sunshine. Murked over again pm & drizzled some more. Very damp chill atmosphere. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury. Went by way of Stone Ridge but was able to come back over route 28 out of Kingston. The flood water which was several feet deep had receded from the road bed, with adjoining business establishments busy cleaning up the muddy mess. Today it was discovered by the Bushkill north turn bridge D.W.S. repair crews that one of the up stream piers beneath was entirely washed away.

OCTOBER 19 Wednesday

Continued murky & drizzling this morning but broke away & considerable warm sunshine was a welcome visitor. By early evng the sky had cleared and a brilliant crescent moon settled behind South Hollow. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty - Stopped to see John Marshall at his home in Olive Bridge coming back. After a 3:30 dinner I took a ride down & over the Bushkill bridge where the county equipment continues operating, and the endangering left side of the stream turned back under the bridge channel from the deeply gouged out hole that lacked but a few feet of the Hesley's residence.

OCTOBER 20 Thursday

Early cloudiness dispersed and it was a very lovely quiet bright sunny day. Cloudless chill moonlight evng with

burnished crescent moon behind Hoopole Mountain. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury duty. Finished early & home 2pm. Hooked up horses, drew out manure & teded the flood soaked hay cut Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Route 28A partially re opened for travel over the flood disrupted section - at Twin bridge & Snyders driveway.

### OCTOBER 21 Friday

Part cloudy to cloudy. Mild am - pm rain squalls heavy black clouds & some blustery. Typical fall weather, but still no frost.

Cut fresh grass for cows behind barn with sythe. This pm I raked the rain blackened hay & broght some home for fodder on hay wagon. Recd & answered card from Ada Bell. Bull dozer gradually getting big hole filled in at Bushkill bridge. President Eisenhower continues to recover at Denver Hospital and assumes some of his duties. The Stock Market now gains accordingly.

### OCTOBER 22 Saturday

Magnificent sunny crispy weather with fresh northerly wind. Still cloudless frosty evng with brilliant moon nearing half. Frost nipped pumpkins vines & exposed tender foliage. Busy day - chores - drying out hay. Spread load manure - got in garden peppers & green tomatoes & Mother helped me gather hay wagon load of pumpkins. Have them by the hundred in various phases of ripening. Also had several Hubbard Squashes some large ones. This evng I went IOOF Lodge with Pop Beidler. 13 present, refreshments. William Jordan had a heart attack this am.

### OCTOBER 23 Sunday

General killing frost at exceptionally late date. There was ice on the barn gutter kettle. Generally sunny & became milder & Southerly wind developed. Half moon tonight. Worked at the hay - this pm Mother helped me get the clean up load of "3<sup>rd</sup> cutting" - fairly dried out but rain blackened.

### OCTOBER 24 Monday

Mild - became warm & humid. Hazily sunny - became overcast pm with increased gusty south westerly wind. Latter pm a sudden and extremely violent wind and rain squall struck from High Point quarter. The wind had gradually quieted by early evng and rainfall light clearing windy night. Drawed out manure - This pm Mother helped me get the load of well dried out hay behind old barn - just nicely got home & started unloading when storm struck. Telephones out & wind damage to trees etc. Took top out maple tree by Ollie's garden & noticeably bent the smaller ash tree near corner of house.

### OCTOBER 25 Tuesday

Much colder with mountain snow squalls blustery - part cloudy. A real touch of winter. Quieted late pm. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury - Back home 2:30 Mother somehow fell off porch steps again soon after I got home & at the time was at the barn. She's pretty well crippled up tonight. I hooked up - drawed out manure & mowed a chunk of grass behind barn for fodder.

### OCTOBER 26 Wednesday

Sour blustery with mountain snow squalls temperature moderating pm Variable broken cloudiness. I went to Kingston on Grand Jury - Finished work at 1:45pm - I stopped at Ashokan Garage & had car greased thermometer 54285

OCTOBER 27 Thursday

A Heavenly perfect bright sunny seasonal autumn day - & cloudless still moonlight evng. I went to Kingston final day of Grand Jury - the panel inspected the jail at 1:30 & reported to Justice Wm. Deckelman at 2:15pm. Panel dismissed subject to recall during November. Coming back stopped & saw John & Helen Marshall. I made 11 days @ 5.00 plus 550 miles @.08  
55.00 + 44.00 + Total 99.00

OCTOBER 28 Friday

Magnificent clear mild serene weather. Cloudless still lovely moonlight evng. Other than usual chores my days work was digging my potatoes at latest date ever. It's the cleanest and largest crop I have had in years - Kathadins. No sign of rot despite the soggy ground.

OCTOBER 29 Saturday

Storm brewing mild - some morning sunshine before the ominous overcast closed in from the south - Set in rainy midnight.

Kay-Dick & Norah helped me pick up potatoes am & get them down cellar - Had about 10 bu & have dug out 2 or so previously. No sign of rot. Also I spread a big cart load manure on grass. This pm I got a rigging load of

cow pumpkins - machine mowed grass behind barn & by the house & got 2 big wheelbarrow loads. This evng Dick & I attended featured political rally get together Republican party at IOOF hall. County & Town candidates present. Musical entertainment by Fred Russel orchestra. An abundance of refreshments Affair sponsored by Olive Rep. Club.

OCTOBER 30 Sunday Daylight Saving time  
Rainy drenching night with a continuing downpour till late pm followed evng by a thunder shower of cloudburst intensity. Later part breaking away. Streams again running flood waters. At the Bushkill bridge where the vast gap has been filled in and travel passable around corner of Hesley's house - but for a diverting channel made by a county bulldozer the water would have again swept behind the house & down across the field.  
Cornelia, Dick & kids left in the downpour around 10am.

OCTOBER 31 Monday  
A cloudless perfect still mild day - with a cloudless and majestic early rising full moon tonight. This pm Ollie & I went to Kingston pm . She having completed her regular seasonal work at Beaver Lake House - registered for usual unemployment benefits. We went over to Port Ewen where she bought a used kitchen set - mica top table & 4 chairs - 35.00.  
Recd letter Mrs. Longyear that she came home from hosp. last Wed. & that her sister in law is caring for her. Had 2/3 of her stomach removed.

### NOVEMBER 1 Tuesday

Continued glorious clear weather mild with northerly wind quieting late pm. Magnificent still crispy moonlight evng. Did daily chores etc. this pm brought odd jobs - Drawed out manure got cart load fodder pumpkins & grass for cows.

### NOVEMBER 2 Wednesday

Continued pleasant mild cloudless weather - calm today. Early rising moon directly over the reservoir. Busy as usual. Did chores - wheeled in grass for cows - made a trip down to Davis store to get 6 dz large eggs to send Mrs. Knorpp - 3.90 paid. PM - Ollie gave a hand - took up Mother's dahlia's - churned & did a washing. I worked on north side barn roof cementing seams - a needed job due to leaks. This evng I went with Art Blume & Walter Lang to special meeting of Olive Square Club at home of President Reggie Davis in Olive Bridge.

### NOVEMBER 3 Thursday

Damp gloomy chill day - set in rainy at dark. Mostly busy with chores & odd jobs. Ollie & I went down to Atwood pm & I bought a coal or wood circulating heater of Ed Markle - Paid 10.00 this evng I took Ollie with her pedigreed police dog Myra down to Olive Bridge Fire House - for rabies innoculation

### NOVEMBER 4 Friday

Rainy night - rainy day - not flooding. Mountains grimly white with snow - west & north. Too wet to do anything but chores. Rec'd letter Mariam & wrote her card evng. -

also letter Lute Bell & writing him card.

NOVEMBER 5 Saturday

Dour chill damp weather. A bit rain squally. Cloudy with light northerly wind. Did daily chores. Had Mart Eckert cut my hair am. Had a busy afternoon. Mowed another strip of grass behind barn & got a cart load for cows. Also drew out manure and got the last load of pumpkins - which the cows relish.

NOVEMBER 6 Sunday

Cleared up this morning bright chill sunny day. Wind northerly but light. Still crispy evng. Had usual run of chores & odd jobs wheeling hay for cows & what not. John & Helen Marshall, Chet & Dot Lyons called pm. Helen wants me to serve in her place as Inspector Election Day - due to Johnny running on ticket for councilman. - I said okay. Packed 5lb butter tonight for Mrs. Knorpp.

NOVEMBER 7 Monday

Cloudy damp chill weather. Still - set in rainy mid afternoon, but stopped evng. Busy with chores & odd jobs as usual. This pm I machine mowed another strip of grass behind barn - drew out manure and wheeled in grass for cows. Late pm I took a ride down Bushkill hill and over the bridge & called to see Claude Bell in his very lovely modern & convenient new home. I noted the cleaning out of the stream both below & above bridge by Government bull dozers.

NOVEMBER 8 Tuesday

Pretty crispy this am & frosty - cleared during night - beautiful sunrise. Later became part to mostly cloudy with raw southerly wind. Starlight evng. Got out early this morning and put in a long tiresome day as Inspector on local Dist.2 Election Board - in place of Helen Marshall. I had charge of voting machine - 452 voted plus 10 absentee ballots recd. Claude Bell, Rep running for 6<sup>th</sup> term defeated Albert S. Fox, Jr. by 31 maj. Mrs. Delia Lewis (Dem) re elected Town Clerk 3<sup>rd</sup> term over Lola Barringer by 170 maj. Mrs. Viva Winne, Reb. For Collector won 103 maj. Over Mrs. Adele Rothman. Howard Trowbridge, Rep. defeated Alva Buley, a Rep. running on Dem & Square Deal ticket, by 230 majority. Homer Markle, Rep. re elected assessor by 232 maj over Alfon Edmunson. Dem. John B. Davis re elected assessor 2 yrs. Over Jas. Clemens by 235 maj. (John beat me 2 yrs ago by 53) Frank Carle, Rep. re elected Justice full term over Jim Wright by 139 maj. John C. Marshall, Rep. defeated Catherine H. Carlson for councilman 4 yrs 56maj. Fred Stang, Rep. re elected Mayor, Kingston over Dem. Bill Edelmuis by 2394 - County ticket elected by normal Rep. majorities.

NOVEMBER 9 Wednesday ¼" ice this am on barn tub Raw part cloudy with light & fresh northerly wind. Sour weather - Rain squall at dark. Tired out from the election. Did usual chores & odd jobs. This pm I had a cold job picking up the red delicious apples under tree in currant bushes.

NOVEMBER 10 Clear and crispy am became gloomily

overcast pm. Set in down pouring rain at dark later becoming mixed with a heavy fall of sloppy snow which caused hazardous traveling. Did the daily chores - This pm drew out load manure & Ollie helped me pick up cider apples at Larry Kelder's. this evng disregarding the storm I went with Reggie Davis & Jesse Shurter to Governor Clinton Hotel in Kingston and attended dinner & floor show sponsored by Cyprus Temple Albany. We had a nasty trip home. William Jordan - 83, lifelong resident & 62 year member of Shokan IOOF lodge No.491 died about 12:30 am of heart attack, his second of the evening.

#### NOVEMBER 11 Friday

Last night storm plopped down around 3 inches of snow which melted off roads - It was sunny this morning & the clinging snow reminded of maple sap time. Partly cloudy - thawing but damp & chill. I was achy & tried out after last nights trip & late getting home - sloppy weather - did usual chores & after dinner went over to Frank Jordan's & paid a respectful call. After I picked up 4 bags cider apples at Larry Kelder's. Undertaker Victor Lasher called me to be a bearer for Will Jordan - 2pm Sunday at Olive Bridge Church.

#### NOVEMBER 12 Saturday

Bright sunny day. Northerly wind. Pleasantly mild during day. Busy with usual daily routine. This pm I drew out manure & took load cider apples & containers down to Charley Dwyer's mill. This evng I attended IOOF funeral service for Bro. PG - William Jordan at Lasher's

parlors in Woodstock. PG James McGlocklin as Noble Grand & myself, EC Davis, Chaplain conducted the ritualistic parts. Olive Rebekah Lodge No 470 held their service preceding. A large delegation of the members were present.

#### NOVEMBER 13 Sunday

Mild still with variable overcast & threats of rain. Did daily chores. This pm 2 oco. I attended funeral services at the Olive Bridge M.E. church for William Jordan 83 - He was a member & a faithful one of Shokan IOOF Lodge No 491 - for 62 ½ years. Also a charter member of Olive Rebekah Lodge No 470. Service in charge of Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh & Rev. Merton S. Cady - former pastor. Interment in family plot Tongore Cemetery. Bearers were Jas.McGlocklin, Edward Weldt, Harlowe McLean & myself. The sun broke thru pleasantly warm while at the cemetery.

#### NOVEMBER 14 Monday

Drenching thunder & lightning storm in night. Foggy & murky this morning but faired away partly & had some sunshine & northerly wind. Mild weather - starlight evng. Made the usual run of chores & odd jobs. This pm I drew out manure & got a hay rigging load of maple leaves by Larry Kelder's house also picked up apples for cow & pigs. Charley Dwyer made up my batch of cider apples & even brought up the cider with his doodle bug tractor & trailer cart. Recd letter from Mariam told about prizes won playing golf.

NOVEMBER 15 Tuesday

Still & on the sunny side till after dinner & became overcast - started raining at dark. Chilling damp atmosphere. Busy with usual chores & odd jobs - not much accomplished. This pm I went over to Singer's saw mill to see about some dry sawdust & slab wood. Got 3.35 gas & air at Skin Davis store.

NOVEMBER 16 Drenching night and a continued downpour this morning. Gloomy threatening and rainy again evng. Clearing - blustery & getting colder. Made a trip to Kingston & did some shopping. Ollie went along for routine unemployment report. Got back 5 o'clock - and did chores - Pop Beidler picked me up 6:30 & we went to Kingston to Veteran Member Night at Mt Horeb Chapter No 75 RAM. A group of 30 or more having membership of 24 years & more were each presented with individual engrossed certificates from Grand Chapter of State of NY & signed by High Priest Geo. W. Chase & Secy. Harry G. Schryner.

NOVEMBER 17 Thursday

Very blustery night & much colder - Raw windy cold day & evng. Part to mostly cloudy. The first real beast of winter. Too cold & windy to do much other than chores, etc. this pm I got 2 wheelbarrows of carrots out of muddy garden & under shed. Mother is showing a more active condition than at anytime since her miserable fall.

NOVEMBER 18 Friday      20 degrees this am

Bright sunny crispy weather. Froze up pretty snug last

night - coldest to date. Busy with daily chore routine & odd jobs. This pm I cut & snaked out several green poles to buck up for using with dry wood. This evng Ollie & I called on Frank Royce at Ed Avery's cottage, down for deer hunting.

#### NOVEMBER 19 Saturday

A miserable messy slippery all day snow storm - of several inches. Clearing evng. I had a cold wet job drawing out 2 loads manure am. This pm Frank Royce & I made a brief trip to Kingston. It certainly was cold & messy in Kingston. This evng I went to IOOF Lodge with Walter Lang - Initiatory Degree conferred on 9 candidates. 4 from Phoenicia - 3 from Highland & 2 for home lodge John Groat Funeral 2pm at Lasher's in Woodstock for Burton A. Tenney 75, lifelong Boiceville resident. Interment Wiltwick Cemetery - Kingston. I sent 3 boxes Decorative greens , Thanksgiving treats & 5lb butter to Mrs. Knorpp

#### NOVEMBER 20 Sunday

Cold raw very blustery wintry weather. Snow squally. Roads slippery - & snow everywhere. Busy with daily grind of chores etc. Ollie & I were invited to a good cubed steak supper with Frank Royce. This evng I wrote birthday card-letter to Bobby Longyear for his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday - Nov.24

#### NOVEMBER 21 Monday

Cold very blustery night & angry waves rolling high on the full up muddy reservoir. Raw - but thawing during

day & the snow from open spaces practically gone tonight. High gusty northerly wind broken clouds - Somewhat quieted tonight. Rifle shooting deer season opened. Archery season of 6 days preceded. Pretty rough to work outdoors. Did usual chores. This pm I pulled my turnip crop - 2 wheelbarrow loads of golden ball. Also cut some firewood over across from driveway. Frank Royce & I were invited to a delicious roast pork supper at Ollie's.

#### NOVEMBER 22 Tuesday

Generally fair - thawing. Wind light variable overcast. Became cloudless evng with brilliant high riding half moon. Busy with usual chore jobs am. PM I drew out manure - got bob sleigh out of chicken house & drew 2 loads green polewood to buck up by kitchen porch.

#### NOVEMBER 23 Wednesday

Dark still damp gloomy weather. Set in rainy around 5 pm - followed by part clearing & moon shone. Did usual chores - I went with Frank Royce to Kingston noon time and returned early. Did a few shopping errands. Ollie & I invited to Frank Royce's for a late oyster stew supper. She is working thru Thanksgiving week end.

#### NOVEMBER 24 Thursday

It developed into a magnificent mild sunny Thanksgiving Day - light wind northerly. Brilliant moonlight evng. Have too many daily chores & needed jobs pressing. Finally came the opportunity help of Mr. Thor Krogh &

his visitor Army Sgt. Nelson to get hay rigging changed & in garage storage & wagon box on. This pm I long belated dug out part of Ollie's patch of potatoes. Got 1 ½ bu of fairly good ones & ½ bu for pigs. Mother & I had our Thanksgiving supper together. I cooked potatoes, opened can of pork & got a good meal & she washed dishes.

#### NOVEMBER 25 Friday

Froze up last night. Gloomy chill damp still with a clearing trend latter pm. Broken clouds evng & moon playing hide & seek. Did daily chores - Drawed out manure - PM I got a load of leaves along back road a tiresome job. Mother recd Thanksgiving card & letter from Lena Burgher - Daytona Florida. She & Clayton again went south for the winter.

#### NOVEMBER 26 Saturday

Raw cold day. Part cloudy am. Cloudy pm with mountain snow squalls. Wind light northerly. Broken clouds evng, moon dodging in and out. Had daily round of chores. I mixed up a meat & potato supper - cooked up on stove & good fodder. I also washed the dishes. Mother seems to be getting along somewhat better, but holds on to things. Reggie Davis - Steve Juskowski, Alonzo Davis & myself were bearers for Mrs. Lizzie Trowbridge funeral 2 pm at Lasher's in Woodstock. Rev. Harlan Kishpaugh officiated. Interment beside good old Bro. Arthur Trowbridge who died Feb 10 - 1950. To Mr & Mrs Arthur Sampson of Olive Bridge - their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, a daughter born today. Their son Mark is 6

NOVEMBER 27 Sunday

Sunny and moderately mild - Gradually became overcast pm with southerly wind. Later part clearing. Doing the same old daily tasks. This pm I dug out 2 bu more of Ollie's potatoes.

NOVEMBER 28 Monday

Mild - overcast am. Breaking away & sunny pm turning colder evng & part cloudy. Other than doing chores - Ollie & I went to Kingston pm. Did some shopping & she reported to Unemployment office. I borrowed \$200 from Ollie on a demand note payable at State of NY Natl. Bank. Recd card from Bob Longyear say they quite likely be home for Christmas.

NOVEMBER 29 Tuesday

Much colder - froze up & winter overnight. Very cold raw part cloudy. Moderately windy day. Mountain squally pm. Brilliant full moon tonite amid scurrying clouds. Busy as usual with house & barn chores. Managed to spread big cart load manure pm & it was a biting cold job. Fortunately we have no snow. 12" fall in Buffalo. Cold snap widespread. Mother spends much of her time sitting by kitchen stove - so hard for her to get around.

NOVEMBER 30 Wednesday

More moderated than yesterday - snow flurries most of the time & the mountains plastered white. Noticably the east side of reservoir. Mostly disappeared with the wind. Busy as usual. Chas. Maxfield came noon time & artificially re-bred my brown swiss - Guernsey heifer. (1<sup>st</sup>

innoculation was Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) This pm I unloaded the wagon of leaves under shed , cut small load firewood under hill & bucked it up.

#### DECEMBER 1 Thursday

Brilliant clear quiet day - Cold - Moonlight still evng. Did daily chores - churned this morning - Mother helping. This pm drew out manure & got a wagon load of rock oak firewood over in back woods. After supper unloaded & bucked some up.

#### DECEMBER 2 Friday

A messy snow storm about 1 ½” fell - Stopped by mid pm. Travel is slippery tonight. Not much to be done but chores. I bucked up wood awhile after supper.

#### DECEMBER 3 Saturday

Damp still murky - Brief periods of sunshine. Set in drizzily rain at dark. Busy with chores & odd jobs - drew out load manure & spread behind barn pm.

#### DECEMBER 4 Sunday

Rainy night and continued miserable foggy dismal rainy all day & evng. Did usual chores. Ollie worked at Beaver Lake House yesterday & today & when she got home rec'd a fone call that her brother Virgil had been taken to hospital in bad condition. I took Ollie up to see Ben & Ida after supper & she made bus arrangement to go to New Jersey.

#### DECEMBER 5 Monday

Hang over weather - cloudy gloomy - had a brief break thru of sunshine early pm. Not freezing but damp & chill.

I took Ollie to Boiceville to catch the early 7:42 bus enroute to Asbury Park. Busy as usual with chores & odd jobs. This pm I repaired hog trough & cut up the wind broken maple tree limbs in Ollie's yard. Ollie foned me tonite that she arrived without difficulty 2pm. Was met by friends of Virgil & saw him at Monmouth Memorial Hosp. in Long Branch. Condition grave, kidney hemmorage

#### DECEMBER 6 Tuesday

Magnificent clear cold day - winds light northerly. Froze up hard during night. Starlight still evng. Harry Braithwaite came over from Woodstock and offered me a much needed hand drawing out manure & getting a load of leaves along Ollie's quarry road. Ollie foned me 6:30am that her brother Virgil had passed away about 6 o'clock. She engaged Victor Lasher to come for the body and after being embalmed Ollie came back to Woodstock with the hearse - Ida Ben & I went after her at 8:30pm.

#### DECEMBER 7 Wednesday

Snappy freezy cold damp air - froze hard last night. Sun was dimmed by high thin overcast - still. I went with Mr. Lasher & Harlowe McLean to Bushkill cemetery & arranged for digging the grave tomorrow by Harlowe & Ezra Silkworth. Harry Braithwaite came over again today & gave me a ready hand with chores - unloading leaves & this pm got another big load along in back woods near the road. Ollie Ben & Ida & brother Ira of Kingston went to

Kingston on business arrangements.

DECEMBER 8 Thursday

Fair sunny still & moderately cold. Overcast tonite & snow squalled. Did usual chores & odd jobs - cleaned out hog pen pm & put in new bedding. Rec'd air letter from Mariam that they plan to leave Mexico City for home Dec 14. I went with Jesse Shurter this evng to Lasher's in Woodstock to pay respects at the bier of Virgil Burgher.

DECEMBER 9 Friday

Gloom - cold - It set in snowing mid am but petered out & snowed some again evng whitened the ground. Funeral 2pm at Lashers Parlors in Woodstock for Wm Virgil Burgher - conducted by Rev. Olney N. Cook - Woodstock Lutheran pastor. Burial in Bushkill cemetery family plot with his father & mother - was a bearer at both their burials. Bearers today - Reggie Davis, Claude Bell, Lester S. Davis & myself, EC Davis.

DECEMBER 10 Saturday

Typical seasonal weather. Part to mostly cloudy. Light northerly wind & inclined to be snow squally. I'm tired out. Did daily chores - drew out manure & unloaded wagon load of leaves. This evng I went with Walter Lang to IOOF Lodge. 1 & 2 Degrees conferred on candidates from Phoenicia & Sunshine & Shokan Lodges - 9 in all. Hot dawgs, sauerkraut, rolls, cake & coffee followed.

DECEMBER 11 Sunday

Cold raw weather. Part to mostly cloudy. Light northerly wind. Feel froze up & tired & achy. I gathered and packed 2 big lots of Christmas Greens for Mrs. Longyear. Ronald Hesley and Shirley Crispell married pm at Shokan Reformed Church. Reception followed at Olive Bridge IOOF hall.

DECEMBER 12 Monday

Brilliant clear cold still - clear cold tonite. I went to Kingston on business errands & Ollie went along to see lawyer Vincent Connelly regarding settling of her bro Virgil's estate & routine report to Unemployment office. Sent 2 pks greens to Mrs. Longyear PP\$1.60

DECEMBER 13 Tuesday

Brilliant sunny still cold weather. Clear still tonite. Did chores as usual. Spread load manure pm & got sleigh load dead firewood under the hill to buck up. This evng I went to Kingston with Walter Land & Reggie Davis to annual meeting and dinner of Kingston Lodge No.10. Around 200 attended. \_\_\_\_\_ Rober elected and installed Master and Clifford J. Bell, Senior Warden. This am I cut packed & sent PP a very lovely green cedar Christmas tree to Cornelia. Postage .64

DECEMBER 14 Wednesday

Heavy white frost this am. Cloudy still damp cold, set in snowing early evng. Busy as usual. Bucked up firewood for the porch. Helped Ollie get greens to send. This evng I packed a box greens to send Cornelia & a small lovely green cedar Christmas tree to send Mrs. Longyear. The

Christmas cards are coming

DECEMBER 15 Thursday

The overnight snow storm of 1 ½” petered out this forenoon, colder snow squalls pm. Did daily chores - Let the cows out for exercise & I walked down the hill among the pasture cedars “looking for the Spirit of Christmas” & doing plenty thinking.

This pm I drew out manure - got sleigh load of dry poles under the hill - After supper I bucked up firewood awhile . More cards come today. My adorable Mariam called up tonite at 7:35 from Brooklyn that they - she & the children, Gaye, Jeanne & Bobby arrived at 11:15 last nite - on plane from Mexico City 11am EST - 11 hrs travel time. Bob went on to Mayo’s in Chicago for a final check up.

DECEMBER 16 Friday

Cold windy weather. Sunny to part cloudy, new moon settled early back of South Hollow. Busy with chores & odd jobs no end. Recd more cards & wrote a batch tonite.

DECEMBER 17 Saturday

Bright sunny shifting wind. Mostly southerly - Part clouded pm - cleared beautifully & stilled - Brilliant crescent moon over Hoopole Mountain. Busy with daily round of chores - drew out manure - Got ready to help butcher neighbor Thor Krogh’s pigs but he changed his mind. Anyway will have less detail when we butcher ours. Ollie cleaned up about the kitchen & dining room pm. Recd a pleasing & entirely unexpected Christmas

check of 5.00 from Bro. Ralph D. Clearwater (89) of Kingston . Rec'd letter & check Mrs. Knorpp \$25.54 I attended IOOF Lodge tonite. 15 present - refreshment menu roast beef sandwiches & coffee.

#### DECEMBER 18 Sunday

It tried to snow this morning but the sun broke thru - chill - still - part cloudy. Did usual chores. This pm I called on Claude Bell & went over on the Bushkill Cemetery - Did my share of thinking. This is "Uncle" Jake Crispells birthday - born 1842 - died April 1933 - 41 years ago tonite - Jake Smith - Charley Hesley & I went over to Ashokan, and with Mr & Mrs Mose Palen & his blacksmith helper celebrated his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday anniversary - I'm the lone survivor.

#### DECEMBER 19 Monday

10/12pm

Had whitening of snow in night. Part cloudy squally pm blustery & turning much colder. Did some old daily chores pm drew out manure & got sleigh load green polewood hard maple. This evng I went with Art Blume & Walter Lang to Olive Square Club meeting at Ashokan Legion Hall. Art Blume elected President to succeed Reggie Davis. Anthony Macaluso Vice Pres. Bill Jackson - Treas - Walter Lang Secy. EC Davis 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplain. A rousing midnight last skimmington was given the newly weds Mr & Mrs Ronald Hesley - at their home by Bushkill Bridge.

#### DECEMBER 20 Tuesday

Extremely cold zeroing weather. Northerly wind. Part cloudy but sunny. Brilliant growing moon shining evng over crest of South Mountain. Did daily chores - Ollie & I went to Kingston. My radiator froze up twice - had \$2.40 re fill of zeroene which mostly boiled away coming back. Got home 7 o'clock. My 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv. Gone are the days when my heart was young & gay.

DECEMBER 21 Wednesday

Cont'd zero biting weather. Part cloudy. Not much wind. Too cold to work much. Did usual chores. We had a great surprise latter pm when Bob Longyear drove in with a new Chevrolet car which he bought in Detroit and drove right thru without sleep.

DECEMBER 22 Thursday

Zero night - Biting cold. 10 above zero 2 ½ inch snow fall. Clear still evng with half moon high over South Mountain. Too cold & stormy to work - Did usual chores - Christmas cards keep coming & answering most of them. Bob Longyear & I had breakfast at Ollie's & he headed on for Brooklyn in snow storm.

DECEMBER 23 Friday                      Reservoir frozen over.

Sunny still & biting cold - Zero night - overcast tonight. Did chores - recd & wrote Christmas cards. Got a cedar Christmas tree down in pasture lot. Recd letters both Mariam & Kay.

DECEMBER 24 Saturday                      16/8am

The cold snap broke today, turning noticeably warmer

evng with temp up in mid fifties. Murky, light freezy mist this morning. Partly broke away later, with westerly wind. Did usual chores & this pm I drew out 2 cart loads manure. A tiresome job. Still more Christmas cards came today. I sent out more. I got a lovely tall cedar Christmas tree & set it up in corner by piano. Tonight Ollie trimmed it.

### DECEMBER 25 Sunday

It was a bright sunny mild Christmas day with blustery nor westerly wind. Snow has everywhere disappeared likewise the newly formed ice on reservoir broke up this pm. Did daily chores - This pm I went up to Laurel Hill Cemetery & paid respect to my old friends Ed Avery & Anna. The cemetery is now sealed as far as driving over the "Dry Brook" - ravaged by the Oct. flood. Mother and I had a good supper 5 o'clock. Ollie provided a roast duck - boiled onions, apple & pumpkin pie - cranberries, cookies etc. Cornelia & Dick Norah & Ellen called up from Rome around 4pm. I unpacked Cornelia's Christmas gifts - also 2lb chocolate candy from Mrs. Knorpp.

### DECEMBER 26 Monday

Part cloudy - biting cold blustering northerly wind, snow squalls on Mtns pm. Moon playing amid scurrying clouds. Did daily chores & odd jobs. Too cold for outside work. Ollie did a big job cleaning up the house. Bob, Mariam, Gaye - Jeanne & Robert arrived from Brooklyn around 6pm. We all spent a pleasant evng together. The children have grown amazingly since their

last visit.

DECEMBER 27 Tuesday

Continued biting cold. Northerly wind diminishing. Cloudless brilliant almost full moon evng. Did daily chores - kept cows in stable today. This pm I went over in woods & cut a load of green polewood. A son, Kenneth Jr. born to Mr & Mrs Kenneth Struhber who reside on the farmer Jordan farm homestead.

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

MARY T. MARTIN GAFFKEN

Mary T. Martin Gaffken of Hurley died suddenly Sunday evening at her residence. She was well known in Kingston, being an active member of the Junior League and a member of St. Joseph's Church of Kingston. Surviving are her husband, William E. Gaffken, a member of the insurance firm of Tremper, Gaffken and McEntee, Inc., one son, Eugene W. Gaffken; her mother, Mrs. Nellie Brophy Martin of Kingston; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph G. Vacca of Schenectady and Miss Patricia A. Martin of this city; two brothers, Sergeant William B. Martin of the New York State Police of Ellenville and James E. Martin, supervisor of the twelfth ward of Kingston. Friends may call at any time after 7pm today at the W.N.Conner Funeral Home, Inc., where funeral will be held Thursday at 9am and from St. Joseph's Church at 10 o'clock where a solemn high Mass of requiem will be offered. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

DECEMBER 28 Wednesday

Clear - quiet - bright cold sunny day. Magnificent early rising full moon clouding up late. Reservoir again frozen over. Other than doing chores it took the day getting ready & this pm butchering a hog in sleek condition that dressed a bit over 200. Buddy Eckert helped & charged 2.00 paid.

DECEMBER 29 Thursday

Overcast - milder but chill raw air. Sun broke thru briefly pm. Set in snowing around 4 pm. Whitening the ground. Blustery raw evng. Just about kept me on the ball doing chores. Ollie helped get the frozen hog down cellar at dark. Mariam Bob & children left for New Haven to visit Bob & Ruth Fadden Fields - attendants at their marriage July 22, 1937 in First Presbyterian Church in Bklyn.

DECEMBER 30 Friday

8/9pm

Decidedly turned colder - considerably blustery and snow squally. Cloudless cold moonlight evng. Did chores - cut some firewood over across road in woods. This pm I drew out manure & got a good wagon load of firewood to cut up green by kitchen porch. Mariam Bob & kids arrived back from New Haven trip 6pm. We had an excellent oyster stew supper. Later the girls entertained on the piano. 24 years ago today our Little Honey Girl Lillian became critically ill.

DECEMBER 31 Saturday

Raw cold snow squally & windy. Part cloudy evng.set in

snowing around 11 o'clock. Other than doing chores it took my day going up to Bert Winnie's Garage & having cooling system cleaned & new alcohol anti freeze cost \$3.50 paid. This evng Mariam Bob Gaye Jeanne Robert & myself attended very enjoyable Odd Fellows & Rebekahs family New Year party - nearly everyone danced & made merry. I had the pleasure of dancing with Mariam & both my beloved Granddaughters.