

ELWYN DAVIS DIARY 1963

January 1, Tuesday — 2+ degrees am. The old year ended with a 2 day howling snow blowing zeroxy blizzard. Today was calmer and generally sunny & a little moderated in comparison. The snow storm & blowing started Saturday with 3 ½ inch atop the 8" of a week before. My fone was out from yesterday am till this mid pm. Miraculously the electric didn't fail. Sunday & Monday there was scarcely a glimmer of sunshine. However Ollie & I kept comfortable with the living room & kitchen wood fires going. Today I did usual chores, filed bow saw & bucked up some green wood handy by kitchen porch & carried in wood & helped Ollie put plastic on kitchen screen door. We had an excellent baked chicken supper with mashed potatoes & extras. Early evening Marion called up from N.Y.C. that they won't be back here till next week. Though 31 years have passed saddened memories of our Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis 4 yrs 2 mo old was fatally ill. Sunday night the hurricane wind blew in the large picture window & moved new house on foundation & cracked the 4 corners apart at Francis Every's hill in Watson Hollow.

Rep. Nelson E Rockfeller inaugurated 2nd term 4 years Governor N.Y.S. Claude Bell Rep. Assumed 3rd term as Sheriff Ulster Co.

January 2, Wednesday — 16 degrees 6 am 12 11 pm. The atmosphere is more pliable part cloudy along with bright sunshine, & wind calmed. Cloudless crispy evng

with brilliant ½ moon, settled late behind crest of South mtn. This pm an unusual white blanket of fog flattened over the Wittenberg's & appeared like rolling water. 31 years following mid day emergency appendix operation at Kingston Hospital performed by Dr Geo. Chandler now 87 & Dr Henry L. Bibby, my Darling Little Honey Girl faded away at 11:20 pm. This pm Bill & Kay Manny had coffee & cookies in a pleasant surprise call – followed later by Carl & Ruth Rosengren & 2 grandchildren. Ray Kelder also called & gave me a hand with bow saw – got wood stacked up behind kitchen stove for a storm emergency. Ollie was all in today rested mostly & got a usually excellent supper & spent the evng on couch. I sent desk calender & Farmers Almanac to Gaye L. & wrote her an air mail letter tonite.

January 3, Thursday — 10 degrees 7 am 24 11 pm. Everything is frost encased this am. Brief patches of early sunshine – otherwise gloomy – overcast – raw atmosphere. Hazy moon tonite over South mtn.

Harlow McLean, Ollie & I went to Kingston with the Plymouth. I gave Vincent Connelly balance check (dated Dec 31 - 62) for services settling Mother's estate. Total was \$661.66. I also had him make out a legal document for which I paid him \$10.00.

We did some Wall St & A & P store shopping. Returned via Stone Ridge & Ollie stopped at Dr. Tocco's office for pills. Also called briefly on Oscar Dudley – stopped at Boices store & gave Mart Eckert 6 bottles beer for his 89th birthday anniversary yesterday.

Harlowe went home & did his chores & came back to a delicious sauerkraut supper.

I received letter Barbara Moncure & Norah Herrington thanking me for 3.00 Xmas check. 31 years today daughter Cornelia operated on for appendix removal at Kingston Hosp.by Dr Chandler & Bibby.

England is experiencing the most snowy winter in century.

January 4, Friday – 20 degrees 7 am 30 11 pm. Cloudy mild little wind stirring. Part cleared evng – moon shining brightly. Snow actually thawing during the day. Did chores & finished cutting up the drawed firewood & piled on porch. Ollie rested this am & did some washing pm. Belle & Charley Wood called latter pm. Ollie had her usual excellent supper – sauerkraut & turkey soup. Jim Burgraff came for an interesting evening visit, telling of his 4 weeks 4400 mile trip to Newfoundland.

January 5, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 am 24 11 pm.

Dismal - still – overcast day & evng.

Wrote to Mrs Currier & Jean L. Smith & sent pkg of papers – The Kingstonian & Cyprus News & Farmers Almanac. Ollie rested this am her back is very sore from fall on icy steps.

This pm I got myself going. Took load manure over on woods pile. Cut a big load of pole wood & unloaded handy by porch & drawed a big load of blowed in snow from under shed & after an excellent veal stew I bucked up wood & carried in kitchen. 31st anniversary of funeral & burial of my Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis

born Oct 23 – 1927.

I rec. a thank you card & note from Cornelia thanking for the \$5.00 Christmas check.

January 6, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 am 22 12 pm. Still dismal murky am. Partly faired away mild & sunny. The nearing full moon shone all evng in a cloud broken frosty sky.

I did chores & wrote weekly news copy – compiled some of the community high lights from my 1962 diary.

Charley Wood came mid pm & paid my usual \$5.00.

Also Addie & Virgil Winchell who stayed into early evng. My necrology record lists 41 deaths among Olives present or former residents.

January 7, Monday — 20 degrees 7 am 30 11 pm.

Continued dismal breathless overcast. Just fleeting glimpse of sunshine – milder evng. Not even a sparrow flitting.

Did usual routine. Kept working at the load of wood & finished bucking up after supper. Ollie rested this am. I helped her put plastic on front door. Harlowe McLean came mid pm & took Ollie & I up to her house & fed her cat “Yellow Feller” We had an excellent left over chicken & boiled potato supper. I sent Mariam & Bob a short letter & thank you note I got Saturday from Cornelia. Rec’d long letter & storm clippings from Mrs Currier also Vernon Haskins.

1st class postage rates raised 1 cent now letters 5 cents, post cards 4 cents & air mail letters 8 cents.

January 8. Tuesday — 28 degrees 7 am 24 11 pm.
Continued murky foggy breathless still – sun broke thru during pm & mellow full (almost) moon shone early and late evng.

Did daily routine cleaned up the porches & helped Ollie put plastic on kitchen porch window. She had a good canned beans & beef hash & boiled potato supper. Harlowe McLean brat some purchases from A&P market 25 lb bag of Gravy train dog food \$2.89 among other things.

18 years ago this morning my wife Daisy walked out didn't return till in the snow storm Sat. evng December 29th Dick Herrington & Cornelia walked in the “just happened so” unlocked kitchen door backing Daisy to a rocking chair & he setting her down. I immediately ordered him to leave the house & never return. Mariam foned Mrs Stephens Boarding Home (where mother stayed) & she and Bob took her there in the storm and was gone about 3 hours.

January 9, Wednesday — 20 degrees 7 am 32 11 pm.
Murky still hazy as usual this morning. Later partial clearing developed & a southerly wind sprang up & cleared the atmosphere. Brilliant high riding full moon tonight.

Ollie rested this morning & got going mail time. I sent 2 last Record Press to both Lewis Bell and Florence Monahan & enclosed letter. Also wrote & rec'd card Lute. This pm I took load manure over on woods pile & cut & drew 2 loads small polewood by porch. Mariam & Bob arrived back from New York early evng.

January 10, Thursday — 38 degrees 7 am 30 11 pm.
Sunny this morning but murred over and a chill light rain settled in before noon continued pm & evng.
I did chores & started to saw wood otherwise we Marim, Bob, Ollie & I were housebound. Charley Wood came latter pm & picked up the news items I had ready. Ollie & Mariam prepared a good supper & then Ray Kelder came & spent the evng.

January 11, Friday — 30 degrees 7 am 38 11 pm. Still springlike weather. Bright sunshine practically cloudless becoming mostly mottled overcast evng. Eaves dripping & snow settling.

Did usual routine & started bucking up yesterdays firewood hauling. I felt tired & both rested late this am.

This pm Harlowe McLean came & we went up on the hill to Ollie's & down to the Post Office.

Mariam & Bob tooka ride up to Phoenicia & saw Ralph Longyear. They stopped at the Hudler Cemetery & placed a new flag which I gave then for his father's Sons of Revolution Marker. We had a good supper & visited after.

January 12, Saturday — 28 degrees am. Ice Storm. Rainy & freezing and everything encased in an icy mantle. Light rain continued all day & misty evng. Foggy & travel hazardous.

I managed other than chore routine to buck up some wood. Mariam & Bob went to Kingston and saw her mother and made other arrangements – at Mrs Stephen's 338 Foxhall Ave Boarding Home. Rate 125.00 per mo. I

gave Mariam check for \$100.00 a per month agreement toward her support. Jean & Robert Smith came over from their Ledgerock & we had supper together.

January 13, Sunday — 32 degrees 7 am 16 11 pm. Rainy dismal night changed to snow this morning. Everything plastered over the coating of ice. The storm petered out this pm & cleared crisp still moonlight tonite – sharp drop in temperature.

Jean & Robert Smith came over from Ledgerock & Mariam & Bob left with them with their car (62 Chevy gray 4 door sedan) & went to ledgerock before all leaving for New York. I admired Bob Longyear's white gold diamond studded Shriners pin button & he gave it to me as a coming birthday present. Latter pm I finished bucking up the load of firewood. Harlowe McLean came over & had sauerkraut & mashed potato supper with Ollie & I & then visited awhile – Ollie rested & I later wrote Barbara Moncure. Belle wood came pm for rest of my news copy.

January 14, Monday — 4+ degrees 6:30 am 6 12 pm. Brilliant moonlight night on the snow. Cloudless biting cold. Everything is covered with a dazzling coating of ice. The scene is almost beyond my vocabulary to describe. The snow is crusted and holds my 150 pounds walking weight. This pm an icy breathed southerly wind sprang up but later quieted. A few wind driven clouds appeared pm.

Did chores – admired the majestic of God in nature & little else. This evng I started compiling data for my

income tax report. We tried to get relaxed after the war of nerves. I wrote to Mrs Currier this am. I kept tuned to WKNY 12:30 – 1:15 when President Jack Kennedy delivered the State of The Union message.

January 15, Tuesday — 6 degrees 6:30 am 12 11 pm. Lovely moonlight night. The day was partly overcast some wind – cloudy snow flurrying evng. Did chores and relaxed both of us. Harlowe McLean came early pm & he accompanied Ollie & I on the hill – went in house etc. She took food to feed her “Yellow Feller” tom cat on overhead barn floor. We then went over & called on both Carl & Ruth Rosengren & Chas & Belle Wood. On the way home we stopped at Ollie’s & she went up in barn to see if the cat had come for his food. Instead she saw an opossum feeding & grabbed a qt bottle to hit it on the head. It went toward back end on south side as she was about to whack it over the head the old floor gave way & both fell thru. Ollie somehow grabbed the beam to catch herself & bruised her legs & twisted her back but luckily not seriously injured. Anyway we had a good codfish & mashed potato supper.

January 16, Wednesday — 2 below zero 6 am 26 11 pm. Variable high cloudiness continued wintry – gradually moderated – blustery evng. Ollie is pretty well twisted & sore due to her breaking thru the rotted barn mow floor yesterday. She pretty much relaxed today and prepared a usually excellent supper – sauerkraut, baked potatoes etc. I did usual routine & this pm took load manure over on woods pile

& cut another load pole wood. The woods is crackily icy. Rec'd letter Florence Monahan & answered tonite. Sent an air mail letter to Mariam & Bob in care of Robert at Florida Central Academy in Larrento. Tax day at Davis' store, Collector Dorothy Adsit & assistant ex-collector Vivian Winnie in charge.

January 17, Thursday — 16 degrees 6:30 am 20 12 pm. Sunny & milder with some high cloudiness – not much wind – starlight evng.

Ollie getting around better but still pretty sore from her barn mow floor break thru. I made quite a day of it. Wrote Frank Royce & Vernon Haskins. This pm cut load polewood in edge of woods across from driveway & bucked up the load I got yesterday. We had a savory potato stew supper. Ollie resting & I had a snooze then wrote till midnight.

January 18, Friday — 16 degrees 6:30 am 26 11pm. Hazy – back to half moon night – clouded over this morning from High Point quarter but didn't storm. At times sun tried to break thru. Still dark overcast evng – later starlight.

This am I spread a load of manure & drew the firewood cut yesterday & bucked up part of it. Harlowe McLean came mid pm & we went up & Ollie fed her “Yellow Feller” cat but didn't see the possum that caused her to break thru the barn upper floor. We went over to Krumville & Ollie got 8 doz pullet eggs of Henry Merrihew @ .25 doz, coming home stopped at Chas Duloff's & they gave me 2 pkgs of frozen beef – also

called at Chas & Belle Woods. Harlowe had supper with us. Rec'd a really wonderful letter from Mrs Currier of Sanfield, Maine.

January 19, Saturday — Dense fog, which faded after in the morning sun revealed another frost coated winter wonderland. The day progressed with more murk than sunshine. Snowing heavily tonight.

I sent current issue The Kingstonian & letter to Mrs Currier. Ollie more active today & cleaned up the floors. Other than routine I cleaned the kitchen chimney & stoves and finished cutting up the load of firewood. We had a late pm visit by fone co repairman Maynard Codrington of Woodstock. A short developed where somehow the electric clock lead wire had become snagged between receiver & window frame.

Shokan IOOF Lodge installed officers tonite by D.D.G.M. Paul W. Rowe and staff. We had a good supper & spent the evng together.

A violent quarrel concerning use of the family car apparently caused Robt Blumburg 58 to shoot his wife 50 twice thru the chest with a 303 British Enfield rifle — then blow the back of his head off about 7 pm. They resided on the former Clarence Donoghue farm on Krumville road. Mr Blumburg was an ex mental case. She was Gertrude Markle of Atwood. They moved here from new Jersey a few years ago.

January 20, Sunday — 32 degrees 7am 42 11pm. Soggy 3 in snowfall during night followed by rain. Mid water running considerable sunshine developed & otherwise

usually murky & overcast.

Shokan IOOF Lodge # 491 held their annual installation of officers last night in charge of D.D.G.N. Paul W. Rowe and staff. These were Noble Grand Joe Werner re-installed, Vice Grand Abe Davis, Rec Secy P.D.D. Walter Lang re-installed, Fin Secy Alex Adami re-installed, Treas Reginald E. Davis re-installed, Conductor LeGrand Shultis, R.S.N.G. P.D.P. Alonzo Davis re-installed, L.S.N.G. Grover Christiana, R.S.S. Ezra Silkworth, L.S.S. Edw Ordway, R.S.V.G. Percy Cook, L.S.V.G. P.D.P. Harlowe McLean, I.G. Stanley Jacikansky, O.G. Edw Weldt, Chaplain Elwyn C. Davis, re-installed by proxy. 34 present & refreshments served. Ray Kelder, Harlowe McLean, Bell & Chas Wood were pm callers also Addie & Virgil Winchell they stayed for supper. Rec'd fone call from Florence Monahan.

January 21, Monday — 12 degrees 6:30 am 6 11 pm.
Sharp freeze up over night – Sunny biting cold weather – calm & scattered high clouds out of west.
Did chore routine – Ollie rested till near noon. We had a delicious potato stew supper. This pm I went over in the cold still woods & cut a load of polewood. I had to work sharp to keep comfortable. Ollie spent the evng on couch. I took a nap & at 8:30 roused up & kept stoves going. Wrote morning & tonite cards to E. H. Munch. Rec'd an awaited letter from him – old Shenendoah is having worst winter since 1909 & 3rd in a century. The intense cold is country wide. Trapper Munch nearing 86 (Feb.18) was unable to get over his frozen line for 3

weeks.

January 22, Tuesday — Zero 6:30 am 30 11 pm.

Stinging cold & biting south wind – variably sunny am & overcast pm & evng. Moderated somewhat.

Ollie rested this am. Harlowe McLean came pm & we went on the hill & Ollie put more food handy for her Yellow cat.

Rec'd letters from Jeanie Longyear & Mrs Knorph, Jean & Robt Smith came up to Ledgerrock Sat. & told us on fone they were going back. We asked them over & today we learned that instead they went to Rosengrens & spent the evng & went back midnight to Ledgerrock. So What! This pm I spread the manure & drew 2 loads of the piled firewood. Ollie had an excellent baked potato & hamburger supper.

January 23, Wednesday — 38 degrees 7 am 14 10 pm & 10 degrees 12 pm. Mild variable overcast occasional sunshine. Settled in snowing early pm & gradually became colder & real blizzardly tonight – thermometer falling – snow blowing & drifting. Snow plows operating.

This am I wrote reply letters to Jeanie Longyear & Mrs Knorph. I started bucking up wood but got snowed out. Harlowe McLean came and visited awhile. Ollie rested late this am. Good weather to be indoors pm & tonite. Ollie got a good supper warmed up creamed potatoes, beans & franks. It gave her a stomach upset & she had a sick vomiting spell. I was also gassed up but didn't vomit. I spent the evng reading Jan - Feb issue N.Y. State

Mason, very interesting.

5 years ago today I fell on big tin lard tub & broke 4 ribs & punctured left lung.

January 24, Thursday – 2 below 6:30 am – 12 to – 16 12 pm. The blizzard ended during the night and morning, sunrise came with a cloudless quieted atmosphere & temperature sub zero. Sunny practically cloudless & still – coldest night of winter.

Did chore routine – warmed up car & broke track out to road – shoveled walk to barn & bucked up wood & kept the fires going. Ollie rested till pm then got herself adjusted & did some washing & got a good cooked kraut & boiled potato supper. Ollie rested & I spent the evng reading Pearl Buck's book about her missing mother – The Exile. Sent long letter to Mrs Currier.

January 25, Friday — Minus 14 to — 16 6:30 am Zero 11 pm. Coldest weather of winter – pretty much nation wide, west, north & south. Biting cold practically cloudless brilliant sunshine & little or no wind.

Did chores & bucked up some wood. Wrote & sent letters & mess of papers. Ollie had little sleep all night keeping vigil with the 2 wood fires. She pretty much rested today. This pm Charles & Belle Wood came over & we 4 made a quickie trip to Phoenicia. We note the streams are pretty well iced in. Ollie prepared a good supper as usual & rested all evng. I was absorbed in writing & reading papers. Rec'd air letter from Ellen Wilfris & pleased to get my 2.00 Xmas check. Today's Kingstonian & Record Press contain besides my High

Point View column a feature story of Davis family showing photostatic copy of Andries Davis Revolutionary War pension papers & half tone photo of Alva F. Davis carrying the mail from West Shokan to Shokan P.O. taken by Golden VanBenschoten at west end approach to Shokan iron bridge – circa around 1908.

January 26, Saturday — 6 degrees 6:30 am 18 11 pm.
Overcast this morning but cleared & sunny thru day.
Overcast developed late pm and snowed heavily thru evng.

I mailed current issue Record P2ress or The Kingstonian to Bob & Mariam, Gaye Longyear, Mrs Miles Davis, Lewis Bell, Mrs Florence Monahan. Rec'd air letter from Mariam mailed in Montgomery Ala. They found Robert happy & looking well at Florida Central Academy in Sorrento. The school formerly a hotel is attended by about 135 boys ranging from 7th grade thru high school. Located in the midst of the orange growing area. Tons of fruit are frozen and scattered on the ground good only for cattle feed, about 30 miles from Daytona Beach. Written Jan.24th they were having zero weather & no one prepared for the cold. They were in a Howard Johnson restaurant, they don't have gas for a grill, except for making coffee, no hot cakes, sausage, eggs etc, The day preceding employees at the Ford plant walked out due to the cold inside, coldest in a century. They just have toast & coffee on electrical appliances . Robert is studying English, Social Studies, History, Geography, German, Gym, football etc. He was delighted with 2 revolvers a 38 English Bull dog (short & stubby) & a 32 cal. Young

America & said how neat. I gave them to Bob unlicensed as given to me. Another 32 Happins & Allen hammer - break open model I gave Robert Smith.

I bucked up wood and put inside. Took load manure over on woods heap & drew 2 loads polewood.

January 27, Sunday — 22degrees 7 am 14 11 pm. The 8 inch and more overnight snow storm petered out this am with the sun breaking out around 10 o'clock. The weather continued snow squally & blustery and the snow blowing and drifting. Rough weather tonite and sharply colder. Early evng a crescent moon showed dim over Hoopole Mtn. An indoor day, I did necessary chores & for the first time in many years got the old high hand wood sleigh from over garage storage & put to use. Ollie pretty much rested & read, and prepared an excellent baked chicken & mashed potato supper. Charles Wood came later pm for my weekly news copy but lost it from his pocket walking out the snow blocked driveway to his Volkswagen. – so tonite I had to write up another copy. Ulster County travel conditions hazardous.

January 28, Monday — 12 degrees 6:30 am 6+ 11 pm. Cold blustery night. Brilliant sunny day with a few scattered high clouds. Crispy mid winter, windy & gusty evng – later quieting & cloudless starlight. Bright young crescent moon settled early.

I kept busy routine– shoveled out in front of barn and garage. Obliging one of the town snow plow trucks opened the driveway this am. We were well blocked in

but fortunately no emergency arose. Also re-shoveled path to barn & bucked some wood. Charley Wood came noon time for my re-written news copy. Ollie baked a delicious meat casserole supper. I spent my evng till midnight copying some favorite 1 thru 12 Reservoir songs for Harry Siemesen. Yesterday am Gilbert Bloom 48 of Plutarch Road, New Paltz slumped over dead of a heart attack. He was a past Grand member of Shokan IOOF Lodge & formerly made his home with Mr & Mrs Jerry Vankleek, beyond Samsonville.

January 29, Tuesday — minus 6 degrees 6:30 am. 16 11 pm. Cloudless – brilliant – still. Winter weather supreme. Developed overcast later pm. Growing moon settled hazy over South Mountain – became blustery. Ollie & I made a trip to Woodstock with Charley Wood am. – home noon time. We did some Grand Union market & up street shopping. Did chore routine & bucked up some wood I let Tony horse out in sun for exercise pm. Rec'd card notice from secy Anne Ashdown that Thomas Murphy veteran Pres. Ulster Grand Jurors Assn. died suddenly Monday am. at his home in Port Ewen. He was one of the 18 charter members when the assn. was organized in May 1934 at the Court House. The late Henry Winchell, myself E. C. Davis were among the group.

Freeman clipping — 2/5/63

About the Folks

John J. Bott of 143 St James Street, head teller at the State of New York National Bank, is in Benedictine

Hospital under treatment for a broken hip which he sustained Sunday. At the time he was returning home from church when he slipped on an icy walk on Main street as he attempted to assist his daughter over an icy spot.

January 30, Wednesday — 16 degrees 6:30 am 16 10 pm. Blustery and driving snow squall in night. Dismal gray overcast the sun barely shone thru. Snowing lightly pm. Moon showed dim over South Mtn. Ollie spent most of her day in bed but got a good supper. I feel blue as the weather is gray. Did daily routine finished bucking up the load of wood piling on porch. Rec'd a letter Jean Smith. Ollie & I answered letter from Florence Monahan. Rec'd card & note from Barnara Moncure. Tonite wrote note & put up last 2 Record Press papers to Vernon Haskins.

January 31, Thursday — 12 degrees 7 am. 4 11 pm. Cloudless bright sunshine - still. Almost ½ moon tonite. Crispy winter weather. Ollie's still under the weather with her stomach & spent most of the day in bed. She got around and did some washing & got a good supper. After a nap I worked on my income tax report till 11:30. Did usual routine. Took load manure over on woods pile & cut a small load of polewood and cut up some of it. Rec'd letter & clippings from Mrs Currier & letter Vernon Haskins. Wrote letter to Barbara Moncure. Harlowe McLean called pm. 30 years ago today I took Mariam then 18 to New York City on the West Shore train from Kingston to enter training in St Luke's

Hospital.

February 1, Friday — minus 6 degrees 6:30 am. 12 11 pm. Biting cold with moderating trend. Trees & bushes are encased in frost. Still – bright – sunny clouded over tonight.

Harkowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on shopping trip to Kingston with the Plymouth by way of Hurley Mtn road route. Returned via Stone Ridge & Atwood road. Ollie saw Dr Tocco at his Stone Ridge office.

February 2, Saturday — No Shadow. 12 degrees 7 am. 24 11 pm. Cloudy, dismal, set in snowing turned to freezing rain, temperature moderated pm. & snow softened in light rain. The roads are ice slicked tonite & travel hazardous.

I did chores – finished sawing up the load of wood & pretty much kept busy. Ollie rested pm. & cleaned up the rooms. She seems to feel better today & got an excellent baked potato & ham supper. I took a bath & spent the evng working on my income tax report. I mailed current Kingstonian to Mrs Currier & Florence Monahan. Town machinery operator Percy Cook of Olive Bridge sustained a broken collar bone while watching his son Kenneth cut a tree which fell on him. He was taken to Benedictine Hospital where Dr Cameron operated & put in a pin to hold the fracture together.

February 3, Sunday — 16 degrees 7 am. 6 11 pm. Sharply colder over night. Brilliant near cloudless still crisp winter weather. A thin crust formed on the snow &

roads are a glare of ice.

Sanding crews are in full operation – town & county. Ex Supt Highways is operating the truck loading shovel on the town garage property. Bob Yorks veteran county machinery operator is driving one of the town trucks. Charley Wood came 11:30 after news copy. This pm. Ray Kelder & Harlowe McLean called & the former prevented us taking a little ride. Percy Cook who broke his collar bone yesterday in a tree falling accident brought back home from Benedictine Hosp. this pm.

February 4, Monday — Zero 6 am 22 12 pm. Cold raw winter weather, variable overcast day & evng. Moon shining tonite best as can – Blustery south wind tonight. Ollie spent most of her day in bed, but got around to put on a good baked potato supper. I had a lazy day did chores, checked over bank acct books etc. I had an urge to cut a load of firewood but Ollie wanted me to stay by her. I took a nap after supper & then wrote a reply letter to Jeanie Longyear also to Florence Monahan. Rec'd air letter from Jeanie also letter Ada Bell. Rec'd December American Heritage. Evidently Mariam & Bob renewed my October expired sub.

February 5, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 am 22 11 pm. Variable cloudiness sunshine forenoon. Still – faired away pleasant sunny & mild pm. The snow & icy covered roads softened considerable, cloudless magnificent high riding nearly full moon, near like day. Ollie spent the morning in bed but stirred around p.m. Elsie Davis & Harlowe McLean called . I worked awhile

a. & this p.m.. I took load manure over in woods & cut a load of pole wood mostly yellow birch & a few hard maples also bucked some of it up. One of Ollies big geese sitting around for a couple days lay dead this a.m. It weighed 12 ½ pounds. Ollie got a savory cooked kraut & boiled potato supper.

Mrs Frank Warneke fell this a.m. by the local firehouse on slippery ice & broke her wrist it was the day of the Olive Home Bureau meeting.

February 6, Wednesday — 20 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m.
Still – mild – cloudless. Beautiful moonlite on snow. Ollie seems more cheerful today. I did chores & bucked up some wood. Charley Wood called noontime. This p.m. Harlowe McLean came & we 3 went to Olive Bridge with Plymouth. We saw Percy Cook at his home. House bound with broken left collar bone. It is pinned instead of having a heavy cast. Coming back we stopped at Charley Woods & Ruth & Carl Rosengren's. We watched TV program showing in detail U.S. aerial photographic observations of Russian missile bases installed in Cuba last summer & fall, now 42 missiles shipped back to Russia & some bases abandoned.

February 7, Thursday — 20 degrees 7 a.m. 16 11p.m.
The forenoon was mostly overcast, sunnied out brilliant p.m. – sharply colder tonight. Part overcast & northerly wind – All cleared moonlite like day.
Ollie had pretty much a tough day & evng gagged, vomited & complained of pain in left side. But she managed to get a good supper & then vomited it up. I did

chores & bucked up the remaining sticks of wood & managed to get out an hour or so latter p.m. and cut several tall poles over in woods.

February 8, Friday — 10 below zero 6:30 a.m. 16 11 p.m. The near full moon was setting hazily behind Hanover mtn. Sudden return by King Winter. Brilliant sunshine & only a few high fast riding clouds. Northerly wind stingiest weather of winter. Cloudless light as day full moon.

Almost too cold to work. Ollie rested pretty good last nite but spent most of day on couch – till time to prepare a delicious potato stew supper. This p.m. Tony & I made several trips snaking out firewood and drew over manure. Rec'd letter Jean Smith with blanks to fill out for prospective Social Security.

February 9, Saturday — 10 degrees 6:30 a.m. 24 11p.m. The gleaming full moon orbited behind Mt Hanover 7:08 a.m. Cloudless still brilliant gradually clouded over during p.m. Moderated blustery snow squally tonite. Ollie got around late & did some cleaning up p.m. & got me a delicious boiled potato & sausage supper but felt sick & didn't eat herself till latter evng. I did chores & bucked up wood - got plenty exercise after supper I took a nap & later a bath & change of clothes.

February 10, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. A light sprinkle of slippery snow fell during the night. Mild sunny still. Really thawing again – cloudy again evng. I wrote Record Press news copy this a.m. Charley Wood

came for it, Carl Rosengren also a caller. Ollie seems feeling better & was more active. I bucked up some wood for exercise. Harlowe McLean came latter p.m. & we went on the hill & Ollie took food for her Yellow Feller cat. Ollie got a good supper & Harlowe stayed & enjoyed it.

February 11, Monday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. A plump inch of snow fell during night. Mild still murky. Just a glimpse of sunshine broke thru a.m. Became damp & misty latter p.m.

Ollie feels quite sprightly again today, but rested considerably & got a good baked potato supper. I did chore routine & bucked up some wood. I sent birthday cards to Mrs Viva Davis & Mrs Blanche Trowbridge and get well greetings to Frank Royce, Percy Cook & Mrs Frank Warneke and post cards to Mariam & also last Record Press & extra clippings. Also papers to Mrs Currier & Florence Monahan. Charles Wood stopped on way home from Woodstock news paper office.

February 12, Tuesday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11p.m. 26 12 p.m. Set in snowing during the night. Wet clinging – traffic paralyzing storm 4 inches.

Continued variably thru the day – dark damp later cleared colder & moonlite evng. Temperature hung around 30. Pokeepsie had worst traffic jam in history. Many Ulster County schools closed due to the storm or holiday including Onteora system.. Numerous events canceled including regular meeting of Kingston Lodge no.10 F&AM. Did chores & otherwise house bound.

Wrote Mrs Currier & birthday card to Mrs Marsh Maier. Rec'd large valentine card from Barbara Moncure. The storm is another problem child for hard pressed county & town highway crews. Mr & Mrs Don C. Van Etten of Samsonville celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary – Don is 90 his wife 84.

February, 13, Wednesday — 22 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11p.m. Bright sunny – part cloudy, biting colder p.m. with stinging north wind & mtn snow flurries. I wrote letter to Barbara Moncure this morning. Ollie rec'd letter valentine card & 2 fancy pot holders from Mrs Currier & this p.m. wrote a long reply. Ray Kelder came up toward noon & gave me a hand bucking up the heavy yellow birch sticks left in the last load of firewood. Ollie made him lunch. This p.m. I took a load manure over in the snowy woods on pile. Made several trips with wagon back & forth in driveway to break a track for car. As usual Ollie had a delicious supper & felt able to enjoy it.

February 14, Thursday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 20 10:30 p.m. The olding moon shone hazily during the night. The sun shown awhile this morning but clouded over & became a nasty storm from east – about 2" loose snow petered out late p.m. Cleared evng – still. Rec'd air letter from Mariam first word since their safe return to Mexico City (Tues nite Feb.5th) She related of their visit to the centennial exhibitions in Petersburg & Richmond VA. Visited the scene of the great - - - tunnel explosion in Aug. 1864 under the southern line before

Petersburg, dug 25 ft below the surface by Penna Coal miners. Drove along the various lines of battle now national parks. Spent 3 hours on the battle field of Fredericksburg — where changing terraces of fortified stone walls. The Union army under General Hooker lost between 12 & 13 thousand men One of the wars bloodiest blunders. They encountered tremendous cold weather in the south after visiting Robert in Lorrento, Fla. Where tons of oranges lay frozen under the trees Temp down to 5 degrees thru Miss. & Alabama. In Montgomery there was a great shortage of gas due to a broken main line & 1000 families without. In Howard Johnsons restaurant there was no grill service – only coffee & toast & fruit & cold cereals. The poor colored people were great suffers unprepared for the cold. Even in Denver Colorado the cold of 5 & 7 continued. They spent 2 ½ days visiting betrothed Gaye & boyfriend of Polish decent Tom Kolodz. They also visited Jeanie in San Antonio where temp was 74. They drove from 10 degrees in Denver to Roswell N.M. in one day where the temp was 87. They crossed the Mexico border Feb 4th. Gaye & Tom plan an Aug. wedding at her home in D.E. There the entire winter was very mild till 2 days before arriving, then came hard frosts & rock garden had to be covered.

February 15, Friday — 4 degrees 7 a.m. 6 11 p.m. Part cloudy bright sunshine. Biting nor- westerly wind – mid winter weather. Blustery tonite.

In getting the driveway shoveled out to get the car thru to road I got a sudden kink above my lower back – that

stays with me & quite the unusual. Harlowe McLean came mid p.m. we went on the hill with our Plymouth where Ollie left food for her cat & then went over to Belle & Chas. Woods & took him down to the Stony Hollow Shell Service Station for his 1958 Volkswagon left for a break down repair. He drove it home, I drove the Plymouth down & Harlowe drove home. The 28A route is ridged high with plowed snow. We noted the hundreds of pine trees this side of Spillway blowed down in a destructive mass by the hurricane of Dec. Harlowe didn't stay for supper it was late p.m. & very cold & blustery. I rec'd valentine card letter from Norah Herrington who is employed by Remington Rand Plant filing blue prints. The 3 Kingston radio stations devoted broadcasts in tribute to the beloved Dean of Ulster Co. Newscaster Bob Robert L. Browning 68 who died 4 a.m. in Albany Veterans Hosp.

February 16, Saturday — 2 degrees 7 a.m. 6 11 p.m.
Blustery – back to old half moon light night. Snow drifting path to barn filled. Biting cold majestically cloudless day & evng. Snow swishing northerly – quieted evng.

My kinky back loosened up some and I shoveled out path to barn. Did chores & little else. Ollie rested this morning but got going & cleaned up p.m. did washing. I answered Norah Herrington's letter enclosed with current Record Press. The issue contains a 1927 -28 picture of the West Shokan school with Miss Bertha Merrill teacher. Ollie had a very delicious baked potato & freezered herring supper – which Ray Kelder gave us.

At 9:40 p.m. Feb. 15th 1898 the 3 year old U.S. battleship Mame was blown up in Havana Harbor. Evidently by planted mines. A total of 260 officers & men lost their lives. The total crew was 370 men + 26 officers some of them were on shore. This precipitated the war with Spain.

February 17, Sunday — Zero 6 a.m. 34 12:30 p.m.
Partly overcast but generally sunny & becoming somewhat milder clear – wind howling tonite from High Point quarter & much warmer.

Did chores & little else. Charley Wood came around noon for news copy which I completed this morning. Harlowe McLean came 2 p.m. & we went up with the Plymouth & Ollie left food for Yellow Feller. Harlowe didn't stay wanted to get back home. Ollie prepared a delicious supper clam chowder, tuna fish baked apples tea etc. I spent the evng reading "Fighting Angel" Pearl Bucks biography of her missionary father's life in China.

This evng Kingston Lodge no. 10 F&AM conducted services at Kaiser & Sweet Funeral Home for noble Bob Browning.

February 18, Monday — 24 degrees 6 a.m. 30 11 p.m.
The old crescent moon shone thru the night. Partly cloudy mildest of winter. Snow settled & water running – snow slid off roofs. Starlight still evng.

I finished a long letter this a.m. & sent air mail to Mariam & p.m. took load manure over on woods heap & cut load birch polewood. Chas & Belle Wood called & brought things he bought for us in Woodstock, partly

from Grand Union 8.28 paid. Late p.m. Ollie did some washing & got a good supper. Ray Kelder called evng & helped buck up the load of wood. Rec'd birthday card letter from Lute Bell also card from Art & Ida Blume.

This 2 p.m. funeral service conducted by Rev. Arthur Odermool for Bob Browning. The service narrated by Harry Thayer & broadcast over station W.G.H.Q. Temporary interment in Wiltwick cemetery vault.

February 19, Tuesday — 26 degrees 6 a.m. 34 12 p.m. The cloud blanket hung low & the red sunrise glow brief. The sun managed to show briefly toward noon. But early p.m. sodden snow storm settled down & continued into early evng, turned to rain & petered out later in snow flurries. The sodden snow was 5 – 6 inches. I did chores & got the wood bucked up last night under cover.. As the storm settled in I started my left off reading of Fighting Angel — which after an excellent roast chicken supper. I put in (after a nap) the long evening & finished the book. A strange & absorbing biography. 11 p.m. a town snow plow went up the hill.

February 20, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. The heavily draped trees pretty well melted off during nite & cleared bright sunny early followed by mellow temperature thru day & evng. There was variable cloudiness & bright sunshine – snow settling and melting & water running.

I ran the car back & forth & got the driveway well driveable. Drawed out load manure & got load mostly left over dry beech top p.m. Rec'd doz. freshly made

crullers and card from Chas & Belle Wood left in mail box also letter & card from Haskin and a grand letter & foto of him dressing his deer Nov. 20th . Ollie had a delicious casserole supper. I was tired & took a nap till midnight. Ollie rested thru night on her couch. I sent current Record Press & note to Mrs Currier. Ollie rec'd letter & card of an old time kitchen scene from Mrs Currier.

February 21, Thursday — 14 7 a.m. Sharp temperature drop over night. Variable cloudiness & brilliant sunshine. Blustery gusty night & icy wind today. Became cloudless p.m.. Becalmed starlight evng.

Ollie didn't get up & around till p.m. Then she dusted herself & continued preparations for my birthday. She invited Harlowe McLean over to a delicious meat pie supper – preceded by a few appetizing libations.. I rec'd more cards including Mariam – Mrs Knorpp - Florence Monahan – Vera & Chas Sickler – & Emma & Theo Eckert – Frank Royce & Marsh & Hazel Maier.

Newspaper clipping 2/28/63

Roxbury, Feb.25 A Roxbury mill worker was trapped for more than an hour last week Thursday afternoon, his hand caught in the gears of the milling machinery after his sleeve became caught and drew his arm into the mechanism. The screams and shouts of Harry Jordan went unheard for several minutes above the din of the machinery before mill owner Richard F. Lutz and helper Cecil Woolheater discovered his plight and stopped the machinery.

Mr Woolheater climbed to the small area above the machine where Mr Jordan lay trapped and extricated the victims nearly severed left hand from the gear. It was nearly an hour, however before the hand could be brought clear of the machine because of the difficulties of working in the limited space.

Dr. Charles Ives who was summoned by Mr Lutz administered first aid and shots to relieve Mr Jordan's pain until he could be free. Meanwhile, Miller's ambulance stood by ready to take Mr Jordan to Cooperstown hospital.

Emergency surgery reattached the hand to Mr Jordan's arm, and there is hope that it can be saved. Feeling was reported in the fingers early in the week.

Mr Jordan who is in his 50s, had gone to the top of the mill to oil machinery about 4 o'clock. He had been employed at the mill for many years.

February 22, Friday — Zero 6 a.m. Zero 11 p.m. Clear early – followed by variable overcast and then was brilliant cloudless thru out day & evng. Biting winter weather.

Did daily routine went over in woods but the snow was too deep & came back to the house. Jean & Robert Smith came latter p.m. We had a good supper & spent the evng amiably together. (Written 3/6/63) Yesterday p.m. Harry Jordan 63 employed for many years in Lutz feed mill in Roxbury had his left arm torn almost completely off at wrist while oiling conveyor belt gear in peak of mill. He was conveyed by Millers ambulance to Cooperstown Hosp. where at this writing it is expected the hand can be

saved, thou arm shortened but without wrist joint.

February 23, Saturday — 6 – 8 below zero 6 a.m. 16 11 p.m. MY 73rd BIRTHDAY. Stinging cold but gradually moderated somewhat. Variable cloudiness this a.m. but became cloudless brilliant sunshine – light winds & starlight evng – a weather builder.

We got around late & had breakfast together. This p.m. Jean & Robert went to Phoenicia for more refreshments, I took my axe & went over in the woods for exercise. Ollie roasted a 10lb turkey. J & R brat & prepared a delicious birthday supper. We surely enjoyed it. Later Robert awoke the night stillness by firing the old flint rifle a couple of times. I rec'd more birthday cards which number 25. Ollie made me a large soft chocolate cake adorned with 73 candles which was placed on the supper table in front of my place lighted.

February 24, Sunday — Another snow storm. 16 degrees 6:30 a.m. 24 11 p.m. The sky was heavy this a.m. & started snowing heavily quite early & continued most all day – clearing evng. Wind enough to make some drifting We had a late breakfast & Jean & Robert fearing to get snow bound, started for N.Y. about 12:45 with the new snow 5 inches deep & falling. I note another of Ollie's geese droopy so I cut off its head & picked it. Ollie's all in – she rested all p.m. & evng. But got around & prepared a good supper. Snow plow trucks operating back & forth.

February 25, Monday — 6 degrees 6 a.m. 16 12 p.m.

Turned colder in night. Bright sunny crispy winter. Gradually became overcast during p.m. but stars shone dimly tonite.

There wasn't much wind to cause drifting of the loose snow. I mailed current issue The Kingstonian enclosed letter to Mrs Currier. Sent Grace Adhrens, Elsie Walden card for her birthday 23rd same as mine. I rec'd 2 more cards & sent get well greetings to Mrs Viva Davis. Both she & daughter Mrs Mimmie McGlochin reportedly ill with pneumonia also cards to Mrs Vera Crawford & Joe The Butcher Aronofsky post operation patients in Benedictine Hosp. I shoveled out the road entrance of driveway & in front of garage & broke track thru with Plymouth. Chas Wood came noontime for my finished news copy. Ollie pretty much rested today & got a good supper. Road sanding in operation.

February 26, Tuesday — minus 2 7 a.m. 4 12 p.m. Brilliant cloudless still snow bound winter. I got some needed exercise early p.m. Hooked up Tony and took a load of manure over on the woods pile & brat back a yelllow birch pole I cut & lodged the other day. I rec'd 2 more cards – have 31. Later p.m. Harlowe McLean came & we rode down to Olive Bridge Boice's store & Ollie bought an 8.00 order. We stopped at Charley Woods coming back. Route 28 is snowy & slippery & bumpy. Snow banks are plowed high along all the roads 3 - 4 ft. Ollie got a good supper & spent the evng on her couch. I wrote Bertha Merrill & sending with Feb, 14th issue Record Press with 1927 -28 picture of West Shokan school when she was teacher.

February 27, Wednesday — Minus 6 degrees 6:30 a.m. Minus 20 in Olive Bridge, minus 20 in Watson Hollow, 16 degrees 11 p.m. Kingston officially read 14 below zero. Cloudless brilliant calm – started clouding over at sunset but cleared evng with growing new moon over South Mtn.

I finished bucking up the yellow birch stick & did chores. Wasn't feeling brisk today, head stuffy & legs achy. Ollie pretty much rested too. This p.m. we hunted thru parlor & up stairs storage closet in quest of Christmas visitors list, misplaced Dist Grand Comm check book & desk seal. Found the latter on window sill under pulled down curtain. We also found book of poems The Legend of Utsancha by Elder A.H. Bellows deceased, school teacher and Old School Baptist preacher of W. Hurley. A native of Delaware Co. The book of poems was loaned to me over 2 years ago by Mrs Fred Adsit of Shokan & I will return it. Of special interest to me is page 15. Tongore and Ashokan – about 2 Injun Chieftains who fought a duel, to the death for Ashokan – for the hand of a ----- Esopus Valley maiden Teelah - leelah. The place known as The Witohec Dancing floor or Dancing Rock on the ridge to the left of crest of Toranh Hook near level across the reservoir an immense near level windswept rock & part moss covered. Well known & visited by the late Golden VanBenschoten. No 6 — pages 181 --19. The Northern Lights is a poetic envisioned masterpiece.

After having a good supper I spent the evng writing letters & reply to Gaye & Mrs Gilbert VanValkenburg of Grahamsville. Rec'd a hand made personal card and a

magnificent picture of Gaye Longyear dated Feb.15th.

February 28, Thursday — 16 degrees 6 a.m. 10 11p.m.
Overcast raw a.m. a clearing trend developed p.m.
cloudless still colder evng, with brilliant growing
crescent moon.

Ollie still feels tired out, but got around p.m. & did some
washing. I got some good exercise p.m. took small load
manure over in woods & cut a good load of polewood
black & yellow birch & a soft maple. Ollie had a good
supper as always. I spent a good part of the evng making
fone calls requesting cards be sent to Vera Crawford in
Benedictine Hosp, Saturday for her birthday. Rec'd letter
Jean Smith saying they had hard traveling going back
Sunday p.m.

March 1, Friday — 14 degrees 6:30 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Arrived overcast snowed heavily all afternoon and into
the night.
Pretty much house bound – snowed in weather.

March 2m Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 16 12 p.m.
The snow storm continued most of the night. Cloudy still
all day. Became cloudless evng with brilliant half moon.
Other than chore routine it was snow shoveling – the
heavy fall is about 7 inches. Kingston reported officially
6 ½ in. Snow plow & sanding trucks are busy.
Bob Burgher came with his Ford station wagon & got
stuck half way in the driveway. Then Charley Wood
came & between us got all shoveled out to the garage
front. I paid Bob 68.10 Insurance premium.

Ollie as usual had an excellent supper.

March 3, Sunday — 14 degrees a.m. 50 mid day 34 11 p.m. Still partly cloudy – pleasantly moderating & the sting out of the air – snow settled & water ran off roofs & some snow slid down.

I took a load of manure over on woods pile early p.m. & cut a beech saplings

Ollie spent most of the day on couch. Got a good supper & right back down. I did chores & shoveled paths and this p.m. Ray Kelder came along & helped me buck up the load of heavy poles. I spent the evng getting current papers & clippings with letters to send to E.H. Munch & Mrs Currier. Noontime Charley Wood came for my news copy which I had just finished 5.00 paid.

March 4, Monday — 28 degrees 6 a.m. 36 10 p.m.

Overcast still mild but damp chilly air. Snow settling & water dripping.

I took load of manure over on woods pile early p.m. & cut a beech sapling load of wood. Its tough going in woods & road not broken since Friday snow. Harlowe McLean came & we went on hill & fed Yellow Feller dog food then down to Olive Bridge stopped at P.O. & Boice's store – also at Oscar Dudley's & I got a hair cut at Bill Lortz's while Harlowe & Ollie went over to Henry Merrihew's for eggs .30 doz. Then came home over the back road. I bucked wood awhile after supper Early evng James Veley came from Kerhonkson and artificially bred Bubbles Jersey heifer 6.00 paid.

March 5, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 34 10 p.m. My Dear Mother Mrs Matie C. Davis aged 92 yrs 8 mo died one year ago tonight 9:45 at Mrs Stephens Boarding home 338 Foxhall Ave, Kingston. Ollie stuck to her couch practically all day. She made up a potato & ham stew & I cooked it for supper. She has only had some broth & tea today. Other than doing chores I bucked up the rest of the polewood drawn yesterday & split up the pieces & piled under shed. I put in the evng doing some reading in Sept 1952 Coronet & writing to Mariam. Overcast mild but damp muggy air. Sun broke thru p.m. – snow settling slowly – cloudy still evng. At the monthly Town Board meeting it was unanimously voted purchase of a stone crusher \$22, 880.?

March 6, Wednesday — 32 degrees a.m. 34 11 p.m. Dismal – started snowing in night became freezing rain that continued till early p.m. Sun Partly broke thru became blustery & moon shining thru – overcast tonite nearing full. Temp rose to 38 & ice melted off trees. Simply miserable weather. Did usual chores, split & piled wood, I put under shed. Charles Wood called mid p.m.. He had been to Phoenicia & brat me a six pack of Utica Club bock beer in remembrance of his 73 birthday anniversary today. Ollie spent most of the day resting but prepared a good baked potato & egg omelet supper. Ray Kelder call which occupied most of my evng. Rec'd letters Jean Smith & Mrs Currier.

March 7, Thursday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.

Blustery gusty night continuing today finally quieting evng. Mild tho raw partly cloudy Marchy weather – intermittent shadows & bright sunshine. Nearing full high riding moon played hide & seek.

Did nothing but routine. Harlowe came p.m. & we went up & fed Ollie's cat. Carl Rosengren called latter a.m. Ollie had a miserable day – mouth bone dry full of gas & heart pounding. I rubbed her back several times with Dermassage medicated lotion used in over 400 hospitals. She ate nothing from morning till late evng. I had good hot boiled potatoes for supper.

March 8, Friday — 22 degrees 6:30 a.m. 38 11 p.m.
Partly cloudy mtn snow flurries. Rather March like but thawing. Became cloudless evng with glowing nearly full moon– mild & northerly wind. It acts like sap weather. I did chore routine drew manure over on woods pile & hauled a good load of green cut firewood. A good size yellow birch, a bent over hard maple & a water beech. It made Tony tug hard with the wagon in snowy woods road. This p.m. Harlowe McLean , Ollie & I went to Stone Ridge with Plymouth & they sought solace with Dr Anthony Tocco. Both are veterans of flu bug epidemic . Ollie served an excellent supper & after a nap I spent the evng reading & writing. Rec'd letter Mrs Laverne Davis.

Newspaper clipping 3/5/63

Reservoir country 50 years ago: 1913 — Charles Greene is tearing down the Shokan Methodist parsonage

Granville Weeks has bought a building lot of Henry Elmendorf in the new village ... Mathews & North selling their large store stock at reduced prices... The Rev, David Weidner is taking down the family tenant house to move it back on the hill along the new boulevard ... Frank Ennist, store clerk in west side village several years, will locate at Tongore ... Charles Giles is building a home near the new Reformed stone church. ... The Alex Gwynn large house, formerly the home of Dr. William Kemble, will be rebuilt by the Grays in the Samsonville area.

March 9, Saturday — 26 degrees 6 a.m. 30 11 p.m.
Moonlite nite – Intermittent sunshine this a.m. all clouding over – still gradually settled down snowy latter p.m. & continued till around 10 p.m. About an inch of soggy snow fell.

Ollie spent most of the day resting & reading. She prepared a good supper & ate with me & then back on the couch. I did chore routine & bucked up some wood & filed the bow saw. Rec'd letter from Addie & Virgil Winchell now in Mims Florida. Ollie rec'd a cheerie card & note from Mrs Currier. I rec'd 2 shares Rexall Drug Co. Stock from Morgan Guaranty Co. I spent the evng reading Nurse & Spy with the Union Army by Sarah E. Edmunds published 1865 – my 3rd reading.

March 10, Sunday — 32 degrees 6 a.m. 26 11 p.m. It was murky and snowing easily this morning. Later bright sunshine broke thru & intermittent mountain snow squalls broke the pattern. Became

blustery & sharply colder and tonite a majestic cloudless full moon on the snow – was nearly bright as day. I did little but routine chores. Charley Wood came noontime for my news copy \$5.00 as usual paid. Ollie is just simply sick with flu & spent the day & evng on her couch..

March 11, Monday — 18 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m.
Generally sunny this a.m. Developing & thickening overcast p.m. – set in snowing early evng, about 1 inch fell then changed to light rain or sleet.

Ollie is really sick. Hasn't eaten since yesterday a.m. Belle Wood came early p.m. & took Ollie & I to Stone Ridge – Ollie saw Dr Tocco & got cough medicine – nearly everyone is affected with the prevailing flu – old fashion grippe or what have you. We got back around 3:30 & Ollie went back to bed & remained there. I bucked up & split wood for exercise awhile p.m & after supper. I rec'd letter from Gaye & wrote letter to Mrs Gilbert VanValkenburg & sent separately last 2 weekly papers also sent Mrs Currier. Wrote Laverne Davis tonight.

75th anniversary of start of famous blizzard of 1888 with a wet fluffy snow.

March 12, Tuesday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
Sleety cracking crust on snow & trees coated. Partly melted away p.m.. Dismal foggy misty still. Damp disagreeable weather. Thawing tonite snow softened. Did chore routine – finished bucking up & split the last of the load of wood. Ollie stayed put in the bed

practically all day & right down again after supper. I cooked up a batch of kraut & baked potatoes for supper. Ollie sat with me & ate a potato & noontime some farina & milk. Belle Wood came over p.m. & brat Ollie a quart of homogenized milk. I mailed letter to Laverne Davis. I rec'd another letter from Gaye also Jeannie Longyear. 75 years ago the great blizzard was at it's height & continued 3 days.

March 13, Wednesday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Lusty p.m. thunder showers. Nature truly is observing the 75th anniversary of the blizzard of 1888 with hodgepodge weather.. Dismal foggy misty with a 11 o'clock downpour, the bright sun suddenly breaking thru briefly to be followed shortly by a period of rumbling, booming flashing thunder showers. This followed by a let up, then more chilling rain that tapered off & stopped – finished up with a damp still dismal evng. Ollie began stirring around latter p.m. & got a good boiled potato supper. But she is weak & frazzled & taking a dozen pills in variety daily. I got the load of manure over on woods pile & in the cold of course latter p.m. I sent card and last issue Record Press to Florence Monahan – rec'd 45 annual. I'm tired & achy & had a long nap after supper. Rec'd letter & pictures to return from Mrs Currier. I finished 3rd reading of Nurse & Spy in the Union Army.

March 14, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 28 10 p.m. Partly cloudy sunshine & shadows gradually becoming cloudless p.m wind northerly air crispy but thawing,

water running & snow settling.

Ollie managed to get around later p.m. & wash up my underwear & shirt. Harlowe McLean called p.m. He has the miseries too. Ollie had a good wholesome supper kettle boiled corn, beans & ham in it also boiled potatoes. I managed to do chores & nothing more. So tired & achy. Harlowe & I went up & fed Yellow Feller. I wrote letter to Jeanne Longyear & also Addie & Virgil Winchell in Mims Florida. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty in Stone Ridge – replied tonite.

Freeman clipping 3/13/63 Down memory lane.

Anyway It's Better Than

March of 88

Albany, N.Y. Seventy five years ago today, a passenger train led by seven engines set out from Troy and puffed over the ten miles to Albany in 24 hours. The blizzard of 88 had dropped nearly four feet of snow.

So don't grumble too much if fog grounded the airplane you had planned to board today, or if snow, rain or slush annoyed you.

Fog blanketed most of the state this morning and forced cancellation of some airline flights. Over night low temperatures were generally above freezing, however and no significant snow had fallen.

The weather bureau said tonight would be cooler and snow flurries would dot some areas, after some wet snow in western New York and east of Lake Ontario. Flurries and clouds were forecast for those sections Thursday, but

skies were expected to clear in the rest of the state.

March 15, Friday — 20 degrees 6 a.m. 24 11 p.m. 46 at sunset.

Magnificent cloudless day & evng. A bit crispy – wind northerly, but snow thawing and water running. Ideal maple sap weather.

Due to my gripe symptoms other than doing chores I kept Ollie company indoors. As of late she spent most of the day in bed, came to supper table with me. Super menu last night kettle of beans, raw kraut & boiled potatoes. I wrote letter to Harry Siemesen. Rec'd air letter from Mariam & answered same tonight. Harlowe McLean went down to see Dr Tocco this p.m. & brat Ollie a bottle of cough medicine \$1.00 paid.

March 16, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Moonlite nite – froze up this a.m. Bright sunny, overcast gradually developed during p.m. set in rainy latter evng.

Ollie continues on the sick list. She managed to get around & clean the kitchen floor & made delicious potato onion stew for supper, then back on her couch. I did chores and drew over load manure. Snow continued thawing in sun & water running. This p.m. I had a call by 2 Woodstock ladies seeking information concerning the building of the Ashokan Reservoir.

March 17, Sunday — 34 degrees a.m. 44 11 p.m. Moderately rainy night. Hazy partly cloudy - mild – snow melting and water running. Blustery south westerly wind tonight, Starlight – there was lightening flashes off

south.

Belle & Chas Wood came for news copy toward noon 5.00 paid. Ray Kelder called . This p.m. we had a visit by Mrs Pratt Jr. of Stone Ridge and Mrs Geraldine Howard, D.A.R. House custodian in Kingston. She is the youngest daughter of our old friends Mr & Mrs Lemuel Howard deceased. The ladies were seeking historical information. Ollie is pretty well exhausted with so many callers but ate some supper with me. Tonite I had a rather lengthy fone talk with Jim Burgraff & Harry Siemesen .This is my revered grandfather Martin H. Crispell's birthday born 1829.

March 18, Monday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. Partly cloudy – crispy northerly wind – Snow water running clear evng. At long last the driveway is getting bare ground. Other than chores I drew out the week end manure & snaked two yellow birch trees with Tony. I cut them before the snow got so deep & bucked up part of them. Ollie feels about the slow usual. Harlowe McLean called this p.m. I had a 3 o'clock visit by a very congenial lady Mrs Barbara Marcato of Ohao Mtn, Glenford seeking Indian lore information for her son's school work at Onteora. This evng I wrote her a letter& packaged 7 Catskill Mtn Star Indian articles written in 1929 – 1932. Tonite Ollie had a severe gas attack vomited etc.

March 19, Tuesday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m. Sunny but rather hazy with gradual thickening overcast p.m. Set in snowing heavily late evng.

I did chores & finished bucking & splitting the yellow

birch wood. Ollie didn't get around very much. This p.m. Florence B. Monahan & sister Alice Reed paid us a visit from Fleischmans. They said the roads are bad chuck holes and bumps. Ollie prepared a good but not elaborate supper. Ray Kelder called early evng.

March 20, Wednesday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m.
A soggy slippery 2 ½ sap snow fell during the night – changed to a dismal misty rain and back to snowing p.m. continuing into night.

Another house bound day. Looked over old letters & news clippings. Including 6 or seven letters rec'd by old aunt Comelia Eckert Lewis from her brother Abel J. Eckert who went to California as a missionary before 1850. He evidently led a lonely life devoted to the serving of his Lord & savior. The letters run from 1850 on thru the 60's. The last it appears was written not later than 1885, concerning word of his parents death. John G. Eckert 1882 & Hannah Vosburgh 1884. His fate is known but to God. He never returned but revered the scenes of his youth.

March 21, Thursday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11 p.m.
Variable cloudiness with considerable sunshine – rather hazy. Starlight still evng. Nippy air but snow thawing and water running. Another 1 ½ in snow fell last nite – making a re-whitened landscape.

A lowering water level in the west basin shows again the northerly tip of Cemetery Hill or the “Dickenbac” “humping” up the snow covered ice. Other than doing chores I kept Ollie company & copied March 13th

Freeman news item. Belle Wood called p.m. & combed Ollie's hair. She got around and did some washing for me. I felt tired out doing nothing & had a long nap after supper. Mrs Emma Lang 77 died 7:30 a.m. in Benedictine Hosp. She had under went an operation & was thought improving.

March 22, Friday — 30 degrees a.m. 26 11 p.m.
Brilliant sap weather. Tingy northerly wind a few scattered high clouds – all disappeared. Starlight calmed evng.

Other than barn chores I pretty much was house bound. Waited on Ollie this p.m. she got around & prepared a good mashed potato and hamburger supper then back on her couch. Harlowe Mclean did us a shopping errand at A&P Kingston market. Mrs Barbara Mancato foned noontime that she was greatly pleased with the historical articles I sent her. Rec'd a letter from Mrs Julia Rhodes saying her father had a recurring and new severe heart attack Sat. p.m.& is in Catskill Hosp. I wrote her a long reply tonight.

March 23, Saturday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11p.m.
Mostly cloudy tingy damp air little wind – clearing trend developed latter p.m. & became cloudless.
I got some needed exercise other than chores. Early p.m. L drew the load of manure over on woods pile & cut 2 beech poles & brat to house & got them pretty well cut up & split. Ollie spent most of the day on couch. She got a good mashed potato & ham supper & she ate some with me & right back in bed. I took my bath & changed

underwear & spent the evng writing news & reading old poems. I sent Mrs Currier current Kingstonian & wrote her card. Rec'd letter from Addie & Virgil Winchell in Florida.

March 24, Sunday — 20 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Cloudless still first genuine spring day. Water running & snow slushy. A typical maple sap day. No freezing up again tonight.

I spent the morning finishing my news copy. Charles & Belle Wood came for it. Paid usual \$5.00.

Harlowe McLean came over early p.m. & Ollie got herself off the couch & we went up & fed her Yellow Feller & went & had a call on Charley Wood & Belle having gone to church. Passing Rosengrens we paid no notice but saw Jean & Robert Smith coming out to get in their station wagon. They evidently were there & had dinner. Upon getting home we found a note from Jean that maybe they would see us next week end. "So That" Funeral service for Mrs Emma Lang 7 3 p.m. at Gormley's in Phoenicia – will be buried later by her husband in Mt Tremper cemetery. Today is Lewis Bell's 80th birthday.

March 25, Monday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. 70 p.m. in shade. Hazy but generally fair & sunny. Warm and humid – most like summer. Stars showed overhead tonite & temp chilled down.

More bare ground showing – snow melting & water running everywhere. This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Stone Ridge & they both saw

Dr Tocco. I too was feeling all in so tired and achy. We got back 4:30. Ollie got supper & boiled potatoes and hamburger & then all evng on her couch. I had a nap then got myself in tow & wrote to Mrs Knorpp. Rec'd letter Vernon Haskins.

March 26, Tuesday – 44 6 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Mid 70's in shade. Hazy lazy sunny clouded over evng & set in rainy. Ollie had Mrs Katherine Carr wash & clean up \$6.00 paid. I kept pretty much busy did chores & cleaned up around the yard where snow went off. Wheeled some chunk wood back to shed from porch. Snow gone tonite from behind barn & wood corner. Waters running merrily. Harlowe McLean dropped in supper time & shared a delicious meat loaf - warmed up potato supper with baked apples for dessert. Wrote to Barbara Moncure & card to E.H. Munch & Vernon Haskins.

March 27, Wednesday — 44 6 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Rainy night – snow gone off garden & field below – Streams flush - reservoir rising & April like showers and sunshine this morning became overcast & sour. March like. Latter p.m. cleared bright sunny & pleasant. Rather windy.

Did chores – mailed cards & letters. Ollie rather tired today & rested considerably. This p.m. we had another pleasant call by Mrs Barbara Baldwinridge Mancato of Glenford. She returned manuscript I sent & I gave her more from my historical collection.

Latter I took load manure over on the woods pile & drew a load of what was snow covered firewood. Ollie

got a delicious baked potato supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier.

March 28. Thursday — 42 degrees 7 a.m. 30 12 p.m.
Brilliant practically cloudless. Northerly wind mild yet a bit tingly.

I did chores & cut up the load of firewood. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & we went with the Plymouth down to Davis' store & P.O. & up on hill & re-fed Yellow Feller, then over to Brodhead road & called on Carl & Ruth Rosengren, Chas & Belle Wood. Ollie & I had a good supper & afterward took a nap. Ollie not feeling so good today & rested all forenoon.

Harlowe attended the I.O.O.F. Pinochle club supper at the Bro. Geo. Aerias. I sent letter with copied poems to Mrs Mancato.

March 29, Friday — 30 degrees 6 a.m. 42 12 p.m.
Cloudless mild yet a bit tingly. Hazed over p.m. & all cleared evng with hallow growing crescent moon.

Ollie off beat & kept to her couch most of the day, but prepared a good supper & had first mess of parsnips. I did chores & puttered around raking over yard & cleaning up garden trash & split up some chunk wood under shed. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes saying her father John Warren in grave condition. Ollie called her home at Hensonville supper time. I answered her letter tonite also wrote reply to Mrs Currier.

March 30, Saturday — 42 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m.
Dismal rained a little this a.m. – damp & chill, a clearing

trend started letter p.m. became cloudless warmer & windy tonight with moon crowding half. Ollie remained home & rested, then got a good supper. Harlowe McLean came at noon & we went to the Olive Bridge hall where at 2 car delegation of I.O.O.F. members went to the Lloyd cemetery below New Paltz & conducted grave side ritual for Past Grand Gilbert Bloom, who died of a heart attack plowing snow Jan.17th. The casket & mass of floral pieces, the latter but little faded had been in a cemetery vault. We later visited his home on near by Planturch Road, on invitation of his wife & served refreshments. Harlowe McLean as Noble Grand & myself as chaplain read the service. I spent my evng writing news copy. Rec'd letters from Barbara Moncure & Florence Monahan.

March 31, Sunday — 42 degrees 6 a.m. 30 11 p.m. Cloudless – light northerly wind & a chill in the air. Moon tonite on the half shell. Reservoir ice field remains intact but showing open water along inlets. Pretty much a lazy day. Ollie rested but got around & got a good supper. Jean & Robert Smith called at Ledgerock, for weekend. Belle & Chas Wood came for news copy. Paid 5.00. P.m Harlowed McLean came, also Frank Royce who arrived early p.m. for the trout season opening tomorrow. Tonite I wrote letter Mrs Gilbert Bloom.

April 1, Monday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Sunny this morning – clouded over threatening but didn't rain – windy evng.

I did usual chores & puttered around. I got a permit from Supervisor Lester S. Davis & burned the garden trash p.m. Ollie rested most of day but got a good hot boiled potato & hamburger supper. Frank Royce came & we spent a pleasant evng. Opening Day of trout season . Frank had no luck. Wrote card to Mrs Currier. James Veley came late p.m. & re-inseminated Bubbles 3, gray Jersey heifer. First trip March 4th. This time there was a 3.00 charge for mileage. The record breaking 14 day newspaper strike ended. Last paper published Dec. 8th.

April 2, Tuesday — 46 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. 72 sundown. Sunny – some cloudy. Almost summer weather. Pretty well overcast tonite & bulging moon dimmed. The sodden ice field on reservoir pretty well holds intact. Ollie spent most of her day resting but got a good supper & back on couch. I was tired & took a nap. Harry Siemesen called up. We had a talk with him. This p.m. I went around pasture & pounded down posts, also drew load manure over in woods & sawed off & sharpened posts from long dead chestnut pole. Peepers serenading tonite for the first.

April 3, Wednesday — 40th anniversary tonite of burning of sawmill at 11 o'clock. 46 degrees 6 a.m. 42 12 p.m. The upper end of the reservoir ice has opened up over night. Mostly overcast hazy warm – cooler tonite. Moon shone amid clouds coming out of west.

I did chores & burned some raked up rubbish. This p.m. Ollie & I went with Carl & Ruth Rosengren to Onteora School vote on the \$1,997,000. bond issue for a new

school at Phoenicia, and an addition on Woodstock & West Hurley.

Total registration 4015

total vote 3289

For 1949

Against 1340

Issue carried by majority 609

Voting machine custodians Harlowe McLean & Oliver Crawford Sr. Clerk Mrs Irwin – only Town of Olive voted at Onteora — total vote was 674 plus 20 void. For 195 – No 489 majority no 469.

Tonite I addressed 163 District Grand Comm meeting cards for April 20th at Bearsville.

April 4, Thursday — 42 degrees 7 a.m. 30 10 p.m. The reservoir is cleared of ice as far as visible at this vista. There was a brief downpour in the late nite with thunder rumbles. The day developed blustery and snow squally with a wild Bushkill gale evng. The hemlock tree loosened by the Dec 30 hurricane blew down over the lead in electric wires about 7:50 cutting the current & causing a smell of burned installation. We called the local fire company & siren sounded & truck with several dept members promptly responded but they left after making certain there was no fire danger They returned to call at firehouse.

April 5, Friday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m. ½ in ice on barn tub. A wild cold blizzardly night. The rially waters rolled high and carried clouds of spray before them on the Ashokan west basin with every image of the

long staying winter ice blanket having disappeared like magic. Cloudless – cold - & windy gradually diminishing.

This a.m. we found electrician James Clemens of Boiceville & came early & looked over the electrical wiring damage. He recommended Bob Wilkins young Shokan electrician who is carrying on his late father's Harold Wilkins business. He came & checked over the trouble & made arrangements to do the re-installing tomorrow. Last nite we got along with lighted candles & kerosene lamps. Harlowe Came p.m. we took some of the refrigerator stuff up & put in Ollie's freezer & 2 turkeys over to Carl Rosengren's temporarily. We then went down to Boice's Olive Bridge store & made some purchases. Later Jean Smith & Robert up for the weekend invited Ollie & I over for supper. Robert came after us.

April 6, Saturday — U.S. declares war on Germany 1917. Mrs Addie Kelder Winchell's 73rd birthday. 30 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. A warmer trend developed with southerly wind drift. Bright sunny with part overcast accompanying p.m. Cloudless moonlight evng. Bob Wilkins came with truck & electrical equipment toward noon & by mid p.m. had the new installing done & a Central Hudson truck with 2 men came & hooked up to a new meter outside the house & turned on the current. We are indeed fortunate to get such prompt & experienced service. Yesterday p.m. I got a 44 ft tall 16 in across at base hemlock tree trimmed up. This a.m. I drew load manure over in woods & took the limb

rubbish & dumped further down on hill in woods.
Yesterday rec'd letter from Julia Rhodes telling that her
father's extremely critical & invalid condition is
worsened & she is going to try & care for him herself.
Rec'd letter from Florence Monahan.

April 7, Sunday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 38 11 p.m. Clear
sunny – wind light seasonal temperature – cloudless
evng. Brilliant almost full moon.

A quiet day. Jesse Shurter called noon time & Ollie & I
went with him up to Boiceville upper road where he has
been lumbering on the late Larry Bishop's lot. Later
Harlowe McLean came. He helped me cross cut off the
butt of the wind fallen house yard hemlock tree. At evng
Jean & Robert Smith called while about to start for New
York after week ending at their Ledgerock. Later Ollie
had a good supper. Tonight I saw 3 deer over on
Bishop's opposite milk house barn.

Newspaper Clipping ----Catskill Mtn. Star April 4/ 1963

Onteora School Bond

Approved

A school bond issue in the amount of \$1,997,000.00
was approved on April 3 by voters of the Onteora Central
School District. The vote of 1,949 for the issue and 1,340
against will enable the financing of construction of a total
of 37 classrooms in the district.

A previous bond issue was defeated in 1961. The
present voting included advance registration of 4,015 an

increase of 26 per cent over the 1961 figure.

Plans call for an eleven room addition to the Woodstock School, estimated at 583,000, a new building at West Hurley, estimated at 772,000, and a new building at Phoenicia estimated at 642,000.

April 8, Monday — 30 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.

Cloudless brilliant chilly northerly wind. Majestic full moon tonite, with a few wispy lace like clouds.

Ollie as usual spent 2/3 of the day on her couch. So tired, I got myself together & with Tony did most of my spring plowing, the garden, last years north side adjoining potato & sweet corn ground. There wasn't a fly to annoy Tony. Ollie prepared a good hamburger & mashed potato supper. I spent the evng writing to Mariam (also sending last Kingstonian) and \$100. Check for Daisy's April support.

April 9, Tuesday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 38 11p.m.

Variable cloudiness but sunny. Quite chilly wind light. Tonite became overcast, blustery and a little squally.

I'm tired today from that plowing yesterday. I dug some horse radish & Ollie grated it & made up a 'red hot' batch. She rested till early p.m. We had a real delicious boiled potato fried frankfurter & stewed tomato supper. Herbie Cowan came after work with his chain saw — chunked up the fallen hemlock & got one slim beech sawed up over in woods & then his saw conked out. I owe him \$1.50 Harry Wikane p.m. a Chevy salesman & one armed war veteran called p.m. I showed him my gun collection in which he is much interested. Harlowe

McLean also called. Tonite I answered Julia Rhodes letter of April 2nd. Sent air mail letter to Mariam & last issue Record Press to Florence Monahan. Rec'd from Mrs Barbara Moncato the old historical articles I loaned her. A rubbish fire started at lower level got away & worked up the mountain. A woods fire spread lazily thru the day about half up the side of the mtn north of Witches Dancing Floor & Torens Hook. It was extinguished tonite.

April 10, Wednesday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
Mountain snow squalls cold and blustery. Typical March weather – clearing trend developed latter p.m.
Harlowe McLean came mid a.m. & we went with Plymouth over to John Nichol's garage on Samsonville Road & had my snow tires changed to regular and a flat fixed & an extra tube patched – charge \$2.00 very reasonable. Speedometer 30,083. We went on over to Henry Merrihew's & Ollie got 4 doz small eggs for a dollar. Coming back made brief calls at Rosengrens & Woods. Ollie got a good dinner for Harlowe – I had cup coffee. Later I hooked up Tony & took a load of manure mover in woods & brat back the beech tree sawed chunks. I also cleaned up the yard hemlock chunks & put at end of barn to split. Olive Bridge annual cemetery meeting tonite at I.O.O.F. hall & old officers re-elected Pres Floyd Merrihew, V.P. Alonzo Davis. Local Dept called out 8 p.m. for chimney fire at Lynch residence formerly Albert North's.

April 11, Thursday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 44 12 p.m.
Continued raw blustery & at times snow squally. Variable

to mostly cloudy. Brilliant moon lite evng & milder. I kept busy with chores & piddling jobs – split & piled some wood. Ollie getting a flu kick back – so nervous. But this p.m. she got around cleaned the filthy kitchen floor & got an excellent boiled potato fish & sausage supper. Then spent the evng in bed. I took a nap & wrote to Barbara Moncure & greeting card to my bed ridden old schoolmate Mrs Majorie North Barbera. Rec'd an Easter card letter from Jeanne Longyear.

April 12, Friday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 44 12p.m.
Practically cloudless day & evng – late rising oldish moon in deep south. Warmer continued northerly wind. Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went to Kingston with the Plymouth. Did some Wall St shopping but principally at A&P market came home by Stone Ridge & Atwood. Ollie visited Dr Tocco's office & got more pills 4.00 Paid.
'Blood pressure up'

April 13, Saturday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11p.m. Old declining moon shone thru the night. Brilliant sunny becoming mostly high overcast p.m. clearing evng. Wind light northerly – mild tho coolish.
Did chores split & piled some wood. Ollie feeling off color & very nervous. She got around later p.m. & made a birthday cake. She has rec'd a nice collection of cards. We had an excellent baked chicken & mashed potato supper. Frank Royce and fishing companion Chas Jordan, down for the weekend called & spent the evng. Funeral 1 p.m. of Mrs Isabelle Boice Donahoe at Federated church in Kerhonkson with burial in Tongore cemetery.

April 14, Sunday — 28 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11p.m. Froze skim of ice — cloudless tinder dry conditions – chill in atmosphere & continued northerly wind.

Bob & Jean also Johnny Ryan came over from Ledgerrock & we went to Woodstock & while Johnny had Easter Mass at St Joan of Arc chapel, Jean, Robert, Ollie & I attended the full house & very inspiring 11 o'clock service at the historic majestic Woodstock Dutch Reformed church. Sermon by Rev. Donald Hicks. Returned home & 4 p.m. Robert came for Ollie & I to have dinner in honor of Ollie's 53rd birthday. Ollie provided the large banana cream 53 candle cake. We returned before dark & they left for the city. 2:30 p.m. the local siren sounded for a woods fire on the opposite side of Cold Brook mountain. It attracted many car viewers on 28 & was gotten under control early evng.

April 15, Monday – 42 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11p.m. The late rising old moon shone in cloudless southern sky. Continued chilly cool & practically cloudless – Light wind northerly.

This a.m. I wrote get well card letter to Barbara Moncure – who is ill with flu as Judie told us yesterday after church service. Florence Monahan called up early p.m. – she & her sister Mrs Reed came down from Fleischmanns and took Ollie & I for a ride over to Woodstock & had supper luncheon at Deanies restaurant. The reservoir & mountain east side scenery was majestic. This is Ollie's 53rd birthday. She rec'd about 25 cards. Born to Mr & Mrs William Jackson, of Ashokan their 3rd child Lynne Janette. Yesterdays Cold Brook mtn fire was started by

picknicers & burned over 40 — 50 acres. Ranger Aaron Van DeBogart called in service 55 60 assistance & left and 8 man crew overnight.

April 16, Tuesday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 38 11 p.m.
Continued cloudless till p.m. when some high thin overcast developed but stars dim. All cleared again evng & winds light tho cool less chilling then yesterday. Ollie rested till mid p.m. subdued following yesterdays trip. This p.m. I got myself going. Harrowed over both ways the plowed garden ground also strip by rhubarb. Took load manure over in woods & picked off a load of stone around garden rock. Harlowe Mc Lean called helped me put ring in Bubbles 3rd nose. Belle & Chas Wood called & paid 5.00 for current news copy. Also Bob Wilkins came accompanied by his wife & 2 year old baby. He got a load of hay in his pick up truck. Ollie as usual had a good supper. We wrote to Addie & Virgil Winchell this a.m. also sent sympathy card to Mrs Fannie Boice. Mr & Mrs Harold Weber of Webers Lane, Olive Bridge became parents of twin daughters added to this already growing family.

April 17, Wednesday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Some patches of a.m. sunshine but otherwise overcast — southerly wind. Had a light rain latter p.m.
My left side is sore from falling out of wagon yesterday p.m. when unloading stone, where I broke my ribs 5 years ago. This p.m. I wanted to limber up so I planted 5 rows Kathadin potatoes along upper side of garden. Spread 6 - 12 -6 fertilizer in rows. Had 2 sets callers late p.m. Ollie

rested most of day but got as usual a good supper, baked spuds & whiting fish then back to her couch. We wrote letter Jean Smith & rec'd letter from her with our income tax reports. Federal & state — my Federal tax 61.42 filed with report – Ollie no tax.

April 18. Thursday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m. A severe thunder shower broke about 12:45 past midnight. There was one very sharp crack & the 30 amp fuse in the lead in barn switch box was blown. The rain greened up the grass & started buds. There was a gradual clearing trend & became cloudless during p.m. & wind was calm. I am extremely sore & stiffened from my fall & made no attempt to do anything but necessary chores. Like Ollie I put in a good part of the time on my couch. This p.m. Mart Eckert called & Ollie did some washing & got a good supper.

April 19, Friday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 54 12p.m. Overcast and some rather light rain this a.m. – cleared away sunny p.m. & clouded over evng & had brief 11 o'clock shower & lightening & flashes & thunder rumbles.

My wagon fall out hurts is letting up.

I spent considerable time working on Dist Grand Comm secy report. Ollie rested this forenoon & seems feeling somewhat better. Harlowe McLean came p.m. & we went down to Olive Bridge with the Plymouth & I had a hair cut at Bill Lortz's shop. Stopped at Nelson Boice's store & I went up stairs and had a short visit with his mother, invalid Mrs Fannie Boice 90, who is in a wheel chair, due

to a broken hip last fall. The poor old lady grieved by the sudden & unexplained death last week of her devoted daughter Mrs Isabelle Gardner Donahoe of Napanoch. 188 anniversary of the opening battle of the Revolutionary War with England – Lexington & Concord wars 1775.

April 20, Saturday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Some rain fell during the night – and clearing and windy conditions developed with threat of forecasted thunder showers dissipating. Clear & breezy evng.

I did routine chores & spilt up remaining chunks of the yard hemlock. Harlowe McLean came 5 p.m. & we drove down to Olive Bridge & Ollie stayed with Elsie Davis. Harlowe, myself & Alex Adami were among a 12 member delegation attending the annual Dist Grand Comm meeting at Bearsville Lodge no 533. All lodges represented but Highland. A delicious ham supper served at 6:30 by Agapae Rebekah Lodge. District Deputy Paul W. Raul was in charge of the session. Paul Fitchner of Phoenicia Lodge #184 was named the succeeding Deputy & myself E.C. Davis re-elected Dist Secy for 33 consecutive years. A .50 per capita taxable member assessment was levied (Same as last year) 1962 tax levied \$172. – Expenses incurred & paid totaled \$169. – Bal in treas. forwarded \$10.66. PG Joe ----- of Shokan lodge was the only new member obligated, all Dist lodges present 43. Paul W. Rowe & staff in charge of meeting. Past Dist Deputies J. Henry Hill & Jacob H. Rogers have died since last meeting & 10 other P.G. members. Place of next meeting at Phoenicia – opening & closing prayer by 86 yr old staff chaplain Edgar T. Baker.

Miss Carol Hausner of Ashokan & Thos Edward Stamp of Kingston married in Shokan Reformed church by Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips at 4 p.m.

April 21. Sunday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. The weather was mild with periods of rather light showers. Considerable warm sunshine followed early p.m. rain. We had a rumbling thunder shower evng & became blustery. I'm tired after last night's Grand Comm meeting. Ollie rested as usual till p.m. Chas Wood came for my news copy 11:30. Paid usual \$5.00. Jean & Robert Smith at Ledgerrock for week end came over p.m. & after rain stopped I helped Robert take a station wagon load over of the pile of old lumber from under granary clean out last summer Jean stayed with Ollie while we were gone. As usual Ollie had a good supper. My side ribs stay sore & annoying.

April 22, Monday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 42 12 p.m. Bright sunny with periods of high overcast. Cold & windy — calmed & cloudless evng — later hazed over.

My side stays very sore & catchy. Did usual routine. Ollie rested till early p.n. Harlowe McLean went to Kingston & brought us an order from Kingston stores including the A&P market. This P.m. I raked one space in garden & with Ollie's help planted a double row of Laxtons Progress peas & 2 lbs onion sets across garden — a cold job.

April 23, Tuesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 38 12 p.m. Cold dismal still easy raining day. Snow on befogged mtns. Cold dark windy tonite.

A stay indoors weather – did chores. Reviewed my District Grand Committee minutes. Wrote to Grand secy for 1963 per capita assessment list & information about purchasing 3 Subordinate Lodge installation rituals. Ollie rested most of the day & prepared the usual good supper. Rec'd letter from "The Ole Mountaineer" E.H. Munch of Seven Fountains VA. 86 Feb.18.

April 24, Wednesday— 36 degrees 6 a.m. 38 11p.m. Snow on mountains & snow squalls. Cold & windy & rained a little lower levels this a.m. Gradual clearing p.m. & brilliant starlight tonight.

To cold to work out doors, so nothing accomplished. Sent news paper & letter to Mrs Currier – cards to Gaye & Jeannie Longyear & E.H. Munch. Harlowe Mclean came mid p.m. & we drove with Plymouth down to store & P.O. then over to Brodhead & called on Chas Wood & Rosengrens. Was late & Harlowe didn't stay for Ollie's good supper. The soreness is working out of my ribs & rested good last nite.

April 25, Thursday — 40 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Bright sunny early became considerably overcast – raw and windy. Clearing developed during p.m.. Cloudless evng. Rim of brilliant new moon showed above the barn. Snow still showing on High Point & the Wittenberg's.

Sent Record Press & enclosed letter to Florence Monahan. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier & card from Virgil Wimchell they are leaving Florida. Ollie spent most of day resting but as usual got a good mashed potato, peas, & hamburg supper. This p.m. I hooked up Tony & took a load manure over on

woods pile & picked off load stone by garden rock & cut a load of polewood & put under wood shed. Bobby Wilkins came after load hay at dark.

April 26, Friday — 32 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Harlowe McLean reported thin ice & white frosted fields. The familiar cold day dry & windy weather pattern continues. Light mtn squalls sunny early developing mostly cloudy with clearing trend evng. Brilliant growing crescent moon. This a.m. I answered Mrs Knorpp's letter & enclosed get well card. Rec'd letter Vernon Haskins. Ollie remained in bed till afternoon. I helped her clean up dining room & she - - - - kitchen floor & did some washing. We had a delicious baked potato supper with cooked sauerkraut & dogs. Harlowe Mclean called at evng. He bought a 1957 Chevy 4 door sedan from Mr Huben in Rosendale for \$375. His 49 Chevy coupe tho it runs good is about to fall apart. The NY State maple syrup production due to heavy snow and adverse conditions is running about ½ of last years total 524,000 gals.

April 27, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Bright cool & sunny with some high overcast. Wind light – brilliant growing moon tonite settled behind the

Wittenberg's.

Around noon I took a walk around to see Mart Eckert. My first visit all winter. Other than chore routine I bucked up split & piled wood. Ollie stirred around quite a bit today & we had Jean & Robert Smith over from Ledgerock for supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier & Florence Monahan. Albany recorded record low of 27 – 5 a.m..

The 16th annual Lyons Club Exposition held at the Kingston Armory closed tonite with total attendance 16,422 topping last year.

April 28, Sunday— 32 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Daylight saving time again. Brilliant and practically cloudless other than a few high white clouds during the mid day. Wind rather light off the reservoir. Temp got up above 70 during p.m.

The yellow blossoming maples add their daintiness . Chilly again tonite & crescent moon growing. Everything tinder dry and fire would run wild.

Ollie feels all in today & I'm tired and achy . This p.m.

Harlowe McLean came & we took a ride over to Ledgerock & visited Jean & Robt a half hour or so. We went around by Samsonville and home over Sheldon Hill. There was a brisk woods fire between Samsonville & Sheldon Hill Rd diagonally N. W. opposite the Krumville Fire house. Several acres were burning & the fire co alerted. Ollie prepared supper & then back to bed.

April 29, Monday — 32 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11 p.m.
Southerly wind sunny with increasing haze – overcast
tonite moderately warmer.

Ollie rested much of the day & feeling somewhat better than last evng, altho not able to go to Kingston as planned. Mart Eckert came over & then took Harlowe McLean to Rosendale to take possession of a 1957 Chevrolet 4 door sedan he bought from Huber and brought it back. (Original milage 46,549. Price \$375.) This p.m. I harrowed over the garden ground drew load manure over in woods & cut small load polewood. Mart came back & visited awhile latter p.m. & offered to go with us to Kingston or the Doctor anytime. Ollie got a good supper & after I hand cultivated over the rows of planted potatoes across top of garden.

April 30, Tuesday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11p.m. Started raining 1 a.m. and continued thru day & early evng. Easy soaking rain – lightening & rumbling of thunder off to west evng.

Pretty much a resting day. Ollie feeling better again. I did chore routine, moved leaves from under shed into barn & bucked up & piled some wood. I wrote Julia Warren

Rhodes this a.m.. Rec'd air letter from Mariam. Ollie invited Harlowe McLean over for supper. Scalloped potatoes with ham & boiled onions. Last evng Ollie's cousin Mrs Viola VanKleeck Barth of Kingston had cerebral hemorrhage or stroke while cleaning her teeth & died at 1:30 this a.m. at Benedictine Hospital. Her sister Anna - Mrs Simeon Trowbridge died about 2 years ago.

May 1, Wednesday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Not much rain in night – settled down gloomy foggy & had period of light rain this morning & again p.m. Snow squalls on the gloomy mtns – cold damp air continued cloudy evng & somewhat windy.

This a.m. did chores & bucked up & piled remainder of load of wood. This p.m. Harlowe McLean came & accompanied Ollie & I on trip to A&P store shopping in Kingston. Ollie saw Dr Tocco at his office in Stone Ridge & got change of medicine & shot in the arm. We came back on Rt 28 & stopped at West Hurley and saw Addie & Virgil Winchell who returned Mon. p.m. from trip to Florida. The surrounding discount centers are causing the A & P to reduce prices. Ollie bought 10 – 1Lb pkgs of sliced pig liver for .25 Lb. Ollie had a delicious supper fried liver with flour gravy & boiled potatoes.

May 2, Thursday —46 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Brilliant cloudless thru day & evng with brisk northerly wind . Pleasantly cool Beaming bulging high riding moon tonite. Ollie on the down beat today, pain in top of her head & rested most of the day, but got a good supper. I sent current last week Record Press to Florence Monahan. Rec'd card

from Gaye Longyear. I did usual routine drew out manure – cut load polewood & bucked up & piled some of it. Put rotted manure on flower beds. Harlowe McLean called latter p.m. at 5:20 p.m. 2 F105 D jet fighter planes that may have collided exploded high over the east basin of the reservoir. Part of 1 fell in the east basin in vicinity of Torino's Inn on Rt 28A. A wing portion fell just east of the Spillway in back yard of Edward Schuler with body of test pilot Jack Wade alongside. The other piloted by Donald Weaver including parts of the body found scattered over a 25 mile area mostly between reservoir & Stone Ridge The explosive crash at 40,000 ft was heard & seen by far & these included Mr & Mrs Carl Rosengren from their home on Brodhead Road.

Last night the recently renovated equipped Johnson saw mill on Samsonville Road burned.

May 3, Friday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Brilliantly cloudless warmer & wind light. Partial overcast developed latter p.m. Clearing evng – with high glowing moon. Busy with chores & odd jobs a.m. This p.m. Harlowe McLean with his (new57) chevy took Ollie & I to Tongore cemetery to be present at the burial of Mrs Viola VanKleeck Barth in charge of Rev. Percy Hunter pastor of St James M.E. church, Kingston. I had opportunity to walk around thru both the old & new cemeteries, visited many graves of loved ones gone before. Ollie got a good supper but Harlowe has a cow with milk fever & he didn't stay.

May 4, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Summer weather. Partly cloudy – wind light. Moon shining tonight

amid broken overcast.

Ollie went along over to Mart Eckert's and I plowed his garden ,

a sweating soddy job also cleaned up wind broken apple limbs. Came back around by Ollie's place & I cleaned up the strewn about limbs there. I certainly was tired. Ollie as usual got a good supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier.

May 5, Sunday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Breezy – sun rose over reservoir glowing red. Became overcast had just a smattering of rain – cloudless serene moonlite tonite & pleasantly cooler.

Ollie was around & more or less busy all day. Tonite had severe headache vomited. We had usual delicious supper. I had a nap then wrote card Mrs Currier.

Newspaper clipping 5/3/63

Of 50 Years Ago. Marshall Roosa will locate along Watson Hollow Road near where Fillmore Bell has begun construction of a store building. Ashokan business commission has awarded A and E

Winchell a total of \$22,079. For their general store buildings and business. Judge A. T. Clearwater and Charles W. Walton represented the Winchell's and William McMurtie Speer was counsel for New York City. The property extended 116 feet along Main street and 74 feet on the Brown Station Road in the old village of Shokan. A barn and an ice house were included in the parcel and the store at one time housed the post office, telephone central and branch Western Union office.

May 6, Monday — 38 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11p.m. Pleasant seasonal weather with fluffy broken high clouds coming from the west – cool evng – moon nearly full. Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went to Kingston via route 28 & they answered supreme court Jury duty call at North Manor Ave. Armory, due to renovations under way at the Kingston Court house. Ollie was again deferred & Harlowe granted leave for the week. We spent considerable time shopping & doing up town errands. I had my expiring May 14th driving permit renewed at the Motor Vehicle Bureau fee \$2.50. We stopped and shopped at the A&P & came home by way of Hurley Mtn route, both tired out. We had the usual good supper noodles cooked with tomato sauce and also had sauerkraut. Did daily chore routine. Caught a pesky red squirrel in little old chicken house.

May 7, Tuesday — 38 degrees 6 a.m. 50 12 p.m. Real cool northerly wind cloudless except for developing high haze & became overcast tonight & calmed. Ollie rested till mid p.m. & I too felt so tired. However we finally got going & planted double (close together) row sugar peas across garden & row smaller stuff. I also dug in rotten manure & acid fertilizer in flower beds. Herbie Cowan came after work with his chain saw & cut up 2 beech trees. Ollie as usual had a delicious supper.

May 8, Wednesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11 p.m. Mostly overcast – south west wind rough in night. Showery p.m. but we only had a light squirt. Hazy full moon tonite. Real warm & humid p.m. white frost reported

in Krumville.

Ollie rested till mid p.m. I did morning chores & wrote air letter to Mariam enclosing monthly check \$100 towards Daisy's maintenance. This p.m. I drew out manure & got the 2 loads of beech chunk wood cut yesterday & put under shed. Herbie Cowan came after work & cut up a bothersome beech tree in edge of woods by manure pile. Ollie as usual had a good supper.

Al Fox came about 8:45 p.m. and took Ollie & I up to the Onteora school budget & Board of Education voting, just inside the 9 o'clock closing. Bubbles cow had a red heifer calf.

May 9, Thursday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 74 12 p.m. Hot humid summer & breezy. Variable cloudiness but sunny – overcast evng.

The heat came on so suddenly takes the pep out of everything & everybody. I did chore routine & cut up the 100 lb bag certified Kathadins ready for planting and repaired the old corn ground 3 prong marker in use since 1917. Ollie finally got up & busy during p.m. Harlowe McLean called supper time & shared a bite with us as usual a good supper. We both spent the evng napping. I let Bubbles and her baby calf loose & enjoying themselves.

Newspaper clipping 5/9/63

Onteora Central Schools District voters yesterday approved a \$2,270,236. budget by vote of 887 to 453.

A proposition which adds \$6,900. to the budget for student insurance was passed 898 to 331. Another proposition authorizing the allotment of \$1,250. to West

Hurley library also passed 753 to 450.

In contest for Board of Education posts, Lloyd K. Collins of West Hurley defeated Elwood Pierce, also of West Hurley, 937 to 407, and Herbert Shultis Jr. Of Phoenicia won over Thomas Mannix of Woodstock, 1016 to 351. Both posts are for five year terms.

David Carlson of Woodstock was unopposed for a two year unexpired term, polled 1089 votes..

Of the gross budget of \$2,270,236 a total of \$1,459,236 will be raised by taxes.

Voters in Olive rejected the budget 148 to 107, and defeated the West Hurley library proposition, 138 to 87. The Olive residents reflecting their traditional anti-administration sentiments, also pressed the student insurance issue hardest, passing it 134 - 92. In other districts the vote on insurance was: Shandaken , 246 -94; Woodstock, 276 –89; and West Huirley, 242 – 56.

The budget carried by substantial margins in the three districts outside Olive as follows: Shandaken 282 – 123; Woodstock, 267 – 107; West Hurley, 231 – 75.

Collins, the incumbent, lost only the Olive poll to Pierce, 162 – 89. He led in Shandaken 329 – 75; Woodstock 272 – 101 and his home precinct of West Hurley, 247 – 69.

Shultis total vote of 1016 was highest polled by the four candidates involved in contests. He defeated Mannix in Shandaken, 408 – 52; Olive, 171 – 57; Woodstock, 265 - 112; and West Hurley, 172 - 130.

May 10, Friday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 44 10 p.m. Much cooler this morning – cloudy and damp chilly weather.

Had rain shower & booming flashing electrical shower a.m. Afternoon drizzles & drenching severe long electrical storm evng. The early dry spell is at least temporarily broken.

I made good use of the wet conditions splitting & piling wood under shed. Ollie finally got around mid p.m. & cleaned the kitchen floor & had a good baked shad supper. Frank Royce arrived down from Cuba late p.m. & got held up paying us a visit tonight during the rain. Rec'd a letter Florence Monahan.

May 11, Saturday — 38 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Drizzly night – gloomy damp cold weather – drizzly again latter p.m.

Ollie felt better today & was around busy p.m. I split & piled wood, drew out manure & got another load of sawed chunks.

Jean & Robert Smith came for supper and Ollie had a good one.

May 12, Sunday — 38 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.

Gradually clearing this morning damp cold & wind northerly. Cloudless still evng – frost in the air.

It's Mother's day filled with memories. Did only chore routine. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & we took a ride with Plymouth, went to Krumville & Ollie got 3 doz medium eggs at Henry Merrihew's @.40 – took the lower road back into Samsonville – noted a large gathering of cars at the Mother's Day turkey dinner serving at the church hall. Stopped briefly at Ledgerock & returned home. Ollie had a delicious roast beef & mashed potato

supper. Frank Royce called evng – also Geo. Reitmeir later p.m.

May 13, Monday – 34 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Real cool – sunny – gradually becoming overcast p.m. – chill wind easterly. Light rain late.

I re-harrowed the unplanted garden ground. Mr & Mrs Virgil Winchell came p.m. first visit since returning from Fla. He helped me mark out for planting potatoes below the twin hickories. Herbie Cowan came after work & chain sawed beech firewood trees. Ollie having a down day & rested till afternoon. We had as usual a good supper. I sent Mariam last issue Record Press & enclosed letter.

May 14, Tuesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Light rain in night. Hazy cool breezy & clouds thickened and a boisterous general thunder shower spread over the valley mid p.m. from the Bushkill quarter. Cleared with brisk wind following from north area.

I did a big job planting 15 rows of the certified kathadin potatoes. Dug in handful 6-12-6 fertilizer in bottom of each hill. I got finished just ahead of the shower in time to get the cows in stable grazing on nose chains behind barn. Charley Wood called to gather data for a news story of the “Tongore Inn” Cozy Corner Coffey shop in Olive Bridge. Ollie had a delicious baked macaroni. Frank Royce called evng. He goes home tomorrow.

May 15, Wednesday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Continued cool north west “Canadian wind”. Partly cloudy, rialy whitecaps rolled on the reservoir this a.m.

Cloudless tonite calmed but stars hazy.

A navy helicopter flying so low the faces & uniform of the 2 pilots could be readily seen – circled over several times. Presumably searching for fragments of the exploded jet. Ollie & I rode along with Charley Wood to Woodstock a.m. We visited the Record Press office & talked with Editor Silvia Kondarf, shopped at Grand Union & packaged store. Ollie kept busy set out box pansies and worked in beds. I helped her some & also split & piled some wood, but haven't much pep for past week. I also planted 6 rows Golden Cross Bantam sweet corn with 3 beans to a hill. Dug in handful fertilizer beneath. Ollie had a super delicious baked chicken supper. Latter I took good nap. Rec'd grand letters from Mrs Knorpp & Mrs Currier.

May 16, Thursday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Serenely temperatured weather, wind light. Some cloudiness but bright & sunny. Cool calm starlight evng. Other than chore routine & some wood splitting & piling I did a big and needed grass cutting job around the house yard – with mower & Tony also drew out manure & got a load of chunks. Ollie rested a.m. but was busy around p.m. & as usual had a good supper. Harlowe McLean & Ray Kelder called evng. Art Blume came noon time. U.S. A. Major Gordon Cooper successfully completed an official 22 lap flight around the earth blasting off at 9:04 a.m. yesterday from Cape Canaveral Fla. He landed in the Pacific in his space capsule at 7:20 p.m. and was picked up by the U.S. carrier Kearsaige.
I wrote Mrs Knorpp an answering card & sent her last issue Record press.

May 17, Friday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. Sunny this morning with developing southerly wind becoming overcast warm & humid – looked showery.

Ollie has an off color day & kept to her couch till mid day. Then got around & prepared a usually good supper – hamburger & mashed potatoes. I kept pretty much busy split & piled wood, hand raked & cleaned up yesterdays grass cutting. I made out Dist Grand Comm per capita bills evng.

May 18, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11p.m. Started raining in night and continued at times heavy tapering off during p.m. – cleared latter evng – chill & damp.

The ground got a pretty good soaking & water ran briskly in the ditches & streams showed a rise. Don & Edna Bishop returned p.m. with their trailer from their winter southern trip. I kept busy splitting & piling wood. Ollie feeling somewhat better today. We had a light supper. This evng Harlowe McLean , Ollie & I went to Olive Bridge. She stayed in car while Harlowe & I attended Lodge Initiatory Degree conferred on Thomas Smith & Clarence Kurtz of Phoenicia Lodge no 154. Thomas Clishan & Geo Bragg of Sunshine Lodge 929. N.G. Ernest Quick presented a gavel to Shokan Lodge from Freeman Lodge no 171 of Walden.

May 19, Sunday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 58 11p.m. A most delightful sunny windy day. Some high thin clouds – starlight warm evng. The strong northerly wind is drying out the rain soaked ground.

A jam packed day for callers. First at 9:30 came Mr & Mrs

Ben Shultis & before they left Harlowe McLean (briefly). Next Mr & Mrs Swan Brewster & Chas & Belle Wood after news copy. Then a respite till 2 p.m. when Florence Monahan & sister Mrs Alice Reed arrived from Fleischmanns. Then real estate agent George Reitmeir came & we all went in his car viewing properties for sale, including Mr & Mrs C.J. Heiselmans, just arrived from Florida. Then a ride around the hill by the Onteora School & down 28 to Bostock Road & up around the new development on Black Road & back to 28 & so back home down 28A. No more callers & Ollie served a good supper. 58th anniversary of the death off my adored grandpa Martin Henry Crispell.

May 20, Monday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11p.m.
Developed showery. Had early p.m. light thunder shower followed by rough squally Bushkill wind. Quieted evng — heavy wind and rain over the east basin & Kingston area. I felt more like on the go. Drewed out manure & got 2 loads sawed wood one before and another after the shower. Also split and piled half of it. Ollie was on the go too. Did washing and other house jobs & as usual had a good supper. No callers today. Jean & Robert Smith were up at their Ledgerock for the weekend but due to Lodge Sat. nite & callers yesterday we didn't see them.
Mrs Frances Louise Randall (Mrs Fred Hoffman of Fair St Kingston) died suddenly at Benedictine Hospital. They were married Oct. 2, 1927.

May 21, Tuesday — 40 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11p.m.
Variable clouiness cool & brisk southerly wind. Became

overcast evng.

Our day again engulfed with early to late callers. Irwin across the reservoir, Harold Boice of Hurley (old school mate) Charley Wood, paid 5.00 for Sunday news copy. Lauren Hesley who paid Ollie \$30. for 120 yards quarry shale @.25 a yard. Then in the p.m. Herbie Cowan & Mr & Mrs Perry VanDemark of Schenectady who as a boy used to visit at his grandfather Garrison Davis home on Maltby Hollow Road & is keenly interested in family genealogy. This is his first visit in a number of years. Sunday 2 Oneonta hikers State College teachers Edw. Roesler & Wm. Wiliski found 3 large sections of a plane on slope of Eagle mtn in a very remote part of the Catskill mtns in town of Denning near Shandaken line. The parts are believed part of the jet plane that exploded over the Spillway march 2. Searching work by many skin divers has continued in the area of East basin where a large section of a plane was seen to fall. Meanwhile the west basin is noticeably rising due to closing up the gates & water for N.Y.C. being drawn from the East basin lowering the handicapping deep water.

Kingston radios report that Mrs Fred Hoffman of Kingston (nee Randall of Mt - - - - died last nite age 65. Rec'd garden seed order from Burpees.

May 22, Wednesday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11p.m.
Continued cool brisk southerly day wind. Generally sunny with variable cloudiness. Still tonite & stars overhead. Did usual routine. I missed the mail while doing chores & had birthday cards to send Mrs Knorpp, Belle Wood so hiked down to P.O. this p.m. Mart Eckert came over latter

p.m. & helped me make adjustments to mowing machine. So after a good supper I tried out machine & mowed swaths around the garden ground also re-clipped over the yard around house. Don Bishop is cleaning up his yard & field with a riding rotary mower. Real chilly tonite & kitchen fire is needed. Wild reception accredited the 22 lap astronaut Gordon Cooper in New York City. Rec'd letter Gaye Longyear. She will graduate from University of Denver June 7th.

May 23, Thursday — 48 degrees 6a.m. 36 11p.m. Cold – chilling north wind – part to mostly cloudy – calmed & starlight tonite with a sting of frost in the air – widely forecast for N.Y. State.

Ollie is on the down beat again today & rested till mid p.m. As usual we had an excellent hamburg & boiled potato supper. I spent the evng working at news copy. Wrote card to Gaye Longyear & Ed Munch. More comfortable indoors than out this raw cold morning. This p.m. I mowed the patch of thick grass along south side of garden – drew out manure & drew a load of sawed chunks & split & piled same.

May 24, Friday — 30 degrees 6 a.m. 40 11p.m. A touch of frost variously reported. Brilliant sunny & chill northerly wind with scattered high white clouds. Calmed evng & starlight and the air feels frosty.

Ollie had Katherine Carr do a big washing & cleaning up & window washing. A big days work – gave her \$6.00 and a gal jug of creamy milk. Ollie managed to supervise & get a good supper & then spent the evng in bed. I kept more or

less busy with chores, working in garden & getting cut grass with wheel barrow. Worked on news compiling evng.

With flood lights installed night racing opened at the Onteora Speedway.

May 25, Saturday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11p.m. Chilling night but some what milder today & light easterly wind. Sunny pleasant with considerable cloudiness developing p.m. Stars dim tonite & on the chilly side.

Ollie feeling better today & busy with house work I did usual routine helped Ollie clean up the dining room, rested noontime & later re-harrowed the unplanted garden ground, drawed out manure & mowed the old chicken yard. Ollie as usual prepared a delicious supper— oven baked beans with pork, baked turkey leg with gravy, boiled potatoes, cold slaw, bread & tea – cookies. But oh so fattening. I have gained 10 pounds in past 3 years now 144. 6 young people were injured, some critically when at 1 a.m. the car in which they were riding struck an ash tree opposite Vly road entrance – car smashed and caught on fire but extinguished. Walter Schuman 13, Bruce Scheringer 18, Ann Louise Smith 18, Lowell Anderson 21, Robert Bradley 17, Joe Dresser 18, all conveyed by ambulance to Benedictine and Kingston Hospitals.

May 26, Sunday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 44 11p.m. Started drizzly rain at daylight & continued most of morning. A little sunshine filtered thru p.m. Clear chilly evng with burnished crescent moon setting late over the Wittenberg's. Unseasonably cool weather. Too cool to sit

comfortably on front porch. I did chore routine. Charley Wood came for weekly news copy 11 o'clock & paid usual \$5.00. Ollie was around all day. We had a complete surprise visit by Mr & Mrs Vernon Haskins. I took him for a walk down along Jacky Brook & thru the woods. They left 5 p.m. Ollie invited Jean & Robert Smith for supper, they came late & a delicious one, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, baked beans etc.

May 27, Monday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11 p.m. Perfectly pleasant weather. Reservoir a mirror. Practically cloudless & a bit hazy. Breezy evng – warmer with growing golden crescent moon high over the barn 10 p.m.

Ollie rested most of the morning. We finally got going & plowed 2 rows across garden. Swiss chard, beets, beans, endive & parsnips also 9 hills Kentucky Wonder pole beans. Cured the cut hay along south side garden. Herbie Cowan came after work & chain sawed up a big broken ash back above road in woods near corner, 2 hours \$4.00 paid. We had a late but delicious pork liver supper. Wrote card Mrs Currier. My wife daisy is 72 today.

May 28, Tuesday— 50 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Sunny early but became overcast – cool. There was occasionally a few sprinkles light wind southerly – cloudy still evng.

Ollie developed some pep & kept busy. This p.m. with my help cleaned up the winter killed thick honey suckle vine on south end front porch. I slabbed up & drewed 2 loads chunk wood & drewed out manure over to the woods heap. Quite a days work. As usual Ollie prepared a good supper. Kraut with ham hock warmed up creamed potatoes etc.

She spent the evng on couch. I took a nap till 10o'clock.
Harlowe Mclean finished jury duty – his last call under the
70 dead line.

May 29, Wednesday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11p.m. Still
pleasantly cool intermittent light showers overcast evng.
This a.m. I slabbed up a load of beech sawed blocks . P.m.
Harlowe McLean , Ollie & I went to Stone Ridge & she
saw Dr Tocco. Stopped at Henry Merrihews for eggs – .30
doz mediums. Went over by way of Lyonsville &
Kripplebush. I had a hair cut at Stone Ridge \$1.25. Went
to High Falls & I got (2) 50 lb bags garden lime at
Davenport's .70 each. Coming back we stopped and paid
respects at Tongore Cemetery, I put annual flag on Merritt
Personeus grave. Stopped at Boice's store for garden
plants & finally went up to Bushkill Cemetery. Stopped &
said hello to Frank Royce who arrived this p.m. Ollie had
an usual excellent supper.

May 30, Thursday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Sunny
rather on the cool side – drying northerly wind – scattered
clouds – clear cool quiet evng.

This morning I spread load manure – rather put it on the
woods pile & got a big load of the slabbed wood & piled
under shed. We intended to set out garden plants p.m. but
didn't get started. Robert Smith came for Ollie & I at 4:45
we had picnic style porch supper at Ledgerrock. Mildred
Avery came with them for the week end.

Memorial Day Parade at Onteora School 9:30 a.m.

May 31, Friday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Sunny and

seasonally warm – variable high cloudiness. Little wind – cloudless cool evng with glowing high riding bulging moon.

Harlowe Mclean called a.m. This p.m. I mowed the patch if thick June grass by current bushes. Then Ollie & I did a big job setting out garden plants & I did some work with wheel barrow. Ollie as usual prepared a good supper, meat loaf, boiled potatoes, baked beans, rhubarb pie. Frank Royce called & we had a good visit evng. The roaring auto races tonite at Onteora Speedway was heard plainly. This a.m. I ordered 125 ft. hay rope, Montgomery Ward & treated for extra strength & durability .14 ft. Rec'd a long genealogical letter from Perry VanDemark. Our early planted garden looks thrifty – potatoes up well & earliest I ever had, sweet corn up to see the rows.

June 1, Saturday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Wind light – summer weather, takes the zip outa an old feller as me. Sunny – scattered hazy clouds. Serene moonlite evng. Did usual routine, tired & achy & took a noon time rest. This a.m. I split & piled wood & helped Ollie with her flower bed along toilet sidewalk. Had late p.m. callers, Bob & Jean Smith & then Mr & Mrs John Lambert and her mother. Had late supper but good one.

June 2, Sunday — 58 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Practically cloudless breezy and dry. Some hazy p.m. developed but was cloudless & cool evng with brilliant rounding moon. Another tired achy day for me. Charley & Belle Wood came for my news copy 11 o'clock & paid me my usual \$5.00. Mid p.m. Addie & Virgil Winchell called briefly. I

did usual chores & turned & hand raked together the cut hay & wheeled in some for night feeding. We had a rather light supper. Ollie & I went with Harlowe Mclean to annual I.O.O.F. & Rebekah memorial service at the Olive Bridge church as usual I was in charge of the program – address by Rev. P. Halstead. The attendance was about 45.

June 3, Monday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11p.m. Sunny this morning with developing overcast p.m. Light rain falling tonite.

Ollies off beat & rested most of the day. I made quite a day of it, re-piled old lumber from under granary out of way of hay fork rope on north side of barn. Opened up the hay mow hole – took load manure over on woods pile & pretty well cleaned up the chain sawed wood in a load. Also cured & got in the jag of hay. Ollie had a good super & 9:30 Frank Royce came – along with fishing he is attending the annual State Fine Chef's 3 day convention held this year in Monticello.

June 4, Tuesday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 64 12 p.m. Not much rain in night. Forecast moderate to heavy at times conked out. Warm humid mostly cloudy with partial clearing developing latter p.m. Moon nearing full – light midnight shower.

Ollie spent most of the day in bed but got around & had an excellent baked chicken, mashed potato supper. Frank Royce stopped on his way back from Monticello, but was off his feed tho cordially invited. I kept busy with odd jobs & splitting & piling wood. I was pretty well tired out – took a long evng nap. Jean L. Smith to leave N.Y.C. 11

a.m. by bus for Denver to attend Gaye's graduation.

June 5, Wednesday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. . 64 11 p.m.

Warm humid wind variable. Typical August like weather –
murk & sunshine. Thundered early evng & had light rain .
Latter near full moon shown amid broken clouds.

Ollie spent the most of her day in bed but as usual prepared
a delicious supper mashed potatoes& cold baked chicken. I
took a bath & did some belated reading in June Readers
Digest. Sent Kingstonian & letter to Mrs Currier. Rec'd
3/4 in. treated 125 ft rope from Montgomery Ward @.14 ft
plus 1.18 P.P.

June 6, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 68 11p.m.

Continued dog days weather. Very warm, humid – variable
hazy cloudiness & sunshine. Intermittent sprinkle showers
– 3 a.m. Olive Bridge had a drenching rain – moon hazy.
Ollie seemed feeling somewhat better and got around thru
afternoon & had hot boiled potato & cold baked chicken
supper. Frank Royce called early evng. Leaves for home in
the morning. I kept busy re-harrowed the unplanted ground
space. Marked out with wheel hoe & planted 6 more rows
Golden Bantam with squash seed & 3 beans to a hill. Also
cultivated the 1st planting & shovel cultivated thru the
thrifty early garden potatoes. Some plants starting to
blossom – so far only a couple of bugs. Rec'd a wonderful
letter from Julia Rhodes. Her step dad John Warren has
made a remarkable recovery except for his affected speech.

June 7, Friday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 58 12p.m. Still murky
weather. Light rain started falling mid a.m. & continued

thru the day & misty evng. Refreshing and welcomed to gardens & hay. Full moon clouded out.

My main job was a delayed one for a month or more – sprouting and sorting out small potatoes in the bin. Ollie did little today other than preparing a good supper. I spent the evng on my couch & got up around 11 o'clock. Rec'd letter from Jeanne Longyear in San Antonio. She is starting summer school classes in English & speech – Robert arriving from Florida Central Academy had spent a few days with her – staying in the girls dorm, while waiting for Bob & Mariam from Mexico en-route to Denver for Gaye's graduation today. Also rec'd 2 foto cards from them also one from Jean Smith, also en-route. I wrote reply to Jeannie tonite.

Harlowe McLean reports seeing & hearing a "Bob White" quail in his yard first in over 50 years.

June 8, Saturday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 64 10 p.m. Warm humid – Augusty weather. Variable cloudiness & sunshine – moon shown thru broken overcast late.

I had a rather busy day with usual routine. Dug up and fertilized with rotten manure a large flower bed in the celler wall corner for Ollie. Also drew over manure & picked up a load of small garden stone. Ollie got around during p.m. & had a good supper. I also mowed & wheeled in grass for cows. Tonite I was all in & after bath & change from longies to BVD went to bed rather early. Rec'd letter Florence Monahan & mailed 2 last issues of Record Press & Kingstonian to Vernon Haskins.

June 9, Sunday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 64 11 p.m.

Unseasonably warm & humid. More cloudiness than sunshine. A mid p.m. thunder shower rumbled around north followed by a boisterous supper time shower from the west. Cloudy tonite & noticeably cooler.

Chas & Bell Wood came for news copy which I wrote up this a.m. & paid usual \$5.00. Did daily chore routine.

Spent most of p.m. writing on front porch & enjoyed the scenery. Robt Smith up alone for week end due to Jean's trip to Denver came over for supper. Ollie had a delicious feed and we ate on front porch, mashed potatoes, baked chicken & pork chops, gravy. Blueberry muffins, sliced beets – rhubarb & coffee. Ollie got too active & had a nervous & gas attack tonite.

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C.H. Peters, Winston & Company Master Mechanic killed by the Rip VanWinkle Flier at Brown Station. His model T Ford demolished in its last & unexpected run over the old section of the U & D R.R.

June 10, Monday — 58 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Chill – still – cloudy & showers – Nice rains. Distant flashing rumbling thunder shower late evng.

Mailed letters to Florence Monahan & Mrs Currier. Ollie didn't get around to do much today except get good boiled potato & sausage supper. Tonite I wrote a long letter to Mariam with check \$100 for Daisy's June maintenance. The Bishop trailer park is densely populated with 4 stop over trailer parties.

The first regular train run over the re-located Ulster &

Delaware R.R. line (about 13 miles) was the west bound 8 o'clock passenger – June 8th 1913, we watched it pass from our front porch. There was no obscuring woods growth.

June 11, Tuesday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 58 12 p.m. Dismal chilly damp sky looked like snow. Lovely rains this forenoon, sun broke thru faintly p.m. then murked over. Drenching long thunder shower evng

Too wet to do anything but chores & split & piled some wood. Ollie was around but didn't do much. Elsie Davis called latter p.m. we gave her some milk. Mart Eckert also dropped by for a visit. Ollie had a cooked kraut & boiled potato supper. 3 of the 4 visiting trailer parties left this morning. Finished & sent air letter to Mariam. Wrote Julia Rhodes tonite after a nap & sending current Kingstonian. First regular Sunday service held at the new Ashokan Methodist church – conducted by Rev. G.D. Fischer.

June 12, Wednesday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11p.m. Cool damp northerly wind. Dark clouds jumbling out of the west. Sun broke thru awhile p.m. Chilly overcast evng. Did chore routine – this p.m. Mart Eckert came and accompanied Ollie & I to Stone Ridge where she visited Dr Tocco's office. Then went up to Accord made a sightseeing loop around the lower Whitfield road. Thence across thru Accord and down along the long disused (pre1900) D & H canal to High Falls village & thence home via the Atwood road. Harlowe brat supplies he bought in Kingston & had an excellent supper with us. I rec'd a wonderful letter from E. H. Munch.

June 13, Thursday – 54 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11p.m. The clouds & temp this morning savored early fall. Pleasant weather variable broken cloudiness & sunshine. Still chill starlight evng.

Ollie spent most of her day in bed, did little but get a good supper. I cross cultivated late taters, sweet corn in garden. Drewed over load manure & cut jag grass to feed up. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier.

June 14, Friday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11p.m. variable cloudiness & sunshine calm. Light rain tonight.

Other than routine I hoed (brushed up) the late potatoes & sweet corn. A neat looking job, also worked some in garden. Ollie planted a row of Golden Heart carrots. I also helped her with celler door flower bed, getting seeded.

Addie & Virgil Winchell called p.m. I put the cow & heifer in pasture today, first in weeks. A thick growth has sprung up by the gate. Wrote Mrs Currier & rec'd another letter from her. Jean & Robt are at Ledgerock and young Robert with them.

June 15, Saturday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11p.m. Nice rain all night and showers continued today, cool and dismal. Tonight stars shown amid broken clouds.

Just a doing chores day. Ollie got around better & did some cleaning up. Bob Smith & Robert 3rd came for Ollie & I rather late & we had cocktails & Father's Day greetings & supper with them. Jean tried to provide a festive congenial setting, with tall candles on the table, young Robert presented me with a gal wicker covered jug of Bicardi rum sent by Bob & Mariam.

June 16, Sunday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11p.m. Variable & considerable cloudiness with periods of bright sunshine at times, humid but cooler toward nite & light wind northerly

I just rested other than doing chores. Ollie made rhubarb & apple pies & prepared a delightful Father's Day supper – mashed potatoes, baked turkey leg with dressing, cranberries, peas, pie & tea.

Charley Wood picked up my news copy wrote this a.m. & laid the usual \$5. On dining room table.

June 17, Monday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 50 12p.m.

Cloudless this morning then in usual pattern pretty much clouded over. Showers went around north with distant rumbles. Later became sunny – starlight cool evng.

Harlowe McLean went along to John Nichols Garage & I got a Plymouth grease up \$1.50 & a new oil filter \$1.25. Speedometer 30,454. Harlowe had lunch. P.m. I found crows or starlings starting to pull my last 6 rows sweet corn, just nicely coming up, – so I strung up twine as hopeful precaution. Then hooked up Tony & mowed around the house also drew out manure. Ollie got strawberries in her head & picked enough down in the corner for a nice shortcake for supper, also boiled potatoes & spare ribs. I was tired & went to bed early.

June 18, Tuesday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11p.m. Variable cloudiness bright sunshine wind northerly. Starlight still cool evng. A real pleasant day.

Didn't get going much till mid day. Worked in garden with wheel cultivator. Gave Ollie a hand setting out her

gladiolas along rhubarb & I planted a row of sunflower seed. Also mowed a small strip of hay behind barn. After a rather light supper hoed up the garden potatoes which I went thru between rows with Tony & shovel plow. This evng Ollie & I went with Mr & Mrs Axinn to Ladies night at Square Club monthly meeting at Shokan Dutch church hall about 50 present. Refreshments served after showing of the picture Tel Star.

June 19, Wednesday — Southerly wind warm and somewhat humid. Generally partly cloudy yet mostly sunny. Humid gusty southerly wind tonight. Turned the cut hay this a.m. P.m. We went on the hill with the wagon & machine. I got started mowing Ollie's hay & weeds raunchiest growth I've ever seen there. I got the lower side mowed except patch between house & pig house. Ollie picked a fine batch of strawberries & she made a delicious strawberry biscuit for supper.. Coming back we got a shaking up when for some reason Tony bolted suddenly at top of hill & I managed to pull him across Davis' yard & into the brush. We were dead tired & went to bed early. Harlowe McLean called supper time. Rec'd air mail letter from Mariam also letter Mrs Currier.

June 20, Thursday —60 degrees 6 a.m. 66 12p.m. Warm humid murky (little sunshine) Southern wind. Had a brief sprinkle around noon & at 5:30 a boisterous drenching 15 minute High Point shower followed by brief downpours during the evng. I turned the cut hay & this p.m. tho not cured Ollie helped me get it cleaned up in a load & left standing on wagon. I

also harrowed over the unplanted garden ground, marked out & planted 5 rows Golden Cross Bantam next to garden. I helped Ollie defrost the refrigerator a much needed job after midnight.

June 21, Friday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 46 12 p.m. Much cooler over night. Kingston radio reports the rains were general around 1 inch. Part to mostly variable cloudiness. Brisk northerly wind, quiet at evng & cloudless. The feel & looks of the atmosphere & clouds indicate the first day of autumn rather than summer.

This p.m. we went on the hill with Tony & I did a big job mowing the upper side of the road. The hay is unusually heavy. Ollie pickled strawberries & had a delicious shortcake for supper.

Rec'd letter Mrs Currier & Jean Smith.

“Rebel” Donald Harries dare devil Poughkeepsie stock car racing driver while jockeying for lead position killed tonight when his car turned over & he was thrown in the air & fell in path of other drivers, one car crushed his chest. His wife & children 5 & 8 years old occupying Box seats saw the tragedy. The race was just starting & postponed.”Rebel” from S. Carolina or Georgia was known as a fierce competitor.

Mrs Ella Loomis of Phoenicia 101 birthday.

Newspaper clipping, Phoenicia news.

Mrs Ella Loomis has the honor of being the oldest citizen in this community having reached the age of 101 years on Friday, June 21. She is very alert, goes out socially and does various chores around the house. She

makes her home with her daughter, Harriet. Many gifts were presented, among them a basket of fruit from the Fish and Game Club, Tiskilwa Rebekah Lodge, Mrs Jen Breithaupt.

June 22, Saturday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 64 11 p.m.
Magnificent but chilly weather. Brisk nor-westerly wind & near cloudless. Wind quieted evng & warmer.
Ollie was busy all day & invited Harlowe McLean to share an excellent supper.
This p.m. I got a ride on the hill & walked back. I forked over the heaviest of Ollie's hay. I re-dried the load of hay & after supper Ollie helped me unload it. The big mess hall pavilion at Camp Woodland burned this a.m.
Renovations were under way in preparation for the camp opening.

June 23, Sunday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11 p.m. A heavenly serene day. Brilliant atmosphere. Drying northerly wind – some overcast developed, clear evng.
I did little but routine. Planted in last sweet corn 3 beans to a hill – also squash seed. The ground surface so dried out it cracked after the downpour & brisk northerly wind. I spent latter p.m. & all evng writing long letter to Mariam. Sitting on front porch was pleasantly warm & scenery sublime.
Ollie prepared the usual good supper. She rested all evng.

Its Mother & Dad's 76 wedding anniversary – ceremony 9 p.m. in the old ancestral parlor by Rev. Bergen – Shokan Dutch Pastor. It rained & the Shokan Brass band serenaded

under the enclosed upper porch.

Senior class graduation this p.m. at Onteora School
Elizabeth Pleasants 18 awarded Olive Square Club
\$100.00.

June 24, Monday 58 degrees 6 a.m. 62 12 p.m. Hay curing
weather – cloudless warm wind easy – low humidity.
Ollie & I went on the hill noontime with (freshly greased)
hay wagon. Ollie cleaned up inside her house ---- kitchen
floor etc also picked strawberries enuf for a shortcake.
Harlowe McLean came and helped me put a load of bone
dry hay in Ollie's barn & brought machine back down. I
finished Mariam's letter this a.m. & sent air mail. Ollie
had a good supper & I was hungry. We both took a long
nap evng. After extensive preparation the Bishop
neighbors Don, Edna & Donnie left crack of day for their
summer trailer tour headed for Canadian north west.

June 25, Tuesday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 64 12 p.m.
Practically cloudless – light breeze – hot & dry. Growing
crescent moon over Hanover. Starlight & cooling evng.
Some white clouds developed during p.m.
Ollie had Mrs Carr do a big washing today, Their son Gary
and another boy came & had lunch & put up the new hay
track rope for me. I mowed & forked over the alfalfa strip
below garden & in chicken house corner. I also cut another
strip of hay behind barn. Mrs Carrie Barley about 50, of
Krumville & a passer by who stopped to give aid John
Collins Sr. – Father of the electrical contractor were
electrocuted on Grassy Ridge Road due in some manner to

a 24000 volt wire falling on a metal fence over roof of Keyser bungalow. It is a dilapidated 2 strand smooth wire construction. The fallen wire set fire to brush which the Barley woman attempted to put out while Mr Keyser where she made her home went to call the Krumville Fire Dept & on getting back he found Mrs Barley dead & Mr Collins 50 ft distance lying across the charged wire. Accident happened about 10 a.m.

June 26, Wednesday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m.
Wind light – continued practically cloudless hot and dry.
Starlight pleasant evng.

I worked in the hay. Mowed another strip behind barn. We went up p.m. with wagon & brat rake down. Raked up yesterdays mowing & Ollie cleaned up the load of cured alfalfa late p.m. Frank Royce came & took us up to Buckhorn for a good supper. Harlowe McLean went to Kingston p.m. & brat an order mostly from A&P \$20.64. Rec'd card from Mrs Knorpp that she had been very ill & in Doctor's Hosp. 2 weeks.

50 years ago today Steve Britt who was very deaf killed on U&D RR crossing back of his home in Shokan.

June 27, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 70 11 p.m.
Refreshingly cool this morning. The day was quite breezy hazy hot & humid. Considerable p.m. hazy overcast developed. Burnished moon cloudless & cooled down evng.

I wrote card & letter to Mrs Knorpp this morning. I worked at the hay, put off the load of alfalfa & got 2 more loads well cured hay. Ollie helped considerable & Harlowe came

and gave us a hand before having supper. He went home 9 o'clock. I drank plenty water today & sweat it out. Today is 49th anniversary of my hand mangling steam roller accident. Its also Cornelia's 45 birthday.

Big fire in Saugerties all companies responded. Empire Stall Paper Mills – once before the building was burned in 1870's.

June 28, Friday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11p.m. The morning haze heat & humid developed into an afternoon of thunder showers beginning 1:30. We had a drenching rain between 6 and 7 o'clock. Major storms went around west & east.

I aired out and re-cocked the curing hay & got in a big load alone, as the first shower broke from the west. Later the sun came out hot & raked the stubble & only a small jag of hay got wet.

Bob & Jean Smith & Robt Longyear 3rd arrived 9 p.m. from Ledgerock & a planned porch supper due to the weather was held inside. Ollie was busy all p.m. with preparations – Gin & tonic cocktails preceded.

Olive Post 1627 American Legion accorded military burial in Krumville cemetery for World War I vet John Collins 73. Funeral preceded at Humiston's in Kerhonkson.

June 27, 1963 Newspaper clipping.

Catskill Mtn Star.

What may be one of the worst fires in Saugerties history is in progress as the Star goes to press. Several buildings of the Empire State Paper Mill are enveloped in flames. The fire is thought to have started in the boiler room and spread

rapidly to several unused buildings on Esopus Creek. All Saugerties fire companies were summoned to the scene shortly after 11 A.M. and are being assisted by other companies through Mutual Aid.

The buildings which housed the Empire State Paper Mills were under the management of John R. Baliotti and sixteen people were employed in the manufacture of paper vacuum throw away bags. The factory is on the site of the former Barclay and Sheffield Mills, dating back more than a century. Once before in the 1870's, the buildings were completely destroyed by fire.

June 29, Saturday 64 degrees 6 a.m. 64 12 p.m. More or less rainy thru night & murky & muggy continued gently during forenoon. Sun broke thru awhile p.m. & then resumed raining & climaxed by a drenching thunder storm late. Sticky weather.

Bob Smith & Robt Longyear came toward noon took down the new hay rope & removed twists & got it back working & put up a load of hay. This p.m. I messed around garden, planted in crow bothered last sweet corn up about 2 inches, put up twine. Also drew out manure – got rotted manure from woods pile & put around tomato rows. Ollie prepared a good supper & after a bath & nap on couch started writing news items. Chas Wood came for my news copy this a.m. & paid usual \$5.00 – Sunday not today) a correction. Rec'd card Mrs Currier – she just had a birthday & is getting her Record Press sub.

June 30, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 66 11p.m. No showers – sunny all day somewhat hazy. Breeze light

continued hot and humid. Clear moonlight evng – over half. Ground fog lay over the Brodhead flats.

Ollie & I did as little as possible. This p.m. I wrote Mrs Currier enclosing belated birthday card & \$2.00 one from each. We had a good hot weather supper. Harlowe McLean came & took us for a ride to Krumville to see the place of the double electrocution broken power line accident last Tuesday a.m.. The place is along the Krumville – Samsonville road near foot of winding hill above the Krumville store 1/4 mile. The grass is burned along the old 2 wire fence for a distance of some 50 feet along left side of road by the Keyser asbestos shingled bungalow. Both victims Mrs Carrie (Keyser) Barley & John Collins Sr. Buried Friday, the former in Wiltwyck, Kingston & he in Krumville cemetery

The famous Hell Drivers featured attraction tonite at Onteora Speedway.

July 1, Monday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. 100th anniversary Battle of Gettysburg 1863. The new national ZIP post office numbering system went in effect for outgoing & incoming mail. Temperatures over the state 90 and more. Kingston recorded 93 to 97.

Sunny burning hot, a breeze got stirring & the p.m. was fairly comfortable. Cloudless evng with burnished rounding moon.

Did little a.m. but made up for it p.m. I went thru the late potatoes both ways with shovel plow & one way thru the 1st & 2nd planting of sweet corn with hiller cultivator & put fertilizer on corn hills & hoed it under. After a good supper I put 6-12-6 fertilizer on the potato hills. Later I rested

awhile on front porch couch. Ollie took it easier today due to the heat.

Funeral services for Mrs Edith Robbins Ludde 83 at Lashers this a.m. Interment in family plot Tongore Cemetery.

July 2, Tuesday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11 p.m. Stifling hot & humid & sunny & hazy with developing thunder showers latter p.m. 6 p.m. a booming one passed below High Point & 8 o'clock we got a wind & rain combination from the Bushkill quarter. Heavy storms flashed in the distance all evng.

I did a sweating job, hilled up the potatoes, sowed on turnip seed, drewed out manure & got the remaining dried out hay. Ollie not feeling good & didn't do much but got a usually good supper.

This date 1902 – a rainy morning Dr Wm T. Kemble assisted by Dr Dummond & nurse Harriet Vredenburg performed a home operation on my grandpa Martin H. Crispell for removal of bladder stones. The nurse staid 3 weeks. She later married Dr Kemble for his 2nd wife.

July 3, Wednesday — West Shokan P.O. # 12494. 3rd day of Battle of Gettysburg. 60 degrees 7 a.m. 58 11p.m. A cooler drier trend gradually developed & became much cooler during p.m. Partly cloudy & brisk northerly wind. Brilliant moon shining among wind driven fluffy clouds. The a.m. I cut another chunk of hay & after supper another load. The weather trend is favorable.

This p.m. Mrs Lena Brewster as baby sitter accompanied Ollie & I on trip to Stone Ridge where Ollie visited the

office of Dr Tocco. Her pressure is lower & indications favorable. Coming back we stopped at Boice's store in Olive Bridge. I rec'd picture cards both from Norah & Ellen Herrington. They are on a vacation trip up at Tupper lake. Also rec'd letter Ada Bell & Mrs Currier.

July 4, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11p.m. Brilliant sunny nearly cloudless cool dry air & strong northerly wind. Cloudless – wind quieted tonite & majestic glowing near full moon.

I sprinkled spray the potatoes with arsenate of lead – Bugs fairly plentiful in places. I worked at the hay, Harlowe McLean helped me get a big well cured hay p.m. After having a good supper we unloaded the hay & I cut the last strip behind the barn field,

The once Grand & Glorious 4th of July now only a date on the calendar.

“Chick” Chas Relyea lost 2 trailers of baled hay, harvested from Beechford Farms which in some manner caught fire & he stopped & managed to unhook his tractor opposite Onteora School, West Shokan & Boiceville Fire companies responded.

July 5, Friday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11p.m. Continued cool brisk northerly wind – wind & rain squall shower passed over east side reservoir & Kingston 12 0'clock. We got just a brief dash. Variable cloudiness & brilliant moon nearly full cloudless chilly evng.

I worked at the hay – Ollie & I got in a well cured load p.m. and Harlowe McLean gave me a hand getting a small load after supper. (John Warren's 88th birthday)

As usual Ollie prepared a delicious supper. She did considerable flower & garden weeding. The Onteora Speedway races roar tonite.

July 6, Saturday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 50 11p.m. Continued cool – brilliant weather, northerly wind. Spotty high white clouds. Majestic glowing full moon tonite & quite chilly. I made a clean up of the field behind the barn in one load with rakings also spread load manure on stubble & cultivated the last planting of sweet corn. Ollie was busy all day & prepared as usual good supper. Felt pretty well fagged out. Both had a nap evng. Rec'd letter Florence Monahan. Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge for the summer discontinued weekly meetings & now convenes semi monthly 1st & 3rd Saturdays.

July 6, Sunday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Humid cool generally sunny with increasing p.m. overcast, thunder rumbled around north & we had a 4:30 stone wetting & long shower tonite – continued after midnight. I worked in the garden awhile & planted 7 more hills Kentucky Wonder beans. Jean & Robert Smith called early p.m. & we sat on front porch & sipped a couple manhattans and snacks. Then Ollie & I took naps. & 5 o'clock Addie & Virgil Winchell called but didn't stay long. Ollie had a savory light supper. I wrote Mariam tonite with belated card for Gaye's 22nd birthday tomorrow.

July 8, Monday 60 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Rainy & thunder most of night. Partly cloudy, warm & somewhat

humid – in fact quite hot. Chilly tonight brilliant cloudless declining full moon. We had over an inch of rain.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston with Plymouth. Stopped at Leroy Boice's & got 150 late cabbage plants - - - Copenhagen \$2.50 paid. Shopped up town & A&P came back by way of Sawkill & Woodstock & called on Marie Siemesen & Alf Evers & Barbara Moncure. Harlowe had supper with us. Evers have me an Ulster County Directory of 1871- 2 replacing mine which had disappeared. This is Gaye Longyear's 22nd birthday.

July 9, Tuesday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11p.m. A serene cool part to mostly cloudy day & evng. Real comfortable working weather. I mowed a wide long strip of hay along the cross path out to road & forked over some of it. Also worked in the garden and Ollie & I set out & 6-12-6 fertilized about 135 cabbage plants. Ollie had a good supper & I spent the evng writing news items. The annual All Star game played at Cleveland Stadium attendance only 44160 paid. The National Leagues won 5-3.

July 10, Wednesday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 56 10p.m. Mostly cloudy – light wind off reservoir cool and dampish atmosphere, overcast and really chilly evng.

I kept working at the cut hay & Ollie & I got 2 loads drawn p.m. tho not up to usual dry standard. Ollie had an excellent supper – 1st mess of wax beans, roast chunk of beef, mashed potatoes. I then raked up the remaining hay.

Newspaper clipping Shokan news item Monday July 8 – 1963

Reservoir country 100 years ago: July 8, 1863 — Casualty lists from Gettysburg continue to bring sorrow to Olive residents, many of whom had relatives in the 20th, 120th and other regiments from Ulster County engaged in the great battle of July 1st -3rd. Killed in action were Josiah Vandemark, who had enlisted Aug. 2, 1862 and Sgt. Luther McClelland, who had enlisted in Co. D of the old 20th Infantry, or Ulster Guards. Among those wounded were George W. Moe, Co. K, 22nd Regulars; Dubois Markle, Co. D 20th; James Angevine who had enlisted, 1862 and was wounded in the last day's fighting; Sgt Asa Bishop who had been in the army since Aug. 26, 1861 and Thaddeus C. Brooks of Brooks Crossing, later known as Brown Station. A total of 40 Olive young men were to die in serving before the Great War ended in 1865.

July 11, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11p.m.
Continued on the cool side, mostly cloudy with scattered p.m. showers clear evng.
Worked at the hay, Harlowe McLean gave me a hand getting a load early p.m. just ahead of a brief shower. Ollie & I put off the load and after a good supper got the remainder, which I had turned & cocked up & then raked over the stubble. Also spread load manure & planted a row of Burpees Sure Crop wax beans. Lauren Boice removed by ambulance to the Albany Veterans Hospital June 28 with leg clot & has since been in poor condition died 8 o'clock this morning. He was the brother of Mrs Lottie Hesley & Mrs Hazel Riley. He was a World War I veteran having served in France, a member of Co. C. 64th Infantry.

July 12, Friday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11p.m. Sunny quite hot some hazy overcast & high thunder showers – overcast still evng. Good hay curing day.

An odds and end day. Put off the load of hay & cleaned up the rakings. Spread the over night manure & mowed the yard around the house. Ollie was busy cleaning up the house & preparing for supper, served on front porch by candlelight with Jean & Robt Smith our guests. An enjoyable get together.

July 13, Saturday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 68 12p.m. Hay drying weather – sunny real warm & growing humid. Some haze & cloudiness, calm.

Pretty much kept busy with odd jobs. Worked in garden & late sweet corn with wheel cultivator & hand raked together the yard cutting. Charley Wood came for my news copy latter p.m. & paid \$5.00 — as usual. She was busy with housework & weeded her flowers.

July 14, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 64 12p.m. Unsettled & threatening this morning. A drenching blustery thunder shower broke from the High Point quarter around noon & rain resembling a line storm continued pretty much on past midnight. July rainfall close to 3 inches.

Julia Rhodes and daughter 17, Caroline came from Hensonville 10 o'clock after Ollie & I to a picnic birthday banquet for Ollie & I, in honor of her step-father's 84th or 88th birthday according to reto- - - . He (John Warren) says 88 a younger sister 84. Rain drove the dinner inside, for finals on the menu sliced roast turkey, ham, baked beans & potato salad .

I was greatly surprised to find John so active physically & mentally. He showed me his saw mill & various other equipment. Went thru his cluttered up house damaged by fire last Oct from electric short current. He gave me his 16 gauge double barrel Belgian make breech loading shotgun in good tight condition – needed cleaning up, also to Ollie an electric roaster. Julia & her husband brought us home thru a downpour. Ollie & I stopped at Gormley's paid respects at the bier of Lauren Boice & signed visiting register.

July 15, Monday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy – clearing developed during p.m. Starlight still cool evng.

I kept mostly busy with odd jobs. Ollie invited Harlowe Mclean for birthday supper – a good one mashed potatoes, roast chicken – ice cream etc. He was 70 yesterday. This is Mamie dog's 11th birthday & she's frisky as a kitten – also Ben Burgher's birthday. After supper we drove up to Bushkill cemetery & paid respects. Funeral, Lauren Boice 2 p.m. at Gormley's, Phoenicia. Burial in family plot in Cold Brook cemetery. Military Honors by Olive American Legion Post 1627 – Firing Squad came from West Point.

July 16, Tuesday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 66 12p.m. Warm - humid - still part to mostly cloudy. Thundery weather evng – light rain.

We had call a.m. from an old friend Vernon Beatty of Stone Ridge, an unexpected visit. Both Ollie & I were bogged down – no zip & did little. Ollie picked a mess of garden peas for supper. A good one as usual. Tonite I

wrote both Mariam & Jean & Robt Smith.

July 17, Wednesday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. . 76 11 p.m. Hot humid languid weather – part cloudy yet mostly sunny – overcast still evng.

To hot to work & neither did much. P.M. Mart Eckert came, trimmed up my hair and accompanied up to Gus Korittke's & got my mowing machine lifting lever straightened. As usual we had a good supper & my usual nap later.

July 18, Thursday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m.

Continued hot & humid sunny a.m. Thickened over p.m. & a heavy storm with high gusts worked around south & soon followed by a drencher 4 o'clock that came from west, followed by clearing.

I helped Ollie pick sugar peas & wax beans which she processed & put in plastic bags & Mart Eckert obligingly came evng & we took them up & put in Ollie's freezer. As usual we had a good supper. I cultivated in cabbage till shower drove me out & the pesky deer are running thru the patch & now & then taking a nip.

The Tilo Roofing Co of Poughkeepsie started p.m. putting asbestos re-siding on Harlowe McLean's house. Wrote to Florence Monahan evng. Rec'd letter E.H. Munch. Rec'd card Jean Smith will see us the 27th.

July 19, Friday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 68 11 p.m. Hot sunny till mid p.m. when thunder showery condition developed & we had considerable moderate rain into evening.

Did usual routine finished cultivating cabbage & in garden.

I helped Ollie picking & processing more peas & beans for freezer. We had as usual excellent supper. This evng Larry Kelder and his son in law Dr Sam Adams called & visited on front porch my gun collection.

July 20, Saturday — 72 degrees 66 11 p.m. More rain in night – cloudy warm humid. Set in rainy latter p.m. with lightening & rumbling thunder.

Not much accomplished spread load manure on grass stubble p.m. As usual we had a good supper. Storm clouds late p.m. obscured view of the Suns 90% eclipse in this area. A 60 mile path from Alaska thru northern Maine was total. Our latest total eclipse occurred during the morning of Sat. Jan.24th 1925 with a cloudless sky. The one previous was in 1806. I sent cards both yesterday & today to Mrs Currier. 25 years ago this a.m. in similar kind of weather I caught my fingers of left hand in hay mow pulley & lost the pinkie finger.

July 21, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 66 11 p.m. Wet night and lingering showers continued thru the morning.

Gradually cleared away p.m. & noticeably cooler.

The ground is throughly soaked & water in ditches & low places – streams too are showing a rise. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & also Jim Burgraff. He was away on a 4200 mile trip to Newfonundland buying powder horns - - - & guns. He brat 21 engraved and dated mostly large horns dated from 1838 to 1883. These were used by gunners using 4 gauge flintlock guns on seal hunting expeditions. After Harlowe Left we took a ride in Plymouth over to Shady & showed Alf Evers the

collection. Ollie & I had as usual a good supper, Chas Wood came for my news copy 11:30 & paid usual \$5.00.

July 22, Monday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11p.m. Sunny warm humid a.m. . Became overcast & thunder showery p.m. We had a beautiful shower drifted in from the reservoir 4 o'clock — continued overcast.

To wet to do much. I put goose house litter & acid fertilizer on last sweet corn planting also weeded in garden before the shower. Ollie didn't feel up to it today but needily defrosted refrigerator & got as usual a good supper. Rec'd new fall & winter Montgomery Ward catalog from Kingston store. I spent the evng writing – wedding & birthday anniversary cards & letter for air mail. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes and answered in last weeks copy The Kingstonian.

July 23, Tuesday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. A pleasant warm sunny day. Light wind from reservoir. Forecast showers did not occur. Starlight still cool evng. Rim of new moon showed over South Mtn.

All told I did a big days work. Weeded Ollie's tulip patch along rhubarb & went thru with wheel cultivator – also went thru the late sweet corn both ways. Mowed the house yards also the 2nd cutting chunk on south side garden & finally spread load manure. Ollie did weeding also & as usual got a good supper. Harlowe McLean & Addie & Virgil Winchell called evng.

July 24, Wednesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11p.m. Typical hot mid summer weather. Generally sunny with

some shower looking clouds. Starlight still evng. New moon put down higher on South Mtn.

Other than chores my day's real job was this p.m. mowing the lower part of the woods corner. A tedious sweating job for Tony. Harlowe McLean brought us A & P & other purchases from Kingston & had supper. This evng I had a comfortable nap on front porch couch, bugs didn't bother much.

This is Mariam & Bob's 26th wedding anniversary.

July 25, Thursday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 76 11 p.m. Bright sunny – some overcast – calm and extremely hot.

Cloudless evng with growing crescent moon.

Too hot to work and not much accomplished. Latter p.m. I raked some of the corner hay. Ollie is getting ready for picnic company tomorrow as usual had an excellent supper. I took a good nap evng out on the cool front porch. Rec'd letter Mrs Knorpp.

July 26, Friday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 76 11p.m. Another 90 degree plus day somewhat hazy but generally sunny with light breeze. Showery looking around north evng. Principal event was a front porch picnic in which my late Dad's 94th birthday was remembered. Ollie served a sumptuous buffet luncheon, featured by hot dogs & rolls, potato - egg salad, baked beans, cake & iced tea & lemonade. Attending were Barbara Moncure, Alf Evers & Harry & Marie Siemesen. Folk songs featured with guitar accompaniment by Harry & Barbara to which I added my humble voice. They left 4 o'clock arriving around 11, Alf came after lunch. \Preceding a moderate supper I hooked

up Tony & got a load of hay to put off wagon. Tired tonight & retired before 11. Had a long visit with Jesse Burgher son now on army leave & son-in-law Lynn Lawton, naturally they looked over my gun collection.

July 27, Saturday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 76 11p.m. Continued sweltering hot more haze and overcast than yesterday. Light variable breezes — brilliant almost ½ moon tonight.

Despite the heat I did a considerable amount of hand cultivating the various garden patches. Later p.m. I spread a load of manure & got more hay with wagon & transferred it to the rigging load in the barn. Robert Smith with young Robert came evng & took Ollie & I over to Ledgerock for cocktails & a delicious turkey supper. Young Bob has completed his first half of summer school & will return to Webster tomorrow to begin 2nd section. He only rated 63 in English test.

Ulster Co. Volunteer Fireman convention parade p.m. in 95 degrees in Saugerties & a number were affected by the heat. 9th Annual parade of Champions Fife & Drum Corp exhibition tonite at Deitz Stadium in Kingston. 7000 attended & several marchers & spectators overcome by heat.

July 28, Sunday — 74 degrees 6 a.m. 78 11p.m. More haze and cloudiness than sunshine but continued becalmed hot and humid. Thunder showers developed latter p.m. & passed both ways only a few sprinkles fell at my place. I did not get started writing my news copy till this a.m. but had it ready when Charles Wood came for it & paid the

usual \$5.00. We relaxed today & I did only routine chores. This p.m. I pepped up on reading and spent a most interesting hour or so reading in July, Readers Digest, a condensed article The Strenuous Life of a Great American "Theodore Roosevelt"

Today is Mariam's 49th birthday. We had as usual an excellent supper wax beans from the garden beautiful large smooth ones.

July 29, Monday — 74 degrees 6 a.m. 74 11p.m. Same hot humid weather – considerable sunshine tho hazy somewhat breezy. Thunder shower conditions developed mid p.m. 2 vicious storms thru evening from the west. Lightening incessant but fone & electricity stayed on.

We did little as possible due to the heat, otherwise than considerable reading. I wrote letter to Julia Rhodes this morning. I re-read rules & regulations in the Drivers manual.

July 30, Tuesday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11p.m. Cleared in night & gradually turning cooler & dryer air. Light northerly wind – bright sunshine & part cloudy, pleasant cool evng & moon over half & cloudless.

I found this morning that a large hemlock tree along side of road ½ way up the hill, directly opposite driveway entrance to Herman Eckee's bungalow badly shattered by lightening & fragments scattered. This p.m. I did a big job mowing another strip of hay out to corner of woods, also forked over part of it & spread load manure. Ollie did weeding in flower beds & had as usual a "good supper" I spent the eng writing Mrs Currier. This a.m. wrote card to

Florence Monahan.

July 31, Wednesday — 60 degrees 58 11 p.m. Continued pleasantly temperatured weather & soft southerly wind. Variable high cloudiness & bright sunshine. Cloudless, brilliant moon 3/4 full & real chilly.

We had a front porch before noon visit by Mrs Claire Massimo. Ollie had a day on the couch a real let down but got around & prepared as usual a good supper. I worked at the hay – it cured good & I got 2 loads alone latter p.m. leaving one on the wagon.

August 1, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11p.m. Clouded over during the night, real gloomy, cool. Thunder showers & brief downpours forenoon. Sun broke thru p.m. thunder shower again evng heaviest back of High Point. Wrote letter Mrs Currier this a.m.— an unaccomplished day. This p.m. Harlowe McLean came with his car & took Ollie & I along to Olive Bridge stopping at Boice's store & Reggie Davis'. Ollie had a good supper & both took a nap evng.

August 2, Friday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11p.m. Cool – with considerable showery looking cloudiness. Gorgeous still moonlight evng.

The town Dept of Highways with a chain saw cut up the lightening shattered hemlock tree and a smaller ash adjoining along the road opposite Henry Eckee's driveway. Here home not much accomplished, other than having our usual good supper. This evng Harlowe McLean driving the Plymouth accompanied Ollie & I to Gormley's in

Phoenicia, paid respects at the bier of Jacob Dietzer, for 20 years owner & operator of West Shokan Garage. He went on a visit to Germany & hospitalized there in Cologne. His daughter Mrs C. Anna Reynolds Marzahl of Castleton went & remained with him & they returned by plane Monday and died in bed at her home Tuesday night. Mrs Dietzer died suddenly Nov. 4th.

Reggie & Elsie Davis celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary and dined this evng on chop suey in Kingston. Rec'd letter from gaye Longyear in Chicago. Hear plenty roar of the Onteora Speedway tonite.

August 3, Saturday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 64 11p.m. Partly cloudy & rather warm & humid – unsettled forecast showers failed. Became cloudless during evng with majestic mellow moon – nearing full.

Nothing done of note– drew a small load of manure up to neighbor E. Steigmanus p.m. & brat back some hemlock chunks left along hill from the tree cleanup yesterday.

Ollie had as usual a good supper. This evng Jack Holts of Kingston & lady companion called & we had a front porch visit. Rec'd interesting letter Julia Rhodes & card from Mrs Knorpp.

August 4, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 70 11p.m. Pleasant “spotted day” Sunshine and shadows, wind light — magnificent almost full moon in deep south. Breezy evng and scattered clouds. Had late p.m. shower down over east side.

Did usual chores & this a.m.. I planted a row of Sure Crop Wax beans across garden re-placing early peas. This p.m.

Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I took a scenic and enjoyable ride over to Peekamoose Lake – A trip my Dear Dad would have liked in remembrance of his boyhood on Watson Hollow. Stopped at Gus Korittke's & he brazed a cracked left hammer on the double barrel gun John Warren gave me. We also called at Art Blumes. The Bob Steen's at the former Andrew Harkness property, they have made many improvements to the house & grounds. Virgil & Addie Winchell called late p.m. & we visited on front porch.

August 5, Monday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 66 11p.m. Windy night & clouds foretell autumn. Partly cloudy cool brisk northerly wind. Quieted evng Full moon beaming thru rifted clouds – became cloudless.

Last Wed. P.m. I slipped – left leg thru hay rigging pulling down hay rake. Twisted leg & injured it below & above knee broke blood vessel . It's been bothering & somewhat swollen. This a.m. I hooked up Tony & re-cut the 2 alfalfa patches below garden & in old chicken yard corner. Leg got paining miserable & Ollie had to help me get Tony in barn. Hobbled to house using an old broom as a crutch. I got laid down on cot & Ollie put an ice pack. After awhile the pain let up & I stayed from 2 to 6 & got asleep. After a good chicken supper I managed to get out & help with chores & spent the evng writing get well card & letter to Barbara Moncure. She's been in & out of hospital. Wrote letter to Jean Smith & cards to Julia Rhodes & Mrs Knorpp this a.m.

August 6, Tuesday — 68 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11p.m.

Brilliant practically cloudless – dry atmosphere – wind light – clouded over during evng.

My leg remains sore swollen & discolored. This p.m. Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went to Stone Ridge & saw Dr Tocco. He gave me a check up, cleaned my ringing left ear, blood pressure 140 up from 120 year ago. Urine test ok, heart normal. He gave me capsules to take every 4 hours. Ollie's condition favorable. Lost left rear wheel disc passing Atwood. I had hair cut at Stone Ridge \$1.25. We drove up to Accord & back. Stopped at Carl Rosengrens on way home. Had a good supper but Harlowe didn't stay. I took a long nap evng. Woke up 1 a.m. Rec'd a letter Ellen Wilfris. Had Bubbles cow artificially bred Hereford \$6.00 paid.

August 7, Wednesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 68 11 p.m. Hot sunshine this morning but thunder showers that continued all day terminating with a 6 o'clock downpour lesser rain continuing all evng. The showers went around the north side & right locally we had brief squalls.

John Nichols came after the Plymouth 9 a.m. & brat it back after repairs which included a new tail pipe & speedometer cable & adjustments. \$12.75 Paid. I hoed the cabbage & turned the alfalfa. Drawed out manure & managed to get a jag in barn. Ollie as usual got a good supper. FRank Royce is down for the week & called early p.m. My leg is somewhat better but remains swo;;en. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes.

August 8, Thursday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Hot and humid variable cloudiness clear cool evng – with

distant low cloud lightening flashes far beyond Tysteneck. Harlowe McLean , Ollie & I went to Kingston with his car via Cantine's Hill & Stone Ridge road & over the newly opened Hurley by pass to Kingston bridge 28 connection—oer the temporary narrow Bailey steel bridge. Returned by Hurley and Mountain road. Ollie had eye exam at Dr Cranstons \$12.00 on Clinton Ave. & fitted for new glasses at Park Opticians 2 Pearl St. Saw Howard St John – went to State of NY Bank did some uptown shopping & at A&P market. Harlowe had supper with us.

August 9, Friday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 64 12p.m. About like yesterday warm humid with various overcast. Shower off to north evng later cleared.

I got the raked alfalfa dried out & drawn in after supper.

Also weeded in garden for new planting of sugar peas.

Harlowe McLean called p.m.. Frank Royce came for supper & a good one. He brought sliced ham. Mart Eckert also called latter p.m. & looked over the garden. He is very lame & goes slowly using a cane. My leg continues discolored & painful tho swelling is subsiding.

John Bouvier Kennedy premature 40 hour old son of the Pres. and Mrs John F. Kennedy died 4:04 a.m. in Boston Hospital of - - - membrane disease.

August 10, Saturday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m.

Brilliant sunny cool northerly wind, some cloudiness early p.m. Cloudless stilled chilly early fall evng.

I managed quite a days work considering my aching leg.

Cultivated in garden cabbage. Prepared a place for and planted across garden a double row of dwarf sugar peas.

Put off the alfalfa on wagon & spread a load of manure. There is abundant 2nd growth pasture for cows behind barn tethered on chain. Rec'd overdue letter & clipping from Mrs Currier. Jean & Robert Smith came latter p.m. & made out report to file for my social security. They are at Ledgerock accompanied by his mother from Nova Scotia.

August 11, Sunday — 48 6 a.m. 54 11p.m. Real cool this morning but developed into a warm sunshine and shadow day with increasing p.m. cloudiness. Thunder showers developed passing late p.m. around over east side & Saugerties vicinity. Later became starlight & chilly. Charley Wood came for news copy a.m. Paid usual \$5.00 This p.m. Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I with the Plymouth went up to Camp Woodland and saw the desolation caused by the burning June 22 of the big pavilion & mess hall with all the equipment. It was just a year ago today when the last Folks Festival was held & new museum dedicated. Not a living a person was to be seen anywhere. It is a place of loneliness & desolation. We also went up the dead end road below and called on Herbie Cowan along the R.R. track. Ollie had an excellent supper but Harlowe didn't stay. I spent the evng writing letters to Lute Bell & Mrs Currier & also papers & clippings.

August 12, Monday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11p.m. Rather warm with variable cloudiness – cloudy evng. I helped Ollie work in her sidewalk flower bed weeding & transplanting. Later I spread load manure & again mowed the house yard with Tony. Harlowe McLean called p.m. brought a mess of sweet corn. Ollie had an excellent

supper roast beef mashed potatoes etc. Both tired & spent the evng resting. I wrote card to Barbara Moncure.

August 13, Tuesday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 70 11 p.m.

Overcast humid more or less rainy – showers.

I wrote Mariam a long letter this a.m. & enclosed \$100.

Check on Daisy's maintenance for July. Ollie got the rest of her flower bed transplanted. Charley Wood brat me a gal of Tawny Port wine from Woodstock \$3.60 paid. Did usual chore routine & sharpened machine knife. We had a good early supper. This evng Ed Weldt with his new Rambler took Ollie & I to Humiston's in Kerhonkson. Harlowe as N.G. myself chaplain conducted I.O.O.F. service jointly for past Grand Wm Lortz & Percy Jeffs for Shokan Lodge 491. I also took part with Ollie, Rebekah service. Also following Masonic service for Bro Jeffs member of Warwarsing Lodge. Olive Dept service followed by chaplain Rev. Phillips Osterhoudt for Bro Lortz 81. Rec'd letter Vernon Beaty of Stone Ridge.

August 14, Wednesday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11p.m.

Mostly cloudy chilly & brisk northerly wind.

Rec'd letter Norah herrington which I answered tonite.

This p.m. Ollie I went on the hill with wagon & mowing machine but soon broke pitman rod on a stone & after doing some hand mowing enough to get blisters on left hand – came down & did chores & had a good supper.

Bertha Duloff's aged mother 01 a big care & long in poor health taken by ambulance this a.m. to Benedictine Hosp & soon passed away. That's the 3rd death this week. Her name was Mary Bodley Kiersted. Her ailment was dry

dropsey.

August 15, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m.
Pleasant seasonable weather sunny & variable cloudiness
wind northerly – mostly overcast evng – chilly.

This a.m. I repaired the broken mower pitman. This p.m.
we went on the hill & I finished the back yard mowing
then the pitman broke again. I finished clipping around by
hand & got back around 7 o'clock. As usual Ollie prepared
an excellent supper. Tonight answered recently rec'd letter
from Norah Herrington also reply letter to Gaye Longyear.

August 16, Friday 60 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Pleasant
bright summer day — sunny with scattered clouds clear
still chilly evng.

This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I first
calling on Bruce Burgher on School House Hill. Ollie gave
him his great grand mother VanKleeks large volume of
Shakespeare, also his great grandfather's (Wm Burgher)
bible dated 1857. Over at George VanKleeck's he made
me a machine pitman rod using a seasoned hickory stick
\$1.50 paid. We then went to see Charley Duloft on
Weber's Lane & gave him some freshly dug potatoes.
Then went to Boice's store & on way home stopped at
Chas & Belle Woods. Harlowe didn't stay for supper
which was a good one. I spent the evng reading & looking
over Centennial Edition of Catskill Mtn News rec'd today.
It has been published 60 years by Clark Sanford now 85.
The reverberating roar till past midnight of the Onteora
Speedway races was miserably annoying. Rec'd 2 copies
Centennial Edition of Catskill Mountain news for which I

sent 50 cents.

August 17, Saturday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11 p.m.
Variable cloudiness southerly wind – moderate summer temperature. Shower around north early evng, we got a touch of rain. Later there was another shower and considerable rain into the night.

Other than daily routine I mowed out along the woods corner p.m. Ollie & I with Swan & Lena Brewster he driving the Plymouth went to Shady & attended the Amaranth outdoor dinner served at Mr & Mrs Fred Reynolds. Rain drove the second serving inside about 52 served @ 1.50 each. Tonite I spent some time reading the tremendously historically interesting Catskill Mtn News.

August 18, Sunday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11p.m.
Gorgeous clear few clouds cool – northerly wind – cloudless still chilly tonite.

Charley Wood came about noon for news copy which I wrote up this morning. Paid 5.00. Jean & Robert Smith called early p.m. His mother & Robert 3rd are with them for week end. He has finished summer school in Webster Mass. & if can pass requirements will enter Valley Forge Military Academy. This p.m. I found it uncomfortably cool to enjoy myself on front porch. I continued reading with keen interest Centennial Edition Catskill Mtn News of Margaretville. Tonite I wrote letter to Julia Rhodes.

August 19 , Monday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 62 10 p.m.
Variable and increasing cloudiness — still early period of warm sunshine. Drizzly rain evng – chilly.

Around noon we went on the hill with Tony & wagon. Took load of manure to Mr Emil - - - - on the way up. I did a big job finished Ollie's mowing on both sides of road & brat machine home.

August 20, Tuesday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11p.m. A day of variable cloudiness & sunshine clouds looked showery. Still & pleasantly warm.

Harlowe McLean came this morning. We went to Kingston with Plymouth via route 28 returned via Hurley Mountain . Went an saw atty Howard C. St John. He sent me to Motor Vehicle Bureau & was arranged to have (my 3rd) driving test starting at Dietz Stadium in Kingston 1 p.m. Thurs.

Aug 29th. Ollie got her new glasses at Park Opticians – \$21.00 using old frames. We did Wall St shopping & A&P market shopping. Had 1st sweet corn Golden Cross Bantam for supper, Harlowe didn't stay.

August 21, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11p.m. A variety of sunshine & cloudiness. Pleasant temperature & drying day – calm clear - still evng.

The days come & go. Little doing this a.m. but daily chores. This a.m. Ollie stepped on something by kitchen stove which bled like a stuck pig & painful all day. This p.m. I helped snipping & cutting up Kentucky Wonder pole beans for freezer. Then we went on the hill with Tony hay wagon & rake & I raked up the cut hay – mostly to burned up & brat home jag of alfalfa. Ollie had roast pork supper from freezer. We rec'd long letter Mrs Currier also Mrs Knorpp & other communications. Tonite wrote reply to Mrs Currier. Rec'd letter Mrs Knorpp.

August 22, Thursday — 62 degrees 12 pm. 58 11 p.m.
Variable part cloudiness very warm still considerable
sunshine – clear still evng.

Ollie & I went to Kingston with Mrs John Lambert & Mrs
Hazel Maier got back about 2:20 p.m. Ollie bought a
marked down attractive fall dress at Wards for \$4.00. I
bought pr band top overalls & 3 prs gray socks .77. We
had an interview with atty Jack St John in regard to my
prospective Social Security. I was dead tired & my feet
killing me walking sidewalk. After getting back we both
took a nap & I felt better. Before supper & a good one I
wheel cultivated the cabbage & late rows beans & peas.

August 23, Friday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 70 12p.m. Languid
hot & humid. Generally sunny except for period of p.m.
showery looking clouds. Became hazed over evng – still.
Did chores & little otherwise accomplished. Ollie cleaned
up in kitchen & dining room. I started writing weekly news
copy. Harlowe McLean called mid p.m.. As a diversion I
picked a 5 gal pail of dried corn beans in now edible early
6 rows planted sweet corn. We had a good sweet corn &
boiled potato supper. I spent the evng writing E. H.
Munch. Frank Royce arrived this a.m. He called briefly
early evng & all set to go to Grahamsville Fair tomorrow.

August 24, Saturday — Shokan news 8/22 63
Newspaper Clipping

The Reservoir Country 53 years ago: Joseph H. Kenny,
“Man with the money bags” from New York City
comptroller’s office, during a two day visit to the “long

green room” at Augustus Van Buren and Everett Fowler in Kingston has paid out \$271,000. In awards to local property holders and for damages, lawyer and witness fees. Some of the Olive residents who will benefit from this Ashokan windfall are: Joseph S. Hill, \$6,602; Lucas Roosa, \$6,370; Abner and Grace Winne, \$5,096; Deliliha Bush and others, \$4,080; Ellen Schutt, \$5,262; Herbert Dibbell \$5,852; Herman Eckert, and others, \$7, 075; Asa Markle and others, \$5,520; Asenath Bishop, \$10,291; Rebecca Bonesteel, \$3,078; Pliny Barton, \$5,838; Fred Saxe, \$2,650; and Chauncey Lane, \$15,377.

August 24, Saturday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11p.m. We had sprinkle of rain at day break warm & humid followed by gradually clearing during p.m. turned much cooler & brisk northerly wind – cloudless chill & quieted evng – brilliant atmosphere.

Frank Royce took Marsh & Hazel Maier & Ollie & I to the Gramahsville Fair over Peekamoose Trail. We arrived at noon & left about 4o'clock. Frank drove on up to Liberty to shop at the Victory store. The fair was largely attended with wonderful exhibits of various kinds livestock poultry etc. There were interesting horse team pulling contests & fairway attractions, machinery etc. I met Mr & Mrs Harvey Robinson & others I knew. I first attended the fair in 1921, the last about 4 years ago. The trip was of keen interest. Rec'd special 4th of July Edition of Mexico City Daily Bulletin from Mariam. The Margaretville featured Bi-Centennial Parade today was attended by an estimated 12 – 15 thousand visitors.

August 25, Sunday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 50 12p.m. Brisk northerly wind brilliant atmosphere – fast moving clouds – bright sunshine. Clear quieted evng the tinge of autumn reins.

We had several morning callers Frank Royce, John Lambert & later Jean & Robt Smith & Robt Longyear 3rd. He has been accepted admittance to Valley Forge Military Academy. I gave them all potatoes & sweet corn. This p.m. Ollie & I went to the Olive Square Club Picnic with Elsie Davis at Walter Lang's. About 35 attended tables were set on the lawn & refreshments plentiful. We had no appetite for supper.

August 26, Monday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Summer is drifting into early autumn. Partly cloudy heavy clouds – still – pleasant temperature cloudless chill evng with brilliant ½ moon.

Mart Eckert, as a licensed driver, “baby sitter” accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston. I had an hour driving lesson around uptown section with K.H.S. instructor Lawrence Plagg. I drove both ways went & came by Hurley Mtn route. We saw atty Howard C. St John, did some uptown & A&P shopping, on my way home we drove over to John Nichols garage & he adjusted my hand brake (no charge) I bought 4+ gals. gas @31 ½ 1.45. After resting up a bit I hooked up Tony & mowed a strip of the heavy 2nd cutting back of barn. After a good baked potato & fresh picked sweet corn supper I spread load manure. Wrote Mrs Knorpp tonite.

August 27, Tuesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 50 12 p.m. Brilliant atmosphere – variable spells of cloudiness cool &

wind light. Chilly clear evng with that glowing moon. I had a tired feeling day & Ollie was on the down beat & except for getting that as usual good supper spent most of the time resting. I forked over the cut hay twice did chores & split up some hemlock chunks. Tonite I wrote Mrs Elsie Vanvalkenburgh who I failed to find Sat at the fair.

Newspaper clipping 1963

Onteora to Open

Boiceville, Aug. 27. The Onteora central schools will open the 1963-64 school year on Thursday Sept 5, with full day sessions in grade 6 and in grades 7 through 12. Kindergartens and grades 1 through 5 will attend school in half day sessions.

August 28, Wednesday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 72 11 p.m. Rather hazy and humid wind light becoming variable cloudiness noticeably warmer – breezy overcast evng. Not feeling up to snuff tired & laggy. I worked at the hay forked it over twice & later p.m. raked it & drew out manure. Harlowe McLean called p.m. I gave him sweet corn. The tomatoes are slowly ripening. Ollie didn't do much today either but got a good supper, boiled potatoes, sweet corn, fried ham etc. I took a comfortable nap out on front porch evng. Wrote card & rec'd letter Florence Monahan & card to Jean Smith & sent last issue Record Press to Elsie VanValkenburgh.

August 29, Thursday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Murky – showers downpours during a.m. Continued cloudy

p.m. & evng but little or no rain. The rain is much needed. Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston. I had a routine driving road test, starting and returning at Dietz Stadium at 1:30. The test was about 12 minutes up town east to Wall Street. I had no difficulty as the route was generally familiar . Went to see atty Howard C. St John at his office following test. We had a good supper but Harlowe didn't stay. Frank Royce called this a.m. intending to go home but due to weather stayed over, came up again evng Bubbles cow re-bred Hereford semen. 200,000 strong black & white Civil Rights March demonstration on Washington D.C. termed by columnist David Laurence — A National Disgrace.

Newspaper clipping – Shokan news 8/29/63

Town of Olive 50 years

ago:

Not least among the numerous activities of interest to sightseers (of whom there are today hundreds amongst Freeman readers still living) was the two Lidgerwood cableways in operation high above the Esopus Creek gorge one upstream and one downstream from the main dam operations. Everyone got quite a 'kick' out of watching the huge bucket loads of stone and other material, controlled by donkey engines on the banks, traveling their eerie way back and forth all day long. They vied with the Negro 'skinners' from Virginia with their 3- mule dump wagons for the attention of sundry 'sidewalk superintendents'

Still another sight to see was the standard gauge railroad from the Yale quarry to the maim dam, and to a connection

with the U&D Railroad at Brown's which was maintained through-out 1913 except when interrupted by flood conditions. That portion of the railroad through the north wing of the main dam was discontinued April 29 and a connection was made around the north side of Winchell Hill(near the present Waldo Smith memorial tower).

August 30, Friday — 62 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 .m. Murky warm typically dog days. Sun broke thru p.m. Clear early evng with bulging moon followed by 10o'clock brief downpour & thunder rumbles & flashes. Later moon shone over Hoopole Mtn.

Did usual routine opened up the hay p.m. Chas Wood came for early weekly news copy. Paid \$5.00. We had a front porch call by Mr & Mrs David Bender & bro in law Frank North. They are here by plane on over weekend trip from 1960 S.W. 1st Ct. West Hollywood, Fla. It's David's first visit in 5 years, Monday is his 43rd birthday. As usual Ollie had a good supper. He paid 2.00 for years sub to The Kingstonian.

August 31, Saturday – 56 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Cloudless early generally partly cloudy thru day & evng. Quite warm during day – some breeze. Moon tonight partly obscured by clouds.

Did usual routine –turned the hay twice – drewed out manure & Tony mowed the house yards. As usual we had a good supper. Larry Kelder called p.m. & I gave him sweet corn & potatoes. Jim Burgraff came evng. We had an interesting visit. He brat a 6 ½ ft long flint lock

Newfoundland seal hunting gun. I sent Ira Nichols a card for his 90th birthday today. Mrs Mary Hughes also 90 tomorrow.

September 1, Sunday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 50 10 p.m. Magnificent almost cloudless – cool wind northerly brilliant nearly full moon tonite still & chilly.

John Lambert & one of his twin 14 yr old boys called a.m.. I gave him sweet corn. Noon time Jean & Robert Smith came & took Ollie & I over to Ledgerock for dinner & cocktails on sunny porch. They brat us home before 6. I cured turned & cocked the hay & got a load before doing chores. We needed no supper. Yesterday Jean & Robert took young Robert 3rd to Valley Forge Military Academy. Strictly operated high school. Due to Chas Wood being laid off for financial reasons as Olive Editor of The Record press – my weekly copy The View From High Point is being discontinued.

September 2, Monday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Ideal picnic weather – clear morning – becoming broken overcast - generally sunny & pleasant temperaturer. Mostly overcast evng almost full moon dim & breezy.

Jim Burgraff Ollie & I attended the Boiceville Labor day 50th Anniversary Reunion. Crowd larger than last year. Refreshments by W. Shokan Mens Club & Boy Scouts. Entertainment by the Fred Russell orchestra of 4. Also providing guitar accompaniment folk songs by Harry Siemsen. Pledge of Allegiance & invocation by scout Hugh John. Remarks by president herbie Wells & Pratt Boice, Jesse Shurter, Jim Burgraff spoke & exhibited collection of

Indian relics & powder horns. He was a center of attraction. Barbara Moncure whose music and singing was a feature last year was unable to be present. I joined in on some of the singing & pronounced benediction. The old officers unanimously re-elected – Herbie Wells president, Bob Stoutenburg vice president, myself E.C. Davis secy - treas. Treas bal forward from 1962 \$104.43. Collection \$86.00 Expenses Fred Russell \$48.00 Harry Siemesen \$10.00, Jim Burgraff \$10.00 total \$68.00. Treas bal forwarded next year \$104.43.

Mrs Claire Friedberg owner of the grove declined to accept donation for use of the grove.

September 3, Tuesday 60 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Mostly sunny till p.m. when murky cloudiness increased. Quite warm & humid. Started raining lightly late p.m. Full moon pretty well clouded out evng, Didn't feel much like working & Ollie stuck to her couch most of day but got a good supper. I hit my couch later tonight. Did usual routine & this p.m. got garden potatoes partly dug & down cellar.

September 4, Wednesday — 74 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Cloudy unsettled a.m. Rained a trace in night, cooler p.m. Northerly wind & sunnied up — cloudless still & real chilly evng. Brilliant full moon rose below Kingston. I finished digging the 5 rows of garden potatoes. Exceptionally clean potatoes & well sized Been using a month yield fully 6 bu. Also dug a few certified Kathadins died down hills in late planting (½ bu) yield good, sized & smooth like the garden. The pesky blue jays

working in first sweet corn. This p.m. & evng I wrote a long letter to Vernon Old Hickory Beatey of Stone Ridge.

September 5, Thursday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11 p.m.
Sunny this morning but became generally overcast still & got breezy later p.m. real cool – sky looked like snow. Part overcast chilly evng.

I rec'd notice from Motor Vehicle Bureau in Albany that again for 3rd time I have failed on 22 points my driving road test. 3rd time by inspector J. Dwyer & reason stated for immediate failure. Left turn from improper one way street — Lucas Ave after wording of caution — ABSOLUTELY INCORRECT as Lucas Ave is a two way st. As I was directed to turn right going both into Lucas both west and east.

Mart Eckert came a.m. & took us up to Ollie's for canning jars. I did chores & odd jobs didn't have the heart to do much. As usual Ollie had a good supper. I spent the evng writing Mrs Knorpp. The school buses rolled & the Onteora system opened.

September 6. Friday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Overcast still damp & real chilly. The sky looked like snow. There was a hovering of like rain squalls around the mtns latter p.m. with appearance of snow. Part cloudy later evng. Not much accomplished other than doing chores. Picking shell corn beans which I helped Ollie shell out to package for freezer. We had a call from Ollie Crawford p.m. asking us to attend & support him in the Sept 11th Republican town nominating caucus for town clerk. He said Eslye Davis would not run again after her 2 terms. Mart Eckert also

came and took us up & Ollie put 6 packages beans in freezer. She made room by taking 2 long frozen turkeys over to Belle Woods & put in their freezer. I took them corn & potatoes. As usual Ollie prepared a good supper – corn, boiled potatoes & sliced tomatoes etc.

September 7, Saturday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m.
Brilliant pleasant late summer temperature – cloudless to variable high cloudiness – little wind.

Did daily routine. This p.m. I hooked up Tony and mowed another strip of heavy second cutting behind chicken yard. Then spread load manure down along woods corner. Ollie processed squash to put in freezer. Charles & Belle Wood called late p.m.. He has been discontinued as Olive Editor of Record Press which apparently affects my The view From High Point column. We had a good supper boiled, potatoes, sweet corn – sliced tomatoes etc.

September 8, Sunday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. A pleasant mellow a bit hazy calm sunny warm day. Starlight fallish evng with late rising oldish reddish lop sided moon over Kingston way.

I did chore routine & forked over the cut hay twice – a quite good drying day, after the heavy morning dew. Had no callers but Harlowe McLean late p.m. on his way home from a relative visiting trip to Margaretville. He took Ollie & I up to her house to put packaged summer squash in freezer. This p.m. & evng I wrote a complimentary 10 page news copy to send The Freeman also got long letter pretty well wrote to Mariam with \$100. Monthly check for Daisy's Sept board.

September 9, Monday – 54 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Quite hazy this morning but became real warm & sunny – little wind but drying air – stars shone evng.

I worked at the hay, forked over twice & late p.m.. raked it. I also got started p.m. digging late potatoes truly the finest crop I ever had so many big solid ones, white skinned and smooth. I took 4 bu choice sorted down cellar. Was sorry to find several showing dry type rot. Ollie finally got around to process tomatoes for chile sauce p.m. & had as usual good garden bass supper boiled spuds delicious sweet corn, sliced tomatoes. Completed & mailed a 10 page complimentary news copy to Kingston Freeman also finished & mailed Mariam's letter. Rec'd one from her, also letter Florence Monahan & I wrote her tonight. Addie & Virgil Winchell called evng.

September 10, Tuesday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 52 12 p.m. Good hay curing weather – northerly wind – variable cloudiness but sunny. Becoming beautifully clear latter p.m. This p.m. I made a clean up of the raked hay a good load in excellent condition. Also spread load manure & dug out 3 more bushels of beautiful potatoes & carried down cellar. Ollie tho not feeling a bit good canned 7 jars of pears this p.m.(6 qts – 1 pint.) As usual had a good garden pan supper. I enjoyed an hour on front porch couch covered up with a strip of rag carpet. Watching the stars & car lights across the reservoir.

September 11, Wednesday — 44 degree 6a.m. 60 11 p.m. Magnificent warm southerly wind and cloudless till later p.m. when overcast developed.

I kept at the potato digging & put 6 bu of choice sorted down cellar. I helped Ollie picking ripe tomatoes & she pulled 1 ½ bu of beautiful big yellow onions. Vera Crawford came and took us to Republican Olive nominating caucus in Olive Bridge Fire Hall. Big crowd Ray Cruthers Chairman – Helen Marshall Clerk. The old officers rec'd unanimously re-nominations. For 4th term supervisor - Lester S. Davis, (with exception of Elsie Davis for 4 yr term town clerk) Her name was not proposed. She having stated she is not a candidate, altho is keenly disappointed. Oliver Crawford was endorsed. Assessor 4 years Lauren Barringer, Assessor 2 years James Clemens. Councilman John C. Marshall, Justice of the Peace Frank C. Carle nominated by Sheriff Claude Bell. The Democrats held their caucus last nite at Ashokan Legion Hall. They only nominated 2 candidates Mrs Dorothy Kunkle for Collector and Charles Nygard for Councilman.

September 12, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 54 12 p.m. Murky warm humid occasional sprinkles & patches of sunshine. A boisterous drenching, thunder showers broke from the west at 6:15 followed by lighter rain late evng turning colder with north wind. Woodstock, Kingston & Hurley areas were severely effected.

I finished the potato digging another 2 ½ choice bu. Had a few partly green hills by garden rock. Total yield of late 100 lb certified planting. Total yield including bu small sun burned fully 18bu.

I picked and husked a bu sweet corn for Ollie to process for freezer 70 ears. She had a rather sick day and got corn only partly done. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. and helped me put off the load of hay & up in north side of barn shed,

and also changed flat tire.

September 13, Friday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 38 11 p.m.
Partly cloudy crisp northerly wind diminishing during p.m.
Still starlight frosty feeling tonight.

Busy with routine a.m. Frank Royce who has two broken right side ribs arrived last midnight at cottage Buckhorn. He said it pained all day yesterday. He came early p.m. & Ollie & I went along with him to Kingston & did some shopping. Stopped at Ed Adsits in Shokan & I bought from him a used hard cover copy of Elder Arnold H. Bellows book of poems – The Legend of Ulsanika \$1.50.

September 14, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. Heavy white frost but no damage noted. The reservoir appeared covered by an icy sheen with wisps of fog arising. A heavy hooded blanket shrouded over the east side area. A majestic sunny day other than a period of some scattered high puffy white clouds the sky was cloudless. Still chill starlight evng.

John Lambert installed a new master cylinder in the Plymouth & tested the brakes – only charge \$8.00 for new part – paid. Ollie canned 8 qts & 5 pint jars, Bartell pears, Reggie Davis gave us. Harlowe McLean called early p.m.. Later I mowed a strip of grass & spread load manure. We had a good supper. Frank Royce came for a visit. I answered Herman Haskin's letter rec'd yesterday. Rec'd a letter E. H. Munch and card from Ada Bell. Killing frost on Kingston flats. Geo Lambert one of the 14yr old husky twins cut his shin & taken to Benedictine Hosp. for treatment p.m.

September 15, Sunday — 32 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m.

White frost again this a.m. The days weather was cool and partly overcast – wind light.

Robert & Jean Smith came noontime from Ledgerock. Mildred Avery was up with them. Ollie started processing another batch of corn for freezer. We gave Jean & Robert sweet corn, potatoes & garden stuff. Harlowe McLean came over & Ollie & I went with him to the 2nd annual Fire Tournament at the West Shokan Recreation Field, all five units took part in the various fire fighting drills – cash & trophy prizes were given & there was a large and interested attendance.

September 16, Monday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m.

Much like yesterday but warmer & humid considerable overcast as well as sunshine – cloudy still evng.

I feel tired and achy. I kept more or less busy with daily routine. We finished pulling the 2 rows of grand big yellow onions & put on porch. Have about 2 ½ bu. Frank Royce came up evng & took Ollie's processed corn & zucchini squash up to freezer. She's canned 8 qts & 5 pints Clapps Favorite & Bartlett pears that Harlowe & Reggie gave us.

September 17, Tuesday — 54 6 a.m. 62 12 p.m. We had light rains early today, cloudy drab still – moderately cool. The days principal accomplishment was having the Plymouth inspected this p.m. at Ashokan Garage. The due date was August. Mart Eckert towed the car over with his 51 Chevy & Harlowe McLean sat at the wheel with Ollie accompanying him. Mart came back alone & Harlowe drove the Plymouth. We went around by John Nichols gas station & we surprisingly found Jean & Mildred Avery sitting at the

counter. We supposed they returned to N.Y. Monday a.m. I gave Mart & Harlowe each a dollar. Inspection fee \$1.50. The old Kingston iron bridge collapsed into creek as a heavy cement truck just as it reached the west abutment August 28, 1962. A car with driver following went down with the bridge 30ft , water low. Neither car or driver injured & was driven out under its own power. The new Kingston Bridge replacing temporary 1 way Bailey (army) bridge opened at noon today.

September 18, Wednesday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 58 7 p.m. Brief rains before and after sun up Later cleared warm & sunny. Starlight evng.

Harlowe McLean came noontime & we made a trip to Kingston by route 28 and over the newly opened Esopus Brisge. Returned by way of Hurley Mtn route. It was a hectic afternoon. Went to State of NY National Bank & turned in 100 shares Crown Beneficial Finance Corp. at 1.25 share making a net loss of .25 share as I paid \$1.50 share several years ago. It proved a poor investment. We saw atty Jack St John & finally his assistant Grant Bell went with me to the social security office 57 Albany Ave regarding my application for benefits. It was a tiresome interview.

September 19, Thursday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Summer weather, calm and sunny becoming overcast & showery looking p.m. Few stars dim tonite.

The weather so warm & humid bogged me down. Did daily routine. Ollie canned tomatoes. This p.m. I mowed a strip of grass along lower side of cross path, spread load manure & cleaned up the jag of grass I cut Saturday. Ollie had usual

good supper. Mr & Mrs Norman Struder former directors of Camp Woodland having returned from a European trip visited Harry & Marie Siemesen this p.m. & Norman called me up late p.m. It was certainly a surprising & pleasing call.

September 20, Friday — 58 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m.
Dismal chill rainy at times quite hard. Dark evng but didn't rain more than mist.

Other than doing chores I did a shoe repair job p.m. Harlowe McLean called. I wrote a complementary news copy to the Freeman. Ollie made a batch of chili sauce.

September 21, Saturday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.
Dismal damp chilling atmosphere – still. Sun broke thru for a glimpse late p.m. Cleared starlight evng & very chilly.
Noontime I took a walk over across & visited with Mart & Buddy Eckert. Did chores & little else. Ollie made 12 pint jars of chili sauce or catchup. As usual I had the cow & heifer out on leash to graze. I wrote a letter to Julia Warren Rhodes & rec'd letter & clippings from Mrs Currier.
“Old PAP” – Henry Martin Crispell, nearly 80 died 82 years ago of typhoid fever actual day Oct.21,1881. (I was a month early)

September 22, Sunday — 42 degrees 6 a.m. 50 10 p.m. Cool fresh northerly wind – sunshine & shadows. Variable cloudiness day & evng. Sky full of pale aurora boraes evng reaching up to the Zenith.

With threat of frost forecast Ollie & I picked soft shell Kentucky & wax beans & covered things up precautionary. No callers today. Had delicious sweet corn for supper, like

last nite. This p.m. & evng I wrote long letter to Mrs Currier with clippings enclosed. Harlowe McLean took a sight seeing trip to Cooperstown by bus from Boiceville. Visited Farmers Museum & Baseball Hall of Fame — as I did in August 1953 when delegate to I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge in Oneonta, Pop Beidler, Reggie Davis & myself went with Chas Ginsbittle, then prop. of Chalet Indien Hotel. Don & Edna Bishop returned late p.m. with station wagon after taking Donnie to college in Florida??

September 23, Monday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 36 10:30 p.m. Chilling northerly wind. Bright sunny with partial cloudiness — stilled evng. Growing crescent moon over High Point & cloudless. Real chilly 1st day of autumn. Tonite the frosty air is inevitable.

I picked a bu basket of sweet corn which Ollie cooked & started drying in oven. Mart Eckert came p.m. & took processed beans up to put in Ollie's freezer. Harlowe McLean also called & told about his Sunday bus trip to Cooperstown. He said the mtn foliage is gorgeous. This p.m. I got two cider barrels up celler tightened hoops, cleaned out the mother & started soaking up. We had a delicious sweet corn & boiled potato supper & with chores finished I picked a big pail of sweet corn. This a.m. I finished & mailed a long letter to Mrs Currier & also one to Mariam both with clippings enclosed.

September 24, Tuesday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Our First Killing Frost. General frost and trace of ice on barn tub. Cloudless and chilling atmosphere, with light wind from south quarter. Glowing almost ½ moon over High Point.

Picked off remaining sweet corn, with frost affected stalks. Everything in garden affected not covered, except the late sugar peas. I cleaned up the beans & squash vines for the cows. Ollie had 3lbs of oven dried corn like Mother did for many years. Early p.m. spread load manure & we went on the hill with wagon intended to go after sawdust but was really too cold. I cut the sweet corn stalks – 4 stalks.

Onteora Central school tax, Francis Hannigan Coll. Jacky Brook Farm val. \$1200. Olive rate \$107.48 (\$129.32).

Hinkley Farm val. \$300. \$32.33. Total tax. \$161.65.

Ollie Burgher Val. \$500. Tax \$53.88.

As usual had a delicious sweet corn, boiled potatoes, sliced tomato supper. Rec'd grand letter E. H. Munch and another from Vernon Haskins enclosing Haskins Day P program for next Sunday also letter from Norman Struder.

September 25, Wednesday — 30 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11 p.m.

White frost this morning cloudless, wind southerly.

Pleasantly warmer. Brilliant half moon in cloudless sky settled behind South Hollow.

Did daily routine, picked the remaining Kentucky beans, pulled & stored under porch the row poles. Ollie & I uncovered the tomatoes. She continued drying sweet corn in oven, and as usual had a delicious sweet corn, boiled potatoes and sliced tomatoes for supper. I wrote Vernon Haskins this a.m. – cards to Norman Struder, Lute Bell & Florence Monahan. Tired & went to bed early 9:00. Mother said Old Pap Crispell used to retire 9 o'clock.

Thursday 26th rec'd card from Lute Bell that Ada had fell & broke her wrist. Garden stuff very high – Casper Wyo.

September 26, Thursday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 50 12 p.m.
Heavy dew this a.m. Cloudless except for some high thin haze. A warm gorgeous still day. Cloudless brilliant moon evng – just showing bulge.

Did usual routine. This p.m. we went with Tony after a load of old sawdust from the Shurter mill site on old Jordan farm. Had as usual good sweet corn & potato supper. Ollie finished drying sweet corn. Tired out & took an evng nap then roused up. Wrote my diary & back to bed at midnight.

September 27, Friday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m. Warm and sunny with some overcast – cloudless still, brilliant moon evng.

Ollie & I went to Kingston with Carl & Ruth Rosengren. Did shopping – saw Howard C. St John. Went to Motor Vehicle now temporary located in North Manor Ave. Armory but couldn't get permit renewed as information in my case is in Albany & has to be relayed to Kingston Bureau. I got 3 more bound copies frm Ed Adist in Shokan, of The Legend of Utsantha @ \$1.50 each paid.

September 28, Saturday —52 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.
Chilling cool still with variable part cloudiness. Tonite overcast the moon hazy.

Harlowe McLean came 10o'clock & we three went over to John Nichols Garage & had my right front wheel adjusted as the tire was wearing on the inside & had right rear tire remounted. The tubeless tire having become porous, requiring a tube – fee 2.50 paid. Ollie fried chicken and prepared lunch for trip tomorrow for Haskins Day at East Durham museumn.. We had a fried butterfish supper boiled

potatoes& sliced tomatoes.

September 29, Sunday— 52 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m.
Drenching rain – set in gradually around 4 a.m. continued a
downpour till 2 p.m. tapered off & gradually the clouds
lifted & broke away at sunset. The sun illuminated, east side
was a picture of coloring autumn – a touch by the Artist
Divone . Mostly overcast again tonite.

Our picnic trip to Haskins Day at East Durham was rained
out. I called and talked with Helen Haskins & she said it was
raining there but the affair would be held, as next Sunday
will be the Annual Haskins family reunion.

September 30, Monday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 40 11 p.m.
Seasonably cool northerly wind. Variable cloudiness. Bright
moonlight & few scattered clouds.

Other than routine chores I accomplished little. Ray Kelder
called & gave me a hand picking up a pail of hickory nuts
under the smaller chicken yard tree. Late p.m. I spread load
manure & re-mowed the patch of clover cutting between
garden & rhubarb. Ollie had a busy p.m. canning tomatoes &
as usual prepared a good supper. The Record press Editor
Sylvia Kondolf foned p.m. concerning my discontinuing of
the View From High Point news column . This being due to
Chas Wood's services as the Olive Editor of Record Press
being dispensed with.

October 1, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 46 10 p.m. A touch
of frost this a.m. Brilliant sunny practically cloudless
pleasantly mild. Brilliant moon shining, silent cloudless
evng.

Harlowe Mc Lean, Ollie & I went on a much enjoyed picnic trip to Hensonville. Ate our lunch and had a visit with Julia & Bob Rhodes & John Warren. We arrived back home before 6 o'clock with out incident other than a right front tire change above Hunter. The autumn scenery is beautiful, tho not so colorful as some years. Rec'd note from Motor Vehicle Bureau that my driving records were located and sent. \$2.50 check for renewed permit. Rec'd letters Mariam and Florence Monahan & Mrs Currier. Finished & sent letter to E.H. Munch

October 2, Wednesday — 44 6:30 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Colorful cloudless day and evng. Southerly wind. Glowing almost full moon.

Harlowe McLean came 12:30 and he drove the Plymouth and we went over to John Nichols Garage & had yesterday's flat tire repaired. A patch had loosened, then to his farm & Ollie & I picked from loaded tree 4 bu Spy apples & ½ bu late pears on the ground. The 1963 World Series opened at Yankee Stadium in NYC with the Los Angeles Dodgers N L champions south paw Sandy Cofax established a World Series Record striking out 15 Yankees & winning the game 5- 2. He fanned the nine batters & the last to face him in the 9th Johnny Rosebass (colored) the catcher. The Dodgers had 9 hits. The Yankees attendance over 69,000. We saw the last 2 innings on Harlowe's blurred channel 4 t.v. & heard most of the rest of the game on my transistor Sanya Radio. Put the apples down celler also the large onions drying on front porch over 2 bu. Ollie had as usual a good supper after we both took a nap.

The Yankees south paw veteran of several world series

Whitey Ford was knocked out of the box in 5 innings.

October 3, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m.
Unsettled quite windy at times. Periods of warm sunshine
afternoon thunder and rain showers. Still cooler & part
overcast evng, latter became blustery, full moon.

Did usual chore routine. Ollie lost her zip today. This p.m. at
1 o'clock we spent 2 hours & 10 minutes bothered some
with static we took in over W.K.N.Y. the broadcast of the 2nd
World Series game at Yankee Stadium again the Los
Angeles Dodgers defeated the vaunted Yankees 4 – 1 under
the masterful pitching of the Dodger veteran left handed
Johnny Podres. Attendance 66,000. Writing letter to Mariam
tonight.

October 4, Friday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Cloudy
drab this morning brisk northerly wind gradually became
brilliantly cloudless — growing moon getting lopsided.
Did daily routine & Ollie was busy with odds & ends she
pickled another ½ bu of green tomatoes & re-covered the
vines as frost is predicted. This p.m. I spread a load manure
& mowed the corner chunk of grass out along road & cross
path. Ollie had a delicious boiled supper. I finished
Mariam's letter this a.m. & enclosed check \$100. & wrote
card to Barbara Moncure.

October 5, Saturday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 42 12 p.m.
Cloudless still day & evng chill autumn atmosphere. Frost
last night.
Rec'd letter Ada Bell. I rode down & back with Albert Fox
to the First Day of Olive Dist 2 Registration. The board of

inspectors consisting of Emma Ackert, Beatrice Colletti & myself E.C. Davis, re-organized with Mr Fox as chairman 586 names were registered as compared with 634 last year. Names removed included the following deaths. Lauren Boice, Wm Lortz, Jacob & Ann Deitzer, Anita Beigler, Ethel Donovan, Emma Lang, Ella Nichols, Edna Weber. Ollie kept the home fires burning & did chores. Hours 10 to 10. We had a good lunch & supper prepared by Emma Ackert. I took a radio along & we took time out to hear the thrilling 3rd game of the World Series in Los Angeles score Dodgers 1 – Yankees 0. The winning pitcher was the veteran Don Drysdale.

October 6, Sunday — 42 degrees 7 a.m. 72 11 p.m.
Cloudless colorful warm summery some overcast developed at evng with fresh westerly wind.

This p.m. Harlowe McLean came with his car & Ollie & I went around with him selling tickets for the Oct 12th roast beef supper. Jack Kolts and friend Mrs Dorothy Apastall called & we sat on front porch & had Sonya radio tuned to W. K.N.Y. broadcast beginning 3:45 p.m. of the 4th World Series game in Los Angeles – in which the N.L. Dodgers defeated the N.Y. Yankees 2–1 in 4 straight games – winning pitcher Sandy Cofax – loser Whitey Ford. Attendance 56,000. Ollie & I had a good supper & I copied the register for caucus book.

October 7, Monday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Mid summer weather. Brisk dry westerly wind – sunny and hazy with some thin overcast. Starlight evng & late rising old ½ moon.

A.M. I drew out manure & raked the hay cutting. This p.m. having a revised renewal permit I drove the Plymouth and Nart Eckert baby sat along & we went to Stone Ridge & Ollie had a check up & renewed her pill supply at Dr Tocco's. We drove up the newly completely road to Accord bridge and came back over Whitfield road to Lyonsville road intersection at Krumville. Ollie paid a call on her favorite employers at Beaver lake House. We had a 9o'clock supper due to getting in the load of crusty dry hay and both just dead tired.

October 8, Tuesday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Decidedly cooler trend variable cloudiness & sunshine windy night & somewhat today. Still dark cloudy evng. Did chores – This p.m. Mart Eckert, Ollie & I attended the burial of John F. Roosa in the Cold Brook cemetery. During which I met various members of the family. Rev. William J. McVey conducted the committal. We then drove over to Woodstock did some household shopping and sold 2 I.O.O.F. supper tickets each to Victor Lasher & Bob Boyd. We came back by way of West Hurley & called briefly on Addie & Virgil Winchell. (I drove the car) As usual Ollie & I had a good supper.

October 9, Wednesday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Cloudless this morning followed by variable cloudiness & clearing at evng. Still, very chilly white frost this a.m. Did routine . This p.m. I cleaned up things in garden, picked some & re-covered the tomatoes due to frost forecast tonite. I cut down the tough sunflower stalks & saved some of the heads. As usual we had a good hot supper, fried ham, boiled

potatoes, sliced tomatoes etc. Wrote & rec'd letter from Jean Smith also letter Mrs Currier.

October 10, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. white frost again – sunny warmer – calm – some high thin overcast. Clear real chilly tonite.

Other than routine not much accomplished. Carl Rosengren & Harlowe McLean called p.m. We took a little ride selling tickets. Jim Burgraff came 6 o'clock had a delicious meat loaf supper & he took Ollie & I to Pioneer Youth Camp on mtn above Rifton where we met Norman Strider & group of 7th graders from Downtown Comm School N.Y.C. on Educational tour. Jim gave a talk on Indian Archeology and showed some of collection Engraved New Foundland powder horn. I endeavored to sing a few folk songs, but my throat tightened up.

October 11, Friday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Mellow warm sunny with developing haze & considerable p.m. cloudiness. Black showery looking around north. Tonite stars showing dim.

This p.m. I drew out manure & mowed strip of second cutting out in woods corner below cross path. Addie & Virgil Winchell came & they (baby sitting) they are licensed drivers over to Henry Merrihew's & Ollie got 3 doz eggs 1.00 & on around the scenic Sahler Mill road & back to Tongore Farms where I bought a husky Holstein bull calf of Al Fox Jr. for \$20.00. They didn't stay & Ollie & I had a good supper.

October 12, Saturday ---- 34 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.

Cloudless brilliant real chilly – brisk northerly wind. Typical October.

I served as Inspector on second day of Registration 1 to 10 p.m. The total registration for the two days is 669. Ollie went with Harlowe McLean to the I.O.O.F. annual Roast Beef supper. They came back to the registration & brought me home. The Olive Fire Dept was called at noon for a small barn fire on the Pitcairn estate back of Temples Pond. A red hot kitchen stove pipe & chimney fire gave John & Helen Marshall a fire scare after attending the I.O.O.F. supper. Again the Olive Bridge Fire Company answered the emergency. There was considerable smoke damage.

October 13, Sunday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 40 11 p.m.
Brilliantly cool cloudless weather, except for some thin overcast during p.m. The light wind was southerly – still evng.

An easy going day, not feeling too brisk & Ollie's eczema right arm is very annoying. This p.m. we cleaned up the load of bone dry 2nd cutting. There were 4 deer late p.m. near the red delicious tree. By executive order the state forest order except in N.Y.C. & Long Island were closed effective 8 p.m. – due to the extremely dry conditions.

October 14, Monday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. White frost this a.m. weather perfect. I saw just one high white cloud. Cloudless calm evng. Real summery during warmth of day.

No sign of much needed rain. Ollie is pretty much off beat with her sore arm that effects her whole system. I keep feeling laggy & ambitionless & other than writing a Freeman

news copy did little but chores. Harlowe McLean called this p.m. awhile & helped me weigh the new calf. It scaled 112. Ollie prepared a good mashed potato & meat ball supper with delicious sliced tomatoes. I spent the evng writing to Mrs Currier. Rec'd card from Chas & Belle Wood on trip down in the Carolina's.

October 15, Tuesday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11 p.m.
Continued cloudless light winds at times , shade temp on porch past 90. Still mild evng.
Reservoir closed to fishing as of today. I really did little but chores just feel tired, Ollie's arm bothers & she didn't get around till this p.m. did some needed washing. We took a walk thru the noisy leaf strewn woods over along Jacky Brook. There is quite some water trickling & the holes are full. Rec'd letter Ellen Wilfriss.

October 16, Wednesday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m.
Continued cloudless drying weather with light variable wind. It's real summer like.
Did daily routine this p.m. I cut the remaining strip of 2nd crop behind the barn and spread load manure. Ollie too feels tired out and did little household work, but prepared the usually good supper. After a nap I spent the evng writing Freeman news items. Rec'd card from Gaye Longyear, now under going intensive Peace Corp training in Columbia University. She is living at International House, 500 Riverside Drive N.Y.C.. Ollie & I wrote letter to Julia Rhodes.

Today is the 186th anniversary of the wanton burning of Kingston by British under Gen. John Vaughn.

October 17, Thursday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 54 10:30 p.m.
Another summer day. Sunny but hazy & became mostly
cloudy p.m. – looked showery but only a scant few sprinkles
fell & cleared starlight evng. No rain in sight is the general
forecast.

Did usual routine. This p.m. Mart Eckert came & we went
up to Gormley's in Phoenicia & paid respects at the bier of
Mrs Helen Lohr Timmons. Addie K. Winchell & Mrs Mary
Palen also called. Later Ollie & I cleaned up the load of dry
cutting & had a late supper. Rec'd letters Mrs Currier, Mrs
Minnie Kloeber & Mrs Knorpp. I wrote Jean Smith & card
to Mrs Knorpp & completed Freeman news copy & mailed
in Phoenicia. Tonite I wrote another letter to Julia Rhodes.
Gen John Burgoyne surrendered his army at Saratoga 186
years ago today.

October 18, Friday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Summer
continues. Sunny easy breezes some cloudiness. Cloudless
still evng.

Not much accomplished. Ollie spent most of the day on her
couch. I did daily routine. This p.m. I pulled (too early) the
deer riddle turnips & put 2 bu packed in sawdust in crock
down cellar. Harlowe McLean called p.m. & brought some
greening apples & delicious large sickle pears. Ollie made
me a savory potato stew for supper.

October 19, Saturday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Sunny
hazy – just continued lazy summer tinder dry weather. There
was quite a heavy dew this morning. Starlight evng.
Herbie Cowan came 10o'clock and chained me a supply of
green to partly dry firewood & then worked on a pair of long

needed cellar doors — finished one. Charles & Belle Wood obligingly took Ollie & I to the largely attended Olive Republican Club Rally at the Olive Bridge Fire Hall. The northern tip of Old Cemetery Hill or ‘Dickensbar’ has again broken water.

October 20, Sunday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11 p.m. Hazy chilly & damp this morning – later sunny & continued fire woods conditions daily worsening.

I am tired and achy. Herbie Cowan came noon & finished making & installing the cellar doors. The originals have endured since 1910. The new doors are made of 4" matched fir flooring that I bought over 15 years ago from Albert North & price paid approx. 14 cents per board foot. Would now be tripled. I paid Cowan \$16.00 for the chain sawing & carpenter work. Mid p.m. we had a pleasing surprise call by Julia & Robt. Rhodes, with their 2 year old son & daughter Carolyn 17 & step father John Warren. We gave them bu potatoes, ½ bu late peas, bu red delicious apples – cabbage – tomatoes etc. Later Jean & Robt Smith came for us & had supper, Gaye Longyear & her fiance Tom accompanied on their trip. They left for New York after bringing Ollie & I home 10 o'clock.

The pesky deer are raiding my cabbage, a doe and 2 fawns were enjoying it at daybreak. I pricked the doe with charge of shot & pulled the cabbage 3 weeks early.

October 21, Monday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m. 82 anniversary of the typhoid fever death of my great grandfather Henry Martin Crispell nearly 80. Cloudless somewhat hazy or smoky . Just stagnated summer tinder dry

weather. A growing burnished crescent moon settled early behind South Hollow – later clouded over.

I'm thankfully feeling the best in near 2 weeks. Harlowe McLean called noon time. This p.m. I painted both sides of the new cellar doors & did some cellar way cement patching. Ollie made crab apple jelly & defrosted the refrigerator. She prepared a delicious supper a mess of sugar peas from the garden, hot boiled potatoes, sliced ripe tomatoes, cole slaw, fried ham, bread, tea & cookies.

Yesterday Susan Lane 9 year old daughter of Mr & Mrs Dick Lane fell from bicycle riding on their private road and broke her leg, she is in Benedictine Hospital. 2 years ago she roke her arm.

October 22, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m.

Continued overcast this a.m. damp & chill. The afternoon was sunny – still chill starlight evng with growing moon. Did usual routine. This p.m. we had a pleasant call by John Marshall – also Lena Brewster. Somehow Ollie managed to can 7 qt jars of sycle pears. We had as usual a good supper. Ollie went to bed & I wrote reply letter to Vernon Beatty also out going letter to Mrs Currier.

Mrs Nettie Eckert Jones Terwilliger 86, Sept.3rd, long a helpless baby case had stroke week ago, died effortlessly 2 p.m. yesterday at the home of her devoted niece. Mrs Richard (Nettie) Brueckner in West Hurley, Funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Lasher's in Woodstock. Burial Eckert plot in Cold Brook cemetery.

Herbie Wells 38 Nov.3, fell yesterday 4 p.m. playing football with the boys (3) broke right leg 3 places. Is in Benedictine Hosp.

October 23, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.

Heavy dew near white frost – sunny still summery & practically cloudless. Still chilly evng.

Did usual routine. Wrote card to Mrs Knorpp. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes, saying John was sick & vomited several times on way home Sunday. This p.m. Harlowe McLean also Addie & Virgil Winchell called. Also p.m. Ollie put up 5 pint jars tomato catchup. I spread a load manure below garden & drew 3 loads sawed stove wood. We had a really delicious supper. Boiled hot potatoes, ham chunks with flour gravy, sliced tomatoes etc. Rec'd letter Norman Strider with check \$15.00 – Real generous. The new Montgomery Ward retail store opened 3 miles out of Kingston on Albany Ave.

October 24, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Quite chilly & dewey this a.m. but warmed up like summer. Sunny but somewhat hazy & cloudy. It was really drying hot in Kingston – cloudless still evng moon almost full set behind South Hollow.

Harlowe McLean came noontime & we went to Kingston via 28. Picked up Mrs Mary Palen in Shokan. We went on out to 28 to the mammoth new Montgomery Ward store, came back over the new thruway 28 route to Kingston, shopped at A&P & near by area stores and came back over 28 & up to Woodstock where we paid our respects to Mrs Nettie Terwilliger at Lasher's Parlors. Then up over Ohayo Mtn to 28 & home. Only Addie & Virgil, Nettie & Richie Brueckner & Florence Juliano & her father Mart Eckert were at the Parlors. As usual Ollie had a good supper & both tired out.. Rec'd letter from both Mariam & Jean. I sent reply to Julia Rhodes & Norman Studer. I drove the Plymouth out to

Montgomery Wards & Harlowe the return trip.

October 25, Friday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.

Continued sunny call summer weather. Practically cloudless except for high streaky haze. Southerly wind evng & became cooler was 68 10 o'clock – ½ moon.

It's so unseasonably warm & tinder dry it requires effort to work much. We had a surprise early p.m. call from Harry & Marie Siemsen followed by Abe Davis Ashokan cattle dealer. Funeral 2 p.m. at Lasher's in Woodstock for our old friend Mrs Nettie Eckert Jones Terwilliger. Burial in Eckert plot in Cold Brook cemetery. Tonite I wrote letter to E.H. Munch.

October 26, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 80 p.m. 54 11 p.m. Continued still dried out weather, hazy and sunny considerable p.m. part cloudiness.

I had a gal can of old Wards steel gray paint and a.m. I painted kitchen porch and steps. Herbie Cowan came p.m. with pick up truck & I went down Singer & Denman Lumber Co. & I bought guttering & Herbie got front porch gutter in place. It's a big job. Ollie had a good supper & then we both took a nap. Olive largely attended Democratic Rally tonite at Olive bridge Fire hall.

October 27, Sunday — Back On Standard Time. 56 degrees 48 10 p.m. Continued bone dry, still summer weather. Sunny with developing afternoon cloudiness. This evng there came a surprise 10 minute shower at 8:45. It gave my newly hung front porch gutter a try out. First rain since Oct. 3rd. Real sleeves rolled up – summer weather with travel

discouraged due to the fire hazard . Jean & Robert Smith called briefly noontime. 2 o'clock Harlowe McLean came & we went for a short ride up Watson Hollow & then over to Ruth & Carl Rosengren's. Harlowe has supper with us & provided milk & oysters for stew.

1910 Oct 27th Haze Personeus brother of Clark Personeus funeral in W. Shokan Baptist Church. Died at John North's residence. (burial in an unmarked grave in Bushkill Cemetery) Sermon by Rev. Chas D. Gorse pastor Shokan M.E. Church. This item taken from Shokan news in Kingston Freeman, Nov.1 – 1963.

October 28, Monday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Rained a little during night. Gray overcast & damp chilly, such a contrast over night. Tried to rain a bit p.m. only sprinkled. Moon hazy behind clouds tonite.

Wrote Mrs Currier this a.m. & tonite a letter to Mariam. This p.m. Ollie & I made a 15 gal keg of kraut. Due to early pulling acct of deer the heads are not filled out normally. Bishop had the J & A Roofing Co of Kingston, re-cover back porch roofs. We had an excellent supper, hot browned biscuit & baked tators.

Newspaper clipping 10/29/63

Patricia Ann Maier Weds

Conn. Man

Mr and Mrs Marcel Maier of West Shokan have announced the marriage of their daughter Patricia Ann, to John Conway of Hartford, Conn.

Conway is the son of Mrs John Conway and the late John Conway.

The ceremony took place on Oct. 22 in the Methodist Church of New Paltz. Officiating clergyman was the Rev. W. R. Porter.

October 29, Tuesday — 46 degrees. 7 a.m. Clear and still this morning becoming windy, cloudy & raw, the first day of seasonal fall weather. Moon shows dim behind wind driven clouds.

Finished & mailed letter to Mariam, with clippings and tomato seed enclosed. Tho cold & windy I re-painted the kitchen porch steps & a strip to the door. Then for more exercise went over in woods & blocked up chain sawed beech blocks. I finished up chores early & got in by warm fire. As usual we had a good hot supper, potato stew. Rec'd letter from Federal Income Tax bureau from Albany demanding a check up on my 1962 report. I wrote Jean Smith tonite.

October 30, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 36 10:30 p.m. Cold windy night and continued wild and wooly all day and evening. Sunny and variable high cloudiness. Tonight the nearing full moon shown brightly.

Other than routine Ollie & I picked the remaining garden tomatoes & she took up her rows of gladiolas for storage. I also slabbed up and piled the chain sawed ash tree blocks across in woods. Harlowe McLean called for an hour or so. Ollie had a hot mashed potato supper. I spent the evng reading Albany Times Union and writing Freeman news copy. Funeral services at Lasher's in Woodstock 2 p.m. for Blanche Besrodney, burial Tongore.

October 31, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m. The blustering wind quieted during the night & the morning was sunny and at noon became quite breezy and milder with developing overcast – moon obscured.

I wrote order for \$2.95 reading glasses to Nulife Products. Cos Cob, Conn. Where I have bought several pairs.

Completed & mailed Freeman news copy. Ollie didn't get around till noon. This p.m. I painted the porch 2nd coat & spread load manure. Ollie had delicious supper & then spent the evng on couch. I read interesting articles in Nov, Readers Digest including 2nd part of continued from Oct ' (Tori Tori Tori) the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl harbor Dec.7th 1941.

November 1, Friday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Rained some during late night. Glum raw overcast day & evng.

Typically November – not much wind.

This a.m. we did an overdue job burned out kitchen chimney and cleaned out the 2 stoves and pipes. Mid p.m. Mrs Ed Aspinnall and retired school teacher Bertha Merrill of Brown Station called & took Ollie & I on an errand to Phoenicia. I loaned them my Sylvester History of Ulster Co. and bound volume of 1876 Harpers Weekly. As usual Ollie prepared a good supper & as I was cutting and clipping & writing letter to Mrs Currier we had a pleasing & unexpected fone call from her. Rec'd another letter E. H. Munch.

November 2, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 36 10 p.m. Raw cold cludy, with latter p.m. blustering rain & snow squall that dusted High Point & South Mtn & the Wittenberg's were whitened this a.m. by first snow of the season.

Developed blustery this morning. Partly cleared evng with brilliant full moon last night.

I finished & mailed letter to Mrs Currier & card to E. H. Munch. This p.m. I spread overnight manure & raked up small load 2 nights bedding leaves over by manure heap in woods, just ahead of the squall. We had a hot mashed potato, ham omelet supper. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller 11 a.m. opened the new 21 million dollar Newburgh & Beacon Bridge ending 220 yrs of ferry service. Yesterday & today all N.Y.S. forests closed since Oct.13 re-opened for hunting, camping etc. Frank Royce called briefly p.m. He arrived 3 a.m. – rained all the way far as Sundown. Annual Oyster & ham supper at Olive Bridge M.E. Church @ 2.00 per adult.

November 3, Sunday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 32 10 p.m. Rough night. Blustery raw today, with variable cloudiness diminishing p.m. Majestic cherry red moon rose 6:50 directly across reservoir over Ohayo Mtn.

We got around late this a.m.. Frank Royce called noontime & later Addie & Virgil Winchell. I exercised ½ hr after supper then took a nap. Ollie spent evng resting. Wrote card to Mrs Currier.

November 4, Monday — 28 degrees 48 10 p.m. Hesley's pond (now Mary Margaret McBride's) frozen over. Sunny this a.m. variable cloudiness, southerly wind developed, milder southerly wind overcast still evng.

Did daily routine & odd jobs. Mart Eckert came p.m. & cut my hair & we had a nice visit. Had good 6 o'clock supper. Ray Kelder came & stayed till 8 o'clock and as he left Frank Royce came & we had visit. He's going home tomorrow.

Was so windy he didn't fish or hunt. We learn that Big Sam Wachtel is in critical condition in Benedictine Hosp with heart attack suffered last evng.

November 5, Tuesday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Rather mild calm and overcast. Cloudy evng & starting raining lightly late.

I had a long tedious day as Inspector of Elections Mrs Emma Weber served in place of Emma Ackert who claimed illness. Chairman Al Fox picked me up 5:30 & brought me home 11 p.m. 437 voted on machine & 12 by absentee. Little interest was shown as the only Democratic town of Olive opposition was Charley Nygaard for councilman who John Marshall decidedly defeated by 105. But Margaret Kunkle who — backed had for Collector overwhelmingly defeated Dorothy Adsit Rep. incumbent 261, she even lost her home district 1 by 50. Margaret took her home #3 Dist by 136. Lester S. Davis for Supervisor received town total 722. Ollie Crawford Town Clerk 710. Margaret Kunkle Collector 646 — Dorothy Adsit 389. Marcel Maier Supt Hwys 722. Lauren Barringer Assessor 4 yrs 710. James Clemens Assessor 2 years 683. Frank Carle Justice 693. John Marshall Council 2 yrs 562. Charles Nygaard Councilman 456. Don Bishop Supervisor 5 write ins. Herbie Wells councilman. Herbie carries over another 2 years.

The Home Bureau served luncheon in Town Garage & netted \$85. John Schwenk re-elected Rep. Kingston Mayor by 2,101. Board of Supervisors continues Rep. by 3 maj. & county officers elected.

The Woodstock Town Garage frame bldg at Bearsville burned late p.m. Incendiary evidenced. This p.m. Mart

Eckert accompanied to Henry Merrihews after eggs.

November 6, Wednesday — 52 degrees 8 a.m. 52 10 p.m.
Rainy night & dismal foggy all day and evening rain at times quite heavy. Ideal soaking variety.

Tired out and nothing of note. Listened to Kingston Radio Election results – pleasing Republicans. Mart Eckert came 2 p.m. and accompanied Ollie & I to Olive Brdige Garage to check hand brake. Found the band worn out prematurely due to faulty adjustments. Stopped at Reggie Davis & went over to Henry Merrihew's for eggs. He had just shot a chicken pilfering red fox.

November 7, Thursday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. Rainy windy night. The coastal storm drearily continuing throughout the day and evng – moderate to drenching.

Just a chore doing routine day & this evng wrote Freeman News copy.

November 8, Friday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m. Rained at intervals during the night and thru the drab day.

Remained cloudy evng. The local rainfall is over 3" the ground is well soaked and streams again running flush and dried up springs and wells revived.

This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanying we took a ride over to Woodstock viewed the fire ruined town garage at Bearsville. Shopped at Grand Union market. Visited the totally destroyed Woodstock Packing Plant – which had flared up again last night. Called on Addie & Virgil Winchell in West Hurley & so home. Harlowe had supper with us.

November 9, Saturday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11 p.m.
Cloudy mild light northerly wind. Just occasional flashes of
sunshine – Spotty starlight evng.

This p.m. Herbie Cowan came & I helped him finish
installing my front & rear porch gutters. Paid him \$12. Cost
of guttering 17.– total \$29.00. Jean & Robert Smith came for
supper & brat us back. Ollie furnished cabbage with
hamburg rolls. Rec'd letter & clippings from Mrs Currier.

November 10, Sunday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Variable cloudiness mild but chilly air. Set in rainy early,
evng showers. This p.m. Florence Monahan & sister Mrs
Alice Reed first phoned & then came down from
Fleischmanns. They brought salad & lemon pie for
luncheon. Addie & Virgil Winchell also came & they stayed
till early evng. This evng we had call from Mr Clarence R.
Slavik & sister Miss Virginia Slavik of Cold Brook Hill
road. She is a teacher of retarded children at Onteora. They
were seeking historical data.

November 11, Monday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Had
½ inch of rain during night. The day was mild with spotty
cloudiness & bright sunshine– wind light. Became cloudless
latter p.m. with a frosty sting in the atmosphere.

Ollie rested till noontime. We missed the mail delivery
today. 46 years ago today I climbed nearly to the top of
Middle Ridge deering, with the Maple Dell gang. Snow
squalls came around from the Moonhaw side. This p.m. I
spread big load manure by the garden & cleaned up the
tomato rows vines & mulch & drawed a load slabbed ash
wood & piled under shed. Harlowe went along with us up to

Gus Korittke's & had draft door latch of the round stove repaired but broke again. Ollie as usual prepared a delicious supper.

November 12, Tuesday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Frost this morning. Sunny with variable overcast – chilling air cloudy still evng.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on Kingston trip. Saw Vincent Connelly in regard to my disputed 1962 Income tax report. Did various shopping errands including A&P market & Big Scott. Was after dark getting home. I drove down & Harlowe coming back. Ollie had as usual a good super. We both were tired out. I spent the evng writing Mariam. I borrowed on Demand note \$1,000. From State of NY Bank & paid up the \$200 note.

November 13, Wednesday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m.
Frost again – Day started bright and sunny but soon considerable overcast developed – raw biting air. South westerly wind or westerly added to the chill. The p.m. was sunny & evng still & cloudless – typical mid November. Ollie stayed resting till noon, so dead tired. The cold goes right thru me too. P.m. I dug up an additional sod strip of north side of celler way flower bed addition for Ollie & did other odd jobs, getting in supper wood etc. I finished & air mailed letter to Mariam with \$100. monthly check on Daisy's board. Ray Kelder called & made our supper late, but a good hot one. I wrote Mrs Carrier tonite.

November 14, Thursday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
First real heavy frost, with ground anchor iced, 1/4 inch on

barn gutter tub – first since the thin skim of Sept. 24th.
Mostly cloudy glum chilling weather. Wind light mtn snow squalls. Blustery evng with stone wetting sprinkle.

I went over in upper woods along the ledges noon time & raked up 2 loads rather wet leaves & later Ollie & I went over & got a big wagon load. It made Tony dig in getting up on the level.. Was after dark unloading under back shed. As usual Ollie had a good hot supper, mashed taters, hamburg & sliced ripe tomatoes. Rec's wonderful long letter from Julia Rhodes & answered tonite. She re-extends us a cordial bid to spend Thanksgiving, would provide transportation.

November 15, Friday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Froze barn tub ice again last night 1/8 in. Raw glum and mostly cloudy. Light wind northerly – still starlight & moderating evng.

The main accomplishment – we got another big load leaves & put under shed. They have dried out surprisingly since yesterday. Rec'd air letter from Mariam & answered same tonite also sending latest Record Press as she has not rec'd them in several issues. Bob is off again on trip to South & Central America.

November 16, Saturday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 38 10:30 p.m. Quite sunny & warmer till p.m. which was glum & mostly cloudy raw air & wind. Stars shown overhead tonite.

My major job was this p.m. cleaning, scraping and re-painting kitchen porch roof. Used 5 qts Moores red roof & barn paint. I had a brief surprise call at 5:45 — came a rap to the door, Ollie answered, it was Ellen Herrington, she said her mother said that I might like to see her. I asked her in to

the living room & tried to make her feel welcome. She spoke low & quick. Her parents were visiting Don & Edna. They had been to see her grandmother & I asked no involving questions other than about school & boyfriends & Norah. Apparently they had supper with Bishops before leaving. As usual Ollie & I had a good supper. Gaye Longyear also called, she is week ending with Jean & Robert at Ledgerock.

November 17, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 58 11 p.m. Its Indian Summer again with periods of alternating bright warm sunshine & overcast. Starlight windy tonite from High Point quarter.

We are both tired today did only routine. Jean & Robert Smith with station wagon made several trips, & one by Bob Steen with his pickup truck moving part of Jean's stored furniture 5 years over to their Ledgerock. Gaye also assisted & spent considerable time here. After a good supper & half hour walking & bending exercise I was tired out, had a long nap & then retired again. There is bang banging in all directions as hunters practice for the deer season opening tomorrow.

November 18, Monday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 62 10 p.m. Opening Day of Deer Season. Summer again temp was up around 74. Pretty much sunny till p.m. then clouded over & developed windy & had sprinkle evng.

I got front porch roof pretty well painted & then ran short of paint. Before starting I got a nasty fall on the roof — put up 9 ft ladder against gutter to look at joint & bottom slipped — banged left arm & side. After that I gave Ollie a hand getting space ready for tulips by celler way. We had a good supper

& Ollie spent evng on couch. My arm hurt too much to accomplish much writing.

November 19, Tuesday — 34 degrees 11 p.m. A turn to more seasonable weather, rather windy – partly cloudy – clear still evng with early setting new moon over High Point. Wrote Freeman News copy this a.m. Ollie sent check \$16.00 -- 1964 license renewal to Motor Vehicle Bureau with request for my former for 25 years C.U.40 plate. Harlowe McLean came p.m. & we went up to Gus Korittke's & down to Boice's store. Ollie had an appropriate hot supper. My arm and side is pretty sore & couldn't do much. Rec'd first copy Nov. D.A.R. magazine, Mariam sending to me.

November 20, Wednesday — 28 degrees 6 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Heavy blanket of frost – cloudless, a bit hazy still & tho mild a chilling air. Growing crescent moon evng. I called up the Boiceville hardware & had gal Moore's red roof paint sent along down with mail truck. This p.m. I finished the front porch roof also painted bay window roof. Frank Royce arrived this a.m. & called p.m. . Then about 5:30 he foned from Marsh Maier's & later came for us to have supper with him. He expected Jesse & Gregory Burgher in time for supper but they didn't show up till around 8:45.

November 21, Thursday — 43 degrees 7 a.m. 40 12 p.m. Windy night & tried to rain this morning but only a stone wetting. Had one burst of sunshine otherwise a drab raw cloudy day. Chilly still few stars shone tonite. My left arm & side was miserably sore all nite, but got some sleep by taking aspirin. Tired and achy & “frozeup” today

and Ollie too. Harlowe came mid p.m. & we made 3rd trip to Gus Korittke's to get the round stove broken ash door handle hook so it would work — Other wise no accomplishments. Had a good hot supper & I spent the evng writing Mrs Currier reply to her letter & clippings rec'd today.

November 22, Friday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 58 10:30 p.m.
Pres. John Fitzgerald Kennedy assassinated. Born May 29th 1917 in Brookline Mass.— Nov. 22 - 1963 shot thru head in Dallas Texas. Hazily sunny calm mild. Part cloudy evng gusty southerly wind.

My sore lame left arm & side is gradually letting up. This p.m. Ollie & I put plastic over E. dining room window & SW & W kitchen windows. John Fitzgerald Kennedy 46, America's first Roman Catholic President was shot thru the head by an assassin's high power rifle bullet about 1:25 p.m. as he rode beside his wife Jackie in a bullet proof top car with top down, also Tex. Gov. John Connelly riding with his wife was also critically wounded. The assassination occurred during a welcoming parade passing thru down town Dallas Texas. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas riding in car following not injured & was sworn in as President in the presidential plane en-route from Dallas to Washington D.C. at 3:39 p.m. The body of the martyred President was enclosed in a bronze casket. Mrs Kennedy & Mrs Johnson accompanied & judge Sarah Hughes hastily summoned administered the oath of office.

I well remember the assassination of Rep. Pres. Wm McKinley in Sept. 1901 at Pan American Exposition in Buffalo.

November 23, Saturday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Warm blustery night & more or less today. All day driving southerly rains. Dark dismal evng – colder wind north. The dismal rainy weather as in the nations capitol typified the sad tragic world stunning death of President Kennedy, cut down in the prime of life and world influence. His flag draped unopened casket reposes in the East Room of the White House, where the martyred Pres. Abraham Lincoln reposed 98 years ago. Lyndon B. Johnson assumed the burden of President, the 36th. Radio programs are continuous.
Jesse & Gregory Burgher called p.m.

November 24, Sunday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 32 10 p.m. Raw tho not freezing, northerly wind – snow squally p.m. Broken clouds & peeping half moon tonite.
P.m. I spread big load manure on grass along driveway & got load slabbed beech blocks & piled by porch. Afternoon caller were Mr & Mrs Sam Pepper & 3 children of Hurley & his mother Mrs C. H. Pepper of Bristol Tenn, followed by Addie & Virgil Winchell & Mrs Mary Palen. We kept tuned to religious continued radio coverage of the Pres. Kennedy ceremonies. The bronze mahogany flag draped casket on caisson was moved in a procession with muffled drums & drawn by 6 white horses, trailed by a riderless black horse from the East Room of the White House to the Rotunda of The Capitol.
Robert L. Longyear 3rd 16th birthday he is at valley Forge Military Academy.
Lee Harvey Oswald Ex. U.S. marine suspected killer of Pres. Kennedy shot down in custody of Dallas police as he was handcuffed to a detective, as he was being transferred

from city jail to county jail by nite club operator Jack Ruby.

November 25, Monday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m. Near ½ in ice on barn gutter tub. Blustery in night. Cloudless still cold, brilliant ½ moon later getting hazy.

This is a national declared Holiday or Memorial. No mail service. Kingston banks open 9 – 12. Practically all businesses closed 11 or 12 to 2 p.m. Many entirely including security and grain markets. Memorial services world wide. Radio news programs continuous. Harlowe McLean came before noon & took Ollie & I over to his house to see the televised broadcast of Pres. John F. Kennedy's casket transferred from the Capitol Rotunda to St Mathews Roman Catholic, attended by 1100 mourners, family relatives, and world wide. The Mass 1 p.m. presided over by an old Kennedy family friend Richard Cardinal Cushing. A long cortege and vast military patrol, streets lined with the various service branches, vended its solemn way with bands, muffled drum corps to the honored grave in Arlington National Cemetery where lie over 24,000 of the nations dead, including the tomb of the Unknown World War 1 soldier. There are 19 or 20 military funerals daily.

Olive Legion Post 1627 held public service memorial 8 p.m. in Shokan Reformed Church in charge of Rev. O. Phillips – post chaplain.

November 26, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Moderated in night. Southerly wind quite sunny, but raw chilling air, overcast developed & had few p.m. sprinkles, cleared evng, brilliant moon.

Did daily chores & Ollie has pain in her legs and didn't get

around till p.m. We got the carrots pulled & down cellar – about 1 3/4 bu – nicest we've ever had, also set out tulip bed by caller way. Harlowe Mclean got us an order in Kingston. As usual we had a good hot supper. Jesse Shurter & Frank Royce both called evng. Wrote letter to Jean & Robert Smith. Jean called last nite that Robert's mother is having an operation and they are unable to come for Thanksgiving. 9,200,000 shares traded on NY stock market Friday - precipitous sell off more than recovered.

November 27, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Variable gray overcast. Blustery in night. Unseasonably mild shade temp went up near mid 60's. Cloudless still hazy – moonlight evng damp chill in the air. Vari colored sunset effects.

Ollie had a restless night and on the down beat today. She got around p.m. made 2 apple pies and got as usual a delicious hot supper. I did daily routine & odd jobs. Drawed out manure, tried to plow south side garden sod but Tony jerked hauled so gave it up. After supper I took a nap & spent evng reading. Wrote Freeman News copy this morning.

November 28, Thursday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 40 10 p.m. Heavy white frost, not so mild as yesterday, some morning sunshine but otherwise mostly cloudy - still. Moon blacked out tonite. The sky looks & forecast is rain tomorrow. Ollie & I were privileged to enjoy a visit and bounteous Thanksgiving turkey dinner with the Julia Rhodes family & her step-dad John Warren in Hensonville. Gary & Carolyn came for us & Julia & her hubby brat us home at dusk. We took along apples & vegetables as our contribution. Tonite as

Ollie rested I wrote letters to Mrs Knorpp & Vernon Haskins.

November 29, Friday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11 p.m. Dismal foggy rainy day & evng.

A do little day other than chores. Repaired lock on pantry dining room door. Rec'd another letter E. H. Munch. Wrote Lute Bell evng & enclosed with latest 2 issues The Kingstonian & I.O.O.F. paper. Rec'd Thanksgiving card David Bender & answered tonite. Frank Royce called this a.m. before heading for home in the storm & expected snow.

November 30, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.

Winter zeroed in as a drenching blustery nite left the surrounding mountains snow plastered & a light coating of sleet on lower levels. The precip measured nearly 2 inches and the total for November 7 ½ in. as recorded on Harlowe McLean's gauge. The day was wet soaked cloudy and spitting snow flakes. Cloudy blustery night.

Rec'd card Gaye Longyear. This evng Jean & Robert Smith called en-route from Bklyn to Ledgerock bringing in their station wagon an assortment of tools and useable articles. Including a box of clothing etc for Ollie, sent by Mrs Knorpp & brother Garret Mott. Harlowe Mc Lean called p.m. also Herman Eckee & Henry Huntstein who gave Ollie a lovely red sweater as a Christmas gift I rec'd another wonderful letter from E. H. Munch.

December 1, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. Most wintry to date. Partly cloudy biting moderate northerly wind – over ½inch ice on barn tub. Cleared evng brilliant high riding just past full moon. Ground crust frozen & icy water pools.

Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & we went with Plymouth over to Henry Merrihew's for eggs – Ollie got 8 doz large & med @ .35 . Virgil & Addie Winchell came as we drove in but left before 6. We also called on Oscar Dudley and housekeeper Mrs Barley. I spent the evng going thru Sat and today's NY daily News.

December 2, Monday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 10 p.m.
Cloudy still with just occasional glimpses of sunshine - chill damp air. Gradually set in snowing p.m. & tonight the grass is white 1st valley level storm over an inch at midnight. I put the cows out on chain to give them a tash of green grass. I feel achy & draggy. This p.m. I spread load manure & 2o'clock Ollie & I started late for a load of leaves. I worked fast raking & loading & she packed them down & we got a good load over in back woods & was glad to get back to the barn as the snow settled in. Rec'd letter, get well card & clippings from Mrs Currier & letter Ada Bell. Ollie had a hot potato stew supper.

December 3, Tuesday – 30 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m. Light wet snow continued this a.m. over 2 inches on cellar doors. Messy, snowed a little, thawing, slushy – part cleared evng. Snow plow sanding trucks operating town and county. This p.m. Harlowe McLean gave me a hand moving 2nd cutting hay from east end mow to side mow, also changed to snow tires on Plymouth. Speedometer 31,260. Went down to Davis store got 5 gal gas @.32 & had all tires pumped up to 30. Ollie as usual had a hot baked potato cooked kraut supper & I spent the evng after a nap reading & cutting out clippings. Wrote to E. H. Munch.

Ira Nichols, 90 lifelong High Point Road resident following a long declining illness & a stroke Thanksgiving day died at his home tonight.

December 4, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m.
Pleasant crispy variable cloudiness but bright sunshine – overcast tonite.

Accompanied by Harlowe McLean Ollie & I made a shopping trip to Kingston via route 28. We stopped briefly to see Addie & Virgil Winchell in West Hurley. They were getting ready to leave for Florida tomorrow.

December 5, Thursday — 22 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m.
Cloudy still, quite wintry occasional fleeting sunshine broke thru a.m. Dark evng with a few fluttering snowflakes.
Good indoors weather. I put the cows out awhile in the snowy grass stubble for exercise. I gave Ollie a hand cleaning up accumulation of dining room papers, magazines etc. Made quite a clean up. As usual we had a good supper. This evng I read with instructive interest a 25 single page typed term report authored by Mrs Eileen D. Pettie of Woodstock entitled Social Factors Attending the Ashokan Reservoir Project dated May 25th 1963 — State University College of New Paltz. This was rec'd Dec. 3rd from Mrs Pettie who visited me last March for my personal historical information.
Rec'd Christmas card and check \$25.00 from Mariam.

December 6, Friday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 30 10 p.m. Dismal still chill damp weather. Several brief glimpses of sunshine.
Dark listless evng.
Did chores & let the cows out on leash behind barn. Harlowe

McLean with Frank Jordan, Ollie & I attended full house funeral service largely relatives & neighbors for Ira Nichols 90, at Lashers in Woodstock. Many floral tributes. Rev. Ernest Estes, pastor of W. Shokan & Phoenicia Baptist churches in charge. Interment Tongore Cemetery. Lauren Hesley & Bob Steen called early evng.

December 7, Saturday — PEARL HARBOR DAY 1941. 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. Sunny somewhat hazy. Practically cloudless ,still biting damp air. Stars rather dim tonite. I did daily routine helped Ollie clean up under dining room rug— packed carrots in sawdust, drew out manure & got a load of slabbed ash wood & piled by kitchen porch. Ollie cleaned both floors. Finished writing and mailed a long letter to Mariam with Christmas card & \$10. Check also \$100. on Daisy's Dec. Maintenance . Rec'd a letter from Mariam which she had started Nov.18th & got mislaid & then finished Dec 4th. Also letter from Vernon (Old Hickory) Beatty of Stone Ridge.

December 8, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11:30 p.m. Heavy white frost – still milder than yesterday. Sunny & somewhat hazy – murked over during p.m. Set in rainy tonite. Harlowe McLean called a.m. & brat my Sunday news.20. Ollie rested till afternoon & then we got going covered the north side parlor & dining room windows & west one with plastic. Wrote Mrs Currier evng.

December 9, Monday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m. At midnight as the rain continued in the inky blackness came an angry red flash of lightening in connection with a heavy

jarring crash of thunder & a few distant rumbles. Later rain fell heavy into the night about an inch. Kingston electric service was generally affected. Today was mostly cloudy chill & damp with a Bushkill driving snow squall at dusk, star bright evng – blustery.

Harlowe McLean came & helped me plow a south side strip of old garden sod with Tony. I gave Harlowe \$2.00 Later I spread load manure & drew the last load of slabbed ash wood & piled by porch. Ollie defrosted the refrigerator & we put plastic over the east side parlor windows. After a good supper I spent the evng writing Christmas letter to Ellen Wilfris. Sending her check \$2.50

Snow gone except on higher mountains. William Beesmer 69 had heart attack this a.m. at his home in Olive Bridge, taken by ambulance to Benedictine Hosp. & died about noon.

December 10. Tuesday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 24 10 p.m.
Rawest weather to date. Snow squally rough day – mountains re-whitened. A few stars shone tonite.

I felt froze up & did little but chores. Ollie had Mrs Catherine Carr washing & cleaning up. We got the best bed down out of the attic & set up in bedroom where Jean Smith moved hers out, also bureau moved back from M. W. room. Ollie had a good hot supper noodles and meat balls. Rec'd Christmas card note from Jean & I rep lied with a letter. Robert's mother is improving & they plan to leave by plane for Mexico visit on the 19th. Sent Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge, 1964 lodge dues \$980. Plus \$1.00 death assessment for Gilbert Bloom 3.00 Olive Rebekah dues.

December 11, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m.

Cold somewhat windy. Generally sunny quieted p.m. – overcast still tonite.

Mart Eckert came forenoon & cut my hair. This p.m. Ollie & I accompanied by Harlowe Mclean went to Woodstock & paid our respects to William Beesmer at Lasher's Parlors Inc. Twenty odd beautiful floral pieces were being positioned about the bier. This is the 8th funeral in 9 days for undertaker Bob Boyd. We got home around 4:30 – did chores & Ollie had a good hot supper. We did some Woodstock shopping. Christmas mail has started. Ollie & I each rec'd gift from Mrs Currier – also letter Julia Rhodes.

December 12, Thursday — 16 degrees 7 a.m. 22 12 p.m.
Snowy cold still day. The fall is about 3 inches. The storm let up during p.m. Dark gloomy evng.
Sent Christmas letter to Mrs Helen Louise Currier and enclosed check \$5.00. Wrote cards & letters evng. This is set by the fire weather. Did daily chores and odd jobs, getting in wood supply etc. It was a miserable day this p.m. for William Beesmer's funeral at Lashers & burial in Tongore Cemetery. Town and county plowing and sanding crews busy.

December 13, Friday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 22 11 p.m. Coldest to date. Foggy this a.m. – sun broke thru & murked over still & dreary. Olive Bridge ice box reported zero.
Rec'd and wrote cards. This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied & we went to Stone Ridge & Ollie saw Dr Tocco – her pressure fairly good. Harlowe had pep shot in the arm. We went out to Accord Bridge, stopped at Vernon Beatty's en-route – he wasn't home, picked up ½ black walnuts he gathered for Ollie. We stopped briefly to see Flo

& Lester Lounsberry. Ernie died 2 years today. Ollie got 4 doz eggs at Henry Merrihew's pullet size .30. Also stopped on Weber Road to see Charley & Bertha Duloff. She is home after throat surgery at Kingston Hosp. We had good supper but Harlowe didn't stay. After a nap on couch I wrote card & letters till 1 a.m.. Ollie spent evng on her couch.

We had a long call this a.m. from Lauren Hesley, came before we were up.

December 14, Saturday — 18 degrees 7 a.m. 14 10 p.m. Cold & overcast became broken and was generally sunny p.m. & raw blustery tonight. Its winter.

Continued writing cards & letters and rec'd several including letter Mrs Currier. Ollie started preparing for Christmas baking & cleaned up the floor. I spread load manure p.m. cold job. Stacked up on over night wood & finished up chores early. Ollie prepared a delicious oven baked scalloped potato with ham supper. Ollie spent the evng resting. I took a bath and changed to my winter Duo-wear union suit & then had a nap. William Dorr proprietor of the mobile diner over across on route 28 died 4:30 a.m. in Hosp. He had severe heart attack last Monday.

December 15, Sunday — 8 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. Bright sunshine and real wintry with sattered high riding clouds.

Blustery tonight. Much more pleasant indoors.

Other than doing chores I wrote cards, letters to Jean Smith and Freeman News copy. Had only one caller Harlowe McLean who brat us the Sunday News. Ollie cracked & picked out nuts for Christmas cookies. We had an excellent hot vegetable stew supper.

December 16, Monday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. Raw cold winter weather – rather blustery & partly cloudy. Rec'd and wrote cards did chores carried in wood – drew out manure. Ollie started making Christmas cookies. Rec'd pkgs from Jean & Robt Smith & Gaye Longyear also 2 lb box chocolate mints from Mrs Knorpp. Ollie made a delicious scalloped potato with ham & peas supper. This evng I wrote Barbara Moncure.

December 17, Tuesday — 8 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. About as yesterday continued wintry – variable cloudiness stars dim tonite – snow forecast. Ollie continued making cookies. I did chores & re-stacked the overnight firewood. Cont'd resting and writing cards. Wrote letter to E. H. Munch tonite. The barn is pestered with a flock of nasty impudent bold English Sparrows. As usual we had a good supper – scalloped left over potatoes & cooked garden spinach & ripe tomatoes.

December 18, Wednesday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m. Cold still snowy day, petered out latter p.m. – at least 3in more. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & took Ollie & I over in his woods & got a nice bushy pine Christmas tree – other than that I did only chore routine & card & letter writing. Bob Adsit brought a tank of L.P. cooking gas \$8.50 paid. We shifted from Davenport due to raising price from \$6.50. I am reminded of Uncle Jake Crispell's 72 birthday party at his home with Mr & Mrs Mose Palen in Ashokan attended by Jake Smith, Charley Hesley and myself.

December 19, Thursday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m.
Continued cold wintry variable cloudiness & at times quite blustery. Clouds are white & cold in keeping with the countryside. Hazy growing new moon early evng over High Point.

Busy writing cards & letters. Another batch came with the mail. Did chores & this p.m. drew out load manure, unloaded on pile over in woods. Ollie put in the afternoon with her cookie making. As usual had a good supper & she spent evng resting & I kept busy writing.

December 20, Friday — 8 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. Biting cold – part cloudy blustery snow blowing & packing hard. Stars dim tonite.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on Kingston trip this p.m. was dark getting home. We did considerable up town & A & P market shopping. In Kingston the usual Christmas spirit seems in an undertone. Harlowe stayed for supper. I drove down & he on return trip. Ollie rested & I put in the evng writing cards while Ollie rested. This is my 53rd Wedding Anniversary. We called & took greens to Mrs Anna Ashdown 154 Clinton Ave also greens & cookies to Blanche Rodriguez at Turner boarding home, 80 Martius Street also gave Pratt Boice some cookies. I got a collection of calanders & Farmers Almanacs.

December 21, Saturday — zero 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. Kingston said 4 below. Coldest to date. Generally sunny wind light northerly. Stars dim tonite.

I did chores & helped Ollie around the house. She started putting up Christmas window decorations. We had an

excellent supper. Ray Kelder & Jim Burgraff were long evng callers. Rec'd letter air from Mariam. 53 years ago today Daisy & I went to New York by train from Kingston on our honeymoon. We spent the night with Mr & Mrs Henry W. Hartmann – 137 W 127th st and attended the Alhambra Theatre on 125th st.

December 22, Sunday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 14 12 p.m. Official winter came with a milder trend, tho far from picnic weather. Bright sunny, with some high clouds & light chill air off unfrozen reservoir. Starlight evng – moon nearing half over Hoopole mtn.

Did usual chores. Herbie Cowan came and installed front porch aluminum living room door. A big job but big improvement. Paid him \$5.00. Latter p.m. we got the lovely bushy pine Christmas tree set up in the usual corner & trimmed and lighted with colored bulbs and ornaments.. We had an excellent mashed potato & meat ball supper. Ollie spent her evng resting & after a nap I wrote to Mariam.

December 23, Monday — 16 degrees 7 a.m. 16 12 p.m. Still dismal & raw, set in snowing mid afternoon and continued steadily into the night.

Was busy all morning writing cards & finishing letter to Mariam. Another batch came with the mail. This p.m. I re-stacked the 2 day wood supply. Hooked up Tony & took load manure over on woods pile & made a business with days chores, but the snow storm beat me to it.. Ollie busy with her fruit bread baking. We had a good supper & she spent her evng resting. I had a nap & then got my thoughts together & started writing to Mrs Currier.

December 24, Tuesday — 16 degrees 7 a.m. 28 10 p.m. The snow storm petered out toward morning, between 5 & 6 inches of downy clinging snow. Sun broke thru awhile during the morning & then thickened over again & set in snowing light 4 o'clock – dark rather windy tonite.

Rec'd more cards & letter from Mrs Currier. I finished & mailed letter to her and other cards. We have 5 strings of cards along north side living room & a string hanging along front side to bay windows. Ollie was busy cooking & preparing to make pies p.m. I got in more wood & shoveled path to barn & cleaned out in garage drive. Don Bishop with his tractor snow blower cleaned driveway.

December 25, Wednesday — 32 degrees 8 a.m. 30 11 p.m. Intermittent snow flurries & patches of sunshine. During p.m. became blustery & snow blowing. Mostly cloudy tonite, about the mildest of month. A pleasant homey Christmas. I let the cows down in pasture field for exercise and other wise did only routine chores. Ollie was busy with her preparations for Christmas supper, roast chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, boiled onions, pumpkin & apple pie, salad & the last of the garden tomatoes. Harlowe McLean had supper with us & brat 2 qt jug of cream Port wine. During p.m. we opened our collection of Christmas packages.

December 26, Thursday — 30 degrees 8 a.m. 16 10 p.m. Overcast this morning then gradually faired away hazily sunny & murked over again during p.m. Chilly damp air still colder tonite.

The reservoir snow covered ice holds but has become water soaked. Wrote thank you letter this a.m. to Mrs Currier. Rec'd

3 more cards including unexpectedly a very beautiful Christmas fireplace kitchen scene with Santa Claus asleep in plush chair, a note of remembrance & new \$5.00. During p.m. I took a walk over in the silent snowy woods by Jacky Brook, deer tracks are everywhere. Ollie was over done & rested pretty much & had a light tomato soup supper. I spent the evng writing E. H. Munch.

December 27, Friday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 2 + 11 p.m. A dismal freezing mist this morning turned into a most of the day flaky snow storm, cleared evng with brilliant moon nearing full.

Icy raw air stay by the warm – snow weather. I wrote to Frank Royce – card to Mrs Currier & Julia Rhodes & finished E. H. Munch letter a.m. Rec'd weekly 3 copies The Kingstonian & 1 Record Press. Harlowe McLean called p.m. Ollie did some up stairs cleaning & prepared good supper - baked potatoes & meatballs. I exercised an hour after & then we both had a nap.

December 28, Saturday — 2+ 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m. Stinging cold still partly cloudy day & evng. The moon tonite is pretty well blacked out.

Herbie Cowan came 10:30 and did a big job till 5 o'clock installing front porch aluminum storm windows – west end bay window & left south side kitchen window and west side aluminum door. \$10.00. Paid. I gave him a hand & did chores. Ollie didn't accomplish much but got a good supper. The Phoenicia ski slope opened for the season. Throngs of sport enthusiastic flocked to mtn Resorts.

Mr & Mrs Wm Shultis held open house this p.m. in Olive Bridge observing 60th wedding anniversary, date of which is

Christmas eve 1903.

December 29, Sunday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. Breathless brilliant sunny with scattered high clouds. The full moon (almost) raced majestically across the reservoir latter p.m. after sunset. Crispy winter wonderland. Tonite moon pretty much beclouded. Most unusual we had no callers.

Did only chores – let the cows out in pasture for exercise. We both did considerable reading. Ollie The Vanishing Village – turn of the century loaned by Victor Lasher, Woodstock – by Will Rose. I was intrigued with Tales of Cedar River a story of Down East Maine by Wm Clark sent me by Mrs Currier.

A year ago tonite a blizzard was raging & also the brazen of Dick Herrington opening unlocked kitchen door & backing Daisy inside & slamming her down on chair. Cornelia accompanied him. Mariam & Bob, Gaye & Robert were here. After arranging for Daisy's accommodation took her in storm to Mrs Anna Stephens boarding home 338 Foxhall Ave. Kingston. It was near 1 a.m. when they got back. I ordered Dick Herrington to leave & never return.

December 30, Monday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. — 2 12 p.m. A daybreak total eclipse of the full moon was partly obscured by clouds. It was a stingy cold sunny day with variable high cloudiness. The brilliant moon on the snow played hide & seek. A year ago today the blizzard continued raging.

The weather for a softie as I've become was too cold for outdoor comfort. I did chores this p.m. took a big load manure over on woods pile. Ollie was normally busy & got a delicious spaghetti & meatball supper & then becoming sick

to her stomach and vomited it up. We both wrote to Mrs Currier this a.m. I sent Olive Square Club secy Leroy Timmanns voluntary assessment check 3.00 for Onteora scholarship and asked membership withdrawal card. Personally I never favored the \$100. Scholarship. The west basin of the Ashokan reservoir is but ½ filled to considerably above the years low mark when the old Cemetery Hill or Dickenbar was dry land. Some water is flowing from the Shandaken tunnel but not a drop since Oct. 18th from the Neversink or Pepacton since Oct 18.

December 31, Tuesday — Zero 7:30 a.m. Continued snappy cold winter – still bright sunshine with scattered clouds. Moonlight on the snow, most like day.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston. I drove the Plymouth down & he on the return trip. We had no difficulty & got back soon after 4 o'clock. We went to express office below hi school & got 30 lb box of citrus fruits .Bob Longyear shipped from Lake Wales, Florida. We did considerable up town & A & P shopping . I bought a guaranteed 4 lb Kelly axe with 32 inch handle at Herzogs \$7.02 & 36 inch bow saw blade @ 1.49. Streets were slippery and traffic heavy in Kingston. Snow clearing equipment was operating. As usual Ollie prepared a good supper. This evng Larry Kelder called for a Happy New year visit. We ----- on a quart of White House Scotch and upon leaving he fired off my old flint lock rifle from the kitchen porch & at the stroke of 12, as the Golden Time Ball dropped on the N.Y. Times building I fired off another blank salute toward old South Mtn.

32 years ago our beloved Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen

Davis, ill since yesterday a.m. was no better but our eyes were blinded to her worsening condition.

Newspaper clipping Kingston Freeman, Thursday, Feb.
7th, 1963

Shokan — Mr and Lee Moore, Pokahoe Drive, North Tarrytown were Sunday callers in the village center on their way home from a weekend of skiing in the mountains. Mrs Moore is the former Nancy Cooper of Town of Woodstock.

Also here recently was August May who with his wife and younger children now occupy their new home in the Glenford area. A son Roger who was with the Army in Germany, is currently stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. A younger son Dennis is with an overseas unit near Frankfort, Germany.

Fishing through the ice is a popular winter pastime up at Halcottville where both bullheads and suckers are being caught in great number.

Harriet VandenBerghe, Columbiaville, in a communication for this column reports that her sister, Daisy Davis, was transferred , Dec. 29th from Rome, N.Y. to Foxhall Avenue Nursing Home, Kingston. Mrs Davis a former resident of Olive, has made her home in the upstate city for the past 17 years.

Thousands of skiers passed through the twin villages over 28 during the weekend. Each season the influx appears to grow larger as additional trails are developed in Delaware and Greene Counties.

Albert North who sold his Route 28-A home to the Lynch family reportedly is residing in Hurley.

Half a century ago in the Ashokan country: February 1913, Henry Sagendorf who died last Dec.19 at his Beechford home, was a good neighbor and had many friends. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Henry Brink, local Dutch Reformed minister. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Carrie Hendricksen. And several brothers and sisters.

Jan. 24, Mrs Albert Quick and Ethel Roosa, Tongore, attended a teachers conference at Brown Station.

Jan. 27, Death took place at her home in Beechford of Elizabeth Winne who was in her 77th year. Funeral Jan.30 was largely attended.

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January 1, Wednesday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m. An intense coastal storm started dropping snow around 10 a.m. & continued till p.m. changing to freezing rain & again to snow early evng. as temperatures moderated to 30 – had stopped by 9 o'clock. A crust formed to prevent blowing – no mail service.

Another stay indoors day, other than doing routine chores. Ollie worked all p.m. preparing our New Years supper which was shared by Jim Burgraff as guest. The menu included delicious baked ham, baked potatoes, boiled onions, cranberries, hot rolls – cookies – tea coffee etc. The snowy weather is so symbolic of New Years 1932 when our Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis was fatally ill with acute appendicitis.

January 2, Thursday —3 0 degrees 7 a.m. 33 11 p.m. Every tree & bush encased in glistening ice in morning sunlight.

Mostly cloudy – wind light, somewhat blustery tonite. Snow quite crusted.

Road plowing and sanding town & county operating. No Onteora school today due to bad roads.

I did daily routine chores getting in wood, shoveling out in front of garage & changing to all weather oil in Plymouth, speedometer 31485. Ollie prepared an excellent baked macaroni supper. She spent the evng on couch, after my daily walking & bending exercise I took a 2 hr nap, then wrote long letter to Julia Rhodes.

32 years ago tonite at 11:20 our darling Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis died in children's ward, Kingston Hosp following early p.m. operation for ruptured appendix.

January 3, Friday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 38 12 p.m. Sap weather, still cloudless during day & became part overcast tonight with declining moon trying to peek through. Snow settling & water running from roofs. This p.m. such a change it seemed muggy. Took load manure over on pile in woods. Water dripped from trees. We then went with wagon & Tony on hill & brought back some chunk wood that was piled by the maple tree near Ollie's house. I had the cows out for exercise. As usual Ollie had a good supper. I exercised near an hour, took a nap, & then read papers. Little Honey was laid out in bay window on undertakers couch and it was heart rending to witness my poor father's grief. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier & Vernon Beatty.

32 years ago this early p.m. Cornelia underwent operation at Kingston Hosp for acute appendicitis as Mariam & I stood by.

January 4, Saturday — 34 degrees 8 a.m. 31 11 p.m. Typical

March raw blustery and snow squally.

This p.m. Herbie Cowan came & chain sawed up the nearly dead elm tree in chicken yard and 3 beeches over across in woods 2 ½ hours Paid him \$5.00 Ollie had a delicious hot meatballs & boiled potato supper. Ollie & I each wrote reply letter to Mrs Currier & myself to Old Hickory Vernon Beatty. After supper I took my weekly bath & changed clothes. Ollie rested & I looked thru new Jan. National Geographic. I keep in mind that 32 years ago Little Honey reposed in bay window.

January 5, Sunday — 34 degrees 8 a.m. 22 11 p.m. Partly cloudy not so blustery as yesterday and temperatures on the mild side & thawing. Like a March sap day.

Other than chore routine I burned the brushy limbs from the sawed up chicken yard elm. This is the only community elm to my knowledge at least on the place. Ray Kelder called early p.m. Ollie did the days routine & we had an excellent roast beef with sliced carrots & mashed potato supper.

32 years this a.m. our Little Honey lay in her half open casket by the bay window. The casket was moved out on the sunny front porch & Mariam with her camera took her picture, then moved into the parlor on north side by the partition. Our family friend H. Lee Breithaupt was undertaker. 2 p.m. the funeral was impressively conducted by the Baptist minister Rev. C.F. Ahrens followed by interment in N.W. corner of the Crispell family plot in Tongore Cemetery.

Baby Lillian was born here home October 23 – died Jan. 2, 1932

January 6, Monday — 22 degrees 7 a.m. 40 11 p.m. The

sunrise was rosy tinted for a gathering storm— with occasional patches of thin sunshine the sky became overcast & during p.m. started snowing & changed to slushy rain but didn't continue. Cloudy dark evng southerly wind.

I had a tired feeling, Ollie too & I did only chore routine & brat in wood. Harlowe McLean filled an order for Ollie in Kingston & staid for supper – delicious scalloped potatoes with ham. After I exercised ½ hour & took a nap. This a.m. I wrote E.H. Munch & enclosed a batch of news clippings. Rec'd tax bills from the new collector Margaret Kunkle Grover C. Winchell lifelong Winchell Dist resident 79th birthday.

January 7, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. The threatening storm faded away before light northerly wind and the afternoon. Was brilliantly cloudless – becoming colder. There was no special accomplishments made other than daily chore routine. I was able to get my old familiar CU 40 number plate for the Plymouth which I had used for 25 years, till turned in when Ollie took over ownership 2 years ago. This p.m. I removed the 809986 and replaced with the 1964 plate. Ollie had a usually excellent supper. This a.m. I wrote Wm Klumpen I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge secy in regard to purchase 8 new issues Installation Rituals for Ulster Dist.

January 8, Wednesday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. Brilliantly sunny still and wintry. Some high overcast developed p.m. Cold tonight & the stars look watery. The day indicates a weather breeder.

I did usual routine. This p.m. took load manure over on pile in woods & drewed 2 loads of the cut beech firewood & piled

most of it by kitchen porch handy. Ollie was busy around the house & prepared a good supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier and Vernon Haskins. Tonite I wrote reply to Haskins & a letter to Mrs John Shallert of Shandaken who had called up regarding purchase of standing timber.

January 9, Thursday — 26 degrees 8 a.m. 34 11 p.m. An early day break freezing rain set in from the south, causing a glare of ice. It was a dreary still chill day. Gradually the temperature moderated & turned to steady fine rain. All Ulster County schools closed except the Kingston Community college due to dangerous roads & various social or business affairs postponed. This is ideal stay indoor weather. I did only routine chores & Ollie mostly rested.

January 10, Friday — 34 degree 7 a.m. 22 12 p.m. Raw blustery snow squally, March like weather. Roads very slippery this morning till sanding trucks made their rounds. Our driveway was unusually icy. It is a wild night.

More comfortable indoors, my activities confined to routine chores. Ollie did household duties & as usual prepared a good supper – boiled potatoes, tuna fish salad, stewed creamed carrots, bread, cookies & tea. I wrote Barbara Moncure & Mrs Currier. A serious uprising broke out in Panama, Communist inspired. 3 U.S. Soldiers killed, 3000 Americans living there in comparative luxury maintained by U.S. Govt.

January 11, Saturday — 24/8 am 16/11pm. Calmed sunny after early clearing with scattered clouds. Thawed in sun. It look like another weather breeder – stars are brilliant.

Harlowe McLean came mail time & we went with Plymouth over to Henry Merrihew's for eggs @.40 =2.80. Coming back stopped at Reggie's Davis' & Boice's store. This p.m. I did the chores. Took load manure over on woods pile & got a load of sawed beech wood. We had an excellent supper & Ray Kelder called. Funeral 2:30 p.m. at Lashers for Mrs Venus Sheldon 80. Interment temporarily in vault, Tongore Cemetery.

January 12, Sunday — 10 7 a.m. 10 11 p.m. Clouded over this morning a stinging cold gray, stilled day & evng. Set in snowing midnight.

Did routine chores & otherwise staid indoors. Harlowe Mclean called p.m. We planned to go with Ray Cruthers tonite to Masonic services for Noble Kendall L. Every but Ollie developed a sick spell & most respectfully we couldn't go. As usual we had a good tomato soup supper with scrambled egg & ham sandwiches .

January 13, Monday — 10 degrees 8 a.m. 6 11 p.m. The snowing & drifting continued thruout the day and evening. The snow was slacking up at 10:30. The powdery depth is a foot and more. The storm extends east from the Mississippi & Canada to northern Florida. This is the worst storm in years everywhere, traffic & business is snarled & schools closed. Kingston and Onteora were shut down at 1 p.m. All I did was needed chores. At times could hardly see out to the road. Ollie wallowed to the mail box – otherwise was house bound & got a good boiled potato stew gravy & ham supper. Rec'd air letter from Mariam. They had a hard freeze

night before Christmas. I wrote to Mrs Currier & this a.m. & rec'd letter Ada Bell.

January 14, Tuesday — 6+ degrees 7 a.m. – 2 12 p.m. The storm & blowing let up during the night & this morning the sky cleared. This is the worst since(Dec. 26th 47 with 26 inches NY City) reports there 13 inches fell in this storm – all schools closed on up thru the Hudson Valley. Kingston reports 10 inches, Ellenville 20, Ashland 25 & Catskill 30. No mail delivery in Saugerties. Our barn path blown full last night. Snow plows operated in the night.

This evng 7:30 Julia Rhodes called up from Hensonville to see if we were snowed in. Up there it was — 16 degrees & had fully 30 inches snow. Her call is greatly appreciated. This p.m. I did a big shoveling job, opened wide path to barn & cleaned out in front of garage. Don Bishop opened the driveway with his small tractor snowblower. It really works. Some sections of the town had much more drifting than here. Ollie made trips to mail box but otherwise rested considerably & as usual had a delicious supper. Baked pork back bone, baked potatoes etc. The pork is delicious despite 3 years in freezer. I spent a long evng writing to Mariam & enclosing usual \$100.00 check on Daisy's maintenance. Bubbles 3rd Jersey – Brown Swiss heifer had a newly born small dark brown bull calf this morning. Kingston recorded winds of 55 mph with gusts in excess. The Albany Weather Bureau described Monday's fall as the greatest for 24 hr. period on record with more than 15 inches.

January 15, Wednesday — 2 degrees 7 a.m. 4 11 p.m.
Cloudless still & moderating somewhat during day –
Real stingy tonite.

This p.m. I shoveled path to woodshed & cleaned out in front of barn shed so can get out with manure wagon. I've sure handled a lot of snow and my old back feels it. Harlowe Mclean came noontime & we went up on hill to check & get stuff from freezer. We had the Christmas tree lights on briefly before supper which as usual was excellent. I wrote letter to Julia Rhodes tonite.

January 16, Thursday — 4 + degrees 8 a.m. 20 12 p.m.
Still, cloudless this morning some later day overcast & moderated up in 30's – starlight tonite.

The lessened stinging in the air was relaxing. Rec'd card from Jean Smith back from Mexico Christmas visit & busy. His mother who had breast removal operation in Nov. is staying at their apt. This a.m. I cleaned the blowed in snow from front porch 6 in depth. P.m. I got in wood & drew out manure over on woods pile. Ollie busy with indoor routine and as usual had a good vegetable stew supper. She spent the evng resting & I wrote a long letter to Jean & Robt & card to Mrs Currier & Vernon Betty.

January 17, Friday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 12 12 p.m. As a day it was variable cloudiness, started in this a.m. with a light snow flurry, temperatures on the mild side. Still starlight evng. The chill deepens at sunset – a brilliant new moon & attending star set over South Mtn. Other than choring & getting in wood little

accomplished. Ollie tired spent most of the day just resting but as usual had a delicious supper. I then wrote long letter to Mrs Currier.. I also started compiling data for Income tax report. Don and his “Lady Bird” Edna Bitchne Bishop left with their trailer this morning – Safe traveling.

January 18, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 12 p.m. Kingston reported 20. Cloudless quite windy off reservoir. Still & crispy tonight.

I did usual chores & got in overnight wood. Ollie cleaned up in the house & we had a soup supper. Ollie stayed alone tonight while I went with Harlowe McLean to Shokan I.O.O.F. Lodge Installation by District Deputy Heinz Henf and staff of Phoenicia Lodge 154 as follows Abe Davis Noble Grand, Edw Ordway V.G. Art Sampson Rec Secy (by proxy) Reggie Davis Fin Sec, Alex Adami Treas. Alonzo Davis R.S.N/G. Percy Cook L.S.N.G. Lester Lawrence, LeGrand Shultis Conductors, George Burgher L.S.S. Ezra Silkworth Warden, Edward Weldt Inside Guard, Myself E.C. Davis Chaplain, Wm Shultis L.S.V.G. Hot oyster stew followed meeting.

January 19, Sunday — 22 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Still sunny & a bit hazy becoming more overcast during p.m. – faired away & the growing moon shone over South Mtn & then again murked over.

Our Manie dog was sick all night & kept Ollie awake. This p.m. we had Swan & Lena Brewster take us with Manie (with Plymouth) to Dr Hoppenstedt in Rosendale. He gave her a couple of shots, clipped her nails &

cleaned the sore on her back which he pronounces as skin cancer & her heart condition is poor. Mamie has become a rack of bones & her chances a toss up Doc gave Ollie tablets to use Fee \$6.00. He then took me down stairs & showed me his very extensive & interesting gun collection arranged in wall cubes. As usual we later had a good supper & Mamie has brightened remarkably.

January 20, Monday— 34 degrees 7 a.m. 38 10 p.m. Still foggy damp dismal weather – a cold rain set in mid p.m. continued into evng then started breaking away & wind in north. It's a bone chilling January Mamie & I both had a restful night & Ollie did little today but get a good ham & boiled potato supper. Harlowe McLean came mail time & took us up on the hill to check freezer. I did only chores & got in wood. This a.m. I finished and mailed a long letter to Addie & Virgil Winchell & card to Mrs Currier. Tonite I wrote to Vernon Beatty.

January 21, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 36 10 p.m. Wild night & boisterous twig trimming northerly wind continued all day., somewhat lessened evng. A heavy cloud blanket gradually cleared with p.m. & evng brilliant cloudless. The all night thawing noticeably lessened the snow blanket & which continued all day. Mildest evening of the winter. Had the wind been southerly the open spaces would be pretty well bare. I put the cows out behind garage p.m. I took the wagon

load of manure over on woods pile & brat back load beech chunk wood. Harlowe McLean called early p.m.. Mamie ate good and seemed quite comfortable & tho short of breath. As usual Ollie prepared a good supper.

January 22, Wednesday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. Continued sunny calm, warm January thaw weather — ½ moon getting hazy tonight & freezing.

Snow melting & water running. Theres bare ground under the yard trees. I was busy writing this morning. Did usual chore routine, split up & got in wood. I spent the evng writing Freeman copy. We had as usual a delicious vegetable & lamb stew supper. Both Ollie & Mamie had a good nights rest & she is more comfortable & restful today & all evng. Harlowe McLean got us A & P & other purchases in Kingston.

January 23, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m. Continued calm sunny some thin high afternoon overcast. The gaining moon is over ½ — thawing but not so warm as yesterday.

Mamie has developed a tremendous appetite but seems so lame in her shoulders & wants to keep walking. Ollie tried to lie down with her to keep her quiet. I finished letter this a.m. to Julia Rhodes & cards to Mrs Knorpp, Vernon Beatty & Addie & Virgil Winchell also sent desk calendar & Farmers Almanac to Mrs Knorpp & Mrs Frances Clarke. This p.m. Mart Eckert got thawed out with his car & came over & cut my hair & gave me check for tax 23.81 I put the cows in pasture field & slabbed up & piled a large chain sawed beech near the

road over in the woods. Ollie had a delicious mashed potatoes, meat gravy supper. Ray Kelder came & stayed a couple hours.

January 24, Friday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m. Hazy still with later thickening overcast p.m. & evng. Thawing continued roads pretty well bare of ice.

Mamie & Ollie rested pretty well. Ollie spent considerable of her time resting to keep Mamie quiet. Mamie's appetite is greatly improved but her breathing is at times heavy. She has pain in her shoulders & prefers walking to lying on couch. As usual we had a good supper. I rec'd package of Walton Reports & letter from Mrs Bertha Merrill & spent a long evening reading same & replying. (I didn't recall till Feb. 6th that tonite is the 30th anniversary of Dad's death at 7:25. He breathed his last quietly on cot in living room.)

January 25, Saturday — 48 degrees 7 a.m. Started raining after midnight dismal & foggy water running everywhere. The driving rain continued till in early afternoon then broke up in blustering squalls . Gradually cleared & became cloudless evng with brilliant moon nearing full – wind northerly.

I didn't get to bed till 2 a.m. Ollie & Mamie rested well. I sent Bertha Merrill bale, 2 issues Jan 9 & 16 of Record Press & 1 Kingstonian Jan 23. Rec'd letter from Helen Laurie Currier & Ins. Parcel Post package containing an elegant fur lined leather gloves for me & a fancy handkerchief for Ollie. I split & piled wood awhile p.m. Mamie ate good today & seemed comfortable &

stronger. Harlowe McLean came later p.m. We took some meat etc up & put in freezer as refrigerator isn't working good. I spent the evng reading Papers & writing to Mrs Currier.

January 26, Sunday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Froze ice & ground crust. Rather windy & still on the mild side. Mostly sunny till during p.m. became rough & snow squally. Nearing full moon tonite, played hide & seek among the passing clouds.

Neither Ollie or Mamie got much rest, but today Mamie seemed more comfortable. Jean & Robt Smith stopped mid p.m. on way back to N.Y. After weekendening at Ledgerock Jean told some of the highlights (Its her Birthday) of their Christmas trip to Mexico. The refrigerator seems conked out, so Harlowe came & we went up on the hill & put more things in the freezer. We had a delicious veal with carrot combination & brown gravy & mashed potatoes. I finished long letter to Mrs Currier tonite.

January 27, Monday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m.
Like March maple sap weather. Morning partial overcast gave way to a serene practically cloudless day. High thin evng overcast with near full moon hazy. Biting raw light southerly day wind.

We all rested good last nite & Mamie had a comfortable day & she and Ollie also Blackie rested all evng. Ollie had a delicious scalloped potato with ham supper. This a.m. I sent letter & bale papers, clippings & Jan. N. Y. Masonic magazine to Mrs Currier also card to Bertha

Merrill. This p.m. I chained out the cows behind garage & split & piled wood. Harlowe paid a late p.m. call.

January 28, Tuesday — 20 degrees 7 a.m. 10 11 p.m.
Snowy night, light blowy snow 6 inches or more, continued till mid day – breaking away blustery p.m. The full moon rose majestically around 4:50 p.m. directly across the reservoir. Quieted evng, cloudless serene evng, light as day.

A do nothing day but chores. Ollie spent a good portion of the day on couch with Mamie to keep her quiet. Again we rested good last night. I wrote to Wards concerning mistake in order rec'd Sat & returned 4 bras for Ollie which are a size to small. Rec'd letter Florence Monahan & card Vernon Beatty. Wrote him tonite.

January 29, Wednesday — 4 degrees 7 a.m. 16 11 p.m.
Still bright sunny cloudless other than late developing high hazy became overcast tonite. Moon blotted out – snowy air.

We all rested last night. Mamie acts more like herself today & both she & Ollie rested considerably . Harlowe called early p.m. I shoveled out in front of garage & path to barn. Put cows out in sun for exercise. We had a savory baked potato, meat & gravy supper. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes & E. H. Munch. Had a fone call from Mrs John Schallert of Shandaken. Tonite wrote to Julia & Mrs Currier & sending her a belated surprise box tomorrow. Olive's oldest lifelong resident Mrs Katie Oakley's 93rd birthday.

January 30, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m.
Rain blustery & mostly cloudy a.m. cleared p.m. but
windy. Cloudless nippy & brilliant high riding moon,
starting to decline.

This a.m. sent letter & belated Christmas package to Mrs
Currier. A Folk Lore Quarterly & note & desk calander
to Mrs Schallert.. Get well cards to Mrs Wm Lortz &
Mrs Bradford Kelder in Kingston Hosp & letter to Julia
Rhodes. Ollie spent considerable time keeping Mamie
contented & we had a good hot spaghetti supper. I spent
the evng writing reply to Addie & Virgil Winchell rec'd
today.

January 31, Friday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m.
Crispy cloudless still this a.m. with increasing p.m.
overcast. Gradually set in snowing evng.

Harlowe McLean baby sat along with Ollie & I taking
Mamie to see Dr Hoppenstedt at his Rosendale office.
He was surprised that her heart condition is improved,
gave her a needle & 2 kinds of pills to give her. We came
home by the way of Kingston where I shopped briefly &
then to A & P Market & home by Hurley Mtn route –
arriving before 3 o'clock. Ollie got our usual good
supper & I spent the evng writing to Florence Monahan
& more to Addie & Virgil. Ollie & Mamie tried to rest.
31 years ago today with a sad heart our home life was
broken. I accompanied Mariam to N.Y.C. to start
training in St Lukes Hospital.

February 1, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m.
Arrived dismal foggy & snowy. A full inch had fallen &

the entire day was messy with scattered falling snow flakes & the atmosphere piercing damp – Developed blustery tonight.

Mamie is tired out from yesterdays trip but was bright & quite active despite her leg pains. Ollie & I burnt out chimney & cleaned the stoves – a sooty messy job. And other than chores I split & piled wood awhile p.m. usual routine. We had a really good fried cod fish stakes & creamed potato supper. I exercised ½ hour, then spent the evng on couch & roused up 12 o'clock & wrote 2 days in diary. I sent letter to Virgil & Addie & Florence Monahan also Farmer's Almanac & desk calender to both also to Mildred Avery of Brooklyn. Rec'd brief letter from Jean Smith stating a letter from Gaye Longyear said she had given back Tom his engagement ring in Puerto Rico.

February 2, Sunday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 4 12 p.m.
Cloudy & light snow flurries thru morning. Brilliant clearing and sunshine gradually developed with blustering March like wind – much colder tonite. Mamie didn't rest very well due to arthritis pains in legs but seemed quite comfortable today. Ollie prepared a delicious supper & then spent the evng with Mamie on couch. Eugene Nicholas now connected with the Numerick Arms Co. of West Hurley called & viewed my gun collection. I spent my evng writing Lute & Ada Bell & Jean & Robt Smith. Harlowe also called early p.m.

February 3, Monday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m.
Brilliant cloudless but a stinging blustery day, somewhat

calmer tonight.

Not fit to be outdoors despite the bright sunshine so compromised by doing needed chores getting in wood & staying in the house. Mamie seems fairly comfortable except for her arthritis pains. Ollie tried for Mamie's comfort and as usual we had a good hot supper. I'm re-reading Tales of Cedar River my Christmas book from Mrs Currier. Rec'd letter from her and also from Bertha Merrill, robust I answered tonite.

February 4, – 14 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Another cloudless sunny day & quite blustery at times & much warmer than yesterday. Became overcast late evng. I rec'd air letter from Mariam. She has failed to receive my letter mailed Jan 15 with \$100. Check. Also rec'd air letter from Gaye now in Bogota . She has broken with her fiancé Tom & gave him back his engagement ring. I called State of N. Y. Bank & had payment stopped on check, fee \$1.00. This p.m. I went over in woods & cut several drags of yellow birch poles. As usual we had a good supper. I spent the evening writing to Mariam. Mamie dog was fairly comfortable except for arthritic pains.

February 5, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 26 12 p.m. Typical blustering March weather. Part cloudy & bright sunshine – mild northerly wind – starlight still freezing tonite.

We all rested last night & except for catchy pain Mamie was bright & comfortable today & tonight Ollie lies on couch with her. This a.m. we had a business & social call

from Dr Hoppenstedt who gave Blackie an inoculation shot for distemper prevention. Fee \$4.00 paid. He enjoyed looking over my guns. Harlowe also called, also Harry Whiting, Chevrolet salesman – was crippled lost left leg & arm in world war 2. Ray Kelder also called early evng. This a.m. I snaked out firewood poles with Tony. We had a good supper & I spent evng writing reply to Gaye. I finished air reply letter to Mariam with 2 \$100.00 checks – one to replace my not received letter sent Jan 15 also one for Daisy's Feb. support.

February 6, Thursday — 26 degrees 8 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Still glum overcast looked like the sky could fall. Raw air but softened somewhat. Around 2:30 the predicted zeroed in snowing steady by jerks but at evng developed into a continued wet snow – later changed to rain. This a.m. I finished & sent air mail letter to Gaye in Bogota Columbia. Her address is Miss Gaye Longyear P.C.V. Cuerpas de Par – Cindad Kennedy, Bogota D.E. Columbia. Rec'd thank you letter from Mrs Currier also letter Vernon Haskins. Mamie was quiet & comfortable after uncomfortable night. Ollie also rested part of the day did some washing & had a good scalloped potato & ham supper. This p.m. I finished snaking out the cut poles & took big load manure over on woods pile.

February 7, Friday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m. There is a wet coating of snow and hail about an inch. Continued gloomy with mostly overcast, little wind. Road scrappers and sanding crews operated full schedule town & county wide. School buses rolled for double

sessions. I did daily routine & chopped up some limb wood. Mamie had a good day for her. I had a fone call from Mrs John Schallert of Shandaken & sent her a letter with couple of my pictures & loan of one of my 1930 Histories of West Shokan. We as usual had a good vegetable stew supper. I did a walking exercise & spent the evng on couch too tired for reading or writing.

February 8, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 22 12 p.m.
Raw blustery snow squally March weather. Dark overcast evng.

I did usual routine, bucked up pole wood & split & piled beech slabbed wood under shed. Mamie was quite comfortable and quiet with an all out appetite. Ollie busy when not lying on couch with Mamie – cleaning up etc. As usual we had a mashed potato, flour gravy & green bean supper. I had weekend bath & underwear change then spent the evng reading.

February 9, Sunday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 6 11 p.m.
Brilliant cloudless – icy northerly wind. Still midwinter evng.

Our Mamie dog seems quite normal today. Ollie feels tired spent considerable time resting. I did usual chore routine and bucked up polewood for exercise. Harlowe McLean called p.m.. We enjoyed a hot vegetable stew supper with boiled onions. I spent the evng reading & writing.

February 10, Monday — 6 degrees 7 a.m. 4 11 p.m. Still overcast this morning sun gradually breaking thru rather

pale during p.m. Brightened up and cloudless. Raw snowy air. Still starlight evng.

We all rested good last nite & Mamie is quite like her old self today. Tho her hind parts is wobbly. Ollie kept her company & she prepared a delightful hot oven baked scalloped potato with ham supper. I had an after supper nap in rocking chair & spent evng writing Mrs Currier & E. H. Munch. My first birthday card & letter from Lute & Ada Bell. I finished bucking up & split and piled the polewood in front of porch, nearly a cord – a big job.

February 11, Tuesday — 2 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m.
Still biting cold & sunny with some high overcast. Bright starlight evng & slightly moderated.

We all had a restful night and Mamie comfortable today lying mostly on my couch. This p.m. I did lusty 2 hr polewood cutting job over in the woods to snake out. We had an excellent supper, mashed potatoes, shell beans, meatballs & flour gravy. Tonight I wrote Freeman copy . I sent desk calendars & Farmers Almanac to Mr & Mrs Vahan Kizirian. Dick Lane 51 – prominent local resident fishing deep sea off Miami, Fla after landing a 700 lb Marlin suffered a brain ruptured artery seizure and was taken to Cedars of Lebanon Hosp. His wife Betty left by plane tonite to be at his bedside.

February 12, Wednesday — 6 degrees 7 a.m. 16 11 p.m.
Still cloudless with some high haze. An icy air came off the reservoir – Clear starlight evng. It thawed in the sun & snow crust softened.

Mamie seemed quite peppy today and her back was

stronger but she curled up a lot on my couch. Ollie kept her company part the time. This a.m. I wrote Jean & Robt Smith & sent them desk calendar & Farmers Almanac. I did a full afternoon tiresome job, drew out manure & snaked out the polewood cut yesterday & piled it along end of barn for handy chain sawing. We had a delicious baked potato and cooked kraut supper. I got a sudden kink in right leg & continues lame & sore tonight.

February 13, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Thickening clouds, set in snowy by squalls early p.m. stopped early evng – just enough to be slippery. Guess I over worked cutting & snaking wood, lame & sore all over & right knee swollen. I cut up & brought in kitchen top limbs from the polewood – replenished 3 baskets of dry from shed. Otherwise did only chores. Mrs John Schallert from Shandaken called on us p.m. She is mother of 8 children – 6 girls & 2 boys, oldest girl is 21. Reared on a farm at Coopertown. Her husband is a saw mill operator & logger over in Peekamoose. She called up before coming & brat a gal of Tawny Port 3.60, tube - - - .89 \$4.49 paid. She's a matured sensible lady & is attending the Kingston Community college. Mamie tired too active yesterday. I rec'd letter air from Mariam & spent long evng answering. Road scrappers & sanders operating tonite.

February 14, Friday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m. Was overcast this morning but gradually cleared away brilliant northerly wind cloudless evng. Road crews still

operating this a.m. as school buses roll 7:30. Temp continued moderate & thawing.

My lame knee continues bothering & last night it seemed to hurt all over – evidently worked to strenuous & weather combination. This p.m. I kept Mamie company while Harlowe McLean took Ollie with Plymouth to Boice's store in Olive bridge & got renewed license for Mamie at Ollie Crawford's & went over for 6 doz pullet eggs @30 cents to Henry Merrihew's. We had a good fried cod steak & boiled potato supper. Rec'd letter Bertha Merrill answered tonite. Rec'd pretty valentine card from Norah Herrington.

February 15, Saturday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m. Cloudless still serene gradually became overcast p.m. Dark cloudy evng. Thawing during day, but a raw air off the frozen reservoir – set in snowing 10 p.m. We all rested well last night. Mamie was quiet today but vomited twice indoors at supper time. Ollie busy most of day, cleaned up kitchen floor p.m. I drew out manure & cut & snaked out several long poles. Also cut up limb wood. As usual Ollie had an excellent supper boiled potatoes, fried ham with canned sweet peas. This a.m. I wrote E. H. Munch & enclosed birthday card for the 18th also each a card from Ollie & I to Bertha Adsit for the 17th.

February 16, Sunday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m. Seven inch snow fall. Snowy night and continued, petering out p.m. Became blustery & cloudless — brilliant growing new moon early evng over crest of

South Mountain.. A blowing drifting winter night. N. Y. City had rain. Upper mountain areas have 12 - 15 inches. Many Sunday school & church service closing announcements over Kingston radio. It was a stay at home snowed in weather. Mamie was restless last nite & disrupted Ollie's sleep. I started reading Driver's Manual & after as usual a good supper I started writing Jean & Robt Smith.

February 17, Monday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 8 12 p.m. Dazzling sunny & cloudless with some high streaky overcast developing p.m. Tonite the growing new moon was hazy & stars dim. Raw snowy air but thawed in sun. I did a big snow shoveling job, path to barn & in front of barn shed & garage & opened a drive in & out at road. Barn chores & carrying in wood, every day tasks. Mamie was pretty quiet today lying on my couch. I wrote another letter tonite to Mariam telling of Dick Lane's death in Miami, Fla, Saturday. I rec'd birthday card & note from Mrs Grace Ahrens Ellis of Middletown.

February 18, Tuesday — 4 degrees 7 a.m. 27 11 p.m. Cloudless early followed by gradually thickening overcast. Still & thawing during day. Set in snowing 9 p.m. – major storm in forecast. Ollie and Harlowe Mc Lean made 4 hour trip to Kingston with Plymouth. Shopped at A & P market & up town, went to Federal Venetian Blind Corp, 39 O'Neil St & paid \$50. balance on Jan 2 invoice for 2 aluminum storm doors & 3 windows total bill \$100.00. They came back by Woodstock and Lasher Funeral Home and paid

respects at the bier of Richard Lane 51. The floral tributes were profuse & elegant. I rec'd card from Bob Longyear standing right on Equator, and monument in Quito, Equador S.A. about 78 longitude, elevation 7500 ft - temp 65 degrees - 2 mtns in background . Also rec'd card from Robert 3rd color showing 1000 Corp of Cadets waiting to pass in review at Valley Forge Military Academy.

February 19, Wednesday — 27 degrees 7 a.m. 26 12 p.m. Snowy night and continued till mid day & snowed little after. Remained cloudy & more threatening – 8 in fall. Schools closed everywhere services canceled & travel hazardous.

A sad day for Dick Lane's family, 2 p.m. funeral in Olive Bridge church, conducted by Rev. Percy Halstead. Remains placed in vault. I made no attempt to shovel paths. Did chores & split some wood under shed. Poor Mamie dog is failing – It's pathetic. We had as usual a good supper & Ollie rested. I spent the evng replying to Mrs Currier for her letter & birthday card rec'd today also rec'd letter Julia Rhodes also card & letter Mrs Knorpp.

February 20, Thursday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 22 11 p.m. Still cloudy this morning but gradually broke away sunny & quite blustery. Partial cloudiness during the day, scattered clouds evng with brilliant half moon. Surprisingly Mamie & we all rested good & she continued comfortable today & more alert & most of the time on my couch. Ollie is getting plans for my birthday

under way & did some washing. As usual we had a good supper. This p.m. I did a big job shoveling out snow in front of open shed & garage & the outer end of drive. I'm really tired tonight, my poor back. Schools re-opened buses rolled. Highway crews in full operation. I rec'd birthday card & note from Mariam & a few others. Spent evng writing Florence Monahan.

February 21, Friday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m.
Mostly cloudy with breaks of bright sunshine. Brilliant bulging moon with scattered high wind driven clouds, cold raw air and rather windy.

Other than daily chores my big job was finishing opening the driveway & shoveling walk to barn. Mamie is more restless today & vomited several times & constantly wants water. It's a strain on Ollie's nerves as well. We had a good supper – I spent the evng reading.

February 22, Saturday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. Cloudless mid winter brilliant sunshine. Light icy northerly wind – thin veils of high haze Magnificent moonlight evng.

Both Mamie & Ollie had a restless night but dog more calm & restful today. Ollie was tired but this p.m. made my time honored (double batch soft chocolate birthday cake) Cleaned up the house & got a delicious baked potato & ham supper. This evng I read with keen interest in current issue of Grit article on Martha Washington and her patriotic devotion . Our first president served 2 terms Geo Washington died Dec. 14, 1799. His wife May 22, 1902 at Mt Vernon. This p.m. I drew out big load manure & cut a tall hard maple pole in 3 lengths &

brat it to porch pile & bucked it up in stove wood.
Friday 21st Lewis Eckert 93 died at 14 Clifton Ave in
Kingston where he made his home at Mrs Perry's
together with his sister Mrs Florence Warren Phelan

February 23, Sunday — 4 + degrees 7 a.m. 14 11 p.m.
My 74th Birthday. Brilliant practically cloudless wind
light northerly. It's winter everywhere. Gorgeous
moonlite evng.

I did daily routine. I put the cows out in the sun behind
garage and let Tony roam about in the snow.
Jean & Robt Smith up for the weekend at Ledgerrock
spent a few hours with us this p.m. & shared a delicious
buffet luncheon. Later Carl & Ruth Rosengren called &
Reggie & Elsie Davis spent the early evng pleasantly.
Mamie dog rested fairly well & lay on my couch.

February 24, Monday — 14 degrees 12 11 p.m. Another
majestic almost cloudless day somewhat windy. Thawing
but biting air cloudless. Magnificent moonlite nite,
nearing full.

Mail delivery resumed today and I rec'd a deluge of
birthday cards & letters including check \$10.00 in letter
from Mariam – first in over a year letter & card from
Jean Longyear, San Antonio Texas & letter & card from
Mrs Miles W. Laverne Davis, Wilder Idaho & letter Ada
Bell. Both Mamie & Ollie had a restless night & for the
first Mamie lost control of her bowels in bed. She rested
quietly today on my couch. This p.m. I drew out
manure & cut load firewood & brat by porch.

February 25, Tuesday —minus 4 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m. Cloudless & sunny except for a veil of high haze. Blustery evng brilliant almost full moon. Raw bone chilling air.

We all rested good last night & Mamie is stronger today & picked up on her appetite. I did chores & bucked up firewood drawn yesterday.

Mart Eckert came over p.m. & cut my hair – his first visit since Jan 23 when I had the last trim up. Yesterday in company with his younger daughter Mrs Florence Guliano he attended the funeral of his 92 ½ year old brother Lewis Eckert in Rhinebeck. Rec'd beautiful card & \$5.00 from Julia Rhodes & tonite I wrote her a thank you letter.

February 26, Wednesday — minus 4 degrees 7 a.m. Cloudless snappy cold this morning – followed by developing overcast with blustering mid day snow squall cleared evng with high glowing full moon. The temperature moderated up above 40 degrees & snow settled & softened.

Callers were Harlowe McLean mail time & p.m. Kenneth Davenport of High Falls & Harry & Marie Siemsen with his guitar & he sang folk songs. They brat 5 doz pullet eggs @.30. We rested good last nite & Mamie is eating better & is more attentive & stronger. Rec'd cards from the Fleischman girls Florence Monahan & Alice Recca. I did my routine chores. As usual we had a good supper ham burgers & mashed potatoes. This evng I wrote letters to Mrs Ella Loomis & Mrs Currier. Rec'd letter Addie & Virgil Winchell.

February 27, Thursday — 24 degrees 8 a.m. Zero 12 p.m.
Cold night blustery snow squalls this morning followed by clearing and cloudless sunshine & wind quieting. A most majestic full moon rose at dusk across the reservoir with near daylight affect on the silent glistening snow. Our sleep was restless but today Mamie was comfortable and attentive. Harlowe Mc Lean called early p.m.. I did daily routine put the cows out in sun a.m.. Ollie made a savory scalloped potato with ham supper. I rec'd air letter from Mariam also Gayes Longyear in Bogota. Barbara Moncure called early evng & apologized that my birthday card had missed getting mailed. I went over in woods p.m. & cut several poles. Wrote to Jean Smith tonite.

February 28, Friday — minus 2 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m.
Sunny early & gradually became murky overcast. Icy air from reservoir. Snow softened p.m. Set in snowing latter p.m. only ½ in or so fell & then gradually the moon broke thru.

Wrote thank you for cards & letters the Fleischman's girl a.m. also finished & sent Jeanie letter and desk calendar & Farmers Almanac. We all rested last nite & Mamie was quiet today & laid on my couch. This p.m. I drewed out manure & snaked out the poles cut yesterday. We had delicious baked potato , flour gravy & canned mackerel supper. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty & wrote him tonight.

February 29, Friday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 20 10 p.m.
Moonlight night & a magnificent sunny day with sharp

air & cloudless still evng. – glowing moonlight.

This morning I wrote air letter to Mariam and the mail truck coming a bit early – I took my letters down to P.O. stopped at Swan & Lena Brewster's walking back. Harlowe McLean called early p.m. & later I went over in woods & cut 4 sticks firewood. Ollie cleaned up p.m. Mamie rested on couch & so short of breath. We had a savory potato stew supper.

March 1, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m.

Variable cloudiness and sunshine. Variable gusty wind p.m. Snow settling and water running. Starlight evng with 9 o'clock rising – declining moon.

Did daily chores & bucked up limb wood by porch.

Harlowe McLean called early p.m. I spent the evng writing thank you for card & letter to Mrs Gilbert VanVaulkenburg, Grahamsville. We had a boiled potato & scrambled egg supper. Mamie dog brighter today & Ollie had a chance to rest. Frank Royce called up 9 p.m. says they have 18 inches of snow & plans to get down for Easter.

March 2, Sunday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 36 10 p.m. A

glare of ice this morning. Heavy fog over the reservoir. Partly overcast & real spring like – snow melting water running – not much mud – overcast tonight.

We rested good last nite & Mamie is comfortable, but hind parts weak & lay on my couch all day & evng. Ollie got some needed rest too. I wrote E. H. Munch this morning. This p.m. I took a load manure over on woods pile & snaked out cut firewood poles. We had a

macaroni with cheese supper & tonite I wrote Gaye Longyear an areogram 11 cents letter.. Rec'd a letter from American Tel & Tel Co with 161 rights good to April 5th buy stock at \$100 per share with 20 rights. Repairman Garwood Cline installed a new telephone due to getting poor service. New York City mayor Dem. Robt Wagner's wife Grace 54 died of lung cancer. Funeral will be in church.

March 3, Tuesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
Overcast a.m. Bright sunny p.m. Cloudless calm evng – unseasonably mild & humid. Snow slushy & water running.

This p.m. I cut & snaked out pole firewood. It was too warm & muggy in woods to work comfortably. All had fairly restful night & Mamie was quiet lying on my couch. Ollie is bundle of nerves. She prepared me a good fish & creamed vegetable supper, but didn't eat herself. Ray Kelder called early evng. I spent my evng viewing March National Geographic & Feb.29th Saturday Evng Post. I rec'd long letter and interesting letter from Gaye Longyear in Bogota. This a.m. I wrote Jean Smith & Vernon Haskins.

March 4, Wednesday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 36 12 p.m.
Heavy white frost – brilliant moonlite nite. Became overcast with brief early p.m. sunshine & strong south wind developed & quieted set in rainy 4 o'clock continued light thru evng.
Not as warm as yesterday but rather muggy. Did chores & bucked up some top wood. All rested good & Mamie

quiet today on my couch. Harlowe McLean called p.m. after trip to Woodstock. I rec'd card Mrs Knorpp & replied by letter & sent down to P.O. We had a good supper & slept all evng. Rec'd letter E. H. Munch – The Ole Mountaineer is down in the dumps.

March 5, Thursday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 40 12 p.m. (Mayor Break Up) Wet night & a.m. about ½ in whipping south wind and snow cutting fog. Bright sunny p.m. with strong gusty warm wind shifting northerly. Starlight & turning seasonally colder.

The snow disappears like magic & streams running with a rush. My Dear Mother Mrs Matie C. Davis died 2 years ago tonite in Mrs Anna Stephen's boarding home 338 Foxhall Ave, Kingston. She was 93 years 8 months. Born in her ancestral farm home July 6th, 1868.

March 6, Friday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 20 12 p.m. Crispy generally sunny clear still evng. Some high overcast. All rested pretty well. Doc Hoppenstedt came before noon and gave Mamie a pep up shot & pills to give her paid \$4.00. This p.m. I cut firewood poles over in woods. Harlowe brought A & P order etc. for us & had supper & a good one. I took a nap & then worked on my income tax report. The snow in open spaces has disappeared – plenty yet in woods & cold mtn areas. Thawing & water running continued, I wrote E. H. Munch & enclosed Get Well card, also Mrs Currier.

March 7, Saturday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Variable morning overcast & rather windy. Clearing

beautifully & warm cloudless still evng.

We rested quite well but poor Mamie gets weaker. I wrote Barbara Moncure this a.m. We had a pleasant mid day call by Old Hickory Vernon Beatty 73 of Stone Ridge. Unexpectedly Herbie Cowan came later p.m. & chain sawed up big piles of firewood at end of barn. Late p.m. I drew out manure. We had a good baked potato & hamburg supper. Another unexpected visitor was genial Jim Burgraff with his projector & showed his interesting collection of colored slides, he took last June in Newfoundland.

Albert Nichols late p.m. hastily removed to Benedictine Hosp with severe heart attack.

March 8, Sunday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 32 12 p.m. Gray chill overcast weather – still – set in snowing early evng – whitening the ground & changed to a mist.

No callers except Harlowe Mclean p.m. He brat over some papers. Other than chores I piled up the sawed wood & cleaned up the sawdust. Ranked up a tier under shed. Mamie rested comfortably but getting weaker , we lift her up & down the kitchen steps. We had as always a good supper & later I took a nap & then read 2 articles in current Post, the Panama situation & Nixon can win in 64 Presidential Election.

Tuesday 10th. Not Sunday, Charley Wood returned home from Albany Vets Hosp, had lump removed from breast last Thursday.

March 9, Monday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 44 12 p.m.

Rained in night & was more or less messy this mild still

cloudy day. Rainy night,
We all rested good last nite & Mamie had a good day,
but gets weaker & we have to help her up & down
kitchen steps. I put in the day with chores & splitting &
piling wood under shed. As usual we had a good supper.
This a.m. I wrote to Jean & Bob Smith. Had a long nap
evng & late wrote card to John & Helen Marshall in Fla,
Holly Hill.

March 10, Tuesday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Rainy night & dismal cold freezy rainy weather turned to
messy wet snow p.m. & continued tonite. Raw piercing
air & colder.

Saugerties area school closed due to sleet conditions. I
did chore routine & split & piled wood. Mamie not so
good vomited several times but we managed to get her
out morning & evng. Wrote Addie & Virgil Winchell
a.m. & rec'd letter Vernon Haskins. Kingston & various
areas high hit by the snarling ice storm. At one time 60
Kingston streets blocked in whole or partially. Fone &
electric badly affected by ice & broken tree limbs.

March 11 , Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 10:30
p.m. The snow petered out in night with an inch
covering. Mostly cloudy thawing, water running. Little
wind, snow disappeared p.m.. Dark evng overcast.
Kingston continues in cased in ice. Higher elevations in
area ice covered. Grassy Ridge section power & fone
wires heavily coated & tree limbs broken.
Rec'd letter Mrs Currier. I did a big messy wet job
snaking out cut firewood sticks with Tony & spread load

manure on woods pile. A flock of 6 deer around all p.m. pasturing grass stubble. Mamie is brighter & restful today. As usual we had a good supper. Rec'd card Vernon Beatty.

March 12, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m. Raw messy wet snowy day, melting as it fell. Snowed heavier early evng ground re-whitened with an inch then cleared & colder.

I did little but chores – too cold to split wood. Mamie comfortable but has a nasty runny sore on left hip & very weak. From my couch she spotted a flock of 7 deer over on Bishop's green field. I had Sears service man John Peterson come p.m. & install new thermostat on my 1951 Coldspot refrigerator \$19.00 paid. I had good supper, Ollie couldn't eat. Mr & Mrs John Hasenflue of Lomontville called early evng. He enjoyed my gun collection – son Freddie about 10 & 5 month old baby daughter with them. Rec'd letter Mrs Cuirrier & Julia Warren & I wrote to Julia tonight. Our refrigerator trouble is ended.

76th anniversary of start of 3 day famous blizzard of 1888.

March 13, Friday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11 p.m. Bright crispy sunny day some scattered high clouds. Clear still evng. The fresh snow coating mostly disappeared.

It was a problem to get Mamie out this morning, she is so weak. However she rested fairly well last night & spent the day fairly comfortable on my couch & loved to look out the window. I did chores & split some wood. I

ate a good supper but Ollie was full without eating. Finally she called Doc Hoppenstedt after office hours, he came & at 9:10 gave Mamie a shot in her leg & she lay down her head & was gone in an instant. Charge \$5.00 paid. He staid & visited awhile fired off my flint lock rifle from porch. I only used a powder charge. First time he ever fired a flint lock

Ollie & I tenderly wrapped poor Mamie in a thick bed blanket & laid her on rug in north room next to parlor.

March 14, Saturday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m.
Sunny sap weather this morning but gradually became overcast with somewhat raw southerly wind. Dark cloudy evng.

Both Ollie & I feel very sad and we kissed Mamie's sweet face a fond farewell before Ollie sewed up the blanket. She looked so peaceful in her eternal sleep. Supt of Highways Marcel Maier called & we had a congenial talk about quarry shale & possibly work for me that I might qualify for Social Security – needing 4 quarters & earning at least \$50. Per quarter.

This p.m. Harlowe McLean came early & we 3 went with Plymouth & took Mamie up on the hill & buried her in a well prepared grave in bottom of mound of coal ashes & clay bottom by small peach tree along side of drainage ditch from Ollie's kitchen . We placed 2 flat square stones on top & later to have Mamie's name & age & date of death chiseled in. She was born in Mrs Simon's Saugerties kennel July 15th 1953 – age 11 yrs 8 mo. Her pedigreed name was Mara & Mrs Simon when giving up her kennel said that Mara was her sweetest

dog. She was ----- yrs old when Ollie bought her from Mrs John Dolan on Spring St in Kingston for \$10.00. She was too much dog for them to have etc. Later I split wood awhile before doing chores. Both Ollie & I ate a good supper. This a.m. I wrote cards to Julia Rhodes & Mrs Currier.

March 15, Sunday — 36 degrees 8 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Cloudy sour northerly wind cleared evng.
It's a still lonesome house & we certainly miss our Dear Mamie. No callers today. I wrote Freeman news copy & cards to Jean Smith & Addie & Virgil Winchell. This p.m. to content myself I split wood awhile & Ollie rested. We had an excellent mashed potato & veal ribs supper.

March 16, Monday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Windy night & continued till sundown. Typically March – cloudless & rather crispy – starlight evng.
The high wind is eating away at the reservoir ice field & there is open water above Weidner's Point along sides.
This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied taking Ollie to see Dr Tocco in Stone Ridge first since before Christmas. Her pressure is up to 180. We also called on Vernon Beatty on Route 209 & came back via Pataukunk & Samsonville Rd. This is the first not to be greeted by Mamie. Harlowe didn't stay & Ollie & I had a good supper & she spent the evng on her couch. I had a nap & later did some reading & wrote card reply to E. H. Munch letter rec'd today.

March 17, Tuesday — 29 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m. A freezy drizzle fell early this a.m. & there was some sunshine following & then again drab chilly overcast. A wet snowstorm set in latter p.m. & continued thru evng. We are lonely without almost human Mamie. This p.m. Harlowe Mc Lean accompanied to Oliver Crawford's Olive Bridge Garage & I had a realigned Plymouth hand brake installed & a grease up job. \$3.00 paid. We then stopped at Reggie Davis & then went to Krumvile to Henry Merihew's for 6 doz pullet eggs @ .30 & coming back stopped at Carl & Ruth Rosengren's. Passing Ollie's both ways we stopped & paid respects to our Mamie. After chores we had an excellent supper & after exercising wrote to Mariam.

My venerated Grandpa Martin Henry Crispel was born this date in 1829, died May 19th 1905 at his ancestral home.

March 18, Wednesday — 24 degrees 8 a.m. 18 11 p.m. Reservoir ice going out. Snow around 2 inches in night & became wild & blizzardly. A rough winter day – became bright clear during morning, then turned mostly cloudy & squally. Cleared early evng with burnished growing new moon high above South Mtn.

I did chores & split & piled wood p.m. & Ollie did a washing this p.m. but rested considerably thru the day & after a good supper went back on couch. We both miss our Mamie so much. Sent air mail letter to Mariam with \$100.00 check for March.

March 19, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.

Brilliant sun with scattered high clouds. Continued blustering – cold night & all day, quieting down tonite. Brilliant new ½ moon high over South Mtn.

The winter bound reservoir ice field has opened up the whole upper end, with cutting wild north wind & rially waves. Harlowe McLean did some Kingston A & P market shopping for us. Ollie needfully rested considerably on couch. I split & piled wood under shed p.m. Rec'd kindly sympathetic card letters from Mrs Currier & Julia Rhodes also rec'd letter Vernon Beatty. I wrote him this a.m. & tonite a reply to Mrs Currier. We had an excellent Armours sausage & baked potato supper.

March 20, Friday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 12 p.m. Real crispy this a.m. Light biting wind but gradually moderated. All clear a.m. some high thin overcast developed p.m. ½ moon hazy tonite.

One of the town trucks driven by Al Hazrossian brat me 4 loads firewood some cut in stove lengths. It was cut along School House Hill where a turn on west side of road is being widened. This p.m. With Harlowe McLean accompanying went to Phoenicia with Plymouth & paid respects at Gormley's Parlors to Mrs Wellington Lasher nee Lillian Palen, cousin of Ollie's mother.. We then drove to Fleischmanns & called on Florence Monahan & sister Mrs Alice Reed & we took a most interesting trip up to the famous scenic Bellaire Ski slopes on west side of valley from the majestic Grand Hotel, now closed. It was a majestic scenic trip & we arrived back around 6 p.m. I did chores & Harlowe had supper with us. Then

after a good nap read today's Freeman & Record Press. I wrote reply a.m. to Julia Rhodes letter rec'd yesterday. It's a week tonight that our Mamie was mercifully put to sleep.

March 21, Saturday — 38 degrees 8 a.m. Cloudy mild but snowy air – little wind – clouds coming out of south. Broken ice fields drifting on reservoir. Ollie cleaned up floors p.m. & we had call from Belle & Chas Wood, first in several months. I did usual chores & ranked up firewood under shed. As usual we had an excellent supper. Week ago this p.m. we buried our lamented Mamie. Jean Smith foned they are at Ledgerock for the weekend with Robert 3rd & other accompanying friends.

March 22, Sunday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. A forecast snowstorm did not arrive in this area, other than a period of latter morning sunshine. The weather was drab, mostly overcast & calm.

Robert Smith with “Chico” Robert Longyear called during a.m. They are at Ledgerock for the weekend. Also Jeanne & 16 yr old Brigette Winkler who lives in suburb of Hamburg, Germany as house guest. She is employed as apprentice to travel agency – Schenker Traveling Agency & is in U.S. on education trip to learn about the states. Young Robert is on Easter vacation from Valley Forge Military Academy. Harlowe Mclean called p.m. & we went up to Gus Korittke & I had 2 axes & a Go Devil splitting sledge sharpened.

As usual Ollie had a good supper but was sick to her stomach & vomited her's up.

March 23, Monday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 32 10 p.m.
Cloudless bright sunny biting light southerly wind.
Brilliant high riding rounding moon tonight.
This a.m. I sent pkg to Jeanie Longyear in San Antonio.
Onteora 6th grade school publication – Along The
Onteora Trail & current Kingstonian. I also ordered 175
printed post card notices from Ira Warren for April 18,
I.O.O.F. Grand Comm meeting in Phoenicia 12.00 Paid.
This p.m. I split & piled wood. Ollie grated a batch of
hot horseradish. As usual we had a good supper. It
continues lonely without Mamie. This evng I packed to
send Mrs Currier 46 annual edition, Casper Wyo Herald
& Tribune rec'd Friday from Lewis Bell. I also sent him
birthday card & get well cards to Albert Nichols & Chas
Sickler in Benedictine Hosp. I also wrote letter Mrs
Currier.

March 24, Tuesday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. Soft sunny
noticeably milder – wind southerly. With increasing high
haze or overcast. New full moon tonite rather hazy
among clouds.

I kept busy along with chores, splitting & piling wood
also latter p.m. drew over big load manure on woods
pile Ollie prepared a good supper but got a sick nervous
spell & didn't eat, & at 9:30 had tomato soup & crackers.
Rec'd air letter from Mariam & letter Vernon Beatty.
Tonite I.O.O.F. Installation at Phoenicia.

March 25, Wednesday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 46 10 p.m.
66 1 p.m. Became warmer in night – warmest day of
year. Sunny a.m. became overcast & light showers p.m.

South wind shifted north & quieted. Looked black around to north – dark still evng.

Ollie all in & rested till early p.m. Harlowe Mclean came & we made a Woodstock shopping trip with Plymouth & home 5:30. Ollie had a good supper but Harlowe didn't stay. She spent the evng resting & I went out & split wood awhile under shed & then wrote aerogramme letter to Gaye Longyear in Bogata. I wrote Wm Klumpen I.O.O.F. Grand secy with check 14.00 for 8 Installation Rituals for Ulster Dist.

March 26, Thursday — 44 degrees 8 a.m. 34 10 p.m. Dismal chill foggy rainy with general thunder shower period p.m. Soaking needed rain – broke away early evng with brilliant almost full moon, then clouded over & blustering snow squalls – ground white.

Rec'd letter Ellen Winfris & wrote a.m. letter to Vernon Beatty. This p.m. I split & piled hemlock block wood under shed.

Friday March 27th – Irving “Hype Bell” single found slumped over wheel of his Chevrolet car dead about 2 a.m. by Olive Fire Chief Bob Henderson. Hype was evidently returning home on High Point road from Boiceville, where he reportedly had attended a dinner. The car had left road & ran off into ditch. He was a World War 2 veteran.. At the age of 2 he lost his left eye while watching his father at work in blacksmith shop, caused by a piece of metal flying from the anvil. He was an expert operator of heavy earth hauling trucks & currently was on unemployment benefits. He is survived by his mother Mrs Ole Bell residing at County Infirmary

, Kingston & unmarried brother Henry at home.

March 27, Friday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. The snow whitening of last night had nearly disappeared this morning. Colder raw blustery – part cloudy – Gorgeous full moon tonight.

Rec'd lovely Easter card from Julia Rhodes. I wrote her a letter this a.m. also to Barbara Moncure. Harlowe Mclean made Kingston trip & did shopping errands for us. When he returned he accompanied Ollie & I on a ride around over to Ashokan to look at an advertised German Shepherd dog on upper road came back to Olive Bridge & visited the cemetery & called on Reggie & Elsie Davis. This evng Robert Smith & Chicko (Robert 3rd) came & took us over to a late supper & back. They are entertaining a Hamburg German 18 year old girl Brigette Winkler on a 3 week trip. She is employed as an apprentice with the Sheneker Travel & Forwarding Agency & later will be an assigned Licensed agent.

March 28, Saturday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11 p.m. Cold raw air & variable cloudiness & sunshine. A wet snowstorm settled in 9 p.m. Wind light.

I drew load manure over on woods pile a.m. Herbie Cowan came noontime & chain sawed me up a nice lot of firewood – \$7.00 paid. I put out the cows awhile behind the barn for exercise. Ollie not feeling good & spent a good portion of the time resting. After having a good supper she spent her evng on couch. I took my weekly bath & read the papers. Arthur Elting started drilling a well for Mr & Mrs Ingham at their summer

home over along west side of my woods in former Jim Harrison pasture lot. Completed a 7 gal per minute vein struck at 157 ft.

The most severe U.S. earthquake & fire since San Francisco 1906 with tidal waves ravaged Alaska last night at 10:36 S.T.

March 29, Sunday — 28 degrees 8 a.m. 26 11 p.m. A chilly Easter. Variable cloudiness, mountain squalls & light wind northerly. Cloudless crisp brilliant declining full moon tonite. Last nights snow disappeared.

Belle & Charles wood took Ollie & I with them in their Volkswagon to the impressive well attended 11 a.m.

Easter service in the Shokan Dutch reformed church.

Service in charge of Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips. Harlowe

McLean called p.m. Mrs James Stoutenburgh of

Glenford brat Ollie a spayed 2 ½ yr old thick silky curley haired Collie & shepherd female dog on trial from the

Kingston S.P.C.A. shelter. It's a very quiet dog but to fat.

Tonite I wrote Ellen Wilfris & enclosed programs of Easter service.

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March 30, Monday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 16 11 p.m. Raw cold somewhat windy. Partly cloudy, near winter, snow squalls on mountains. Much colder tonight & blustery.

I did chores – threw up in heap the chain sawed wood.

This a.m. I wrote Mrs Currier & rec'd letter from her.

This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied by his

neighbor Frank Jordan, Ollie & I attended funeral of

Hype Bell at Gormley's in Phoenicia. Rev. Merton S.

Cady of Hensonville delivered a touching eulogy. There

were a number of elegant floral pieces & a large attendance of friends & neighbors paid respects & Olive Post #1627 conducted a grave side services in Tongore Cemetery. 3 volleys were fired & taps sounded. His grave is adjacent to that of Pvt. Merritt Personeus killed July 26, 1918 world war I. Rev. Cady pronounced the benediction. Ollie's new trial dog Princess got out of house this a.m. but returned after our coming from the cemetery. We had a needed good hot clam stew & scrambled egg & ham supper.

March 31, Tuesday — 18 degrees 7 a.m. 16 p.m. Raw cold winter froze up weather. Variable cloudiness & sunshine, cloudless evng. Typical Bushkill weather. Gary Wank Rhodes came 9 a.m. from Hensonville & we butchered the sleek 5 ½ months old Holstein bull calf. It dressed out 235 pounds & he took half 118 lbs @ .40 lb. About a 3 hour cold job. Ollie had a good hot macaroni & meat balls dinner which Gary enjoyed 2 o'clock before leaving for home. We had a light supper. Frank Royce called tonight. He arrived this p.m. from his home in Cuba for a weeks stay. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty & tonite I wrote Addie & Virgil Winchell.

April 1, Wednesday — 20 degrees 7 a.m. 16 11 p.m. Practically cloudless – light but icy wind. Real winter weather.

I got out a Freeman news copy this morning. This p.m. I took load manure over on pile in woods & then split & piled wood awhile under shed. Ollie had a delicious liver and mashed potato supper. The trout season opened

today, slimly reported catches. Ollie's pesky eczema has broken out on both arms & swollen. Harlowe McLean called p.m.. He got a pkg of 1 qt freezer plastic bags at Boice's store for Ollie to fill with sliced liver for freezer. Tonite I wrote to Mrs Knorpp & Julia Rhodes.

April 2, Thursday — 20 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Continued wintry this a.m.. Sunny & gusty southerly wind, gradually moderated with increasing afternoon overcast. Blustery evng with moderate rain .
Frank Royce obligingly took Ollie & I to Kingston. I applied to the Motor Vehicle for a renewed permit but learned a written test is now mandatory also eye test. I did not take test as wished to further study the driving manual. I with drew a \$1,000. From Kingston Savings bank & put in State of NY Bank in personal check acct. I exercised my 161 rights to apply on purchase of 9 shares of stock@100 each plus 20 rights I ordered purchase of 18 more rights to complete the transaction. We did some up town buying and the balance at A & P market. Mr & Mrs Norman Studer former Directors at the now fire ravaged & closed Camp Woodland called tonight while on a weekend stop over trip from NYC. Rec'd 8 – I.O.O.F. Installation Rituals ordered from Grand Lodge secy.

April 3, Friday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m. Nasty rainy squally type weather. Part cleared at evng but raw & blustery. 41st anniversary of the burning of my saw mill at 11 p.m.
Mr & Mrs Norman Studer took Ollie & I on a visit up to

the museum and closed Camp Woodland also up Muddy Brook Valley where the Camp's water supply was obtained. We had dinner at Al's Restaurant in Phoenicia. It was a rainy trip. Mr Studer has permission to remove the museum antique collection – which was opened Aug. 11th 1962.

Frank Royce had good ham & ----- later supper with us. Wrote Julia Rhodes tonite. Mailed Dist Grand Comm meeting post card notices for April 18th at Phoenicia. Rec'd same 175 yesterday from printer.

April 4, Saturday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 22 11 p.m.
Brilliant sunny & except for high p.m. haze cloudless stinging northerly wind quieted evng.
I did chores & split & piled wood under shed. It's winter weather. Ollie processed the large calf liver in plastic bags for freezing & did kitchen floor cleaning. Harlowe McLean called noontime & brat the Margaretville paper & Grit. I wrote Julia Rhodes this a.m. & thanked for sending check so promptly. Rec'd card from Vernon Beatty. We had an excellent liver & mashed potato supper. Frank Royce called briefly early evng He decided to return home early tomorrow due to the too cold fishing weather. Yesterday he went up to the Downsville reservoir area & got caught in snow storm.

April 5, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Brilliant cloudless – wind continued light northerly. Moderated during the day & cold cloudless still tonight. A rather uneventful day – other than an after noon call from Nelson Shultis who paid Ollie \$30. for shale he had

in December. As usual we had a good baked potato & calf tongue supper. Both tired out & spent the evng resting.

April 6, Monday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. U.S. entered World War I – 1917. Clear early, clouded over from south & chill rain set in toward noon continued thru evng. A nice easy & needed rain.

Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went to Kingston with Plymouth. I passed preliminary tests (90% on the written) for renewed Drivers Permit for 6 mo, Fee 2.50 paid. Ollie reported 12 o'clock for April County Court Jury call. She was deferred to Oct panel Supreme Court. Justice Taylor presiding. We did some up town & A & P shopping and got home 5 o'clock. Tongore cemetery meeting tonite – so Harlowe didn't stay. Had good supper & later I wrote Vernon Beatty – Ollie rested all evng.

April 7, Tuesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Considerable rain in night. Foggy this morning & sun later shone thru. Murked over & was rainy latter p.m. – cleared later p.m.

The days accomplishment — Mart Eckert came in his experienced way, cut up the side of meat – which Ollie wrapped & marked & put part in her freezer and the remainder in Belle & Chas Wood's. Mart rode along with us. Ollie had a delicious browned meat rib & brisket supper with boiled potatoes & sweet corn from freezer – like fresh. Both tired out tonite.

April 8, Wednesday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 40 11 p.m.
Foggy warm & humid – some rain in night – cloudy with dark threatening periods & set in rainy awhile p.m. but didn't continue long. Inky dark tonite.
I did chore routine & finished splitting & piling the sawed up wood. 4 p.m. Ollie & I went with Chas & Belle Wood up to the Onteora 1,291,000. school bond issue vote which was turned down by the disgruntled voters by 373 majority. 1,003 no votes by 733 favor. Olive voted 100 yes 290 no. Belle & Chas stopped in on way back. Ollie had a sick to her stomach spell & so we didn't have planned steak supper. Albert Nichols is home from Benedictine Hosp & was obliged to sell his herd of cows – retaining one for milk & 4 heifers.

April 9, Thursday — 36 degrees a.m. 36 11 p.m. Raw rather blustery and snow squally. Mostly overcast, cleared evng.
Drawed load manure over on woods pile and we went over with Tony and the wagon & cleaned up the Spy blown down apple tree top over in the Hinkley orchard lot. We also called on Mart & Ann Eckert. This a.m. I finished and sent long letter to Mariam, with enclosures including \$100.00 check for April. We had an excellent steak supper and Ollie rested & I wrote letter Barbara Moncure tonite. Rec'd letter Addie & Virgil Winchell.

April 10, Friday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Sunny and warmer clouded over from north latter p.m. Looked sour & threatening with north wind – cleared evng.
I kept busy with chores & odd wood piling jobs. Herbie

Cowan came after work & chain sawed more wood. Ollie did a washing this p.m. despite the miserable dose of eczema on her arms. We had a delicious meat & tater supper that was rather late. I was tired out & spent the evng on couch & didn't get to bed till after one. This a.m. I wrote to E. H. Munch and sent get well card to Chester Lyons Sr. in Benedictine Hosp & Ollie a birthday card to Lizzie Shader in Kingston. Ordered another pair of reading glasses from Nu Life Products Co, Cas Cob, Conn \$2.95.

April 11, Saturday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Practically cloudless with a veil of high thin haze – wind light. Brilliant chilly starlight evng.

Along with daily chore routine I split and ranked wood under shed. The warmth of the day was mindful of spring. Altho the buds are retarded, the maple syrup making is about over. Ollie kept busy with housework. We had a good but light supper. Harlowe McLean & I attended I.O.O.F. Lodge. Ollie went along and stayed in the Plymouth. A delegation from Freeman Lodge # 170 headed by Dist Deputy Quick were present and assisted in conferring the Initiatory Degree on 2 Walden candidates – 16 home members present also D.D. Heinz Henp & P.S. Seabald were present. Refreshments followed. I wrote Frank Royce this a.m.

April 12, Sunday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. White frost this morning & sunny & cloudless, became quite hazed over p.m. clear again tonite – winds light. Real springlike during day.

We had a day of callers, Mr & Mrs Ben Shultis of Wittenberg annual trip. He got bu seed potatoes. Jean & Robt Smith 1 p.m. She is making out our income tax reports. Later Miss Virginia Slavic retired class teacher & her brother and wife of Little Ferry, N.J. He is a dentist, brat me several historical books to read – History of 120 Regt. Schoonmakers History of Kingston published 1888. History of D.H. Canal 1825 - 1899. In The Catskills by John Binows. The Old Mine Road & Guide To lake Mohonk & The Catskill Mountains, published by U & D R.R. Loaned Mrs Slavic Nurse & Spy in Union Army — also Mart Eckert called p.m.

April 13, Monday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m.
Cloudy with occasional patches of sunshine – wind southerly, strong evng. Getting rainy tonite.
Busied around with chores getting in wood etc. We had a surprising p.m. call by Julia & Robert Rhodes & 2years old son Richard. Julia brat Ollie a birthday gift including five dollars. Mart Eckert came over and gave me a hair cut & then we went down to Post Office & coming back called on Frances Clarke. Ollie prepared a veal roast supper but was nauseated & didn't eat till 10o'clock.
Rec'd 9 shares American Tel & Telegraph stock, paid for @ 1.00 per share & 20 rights per share, having 161rights. I needed & ordered 18 more rights for 9 shares – cost of 19 rights 36.10.
Rec'd air letter from Mariam. Wrote special delivery letter to Jean Smith, returning Income Tax reports.

April 14, Tuesday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m.

Drenching night – rain & drizzle all day. Dismal foggy misty evng. Warm humid & ground soaked and water running.

Kept partially busy with chores & re-piling trucked dumped firewood for chain sawing. Sent birthday cards to Art Blume, Chas Sickler, Vahan Kizirian & Marilyn Cook also letters to Vernon Haskins. Ollie made cake for her birthday and we had a delicious liver & boiled potato supper. The new dog is acting more lively & attentive. Rec'd invoice & wrote check to Chemical Bank N.Y. Trust Co for 19 AT&T rights @1.90 each – Total 36.10.

April 15, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 38 11 p.m. Cloudy mild unsettled. Sun broke thru during p.m. & cleared evng cooler with northerly wind.

Everything soaked. Harlowe McLean brat 6 doz pullet eggs from Henry Merrihew's at .33 ½ - 2.00 paid. He accompanied Ollie & I on the hill where she paid her respects to Mamie & got things from freezer. There is several inches water in cellar for the first in anyway 3 years. This is Ollie's 54th birthday, rec'd a nice card collection. We enjoyed a delicious steak & mashed potato supper. I wrote Vernon Haskins & Vernon Beatty.

April 16, Thursday – 34 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Practically cloudless brilliant day & evng.. Crispy northerly wind diminished.

I did usual routine drew out load manure over on woods pile. Went around pasture lot & pounded down posts. Each year the wire fence becomes more dilapidated. Ollie invited Harlowe Mclean to a delicious

scalloped ham and potato supper served with her birthday cream cake. She rec'd more birthday cards. Rec'd a very interesting & long letter from E. H. Munch. He recalls his lifetime deer kill as 48. Master with 00 buckshot.

Newspaper clipping 4/18/64

April 15, 1854, an event of considerable import took place at the house of Andrew Hill in the old village, the occasion being a railroad meeting to discuss the prospects for getting a line from Kingston to the upper Catskill Mountain country. (It was not until sometime after the Civil War that these plans of local citizens materialized in the building of the Rondout & Oswego Railroad, forerunner of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad.) The first passenger train ran from Kingston at Mt Pleasant May 18, 1870. Shokan News 4/18/64

April 17, Friday — 45 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. The vanguard of barn swallows arrived. Sunny somewhat hazy – wind light. Unsettled warm. Kingston recorded 75 – clear pleasantly cool evng. with almost ½ moon brilliant over Hanover Mtn.

The forenoon slipped away. Did usual chores. Ollie & I each wrote to Julia Rhodes & Mrs Currier. This p.m. I went around pasture fence driving in & re-replacing staples. Charley Wood called on way home from trip to Phoenicia. He got us a gal of Tawny Petri wine \$3.49 Paid. Herbie came after work & chain sawed up another heap of stove wood. Ollie had belated but delicious meat

& boiled potato supper.

April 18, Saturday — 72 degrees 6 a.m. 46 12 p.m.
Summer weather. Variable and increasing cloudiness.
Southerly wind shifted northerly. Rainy tonight & cooler.
I did daily routine & heaped sawed wood together.
Tonite Ollie stayed with Elsie Davis. Harlowe McLean
came 5 o'clock & accompanied to Olive Bridge with
Plymouth. Harlowe & I went with Reggie Davis among
delegation of 9 P.G. from Shokan Lodge (Total
attendance 39 all District lodges represented) to annual
Dist Grand Comm meeting at Phoenicia Lodge #154.
Dist Deputy Heinze Henf presided. Delicious ham
supper at 6:30 by members Tiskiliva Rebekah Lodge #
629. It was a confused session. The Sat movie
downstairs distracting. P.G. Chas Karsten of Sunshine
Lodge # 92 & Highland Chasen Depty & I was
unanimously re-elected secy. New members James Platt
of Phoenicia & P.G. Chas Karsten.

April 19, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Mostly
cloudy dismal cool. Rainy early evng.
Jean & Robert Smith entertained Carl & Ruth
Rosengren, Ollie & myself at a birthday dinner party at
Ledgerock – given for Ollie.
Addie & Virgil Winchell back home in West Hurley
from over winter stay in Cocoa Florida called p.m. while
we away. I wrote to Wm Klumpen I.O.O.F. Grand secy
for Ulster Dist taxable per capita list also to secy
Sunshine Lodge # 929. We learn from Belle Wood that
Stanley - - - garage & contents except his car burned

Thursday noon. Cause unknown. Due to no wind the house was saved. Belle & Mr & Mrs Marsh Maier were on a weekend visit up in Cuba , N.Y.

April 20, Monday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. Rainy night and continued cold steady light rain all day & evng. – dismal weather.

This morning Ollie & I both wrote Addie & Virgil Winchell & Jean & Robert Smith. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty also wrote Mrs Schallert. Did daily chores. Ollie & I walked over with the new dog Princess noontime had visit with Ann & Mart Eckert. He brat us back with his car. I split and piled wood awhile p.m. & after supper. Harlowe McLean called p.m. Local fones out till 4:30 p.m.. Rec'd new Telephone Directory.

April 21, Tuesday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Rained some in night. Cold mountain shrouded cloudy weather – more rain early evng. There is a high dusting of frozen snow on High Point to Wittenbergs. I split & piled some a.m. This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied on trip to Stone Ridge & both he & Ollie saw Dr Tocco. Ollie's condition pretty good & got new supply of pills in variety. Harlowe had a shot of B12. Stopped at Vernon Beatty's, he wasn't home. We came back by Samsonville & stopped at Grover & Daisy Winchell's. Ollie had good supper but Harlowe didn't stay. I wrote Vernon Beatty tonite & did some reading. Ollie rested.

April 22, Wednesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m.

Had 2o'clock thunder shower and more earlier this a.m. 6 to after 7. Cloudy raw cold air with light to breezy southerly wind. Moderating trend p.m. clearing evng & high riding full moon shining amid fleeting clouds traveling east.

I finished splitting & piling sawed wood. Harlowe McLean called early p.m. & brought Ollie some A & P purchases. Ollie rested much of the day. We had a good meatballs with flour gravy & mashed potato supper. The New York 1964 Worlds Fair opened — weather rainy & attendance of 65,000 far below expectations. The opening was heckled by Negro & white Civil Rights demonstrators & 230 arrested. I rec'd letter Jeanne Longyear from San Antonio, Tex. & I replied tonite.

April 23, Thursday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Cleared away during the morning — became practically cloudless — wind northerly & pleasantly warm. Still cloudless evng with thin veil of haze & high riding fulling moon.

Did usual routine. Finished & mailed letter to Jeanne Longyear. This p.m. Ollie & I went on the hill with Tony & wagon & I did some cleaning up, drew heap of last years raked hay & dumped over side road rocks. Herbie Cowan came after work & finished chain sawing the remaining firewood — \$3.00 Paid. Ollie had a good supper, fried ham & potato salad & beans from freezer. This is Helen Marshall's birthday.

April 24, Friday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Olive Bridge reported 32 degrees this morning. Cloudy - chilly

- northerly wind. Moon broke thru evng.
Other than chore routine I kept pretty much busy splitting hemlock chunks. Ollie rested considerably & got a good meat & mashed potato supper. Addie & Virgil Winchell called evng & brat us each a birthday gift. Me a summer dress shirt & Ollie panties. They had an enjoyable winter in Cocoa, Florida.

April 25, Saturday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.
Pleasant weather wind light. Variable cloudiness & sunshine. Spotted moonlight and shadows evng.
I finished splitting the hemlock blocks & ranked up the wood along end of barn.
We had callers in variety Jehovah Witnesses, a little girl selling Girl Scout candy. Mr & Mrs Cruthers on Cancer Fund collection, Jesse Shurter & Harlowe McLean. Ollie is bothered with pains in her back & tried to rest but as usual we had a good supper spaghetti & meatballs.
Along with taking a bath & changing underwear I spent my evng reading. Rec'd good interesting letter from Gaye Longyear in Bogota.

April 26, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Daylight Saving Time 2 a.m. Cloudless serene sunny spring weather. Windy evng with brilliant moon nearing full.
Did usual routine. It was a quiet day till latter p.m. when Mart Eckert dropped in & trimmed up my hair also Addie & Virgil Winchell came. They didn't stay for supper which was good but late. I wrote Bertha Merrill also Freeman news copy. The recently arrived barn

swallows are busy nesting.

April 27, Monday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Brisk southerly wind day & evng. Clear warm – overcast started to develop during p.m.

Wrote card to Mrs Currier and sent greeting card to Granville Bush in Benedictine Hosp. He had cancer operation last Thursday & is reported in critical condition. I drew out manure, took it over to Herman Eckie's for his flowers etc. This p.m. Ollie & I went on the hill with Tony & brat back and piled along end of barn a large load of sawed round wood that's laid in heap under the big maple by her spring for 2 years. We had a good supper & Harlowe McLean ate with us. This evng I made out per capita assessment bills for the 7 Ulster Dist Lodge. The taxable membership is 333 compared with 314 last year @ .50 per member. List rec'd today from I.O.O.F. Grand Secy William Klumper. Ollie rec'd gift package from Jean Smith (a nice slip.

April 28, Tuesday — 62 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Rained a little in night – cloudy foggy still heavy misty rains.

A bit damp for outside work but I managed to split apart the re-sawed short chicken yard elm blocks & piled them along chicken house arranged for drying out & around base of ash tree. This p.m. I stayed in house pretty much & wrote a reply aerogram letter to Gaye Longyear. This a.m. mailed per capita assessment letters also Ollie & I wrote to Jean & Robert Smith. Rec'd letter Vernon Haskins. Ollie rested most of the day & prepared an

excellent veal roast & mashed potato supper with green beans from freezer. Tonite I wrote back to Vernon Haskins.

April 29, Wednesday— 52 degrees 7 a.m. 46 p.m.
Cloudy chill & drizzly weather & dark gloomy evng. I did daily chore routine & cleaning up barn jobs. Ollie pretty much tried to rest up her lame back. No callers today. Ollie bought a 4 lb shad \$1.00 from octogenarian Geo Kelder, had fried shad for supper with baked potatoes, tomatoes etc. Ollie rested & I put in the evng writing Mrs Currier. Rec'd letter Julia Rhodes & I wrote her a card this morning.

April 30, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 47 11 p.m.
Stagnated dismal weather still & intermittent misty rains. I did more cleaning up p.m. in barn & open shed. A dusty messy job & well needed. Ollie pretty much rested trying to limber up her lame back. We had an excellent cooked kraut with thick ham rine & boiled potato supper. This evng I finished reading C.G. Hines historically interesting book “The Old Mine Road” also wrote to Vernon Beatty. I sent pkg of papers etc to Gaye Longyear.

May 1, Friday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Same cool drizzly weather dark still evng. Sun shone in Kingston p.m.
Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston. We did considerable market shopping mostly at Mohican

& A& P, at Mohican we bought turkey leg & thigh & shank portion cooked ham each @.29 lb. We came back to Woodstock and paid respects to Granville Bush at Lasher's Parlors. He had magnificent steel casket & beautiful flower tributes. Stopped at Addie & Virgil Winchell's in West Hurley. Harlowe didn't stay for supper which was a good one. Ollie was tired & rested all evng.

May 2, Saturday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Sunny with variable high overcast. Pleasantly cool, a light cool breeze was wafted off the reservoir. Still, stars hazy tonite.

Other than chore routine I took load manure over in woods & did a big job harrowing over thoroughly the big garden patches & in which included the south side of garden ploughed late last fall – had been in sod for years. Ollie cleaned up in the house & we had a delicious cod fish steak & mashed potato supper. I was pretty tired & took a nap evng & Ollie also rested. I sent letter with Natl Sportsman magazine to E.H. Munch. Rec'd letter Mrs John "Violet" Schallert. Funeral for Granville Bush 2 p.m. at Lasher's – interment in Tongore cemetery.

May 3, Sunday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 40 11 p.m. White frost & 30 at Brodhead this morning. A duplicate of yesterday. Sunny variable high overcast, cooling breeze off the reservoir, cloudless still chilly evng.

We had a pleasant forenoon call by Vernon Beatty. Harlowe McLean came early p.m. & latter we took a ride with Plymouth up to Shandaken notch entrance to see

Mrs John Schallert family but they were not home. It was a pleasant trip[with considerable sight seeing traffic. Coming back we stopped at the Slavik home atop Cold Brook Hill. Ollie & I enjoyed a roast turkey leg with dressing, biscuits & mashed potato supper. Harlowe didn't stay. Was tired tonight @ Ollie went to bed right after supper & I got no writing done called it a day at 10:20. Mr & Mrs Irving Hesley were given a farewell surprise party by a group of 48 fellow DWS employees, friends & neighbors.

Aunt Cornelia Bishop's birthday, she died August 18th 1935 age 77.

May 4, Monday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 42 11 p.m.
Continued pleasant weather – wind gentle. Variable high overcast, generally sunny cool evng.
Starting off the week Tony & I did a considerable general garden plowing job. We took it easy & rested occasionally. Mart Eckert called p.m. Frank Royce arrived down from Cuba NY to spend the week at Cottage Buckhorn and had supper with us, ham, parsnips, boiled potatoes, stewed corn, tea etc. I was too tired to do anything after Frank left so took a nap before calling it a day & Ollie's sore back is letting up & was more active. DWS Division foreman Irving Hesley moved from their home on Maltby Hollow Rd opposite entrance Bushkill cemetery to one of the Reservoir houses at Brown Station. This is Oscar Dudley's 85th birthday. He rec'd 51 cards.
Bubbles jr 1st calf Jersey artificially bred with Hereford serum by inceminator Art Haser of New Salem – Fee

6.00 Paid. She had an Angus bull calf Jan.13.

May 5, Tuesday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 59 11 p.m.
Continuing pleasant weather – wind gentle & considerable high overcast – cool starlight evng. I finished the garden plowing job & marked out, fertilized with 6-12-6 & planted 8 rows Kathadin & 2 Dibbells russet potatoes in strip below garden rock. Ollie not feeling good & rested most of day but got a good supper hamburgs, boiled potatoes, green beans etc. I was tired tonite – no reading or writing. Harlowe McLean called. Rec'd letter Ellen Winfris & Ada Bell & card from Vernon Beatty which I replied tonite by letter.

May 6, Wednesday —44 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m.
Continued fair pleasant & getting dry weather. Rather brisk southerly wind quieting p.m. Thin high variable haze. Starlight evng. I harrowed thoroughly the main part of the garden & started leveling off for planting along south side. Also drew out manure. 4 p.m. Ollie & I accompanied Belle & Charles Wood to vote in the budget approval \$2,696,435. At the Onteora School gym in Boiceville, 58% of enrolled voters in the several districts total 2882 defeated the project by 18 votes 805 to 787. Jim Burgraff called evng. He has been on another trip of 3600 miles to Nova Scotia to buy coins and firearms & parts. He left April 5th a near winter visit. We went down to Cottage Buckhorn & had a chat with Frank Royce.

May 7, Thursday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 82 11 p.m. Warm

much like yesterday with some high haze but sunny & dry.

Ollie & I got a start planting garden along lower side – double row peas – 1 ½ rows onion sets – short row beans etc. We had a number of callers including Frank Royce. Lil Mc Vitty & friend Mrs Eliz VanWest of Woodstock & a shad peddler Geo Graham of Kerhonkson. We bought 3 nice shad @ .50 each Frank Royce came 6:30 took Ollie & I down for supper. Mrs John Schallert of Shandaken also called early p.m. & returned historical papers etc I loaned her Feb.13th.

May 8, Friday — 74 degrees 6 a.m. 82 11 p.m. Mostly overcast, warm humid summer weather. Had a sprinkle rain early p.m. Windy evng & night from High Point quarter.

Ollie & I accompanied Frank Royce & Hazel Maier on a too warm for comfort trip to Kingston & over to the Hi-Lo market in Port Ewen. We went out to Motor Vehicle Bureau in N. Manor Ave Armory & I had a date set for road test in Ellenville at 10 a.m. June 2nd. We planted more garden & set out row 14 early cabbage plants.

May 9, Saturday ---- 74 degrees 7 a.m. 70 10 p.m. Windy warm humid night. Unseasonably dry hot windy – considerable cloudiness forecast showers did not develop. Clearing cooler trend developed latter p.m. – cloudless tonight & not so windy.

The wind was shifting & strong – unusual for this time of year. The sun was too hot for outdoor work. Other than chores I sprouted potatoes & cleaned up some in the dirty

celler. Ollie cleaned up the kitchen floor p.m. Notified by Federal Income Tax Bureau that I owe on 1962 report \$122.46 plus 6%int \$7.81 total \$130.27.

May 10, Sunday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Light rains in night & early morning. Directly contradicted to yesterdays drying heat – the weather changed over night to chilly much lower temperature. Wind moderate northerly. Mostly cloudy with occasional sprinkles. After morning chores I found the Plymouth battery gone dead. Harlowe McLean went 3 years without a re-charge a Bluesunoco with 18 mo guarantee bought at Onteora Service Station. This p.m. I bought a duplicate & paid \$13.50 at Onteora Sales & Service. Harlowe McLean took Ollie & I with his car on an enjoyable Mother's day trip to Hensonville & visited with the Julia Rhodes family. We arrived 12:30 as they were eating dinner & later ate our prepared basket of lunch brought along. Coming back we came down the mountain to Palenville & so home by West Saugerties, Woodstock & Mt Tremper arriving 5 o'clock – only drawback was the dismal chilly weather.

May 11, Monday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 50 p.m. Brilliant cool drying day with northerly wind. Clouded over latter p.m. Cleared again evng & wind calmed. I started early haying — mowed with Tony a strip of uncut dead hay down below garden for burning off, also cut the yard around house & took load manure over in woods. Ollie did quite a lot of housework & defrosted the heavy ice coated refrigerator & got as usual a savory

supper cod steak & peas & potatoes cooked thick together. She rested all evng & I wrote Barbara Moncure replying to letter rec'd today. Harlowe McLean called p.m. & brat papers.

May 12, Tuesday ---- 44 degrees 6 a.m. 57 11 p.m.
Sunny & on the cool side. Light wind from the reservoir. Gradually clouded over p.m. Dark still evng and rained a little.

This a.m. I harrowed over the unplanted gardening ground. P.M. had call by Ruth & Carl Rosengren. Cleaned up the grass clippings. Latter p.m. I got a burning permit from Supervisor Lester S. Davis & Harlowe McLean came & helped burn over most of field below house. The south end is growing up thick with ash sprouts. Harlowe staid for supper and a good one. I paid him \$2.00. I'm plenty tired tonite.

May 13, Wednesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11 p.m.
Nice rain this morning & thunder shower that drifted around north end reservoir. Still humid p.m. & sun broke thru & again murked over but didn't rain – dark evng. I managed to keep pretty much busy, after mail time put teeth in hand rakes – sharpened machine knife & clipped off young brush down along wall. Ollie did some washing & got good supper fried ham, mashed taters, flour gravy & corn. Tired tonite & nothing done. Had fone call evng from Chester Lyons in Hurley. It's 2 months tonite that our beloved Mamie dog was put to sleep.

May 14, Thursday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 50 11 p.m. There was some rain in the night, cloudy humid this morning turned noticeably cooler and there was a beautiful but cold rain this afternoon. Dark still damp evng.

This a.m. I got the hay mow hole planking removed & piled handy for next fall replacing. This p.m. Harlowe McLean took Ollie & I to Dr Hoppenstedt on Rosendale road & he had 2 cats inoculated for distemper & Ollie had our new Collie dog Princess ears cleaned & medicated & got de-worming tablets Fee \$4.00. We had a delicious baked potato hamburg supper. Harlowe didn't stay. I spent the evng reading & Ollie resting. There was a thunder shower in Kingston & raining hard. We shopped coming back at A & P market.

May 15, Friday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 50 11 p.m. It rained along during night, The day was cool light northerly wind & gradually clearing – broken clouds & sunshine. Clear still chilly evng with brilliant growing crescent moon over (Blackberry) & Hanover mountain,

This p.m. I drew out manure & mowed over the burned side hill field also re-cut the house yard. Ollie did a washing & we had a savory bullhead supper. I was real tired tonite & looked over the in coming papers. The Onteora (Olive Bridge) Speedway re-opened for the season tonight with a resounding roar. Don & Edna Bishop arrived back this p.m. from their 4 months trailer trip.

Clark A. Sanford 85 – Pub. Editor Catskill Mountain news, Margaretville for 6 years, died following a heart seizure yesterday. Mr Sanford was a close friend of Fred

Bishop who died in 1923 & was best man at Fred's 2nd bedside marriage to Mrs Kitty Brenn in that summer.

May 16, Saturday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11 p.m.
Serene sunny with warm southerly wind. Some high overcast developed p.m. Pleasant evng with high glowing crescent moon over South mtn.
With aching legs & feet I was slow in movement today. Ollie had little git up & go either, but cleaned up the kitchen floor & got a good supper. Both tired & rested evng. This a.m. I got out a Freeman News copy. Harlowe McLean called p.m. I raked up the yard clippings & hooked up Tony & raked over the burned field.

May 17, Sunday ---- 48 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11 p.m. Lovely serene weather wind light mostly northerly. Sunny to partly cloudy clear chilly evng. Brilliant almost ½ moon. Ray Cruthers son-in-law John Simon called late a.m. to see the front porch view of full up reservoir..majestic green springtime. Mart Eckert called evng, came with car & using crutch & cane. We talked about old people & old times. We had as usual a good meat & gravy & mashed potato supper. I wrote Lute & Ada Bell & sending last issue of The Kingstonian. Also wrote Jeanne Longyear with birthday card & \$2.00 bill.

May 18, Monday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11 p.m.
Pleasant work weather, wind northerly. Sunny with some high cloudiness cool evng ½ moon somewhat overcast. Harrowed over garden ground again a.m. Marked out and planted mellowed south side of garden – formerly

sod several years, 11 rows certified Kathadin potatoes – in addition to plowed under last fall manuring I spread 6-12-6 fertilizer in rows & went thru with hand wheel plow, before dropping the cut pieces. Ollie not feeling good but led Tony on marking out rows. As usual we had good supper. Harlowe McLean called latter p.m. Rec'd letters from Mrs Currier also air mail from Mariam.

May 19, Tuesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Gusty southerly to shifting winds & hot humid sunshine preceded violent boisterous p.m. thunder showers. We had one at mid p.m. a lesser one following. Gradually faired away tonite. The bulging $\frac{1}{2}$ moon somewhat shrouded.

Other than routine I re-covered the newly planted potatoes & Ollie helped mark out some sweet corn cross rows north side of garden rock. We had a spare rib & mashed potato supper. I was so tired that I hit the got till after midnight & Ollie the same.

May 20, Wednesday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Much cooler windy and gradually clearing. Bright sunny p.m. & cloudless chilly evng – brilliant moon.

Ollie & I went to Kingston with Harlowe McLean in his 56 Chevy car. Had my road test date changed from June 2nd to 16th at Ellenville. Picked up 2 screens for our aluminum kitchen & front porch doors. No charge. Did some up town & A & P shopping & came up to Sawkill & got 4 doz pullet eggs at Harry Siemsen's. They showed us a copperhead 2 ft snake, 2 killed along bank near their house yesterday. We stopped briefly at

WEST Hurley for chat with Addie & Virgil Winchell.
Harlowe had supper with us.

May 21, Thursday ---- 40 degrees 6:30 a.m. 58 11 p.m.
Cool – brilliant sunshine wind northerly some high
overcast. Rounding moon 3/4 a bit hazy.

Wonderful work day. This p.m. Ollie led Tony & we
plowed Mart Eckert's garden – not so large as normally.
He hobbles about with crutch & cane. Both tired tonite.
We had a delicious cod steak & potato supper. Rec'd
letter Vernon Beatty. This is Jeanne Longyear's 21st
birthday.

May 22, Friday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 74 10 p.m. Warm
still humid. Variable cloudiness, light breeze evng &
moon somewhat hazed.

We had surprise visit by Julia Rhodes & 2 yr old son
Dickie. They brought a basket lunch & we ate on front
porch. Harlowe McLean came right after they left around
2:30 & brought groceries etc he got for us in Kingston.
\$3.51 paid. Included was a No Dumping metal sign .50
& 5lb pail clover honey \$1.37. We went on hill and
nailed sign on hickory tree along the rocks where the
town covered over controversial dump. Later I planted 8
rows Golden Cross Bantam corn in hills to north side of
the garden rock. I dug in 6-12-6 fertilizer & white lime in
each hill & 6 kernels treated corn. Ollie had a good light
supper. This a.m. I wrote air mail letter to Mariam with
check \$100.00.

May 23, Saturday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 82 11 p.m. 94

degrees in shade p.m. Sunny extremely hot and humid – rather hazy, scattered clouds. Cloudless, soft hazy moonlite evng, nearing full & breezy.

Just too hot to do more than routine. I planted row potatoes along south side sweet corn. Helped Ollie clean front porch & put new board on porch steps. We had a good supper. Addie & Virgil Winchell called, she repaid me \$10.00 Ray had borrowed Easter Sunday. Sent birthday cards to Belle Burgher & Mrs Knorph with a letter also wrote to E.H. Munch.

May 24, Sunday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 78 10 p.m.

Continued super heated – humid midsummer weather. Sunny hazy with some overcast. Cloudless soft moonlight evng, nearly full.

Did chore routine. Jean & Robert Smith called p.m. Later Harlowe McLean who had come earlier took a ride with the Plymouth to Shady & called on Alf Evers & also saw Barbara Moncure who happened to be there. It was a warm but pleasant trip. Harlowe had supper with us, a good one.

May 25, Monday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 60 10 p.m. Big change in weather, became much cooler & lowered humidity. Brisk strong northerly wind whipped up white capped waves. Dark squall clouds gradually gave way to bright sunshine & the evng was cloudless with magnificent almost full moon.

Tony & I did a big job today drew out manure & started early haying, mowed corner behind chicken house, cross path strip out to road & alfalfa patch below

garden & remaining heavy growth below red ashokan tree above I had hand cut & wheeled in for cows. Also after a rest cut the house yard for 3rd time. We had a delicious veal chop supper.

May 26, Tuesday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m.
Brilliant sunny drying up weather & with developing p.m. cloudiness – wind shifted to warm southerly evng & was overcast & weather report is showers.
I worked at the cut hay forked it over twice raked & after supper cocked it up. I also mowed a heavy narrow manured strip along cross path and another along the blind diagonal old ditch drain. Rec'd brief letter yesterday from Vernon Haskins & replied by card also one to Mrs Currier.

May 27, Wednesday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Had no showers. It was a windy night & today much cooler & continued strong nor-westerly wind with variable cloudiness sunny and wonderful hay drying weather. Clear & late moon rise in far south evng.
I worked at the hay & cut another load in the woods corner. The quality is now at best. Ollie helped me get in the 1st & well cured load latter p.m. As usual we had a good supper fried shad & peas & potatoes cooked together. I wasn't sleepy tonite wrote letter Julia Rhodes. Daisy 73 today.

May 28, Thursday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Partly cloudy & windy – Real chilly & bone dry, consistent strong noreasterly wind.

I cut another strip of hay behind barn along drive.
Worked at the other cut hay forking it over & late p.m.
Ollie & I got in a well cured load & put on mow. This
p.m. Harlowe, Ollie & I visited both Tongore & Bushkill
cemeteries & Legion flags fluttered gaily, but the grass at
Tongore burned brown so dry but was cut spick & span. I
placed my annual flag on Merritt Personeus grave. Ollie
& I had a good supper hot potato stew supper & later to
tired to read or write. Wrote Mariam card this a.m.
Andrew Radtke 66 of Krumville retired N.Y.C.
policeman died suddenly at noon on the Elias Miley road
where he was employed by the Olive Highway Dept. He
had started work Monday & was subject to heart attacks.

May 29, Friday — 44 degree a.m. 44 11 p.m. Continued
windy but not so rough as yesterday quieted evng. Partly
cloudy with intermingled sunshine. Unseasonably chilly
— clear & feels frosty tonight.

We worked at the hay & got a nice well cured load p.m.
on woods corner & also raked up yesterdays cutting. Carl
& Ruth Rosengren called p.m. & this evng Carl & Bob
Steen called & brat me gal Petri Tawny Port wine & 2
cartons Grand Union Bock beer they got for me in
Woodstock \$5.23 Paid. Ollie & I had a good hot potato
stew supper. Olive Fire Co. No 1 held service 8 p.m. at
Humiston's Parlors in Kerhonkson for Andrew Radtke.

May 30, Saturday ---- 44 degrees 6 a.m. 46 12 p.m.
Olive Bridge & Krumville low lying areas reported
heavy white frost. Continued unseasonably cool with
diminishing northerly wind. More sunny than yesterday —

starlight still chilly evng.

Addie & Virgil Winchell came this a.m. & we four attended the Olive Post 1627 American Legion Memorial ceremony at the town building monument. At the close 3 volleys were fired & taps sounded. A parade preceding headed by an Onteora school drum corps & auxiliary & other groups marched in color procession from Davis' store. There was a large attendance. Refreshments were provided at the firehall. We then drove on up to the old Cold Brook cemetery & paid respects to many relatives & friends who lie there in Shandaken soil. Coming back around 1 o'clock we had a picnic dinner on front porch. It was almost too cool for comfort & jacket needed. Later Jesse Burgher & Kenneth Smith on weekend trip from Cuba N.Y. called, we visited on porch. I forked over the raked hay twice & cocked it for the night. Ollie & I had a light supper.

May 31, Sunday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.

Considerable and variable cloudiness wind light.

Starlight evng. There was a period of warm p.m. sunshine. There is a fair indication of much needed rain brewing.

I worked at the cocked hay opened it up & forking over & this p.m. it finally becoming ready & Ollie & I got it cleaned up with rakings in a nice load. I also spread load manure on grass stubble. No visitors today. We had a delicious veal steak supper with peas & mashed potatoes.

June 1, Monday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Cloudy and cool with occasional dry weather sprinkle.

This a.m. I re-harrowed the unplanted garden patches & p.m. Ollie & I did a big job setting out plants, 50 tomato, dozen peppers & 6 cauliflower & fertilized with 6-12-6 & burned lime. We had a savory hamburger and boiled potato with lima beans supper.

June 2, Tuesday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m.
Overcast and unseasonably chilly forenoon. Broke away sunny and pleasant p.m. Starlight early fall like evng. Ollie did the chores and I served on the Primary Election – voting hours 12 - 9 in District # 2 finished at 10:20 p.m. The old board of inspectors continued – Albert Fox Sr. Chairman Dem. Mrs Emma Ackert (Rep) excepting Mrs Geo Rothman Dem in place of Beatrice Coletti. Due to the 4th Congressional Dist contest between Sen. E. Ogden Bush & Lloyd Newcombe of Saugerties on the Rep side. The Dem contest for State committeeman between Mrs Kerr incumbent and Mrs ----- the primary vote was exceptionally heavy. Sen Bush carried Dist 2 by 3 votes out of 88 ballots cast including 5 void paper ballots & Dorothy Narel by 24 votes out of 33 cast & 7 declared void. Mrs Kerr squeezed out a mere 37 majority in County.

June 3, Wednesday — 41 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Harlowe McLean reported 36 degrees. Frost again reported in Olive Bridge area. Sunny this morning with southerly wind, became overcast with frequent p.m. sprinkles & to south 5 o'clock thunder. We had a nice little rain to lay the dust, clearing evng – unseasonably chilly.

This a.m. I cut another chunk of hay behind chicken house & this p.m. spread load manure & dug up Ollie's flower bed with cultivator & then she led Tony & I twice in row cultivated thru the partly up sweet corn & both potato patches. After a good supper Ollie went to bed & I had a nap & then got around & wrote Vernon Beatty. Rec'd letters Mrs Knorpp. Julia Rhodes & Vernon Beatty.

June 4, Thursday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 46 12 p.m. Chilling brisk northerly wind & partly cloudy a.m. clearing brilliant p.m. Starlight calmed evng with near frosty tinge.

I cut another chunk of hay behind barn & forked over yesterday cutting. This p.m. Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on practice driving trip to Ellenville. The Ellenville traffic was quite heavy during the latter p.m. We made purchases at the A&P store & came home by way of Lyonsville & made a short stop at Vernon Beatty's. Harlowe had supper with us. He drove coming back. Wrote reply letter to Julia Rhodes.

June 5, Friday — 40 degrees 6 a.m. 46 12 p.m. Brilliant sunny weather some thru high clouds – wind light variable. Still & almost frosty tonight.

I worked at the cut hay & raked & cocked part of it. It didn't seem to dry very good today tho was quite warm p.m. & sunny. Ollie & I accompanied Harlowe McLean & Frank Jordan to Mrs Viloa Bell's 2:30 p.m. funeral at Gormley's in Phoenicia, only 10 present including son Henry. Rev. Merton S. Cady officiated. We didn't go to

Tongore Cemetery. As usual we had a good meatball & potato supper. Rec'd letter Currier & I answered tonite. Cards from Lute Bell & Vernon Beatty. I wrote reply letters tonite to Mrs Currier & Mrs Knorpp. This p.m. Boiceville & Ashokan trucks responded to a woods fire on reservoir property below Chalet Indian, apparently started along railroad & burned about 5 acres.

June 6, Saturday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 54 12 p.m. Sunny early with increasing & thickening cloudiness with wind southerly. Gradually set in raining pleasantly early p.m. & continued more heavily evng to midnight.

I worked over the hay this a.m. & Harlowe McLean came along & gave Ollie & I a hand getting a load nearly all but the rakings. It was sprinkling but spread the load on the 3 mows to dry out. Also drew out manure, took it over to Herman Eckee's. Ollie rec'd a lovely well fitted dress from Mrs Knorpp. Robert & Jean Smith accompanied by Robert 3rd came for us 8 p.m. to have supper with them at Ledgerock. Robert has completed his 1st year at Valley Forge Military Academy.

June 7, Sunday – 54 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Sun shone thru early then murked in and rained a little. During p.m. sun shone awhile & then clouds closed in and had early evng thunder shower.

The rain is perking everything up. This p.m. Harlowe, Ollie & I attended Mr and Mrs Jesse Shurter's open house 50th wedding anniversary in Samsonville church hall. Around 125 adults & children present. They rec'd a deluge of lovely gifts – with buffet lunch in savory and

abundant variety. We got home just as the rain was starting. Tonite I wrote to Vernon Beatty.

June 8, Monday ----64 degrees 7 a.m. 60 12 p.m.
Drizzling this morning rather warm & humid. Murky, sun broke thru p.m. thunder showers worked off below High Point. Dark overcast tonite – still.
The ground was rather wet & packy but I set out another box 11 tomato plants, planted 8 hills of Kentucky Wonder pole beans, helped Ollie get flower bed planted along toilet walk. I also dug out a mess of deep rooted prickly nightshade in unplanted sweet corn ground. We had a good hamburg & boiled potato supper & after we sat on front porch as the hazy twilight deepened – took a nap.

June 9, Tuesday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 68 11 p.m. Warm & humid – unsettled August like weather. Sun broke thru murk & shone during day – cloudy again tonight.
I helped Ollie plant more garden — cleaned up the remaining cut hay & rakings. Took another load manure over to Herman Eckee's. Harrowed over & marked out another sweet corn patch. Late p.m. Harlowe McLean Ollie & I went down to Town yes or no vote on legal Bingo - - - - by Town Board carried 52 – 12. After a good supper I took a comfortable nap on front porch.

June 10, Wednesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11 p.m.
Windy hot & humid part cloudy. Showers failed to materialize altho there was a heavy black cloud over High Point early p.m. A change developed with the stiff wind shifting nor easterly & turning cooler.

I planted 7 rows Golden Cross Bantam sweet corn in hills 6 kernels & 3 beans to a hill. Planted sugar pumpkin & acorn squash – also in potatoes. Later I hooked Tony on machine & cut the remaining hay on woods corner lot & behind barn. We had a good late supper. Wrote Vernon Beatty tonight so hot Ollie didn't get much done today.

June 11, Thursday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m.
Cloudless brilliant day & evng. The bone drying northerly wind diminished. The ground is getting dried out as before the rain.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Ellenville. I drove most of both ways. We shopped at the A&P market. Billy Martin Jr. Who is an expert driver took me over a thorough cross section practice drive and sees no reason why I shouldn't be permitted to pass driving test Tuesday 10 o'clock. On way back we visited the Palentown cemetery. Jim Burgraff called evng.

June 12, Friday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 58 12 p.m.
Continued drying weather. Bright sunshine most of the time, amid high thin overcast. Winds rather light. I worked at the hay, forked it over twice & this p.m. Ollie & I got 2 loads in bone dry shape.. Let the last load staid on wagon. We had a savory whiting fish supper & later I took a nap. Ollie as usual rested on couch.

June 13, Saturday – 60 degrees 6 a.m. 76 10 p.m.
Overcast this morning followed by drizzling rain, broke away p.m. Cloudless breezy evng – Burnished growing

crescent moon over Hanover mtn – warm & humid.
Raked & cleaned up most of the rakings. I planted another row of sweet corn. Rec'd letter Jean Smith. We had a delicious steak supper.

June 14, Sunday — 68 degrees 6 a.m. 50 10 p.m. Brisk northerly wind partly cloudy warm & humid. Cloudless brilliant wind stilling – growing crescent moon, evng chilly.

Did usual routine. I cut another load of hay to north side of garden, forked it over p.m.. Addie & Virgil Winchell came & we took a ride around reservoir west basin. They had supper with us – a good one.

June 15, Monday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 52 11 p.m. Still intermittent light rains – showers warm. Sun broke thru briefly p.m. Moon shone after evng rain.

A sorta messy day, cut hay got wet. At last a crow sampled several hills 6" high early sweet corn so belatedly I strung up heavy twine p.m. Helped Ollie work in flower bed. I wrote letter & finished tonite to Mariam, with check \$100.00.

June 16, Tuesday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Strong chilling northerly wind and brilliant sunny atmosphere. Scattered high clouds. Half moon tonight. Autumn like weather.

Mr & Mrs Virgil Winchell accompanied Ollie & I to Ellenville where I surrendered my driving permit at 10 o'clock and took my 4th road test. I encountered no apparent difficulty and will learn results in a few days.

Addie drove the Plymouth back. We had lunch & they took us up to Onteora school to vote on the previously defeated 2,635,000 budget. Which was now decisively defeated by 263. 3099 machine votes cast 79 blanks or void, only West Hurley voted in favor.

June 17, Wednesday — 54 degrees 50 11 p.m.
Magnificent cloudless – continued bone drying – northerly wind, calmed evng. Brilliant over ½ moon. Early autumn weather. Worked at the hay. Frank Royce who arrived last nite came this morning & took Ollie & I to Kingston. Latter p.m. I raked yesterday's cutting & we got in a good load of dry. Frank came back & had supper with us – ham, boiled potatoes & strawberry shortcake.

June 18, Thursday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Variable cloudiness wind light, cleared latter p.m. Cool pleasant temperature. Beautiful moon over S. Mtn Worked at the hay with Ollie's help cleaned it up with rakings in 2 loads in tinder dry shape. Also marked out corn rows for last planting. We had as usual a good supper hamburger & boiled potatoes. To my surprise rec'd notice from Kingston Motor Vehicle Bureau that I passed Tuesdays road test & temporarily may continue driving on interim permit.

June 19, Friday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Rather warm, murkey & humid. Drizzle showers occasionally, cleared evng. High moon somewhat hazy. I planted the last 5 rows of sweet corn in hills with 3 beans & 6 kernels & 6 12 6 mixture. This p.m. Virgil &

Addie Winchell came & he stayed while she went on an errand with their car & he accompanied Ollie & I making 2 trips for bagged sawdust over to Shurter's mill off Samsonville road. Ollie & I had a good supper & Frank Royce called. He is attending the NY State Fire Chiefs convention in Monticello & plans to return home tomorrow p.m. I sent letters to Julia Rhodes, Vernon Beatty, Mrs Currier, & Jeanne Longyear – birthday card to Mrs Ella Loomis - 102. June 21st. We rec'd long letter from Mrs Currier.

June 20, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 70 11 p.m. Hot humid sunny but hazy. Brisk westerly wind few clouds., quieted at evng & cloudless soft glowing rounding moon.

Ollie & I got 2 fourteen bags car loads of sawdust from Shurter's mill. The second after a good veal chop supper. We first went on over to Ledgerock & made brief call on Jean & Robert & Robert 3rd. They take him to Valley Forge tomorrow for summer school. Rec'd Father's Day air mail letter & card from Mariam & Bob with \$20.00 check. She suggest I use it toward new suit of clothes. Karen Hesley 17, daughter of Irving & Catherine Hesley (not graduating from Onteora Hi school) married 2 p.m. at Shokan Dutch Reformed Church to Wayne Bosak of U.S. Air Force in Great Falls, Montana where they will reside. Rev Osterhoudt Phillips performed the ceremony.

June 21, Sunday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Hot humid sunny. Breezy west wind developed p.m. with thickening late hazy overcast humid evng with a brief

light shower then clouds broke & moon shone.
A hot humid lazy day, bone drying atmosphere. Was most to warm for comfort on front porch p.m. I wrote long letter to Mariam for air mail. This evng Ollie & I stopped & picked up Harlowe McLean & attended the annual I.O.O.F. memorial service 8 p.m. at the Olive Bridge church – crowd larger than last about 50. The Olive Rebekahs as usual took part. Past Grand Arthur Sampson was in charge & I made a brief address of welcome. Notables present included Grand Ward of State of N.Y. Grand Lodge. Ira Chase & Mrs Viva Davis, Rebekah Assembly Left herald. Myron Ronk of Highland P.D.D. G. M. Was guest speaker.

June 22, Monday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m. There was a general drenching thunder shower toward morning & then drizzled along till 8 o'clock. Gradually cleared warm & humid. Cloudless still soft moonlight evng – noticeably cooler.

Ollie & I got 2 fifteen bag loads of sawdust from Shurter's mill. Also whisk brooms sprayed the early planted potatoes & getting buggy. Helped Ollie set out dalhias & gladiolias. After a good supper I had a nap on front porch, then wrote letter to Vernon Beatty. Sent Carolyn Wank Hi school graduation card with crisp new \$5.00 bill. Rec'd 120 additional shares of American Telephone & Telephone Co. Stock, as result of 3 for 1 stock split valid April 15th – I now hold 340 shares.

June 23, Tuesday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Warm & humid, wind southerly. Part cloudy, lowery August

like weather, near full moon partly fleeced over tonight – calm evng.

Principal job was getting two more 15 bag car loads sawdust from Shurter's mill. Late p.m. We took a run down to Reggie Davis' & got some bush lima beans to plant coming home we stopped at Rosengrens & Harlowe McLeans. We had a late but good supper.

June 24, Wednesday — 72 degrees 6 a.m. 72 11 p.m. Extremely hot & humid. Sun in & out of the murkey overcast. Somewhat breezy – severe electrical storms developed early p.m. The Atwood area on to Kingston deluged & water stood on Hurley mtn lowlands. We got only sprinkles – a cooling trend with northerly wind developed at evng & the full moon total eclipse was seen in deep south as clouds cleared. We drew another 15 bag load sawdust a.m. & hot as it was worked in garden weeding & cultivating. Planted 3 rows bush limas Bountiful variety across up end of garden.

June 25, Thursday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Part cloudy sunny northerly wind & much cooler & less humid – cloudless chilly evng with glowing majestic full moon in deep low south.

A tired but busy day after the heat & humidity. I hoed up the potato patches, & cleaned out the chicken house litter & replaced with new sawdust & put the littler on the sweet corn hills. Ollie defrosted the refrigerator late p.m.. She made me a delicious promised Father's Day supper, roast chicken & mashed potato supper. I spent the evng writing Vernon Beatty. When Freeman came we saw

notice of death of James R. Mc Cartney, with funeral 2 p.m. in Ellenville too late for us to attend.

June 26, Friday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 80 11 p.m. Warm or hot clear bone drying weather – northerly wind. Cloudless evng declining moon rose in low south. Strong northerly wind tonight.

We took a mid day ride over to Woodstock (crowded with cowboy drivers) Shopped at Grand Union & up street package store. Went to Lasher's Funeral home and paid respects to my turn of century school teacher Mrs Edna Burgher Moore 85 of Ohayo Mtn Road who died Wed. in Benedictine Hosp. Funeral tomorrow 11 a.m. burial Monday in Rutherford NJ, oldest daughter of the late Mathias & Jane Ann Longyear Burgher. We called on Lil McVitty on way home on Bearsville Flats. Wrote note & sympathy card to Mrs Helen McCartney of Ellenville. Late p.m. we cultivated thru sweet corn. Had good supper & Addie & Virgil Winchell called.

June 27th 2 p.m. at Samsonville Methodist church, Ruth Mae Johnson and Purdy Alan Halsted Jr. married by his father Halsted Sr pastor of Olive Bridge & Samsonville churches.

June 27, Saturday — 78 degrees 7 a.m. 72 10 p.m. Very rough wild windy night. Reminded of slamming rattling winter blow. Partly or variably cloudy – not so hot p.m. – continued drying northerly wind, clear & pleasantly cooler evng.

I brushed up the 3 plantings of sweet corn with a hoe. This p.m. I got up enough ambition to take the broken

clutch gearing of mowing machine apart & took same up to Gus Korittke's for welding. We had a good supper and an enjoyable call after by Vernon Beatty – Old Hickory. June 27th 1914, 50 years ago today I had my right hand badly mangled & the little finger entirely lost in the high speed gear that operated on a slide of a 15 ton Monarch steam roller as I was rolling along north side of the north wing coilwall of the Ashokan dam & nearly at the end at the bottom of the up hill grade about opposite the McClellan tower. It was murky and light rain falling at about 11:25 a.m. E.S.T. I walked about 1/4 mile to the Winston large hospital where I underwent a 2 ½ operation by Dr John V. Hibbard and assisted by Dr Knapp.

Rec'd letter Vernon Haskins. Daughter Cornelia's 46th birthday.

June 28, Sunday — 52 degrees 6:30 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Perfect last Sunday in June. Brilliant clear with a few scattered clouds. Northerly wind – real cool morning & evng.

Did chores & spent the day easy does. I wrote aerogram & regular letter to Gaye Longyear also birthday card. Harlowe McLean called p.m. Later p.m. Ollie & I went up on the hill with car. As usual we enjoyed an excellent supper. Also made up a package of reading & educational material to send Gaye.

June 29, Monday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Bone drying drought weather, somewhat breezy. Variable part cloudiness & generally sunny near cloudless evng,

pleasant temperatures still & warm.

Ollie & I got our 11th load of sawdust 16 bags & put in barn. This p.m. I worked in garden & set a row of bean poles. Harlowe McLean called p.m. As customary we had a good supper. Rec'd a letter Mrs Louise McCartney in regard to her brother Jim's most unexpected death a week ago. Frank Royce called evng, he is down from Cuba for a short trip with Charley Jordan. I wrote Vernon Beatty & mailed this a.m.

June 30, Tuesday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 84 11 p.m.

Extremely hot - humid sunny hazy breeze. Temp hit 100 – starlight warm evng – no sign of rain.

We went up to Gus Korittke's for repaired mower parts, drew 2 – 16 bag loads sawdust from Shurter's mill. I also tried to get the machine together. We had a good but late supper & surprise fone call by Mrs Currier & I wrote her a reply tonite. 50 years ago I was in the camp hospital & much in doubt that my mangled hand could be saved.

July 1, Wednesday — 74 degrees 6:30 a.m. 72 11 p.m.

Another 100+ weather. Sunny early followed by hazy thickening clouds & p.m. thunder showery conditions.

We got only wind & sprinkles. Cloudy warm tonite.

I got the sawdust unloaded. I worked getting the mowing machine partly together & had to make another trip up to Gus Korittke's to have a key slot cut in repaired casting. On way back we called on Mr & Mrs James Clarke & enjoyed treats.

Two boys Ronald Morelli 11 and Gary Schmidt 11 killed

under a tree along Rondout creek in Rosendale. Two others were burned & hospitalized . A group had left the water after a brilliant flash, sun shining & were standing under a tree by the water which was struck by a second bolt.

July 2, Thursday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11 p.m. Warm humid with sunshine and thickening clouds. A late p.m. grim looking thunder storm passed around north. We didn't get a sprinkle.

I put in the day trying to get the mowing machine in working order — Tired & disgusted. Harlowe McLean got us 4th of July supplies in Kingston including A&P market. As usual we had a good supper. I sent John Warren birthday card for July 5th & a note to Carolyn & letter to Vernon Beatty also to E.H. Munch.

July 3, Friday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 66 11:30 p.m. Hot & humid much like yesterday with thickening cloudiness & late p.m. thunder shower. A welcome refreshing light rain. Distant flashing shower around north evng. The storm was severe in the Samsonville – Krumville area – rain - hail & wind.

This a.m. Harlowe McLean & I finally got the mowing machine parts assembled. Tightening of the foot lever tension spring remedied the cause of trouble after repaired clutch had been replaced. This p.m. after cleaning up the garage where we were working I planted 14 hill row of Kentucky Wonder beans. I first put rotted manure & acid fertilizer in the hills & soaked with water, pushed in the beans & covered with dirt dry dust. We

took 3 ½ bushels rotted manure over to Frances Clarke's for her asparagus bed. As usual we had a good supper & later I took a bath. Rec'd fall & winter Montgomery Ward catalog. Roaring Feature Onteora Speedway races & fireworks display tonite. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier & Barbara Moncure. We wrote letter & belated birthday card to Mrs Currier & enclosed new dollar bill. After supper I spread load manure.

July 4, Saturday — 64 degrees 6:30 a.m. 62 10 p.m. The late yesterday storm pelted the south Olive area, hail, wind & drenching rain. A light drizzly rain fell all forenoon. Faired away p.m. became decidedly cool with northerly wind.

We celebrated the once Grand & glorious 4th by going after eggs at Henry Merrihew's, on my way back got 16 bag load sawdust at Shurter's mill & got it unloaded in barn. Jean & Robert Smith called. Mildred Avery was with them but stayed in car. Then I went thru late blossoming garden potatoes with shovel plow & then tried out mowing machine & cut over the growth from below garden down to the wall & then we had delicious veal steak supper. Funeral service at St Peter's Catholic church in Rosendale separately a.m. for the 2 boys killed by lightening Wed. p.m. Ronald Morelli & Gary Schmidt.

July 5, Sunday — 60 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Brilliant cool northerly wind, variable cloudiness. Starlight evng. Did daily routine & varied odd jobs. Wrote to Vernon Beatty partly on front porch. It was so cool I put on my

woolen jacket. Harlowe McLean came & had supper with Ollie & I. During the p.m. took a walk in the woods along the trickling Jacky Brook. We an excellent supper & I spent the evng taking a nap & writing.

July 6, Monday — 62 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Drying northerly wind. Brilliant sunshine & not so many clouds as yesterday, clear still evng. Already the clouds & temperature resemble early fall.

This a.m. I raked the cut grass & drew out manure. Ollie & I went with Harlowe McLean & Frank Jordan to Mrs Ella May Wells 2 p.m. funeral at Lasher's in Woodstock, so many beautiful flowers & unusually large attendance. Speaker Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips, Shokan Reformed Pastor. Buried in Tongore Cemetery with a long cortege in line. Latter p.m. we cleaned up the small load of hay for night fodder. Rec'd letters Julia Rhoades & Norman Studer. Tonite I wrote Alf Evers & Mrs Knorph. There occurred an earthquake in Mexico City but city damage light. More severe along west coast 40 killed 300 injured.

July 7, Tuesday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Warmer than yesterday & not much wind. Drying air – some part cloudiness but bright sunny – still clear evng.

John Lambert called this morning. He greased car trunk & got it working better. Noontime we took a ride down to Post Office & over to Brodhead & called on Rosengren's & Harlowe McLean. I also worked in garden & later p.m. I hilled up the south end potatoes rows where I went thru with shovel plow yesterday. Last

night I caught a fat female coon in chicken house feed barrel. Dressed it up for cooking also fat for glass jar fly traps. We had good supper as usual. Tonite I wrote cards to Mrs Currier & Vernon Beatty & Vernon Haskins. This morning I wrote letter Vernon Beatty also rec'd letter from him.

The national league won the 35th annual All Star game and played before nearly 50,000 in 90 degree temp in Shea Stadium, NYC.

July 8, Wednesday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 60 11 p.m.

Sunny this morning became humid & overcast, had sprinkles of rain p.m.

I drew out manure p.m. & started mowing the yard when machine broke again where welded. Made trip up to Gus Korittke's with broken plate. We had a delicious raccoon supper with boiled potatoes & 1st mess of wax beans. Tonite I wrote Vernon Beatty & Louise Martin.

July 9, Thursday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11 p.m.

Drizzled along thru night and continued most of the day. Refreshing but didn't wet under trees. Heavy rains in New Jersey & along New England coast – Cool still dark gloomy evng.

Not much accomplished other than routine. p.m. we went up to Gus Korittke's after repaired parts and later I got the machine together again. Later I wheel cultivated in garden. Ollie is getting ready for the front porch party tomorrow p.m. As usual we had a good but late supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier, they are having wet growing weather.

July 10, Friday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 60 11 p.m. Cleared during night. Partly cloudy a delightful day. Later p.m. a heavy thunder shower passed over the east side – white like buttermilk & spread over the Olive Bridge – Samsonville area. Here we had merely a few drops.

This p.m. & evng we had a highly successful front porch Hootenany, with a savory abundant buffet lunch help yourself style from dining room table. Barbara Moncure, Harry Siemsen, Virgil Winchell & Carl Rosengren were the entertainers with music sing along in which I took part with reservoir and folk songs. Besides the above were Alf Evers, Jim Burgraff, Mr & Mrs Chas Wood, Mr & Mrs Joe Massimo, Larry Kelder, Ruth Rosengren, Marie Siemsen, Mr & Mrs James Clarke & Mrs Margaret Mc Clusty & finally 10 o'clock John Lambert brat a fine catch of black bass, sunfish & perch. Belle Wood, Marie Siemsen & Ruth Rosengren helped provide with the lunch also Addie Winchell.

July 11, Saturday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 72 10 p.m. Developed quite hot, somewhat hazy with thunder shower afternoon, as usual here home only had sprinkles. Stars dim tonite.

Other than chores our days job was getting 17 bag load sawdust & getting it unloaded in barn. We both felt pretty well fatigued. After loading the sawdust we drove on up to Ledgerock for a quickie visit. We had a good late left over supper.

July 12, Sunday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 70 11:30 p.m. Hazy unsettled with developing overcast – more sun up

Hensonville way. Lusty late p.m. shower up the valley but no rain below Mt Tremper. Still murky evng. Ollie & I went with Harlowe McLean on a birthday picnic trip to John Warner's his 89th, July 5th & stepdaughter Julia Rhoades 46, July 11th. Julia served a wonderful outdoor dinner with oven fried & charcoal barbequed ½ chickens – baked beans, salad, beer, coffee, ice cream birthday cake etc. Traffic was light & we made the trip without incident. We passed thru a lusty shower at Chichester & Phoenicia, home at 6:25 & did chores but no appetite for supper.

July 13, Monday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 62 11 p.m.
Gloomy & chilly, rain so long overdo gradually settled in this morning & continued rather lightly throughout the day with occasional heavier brief downpours. But thank God for His wonderful blessing.

The garden sweet corn & potatoes lift up their heads in thanks. Ollie spent most of the day resting & I kept busy with chores & inside work in variety. As usual we had a good (left over from party) supper. I wrote Julia Rhoades a thank you letter & this p.m. Freeman news copy, also complimentary to the Record Press.

The 1964 National Republican nominating convention opened in Cow Palace, San Francisco, Cal.

July 14, Tuesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11 p.m.
Drizzled along in night and this morning and the clouds hung heavy. Later sun broke thru & was hot & humid p.m. Clear warm evng – moon nearly half.
We made a trip to Kingston. Harlowe McLean

accompanying. Got 5 gal of gas & 5 of kerosene on the way down 28. Stopped at Leroy Boice's & got 100 cabbage plants \$2.00. Went on out to Armory & got my 3 years drivers license at Motor Vehicle Bureau \$3.00 Paid. Bought new Plymouth clutch & plate at Guarantee Auto Parts \$16.75. (There is allowance for return of old clutch) Shopped on Wall St & out at A & P market, came back on 28 and stopped for a call at Addie & Virgil Winchell's also at West Shokan garage & got car inspected sticker \$1.50. We took Harlowe home. This is his 71 birthday. Had evng call by Claude Christiana & a later supper. Both very tired tonite. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty.

July 15, Wednesday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. Sunny a.m. Wind southerly mostly hazy – considerably showery looking – cloudiness developed p.m. then at evng cleared away with brilliant ½ moon high over South mountain. Pleasantly cooler evng, hot & humid during day. Other than chore routine I spread load manure, prepared the cabbage patch on north side of garden set out 5 rows of plants about 92 & wetted the ground good. Missed mail this a.m. & later p.m. Ollie & I went down to P.O. As usual had good supper boiled spuds, carrots & hamburgers. Then took a bath & put on clean BVD's. I wrote Julia Rhoades this morning. Coming back from P.O. we went on the hill & put flowers in water on Mamie's grave – this is her birthday would be 12.

July 16, Thursday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 62 11 p.m. Hot serene summer weather – part cloudy, still – clear

brilliant ½ moon hi riding over South mountain.
Ollie & I went an got a 16 bag load of sawdust after mail came, after unloading and resting awhile I planted long row wax beans & filled in where bush beans failed to come up hit & miss. We had a good raccoon supper. I fell in stable drop getting cows in & gave my left leg a sore twist. Tonite I laid awhile out on front porch couch, then wrote card to Alf Evers – Another this p.m. to Vernon Beatty finished & sent him letter this a.m. Rec'd grand letter from Julia Rhoades.

July 17, Friday — 58 degrees 6 a.m. 80 11 p.m. Sunny hot & humid bad drying weather. Hazy some clouds. The evng was cloudless with burnished moon well over half. Ollie & I got a 16 bag load sawdust as principal days job. So hot we did little p.m. but had a good supper and fresh new potatoes. We had a long call evng by Jim Burgraff. He brat me a horn of black powder. Julia Rhoades called up supper time that they will be down in the morning & Bob will put new clutch in car.

July 18, Saturday — 68 degrees 6 a.m. 82 10 p.m. Hazy hot & humid, a mid p.m. thunder shower boomed around below High Point. We got a few splashes. Another distant shower rumbled to the north. The sun went down behind the Wittenberg's "fire red" Clear golden moon evng above High Point & breezy from south - west.
Mr & Mrs Robert Rhoades, son Dickie & John Warren came 10 o'clock. Rhoades installed the new Plymouth clutch a hot tedious job, speedometer 32,750. We jacked up the Plymouth front end under the nearest walk yard

hickory. We had 12:30 picnic dinner on front porch but the atmosphere was humid, flies bothersome. John seemed to enjoy himself & sat in rocking chair under the shade. Ollie & I had a light supper after I took a bath & changed clothes.

July 19, Sunday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 72 11 p.m. 95 degrees p.m. temperature. Rough warm wind clattering night from southwest – quieted before morning. Another hot humid day – sunny & hazy. Thunder showers developed latter p.m. We got a dandy refresher from Bushkill quarter at 6 p.m.. Quickly the garden & grass perked up. At 7:15 the Boiceville & Shokan fire trucks were called to Boiceville on 28 where lightening struck a tree set fire & partially burned the Ganci one car near entrance to Boiceville upper road. Too hot to do anything not necessary. Harlowe McLean called noontime & brat some papers. I spent most of p.m. writing to Mariam & letter to Vernon Beatty. We had a good summer supper. Sending 27th anniversary card to Mariam & Bob also monthly \$100. For Daisy's board.

July 20, Monday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 74 10 p.m. Warm & humid but not like yesterday. Hazy, breeze southerly – variable overcast & sunshine. Murked over during p.m. like dog days.

We limbered up to start the week getting 2 16 bag loads of Shurter's mill sawdust p.m. We had a good supper & tonite I wrote to Julia Rhoades. Rec'd letter from Olive Fire Dept requesting at least \$2.00 donation. Also letter from E.H. Munch. 26 years ago this morning I lost the

little finger of my left hand & next 2 fingers severely injured in hay mow pulley accident.

July 21, Tuesday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 76 11 p.m. Hazy with variable overcast – southerly day wind & not so humid hot as yesterday. Calm warm evng with soft nearing full moon somewhat obscured.

I've felt pretty laggy today. Did daily routine – dumped the 16 bags of sawdust. Did some tinkering on the mowing machine. Spread load manure & after our good supper hand cultivated in garden. Wrote card to Mrs Carrier. Rec'd letter Old Hickory Beatty. Harlowe McLean called around noon.

July 22, Wednesday — 72 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11 p.m. Warm lowery humid this a.m. An ugly looking thunder shower passed around north side with a wing spreading over east side of reservoir. This was followed by a thundery p.m. & we got light rain's throughout enuf to temporarily refresh things up. Moon mostly murked out tonite.

This p.m. Ollie & I & Harlowe accompanying we went to Stone Ridge & Ollie saw Dr Tocco & then to Davenport's John Deere Implements & had that bothersome mowing machine part machined down to hopefully work when re-assembled. \$2.00 paid. I also got 2 dogs & a coil spring. Then went to Accord & had hair cut 1.50 & stacked up on wine at Pkg store. I let Harlowe drive & we let him off at his house & came on home. Had good supper. Tonite I wrote John Rhoades, rec'd letter from her that John made the trip ok Sat. without

getting car sick .

July 23, Thursday — 68 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Same continuing weather. Hot lowery humid. Some sunshine but mostly overcast. Had stone wetting drizzle tonight. Did daily routine. This p.m. Ollie & I went over to upper Samsonville road & got George Vankleek who soon got the mowing machine adjusted & working paid him \$2.00. After taking him home we went down to Shurter's mill & got 16 bag load sawdust. We had a good supper & I took a nap & roused up 11 o'clock. Rec'd letter & news clippings from Mrs Currier.

July 24, Friday — 66 degrees 6 a.m. 66 11 p.m. Overcast cool still but no rain. Tonites full moon clouded under. Not much accomplished. Did chores, spread small load manure & started to mow down by the woods & again the machine broke down, same trouble, the clutch. It's discouraging. Ollie defrosted the refrigerator this p.m. We took a run down to store & P.O. noontime. I wrote air mail letter & birthday card tonite to Mariam. Today is her 27th wedding anniversary.

July 25, Saturday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 66 12 p.m. There was a stone wetting drizzle in night – overcast cool a.m. Sunny p.m. & warm humid overcast again evng. Did daily routine – hoed in the garden. Art Blume called a.m. in regard to renewing property liability policy. Ollie spent the day cleaning up & preparing front porch supper for Jean & Robert Smith & Robert Longyear cadet who arrived late from Valley Forge, where he has completed

summer school. We finally ate at 10:30 after having appetizers & drinks.

Eleanor C. Lasher of Saugerties & Jules Henkel of Boiceville married by Rev. August Pfaus Jr. in Blue Mountain Dutch Reformed church.

July 26, Sunday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Hazy - southwesterly wind warm and humid. – typical dog days like weather. Murky overcast evng.

We took the day on the easy. Harlowe called noontime.

We had a good pick up left over supper. I wrote long letter to Mrs Elsie VanValkenburg of Grahamsville in reply to their local weekly “Townsmen” The date of the 85th annual Grahamsville Little Worlds Fair – August 22.

Two successive nights of wild Negro rioting & looting around in Rochester N.Y. Similar tragedies occurred last week in Harlem & Brooklyn. Addie & Virgil Winchell called late p.m. R- - - - of the Sanctuary held 2 p.m. at Olive bridge M.E. church.

July 27, Monday — 62 degrees 6 a.m. 80 11 p.m. 95 day. Bright sunny, scattered dry weather clouds. Clearest in 10 days — withering hot & dry. Brisk westerly wind tonight & starlight.

After mail came we took a ride over to Belle & Charley Woods with 2 qt jug of milk. Mart Eckert called p.m. with his car & using crutch & cane, also gave him 2 qts milk. It was just too hot to work inside or out. I finished & sent letter & clippings to Mrs Elsie Van Wagenen at Grahamsville. Also to Vernon Beatty Took a p.m. run down to P.O. to mail letter to Delhi Implement Co. In

regard to get replacement for broken mower part. The former Irving Hesley home on Maltby Hollow is sold to Edw. Finley employed by the N.Y.C. park Dept. They have 4 children who with his wife plan to become permanent residents. Also recently sold is the late Dick Lane's estate bordering High Point Road . The Lee Denman family have purchased the William Jackson property on Route 28 in Ashokan & have taken possession.

July 28, Tuesday —66 degrees 6:30 a.m . 74 11 p.m.
Withering hot but not quite so high as yesterday – got around 92. Generally sunny, hazy variable high cloudiness but not sign of rain.

The heat gets everybody & other than doing chores, watering cabbage, the sickly looking cabbage etc I put in the day writing letters & cards & Freeman news copy We went down to Post Office 4:30 p.m. & stopped at Mr & Mr James Clarke's..

July 29, Wednesday — 64 7 a.m. 60 12 p.m. Breezy hot & humid rather hazy & sunny p.m. Cloudiness quickly developed with a general boisterous shower at 4:30 from the west followed by clearing & much cooler. Kingston temp dropped from 96 to 70 in 30 minutes when storm struck.

Another withering day till the storm broke. Davenport Implements called up that they had the mower clutch part early p.m. So we got ready, picked up Harlowe McLean at his house & went to High Falls after it \$2.64 then on to the A & P market & stocked up & back over 28.

Stopped briefly at Addie & Virgil Winchell's & then before coming home went on after eggs at Henry Merrihew's. The storm was general over mid Hudson area.

July 30, Thursday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Bright sunshine low humidity variable cloudiness. Drying northerly wind developed. Brilliant clear cool evng. Beautiful dark, break.

I worked in garden – planted another row of wax beans, sowed turnip seed in potatoes. Prospects dubious. Did a tiresome job spraying potatoes for the leaf pinholeing black flies. Also got the new mower part installed & hopeful the machine will hold together & work. Very tired tonite. Ollie made a delicious peach shortcake for supper. We got box of 8 large peaches at A & P in bargain ----- for 10 cents. After supper we went on the hill. Put things in freezer.

July 31, Friday — 48 degrees 6 a.m. 54 11 p.m. A magnificent brilliant day. A few scattered clouds – light northerly wind low humidity.

I found the mowing machine still out of adjustment so we went over & got George VanKleeck to come & re-check it. (Paid \$2.00) & took him home. Stopped at John Nichol's Garage & had new set breaker points installed & new left rear tail light (\$2.45) Coming back we drove around to Harlowe McLean's briefly. Late p.m. I spread a load of manure. As usual we had a good supper. Addie & Virgil Winchell called evng.

August 1, Saturday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 72 11 p.m. Real chilly early. Brilliant scattered clouds light northerly wind. Gradually became overcast latter p.m. Was raining lightly at 10:30.

Harlowe McLean came over this morning & finally got the last bug out of the mowing machine one of the left wheel dogs was put in wrong. This early p.m. Ollie & I went on the hill with wagon & machine. Tony & I did a big job mowed all the hay on the house side of the road. Ollie's spring is unused & very low. We had a good supper & I took a bath & rested on couch before calling it a day. Wrote Mrs Currier. Engagement announced for Oct. wedding of Miss Lyn Brown to Sonny Chas I Hesley Jr, of Brown Station. He served 4 years with U.S. Air Force

August 2, Sunday — 58 degrees 7 a.m. 64 12 p.m. Mostly cloudy day & dark overcast still evng. We had occasional sprinkles of rain, other light showers by passed.

We stayed home all day. Had pleasant p.m. call by Vernon Beatty. I wrote aerogram letter to Gaye Longyear. Later Jim Burgraff came & had supper with us. Harlowe McLean also called. Tonight I wrote Get Well card to Elsie Van Valkenburg & enclosed with letter.

August 3, Monday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 48 11:30 p.m. Cool dry brilliant weather – northerly wind. High scattered clouds. All clear still & chilly tonite. Ollie & I went on the hill & I mowed upper side of road

& cleaned up the job. A woods fire back of Samsonville on Mombaccus which started 4 p.m. yesterday is now contracted. 10 or 12 acres burned over. Olive Bridge & Samsonville fire companies rangers etc responded. The aerogram letter I wrote yesterday to Gaye Longyear disappeared before I got it mailed.

August 4, Tuesday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 68 11 p.m.
Brilliant practically cloudless wind light northerly.
Southerly warmer cloudless tonight.

The days principal job was raking Ollie's hay together for future burning & we brat a jag back to feed up of the greenest. Addie Winchell & friend Mary Palen called p.m. latter Ollie & I took a ride over and called on Ruth & Carl Rosengren also Harlowe McLean. As usual we had a good supper. I was tired and hungry. I took a pleasant nap later on front porch. I sent Catskill Mtn news & letter to Frank Royce.

August 5, Wednesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m.
Mostly cloudy with sprinkle showers this morning.
Cleared p.m. bright sunshine. Still – stars – hazy tonite.
Ollie & I went to Kingston with Harlowe McLean.
Kingston area had a lovely p.m. thunder shower early p.m. We ran thru squirts coming back till above the dam.
The sweet corn harvest is in full swing under the mountain flats. Rec'd latter Barbara Moncure. I wrote letter to Vernon Beatty tonite.

August 6, Thursday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 50 12 p.m.
Brilliant drought withering day. Variable high overcast

p.m. Wind moderate & cloudless still chilly evng.
I had no pep today, tired & legs achy. Did chore routine – sharpened mower knife & drew out manure. Ollie did a washing p.m. Addie & Virgil Winchell came 4:30 and took us to their home in West Hurley for a delicious supper & a very pleasant spent evng and brought us home. Ollie was sick to her stomach and lost her supper.

August 7, Friday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 72 11 p.m. Sunny breezy southerly, variable high cloudiness developed p.m. pleasant evng.

Withering dry weather. Grass crackles under foot. Did usual routine. p.m. I drew out manure & mowed the north part of the side hill. Tonite Harlowe McLean took Ollie & I to the Maverick playhouse in Woodstock, greatly enjoyed the musical show staged by Barbara Moncure benefit of the Woodstock Historical Society. Invocations included the Steel drum band from Wiltwick school organized by Barbara also a novelty so termed Jug Band. There was a full house attendance, tickets \$1.50. I bought Harlowe's.

August 8, Saturday — 64 degrees 7 a.m. 58 11 p.m.
Daybreak thunder shower but with just a walk wetting rain. Cleared brisk drying northerly wind & turned cool, still starlight evng.

Did chores & little else. This p.m. Ollie & I went down to Davis' store, called on Mr & Mrs James Clark. Went around by Brodhead & called on Chas & Belle Woods., Ruth & Carl Rosengrens & Harlowe McLean. His view of High Point is inspiring We had an excellent hamburg

& potato supper. I rec'd air letter from Gaye Longyear in Bogota with 2 pictures – one of herself alone in Texas hat & University of Denver sweater & another with her companion Celeste. I spent my evng writing a return aerogram folding air mail letter – costing .11.

August 9, Sunday 54 degrees 7 tem. 50 11 p.m. Brilliant atmosphere, northerly wind – tinged of autumn. Partly cloudy, more cleared p.m. Early setting new moon evng. Not much accomplished. A dry withering day. Harlowe McLean called a.m. I got roused up p.m. and wrote a regular mail letter to Gaye, with enclosures. It was just too cool to write on porch and enjoy the magnificent view. We had a delicious roast veal supper. A forest fire which started yesterday is raging out of control on Minewaska mtn above Kerhonkson — 800 volunteers have responded. Early evng we went over with car & picked up Harlowe McLean & we drove to a vantage point on upper Samsonville to watch the fire. The blaze has a 5 mile perimeter & worst in state this year.

August 10, Monday 46 degrees 6 a.m. 68 10 p.m. Variable high overcast, sunny & continued breezy – cloudless evng and strong westerly wind – no sign of rain.

Did daily routine. This p.m. Ollie & I went over to see the vast uncontrolled Shawangunk mtn fire from Samsonville mtn road & coming back we got 16 bag load of sawdust from Shurters mill & got it unloaded. We also called on Grover & Daisy Winchell. She is in poor health & hasn't been out the house all summer. A

second trailer party came today & are parked on Bishops. We are going very carefully on water. As usual had a good supper. I wrote letter to Julia Warren. The Minewaska fire is not yet controlled over a 1000 acres of rugged terrain woods are burned.

August 11, Tuesday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 74 11 p.m. Murky smoky warm and humid. Sunny p.m. southerly wind. Tonite heavy clouds were coming from the south. Did daily routine. Mrs Hedi West 26, musician, plays banjo & professional broadcaster spent the p.m. with us. We set on front porch & she made a recording of my reservoir & folk songs, entertained herself with her playing & singing southern songs. She was staying over the weekend in Bearsville. I met her 2 years ago Sat. Sept 14, 62 at Woodstock Estates Folk Festival. We went up to the Bushkill cemetery & I took her to the right side section where about 285 remains of the reservoir's unknown were re-interred circa 1910 – 11 Then went & called on Ruth & Carl Rosengren. Also daughter Cornelia & Ellen Herrington called. They were on a trailer vacation trip. I feel Cornelia is a deceitful traitor to me & would just as leave and wouldn't come over here while calling at Bishop's. I rec'd letter & wrote Vernon Beatty.

August 12, Wednesday — 66 degrees. A most wonderful soaking rain settled in about 3:30 a.m. & continued till after daylight. Potato hills were wet in several inches and everywhere garden crops are rejoicing. Warm & humid with cleared atmosphere & the

southerly wind shifting westerly.

I fertilized the cabbage plants with 6-12-6 fertilizer.

During p.m. Ollie & I went up to the twice defeated Onteora School budget vote to register –no– the budget is now reduced 90,000 from \$2,635,000. The vote carried by 491 only Olive dissented by 50.

Newspaper clipping 8/14/64

The Onteora Schools budget was passed on Wednesday by a plurality of 491 votes. A total of 2,614 votes cast showed the following Shandaken: Yes 299; No 265; Void 4. Total 568. Olive: Yes,217; No,267, Void, 11. Total 495. Woodstock: Yes,545; No 314; Void, 29. Total 888. Hurley: Yes 463; No, 187; Void, 13. Total 663. There was a total vote of 2,614 with 1,524 yes votes; 1,033 No votes and 57 Void. The budget had failed to pass on two previous votes and had to be reduced from its original figure of \$2,661,000 to \$2, 572,000.

August 13, Thursday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. Real cool – partly cloudy northerly wind - cloudless early, breezy and brilliant growing moon nearly half.

Ollie & I picked up Harlowe McLean and made a scenic long afternoon 95 mile trip over Peekamoose trail & up thru Grahamsville & Claryville. We called on Mr & Mrs Gilbert Van Valkenburg, visited the historic sites of the 2 lower Claryville tanneries & greatly admired the 2 stately stone chimneys & visited the Claryville Reformed church graveyard ,also called on Inez & George Grialley on South Hill Road. Returned by way of Napanoch & route 209 drove up to the Minewaska trail lookout to get

a close hand view of the big fire still smoldering here & there. Made a brief call on Vernon Beatty & Flo & Lester Lounsberry & home via Lyonville.

I got 2 furnace bricks from the rubble of the upper Claryville tannery made by Palmer, Newten Mfg Co. of Albany. Similar to those used in Samsonville.

Newspaper clipping August 16th, They held a family clambake.

August 9th, 1964

Reginald E. Davis And Wife

Are Feted

A surprise farewell party, in honor of Mr & Mrs Reginald E. Davis of Olive Bridge, was held Sunday, Aug. 9th in the Olive bridge fire hall. Mr Davis is retiring from the New York city board of water supply. They plan an extended stay in Woodland Hills, Calif; where their daughter and son-in-law, Dr and Mrs Robert Muller reside with their children, Karen and Diane.

A buffet dinner was served. Hostesses were Mrs Joseph Blackman, daughter of Mr & Mrs Davis, and Mrs Alvah Winfield, sister of Mrs Davis.

August 14, Friday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Brilliant part cloudy – sunshine & shadows, northerly wind. Chilly early autumn. We had sprinkles from dark mountain rain squalls p.m. Brilliant ½ moon evng amid broken clouds.

Did usual routine – spread load manure p.m. Virgil Winchell came & stayed while Addie was cleaning up down to her son Raymond's. Ollie & I took him over to

Samsonville & showed him the very historical Pratt & Samson tannery foundations which burned in 1864 or 65. Later re-built on part of foundations and burned again in 1873 it took the heart out of a prosperous community. Then Addie came & we had a good supper together.

August 15, Saturday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 54 10 p.m.
Brilliant, northerly wind, cool, part cloudy. Moon tonite bulging half over South Hollow.

Ollie & I went after a load of bagged sawdust – got 16 bags and gave Carl Rosengren one when we stopped briefly. I emptied the bags & later got my sythe & mowed out along the lower woods. Altho the growth is light it looks more attractive. We as usual had a good supper. I rec'd air letter from Mariam & Jeannie. She expects to arrive in N.Y. the 21st. Rec'd from Harry Siemsen excellent glossy pictures of our July 10th front porch Hootenany. The mail delivery route is extended today up Traver Hollow. It is also to be routed up Bushkill Heights & Dry Brook valley.

August 16, Sunday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 70 11 p.m.
Pleasant weather southerly wind – variable cloudiness. Mostly p.m. & evng looked somewhat showery.
This a.m. Art Haben, artificial inseminator came & bred Bubbles cow (she is Jersey) with Hereford Serum. Ollie and I took a little ride up Watson Hollow p.m. & called on Mr & Mrs Art Blume. We also stopped at John Lamberts. I got 6 gal Tydol gas at West Shokan garage @.30. Ollie prepared a good supper new meaty potatoes. Jim Burgraff called evng – we had a good visit. His

oldest daughter in Ellenville was married yesterday. I wrote to Mariam tonite – air letter with monthly \$100. Daisy support check enclosed.

August 17, Monday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 68 11 p.m. Variable cloudiness & warm sunshine. Little wind – pleasant moonlight evng became overcast. Did daily routine. Ollie wasn't feeling frisky but got going p.m. Harlowe McLean went to Kingston & did A & P shopping store & Herzog for us. Latter p.m. I painted 2/3 of garage roof. First re-painting since October 1956 some rust places were showing. We had an excellent supper, canned peas, corn beef hash & sliced ripe tomatoes.

August 18, Tuesday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, still – pleasant temperature & by passing light showers, cleared during evng. I finished painting the garage roof also did the pig pen roof. It was rather hard spreading so little sunshine. Rec'd a good letter Old Hickory (Vernon Beatty) & sent him a card.

August 19, Wednesday — 54 degrees 6:30 a.m. 56 12 p.m. Continued cool northerly wind. Variable cloudiness but more sunny than yesterday. Mostly clear brilliant moon lite nite still & almost frosty.

This a.m. I went over & Mart Eckert trimmed up my hair. Cattle dealer Charley Denkenson came noon time & I sold him the beautiful Jersey Hereford, calf for \$50. I should had \$60. During p.m. I drew out manure &

took a load trash over in the woods. Ollie had a busy job cleaning up the house. We also had a good supper, sweet corn, new boiled potatoes & sliced tomatoes. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier. I spent the evng writing long letter to Vernon Beatty.

August 20, Thursday — 62 degrees 7 a.m. 54 12 p.m.
Some morning sunshine. Real chilly cloudy & breezy p.m. with sprinkles of rain. Cloudy still real chilly tonite. I had a heavy milking this a.m. with Bubbles calf sold. Frank Royce arrived down from Cuba last nite & we gave him sweet corn & new tomatoes. Ollie & I took a little ride over to Charles & Belle Wood & took a gallon jug of milk also called on Rosengren's & around by Davis store & P.O. Later I hooked up Tony & mowed the yard around the house – the first since July 10th when Harlowe McLean did it with his power mower. Ollie defrosted the refrigerator & did some cleaning up. We had a good supper & Addie & Virgil Winchell & Jim Burgraff arrived same time for an evening visit. Rec'd air letter from Gaye Longyear.

August 21, Friday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 68 11 p.m.
Continued cool – considerably sunny till mid afternoon becoming overcast & hot. A few sprinkles of rain – overcast still evng.
Busy with chores & odd jobs. This p.m. Harry & Marie Siensen and Barbra Moncure came for rehearsal. The front porch with an easterly wind was to chilly so we sat on the sunny kitchen porch. Ollie served a dining room table buffet lunch & we finished the rehearsal inside. It

was real chilly getting the cows and doing chores. Jesse Shurter called but didn't stay for Ollie's good supper. Ollie rested and I spent the evng rehearsing.

August 22, Saturday — 64 degrees, Part cloudy considerably sunny & warm. Developed humid & showery p.m. We had 2 drenching thunder showers later p.m. Very foggy humid evng.

I did a.m. chores. Virgil & Addie Winchell came mail time to take care of the chores & look after things. Ollie & I went with Jesse Shurter & Jim Burgraff leaving about 12:45. We stopped in Kingston at A & P & did some marketing had lunch in Kingston & then at 1:50 headed for Camp Webatuck in Dutchess County we got misguided in the route and finally arrived at 4:15. The p.m. program was over & we went over the camp & visited the resort lake. Saw Barbara Moncure, Harry & Marie Siemsen, Mr & Mrs George Van Kleeck, Mr & Mrs Norman Studer. We had wonderful supper at dining hall & Jim, Ollie & I took part in the evening program. We left about 11:40 & got confused & went over the state line in Conn, finally hit route 55 to Poughkeepsie & home via Kingston & 28. Was badly bothered by dense fog nearing home.

August 23, Sunday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 70 11 p.m. The weather was very warm & humid. Mostly cloudy with brief periods of sunshine & few squirts of rain. Part broke away evng & bright full moon shone among broken clouds.

We arrived home 3 a.m. from trip to Camp Webatuck.

The fog hung dense & car just crawled along over the dykes & dam & along mountain road. We asked Jesse & Jim to stay over but decided to return to Samsonville. Addie & Virgil spent the day with us & left for West Hurley late p.m. I took Virgil for a walk over thru the woods along Jacky Brook. Jean & Robert Smith with Jeannie Longyear called rather briefly. Jeannie came to Ledgerock directly by plane from Mexico to N.Y. Friday nite. They came late up to Ledgerock. Jeannie brat me a bottle of Bacarrdi rum. She looks very attractive & slim. I sang for her several folk songs but she left an unfavorable impression with her superior attitude, typically the Simpson on her grandmother's side of the family, which will be remembered by her old Grandad Davis.

August 24, Monday — 47 degrees 7 a.m. 64 10 p.m. Hot – humid – breezy. Bright sunshine & variable cloudiness. Cloudless still evng. The full moon rose behind a bank of low clouds in S.E. about 9:15 – cooler tonite.

Did daily routine & otherwise took the day accepting an invited trip to Kingston from Frank Royce & out to the Hi-Lo shopping center below Port Ewen. Also shopped at A & P market & came home via route 28. Frank came up & had supper with us and a good one, sweet corn, new potatoes, pork chops & flour gravy etc. The National Democratic Convention opened tonite in Atlantic City.

August 25, Tuesday — 54 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m.

Breezy – warm – sunny with variable afternoon & evng cloudiness.

I did a big job painting the woodshed & lower strip of the north side barn roof to the granary. Ollie & I had a very excellent supper with Frank Royce.

August 26, Wednesday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 50 12 p.m. Rather murky & humid this morning which developed into a general refreshing rain. Cleared beautifully mid afternoon, still and turned very chilly evng & cloudless. Frank Royce returned home. I rec'd & answered a letter from Julia Rhoades & we took it down to P.O. before 5 p.m. closing. We also took a short roundabout ride & called on Frances Clarke. We had a good supper & Ollie spent the evng resting and I wrote a Freeman news copy. Dem. President Lyndon B. Johnson re-nominated tonite by acclimation and senator Herbert Humphrey of Minnesota, vice president at Atlantic City convention. The Rep ticket nominated last month in San Francisco senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona for president & sen William E. Miller of N.Y.C. vice president.

August 27, Thursday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Chilly early & heavy dew. Perfectly delightful serene cloudless weather. Became real chilly after sunset. I did usual routine & started making a pig pen across west end of chicken house. Ollie did a big job processing sweet corn for drying & freezing. Addie Winchell called briefly later p.m. Reginald E. Davis put in his last day as chlorine operator for the Dept of Water Supply & will use up his vacation time & - - - -

allowance. He has worked - - - - -years. Reggie & Elsie are closing their home in Olive Bridge & leave soon for California. He is now eligible for his pension & both are qualified for Social Security benefits.

Cleo the seasons first hurricane is causing great damage to Miami & east Florida coast – no lives lost.

August 28, Friday — 50 degrees 6 a.m. 68 10 p.m.

Continued perfect weather warmer & cloudless but softly hazy – calm.

After mail came Ollie & I went down to Vly Road, Olive Bridge and bought a 74 lb Guernsey calf of Howard Trowbridge for \$8.00. We stopped and bargained for a pair of feeding pigs at Bob Usher's for \$25.00 the asking price. Late p.m. the boy called up and said his father wants \$30.00 so the deal is off far as I'm concerned. However I got the pen ready including feed trough, before a usually good supper. We went on the hill & put the packaged processed corn in freezer. Rec'd a letter from Jean with a long typed copy of letter she wrote Mexico concerning Jeanie's visit & getting her (war- - - -) selected to start her student grant trip to Europe.

August 29, Saturday — 56 degrees 6 a.m. 72 11 p.m.

Heavy dew – sunny extremely hot and humid with variable hazy cloudiness. Still hazy evng.

To hot for much work. Did daily routine. Spread load manure noontime. Harlowe McLean called a.m. Tonite I got the new baby calf nursing Bubbles by pulling on the kicking chain. Ollie was pretty well bushed. But we had a good supper. I sent John Marshall & Alonzo Davis

birthday cards for tomorrow.

August 30, Sunday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 78 12 p.m. Hazy typically August & hot & humid. Considerable murk & p.m. cloudiness. Light southerly wind – starlight evng. Red late rising olding moon like an obrouned blob in the haze.

We did little as possible. Harlowe – Addie & Virgil Winchell p.m. callers. I wrote aerogram letter to Gaye p.m. on fly pestered front porch & Mrs Currier tonite. Herman Ecke gave us 2 large overstuffed & fancy covered chairs which we set in bay window.

August 31, Monday — 74 degrees 7 a.m. 70 12 p.m. Extremely hot and humid, up in the 90's. Cloudy till early p.m. with occasional mere sprinkles. Hot sun broke thru p.m. & thickened over with passing, flashing, rumbling showers. This evng I rested pleasantly on front porch & watched a mere audible brilliant storm over east– followed by a refreshing north wind & decidedly cooler.

To start off the week Ollie & I went over to Shurter's mill & got 16 bags sawdust & later I got them emptied. I picked a bushel of sweet corn which Ollie cooked & cut off for drying. We had a good tho rather late boiled potato, sliced tomato & sweet corn supper. Rec'd card Ada Bell. My grandmother Sarah A. Eckert Crispell 59 died 72 years ago today. I hazily remember her.

September 1, Tuesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11 p.m. Pleasant temperatures and atmosphere. Northerly breeze

cloudless a.m. variable high cloudless p.m. & cloudless brilliant evng, chilly evng.

Did chores & odd jobs. Went down to P.O. mid p.m. for a registered letter and copy of Star and Herald – Panama paper issue commemorating 50th anniversary of opening of Panama Canal August 15th 1914. We then road around up the back road home. Had as usual a good supper & I spent evng writing to Lute & Ada Bell. Rec'd a card from them today. Reggie & Elsie Davis of Olive Bridge made a farewell call this p.m.. They are leaving for Los Angles Calif. soon to make their home (perhaps temporarily) with their older daughter.

September 2, Wednesday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 58 11 p.m. Gorgeous bone dry weather. Beautifully sunny, wind nearly calm. Scattered high clouds p.m. – cloudless chilly evng.

Did daily routine. Harry Siemsen called noon time that he and Barbara Moncure were going to rehearse with Virgil Winchell for Labor Day. So Ollie & I went down and enjoyed the music and then had wonderful supper with Addie & Virgil. We got home 7 o'clock to do up the chores. I spent my evng writing Vernon Haskins. Rec'd card from him today.

September 3, Thursday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 64 12 p.m. Continued brilliant sunny – some high overcast p.m. wind quiet. Increasingly cloudy tonight. Quite hot this p.m. not so chilly as last night. Did usual routine. Ollie isn't feeling good today. This p.m. she went along with me and sat in the car while I

started brushing out stone row, east side of orchard lot. The brush mostly poplar spreading out both sides. A warm job & I'm soft. Back 6 o'clock & had a good supper. I spent the evng writing E.H. Munch.

September 4, Friday — 60 degrees 6 a.m. 84 11 p.m.
Sprinkle of rain in night. Very hot and humid – variable cloudiness. Westerly wind, clear evng. Hottest night of the summer.

After morning chores we went over and I finished cleaning up the hedgerow. Did little p.m. but chores & Ollie isn't feeling good and rested on couch. Too hot for work. We had a good supper & I went out and snoozed on front porch.

September 5, Saturday — 74 degrees 7 a.m. 68 10 p.m.
Cooler dry air, fresh northerly wind. Brilliant sunny with some high cloudiness, clear evng.
I was tired & legs ached & took a nap on dining room couch. I did daily routine & kept mostly busy at odd jobs. Ollie still not feeling good – so tired. Finally she got around & cleaned the kitchen floor & as usual we had good supper. Dry weather sweet corn, boiled new potatoes, sliced tomatoes. I wrote card Julia Rhoades this a.m.

September 6, Sunday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m.
Continued gorgeous pleasantly cool weather. Light breeze from the reservoir – some p.m. overcast developed chilly evng.
Mart Eckert came p.m. & trimmed up my hair. Addie &

Virgil Winchell called p.m. also Harlowe McLean & early evng Raymond Kelder and a visitor – a brother Mason James Pierce of Westchester Co. As usual we had a good supper. Record attendance of 4000 at Onteora Demolition races tonite. The last survivor from Poughkeepsie won the \$1,000 prize.

September 7, Monday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 58 10 p.m.
Continued sunny pleasant dry and nearly cloudless – clear cool evng.

Ollie and I attended the Annual Boiceville Labor Day Picnic. Crowd less then last year. Grove in excellent condition. Refreshments served by W. Shokan Mens Club. Musical program by Barbara Moncure, Harry Siemsen & Virgil Winchell. I took part in the singing. Business meeting at 2:30 Opening introduction by Pres. Herbie Wells who led in Pledge of Allegiance . Prayer by Mrs Belle Wood. Speakers included Frederick Snyder, Jesse Shurter, Irving Hesley, Pratt Boice also interval remarks by myself. The crowd was attentive & seemingly enjoyed the program. Collection \$66.28 down from \$86 last year. Expenses music \$30.00 (ten each to Barbara, Harry & Virgil)

September 8, Tuesday — 52 degrees 6 a.m. 76 11 p.m.
Practically cloudless, warm & S.W. wind day & evng. The breeze kept down the heat of the day. No sign of rain. The fields and woods are a tinder box.
Did daily routine. Finished writing and sent letters to Mrs Knorph and Vernon Beatty. Harlowe McLean called. This p.m. Ollie & I went over to the orchard lot,

she staid in car while I brushed out along the 3 corner lot stone row & end above. A big job took fully 4 hours. We had a good supper & after I went out and rested awhile comfortably on front porch.

September 9, Wednesday — 64 degrees 6 a.m. Warm, humid, haze & overcast. We got a delightful early p.m. thunder shower. I seemed heavier over the upper end of reservoir & east side. Continued overcast but no more rain developed.

Noontime we went over to cut brush but the shower drove us home and during the rain called on Mrs Joe Massimo Sr.. Went down to Davis' store and got 5 gal of gas \$1.60 & sympathy card to send to Mrs Garwood Cline in the death of her mother Mrs Pauline Lortz. Funeral held yesterday 1 p.m. in Krumville cemetery. Sermon by Rev. Harry Christiana. Rec'd letter from Mrs Elsie Van Valkenburgh of Grahamsville & answered same tonite. Am sorry to hear Mrs Van's health is poor – sounds like stomach cancer.

The buses rolled and Onteora and other schools re-opened.

September 10, Thursday — 66 degrees 7 a.m. 72 12 p.m. Hazy murky this morning then gradually became sunny. Very warm & humid – southerly breeze- cloudless pleasantly warm tonite.

Just couldn't get going till p.m. Ollie & I went over with car. She staid in car & read while I worked cutting brush along the north side orchard lot stone wall. Mart gave me check \$36.00 to pay school tax of 35.47. Still bone dry &

yesterday's shower dried out. We had a good sweet corn, boiled potato, & sliced tomato supper. Rec'd interesting letter from E. H. Munch. Seems he hasn't rec'd any recent word from me. I wrote reply card tonite. Also rec'd grand air letter from Gaye Longyear in Bogota. She wrote Sunday nite 9 o'clock.

September 11, Friday — 70 degrees 7 a.m. 62 12 p.m. Hot and humid & sunny – southerly wind shifting nor-westerly p.m. with developing cloudiness & noticeably cooler.

It was really too hot to work but this p.m. I got going – got corn stalks for the cattle. Then started digging the late potatoes which are turning brown, I dug 3 ½ bu. Smooth and generally goodly size. Late p.m. Harlowe McLean came for a 3 hour visit. Addie Winchell also made a short call. We had a good boiled potato & wax bean supper. Rec'd letter from Julia Rhoades. Also wrote card to Vernon Beatty.

September 12, Saturday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Very cool – partly sunny a.m. wind light – dismal increasing cloudiness p.m. Dark chill evng. It looks & feels like lonely autumn.

Spread load manure a.m. – not much ambition. This p.m. I dug & put down cellar 3 more bushels of nice potatoes. I find some mice damage. It seems good to have a let up in clattering Bishop modernizing today.

Bob & Jean Smith accompanied by young Robert Longyear 3rd had supper with us and a good one – eating by candlelight. Robert came by plane from Mexico to

N.Y. – Thursday p.m. They will return him to Valley Forge for 2nd year tomorrow.

September 13, Sunday — 46 degrees 46 11 p.m. Very cool wind southerly. Part to mostly cloudy.

The woods and mountains are prematurely showing autumn colors & some leaves fallen. The Samsonville brook is dry for the first in records of memory. This p.m. Ollie & I took a trip to Lomontville and bought a fine pair of white pigs from Clifford Lovlid a Syrian & commercial breeder for \$30.00. We then went over to Stone Ridge & called on Vernon Beatty & back home via Lyonsville & Acorn Hill. The pair weighs 75 pounds. Put them in my pen I made (33 x 42) in west end of Chicken house and snuggled down completely. As usual we had a good supper. Had a surprise call from Keats Young of Milton.

September 14, Monday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 45 12 p.m. Chichester reports 28 degrees. Brilliant & practically cloudless. Light wind southerly. Plump brilliant ½ moon tonite over High Point – First I've seen it.

At on the dot last midnight various Olive fire sirens sounded in the still chill air. I raised curtain near by my couch & saw a big spooky blaze diagonally across above 28, near lower end of Boiceville upper road. It was Mrs Mabel Robeson's one story shed & attachment with a quantity of tools. Rec'd card Jeannie Longyear from Paris.

September 15, Tuesday — 52 degrees 7 a.m. 44 10:30

p.m. Brilliant very cool & breezy. At times some high wind driven clouds. Cloudless chill quiet bulging moonlight evng.

Did usual routine – no incentive. This p.m. I dug 2 more bu potatoes & got down cellar, so far found but 2 showing rot. Frank Royce called noontime. He came down from Cuba last nite. On Ollie's invitation he came back & had a good fried ham & potato supper with us. Ollie picked a quantity of wax beans for freezing.

September 16, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 48 10 p.m. 28 degrees at Marsh Maier's above Bushkill bridge. Brilliant cool & practically cloudless a.m.. Increasingly gloomy, cloudiness developed p.m. Still chilly & moon hazy tonite.

Did daily routine – dug $\frac{1}{2}$ bu potatoes, picked dried corn & beans and this afternoon I helped Ollie process wax beans for freezing. She has 16 - 1 pound bags or over - plastic bags. We had a usually good supper. Frank Royce called evng. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier, Julia Rhoades & Vernon Beatty. Sent letter to Julia Rhoades & V ernon Beatty & card to Mrs Currier & Vernon Haskins.

September 17, Thursday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Continued sunny serene & warm. Cloudless still chilly – moonlite evng a bit hazy.

We made a Kingston trip with Frank Royce. Went sown south side 28A & back after stop at A & P market via Hurley Mtn & across over the hilly scenic Pacama Road to Spillway hi bridge & up over Brown Station Hill & over the dam. The vast sweet corn fields along Hurley

flats look frost hit. Later we had supper with Frank Royce. Sent letter & get well card to Vernon Beatty. 102 anniversary of Civil War battle of Anteston

September 18, Friday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Warm & rather humid. Brilliant clear this morning – becoming part cloudy– sunshine & shadows. Moon pretty well blacked out tonite.

Did usual routine. Ollie processed a batch of seasons best sweet corn – 6 plastic bags. Harlowe McLean called. I dug out 2 more bu dandy potatoes & put down cellar. Rec'd letters from Old Hickory Beatty. Tonite I wrote Mrs Currier.

September 19, Saturday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.
Cloudy dismal chilly. Light easterly wind. The sky looked like snow. Moon shone hazily tonite – still no rain.

Did daily routine - spread load manure. This p.m. we went over to the other place. Ollie staid in car & read while I cleaned up along my brush cuttings with sythe. Had as usual a good supper & Frank Royce came while we were eating. Spent the evng writing.

September 20, Sunday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 12 p.m.
Sunny – few clouds & chilly weather. Light wind – soft almost full moon tonite.

Did usual chore routine. This p.m. Ollie & I took a walk over along the dried up Jacky Brook – also went up Maltby Hollow Road & called on George Reitmeir. I wrote up a Freeman news copy. Addie & Virgil Winchell

came at 4:30 also Jim Burgraff. He staid for supper & spent the evng. This is "Uncle Watson's & Uncle Mose Bishop's birthday". The former died in Oct 1921 aged 70 & Uncle Mose in Oct 1913 aged 83 – I think.

September 21, Monday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Cloudless and on the coolish side. Soft glowing early rising full moon evng. Seasonally it is working it's way toward the north. Little wind – as the sun sets the evng chill deepens.

Busy with routine a.m. This p.m. we went over & parked car near top of 3 corner lot. Ollie spent the sunny pleasant time reading while I did a big job cutting away the brush growth & over hanging limbs along the pasture lot woods down to Bishops line. Sat. Freeman carries the death and funeral notice of Mrs Gilbert Van Valkenburgh, where we had a pleasant call on August trip to Claryville.

September 22, Tuesday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m. A majestic full moonlite nite. Damp & chill this a.m. & became overcast but sunnied away serenely, clouded again early evng & then cleared and the moon beamed brilliant.

This a.m. I saw a flock of brown sparrow like birds working in the ripe & honey sweet grapes. So Ollie & I got busy & picked all reachable. I using ladder – 1 ½ bu. This p.m. we went over with car & I piled up the stonewall brush cut yesterday. Later I dug 2 more bu nice smooth potatoes from the dusty rows. Had a usually good supper and after a nap I wrote letter to Bob & Jean

Smith. Rec'd a fine & welcome letter from E.H. Munch.

September 23, Wednesday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 76 12 p.m. Overcast this morning but became practically cloudless. Hot dust dry bright sunshine. Cloudless still evng – became warm & windy.

Early p.m. we went over to Shurter's mill & got a 16 bag load of lovely dry sawdust from a large recently made pile. After unloading and a short rest we went with car over on back road & I got in about 2 hours brush cutting by the driveway corner. Did chores & Harlowe McLean called – said he had supper so didn't sit by with us. At 8:30 I went out on porch couch & rested and watched the declining full moon rise over the reservoir. I was real comfortable under a blanket. Rec'd letter & colored museum paid picture from Vernon Haskins.

September 24, Thursday — 54 degrees 8 a.m. 54 10 p.m. Brisk shifting winds – warm bright sunshine & high wind driven white clouds. Clear evng with brilliant declining moon.

No pep today but kept mostly busy with chores & odd jobs. Ollie has a very sore thumb and finger. I mashed up the picked grapes for wine. Had usual good supper & I spent the evng writing in reply to Mariam, rec'd today.

September 25, Friday — 50 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy chill typical early autumn, mountain squalls gave occasional just sprinkles of rain & wind light.

I have more pep today but Ollie has 2 miserably sore

fingers. Finished and sent long letter to Mariam with \$100. monthly check for Daisy's September maintenance. This p.m. we went over with the car & I finished the corner brush cutting by Mart Eckert's driveway. Harlowe McLean went to Kingston & made purchases for us partly A & P market. After a good supper I wrote to Vernon Beatty. A large flock of honking wild geese in V formation flew south high above the west side of the reservoir later p.m. The migration is unusually early.

September 26, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 64 10 p.m. Bright sunny light southerly day wind. Nearly cloudless, pleasant starlight evng – moon rose late. – Breezy. Did usual routine and spread load manure also dug out the last ½ bu potatoes from late garden Kathadins. Ollie's 2 fingers are sore & touchy. She cleaned up the floor later p.m. Had a delicious peach shortcake for supper plus savory boiled potatoes. Finished and sent letter to Vernon Beatty & rec'd card from him. Around noon I took Ollie down to P.O. to get her Oct. recall jury summons. She was deferred from April. After supper I went out & relaxed on front porch couch awhile. No callers today.

September 27, Sunday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 58 11 p.m. Brisk southerly wind. Part to mostly cloudy. Temperature on cool side. Rained enuf tonite to wet the door stones. Jim Burgraff with his Volkswagon took Ollie & I a 105 mile roundabout trip, got started near 11 o'clock. First

we went up thru the Stony Clove notch to Hensonville and spent an hour with the Julia Rhoades family. Then down over the East Windham Mountain past the 3 building hotel fire down to route 145 & up to the 10th annual Vernon Haskins day 60th birthday, observed at East Durham museum where we ate our lunch and spent about 2 hours. Came back the lower route around to Woodstock & home over 28 & 28A – home back at 4:30. Jim went on home to Samsonville & I did chores & later had a light supper.

September 28, Monday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 57 11 p.m.

Overcast raw snowy air – light wind off the reservoir.

Sun shone thru dimly p.m. – dark still evng.

I kept usually busy with daily routine. Pulled the poles &

picked a final mess of dwarfed Kentucky Wonder beans.

This p.m. I helped Ollie with a big washing & strung up

extra clothes line. We had a good 6:30 supper. The

Woodstock school closed 1 p.m. due to water shortage

and to temporary pump failure & 500 private users

affected.

September 29, Tuesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 52 11 p.m.

Welcome rain fell moderately during late nite thru

morning followed thru the drab still day by a drizzling

mist.

Not much accomplished other than cleaning out the 2

stoves & pipes & burning out the kitchen chimney. This

p.m. I got 1 day permit issued by Supervisor Lester S.

Davis but the brush was soaked and wouldn't even burn

with kerosene. No callers today We had a good supper

hot potatoes & Kentucky Wonder beans. I spent the evng writing Jean & Robert Smith & finished letter to E.H. Munch.

Newspaper clipping 9/29 64

Ellenville Men Held for Grand Jury
in Shooting of Man

Two men arrested in connection with a shooting Monday night in an Ellenville tavern, were ordered held for grand jury action today when they waived preliminary examination on the felony charges of first degree assault.

William Arthur Harriso 26, of Main Street, and Elmer Avery, 38, both of Ellenville were remanded to the Ulster County jail in Kingston after their appearance this morning before Peace Justice, Frank Decker of Warwarsing.

Gene Kunzie, 37, of St Louis, Mo. victim of the alleged assault, was reported in fair condition in Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. Police said he suffered a bullet wound in the stomach caused by a bullet from a 22 caliber revolver.

Village Police Chief Abe Rand said that Harrison was charge with shooting Kunzie and that Avery was charged with acting as an accessory to the crime by helping Harrison escape custody.

Chief Rand said the shooting occurred about 10:30 in Monahan's Elrose Tavern. He said Kunzie was treated at the scene, then taken to the hospital. Harrison and Avery, who fled after the shooting, were arrested about an hour later on Warren Street in the village, a short distance

from the scene of the shooting. They were arrested by Chief Rand and Officer Richard Smith and Trooper Stanley Kowalik and Douglas Diamond of Ellenville substation, State Police.

September 30, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Cloudy chill northerly wind. A clearing trend developed p.m. cloudless evng, calmed & very chilly. This p.m. Ollie & I went over, she staid in the car & read, while I cut brush along the driveway. I had a visit with Mart Eckert & he cut my hair. Later we took a ride down to look at a second hand kitchen stove at Marion Oakleys. We had a good supper & I spent the evng writing Vernon Haskins.

October 1, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 54 10 p.m. Heavy dew but didn't frost. Magnificent practically cloudless quiet day — became overcast evng. Ollie not feeling good, her ticker acting up. I did daily routine. This p.m. I tarred over the leaky spots in barn roof gutter, main 40 ft old part of barn built 1909. Harlowe McLean came supper time but he had eaten home. Ollie resting all evng. I wrote to Julia Rhoades.

October 2, Friday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Overcast damp chill calm. We had a sprinkle this a.m. & again mid afternoon we got an hour nice rain – came down hard for a time.

We went over to John Nichols Garage on Samsonville Road & he repaired the broken blinker signal on Plymouth – 6.00 for parts & labor Paid. We then went on

to Henry Merrihews & Ollie got 3 doz pullet eggs – .90.
After the rain started 3 o'clock I spread load manure.
Then did chores & had good supper. Rec'd letters
Vernon Beatty & Mrs Currier & Lute Bell.

October 3, Saturday — 54 degrees 7 a.m. 48 12 p.m.
Cloudless gentle breeze. Heavenly perfect colorful , still
chilly evng.

Ollie did the home duties. Addie & Virgil Winchell
called p.m. I served on the 1st day of registration. The
others on the Dist 2 Board are Albert Fox – chairman
Dem Adele Rothman, Mrs Emma Ackert, Rep. 574
registered, various names removed – 13 deaths. Ira
Nichils, Irving Bell, Wm Beesmer, Blanche Grecian
Besrodny, Walter Dittrick, Richard Lane, Pauline Lortz,
Helen Lohr Timmons, Harriet Tease, Ella Wells, Frank
Warneke. & Sam Wachtel. Registration hours 10 a.m. -
10 p.m. Mr Fox took me both ways. Rec'd card Vernon
Beatty. The New York Yankees AL clinched their 6
straight penance by beating the Cleveland Indians 8 - 3.

October 4, Sunday— 54 degrees 7 a.m. 52 12 p.m.
Brilliant sunny this morning became somewhat drab &
overcast p.m. – cleared evng windy & cooler.
Home all day. P.m. callers were Harlowe McLean, Jean
& Robert Smith then Bob & Julia Rhoades & son Dickie
& friends Mr & Mrs Joe Wilson an elderly couple from
Brooklyn. We had a delicious wax bean & hot boiled
potatoes for supper. Ollie rested & I spent the evng
writing. Ellen Wilfris & Vernon Beatty. The major
league baseball season closed. The St Louis Cardinals

won national League pennant by defeating the New York Mets. The Chicago White Sox American league are 2nd & Baltimore Orioles 3rd in their final games. Charles I Hesley Jr “Sonny” and Lynn Edna Brown married 2 p.m. in St Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Woodstock. Both Onteora graduates. He served 4 years in U.S. Air Force.

October 5, Monday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 32 12 p.m.
Chilly northerly wind – variable cloudiness – still clear frosty tonight.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on Kingston trip. She reported for Supreme Court trial juror but will get her day \$9.00 with mileage again deferred till April term. We did some shopping including A & P came back by way if Sawkill & called on Harry & Marie Siemsen also stopped briefly at Addie & Virgil Winchell’s in West Hurley. We also visited the Ward store out Albany Ave & I got 5 qt can motor oil \$1.37. This a.m. I pulled & heaped the wax & bush lima bean vines & covered them. We had a good supper & I spent the evng writing.

October 6, Tuesday — Our First Killing Frost. 24 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Heavy grass whitened frost. Very chilly – cloudless this morning some cloudiness during day. Wind off reservoir – clear still evng. Ollie & I did a big job picking off the pulled bean vines. Had near a bu of the bush limas & peck wax beans. The cows relish the green vines. No callers except Marsh Maier. We had a good supper sucatash lima beans & last nubbins of sweet corn, plus hot cracked open boiled potatoes. Ollie rested & I spent the evng writing Jean

Smith & Frank Royce. Mid p.m. the West Shokan – Boiceville & Shokan fire trucks converged on the West Shokan Gargae where a smokey fire (no wiring) was burning in the ceiling attic.

October 7, Wednesday — 28 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. Frost again this morning but not so heavy. The day was heavenly perfect. The woods and mountains at their colorful autumn plumage. Crispy northerly wind – calm frosty evng.

We went over to Mart Eckerts & I tried to cut brush but gave up due to sore right side where I fell against the ladder 10 days ago, when cleaning stoves & chimney. His tv reception was poor so we came home & went up to Art Blumes & his new tv was as poor. Couldn't follow the ball in the 1st Worlds series game played at the National League Park in St Louis. Surprisingly the favored NY Yankees were beaten 9 - 5. Whitey Ford now 35 the losing pitcher. Now in the twilight long brilliant career – 15 seasons with the Yankees. We had a good hot supper & after a nap I wrote aerogram letter to Gaye Longyear.

October 8, Thursday — Coldest night 1/8 ice on barn kettle. 20 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Hard freeze last night. Harlowe McLean reported nearly 1/2 inch on water pail. Calm heavenly perfect cloudless day & evng. There was a tingly chill of autumn – not so cold as last night. I did little but chores as to my sore right side. This p.m. 2 o'clock we kept tuned in on station WTIC to the second game of the Worlds series in St Louis – won by the

Yankees 8 - 3. Attendance same as yesterday 30805. The St Louis weather was gray overcast. No game tomorrow. My thoughts go back down the years to Henry and Grace Winchell's annual Worlds series dinner visits for some 12 or 13 years beginning 1935. Henry died age 78 Sept. 1945.

October 9, Friday — 33 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m.
Milder clear brilliant early with gradually increasing cloudiness and southerly wind — overcast evng.
I pulled my practically a failure cabbage crop as the deer are eating the few nubby heads that partly developed.
This p.m. Ollie & I went over to Grover Winchell's and paid my renewed fire insurance premium \$78.48. — \$10,000 on house. Then we went in to Shurter's mill and got a 16 bag load of hemlock sawdust and got it dumped. We as usual had a good supper — hot boiled cracked open potatoes & lima beans.

October 10, Saturday — Mountain Snow Squalls 34 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Raw cold windy. Snow flurries evng. Very unusually early.
This a.m. I spread load manure & cleaned up trash in garden. This p.m. hours 1 - 10 I served as inspector on 2nd day of Registration. I rode both ways with chairman Al Fox. The total registration is 629 compared with 624 last year. The compilation is 321 males & 308 females & 5 applied for absentee ballots. Emma Ackert served supper at 6. I took a radio and heard most the thrilling world series game between the St Louis Cardinals & N.Y. Yankees at Yankee Stadium. With score tied 1- 1

Mickey Mantle hit a home run on first ball pitched in 9th inning. When St Louis changed pitchers from Kurt Simmons to - - - - -.

The Yankees won 2 - 1. Attendance 68,000 winning pitcher - - - - - .

Dist 1 Shokan enrollment 653 – 90 new names added due to booming population. Dist 3 Samsonville 305 – total for town 1589.

October 11, Sunday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
There appears a new dusting of snow on the north side brow of High Point. The squally weather cleared during the night – 1/4 inch of ice on tubs.. This is the 39th anniversary of the wind storm and mountains plastered with snow half way down their sides in contrast with the yet green foliage beneath. This date is also a reminder of the devastating Bushkill flood of 1955. Brilliant cloudless crisp northerly wind – still frosty evng – Growing crescent moon over High Point.

We were home all day. Harlowe McLean called noontime & later Addie & Virgil Winchell. We were tuned in over WTIC for the full 4th world series game at Yankee Stadium. Attendance 66,305. With score in 6th inning 3 - 0 in favor of N.Y. Ken Boyer with 2 out & 3 on bases hit a grand slam home run & the Cardinals winning 4 - 3– winning pitcher Gordon Craig. Charles Fickus 11 of Longyear Road Shokan (a section of the old state road_ was struck & killed by a west bound car on Route 28 at the intersection of Bostock Road. His father is an Onteora sghool teacher.

October 12, Monday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m.
Harlowe McLean reports 18 degrees – 1/4 inch on water
tubs. Moderating pleasantly & brilliant cloudless till p.m.
when hazy overcast started to develop Southerly wind
evng,

Ollie & I pretty much took the day off. We heard WTIC
broadcast of the dramatic 4th world series game at
Yankee Stadium, won in 10th by the St Louis Cardinals
5 – 3. Winning pitcher Bob Gibson who struck out 13
Yankees. Attendance 65,663. 5th game Wed. in St Louis.

October 13, Tuesday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Drab chilly overcast – still but no rain. Broke away evng
& the ½ moon settled behind Hoopole mountain mid
evng.

We took another day off & made an early p.m. trip to
Kingston, Harlowe accompanying. Ollie & I again
visited Blanche Rodriguez and room companion Irene
Ackert. She will be 78 next March 14. We went out to
Robert Hall on Albany Ave shopping plaza & I bought a
2 piece dark gray wool worsted hard finish suit 42.95
also did some uptown & A & P shopping. We got back
via of Hurley mountain Road chore time & after a good
supper I wrote Jean & Bob Smith.

October 14, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11 p.m.
Heavenly perfect cloudless weather. Wind calm,
magnificent brilliant moonlike evng.

Did usual chore routine. Pulled the last wheelbarrow
load of dry sweet corn stalks from the dust dry ground.
This p.m. Ollie & I just relaxed & kept tuned to the 6th

world series game over WTIC. Hartford. Played at the St Louis Cardinals home field Bush Stadium. In this game Yankee power prevailed with 2 back to back home runs by Mickey Mantle & a grand slam by Roger Maris. The Yankees winning 8 - 3. Same as before St Louis attendance 30,805. Jim Bouton winning pitcher. The loser Kurt Simons. Jim Burgraff came for supper & we 3 went with his 63Volkswagon to Pioneer youth camp in Rifton & Jim & I addressed the the 7th grade Downtown Community School class about 17 boys and girls. A bus load in charge of Norman Studer on Educational tour. Studer gave & I each \$20.00.

Clyde A. Winchell 78 owner of the Winchell store museum in Shokan found dead in bathroom this a.m. by investigating neighbor Ed Adsit.

October 15, Thursday — Another perfect & milder day & some thin streaky overcast developed p.m. Glowing moonlike just a bit hazed.

Other than just doing daily chore routine Ollie & I stayed with the 7th and deciding game of the World series in St Louis in which the Cardinals beat the NY Yankees in a thrilling game in which the Cardinals blanked the American Leaguers the 1st 6 innings. Bob Gibson with Jim Mc Garner catching struck out 9 batters — 31 in the two games – a record breaker with only 2 days rest won his 2nd game. Capacity attendance 30,346. After a good supper I wrote to Julia Rhoades. Oct 25 issue of the Grit states that each of the series winning St Louis Cardinals rec'd about \$5700. Pitcher Bob Gibson in 3 games struck out 31 Yankees batters. He is also named the outstanding

series player. In 1963 , each Los Angeles Dodger player in 4 game sweep rec'd 12,794 the losing Yankees each \$7,874.

Clyde A. Winchell prop of the Shokan corner store museum was found dead p.m. in his bathroom locked for 2 hours when he was discovered by a summoned neighbor Edw. Adsit. Clyde had spent a recent 6 days in the hospital – 2 days previous to his death he had fallen in bathroom & injured his left eye & right cheek badly.

October 16, Friday — Indian summer & sunny but somewhat hazy. The nearing full moon is hazy tonight. Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston with Harlowe McLean. We did some general shopping including A & P. We went out to Wards store in Ulster shopping Dist. Harlowe bought a pair of snow tires & had them mounted on rims. I took delivery after minor alterations of my new suit at Robert Hall. Ollie bought me a new tie to match for pre-Christmas. We called on Jack Holts on Esopus Ave & came back to Shokan on route 28. We stopped at Addie & Virgil Winchell's in West Hurley. After chores & a good super I looked at the papers. 177th anniversary of the wanton burning of Kingston by a British army of 600 under Maj. Gen. John Vaughn.

October 17, Saturday — 177 anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga. 48 degrees 7 a.m. 56 11 p.m. Dismal and a light rain fell intermittently thru the day. The tinder dry woods & mtns are well dampened. Governor Nelson Rockefeller closed 20 counties including Ulster at 6 a.m. due to hazardous conditions. I

spread load manure a.m. This p.m. Ollie & myself, Harlowe McLean, Addie & Virgil Winchell using the Plymouth attended Pratt Boice's & Mr & Mrs Sam Wares 50th Wedding open house celebration at the Boice 1740 colonial home in Lake Katrine (Sam & Nancy's wedding date is Nov. 7. They came up from their home in Petersburg Va. Later after taking Addie & Virgil home to West Hurley, we three went to Woodstock to the newly renovated Lasher Funeral Home & paid homage to my 1st cousin Clyde A. Winchell who died suddenly Fri p.m. at his home in Shokan. Ollie & I had a good supper after which Ray Kelder called & I spent the evng reading as Ollie rested. I wore my new suit & tie. Over 28,000 visitors at I.B.M. plant open house at Lake Katrine. First since 1956.

October 18, Sunday — 56 degrees 7 a.m. 54 11 p.m. Cleared away this morning with a heavenly warm summery day. Cloudless still soft glowing moonlite evng – nearly full. Again the woods are dry as ever. This p.m. Ollie & I attended the funeral of Clyde A. Winchell held 2:30 at the Shokan Dutch Reformed church in charge of Rev Osterhoudt Phillips. Attendance around 50. Interment beside his father & mother in Tongore Cemetery. Following commitment we walked around & paid respects in both the old & new sections. We then went on over to Ledgerock & called on Jean & Robert Smith. Both busily under porch roof painting A flag draped the silvery metallic casket, a former member of the Kingston Lodge #10 and Kingston Post American legion # 550. With Clyde's death the Winchell

family Shokan dynasty is a memory. Ezra Silkworth who dug the grave found no moist earth. The burial case was wooden.

October 19, Monday — 45 degrees 7 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Gloomy chill with light to more moderate rain most of day.

I finished a Freeman news copy a.m. and sent the letter down to P.O. with Harlowe McLean who dropped in around noon. This p.m. I finished reading for the 3rd time since 1938 “Advance & Retreat at Saratoga” an interesting paper cover book on Beurgayne’s campaign in 1777. The book was given me by Mariam & Bob Longyear while on a vacation trip that summer. I also wrote to Mrs Knorph. Tonite I wrote also to Vernon Beatty.

October 20, Tuesday — Ex President Herbert Hoover 90 died. 38 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Cloudy day & evng – damp & chill & still. Feels like snow.

This p.m. Ollie & I took a trip over thru Samsonville & cut across above Kerhonkson to 209 & then to Accord where we made a call at the Agway GLF store, bought 10qt galvanized pail .87. Then on 209 to Vernon Beatty’s where we picked up several bags feeding apples and thence home thru Krumville Acorn Hill route. Did chores & had a good supper & after a nap I got around & wrote card to Julia Rhoades. Sent Pratt Boice 50th anniversary card. Rec’d letter Mariam. T3 years this p.m. Uncle Watson Bishop funeral at his home. He died a brilliant full moon evng Oct. 17th at Dr. Kembles

sanitarium in Kingston. He was 70 this date.

October 21, Wednesday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 42 12 p.m.
Cloudless brilliant till noon – blustery & squally
cloudiness developed p.m. It looked like snow squalls on
High Point & Wittenberg's.

I was busy with daily routine. I trimmed back the top of
the water tub barn corner ash also cleaned up the front
porch for painting. Ollie pretty much rested today. We
had a good supper. I spent the evng writing to Mariam &
Vernon Beatty. Enclosed a \$100. check to Mariam for
Daisy's Oct board at Mrs Ann Stepens Boarding Home.
Re'd letter Vernon Haskins that they may be down
Sunday.

October 22, Thursday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m.
Sour raw cloudy a.m. broke away p.m. – north wind
cloudless moon light evng. November weather.
Too cold for porch painting. This p.m. Ollie I went over
with the car & I finished cutting brush behind the old
Hinkley barn. We had a light supper. Harlowe McLean
went along to the Annual Olive Republican Club rally in
Olive Bridge Fire House. Ray Cruthers was chairman &
herbie Wells secy – Supervisor Lester S. Davis & fellow
members of town board present also county candidates
and notables renominated. Assemblyman Kenneth L.
Wilson & county chairman atty John B. Sterley – County
Treasurer Fred DuBoice – Coroner Arthur Chipp. D.A.
candidate Joseph P. Torraca – Bernard Kramer Ken
Wilson's secy – Jesse McHugh former County Board
chairman – Sheriff Claude Bell & others. Good

attendance for mid week – Refreshments served & prizes rewarded. I won a table lamp donated by Weidy's Furniture on Route 28.

October 23, Friday — 32 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m.
White frost – mostly cloudy raw November weather – mtn snow squalls a.m. noticeably over on Tysteneck. Did chore routine and little else. I helped Ollie shell out the remainder of the bush lima beans picked when the frost came 2 weeks ago. Ollie made a good hot potato stew for supper. Wrote card to Vernon Haskins a.m. Rec'd the batch of weekly papers 3 copies – The Kingstonian, Record Press & Catskill Mtn Star also Daily Freeman.

October 24, Saturday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m.
Part to mostly cloudy – raw November air – overcast evng – little wind today.
Did daily routine, spread load manure below garden & took load trash to dump over in woods. We had an unexpected call from Julia & Robert Rhoades & son Dickie. Ollie & I were guests of Harlowe McLean at the largely attended oyster and ham supper at the Olive Bridge M.E. church hall. The serving was excellent and abundant. Several fires broke out p.m. along road at head of Watson Hollow on Canape side and responded to by both Shokan & local firemen.

October 25, Sunday — Back 1 hour to Standard Time. 36 degrees 7 a.m. 44 10 p.m. Serene cloudless Indian Summer. Not so warm as last Sunday. Became really

chilly after sunset.

We were home all day & expecting a possible visit by Vernon & Helen Haskins. But did have unexpected call by Jim & Lil McVitty & neighbor Mrs Bernstein of Woodstock. We had a delicious supper & I spent the evng writing Lavern Davis & Vernon Beatty. Ex president Herbert C. Hoover after funeral service at St Barth - - - - Episcopal church in N.Y.C. & then lying in state in the Rotunda of the capitol in Washington & buried this p.m. on a hill overlooking his ancestral farm home in West Branch Iowa.

October 26, Monday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 52 10:30 p.m.
Indian Summer at its best – practically cloudless some breeze p.m. clear still evng.

Harry & Marie Siemsen came mail time, so we took the day off & went along with them to Samsonville where Harry photographed a realistic pen sketch large wall picture of the Samsonville Pratt & Samson Tannery and surrounding area made 1857. The picture hangs in the hall entrance of Mr & Mrs Jesse Shurter. Coming back we drove up to the former H.C. Forde Estate (now Goldens) where Harry took pictures from the tower top of the winding steps in front of house Hearthstone Lodge & we drove down in to Ollie's grandfather VanKleeck's quarries & walked around. Then came home & Ollie served a light lunch.

October 27, Tuesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 46 11 p.m.
Sunny this morning becoming hazy in smokey overcast. Light breeze off reservoir. Injun summer over 70 p.m.

broke away overhead evng. Last nite the old moon was down to half over the reservoir.

Did little a.m. the atmosphere was heavy. This p.m. I got going and painted a strip around the edge of front porch also painted the steps platinum gray. Later Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went with Plymouth over to Lasher;s Parlors in Woodstock & paid respects and signed visiting register to Mrs Minerva Eckert North 84, widow of Brooks North. She had many beautiful flower pieces & was laid out in a silvered metal open casket. She and Mother and Aunt Cornelia Bishop were cousins. Mrs North daughter of Gordon Eckert and Alvina Winchell born and grew up on the present Mary Margaret McBride property in a plank house across the road from the studio. Her grandfather was Peter Eckert a son of ancestral Abel. Mrs North died Sunday evng on Krumville Road, where she made her home with her younger & last surviving brother Charles E.

October 28, Wednesday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 64 11 p.m. Some warm sunshine otherwise mostly overcast. South westerly wind developed – dark cloudy evng.

Ollie not feeling good, rested most of the day. I did daily routine and this p.m. painted the whole front porch and steps. I used yesterday & today 2 gals Moores Platinum paint. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty.

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Shokan News

Ashokan —

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Sickler

Shokan lost one of its outstanding neighbors and Ulster County one of its most knowledgeable historians when Clyde A. Winchell died Oct. 14. A native of Shokan, he had been a member of the Shokan Reformed Church (where the minister, Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips conducted a funeral service Oct. 18) for sixty years. He transferred to this church in 1904 from the Hyde Park Methodist Church of Tampa, Fla. After graduating from the Shokan school, he entered Staunton Virginia Military Academy and was lieutenant of cadets when he graduated. He served with the Army during World War I and later was employed as a writer for Florida newspapers. Returning to Shokan where his family conducted a general store, he used his journalistic talents to tell, in local newspapers; the story of Woodstock, Olive, Hurley and Shandaken and its people and their ancestors. He wrote many columns for the newspaper, making many readers well acquainted with a wide section of Ulster County and its residents.

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Former News Man

Dies

Clyde A. Winchell

A funeral service for Clyde A. Winchell of Shokan, a former newspaper reporter and feature writer who in late years conducted an antique business in the former Winchell general store building, was held Sunday at the Shokan Reformed Church. The service was conducted by

the Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips, minister of that church of which Mr Winchell was a member. Burial was in Tongore Cemetery, Olive Bridge. Mr Winchell died Oct 14 at the age of 77. He was a son of the late Elwyn and Julia Davis Winchell and a veteran of World War I. He was an authority on Ulster County History, especially the history of the towns of Hurley, Woodstock, Olive and Shandaken and he wrote many articles for this newspaper and the Freeman. He is survived by his wife, the former Alva Knickerbocker, and a daughter Mrs Kay Winnie of Shokan.

October 29, Thursday — 44 degrees 6 a.m. 50 12 p.m.
Mostly cloudy – occasional light woods dampening rains.

Ollie rested on couch most of day. We had a light supper. I did daily routine.

This evng accompanied by Jesse Shurter we attended the big town of Rochester Republican club rally at Peg Leg Bates night club in Palentown.. Congressman Ernest Wharton of Schoharie County, Assessblyman Kenneth Wilson of Woodstock and other county candidates present. Prizes awarded, refreshments served, music for dancing by Christy Cross orchestra.

October 30, Friday — 46 degrees 6 a.m. 42 11 p.m.
Cleared brilliantly this morning crisp northerly wind & cloudless tonite.

Little accomplished today. Ollie's not up to par. She spent the morning and evng on her couch. This p.m. we went down to Ollie Crawfords, Olive Bridge Garage got

a car grease job & check up (33,793.) Coming home we stopped at Ruth & Carl Rosengren's & Harlowe McLean's. We had a good supper boiled potatoes, sliced beets & sardines in tomato sauce. Wrote to Vernon Beatty this a.m. & tonite to E.H. Munch. Rec'd reply letter from June Lazare of Brooklyn with \$2.00 for copy of The Legend of Utsantha.

October 31, Saturday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 26 12 p.m. Brilliant cloudless day and evng. Pleasantly crispy seasonable – wind light.

I did usual routine. Spread load manure & cleaned pig pen. Mart Eckert came p.m. & cut my hair. Ollie got around & cleaned up kitchen late p.m. Tonite we had Halloween supper with Jean & Robert Smith over at Ledgerock. Halloween trick or treaters made their rounds this evng. Thomas Zinner ill at his home on McMillin Road of pneumonia removed to Hosp late p.m.

November 1, Sunday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. Ice on barn tub. Continued cloudless – serenity – still – starlight chilling evng. Changed to 20 oil – 33,821. This p.m. Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I (Harlowe drove) took a scenic 81 mile trip up over Winnesook rough mountain route & down to Claryville & called at Wm Erts — no one home. At site of the upper Denning Tannery the barn is still in use. Further down at Grahamsville we stopped & Harlowe took picture of the massive tall tannery chimney off road behind barn buildings of Henry Brown.. Then lower down visited the foundation site & chimney of the lower or Hammond

tannery. Here he took another picture. Next and last stop was brief at Mrs Gilbert Van Valkenburgh's & on home over Peekamoose.

November 2, Monday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Cloudless this morning with developing streaky overcast – still – mild.

I did usual routine. This p.m. I stirred up a 1956 5 gal pail of white paint and got started painting the front porch siding. Ollie spent a good part of the day resting. This a.m. I wrote letter to Mrs Elsie D. Van Valkenburgh. We as usual had a good supper. Tonite I packed up a copy of The Legend of Utsantha to send to June Lazare of Brooklyn for which she sent me 2.00 dollars.

A burned out wire under the electric kitchen range this a.m. 10:30 at Larry Kelder's set papers on fire & filled the house with smoke. His wife turned off the celler switch & West Shokan ans Olive Bridge fire companies responded. Very fortunately Larry & Rita were home.

November 3, Tuesday — 40 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Presidential Election. Serene sunny near cloudless still – starlight evng.

Long day on Dist 2 election board, 503 machine votes cast plus 30 absentee. National record high Democratic sweep. The Lyndon B. Johnson re-election for president carried the town of Olive by 51 majority over Barry Goldwater – Ulster County by 10,775 and NY state by 2 ½ million. County GOP candidates were elected Joe Toracco District Attorney 4494 majority. Fred DuBois

County Treasurer reelected 4463 maj. Kenneth Wilson member of Assembly 4953 over Dem Mandid. Town of Woodstock gave Pres Johnson 186 maj. First Dem president to savvy Woodstock probably since the Civil War at least since the century. Joe Resnick Dem, Ellenville – Industrialist carried the County over the veteran Congressman Ernest Wharton. President Johnson rec'd 486 electoral votes & lost in all but the 5 of the following states Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and his home state Arizona. Delaware County went for Johnson 1st in recorded history.

November 4, Wednesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Serene mild cloudless day & evng. Real chilly tonite.

This p.m. we picked up Harlowe McLean & went to Stone Ridge where Ollie saw Dr Tocco at his office. Her blood pressure 160 & general condition favorable. We proceeded to the Kyser funeral home on Albany Ave, Kingston & paid tribute at the bier of Mrs Lillian Flemming Giles, wife of Henry Giles, a past master of Kingston Lodge #10 F&A&M. Many floral tributes. She was a room mate of Ollie 2 years ago last June at the Benedictine Hosp. We did some A&P market shopping then went to Lashers Funeral Home in Woodstock & paid homage to Floyd Merrihew 72 of Ashokan who died Monday noon in Kingston, Hosp of a re-curing heart attack. He was a patient since there since Sat. Nephew of Charles Hesley who died 17 years ago election day. Floyd was a life member of Kingston Lodge # 10

F&A&M . I knew him from a child born in Brodhead. About 4 p.m. a flash fire cause by an acetylene welding torch as a bulldozer was under going repairs blackened the interior of the West Shokan Garage, running the bulldozer burned out the electric wiring & caused general damage. Only prompt response by the local fire truck saved the building with over head living apt. Boiceville and Olive Bridge also responded.

November 5, Thursday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 44 12 p.m. Chilly raw air – became overcast this morning with a brief leaf wetting early p.m. rain, followed by part clearing.

Did daily routine & we got a 16 bag load sawdust from Shurter's mill – later we went down to view the flash fire damage of yesterday p.m. in the West Shokan Garage. We had a delicious pork chop & mashed potato supper. Later I took a nap on couch & then wrote to E.H. Munch. The garage was built in 1923 and operated for several years by the present Sheriff Claude Bell. There was a large gathering of respect last evng at the Lasher Funeral Parlors for Floyd Merrihew & service 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips. Burial in Tongore Cemetery.

November 6, Friday — 42 degrees 6 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy sour – cleared away later p.m. Not much accomplished – cleaned up the granary. Got some porch siding painted p.m. As usual we had a good supper. Harlowe McLean called early evng. Accord Farmers Co-op in late p.m. delivered 1540 lbs ground

mixed feed which with ½ ton corn - - - - -
- - - - - from Commodity ----- costing 19.02 —
cost me less than 3.00 per hundred.

Dr Major George F. Chandler 91 died in his sleep at his home in the Governor Clinton Hotel. He performed the appendicitis operations on our Little Honey Girl Lillian, Jan.2, 1932 & next day on 13 year old Cornelia at Kingston Hospital. He also organized the New York State Police in 1917 was in charge as Supt for 17 years.

November 7, Saturday — 30 degrees 6 a.m. 36 11 p.m.
Heavy white frost – mild still with variable cloudiness warm & sunny during p.m. – overcast evng.
Herbie Cowan came this morning and chain sawed firewood for 1 ½ hours(3.00 not paid) Later I spread load manure & got the sawed wood in 2 hauls. Addie & Virgil Winchell called p.m. & after doing chores Ollie & I both had a nap before supper. Last nite while en-route home from Kingston on route 28 at the last end of Temples Pond, Larry Kelder lost control of and completely wrecked his Rolls Royce car. His plight was noticed by a passing driver & taken to Benedictine Hosp. Where his injuries are serious – cuts and bruises and broken collar bone.

November 8, Sunday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11 p.m.
Cloudless serene Indian summer. Crispy evng – crescent brilliant new moon settled early evng behind Hoopole mtn.
Vernon Beatty came this morning & Harlowe McLean, Ollie & I went with him & viewed the fire blackened

ruins of the once famous Cold Brook house also a forgotten woods grown Winnie family cemetery with 6 or 7 readable white slab markers & several other graves with only the tops of field stone slabs showing above the woodchucked sandy ground. It was an interesting explorative trip. Vernon was formerly employed for 14 years by the Beechford Farms owner, the late Harry Bailey. Tonite I wrote long letter to Reggie & Elsie Davis now living in California. Jack Kolts 73, retired Ulster & Delaware Engineer found dead in his car at 6:30 this a.m. on Pine Grove Ave in Kingston.

November 9, Monday — 34 degrees 6 a.m. 42 11 p.m.
Mild sunny but hazy with some cloudiness during p.m. – dim starlight.

Busy with daily routine. I finished painting front porch siding p.m. We had a good supper. This evng Ollie , myself and Art Blume went to Kingston with Vaughn Kizirian and attended at Connors Parlors, Masonic service by Kingston Lodge no10 for Jack Kolts. About 50 masons presents. We got home 9:30. Early p.m. we had a surprise call by various members of the McNeil family, long ago summer residents. I finished a Freeman copy & mailed it in Kingston. Also completed & sent long air mail letter to Reggie & Elsie Davis.

November 10, Tuesday ---- 40 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m.
Very mild sunny but hazy & part cloudy – dim starlight & moon pretty well beclouded.
Was so warm this p.m. – reminded of corn planting time. Rather breezy and fire hazard very bad. Principal

accomplishments we went over to Shurters mill and got another 16 bag load of sawdust. Yesterday I rec'd a nice letter from June Lazare to whom I sent The Lengend of Utsantha & tonite I wrote her a 12 page reply. Harlowe McLean had supper with us & a good one. This p.m. the West Shokan & Olive Bridge Fire Dept responded to a 4 acre brush fire on Hanover mtn where Nelson Shultis gang is logging, up Maltby Hollow. Hear it was started by bulldozer knocking over a chain saw.

November 11, Wednesday — 42 degrees 6 a.m. 44 11 p.m. A damp dismal chill fog bound day. This a.m. the reservoir and mountains were fog shrouded. A gradual clearing overhead trend developed p.m. and a reddened almost ½ moon settled 9 o'clock behind South Hollow. This p.m. I drew out manure and Harlowe McLean helped get hauled a last years load of hay from Ollies' barn. No mail today & I missed it. 37 years ago today I climbed Middle Ridge in Maltby Hollow deer hunting.

November 12, Thursday — 46 degrees 7 a.m. 56 12 p.m. Sunny but hazy. The murk thickened p.m. with mostly wind. Almost summer weather.

Did usual routine. This p.m. I started painting front porch ceiling & posts. Harlowe McLean called later p.m. & I paid him \$2.00 for helping get the load of hay. As usual Ollie had a good supper. This evng I wrote anniversary card to Mr & Mrs Sam Ware, Petersburg, Va. — Belated for date of their 50th anniversary Nov.7th also got get well card to Larry Kelder in Benedictine Hosp.& letter to Vernon Beatty. Rec'd \$90. check for Inspector of

Elections.

November 13, Friday — Temp p.m. 70 degrees. 54 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m. Part overcast this morning and calm. Strong gusty westerly wind developed and continued all p.m. & evng Became cloudless, brilliant bulging ½ moon tonite over South Hollow — Balmy May like weather.

Did usual routine & a big job painting front porch ceiling & posts & facing board. Sure tired & sore tonite. We had a good supper & then I took a nap.

November 14, Saturday — 44 degrees 7 a.m. 26 12 p.m. The wind rattled and clattered all night but subsided today – noticeably chilly – cloudless higher riding bulging moon over South Mountain.

Did usual chore routine this p.m. cleaned the kitchen floor and we had a good supper. I did a big painting job finished the front porch ceiling and painted around the outside facing board.

Policy holders rec'd notice from Grover C. Winchell that he has sold his Olive Co-operative (now Colonial) Agway which he has conducted 45 years effective December 1, to the Ross K. Osterhoudt Agency of Stone Ridge operated by Merton A. Blanchard.

November 15, Sunday — 36 degrees 6 a.m. 34 11 p.m. Serene breathless weather a few scattered high clouds and brilliant cloudless moonlight evng then later clouding over.

We went with Harlowe McLean in response to a dinner

invitation by Julia Rhoades, made a delightful 80 mile round trip to Hensonville. Above Phoenicia we hit the newly finished route 28 to Shandaken over the smooth as velvet Westkill notch road to Lexington & then right over 23A to Hunter & over the mountain to Hensonville. We enjoyed a wonderful roast pork dinner and returned home over the Stony Clove route. Ollie was sick coming back, she had to get out & vomit 3 times.

At 11:30 p.m. the local and other fire sirens sounded & various units hastened to a mtn fire reported by Mr & Mrs Art Blume back up on the Mine Hollow side of Hanover mountain. Wittenberg Lumber Company, operated by Nelson Shultis is carrying on an extensive modern equipment logging operation. The fire burning out of control despite the efforts of 15 fire companies & volunteers.

November 16.

This a.m. a whirly bird helicopter made 2 landings in field just below Robert Yorks to observe & give directions. The Olive Emergency truck numerous cars & jeeps etc. were parked along the road. Several jeeps and trucks went on up the logging road to be near & service the fire fighters with sandwiches, coffee & water, to refill the Indian pump tanks carried on the backs of the fire fighters. Operations continued throughout the murky dismal day & early evng. A blanket of showers from the west gave a half hour drenching of the extensive fire lines & fire fighters. Windy & part clearing followed thru the night with fire watch kept on duty & Chief Al Fox was in charge of operations. A changing force of some 80 men are engaged.

With Tuesdays blustering winds the mountain blaze re-kindled and a attachment of Olive volunteers spent the night on watch. Fortunately the drenching rain on Wednesday evng 19th brat the big Hanover fire in the book of operational records & there was a similar fire in the Mine Hollow area in 1962.

Sunday nite November 23 rd the blaze re-kindled & vols from the local fire Dept again was called out & spent several hours at the scene of conflagration.

November 16, Monday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 44 11 p.m. A most dismal damp chill day with occasional wisps of mist and with only brief periods of sunshine breaking thru p.m. Early evng a developing shower blanket drenched the area & especially the Hanover mtn fire. A wonderful but brief downpour.

Everyone was centered on the fire & this p.m. Ollie & I took a ride up the Hollow but only the smokey down crowding lines were visible. We visited the site where once stood the Watson Tannery. Its walls used in the 1935 W.P.A.. The S.E. corner chimney base still remains at the very side of the much depleted flow of the Watson Hollow stream. We gathered several pieces of furnace brick from the rubble as souvenirs. These brick mostly light colored were shipped from Albany & with the mfgs name molded on one face side — Powell Newton & Co. Same as used in the Claryville tanneries. The tannery built 1857 owned & operated by Nathan W. Watson burned the night of February 8 – 1867.

Rec'd a letter from Mariam

November 17, Tuesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11 p.m.
Raw windy & quite cloudy cleared beautifully at eve
with magnificent nearing full moon – becoming partly
overcast.

Principally Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I on
an early p.m. Kingston shopping trip, also briefly visited
Larry Kelder in Benedictine Hosp. He had collar bone
fracture, bruised lung & cut leg. Expects to be discharged
Thurs. We shopped at A & P store & uptown Kingston.
Came back by way of Woodstock and attended p.m.
session of State Historical meeting at the Reformed
Church – devoted to the research for and preserving old
records. William Shultis 58 year member of Shokan
I.O.O.F. Lodge #491, died 8 a.m. in Benedictine Hosp,
where he was a patient for 3 weeks or more due to heart
attack and strokes.

November 18, Wednesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11
p.m. Raw drab seasonable November, mostly cloudy by
periods – yet generally brilliant moonlight calm and
crispy.

Did usual routine –This p.m. spread load manure & cut a
moderate drawing of green pole wood. As usual we had a
good supper. Rec'd letter Mrs Currier and card Vernon
Beatty. Thomas Zinner died p.m. in Benedictine Hosp.
Larry Kelder came home this a.m. after his 12 day stay in
Benedictine Hosp.

Newspaper clipping Thursday 11/19/64

Olive Vols Check Lumber

Blaze

Olive Fire Dept volunteers were dispatched to Lane's Lumber Co property in Boiceville after 9 p.m. Wednesday after fire was discovered in a pile of lumber. It was reported the blaze was confined to one section and did not involve the main lumber yard.

Fire Chief Albert Fox reported a detail of firefighters was assigned to a minor blaze that jumped a fire line on Hanover Mt, which was the scene of a major forest fire Sunday night and early Monday . That fire burned approximately 200 acres of hardwood land.

November 19, Thursday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Rain At Last! Scattered wet snow flakes this cold dismal raw morning – near ½ inch ice on barn tub changed to a drizzly rain during the day and developed into a continuous downpour for a full 2 hours.

I bucked up some green wood -- catch as can. Pretty much a house bound day. We had a light supper. This evng Ollie & I accompanied Edward Weldt with his car and Harlowe McLean to Lasher's Parlors in Woodstock where Shokan I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodge no 470 conducted ritualistic for Bro William Shultis. Harlowe McLean presided as Noble Grand and myself I.O.O.F. Chaplain. There was a large attendance of members & relatives and friends, also a profusion of floral tributes. Rec'd air letter form Mariam.

November 20, Friday — Gov. Rockefeller decreed the State forests re-open. 52 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m. Some more rain in night with blustery wind. Variable

cloudiness – raw November. Clearing beautifully latter p.m. Majestic moonlight & full last nite but clouded out. The areas rain totaled .65 of an inch.

Did daily routine, bucked up some firewood. We had a call by the Olive - Denning Farm Census enumerator Mrs Florence Haver Miller of Krumville. The same job I had in 1954 and 1959 (was Olive only in 59) Addie & Virgil Wimchell came for supper & staying over night on the occasion of his 74th birthday. Larry Kelder also came for supper. Wrote to Mariam & enclosed Thanksgiving card & November check \$100.00.

November 21, Saturday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m. Part cloudy raw windy – clearing sunny p.m. Brilliant high declining moon. Real wintry tonite.

Addie & Virgil stayed till after dinner. This p.m. I drewed out load manure& Ollie & I got a nice load of leaves along upper woods ledges but Tony's "holdbacks broke" & had to pull it off road and leave it. We had a tomato soup supper & I spent the evng reading. Dire to the widespread rain the deer hunting season which was to open Monday will be extended 5 days. A number of kills were made this opening day.

November 22, Sunday — 16 degrees 6 a.m. 16 11 p.m. Coldest nite of season 7/8 inch ice on barn tub. Biting cold not much wind. Sunny with some cloudiness.

Brilliant still moonlight evng. The olding moon rose 8 p.m. directly across the reservoir.

Harlowe McLean gave me a hand getting the stalled load of leaves – with Bishops gone I used the cross road

across for the 1st in 24 years. I put the leaves under north side shed . Otherwise did only chore routine. We kept the stoves going and had a good supper. I spent the evng writing Julia Rhoades & Jean & Robt Smith.

November 23, Monday—16 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.
Froze near inch of ice again last nite – cloudless cold & south wind. Moderating slowly tonite. Declining moon rose over reservoir 9 p.m.

Did daily chore routine. This p.m. I raked up a load of leaves along back road ledges. It was cold and lonesome in the woods as I came thru. We had a delicious baked casserole noodles supper. At 8:30 we got a surprise visit by Frank Royce. He arrived late p.m. & plans to stay a week and deer hunt. Jean Smith called up tonite from New York about us coming to Ledgerrock for Thanksgiving. I wrote Mrs Knorph tonite.

November 24, Tuesday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 30 12 p.m.
Raw snowy air & variable overcast but considerably sunny. Light south wind. Starlight calm crispy evng – later overcast.

Did usual routine. This p.m. Ollie & I got a 16 bag load sawdust from Shurter's mill. Frank Royce came for water p.m. The cottage well is dry. Tonite Ollie & I went with Mr & Mrs Ray Cruthers to Lashers in Woodstock where a sizeable delegation from Kingston no 10 held ritualistic service at the bier of life member Herbert A. Dibbell.

November 25, Wednesday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 48 11

p.m. Cloudy - still - dismal. At times misty drizzly. It rained along nicely all evng.

Did usual chore routine. This p.m. Ollie & I got a big load of nice clean leaves over along the back road ditch and ledges – an old favorite gathering place. We had a good supper & Ollie spent the evng on her couch. I did a cleaning out job in one lower part of the dining room bureau. Wrote to Julia Rhoades.

November 26, Thursday — Rainfall 8/10 inch recorded by Harlowe McLean. 54 degrees 7 a.m. 50 11 p.m. The God sent rain continued most of the night at times a downpour. This Thanksgiving day was unseasonably mild – mostly cloudy – rain squalls – occasional sunny spells.

I got the leaves unloaded under north shed & drew out manure & this p.m. I cut a load of pole wood over in the woods & Tony got wagon stuck against a big hemlock tree & had to leave the wagon over night. Ollie & I had a delectable turkey supper & pleasant evng with Jean & Robt Smith & Mildred Avery at Ledgerrock. We stopped at Ollies house & she put flowers on Maggie's grave under peach tree. Also noted that her long dry spring under the big hard maple nearly full again. Likewise Jacky Brook is rippling merrily.

November 27, Friday — 42 degrees 7 a.m. 24 11 p.m.

Became cloudless this morning – serene brilliant day & freezing still starry evng.

Mrs Katherine came today & gave Ollie a much needed hand washing windows and woodwork, took up the worn

out dining room rug, cleaned up the floor & re-arranged things in the pantry etc. She did a good job and earned her \$6.- & a gal of mornings milk. Mrs Carr is now employed in the Onteora school cafeteria. Harlowe McLean came & gave me a hand getting the wagon loose over in the woods & I re-loaded the wood & brat it to pile by kitchen porch & got a smaller 2nd load. Rec'd letter of Laverne Davis, Mrs Currier & Julia Rhoades.

November 28, Saturday — 30 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m.
Dark still chill dismal weather – rainy evng.

I did usual chore routine & bucked up fire wood piled some in kitchen by stove and more on porch. Ollie rested pretty much but got going p.m. & had a delicious hot potato stew supper. I took a nap then read & looked thru this weeks Grit. Wrote Julia Rhoades a.m.

November 29, Sunday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m.
Serene sunny thin high haze – wind light overcast still evng. Last nights rain about ½ inch.

We had several callers. Robert Smith - Frank Royce - Addie & Virgil Winchell and Mrs Mary Palen. This p.m. I bucked up wood awhile to get loosened up. By invitation Ollie & I had delicious pork chop supper with Frank Royce. I wrote reply letter to Laverne Davis & also Julia Rhoades.

November 30, Monday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. Cloudy - dismal threatening snow, but broke away evng colder & blustery. 3/8 inch ice on barn tub.
Did usual routine, had 2 cows out on leash p.m. Finished

my pile of wood bucking & carried in kitchen handy for use. Had call from Harlowe McLean & I gave him gal jug of milk. We had a savory boiled kraut & potato supper. Ollie as usual spent the evng on her couch. I snoozed awhile in the stuffed chair behind the round stove then came to and answered Elsie Van Valkenburgh's letter rec's today.

December 1, Tuesday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. Blustery winter night, clear practically cloudless stinging cold – northerly wind. Heavy dust clouds over the reservoir like wind driven smoke.

Ollie & I made a trip to Kingston with Harlowe McLean in his 56 Chevy – a cold trip. We shopped at A & P & Wall street. Called on Blanche Rodriguez & room mate Mrs Irene VanDemark Eckert at The Byrant – took them 2 qt jug milk. Came back by way of Sawkill & stopped at Harry & Marie Siemsen's. Harry had made up pictures of the Samsonville tannery & village area from 1857 framed sketch 12 at 8c & 2 8x10 at .75 total 2.46. We stopped briefly at Addie & Virgil Winchell's in West Hurley. Wrote card to Vernon Beatty & rec'd letter from him.

December 2, Wednesday — 16 degrees 7 a.m. 26 11 p.m. Clear early with developing overcast. Raw stingy air – littler wind - occasional snow flakes flutters. Did daily routine chores. This p.m. I drew out manure & Tony & I got a fresh load of polewood. I got some bucked up and carried in handy to stove. Ollie did considerable house work p.m. & as usual prepared a

good ham supper with flour gravy - stewed corn & boiled white & sweet potatoes. I spent the evng oggling thru the Dec. Farm Journal & reading excerpts from book Our Catskill Mountains.

December 3, Thursday — 26 degrees 7 a.m. 30 11p.m.
Seasons first snow storm 1 inch. Dismal messy weather. An inch of snow fell starting about 4 a.m. Occasional drizzle or snow flakes fell intermittently – Dark still evng.

Did daily routine – bucked up & carried inside some green wood. This p.m. I had a call from Mr Frank Waters & Chas Bell from Albany in regard to have insulated siding on the house. Price 2950 – down to 1800. Ollie & I put the glass winter windows in the front & rear aluminum doors. This a.m. I wrote letter to Mr & Mrs Merwin Heshner, Ransomville N.Y. enclosed with a 65 Farmers Almanac. After a good supper we both rested & later I got around to reading & writing.

December 4, Friday —30 degrees 7 a.m. 32 11 p.m.
Foggy dismal cold rainy. Trees covered with freezy snow. A typical & much needed seasonal rain and slush storm.

It can now be said with this rain at times a downpour the longest area drought in recorded history is broken. With surface frost in the ground long dry road side ditches are running rather than the water soaking in the ground as it falls The long dry Bushkill by the twin bridges is now running freely. This morning Ollie & I had a most unpleasant mercenary phone call by “crazy” Lauren

Hesley. Town snow plow scrapers on the ball early this a.m.

December 5, Saturday — 32 degrees 6 a.m. 32 10 p.m.
Foggy misty – dismal weather only a drizzle thru night – snowing evng.

No callers today. Did usual routine. Put the cows out for exercise p.m. Spread load manure & cleaned out pig pen. We had a delicious broiled venison & potato supper – thru kindness Harlowe McLean. I took a snooze after supper & Ollie as usual spent her evng on couch. Rec'd first combined issue of American Agriculturist & Rural New Yorker. My boyhood playmates & lifelong friend Edward J. Smith almost 74. World war I AEF veteran, member 102 Machine Gun Battalion who for years had been in & out of Veterans Hospital & presently staying with his sister Mrs Swan B. Brewster, was found by her dead in bed.

December 6, Sunday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 20 11 p.m.
Bright sunny scattered high clouds – 2 more inches snow during night. Rim of new moon bright over South Hollow early evng. Snow clinging to trees & hills slippery. Town road scraper trucks operating. Except for an early p.m. call down to Sawn & Lena Brewster's we were home all day. Harlowe McLean called a.m. Jim Burgraff had supper with us. He has finished cement plant construction work & plans to start trip to Nova Scotia Tues. I wrote letter Vernon Beatty.

December 7, Monday — Pearl Harbor Day 1941. 10

degrees 7 a.m. Fog hung over reservoir this a.m. Still – biting cold & sunny til murked over latter p.m. & snow squalled lightly. Broke away evng.

This p.m. Ollie & I went over to Lasher's Parlors & paid respects to Eddie Smith. He looked natural & well laid out gray covered casket similar to Mother's. Addie & Virgil Winchell & Mr & Mrs Art Blume were there & we stopped at their house for a short stay coming back. Olive Post American Legion held service tonight. We learned regretfully that Mr Victor Lasher is ill in bed. We had a good supper & I wrote Frank Royce tonite. Rec'd an interesting book from him. Antique Guns & Mostly Pistols. Also rec'd letter from Elsie Davis & Christmas pkg & cards from Mrs Currier & also Lute & Ada Bell.

December 8, Tuesday — 10 degrees 7 a.m. 28 11 p.m. Variable cloudiness raw cold air. Some southerly wind p.m. & became milder. Moon shone awhile evng & later a light featherly snow was falling. I wrote sympathy card belatedly to Mrs Thomas Zinner & birthday card & cheering note to Victor Lasher. This p.m. I cut firewood poles over in woods to snake out with Tony. We also went up to public fone booth in Boiceville where Ollie talked with Sgt Dusty Rhodes at Lake Katrine State police barracks regarding Lauren Hesley wild actions. Ollie had a good goolash & mashed potato supper. Ollie rested & I spent the evng reading with keen interest from John Burrows book In The Catskills. Rec'd letter Vernon Beatty. Funeral 1 p.m. at Lasher's Parlors for Eddie Smith only 8 present members of family and Harowe Mc Lean.

December 9, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m. Sunny some clouds – little wind. Quite wintry – colder tonite.

Tiresome day – Drawed out manure p.m. & snaked out several dray loads of pole wood with Tony, before harness broke. We had a good supper & Ollie went to bed. I took nap in chair behind round stove & did some reading. Rec'd air letter & Christmas card & \$35 check from Mariam & Bob.

December 10, Thursday — 8 degrees 7 a.m. 18 11 p.m. Coldest night. Everything sparkling frost covered this morning. Cloudless still day & evng Crescent moon nearing half.

Did chores, bucked up & snaked out more polewood p.m. We had a delicious scalloped potato supper. Ollie rested & I spent the evng writing Vernon Beatty & reading. Harlowe McLean went to Kingston & got us things from A&P. Rec'd Christmas card letter from Jeanne Longyear in Vienna. I wrote acknowledging air mail card to Mariam.

December 11, Friday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 46 12 p.m. A southerly storm brewing. Windy latter night & somewhat today, coming off reservoir. Cloudy dismal – driving light rain p.m. & evng. The remaining snow disappeared tonite everywhere.

This p.m. tho nasty I drawed out manure & finished snaking out cut firewood poles. Harlowe McLean called p.m. & Mart Eckert came & cut my hair & a needed job. Rec'd more cards & letter Vernon Beatty. We had a good

supper. Tonite I wrote Christmas card letter to Jeannie Longyear with Xmas check \$5.00. Late evng Jean & Robert Smith came over from Ledgerock & brought presents.

December 12, Saturday — 40 degrees 7 a.m. 42 11 p.m. Rained considerably in night – mild dismal – murk & fog. Sun broke thru briefly early p.m. – warm & humid. Frost went with the snow & ground crust soaked. For the first in 6 months or more Desanna's pond is filled and Larry Kelder's pool running over. Even a few in water, in Ollie's cellar precip ½ inch.

Did chores & bucked up wood. Ollie did considerable house work p.m. as usual we had a good supper and after both rested. We had hoped to attend the colorful Ladies Nite Program at Cyprus Temple in Albany. Rec'd 2 lb pkg chocolate mint Shraffts candy, Mrs Knorph.

December 13, Sunday — 38 degrees 7 a.m. 48 12 p.m. A little more rain in night. Continued general dismal, mild, foggy, misty weather – some wind. Rained lightly evng – sun broke thru briefly p.m.

Did usual routine. Addie & Virgil Winchell called p.m. I addressed several packages of calendars, almanacs etc to mail variously. We had a good ham omelet supper. I spent the long evng writing Christmas cards & letters. Fog conditions widespread.

December 14, Monday — 36 degrees 7 a.m. 36 11 p.m. Cleared during night – cloudless pleasant day. Calm, there is a trend to cooler weather. Cloudy brilliant

rounding moon evng, becoming blustery & ground whitening snow squall around 11:30.

Did usual routine. Bucked up & carried in green wood & ranked up in the stove corner. Wrote cards & 4 p.m. we went down to the P.O. with mail. I spent the evng writing card letters — cards keep coming. Ollie's not up to par & spent considerable part of day on couch.

December 15, Tuesday — 22 degrees 7 a.m. Ground whitened from last nite snow flurry. Cold raw blustery day, some high hurrying clouds. Cloudless, calmed down — glowing moon high over South Mtn.

Pretty rough to work outside — did chores & bucked & carried in some green wood. Spent the forenoon & late p.m. after midnight evng writing cards & letters. Ellen Winfris with 3.00 check — Mrs Currier 5.00. Reply aerogram to Gaye & card & letter to Mariam with \$10 Christmas check and another \$100 for Daisy's Dec. Board.

December 16, Wednesday — 12 degrees 7 a.m. 30 12 p.m. Cloudless — little wind some clouds developed evng & the high riding brilliant moon flitted among the clouds. Quite wintry.

Rec'd & wrote cards & letters. Did chore routine & finished bucking up and splitting the polewood. Rec'd letter Julia Rhoades & wrote reply tonite. 4 p.m. we went down to P.O. with a batch of mail. Ollie busy making cookies p.m. We had a good left over from last nite chicken pie supper.

December 17, Thursday — 34 degrees 7 a.m. 34 12 p.m.
Overcast mild somewhat windy. More or less raining
along messy all day. Broke away early evng & full moon
shone then again clouded over.

Rec'd & wrote cards. This p.m. tho messy I spread load
manure & cleaned pig pen & got 2 dray loads polewood.
Ollie busy with her cookie making. We had a good
supper as usual. I put in a long evng till midnight writing
cards. Rec'd letter Ellen Wilfris. I sent Julia Rhoades
pkg of calendars etc. We went down to P.O. noontime
with a grist of mail. Sent Dickie Rhoades card with new
dollar bill enclosed. The Kingston Freeman announced
that Pratt Boice has resigned after 25 years as President
of the Ulster County Savings Institution.

Newspaper clipping Kingston Freeman 12/17/64

Resignation Is Announced of Boice by Bank

Pratt Boice, president of the Ulster County Savings
Institution for 25 consecutive years resigned at the recent
year end meeting of the board of trustees. It was made
known this afternoon. His resignation was accepted with
deep regret.

The bank official said the reason for Boice resigning
was that he feels he should give more time to his large
dairy farm which adjoins IBM on Boice's Lane, Town of
Ulster.

December 18, Friday — 14 degrees 7 a.m. 12 11 p.m.
Cold blustery biting squally day. Part cloudy – Quieted

down evng. Magnificent cloudless full moon, riding high with total eclipse at 10 p.m. The moon rose over the reservoir (tho half dry) was heavenly perfect. A few scattered clouds late evng.

To cold & rough to work outside but I did buck up some green yellow birch & brat inside. I spent a good part of the day writing cards & letters. Ollie not feeling a bit good, head pains. I feel tired & achy & spent my evening reading papers and writing. The cards keep coming. Tonight is the golden anniversary of Uncle Jake Crispell's 72 and never to be forgotten birthday party. This was 4 years before he went totally blind. He died mid April 1933. Jake Smith, Charley Hesley & I attended the party at Mr & Mrs Mose Palen's in Ashokan. I am the last survivor. It was a cold bright moonlight nite, with about 6 inches snow on the ground.

December 19, Saturday — 10 degrees 7 am 26 11 pm.
Stinging still cold clear with gradually developing afternoon overcast. Blustery evng – milder.

Rec'd and wrote more cards & took batch down to P.O. after missing the mail.

Did chores & finished bucking up & bringing in kitchen the remaining pole wood. Harlowe Mc lean called pm. Ollie gave him a bag of cookies & then we went over to his pasture fields & got a pine Christmas tree, not so green as last year due to the draught. As usual Ollie had a good supper. Larry Wank & Carolyn Goass married 7:30 pm by Rev Merton S. Cady in a candlelight service in hensonville M.E. Church.

December 20. Sunday — 24 degrees 7 am 20 11 pm. A snow storm that settled down during the night left a 3 in. coating of clinging snow. The dismal overcast broke away late pm & the just past full moon shone brightly tonight in cloudless sky.

This date is my 54th wedding anniversary. I did usual chores & otherwise kept close to the warm wood stoves and wrote a delayed Freeman news copy. Ollie finished her cookie baking this pm having made 8 different kinds. We had an excellent young raccoon and mashed potato supper.

December 21, Monday — 10 degrees 7 am 22 12 pm. Cloudless still and biting cold – clouded over evng.

Harlowe McLean accompanied Ollie & I to Kingston this pm with Plymouth. A general shopping trip. Stopped briefly at Addie & Virgil Winchell's coming home. Was dusk doing chores. We had a good supper followed by another unwanted call by that crazy Loren Hesley. Wants pay for alleged stolen lumber. I spent the evng writing cards & letters to Vernon Beatty & Julia Rhoades. Rec'd a letter from Mariam.

December 22, Tuesday — 24 degrees 7 am 24 11 pm. Slippery snow storm an inch or less. Faired away awhile mid day — murked over again later.

Roads slush – snow plows operating. Rec'd & wrote another batch of cards etc & sent several desk calendars and almanacs. We had a call this morning by state trooper Bremer from lake Katrine barracks. He is a gun enthusiast & we talked over the Loren Hesley situation.

Ollie is tired and nerve wracked & ate no supper. We went down to P.O. with batch of mail and around Brodhead way & called on Ruth and Carl Rosengren & Belle & Chas Wood & Harlowe McLean. Took Woods a Christmas remembrance a bottle of wine & the choc mints & cookies also cookies to Rosengrens.

December 23, Wednesday — 26/7am 26/11pm
Continued mild soft weather. Pretty much overcast except during mid day. Snow melting after a scant inch fall during night & this morning.

A do little day other than chore routine. This pm Virgil Winchell came & helped string up cards around the dining room & get up, and decorate with tinsel & electric bulbs the pine Christmas tree. Ollie pretty well all in & didn't eat breakfast or supper. I spent the evng writing Mrs Currier and Jim Burgraff. Rec'd more cards – letter with the little book The Specialist by Chick Sale (now deceased) about Levi Putt, toilet builder. Also a letter from Jim Burgraff, from Axfors, Nova Scotia. Christmas Sunday school party tonight in Baptist church.

December 24, Thursday — 26/7am 40/11pm Snow pretty well disappeared from open spaces. Dismal murky except brief sunshine before noon. After noon misty – dark foggy evng.

Did only chore routine & helped Ollie put up over lamp evergreen branches, also on porch & strung up aluminum cord in dining room. Harlowe Mclean & Belle Wood called pm. Harlowe brat festive bottle Imperial whiskey. Belle a bag of cruellers. This pm I let the cows out on

chain for exercise. Rec'd 2 more cards & weekly paper along with Daily Freeman. This pm Ollie got the floors cleaned. The town Highway Dept employees held a Christmas steak dinner party at town garage.. Miss Carolyn Hearn 59, Kingston school teacher died of a heart attack mid pm while paying a Christmas visit at her brother Ed Hearn's in Boiceville.

December 25, Friday — 42/7am 54/10pm A black Christmas. Dense fog this a.m. that broke away with warm south wind. Dark cloudy all day & evng. Brief showers late pm. All traces of snow gone.

Did usual chores & spread load manure. Addie & Virgil Winchell came at 2:30 and staying over night. Ollie prepared a wonderful roast turkey supper and Addie brought a generous portion of the menu. Harlowe McLean came at dark. Gifts were opened and we all shared in enjoying the supper together, balanced by a pleasantly spent evening.

December 26, Saturday — 56/7am 54/11pm.

Unseasonably warm — dismal foggy very pleasingly rainy shower type till early afternoon with southerly wind. Stars shone evng & wind still.

Freakish weather plagues the whole northeast. Heavy financial losses on skiing resorts.

Did usual chores, rain soaked in the soft muddy ground This pm Virgil, Addie, Ollie & I paid Carl & Ruth Rosengren a call this being the occasion of his birthday. Carl entertained with violin & tenor banjo music. Addie & I recorded on tape our old school song "Christmas at

Sea" Rec'd & wrote letter this a.m. to Vernon Beatty.
We had a moderate supper and quiet evng.

Newspaper clipping Sat 12/12/64

At noon today at Sacred Heart Church, Pensacola, Fla, Miss Nina Lynn McCloskey , daughter of Mr & Mrs Edward R. McCloskey Sr. 1688 East Jordan Street, Pensacola, Fla. exchanged marriage vows with First Lt. John Christopher Frankle, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Mr and Mrs William O Frankle, West Shokan, N.Y.

The Rev. Patrick J. Waite was the officiating clergyman.

December 27, Sunday — 40/7am 34/10pm Noticeable temp drop over night. Foggy gloomy & rainy pretty much steady day & evng Just a nice ground soaking rain — 11:30 pm changed to heavy snow.

I was tired out & rested comfortably on couch till 10 o'clock. After having breakfast Addie & Virgil left for home in West Hurley 11 o'clock. For me it was an afternoon chore job & wet one. My cold bug is better but Ollie's is hitting hard. She after a good 2nd hand supper spent evng on her couch. I wrote Mrs Currier and Julia Rhoades. Due to the weather conditions was unable to attend funeral of an old friend Silbert Barley in Phoenicia.

December 28, Monday — 26/7am 24/11pm. Last nights rain terminating snow storm totaled about 2 clinging inches. There was patches of sunshine this a m. followed by a curtain of dismal chill damp murk.

My activities for the day was routine chores – otherwise I kept close to the fireside. Ollie's miserable virus head and throat infection kept her inactivated. As usual we had a good left over supper. Rec'd air letter from Mariam plus a few more belated cards. Not till Saturdays Freeman came today did we learn (too late hadn't done chores) to attend funeral 2 p m of Harrison Gridley at Lashers in Woodstock. I have known him since he first taught school in Boiceville back in 1908. He was for many years a member of Kingston lodge # 10. Rec'd air letter from Mariam. Bob has arrived from South America. Gaye & friends and Robert are there for the holidays.

December 29, Tuesday — 20/7am 26/11pm. Frosty, murky – foggy - still raw biting damp dark dismal evng. Mountains fog shrouded but lifted enough to see the snow & ice crusted trees along south mountains. Ollie's cold keeps her pretty much on her couch. I did usual routine & this pm cleaned pig pen & spread load manure behind barn. We had a good supper mostly warm ups. I spent the evng looking over letters & writing. Rec'd & wrote letter Vernon Beatty also to Jean & Robt Smith. 2 years ago tonight in howling blizzard Cornelia & Dick opened the unlocked door & backing Daisy inside & set her down in rocking chair. Mariam & Bob took her in the storm to Mrs Stephens in Kingston & I've paid Mariam \$100.00 a month toward her support. Wrote card to Lavern Davis.

December 30, Wednesday — 24/7am 36/11pm.

Dismal chill damp & murky, still. Faired away pm & slowly moderating & had light shower & some stars shone overhead tonite. Freakish year end weather. 2 years ago snow & blizzard driveway plugged. We had a brief call pm by Rev. Vittner pastor of Phoenicia and local Baptist churches. Did daily chore routine. Had the cows out on leash awhile pm. Addie and Virgil Winchell came this am and stayed several hours. Ollies virus hangs on & it was tiresome to have visitors. They kindly brought from Kingston express station a bu box of wonderful oranges, grapefruit & box of pecan nuts that Bob Longyear had shipped from Miami, Fla. One orange had a frosted cheek. We had a good supper & I spent the evng reading & writing a letter to Mariam & letter to Vernon Beatty. This day 33 years ago our Darling Lillian Little Honey Girl the family idol was in apparent good health and Mariam with her skates was sleigh riding her on Aunt Cornelia's ditch along the rail fence. At the stroke midnight I fired my old flint lock rifle from kitchen in final salute to 1964.

December 31, Thursday — 36/7am 28/11pm. A wild windy day & evng, wind westerly, blusterly snow squalls am & clearing pm.

During late nite a house trailer on 28 in Shokan owned by Bob Wilkins gutted by fire. Olive Bridge & Ashokan fire equipment responded. A defective space heater was believed the cause.

Wind damage to power lines, tree blocked 28 below Ashokan & various building damage reported a temporary metal roof with timbers blown off new school

building in Saugerties 7am. This p.m. we made a quickie trip to Harlowe McLeans for A&P purchases & gal of white port wine in Kingston. Ollie cleaned up the floors p.m. We had an excellent veal steak supper preceded by appetizing manhattans. I took a nap after supper & Ollie spent evng resting. This date 1931 our beloved Honey Girl Lillian Ellen Davis was ill for what we thot too much Christmas, but instead it was her fatal appendix.