

THE DIARY OF ELWYN DAVIS 1974-1975

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JANUARY 1 Tuesday 36/7am 30/8:30pm
26/10:15pm

The old year ended in a period of miserable foggy snow sleet and icy weather. Very treacherous roads. Nation wide gasoline and energy shortages - full electricity etc. Generally a year not pleasant to remember. New Year morning is covered & foggy, slow running temperature. Today I wrote a long letter to my pal of our life time Lester Personous now in Phoenix, Arizona with daughter Harriet and family. The Longyear family Christmas reunion group staying with Jean & Bob Smith at Ledgerock - fly from NY tomorrow a.m. on 7-8 hr flight - Mariam, Bob, Jeannie, Victor, 21/2 yr old Victor to Mexico. Robert, wife Carol to Emporia, Kansas. Gaye, Rev. Peter Vark ___ to New Hope, Penn. Then home to Exeter, NH. Harlowe McLean called pm. Ollie & I had a delicious New Year supper. Pulled veal steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, juicy ___ beans, warm biscuits. I had ½ hr exercise house walk - I'm starting compiling Income Tax report. The fog lifted noontime, but continues rain & gloomy. Moon tried to look thru clouds evng. It melted some from trees.

JANUARY 2 Wednesday 22/7am 26/9pm
Bright sunshine amid partial over cast till mid p.m.
clouded over for remainder of day, evng. Still mild but raw air.

I worked on tax reports & got in 3 hours home walk latter pm & evng. We had good milk toast supper. My heart thoughts go back to this date 1932, when at noon our Darling Little Honey Girl, Lillian Ellen Davis 4 yrs-2mo underwent operation for a ruptured appendix in Kingston Hosp and died in the Christmas decorated Children's Ward at 11. Her little angel smile finally faded. The 1 maj Rep town board organized tonite at town hall. Appts were Deputy Supervisor Jas. Glemming Town Clerk Lee Denman Assts wife Dorothy and Ann Tetta. Registrar Vital Statistics, Carol Davis. Supervisor Ollie Crawford named his personal Secy., Dorothy Adsit. No change in constable.

JANUARY 3 Thursday 26/7am 27/9pm

Raw still dismal all day. Set in snowing 6 oclock and continued into the night.

43 years today noon daughter Cornelia, 13 underwent sudden taken emergency appendix operation by Dr. Chandler. Bobby, Mariam & I stood beside her. Little Honey Lillian lay on funeral couch in bay window (Pa's worshipped Sister Baby). This pm Ollie & I went with Hope Miller & neighbor Davis to first of year Senior Citizen meeting, installation of officers and luncheon. A sound 60 present. Officers were installed by Olive's new supervisor Oliver Crawford. (He & Vera became members) President 3rd term Edward Gille -

JANUARY 4 Friday 26/7am 20/8pm

We got about an inch of snow & was sunny this am. Crispy continued bright sunshine. Still and snow

glowing. High cloudless $\frac{3}{4}$ moon all evng. This pm Ollie & I went to Woodstock with Harlowe McLean and shopped 25.41 at A&P store. We were back before 4 oco. We stocked up with 3 cases of Tetta's ale @ 3.36 case plus 5% tax. We had good supper mashed spuds, hamburg, peas. Ollie & Blackie went to bed. I had hour home walk. I'm tired & achy.

JANUARY 5 Saturday 14/7am 20/8pm
Still crispy - Sunny but dimmed by high hazy cloudless high riding new full moon shone early.
I staid indoors am. PM I went out to see pigger with Ollie & put in more bedding. We also walked up the road past Kizirians. Rexers are not here yet this weekend. We had hot milk clam chowder supper with toast & cheese. Ollie, Blackie went to bed. I had an hour house walk. Harlowe went to IOOF Lodge tonite. 33 present - 14 home members, 7 candidates for Introductory Degree - 1 from Shokan Lodge - 6 from Highland & Walden. Vividly in memory is the funeral & burial of our Darling Little Honey Girl - Lillian Ellen 43 years ago this afternoon.

JANUARY 6 Sunday 24/7am Reservoir re-frozen
30/10:30pm
Nation with few exceptions reverts back to Daylight Saving Time for next 2 years at least - (1st since War 2)
Still mostly cloudy overcast - evng. Some filtered sunshine. Had a mid day caller, Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Praski who walked over from their home on Brodhead Road. Harlowe also came with Kingston

Freeman, NY Sunday News. The Praskis rode home with him. Later Mr & Mrs. Steven Jillorish of Sawkill brot Ollie their rangy pedigree 3 yr old dog Kerry. A mixture of mostly black - with white and yellow markings. The dog seems contented making herself at home. Also this a.m. Al Supler brot back my Robin radio that works tip tap on current batteries. I wrote letters tonight to Herbie & Elsie Rexer. Ollie & I had good hash & stewed tomato supper. I had a 2 hour house walk before & after supper.

JANUARY 7 Monday 26/8am 30/9pm
Raw air. A hazily sunny day - breezy latter pm. Big moon hazy among clouded even. A mid 30 degree day. A mostly stay by the fire day. Went out to see pigger pm with Ollie. Harlowe called am. Sent Gaye a Stone Ridge college literature, weekly issue "jottings" from Ralph Montanno with letter. Sent Cliff Grover my Christmas copy of Eastmans Chestnuts pocket acct. book & letter. We had good supper, mashed taters, juicy beans with tomatoes & fresh hamburger. Ollie & Blackie went to bed. I had full hour house walk. Worked some on tax report. I'm tired tonight. Kerry the new dog gentle, affectionate & lying in soft chair tonite.

JANUARY 8 Tuesday 14/8am 14/10pm
Staying cold bright sunny near cloudless - icy air off the reservoir ice field. Early rising full moon becoming cloudless & gloomy. I wrote most of day and evening long reply letter to Joe Massimo (recd today)

Also to Mary Every in Lehigh Acres Florida. She wrote & wanted to know about Ollie's new dog. We took short walk pm out along woods & cross path - & checked on pigger. We had delicious hot potato (onion putchy) stew for supper. Ollie & Blackie, new dog Kerry went to bed. I had an hour house walk.

JANUARY 9 Wednesday 14/8am 20/9:30pm
Widespread nasty snowstorm - started in night. Schools closed everywhere. We got 7 inches snow - evergreen loaded. Stopped before mid pm. Continues gloomy & more forecast tomorrow pm evng. Still sitting comfy in bed, where Ollie serviced me coffee and breakfast. I heard on NY station WCBS our newly installed governor Malcolm D. Wilson's State of The State address from 1 to 1:30pm. I staid in bed till after snow stopped mid pm. Had to get up & get thawed out. I got in 2 ½ hour walk before & after supper. Ollie made a delicious hot chicken pie & vegetables & baked tater supper. The 3 went to bed. Terry new dog can't get enough affection - Olive's oldest resident Fred Adsit 94 in Oct died in Kingston Hospital following pace maker heart operation. He was a long retired DWS machinest. His devoted wife is Minnie Every, loyal & devoted - several years younger than me.

JANUARY 10 Thursday 18/8am 22/11pm
Another snow storm developed in night and continued steadily tapered down & stopped about same time pm as yesterday. A really cold storm temp only got to 23. We got about 4 more inches snow. I spent the forenoon in

bed & finished & got mailed air letter to Mariam. This pm I wrote long letter to Reg & Elsie Davis enclosed with desk calendar. No callers. We had good hot supper, potatoes pear, pan thick flour gravy & bread. I had 1 ¼ hr after supper walk. Ollie Blackie Terry went to bed. 67th anniv. Of Fred & Lottie Hugg____ Bishop wedding reception held at his boyhood home Corner Cottage in West Shokan - only present living me, then 15, Edna Merrihew then a child & may not have been there. We heard on WGHQ 10 - 12 a educational & impressive ceremony of a naturalization ceremony (for 24) at Courthouse Supreme Court chairing. Wrote Julia Rhodes tonite.

JANUARY 11 Friday 28/7am 22/9pm
Had some freezy rain in night made thick crust. Continued cloudy all day & evng & evergreens are heavily loaded. Colder tonite. I didn't get our house for 3rd day. We certainly are "snow bound"
Charley Reiner walked in to Bishops this am & brot our mail from Box. Ollie had difficulty getting to fed pigger & walk Terry on slippery snow. Buddy Eckert tractor out of order & can't plow us out. I wrote to Mrs. _____ first since Christmas & finished letter to Julia Rhoades.

JANUARY 12 Saturday 13/7am 24/9pm
Cleared in night & moon shone. Sunny all day & starlight evng. Little _____. The evergreens are burdened with snow and ice. Truly a winter wonderland.
At noon we were surprised and delighted to see Marty Juliana opening the drive with his 4 wheel drive truck &

snow plow on both ends. He did an excellent job plowed to the house & out to pig pen. His younger bro. 17, Michael came with him. They had opened 17 drives. He said \$2. I gave him \$5. They were interested in seeing my guns. Buddy Eckert also came while they were here and helped drain bath room. Ollie & I had good supper. Italian Ravioli & vegetable salad. Harlowe called with papers. Ollie, Terry & Blackie went to sleep. I did 3 hours house walk before & after supper. Funeral for Fred Adsit 2pm at Lashers - was put in Tongore Cemetery vault till spring.

JANUARY 13 Sunday 6/8am 10/8:30pm
Cold sunny with some clouds. Sleet - Part cloudy evng.

Harlowe brot NY News & Sunday Freeman am.
This pm first I'm out house since Wed. we walked up road past Kizerian. Road smooth & icy. I wrote letters to Ann & Billy Hughes, Herbie & Elsie Rexer - Tonite card to Julia Rhoades. We had good supper - deer burger, tomatoes & creamed potatoes. Ollie, Blackie & Terry went to bed. I felt tired & didn't have a house walk. Walter and Mae Lang celebrated their 33 wedding anniversary yesterday.

JANUARY 14 Monday 4/8am 28/10pm
Snappy cold this am. Gradually moderated. Some sunshine with increasing cloudiness - dark overcast evng. Icy rain southerly wind - we took mid pm walk up the road. I was glad to get back by warm fire. Buddy Eckert late pm brot from Accord Agway - 2 bags dairy feed for pigger - \$8.40 a bag, much more than I've ever

paid - also no.6 house broom & 25lb bag Red Nugget dog ration \$4.40. Same comment on our feed. 36cent Tax. We had savory hot milk soup and toast supper. The trio went to bed. I had 2 hour walk and finished pm letter to Mariam..

JANUARY 15 Tuesday 27/7am 42/9pm
Continued slow moderately. Dismal threatening all day and evng. Looked like the sky would drop (Mar ____ Sky) Had a brief mist 5 o'clock, a trace of sky showed over South Mtn & murked over. Snow settled considerably and there was some thawing and softening. Very slippery to try & walk out of paths. We cleaned pig pen this pm a neglected job, being froze. Also took walk down to Charley Dwyer's hill. We had delicious mashed potatoes & creamed scrambled bluefish. Ollie & Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had hour home walk. Spent considerable time today walking to __ & wrote long letter to Marty Warned.

JANUARY 16 Wednesday 32/7am 28/11:30pm
Dismal and drizzily. Later am hazy sun broke and brighter by brief spells. PM otherwise overcast & still evng.
The Central Hudson had a contractor crew the by ____ leaning over the wires hemlock tree out across in edge of wood. There is 3 good sound saw logs besides the fire wood. Kate Carr came, took down the Christmas tree and amid hold out & cut my hair, 1st since Dec 13. \$6.00 paid. Gaye came for her after work. We had good milk soup & toast supper. The family went to bed. I had

over an hour house walk. Finished and mailed letter to Marty Warnes. During the afternoon and evening an intensely interesting _____. The changing world sent me by Clifford W. Graves of West Clarksville, NY to class friend of the late Frank Royce 1-28-68.

JANUARY 17 Thursday 10/7am 2+/12pm
Cloudless stinging cold sun. Sky & mtns hazy - became overcast evng. Looks a weather b_____. Coldest night. Only days activity was when we went with Harlowe, first to Shokan bank, then attended full house Senior Citizens Meeting. A most cordial gathering. We had delicious hot potato stew supper. The family went to bed. I had an hour walk. Rereading *Intern*, an authentic account of a young doctors first year hospital experience.

JANUARY 18 Friday -3/6am 18/9:30pm
Zero at 8. Sunny early - soon clouded over iciest coldest day of winter. Still. Slow temp rise set in at evng. 12 degree day. Set in sleeting during evng. Housebound. Recd letter Bro IOOF Clifford Graves. Started reading yesterday this pm found reading with intense interest *Intern* fact story of Dr.X years internment duty in a large W.V. hospital. I staid in bed till noon. Harlowe came twice - brot 6 cans dog food , 4 snap mouse traps .61cents. We had delicious hot chicken pie supper. Ollie - Blackie & Terry went to bed. I got in 2 hour walk before & after supper.

JANUARY 19 Saturday 34/6:30am 28/9:30pm
36/11pm

Last night's sleet and rain storm makes states wide roads hazardous. New York area reports on WBBs radio worst in recent memory. Sun broke thru broke out in fits and jerks at 9:30. Developed gorgeously mild cloudless, calm. Starlight evng. I didn't get out the house. Slippery, but softened. Ollie had no trouble getting to mail box. This pm I had a 3 hour taped historical interview visit by our teacher friends Bob Steuding of Olive Bridge Mill Road. Harlowe also called when Steuding was here & provided information. We had tip top boiled potatoes & acorn squash supper. The trio went to bed. I had 1 ½ hr walk before and after supper.

JANUARY 20 Sunday 10/7am 31/9:30pm
Cold night - Hazily sunny then clouded over in the pm.
Cloudy evng. Still moderation in forecast.
I had another indoor day. We had our first call am by John Schetzel, Sr. He came to see the new dog Terry. Been here 2 weeks already. This pm we had a 3 hour visit by Jane and Joe Punzerella of Krumville. Also Harlowe McLean with Sunday NY News and Freeman. The crust is slippery. We had usual good supper, mashed potatoes, deer burgers, carrots and peas. The family, Ollie, Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had over 1 ½ hour walk before & after supper.

JANUARY 21 Monday 31/8am 38/9pm
Dismal foggy slippery. Rained hard pm - cold rain.
Dark damp evng. Onteora and Rondout Valley
Schools closed - other closed or opening late. Check sent to Maggie Kunkle Samsonville for General Taxes.

Jackie Brook home farm Val/200 \$176.11 Old Hinkley farm - Ann Eckert tenant \$66.05 Total: \$242.16 (Ollie's home property) \$70.44

Icy road conditions all day as bad as Christmas night. No callers today. I sat up in bed and read after breakfast till 3 oco. Ollie fed pigger but didn't attempt to go to mail box. We had good supper - mashed taters, brown gravy, boiled pork chops - sour red cabbage, applesauce & fruit cake. I had 2 ½ hr walk before and after supper.

JANUARY 22 Tuesday 40/8am 50/PM sun
38/8:30pm 36/9:30pm

Generally sunny, some overcast. Wind light off reservoir. Cloudy evng. Extremely icy this am. Softened up considerably in pm. I didn't get off the porch. Finished letter to Mariam. Ollie didn't get to mail box till 11 oco. Town sanding trucks operating before daylight. Harlowe called pm. We had good supper, hash, carrots & peas - tomatoes, bread & nut cake. I had 3 hour walk before and after supper. "The family" went to bed. Wrote card Julia Rhodes - Ann Eckert told me on fone that Billy The Butch Harrison last week cut off his right 1st finger at first joint in Electric band meat saw while at work in Victory Store in Liberty.

JANUARY 23 Wednesday 38/7am 42/10pm
Gloomy dismal weather day & evng. Southerly wind pm cut the snow and ice also during day had considerable rain. Temp got up to 50. 40th anniv. Of My Father, Chase West Davis death 7:25p.m., born July 26, 1859. Beside him on couch in living room were mother,

Aunt Cornelia Bishop, his sister Mrs. Julie Winchell, my wife Daisy and our good friend State Trooper Raymond J. Dunn, now retired - supervisor of Town of Shandaken - Undertaker who took charge the late H. Lee Briehaupt of Phoenicia. Rec'd letter & portfolio of 7th grade poems composed by pupils from Carol Longyear. I wrote reply letter to her a.m. Mailed letter to Mariam, recd one from her. Kate & Geo. Carr came after work & brot washing. We had good hot potato stew supper. I had 2 hr walk before & after. The family went to bed. Another stay in house day. Sent Get Well card to Billy Harrison.

JANUARY 24 Thursday 35/8am 34/9pm

Briefly sunny early then murked gloomily over thru the day & evening. Icy air wafted off the dead of winter reservoir pm We went with Harlowe A&P Store shopping to Woodstock mid day - \$26.47. (Included were 4 large turkey leg quarters .29lb) Later for the first in over a week we took a slippery walk up the road. We had excellent hot supper - mashed potatoes, creamed turkey gravy and A&P lima beans. Ollie Blackie & Terry went to bed. I finished writing letter to Joe and Winne Bloyd in the campus by cabin. Also had an hour house walk.

JANUARY 25 Friday 25/7am 30/10:30pm

Gorgeous cloudless sap weather sunny day. Becoming cloudless at evng. Calm. Ice & snow melting. Joe and Jane Pazanella - Jim & Vernie Hoffman, Krumville came. Cut 2 car trunk loads of dean rock oak

wood along sunny back road. Ollie & I went with them & gave a starting hand, then called on Buddy Eckert who brot us home & spent the pm. The 4 visitors also came and had coffee. Ollie & I had a later but good supper - pea soup. I had only ½ hour walk but considerable exercise today. The trio went to bed.

JANUARY 26 Saturday 30/7am 40/11pm
Bright sunny high thin overcast - cloudy evng. The walking continues icy. This pm we spread coal ashes on the glare of ice in drive toward the mail box and called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer, their first visitors since after Thanksgiving. They brought us home - saw our new dog Terry. We had good supper. I had nap in soft chair before going to bed about 11 oco.

JANUARY 27 Sunday 51/8am 50/9:30pm
Turned warmer in night and snow-ice thawing. The east side is practically all bare. Clear this am but became mostly cloudy with strong gusty southerly wind & up to 60 temp, but cleared up much of the open snow and ice. A damaging storm _____. A belated but real January thaw. Harlowe called pm & brot Sunday NY News, Freeman Grit and Margaretville News. Also after had call by Freddie VanWagner & his father Floyd and Billy Harrison who had his right finger in bandage & cut off finger bound separate. I started letter to Mariam latter pm. Cleared early evng & brilliant glowing crescent moon on its back ____ over South Mountain.

JANUARY 28 Monday 34/8am 40/10pm

Hazily sunny still. Became gloomy raw overcast & set in raining latter pm. Continued evng - cold storm. I sat on bed & read condensed Readers Digest Hotel St. Gregory. Wrote Ann & Billy Hughes. Finished and mailed air letter to Mariam. Made out Ollie's Plymouth license renewal with check 24.00. Also check 35.00 to Howard St. John Inc. on car insurance. Mid pm we took an exercise walk up the road. Ollie fed Pig. We had good variety supper. Ollie Blackie Terry went to bed. I had an hour house walk.

JANUARY 29 Tuesday 30/7am 34/10pm
Part cloudy am. Bright sunny pm. Calm - Early spring weather - windy in night. Early pm we went with car and called on Ann & Buddy Eckert. The wind blew off part of roofing on south side of house. Buddy has made temporary repairs. We had transportation and supper with Joe and Jane Parenzella & at Krumville parsonage.

JANUARY 30 Wednesday 35/8am 42/10pm
Early overcast, becoming beautifully cloudless, calm and like early spring. 60 kitchen porch past sun temp at Sunset. Cloudless glowing ½ moon tonight. We went to Kingston with Harlowe McLean - did banking and Wall Street errands & stopped for final shopping at the Hurley Ave Atlantic & Pacific Store. 20% discount "Whats left sale". Store final closing day at close of tomorrow business day. We purchased many items including 4 cases Tudor Ale. Total purchase \$33.50 about. Ollie I each renewed expiring certificates into

6 ¾% - 2 ½ years, at Wall St. Savings Loan Assn. We were home 4 oco. Had good supper. Had hour walk. The family went to bed. Recd letter Mrs. Curry & card from Lottie Starkowitz - tonight wrote her letter with desk calendar & almanac. President Richard addresses the nation 9pm but I forgot to tune in.

JANUARY 31 Thursday 40/8am cleared evng bright high moon. APRIL WEATHER 30/10:30pm Continued early spring, reminds of 1919 & 34 - 1889-90 said to be another year after famous Blizzard of March '88

Brilliant sunny with developing overcast pm Strong S.Westerly March like wind. 58/6pm Special later pm WGHQ warnings high west north wind this evng. I staid in bed till early pm - wrote card Julia Rhoades & read in Feb Readers Digest - 1st copy - recd today. This pm I re handled an old axe. The handle made by Daisy's father Wm.Simpson full 50 years ago. Then Ollie & I had good exercise walk up and down the road. This date 1933 with a heavy heart I accompanied Mariam on 9am train from Kingston to NYC to enter training at St.Lukes Hosp. We spent the night with Mrs. Mary Hart _____. Coal fire went out. Ollie cleaned out ashes & started new fire - first since before Christmas due to good coal & few _____. The electric light went off 9:25pm

FEBRUARY 1 Friday 26/7:30am 24/9:30pm High moon a bit hazy. Became overcast pm clear evng. The big blow has pretty well calmed. Bright sunny cleared atmosphere. THE HEAVY VAST WEST

BAISIN FIELD OF ICE MAGICALLY DISAPPEARED
OVERNIGHT.

Some remains in coves and at lower end of reservoir. Bright sunny becoming overcast during pm. East basin also opened up. I wrote letter to Bertha Willman Hunter Mariam's first St. Luke's roommate with desk calendar and almanac. This pm we went down to PO & Davis store. I got 2 - 5 gal cans of reserve gasoline \$4.75. Then went up to Ollie's & checked on roofs - nailed east side house windows _____ with bullet holes from 22's or BB guns. Also called on Ann Eckert in regard to wind damage of house roof. We had fillet , mashed potatoes & tomato supper. The family went to bed. I had an hour walk.

FEBRUARY 2 Saturday 22/8am 14/10pm
Cold storm - ground white this morning. Continued snowing all day, evng. Temp fell slowly pm.
A snowy day - at home. Col John B. Davis recorded in an 1853 or 1858 diary "A stay in doors day." Ollie fed Pigger. Constable Bob Pleasants called latter pm in regard to information on Ollie shot holes windows. We had delicious Hungry Jack pancakes and flour gravy breakfast & hot potato stew supper. Ollie & Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had an hour walk. Many events cancelled today & tomorrow. Travel hazardous. I looked over Crispell family deeds, oldest 1804. Two in early 1850 were written by Col John B Davis. Also read some in my old school Baldwin 6 yr Reader.
Tonite 10:30 Marty Guiliano unexpectedly to us came & plowed driveway.

FEBRUARY 3 Sunday 12/7am 15/10pm
Stinging damp still cold. Freezing foggy mist - overcast.
Light snow flurrying pm & sun shone hazily awhile.
Still overcast evng. A stay in house day was in bed till
early pm. This pm we had call by Canape hikers - Bob
Pettie of West Hurley and Bro Frank Palen of Port Ewen.
He shoveled path to barn. I wrote letter to Jim Burgraff
& enclosed \$1.50 for 5 gal can kerosene he brot from
John Nichols 10 days or so ago. Harlowe also brot
today's Freeman, NY News. We had hot delicious
turkey vegetable pie supper. The trio went to bed. I had
an hour walk.

FEBRUARY 4 Monday 12/7am 10/10:30pm
Stinging cold, still. Reservoir covered with frozen slush.
Dismal foggy murky this am light snow flurries.
Gradually part cleared quick sunny pm . High thick
fleecy clouds evng - with intermittent bright moon
nearing full.
Wrote birthday card to Mrs. Bea Dudley Lane - in
Florida - and Get Well card to Herman Hartwig, Senior
Citizen had hernia operation in Benedictine Hosp. Recd
card letter from Carol Longyear and May and Gus Heeps
in Florida. Tonite finished letter to send Julia Rhoades.
We had good plain supper steamed half cream squash &
boiled potatoes mashed, put in squash. The family went
to bed. I had 1 ½ house walk. This pm we walked up
past Kizarians. Harlowe brot 2 doz medium eggs from
H. Merrihew @.60. Late Marty and Michael came with
part load cut dead wood & piled on porch. _____ up 2
chunks hard maple _____ porch split it up, put on porch.

FEBRUARY 5 Tuesday 6/7am 12/11pm
Real stingy mid winter moderate snow swishing
northerly wind. Brilliant cloudless. This pm Ollie
& I got car started and went up to check shot windows at
her house. A brief trip. Also had unexpected call by
Billy Harrison, Tommy Yaker & David Pomeroy of
Neversink. There is excellent old time sleighing on town
roads. Memories of days that were. We had delicious
ham and vegetable stew supper. I had an hour walk.
Blackie, Ollie, Terry went to bed. I finished letter to
Gaye Vorkink.

FEBRUARY 6 Wednesday 10/7am Brodhead had
minus 4 22/10pm
Clear this am gradually becoming overcast & sunnied up
pleasant in pm then clouded over again. Slowly rising
temperature. Set in snowing mid evng. The reservoir is
again frozen over. I sat in bed till early pm. Then got
dressed and after the sun came out split some course
wood on porch & carried in & piled in chimney corner. I
checked on Pigger and Ollie fed her. We had good
supper mashed potatoes and turnips, juicy corn beans &
brown gravy & lean pork roast. The family went to bed.
I had full 2 hour walk - also pm & evng wrote to Mr &
Mrs. Fred Ronk. The full moon was clouded out with
the approaching snow storm.

FEBRUARY 7 Thursday 22/7am 20/11pm
We have about 4 inches overnite snow. Travel bad &
widespread school closings, including Onteora. Dismal
overcast still, with a breaking away during pm & quite

sunny. Cloudless clear evng. Brilliant (late nite) full moon. Ollie & I went to Senior Citizens pm meeting at Ashokan Hall. Good attendance, luncheon, about 60 present. It was voted the President Ed. Gille appoint a Chaplain. We went with Ann Tennant & Hope Miller. Kate Carr came today, cleaned up, cut my hair. Later Geo. Who didn't work due to the storm, came back & spent the day. They stayed for supper. Kate made a macaroni casserole. I went thru a batch of Freeman & NY News that Kate brought. Paid 6.00
School closings including Onteora were widespread. I had 3 hour house walk.

FEBRUARY 8 Friday 12/8am 16/12noon
22/8pm

Cold dreary damp weather day & evng. Breathless still. Shone _____ hazily pm. A stay in house day. Ollie did pig chores. I did considerable reading and partially wrote letter to Mariam. We had usual good supper - boiled spuds pork roast gravy and meat also yellow wax beans. Ollie Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had an hour walk kindy unstable dizzy. The sky lab astronaughts landed on schedule at 11 oco picked up by US shop New Orleans in South Pacific 176 miles S West of San Diego Cal. Were aloft 24 miles _____ 84 days traveled 34 ½ million miles, circled earth 1214 times - crew are Gerde Ca _____ Edward Gibson and _____ .

FEBRUARY 9 Saturday 5+/7:30am Brodhead area -4
and -8/am 14/9:20pm

Typical mid winter - The NYC area snow storm didn't reach here. Cleared in night with brilliant part full moon beaming on the glittering snow. Cloudless am becoming partly overcast - still. We had delicious Hungry Jack cakes with brown pork gravy. I had mine as usual in bed, after hot coffee. Finished & mailed air letter to Mariam. Recd 4 wholesale Burpee Blue lists - recently 5 retail catalogues. Had calls for historical information by 2 Onteora High School girls, Karen Dunn of Brodhead Road and Margaret Smyth of Shokan, also Mrs. Hester Mundis of Maltby Hollow Road and Gene Carey of West Shokan. After, Ollie & I took a walk up the road.

FEBRUARY 10 Sunday 4/7am 24/9pm
Moonlight nite on glistening snow. Reservoir ice field looks sturdy. Bright sunny till mid pm and became snowy overcast & stingy south wind. Couldn't get early WGHQ morning program, but excellent on _____. Word of Life up in Schroon Lake ski country. Catskill Mtn sports conditions yesterday, today excellent. Coffee and breakfast in bed. Robin radio beside me. Mtn resorts sports par excellence if gas available. Old Dutch Church 11 oco program excellent sermon by Bill Skilling of WGHQ radio staff. Harlowe brot Sunday, Sat. papers pm. Ollie & I took a walk up the road. We had good hot potato stew supper. I had an hour house walk. The family went to bed. I started letter to Julia Rhoades. I made several birthday party calls. Mrs. Lois Kaufman Wilbur and Amos C. Reed of Phoenicia married by Rev Otis McDonald at Chichester Wesleyan Church.

FEBRUARY 11 Monday 20/7:30am

22/9:30pm

We had ½ in loose snow in night. Raw and quite snow blowy with flurries. Periods of sunshine. Like early March.

Noon time we went to Woodstock with Harlowe & left 4:24 for stock up order at A&P Store. Coming back we stopped at the old Winchell's Store Donut Shop and paid \$14.50 for 10 dz crullers to be picked up Feb 23rd for my birthday party. This am fire completely destroyed the over Sesquicentennial Dutch Reformed Church in Tillson. The landmark had not been used for religious purposes for several years. It was used as a studio and living quarters by a Mr & Mrs Robert Gannon. All of his illustrations books and writings were destroyed. Cause of fire unknown.

FEBRUARY 12 Tuesday 10/7am 28/9pm

Part cloudy but generally sunny & moderately mild in pm Sunshine. Southerly wind developed but calmed. Became cloudless & again clouded over evng. No storm in forecast. Olding moon shone last night.

I had usual coffee & breakfast in bed. Finished & sent letter to Julia Rhoades. Later wrote letter to Mr & Mrs William T. Golden about my 23rd birthday party. Also pkg with letter, 2 desk calendars to Norah Herrington. Recd letter from her - also Ann Hughes. Also letter to Barbara Moncure & several other card invitations. Two Get Well cards to Charles North in Cuba, NY Vets Hospital. The pm Ollie & I took first of winter walk up to Kelder's corner. Had good left over macaroni &

cabbage salad supper. Ollie Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had an hour home walk.

FEBRUARY 13 Wednesday 26/7am Sunset 62/5:15
East shade 52 40/9:30pm

Like early spring. Calm. Practically cloudless - some overcast developed from west late pm. High stars shone evng.

Had pm calls by Joe Panzarella of Krumville. He got some dead firewood along back road. Also 2 young surveyors looking for information regarding the Whispell 12 acre wood lot tract south of back road. Bill Mihm of Rosendale, Viet Nam vet Geo. J. Piskg of Kingston.

They were interested in my guns _____. I also sang *Betsy The Heifer - Queen of all the _____*. After Ollie & I took a pleasant walk over to corner. We had delicious hash supper. The family went to bed. I had an hour walk. Wrote to Kent Reeve and air card to Mariam.

FEBRUARY 14 Thursday 32/7:30am
18/10pm

Raw south wind this am. The ay was wintry and practically cloudless - then evng was overcast. We went with Harlowe to the Senior Citizens delectable ham variety dinner and Valentines Day party 1:00 served including one table of visitors from various clubs. After getting home around 3, Ollie & I walked up to the corner for exercise. Then we had calls for recording my songs by Carol Dunn and Margaret Smythe. Also Geo and kate Carr. I didn't eat supper & Ollie had sandwich & I got in

an hour walk. Recd a Davis genealogy book presumably ordered by Mariam. Ollie Terry Blackie went to bed.

FEBRUARY 15 Friday 10/7am 15/9:30pm
Wintry calm cloudless brilliant day and evng over the hump of February. The snow is crusted. More forecast. A routine do little day. Did some Feb writing and reading. Went out to pig pen when Ollie fed Pigger. Also we took a walk up to Kelder's corner. No visitors today. Read birthday card letter from Garrett Mott. Both he and Lillian in very poor health and encumbering finances. We had 7:30 supper. Mashed taters - filet fish - boiled onions. The family went to bed. I had a full hour house walk. Lottie May Boice Hesley, Charlie Hesley's widow since 1947, 2nd cousin of Mother was 90 last April Fool's day. She was in poor health evidently had heart attack.

FEBRUARY 16 Saturday 61/7am 32/9:30pm
Raw overcast still snow forecast - Slowly moderated. The crusty snow softened. A do little day. I had coffee and breakfast sitting in bed. Also had an unexpected call by our friend State Police sergeant Edward LeBoris now assigned to the BCI branch. Harlowe also called and brot Margaretville Times and Grit. Mid pm Ollie & I called on the Rexers who in 2 car group all week ending with his cousin Gertrude Hynes and Otto and Mina Guenthner. We had usual good supper delicious corn beans & potato salad. The family went to bed. The east side is dark and dismal with snow partly gone. We got no mail today and

Monday is around Washington's birthday. I had an hour walk. Lottie Boice Hesley who made her home in Shokan with Mary Merrihew taken sick at supper, taken by town ambulance to Benedictine Hosp died in emergency room.

FEBRUARY 17 Sunday 30/7am 28/8:30pm
The predicted snow storm did not materialize in this area. Variable overcast and sunshine. Snow squally, quite blustery pm. A few bright stars shone tonite. Typical raw early March. Was tuned in to WGHQ and WKNY religious services am. This pm we developed a group of callers. Harlowe with Sunday Freeman, NY News. Jim McVetty and friends Mr & Mrs Ernie K Muriel Barlett of _____ also Mrs. Elsie Rexer and Otto and Mina Guenther. They brot birthday gifts bottle each of Scotch & Rye and bottle of French wine. No exercise today. After supper had an hour walk. Had good supper - fried onions mashed potatoes & creamed green beans. "The family" went to bed.

FEBRUARY 18 Monday 22/7:30am 6pm/30
24/9:30pm
Continued brilliant. Cloudless, stinging atmosphere. Light piercing wind off reservoir. No callers, but Charley Reinhardt - Bishop's caretaker. I finally got my tax data ready to send to Jean Smith for compiling with signed blank amt Federal, State checks. During pm I cleaned out pig pen. Ollie fed Pigger. Then we took a sunny walk up to corner. Also split some porch wood & filled oven & piled in chimney corner. Wrote birthday

card & letter to Grace Winchell tonite. We had good kraut, pigs feet, corn beans supper. I had an hour walk. Visiting hours this pm & evng for Lottie Hesley at Lashers in Woodstock.

FEBRUARY 19 Tuesday 26/7am 36/9pm
Clear night - Gloomy overcast this am. Set in snowing mid morning. Messy intermittent wet snowy day changed to rain evng. Recd letter from Jim Burggraf from Nova Scotia. He said to forget the incident about the 5 gal of kerosene leaking in his car. Also letter from Robt. Longyear 3rd in Emporia, Kansas. Letter from Ellen Wilfred and card from Mr & Mrs Wm. T. Golden. A stay in house day. Ollie fed Pigger. We had good vegetable milk soup supper. The trio went to bed. I had 2 hour walk before and after supper. No callers today.

FEBRUARY 20 Wednesday 36/7am
34/10pm
Rained and drizzles thru the night. Dark & foggy this am then lifted. A clearing trend developed during pm rather raw & windy. March like. Then became cloudless, calmer. Recd 7 birthday cards, several previous. A letter from Barbar Moncure that Alf Evers is sick with ulcer trouble and unable to come to my party. We took a walk down the hill pm. I split & piled more wood under the chimney corner. We had delicious boiled potatoes and yellow squash supper. Ollie Blackie & Terry went to bed. I had 2 ½ hr walk before and after supper.

FEBRUARY 21 Thursday 24/7am 32/10pm
Maple tree tapping weather. Chilly but muddy. Calm.
Practically cloudless day and evng. A weather keeper.
Harlowe, Ollie & I went with Jane & Joe Pananzella to
the Agway Farmers Co op in Accord. Made net \$17.58
purchases net 10 disc including 2 ft True Temper bow sw
400. Bag crunchy pig fed 8 30. Got free tickets and took
in the annual (full house) pancake & sausage dinner with
gravy, Maple syrup served at the Patroon Grange Hall on
209.

My father in law Wm. N. Simpson's birthday. Died with
sudden stroke mid April 1930.

The following is from a newspaper clipping in diary this
date:

TOWN OF OLIVE GOP OFFICERS

The Town of Olive Republican Club elected officers for
1974 at its most recent meeting.

Elected were William Davis Jr. West Shokan, president;
John Iapoce, Shokan, vice president; Mrs. Robert Motrie,
Brown Station, secretary; Mrs. Antoinette Tennant,
Samsonville, treasurer.

Area representatives elected were: District 1, Mrs John
Iapoce; District 2, Mrs. Charles Davis; District 3, Mrs.
Vera Crawford; District 4, Mrs. John Nadotti; District 5,
Mrs. Jack Scanlan.

The officers will be installed at the club's annual
installation dinner-dance, the date of which will be
announced.

The club's next meeting will be Feb 25 in the Town
Hall, West Shokan.

FEBRUARY 22 Friday 35/7:30am 48/10pm

Thick fog chill and raining started in late night.

Moderated, intermittent rain continued into evng. At time quick heavy

I recd 18 more birthday cards. Home bound & got no walking exercise. Wrote Mariam pm evng Bob Steuding came mid pm & made tape recording. Also Harlowe was here with Grit & Margaretville paper.

FEBRUARY 23 Saturday 32/7am

Colder **blustery** squally. Gradually became more pleasant & generally sunny. Clear evng.

My 84th birthday. The rain & thaw cleared up considerable snow. Typical blustering March sap time weather. Recd 14 more cards and letter from Gaye Varkink. Thru the efforts of Ollie Kate Carr & Frances & Ed Gille I had a successful birthday party held at the Legion Town Hall in Ashokan. 37 were present. The gasoline crisis and other personal reasons held down the attendance from last years about 70. Later a general congenial re-gathering was entertained at my home extending the evng. There was a long all afternoon line of cars at Shokan gas station 60+ cents a gal. Bill Harrison, Buddy Eckert, Marty Warnes, Marty & Michael Guilano - also Bill Davis -butchered our Pigger and Buddy's 3. They did it over at Buddy's. Took Pigger there after killing her.

Daughter Cornelia called up tonite 9:30 from her home in Rome, NY.

FEBRUARY 24 Sunday 16/7am 32/9:30pm
Became cloudless - all serene - calm - Gradually clouded over early evng. Snow forecast.
This pm Larry Carr came for Ollie & I and took up to Forrests restaurant in Shandaken where Geo & Kate Carr treated us to a pizza dinner and libations and brought us back home about 9pm. Billy Harrison brought over all cut up pig & put meat down cellar.

FEBRUARY 25 Monday 30/7am 30/9pm
24/11:30pm
Cloudy day & evng still raw. but thawing. Sun showed thru hazily. Light snow flurries. Mrs. Marvin (Celestia) VanDemark's 88th birthday. We had our first pig meat with boiled potatoes. Billy Harrison came this am & cut up the meat for sausage, salt pork & hams & with my help ground the delicious lean sausage meat. The pig dressed 186lbs. Jim & Lil McVitty came for a several hours visit. We took a ride with them over Brodhead way. Ollie & I had a good boiled pork supper. I had 1 ½ hour walk. Later Buddy Eckert called. Recd 6 more birthday cards, also letter from Mariam with \$25 check. Also note from Mary Margaret McBride with \$5. Also card Ann Eckert with \$5.00

FEBRUARY 26 Tuesday 22/7am 32/10pm
Brilliant sunny calm cloudless, except late pm a few clouds. Brilliant growing new moon tonite. Recd & answered letter to Norah Herrington - card letter from Jeannie Chavez. Card R___ Proske couldn't get gas in NY to come to my party. This pm Ollie & I

packaged pig meat for freezing. Shoulder roasts, ribs, hocks, chops. Also salted crock of pork. Gary Carr and wife Brenda called late pm evng. Ollie & I later had late supper. Trooper John Schetzel called pm. We had good supper rice & delicious pork rinds. Yesterday pm 2 teenage trustys escaped from Ulster Co Jail while on work detail.

FEBRUARY 27 Wednesday 16/7am

36/10:30pm

Cloudless brilliant late winter. Gradually overcast developed latter pm. High hazy crescent moon over South Mountain

With Buddy Eckert driving the Plymouth, he accompanied by Harlowe McLean took our shoulder roasts over to our friends in Krumville parsonage for freezer storage. We then went to the Veteran Pork company on route 212 - taking our 45 pounds of 2 hams - shoulder for curing and smoking @.18lb - \$8.10 paid. Then returning to Woodstock shopped \$22.64 at A&P. Getting home Buddy visited awhile. John Schetzel called.

FEBRUARY 28 Thursday 28/7am 50/9pm

Hazily sun till early pm. Then clouded over and looked real stormy. South westerly wind developed & quick cleared evng. High crescent moon hazy. After working on a Burpees blue list seed order this evng this am I then found that I had practically enough last years seen in variety for this years use. This pm I emptied ashes, took ½ bu can rubbish out to dump across road

and cut up the pig's head, put soaking. 4 oco Bob Steuding college friend came. I had a historial television interview with them till 6 oco. Ollie & I had good supper - rice - pig rinds, tomatoes & cherry pie supper. I had and hour walk, rest of family went to bed. Read letter from Cornelia, card letter from Edna M____ \$5.00

MARCH 1 Friday 40/7am 37/10pm
March comes in rather lamby. Light rains early followed by bright spotty sunshine and overcast pm. 6pm temp same as this am - 40. I spent the forenoon after coffee & breakfast in bed writing Cornelia. This pm we had an impromptu call by War 2 crippled Harry Viane of Stone Ridge. Long time Chevy salesman. Harlowe also called. We went down for gas at Davis store but had even car number CU40 so even numbers have to wait till tomorrow. On way home we went around and called on Buddy & Ann Eckert.

MARCH 2 Saturday 34/7am 36/9:30pm
Raw gloomy. Had ground whitening wet snow shower am - turned to cold drizzily rain continued most of day. 1st Class postage raised - cards 8cents - was 6 cents. Letters 10 cents - was 8 cents. Air-mail 13 cents - was 11 cents.
I finished & sent air letter to Mariam & birthday card to Bro. Jim McVitty - Lake Hill. This pm Ollie & I went down to Skin Davis Store & got the limit 4 gal gas \$2.00. Later Herbie, Jim Hoffman called. I let them have _____ 19 sap buckets & spites from Ollie's attic. I did considerable reading of Bruce Catt____ realistic Civil

War condensed book - *A Stillness at Appotomax*. We had good supper boiled tatters, fried onions & "ever" green beans. Buddy Eckert came, borrowed 15 gal crock to salt hams. Recd week belated birthday card from Mary Bell Every in Florida. Mr & Mrs Bro Rudolph Praska brot a qt. 7Crown birthday whiskey.

MARCH 3 Sunday 36/7:30am 40/10pm
Damp chill dismal - one of the foggiest, drizzily days I can recall. Dark evng - drizzle let up.
A genuine stay in house day. Wrote to Julia Rhoades. Had greatly unexpected call this pm by old schoolmate Addie Winchell and 12 year niece Cathy Brueckner. Addie plans to go to Florida soon thru April. Early evng we had a pleasant surprise call by Marty & Michael Guiliano. They brot 6 Indian River grapefruits from a weeks trip to Florida auto races. We had delicious pig bone vegetable soup for supper. Before and after I had full 2 hour house walk. 345 persons, many children killed in ava_____ most horrible crash in oak woods (a former hunting preserve near Paris)

MARCH 4 Monday 42/7am 64/9pm
Continued pea soup fog which gradually cleared. Southerly wind developed during pm & part sunnied up & much warmer & humid. $\frac{3}{4}$ moon shown among clouds. This pm I got some needed exercise. Cleaned pig pen & sure looks lonesome. Harlowe came with Sunday papers & Margaretville Times am. Also pm we took a walk up to the corner. I'm getting soft & putting on weight which tightens my belt amazingly.

Sent Jim McVitty Sat. belated birthday card, one to Herbie Rexer for today. Wrote Jean & Bob Smith tonight.

MARCH 5 Tuesday 64/8am 44/9:30pm
Cloudy am - cleared & unseasonably warm pm.
Somewhat breezy shifted northerly. Blustery night southerly wind. Glowing high moon among scattered clouds. Buddy Eckert drove our 55 Plymouth - 9 oco we took our beloved Terry to Dr. Smith - Hoppenstadt to have her spayed this pm. We came up town got \$1.35 gas & went out via Sawkill Road to Wards & picked up part of an order 3 gal cans All Season Oil 238 case 4 pr cotton gloves 1.00 We then visited the new E. Chester St. A&P Store made a few purchases & came home via Boiceville 28. Ollie cooked headcheese meat pm I split & piled some hemlock wood under shed. We had delicious vegetable soup supper. I had a full hour walk. Legs ache from warm weather, wearing rubbers. We miss our Terry tonight.

MARCH 6 Wednesday 30/7am 52/10am
For the second time this winter the reservoir below magically opened up over night. Beautifully sunny & spring like am gradually becoming overcast - part cloud over evng. Majestic near full moon among the open clouds. At times breezy
With Buddy Eckert driving we made a midday trip to Rosendale via Hurley Mtn Route & brought our dog Terry home from her spaying operation. She is OK but tired. I got 10 gal Gulf gas in uptown _____

Washington Ave. \$5.50 and at Olive Bridge Store bought 5lb 6oz nice newly delivered onion sets @ 59cents lb 3.20. Buddy & I had a good visit after & had hour walk before supper. Had potato stew supper. Marty Warnes came for evng visit.

MARCH 7 Thursday 50/7am 54/9:30pm
Warm hazy showery looking weather. Clearing during pm. Brilliant clear evng with glowing almost early rising full moon. Recd letter from Mariam also from Burpee Co. Pkt each of Big Boy and Early Hybrid tomato seeds. Wrote reply card to Mariam. Jail riot yesterday in Kingston. Drugs smuggled in & mattress burn - also other troubles. Investigation under way. I note this pm there are floating ice fields in the lower end of West baisin - the east basain is open far as seen from the Dividing Weir bridge. Ollie & I attended full house Senior Citizen meeting in Ashokan Hall with refreshment. Plans for a St. Patricks Day party will be held next meeting march 21st. Latter pm we had call by Geo & Kate Carr - briefly Buddy Eckert. We had good tasty supper. I had a full hour walk. Terry getting slowly active

MARCH 8 Friday 38/7am 32/9:30pm
Hazily sunny am. Cloudy pm except for a brief period of weak sunshine. A heavy wet snow is falling tonight. Noon time Ollie & I went up to Boiceville Service Station & got 1974 sticker on car windshield 3.00 paid - got over 4 gal as @ 56 cents \$2.75. Harlowe called pm brot 4 dz medium eggs \$2.40 paid. Also had visits by

Billy Harrison & Dave Pomeroy. They brot nice piece of mountain beef which Ollie & I sampled for supper with gravy, boiled potatoes & carrots. I got over an hour walk. Terry quiet but improving. The family went to bed.

MARCH 9 Saturday 30/8am 34/9:30pm

The country side is white with last nights crusty sap snow about ½” Dismal chill, almost freezy day. Light rains evng

The snow crusted motionless reservoir second time of the winter directed of its ice encased surface resembled a vase sheet of drill lead. Harlowe called this am brot Grit & Margaretville Times also soon after telephone repairman Garwood Cline. Bob Smith is up alone for working weekend on Ledgerock. This pm we walked up the road past Kizirians. We had delicious old fashion Strawberry Biscuit & Peach “milk dopie” - short cake supper. Terry noticeably brighter today. I had hour walk after supper & wrote letter to Mariam.

MARCH 10 Sunday 30/8am 32/8pm

Clearing this am became brilliant cloudless with a wild Nov westerly gale that caused high white cap waves rolling on the reservoir. Brilliant starlight evng and later glowing olding moon. Wind part subsided. A stay in house day. Only caller was Jim Stoutenburgh. He paid Ollie for sesquicentennial plate & history. Gave me 5 dollars for birthday gift. He was unable to attend my party. I finished letter to Mariam also wrote to Ann & Willie Hughes. We had a delicious venison thick

vegetable stew & potpie supper. I had an hour walk. The family went to bed. I had bath & underwear change am. Was tuned to WGHQ sermon. Terry dog quite liked her old self. She & Ollie slept on her couch pm. The electric was out this pm 1:30 to 3:23

MARCH 11 Monday 28/8am Brodhead said 20
38/10pm

Becalmed after yesterdays wild gale. There sunny calm serenity is in direct contrast to the widespread “big blow” of yesterday. Froze last night making maple sap weather. Bright sunny am. Becoming hazy pm rain snowy air. Dark overcast evng. A mostly stay inside day except latter pm we took a walk up to Kelder’s corner. The famous blizzard of 1888 began this date with big fluffy snow flakes falling as recalled by Uncle Watson Bishop. Jim Burgraff paid a visit pm first since he & Harlowe had Christmas breakfast with us.

MARCH 12 Tuesday 28/7am 22/10:30pm
Sunnied up this morning & gradually during the pm became cloudless. Raw cold northerly wind and air. Cloudless evng & less windy. 86 years ago this morning the Blizzard of ‘88 was howling high. I wrote birthday & get well cards this am. One of the latter to old Shokan native George H. Weeks in Hutton’s Nursing home in Kingston. This pm I did a tedious 2 hour rearranging the loaded book case shelves. Also Ollie & I cut up for package freezing some mountain gift meat & down cellar. Then we took a walk down the hill. The wind was stinging cold. We had a delicious

kraut mashed potato spareribs & gravy supper. I got in around a 2 hour walk.

MARCH 13 Wednesday 16/7am 24/10:30pm
Brilliant snowless winter continued bone chilling north wind and whipping up white caps on the reservoir. Scattered clouds developed latter pm. Gusty wind evng. Starlight. Kate Carr is here cleaning up. George came for her after work. Paid \$6.00 Recd letter from Marty Warnes containing a vivid description of Pickett's charge at Gettysberg. July 3rd 1863 also a handcrafted Royal Coachmen fly. Sent birthday card for March 15th to Elsie Rexer - Middle Village, LI. 2nd day of the great blizzard of 1888. Ollie & I had an excellent supper. Hungry Jack - A&P store pancakes with savvry brown gravy. The trio went to bed. I had 1 ½ hour house walk, only exercise today. Didn't get off porch. Harlowe called pm with Albany Times Union.

MARCH 14 Thursday 24/7am 32/10pm
Continued clear wind northerly and cool. Sap making weather. Brilliant Cloudless day & long somewhat moderated pm up to 48 degrees in sun. Final day of the Blizzard of '88. The antidotes related by the personal experiences of many are indelibly recorded in my archives of memory. The 15th natures violence had returned to normal & shoveling out began. A mountainous problem. Had more active day. Got plaques ready to plant tomato & pepper seed & we walked up to corner & Rexers to check up & over road to look see. A flock of deer pasturing lower end of

Bishop's fields. Buddy Eckert called late pm. We had delicious supper. Thick meat venison & vegetable stew over biscuits. I had 1 ¼ hr walk. The family went to bed.

MARCH 15 Friday 20/7am 40/8:30pm

A day of variable overcast & periods of sunshine more brilliant pm overcast evng. Continued light northerly wind. Calm evng. Quite mild pm. We had a 2 hour morning visit by Billy (Dale) Harrison. Later Harlowe McLean brot Margaretville Times & Grit papers. Ollie & I took a walk up to corner, pleasant temperatures. I did some raking up in garden. We had good supper, freezer trout from Marty Warnes. Mashed spuds & creamed snipped beans. After I had an hour walk the family trio went to bed. Recd letter Gaye Varkink. I started reply.

MARCH 16 Saturday 36/8am 44/8pm

Ground white with new 2" wet snow in night - turned to dismal foggy bone chilling rain and continued thru day & into evening. The snow about 2+ pretty well rained off by day. Dismal foggy.

Another stay indoor day. This pm had unexpected call by Herbie & Elsie Rexer. We had no idea they were here for weekend. Yesterday her 49th birthday. Later George Carr called briefly to borrow my big blow sealer. We had delicious boiled vegetable meat supper. We all went to bed early - fire is out. Mrs. Richard Nixon 67 birthday.

MARCH 17 Sunday 32/7am 28/8:30pm
Rain stopped in night. Developed into a typical raw snow squally day. Sap weather. Ground whitened with dense pm squalls. Billy Harrison called mid day & later Harlowe with Sunday News and Freeman. I got in a dreaded repairing job & resoled & heeled my everyday Romea slippers. 1st I've did a shoe repairing job in many years. My clunkey finger backened considerably. My adored Grandpa Martin Henry Crispell born March 17th, 1829. He died after 4 years of suffering 2 bladder stone removal operation May 19, 1905 in fruit blossom time. This date also Mrs. Celia Palen Roosa birthday. She died at about 83 about 30 years ago. Her mother, Mrs. Catherine VanKleeck Gulnac died at 95 or 96 in June, 1930 (to me she was old Judy as a child) We had a nutritious soup supper. I took 1 ¼ hour walk.

MARCH 18 Monday 30/7am 32/8:30pm
32/11pm

A blustery night during the day gradually subsided overcast early gradually becoming cloudless continuing this evng.
I planted a plaque each on center bay window table of Burpee Big Boy & Burpee hybrid early 62 day tomato seeds in potting soil. This pm we took an exercise walk up to corner. We had delicious mashed potato and boiled Butternut yellow squash supper - with hot melted oleo. I had an hour & quarter walk. The family went to bed. Recd pkg from Norah Herrington with yellow stretch sports cap and birthday card & note. I sent Get

Well card to practical nurse Mrs. Walter Smith in
Benedictine Hosp. Also wrote get well card and letter to
Ada Bell & card Jim McVitty. Recd letter & color
picture from Jean Smith taken last fall.

MARCH 19 Tuesday 34/8am 36/9:30pm

In contrast to last nite starlight we have a 2" fresh snow
plastering. Variable periods of overcast bright sunshine.
Latter pm cloudy became cloudless still evng. The snow
gradually disappeared. I sent thank you reply letter
to Norah Herrington & also Jean Smith. Recd letter Ann
Hughes. This pm we got the Plymouth going and called
on Ann & Buddy Eckert. She let me take her airline
Ward's radio that she said never did work good. I gave it
a try am and found it OK on Kingston WGHQ &
WKNY. We had delicious milk soup supper. The
family went to bed. I had 2 hour home walk. I was
tuned on WCBS New York to President Richard Nixon
question & answer address before the Nat'l Press Assn
in Dallas, Texas. He had generous applause. The
snow gradually disappeared.

MARCH 20 Wednesday 27/7am 32/9pm

Cloudless brilliant day and evng. Snowy air from
reservoir. A few scattered clouds appeared during pm.
Calm evng. Was pleasantly warm in afternoon sun.
Harlowe called early pm - brought Albany Times Union.
We had nice exercise walk up to corner. I also split and
replied some wood on porch & in shed. We had good
supper, hash & stewed tomatoes. I wrote card to Mrs.
Ron (Sis) Garvey as we haven't heard from Julia for over

2 weeks. I had pain after supper walk. The trio went to bed. This weather brings back memorys of maple syrup time - our last year 1959. Also wrote letter Marsh Maier. Mrs. Helen McKay of Waldon foned pm that her mother Mrs. Fred (Beatrice) Ronk died suddenly yesterday. Her father in hosp with heart attack.

MARCH 21 Thursday 30/7am 32/10pm
March quickie weather change last evng cloudless. Daylight brought to view a heavy wet snow about 3” changed to steady dismal rain till mid pm becoming sour, blustery by spells. Despite the ground flooding rain Ollie & I went to the Senior Citizens St. Patrick meeting and luncheon with Ann Tennant. About 50 present. Harlowe went by himself & we came home with him. A colorful descriptive color moving film was spawn of scene 1 tourist attraction in Ireland. This am I wrote letter of sympathy to Mrs. Helen Ronk McKay of Walden. Ollie had 10 oco toast. I didn’t eat anything but had 1 ½ hour walk.

MARCH 22 Friday 28/7am 36/9pm
Crisp cold air northerly wind & sunny tho party cloudy. Buddy Eckert with his pick up Chevy truck took Ollie & I to Walden where we attended funeral services at Millspaugh Funeral Parlor for our Dear Friend Mrs. Fred “Beatrice” Ronk at 2pm. Service in charge of Rev United Methodist minister followed by burial amid a banner of flowers in new plot in south side of the immense Walden Valley cemetery. She reposes in an elaborate light metal casket and looked beautiful. The

trip covered 86 miles, via the Lake Mohonk trail & back over Minnewaska trail to Agway Store in Accord where I bought 2 - 8oz packages of Tendergreen and Wax beans @.72 each. pkg hybrid cuc. Seed .35 Tax .10 Thence to Stone Ridge where Ollie had an office call at Dr. Tocco's \$6.00 Prescription at Hi-Way Pharmacy \$4.40 Buddy & I visited awhile. Had good supper & we went to bed quite early.

MARCH 23 Saturday 40/7am 42/9:30pm
Overcast this morning with strong gusty cold southerly wind continuing till sunset. Variable cloudiness & sunshine mellowed latter pm - clear still evng.
Sent sympathy card to Bro Fred Ronk at St. Luke's Hosp Newburgh. He had severe recurring heart attack the same day after his wife's sudden death. Recd overdue letter from Julia Rhoades. She had lost her restaurant job due to she & Richard having flu. Larry had been severely burned in a gasoline car accident. Recd card from Addie Winchell in Tampa Florida when she arrived by plane March 9th. This pm Ollie & I took a walk down the road. After I did some outside cleaning up, loose limbs etc. We had delicious supper - sausage Hungry Jack pancakes & flour gravy. I had an hour house walk. The family went to bed. I followed up 9:30

MARCH 24 Sunday 35/7am
PM up to 42
Cold partly overcast but generally sunny - northerly wind. Quieted evng and clear.

So cold & windy I only got out to barn for pipe wrench to turn on reserve gas tank. Spent the day tuned mostly to WGHQ programs. Wrote to Mariam - answered Julia Rhoades letter recd Saturday also card to Carol Robert Longyear 3rd. We had elegant supper, Kraut pigs feet & mashed potatoes. The "family" went to bed. I had 2 hour walk before and after supper. Second day of no callers - unusual. Cold was headed from mid west -5 degrees in Chicago - low, high records broke for March.

MARCH 25 Monday 15/7am 28/8:30pm
Cloudless brilliant stinging cold. Southerly wind icy raw. The snap back of winter unseasonably cold - near zero prevailed up state. Mid day we went with Harlowe McLean on A&P shopping trip to Woodstock. The store was busy with customers - our bill 33.64 paid. Later Ollie & I walked up to corner. In due time we had a good supper - baked potatoes white & sweets and pig rines. The family went to bed. I had an hour walk.

MARCH 26 Tuesday 23/7am 38/9pm
34/10:30pm
The day was generally sunny. Cold gusty southerly wind that mellowed in the afternoon sun. Light rain squalls evng.
A stay in house day till mid pm we took the car and went up along the flats brought back a sizable blown off ash limb which I sawed up & split & piled on porch. We had good potato stew supper. Marty Warnes called evng and picked up paid slip to get our hams at Veteran Pork Store. He is taking Marie out tonite and celebrate their

9th Wedding Anniversary. The trio went to bed and later me too. Recd letter Jean Smith that she had completed & mailed my tax reports - Federal 159. No State tax - subject to confirmation. Master Mason Degree conferred tonite at Kingston Lodge No.10

MARCH 27 Wednesday 23/7am 32/10pm
Cold brilliant cloudless. Icy northerly wind - Calm evng. Growing crescent moon hung north over Hanover. Recd letter Ada Bell first in long time. Her writing shows she is slipping. Has a hard life. Lute dead 9 years on 4th march - as I understand her letter. This pm to cold for a walk so I did some lawn raking & roto tilled the celler door corner & _____ walk patches. We had 7 callers today. I let Stanley Roberts horse to use single horse collar harness. His daughter Tina was with him. Harlowe called with Albany papers. After work George & Garvy Carr & after this Marty Warnes & son Karston. They brought ham. Kate sick almost pneumonia. We had good supper, boiled spuds chopped liver with onion & lemon. I had an hour walk. 2 bus loads 86 of Olive Senior Citizens made a trip to Radio City in NYC - cost 50/50 \$3.25 for members.

MARCH 28 Thursday 26/7am 28/10pm
Hazily sunny - clear growing high crescent moon. Continued unseasonably on the cold side light raw northerly wind.
I sat in bed after breakfast till near 1pm looking over bundle of Daily News and Freeman's Geo Carr brot yesterday. PM Ollie & I did a big job cutting up &

packaging the hams for freezing. We then took a walk up past Kizerians. We had delicious milk soup for supper, lemon pie from A&P day old counter. I started letter to Mariam. The family went to bed. I had an hour house walk. Read article April Reader's Digest.

MARCH 29 Friday 14/7am 24/9:30pm

This am there was along lowering red cloud curtain showing distinctly the outline of the Berkshires. Set in snowing about 11 oco and as pm advanced increased in intensity and continued falling heavily into the night. A major storm & temp only got up to mid 20s
A stay in house day. About 4:30 Joe Panseralba came for us and took us to their home in Krumville for Mrs. Herbie Hoffman's 27rh birthday supper. She & husband brot us home 9 ocolock. Snow falling heavy, county plow trucks operating. Recd _____ typed card from Jim McVitty.

MARCH 30 Saturday 27/7am 36/9PM

Snow stopped in nite & changed to sleet. Have about 6" & crust. Miserable gloomy raw day - evng. A new freezing drizzily rain continued throughout. A genuine stay in house day. I sat in bed till noon & after. Did Bible Readers Digest reading. Was tuned to some WGHQ programs. A woman from Long Island and a Woodstock man killed in car crash on 28 near Weidy's furniture store. I wrote card reply to Jim McVitty and another to Nellie. Richie Brueckner in Florida. No callers - Nastiest storm since Christmas night. Town snow equipment out all night.

MARCH 31 Sunday 27/6:30am 40/9pm

High Point is heavily ice crusted. Misty night - Damp raw weather. Drizzily night. The slush clogged reservoir looked like a sheet of lead. Gradually the sky brightened and started breaking away nice pm with light wind.

Became blustery. High Point heavily ice covered.

Was tuned to am & pm WGHQ programs. Had surprised call pm by Geo & Kate Carr & grandsons Paul, 11 and Wayne , 5. We had light supper - soup. Tonite Ollie, Harlowe McLean * & I went with Mr and Mrs Claude Chambach to Lashers (Boyd) in Woodstock to be flour laden layout for IOOF _____ Grand Percy Cook, _____ Harlowe as NG, myself Chaplain conducted burial service. About 15 members present. Following Chaplain Merton S. Cady presided at service for Fireman Cook, with delegation in charge of Chief Al Fox, for Olive Fire Dept. 2 years ago today I was taken by Doctor's Ambulance to Benedictine Hosp with cause a pneumonia

APRIL 1 Monday 38/7am 46/8pm

Altho March went out like a lion April arrives a gentle sunny lamb - Light raw easterly wind during day. A variety day & evng of partial overcast periods of sunshine. Water running - _____ snow melting. Pretty well gone on east side. This pm we walked up to corner, carried old ashes etc. We had delicious good supper. A&P meat loaf television dinners - hot biscuits. I had an hour house walk. The family went to bed. Bob Adsit brought tank cooking gas pm now \$17.80 Paid

APRIL 2 Tuesday 36/7am 52/9pm

Rumbling thunder shower in night - taking considerable snow - Gloomy foggy thru am set in raining mail time and continued till 2 o'clock, followed by gradual clearing & cloudless evng glowing $\frac{3}{4}$ full moon.

Harlowe called mid am - brot papers. The snow took a big melting today & open across & east side bare. Not much wind. We walked up to corner 4pm. Ollie made a delicious supper - turkey leg mashed potatoes dressing & gravy. I had an hour walk. The family went to bed. I staid in bed till noon read & wrote to Ann & Bill Hughes Mr and Mrs Post (wedding anniv) Bro Fred Ronk & daughter Helen Mckay also Garry Carr. Recd letter Gaye Varkink & Helen McKay Bro. Ronk out hosp. & staying with her.

APRIL 3 Wednesday 37/6:30am 62/8:30pm

Developed unexpectedly warm humid southerly wind quiet evng. Brilliant sunshine & scattered clouds, became overcast late pm. PM sun temp 80degrees.

Ollie & I cut some sticks of green & dead saplings out along edge of woods - brought to house with car & spent the pm bucking & splitting & piling on porch. Also the kitchen stove pipe fell down due to my lame right arm the Bishop caretaker Charley Reiner obligingly re assembled it. We had milk toast egg supper. The family went to bed as did I by 8:30. Also legs tired & achy.

The summery weather came so suddenly. We recd March SS checks including (1 or 7/can't read) % raise since 1st Jan. Ollie now has Medicare being officially 65 this mo. 15th. Harlowe McLean called pm. This date

1923, a rainy night my old saw mill burned on 28A. I with Chas. Herman Weidner & Edmund C. Burgher, both deceased - were attending Kingston Lodge No.10 - when the latter recd his Enterc__ Apprentice Degree.

APRIL 4 Thursday 56/7am 68/8:30pm

Lightning flashes & rumbles in night with light rain. Continuing this am. Sun broke out 11:25. Warm south wind gusty evng. Variable overcast. Hazy moonlight tonite almost full. During the night a devastating rash of tornadoes, nearly 100 & more, hit the country mid section from _____ Canada to Alabama. 35 hundred deaths, thousands injured, property damage astronomical, worst since 1925. Recd belated birthday card and note from Noble Percy VanDemark. Ollie recd bill from Dr. Hoppenstedt spaying Terry - no charge. Booster & Rabies Vac. \$8 each. Check \$16 sent today. This pm we went with Harlowe to all out attendance 80 to Senior Citizen meeting. A special feature was 20 min film on Benedictine Hosp shown by Paul DeLessio connected with \$1,500,000 addition _____ attached to Ulster County. Later they had soliciting call by Mrs. Ed Scanlon. Ollie & I each donated \$5. We also had walk toward corner. Had good variety supper. I had an hour walk. The family went to bed - I set out rows onion sets along celler way garden patch walls. The eyes of the baseball world centered on the N.League opening game in Cincinnati where Hammering Hank Aarons equaled the _____ Babe Ruth hitting his 714 home run in 1st inning - attendance over 50,000

APRIL 5 Friday 61/7am 44/11pm
Dismal foggy morning showers then rainy till latter pm.
Ground soaked. Continued dismal.
A really stay in house day. I read in Reader's Digest,
wrote birthday card to Norah Herrington & started letter
to Mariam. This evng Joe and Jane Panzenella took
Ollie, Harlowe & I to the Ulster Co Stone Ridge
Community College to hear an illustrate lecture on The
Catskills given by Asst. Prof Bob Steuding in the lecture
room. 100 or more attended. We got back around 10:45.
Coffee & cookies served. The American league
Baseball session opened.

APRIL 6 Saturday 40/7am 34/9pm
Colder raw cloudy quite blustery mountain snow squalls.
Sun broke thru latter pm. Cleared evng with majestic
full moon rising in south east. I sent Easter
Card and an letter to Mariam. Joe Panzanella called pm.
Later Ollie & I called on Jack & Helen Doherty by
invitation. Our first in several years. She served
delicious ice cream and apple pie. We didn't eat supper
instead each had bottle A&P ale. I got in an hour walk -
Ollie, Terry & Blackie went to bed. Harlowe came am
with Grit & Margaretville News.

APRIL 7 Sunday 30/6:30am 54/9pm
Bright sunny scattered clouds gusty southerly wind
developed and moderated. All night full moon shone.
Considerable overcast developed late pm & evng. No
moon tonite. A do little day. This am we walked up to

corner & later pm down the road to Dwyer hill. Harlowe McLean brot Sunday news and Freeman pm. Also late Glen Marlatt picked up broken fender wheels for repairs. We had good supper, kraut pigs feet & boiled potatoes. I had an hour walk. The trio went to bed. Pres. Nixon returned home after attending memorial service for Pres. George P _____ in Cathedral of Norte Dame in Paris. He also had interview with several World powers. Geo & Kate Carr left on trip to Indiana.

APRIL 8 Monday 40/6:30am 36/8:30pm
Cloudy raw air a gradual heavy wet snow storm settled in latter pm & continued into the night.
Wrote birthday cards to Lizzie Shade - Vahan Kizerian. Recd letters Mariam, Julia Rhoades. No callers today. I wrote card to Mr & Mrs Artokay Bedijian. This pm I got active, shoveled back the coal on porch & removed door nailed across front side to moved wood box. Also dry out the part rotted hemlock stump in north toilet walk patch. We had delicious supper - boiled potatoes, first mess of parsnips & pig head cheese rines. I had hour walk after supper. The trio went to bed.

APRIL 9 Tuesday 34/7am 32/8pm
We have an overnight plaster of 4" wet snow. Symbolizes a mystic fairyland. Continued a misty new freezing, mixed drizzle into pm. Cold stingy air. A real snow bound day. Schools closed widespread and events postponed. I just sat in bed till 3 oco. Wrote long birthday card Easter letter to old pal Les Personeus, wintering with son in Phoenix, Arizona. He comes 81,

APRIL 20. Also read tremendous biography article on the *man who dared the lightning* life of Benjamin Franklin. He died of stone in bladder complications at 84 in 1789. Wrote Easter card to Mrs. Knorpp & cards to Julia Rhoades, Carol & Robert Longyear, Gaye Vorkink. We had excellent supper, hamburg mashed potatoes fried onions corn beans. The trio went to bed. I had an hour walk.

APRIL 10 Wednesday 26.8am 38/9pm
Had ½" snow in night & then the declining moon showed hazy. Was cloudy this am & raw air. Gradually cleared pm & cloudless evng but didn't turn cold as forecast. Somewhat blustery & snow blowy. Its real wintry everywhere.

I stayed housebound, did considerable writing cards & letters including Barbara Moncure Mrs Currier - Mrs Schetzel, Sr. etc. PM callers - Joe & Jane Panzanella & John Schetzel, Sr. who brought _____ from Kingston. Also wrote Grace Winchell and Mrs Schetzel, Sr. - Chas North. We had good variety supper. I had 2 ½ hour walk before & after supper.

APRIL 11 Thursday 30/6:30am 44/8:30pm
Became warm sunny with light northerly wind. Variable overcast, haze, scattered clouds, overcast early evng. Water ran & open fields & east side became bare. Late rising olding moon shone bright in cloudless sky. Harlowe McLean called latter pm. We had sunny early pm walk up to corner. Wheeled dug out hemlock stump over across road. Ollie recd several birthday cards.

Wrote card to Lotti Stacknowitz pm. A real promising spring day after the wintry onslaught. We had good supper - tomato toast supper. I had an hour walk. The "family" retired.

APRIL 12 Friday 37/6:30am

62/6:30pm

55/9pm

Some hazy sunshine - but generally overcast, mild open snow gone. Cloudy skies evng.

Ollie made a big double batch birthday cake that stuck in the pan & bottom broke getting it loose. I stayed indoors till latter pm when we walked over to Rexers, who with Mina and Otto Guenther, also their daughter, son-in-law Walter & Linda and 8 year daughter Diane are up for Easter week end. We had no callers. Ollie recd several cards now 14. We had good meat balls & tomato sauce supper. I had over an hour walk. The family went to bed. Robert Nichols 67 died this am without recovering consciousness. He was a Veteran of World War 2. A schoolmate of Ollie in Brodhead District. He was a son of Harvey & Ella Winchell Nichols.

APRIL 13 Saturday 45/6:30am 54/9pm

Mild with April showers till mid pm then cleared sunny and warm. Overcast again evng. Still.

Ollie got 15 more cards. Harlowe brought Grit, Margaretville news am. Latter pm we had call by Elsie Rexer. Mina Guenther. They each brought a present for Ollie. Mina gave me 4 dress shirts - 2 white - 2 blue. We had delicious kraut potato supper. Also had good sample. Today Ollie put chocolate top on the big

birthday cake that broke yesterday getting it out of pan. The family went to bed. I had 1 ¼ hour walk. Mariam called up from Texas supper time. They will not come in May as expected. Tonite I talked with Aunt Jean Smith - Marty Warnes.

APRIL 14 Sunday 50/7am 55/9pm
Rained late nite. Thick fog this morning. Mild murky - brief hazy sunshine. Thunder shower to south evng. Later a vigorous flashing shower that worked around north. Harlowe came for Easter breakfast. We had eggs boiled, fried ham sugar cinnamon bread coffee. He put 4 dollars in Ollie's birthday card. This pm we called on Rexers. We had easy supper, ham & egg sandwich , sherbert & birthday chocolate cake. I had 2 hour walk before and after supper. The trio went to bed. Calling hours pm & evng at Lasher's for Robert Nichols.

APRIL 15 Monday 54/7am Ollie's 64th birthday anniversary 46/9pm
Cleared in night and ¾ old moon was brilliant. Tornadoes hit several western New York Counties - causing heavy property damage but no deaths. Considerable cloudiness, blustery. I not the wind has broken down a portion of the attractive climb of shumach on the garden rock. For exercise we walked up to the corner early pm. Ollie having a busy time preparing for her birthday supper. Wind damage last nite to utility service - last night extensive. Evening guests for Ollie's birthday buffet party inc. Harlowe McLean, Bob & Martha Steuding, Miles, Joe & Winnie and

daughter. Jane and Joe Panzanella, Bernie and Joe Hoffman. The menu was sponsored in part by Ollie.

APRIL 16 Tuesday 40/6:30am 34/10pm

Brilliant northerly wind rather chilly. Scattered high clouds. Cloudless evng.

My day job was cleaning up the wind blown section of the garden rock shumachs. Later went with car to call on Ann Eckert but no one home so we brought back 4 dead soft maple saplings. I sawed them up & piled on porch. 5pm we went with Harlowe McLean for Ollie's birthday supper treat at the Boiceville Landmark. We were cordially welcomed enjoyed an abundance & delicious roast beef supper & side dishes which cost Harlowe \$21 including dollar tip. He was given 10% Sr citizen discount about \$21. Later I had 2 hour walk to settle the banquet. At Singer & Denman's Hardware I bought 2 - 5 gal pails black asphalt @ 3.97 & 8oz can V_____ to hep up tomatoes.

APRIL 17 Wednesday 43/6:30am 52/8pm

Serene cloudless gently north wind. Real spring weather. As the sun settled at 6:45 along the north slope of South Mtn the temp was 62 degrees. For some reason I was unusually lame today in my right shoulder. However, I managed to carry the cleaned up wind blown shumach wood to woodshed, cut it up & piled. This pm we had an unexpected call by Lizzie Rhoades, teacher granddaughter, Donna _____, college going Chinese American girl friend Joyce Eng of Kingston. Later Ollie & I walked up the road. We had good variety supper.

The “folks” went to bed. I had 1 ¼ hour walk. Recd letter Arrett Mott, not encouraging. Sent get well card to Lottie Stacknowitz.

APRIL 18 Thursday 42/7am 53/10pm
Cloudless am. Dark clouds developed latter pm. Clear evng stars dim - calm. A real spring like day. We went with Harlowe pm to full house Senior Citizen meeting at Ashokan Hall. After getting home 3:30 we walked up to corner. Later had historical seeking call by 12 year old 1st year high Kirsten Jacobson and mother Mrs. Iris R. Jacobson of Beaverskill Hills. Kirsten wanted a humorous short story connected with the reservoir building. Ollie served them birthday cake & coffee. We had good juicy soup supper & cake. The family went to bed. I had an hour walk.

APRIL 19 Friday 43/7am 44/10pm
High Point and Wittenbergs replastered with snow. Rained in early am - Cold backward weather again after Wed burst of spring. Slow clearing near cloudless evng Calm. Sunnied warmer pm. I’m so darn sore and lame. Noon time we walked up to corner. Helen Doherty called pm - broth a cake. Jack brot & came for her. First they’ve been here in Several years. All I did was burn up brush under the hickorys including the shumach. Also took down parts around garden deer fence. We had usual good variety supper & I went right to bed, got up 10 ocolock & undressed, wrote diary. I’m disgustedly gaining weight from 122 to 131. The family also went to bed early. Lexington -Concord opening

Revolutionary battle this date April 19th, 1775. An ancestor Capt __ Davis killed among 7 Americans at the British Valley

APRIL 20 Saturday 30/6am 40/11pm

Sun rise 6 oco - directly east on the chilly side.

Cloudless calm day and evening.

We had a noon time walk up thru the old wood road to buck road & down & called on Ann Eckert & Buddy brot us home. Spent the pm working on roto tiller & power mower. Buddy staid & his friend Mary Rowe called evening till 10 oco. Ollie & I had late pea soup supper. I finished & sent air letter to Mariam.

APRIL 21 Sunday 38/7am 74/8:30pm

Summer June weather. Clear am somewhat hazy.

Increased overcast developed during pm.

We took a real warm walk up to corner pm. Carol Davis (Mrs. Charles) called & visited late am collecting for the cancer fund drive \$1.00 Paid. Later pm the family called to see Ollie regarding buying her ancestral home property. Harlowe also brot Sunday news and Freeman. We had delicious ham stew supper.

APRIL 22 Monday 66/7am noon shade 78
62/10pm

Hazily sunny am. Nature in bloom, yellowphorsesia shad blows, apple buds in luxurious bloom.

Cloudy pm dark showery looking but only got a late drizzle. Light wind north pm We made A&P Woodstock shopping trip am - spent \$33.74. This pm I

really did a big job. Planted 2 rows swiss chard in cellar door patch. Then roto tilled the garden mid section, planted 2 rows onion set along upper side. Was summer like weather. We had delicious supper boiled spuds - _____ cheese meat. I was pooped & went to bed. Got up 10 oco & wrote diary.

APRIL 23 Tuesday 58/7am 50/9pm

Partly clearing followed morning brief showers, cooler with light northerly wind. Harlowe called this morning brot Margaretville paper & Grit. I rested in bed till noon then got around . This pm planted 2 rows swiss chard, 2 more rows onion sets. Then dug chick weed and north end of garden before digging up. This am Ann Tennant returned from a guided tour trip to Holland brot Ollie 2 budding tulips & a sample of Dutch cheese. She said the Hollanders are a friendly people - the miles and miles of tulips beyond description. We had good supper potato salad, cherry pie & sherbet. All went to bed 9 ocolock.

APRIL 24 Wednesday 42/6:30am 45/8pm

Cloudy - cold - occasional sprinkles. Snow squalls on North Mountains. Light wind off reservoir. Scarce rays of sunshine. I did a full pm job roto tilled the hard packed north - south end of garden. No callers. We had excellent supper boiled ham, cabbage and boiled spuds. Yesterday pm Tommy Yager of Grahamsville called collect he can get me a pig at unheard of price \$40.00 I said OK, unpresidented demand.

APRIL 25 Thursday 32/6am 44/11pm

Chilly - partly overcast. Stars dim tonight - raw light wind off reservoir. My old legs are tired and achy. I tried to start roto tiller, but only got light "putts." It has lost compression. This pm I repaired garden deer wire fence. We had potato soup supper. Then Billy Harrison came - staid till past eleven. We each bought a \$1.00 ticket from Billy prize drawing Aug 10th issued by Bushkill Rod & Gun Club. 1st prize \$200 Second \$100 - Third \$50

APRIL 26 Friday 46/6am 52/8:30pm

Sunny but part cloudy chill brisk northerly wind. Clearing at evening. Just backward weather getting dry. Not much accomplished worked at odd jobs around. Garry Carr stopped from work in Kingston. Checked out the conked out tiller, has a stuck valve, the p___ m___ evidently has dirt in carburator. Said he would stop Tuesday night & take tiller motor apart. Harlowe called pm with Grit & Margaretville paper. We had good variety supper & went to bed by 8:30. Mr & Mrs Douglas Carr of Ind. Have 3rd child. This a girl.

APRIL 27 Saturday 34/6am 52/10:30pm

Brilliant cloudless. White frost reported in Olivebridge. Became warm & real spring like. I kept buy at odd jobs in variety. During pm we took a walk up to corner. We had pork & kraut, mashed potatoes & cherry pie. Charlie and Carol Davis called evng. Had pleasant visit. Had no mail today. This is Ollie's mother's birthday born 1877 - died 1939. Allan

Krom 63 - War 2 veteran of Olivebridge died in
Benediction Hosp after a long illness. He was retired
DWS foreman.

APRIL 28 Sunday 52/7am east 56 west north
74/9pm

Hazily sunny. Summer weather. Soft southerly wind.
Hazy high almost ½ moon south.

A lazy do little Sunday. This pm we walked up and
down the road. Harlowe brot Sunday news and Freeman
pm Later John Schetzel, Sr. called to get some hay chaff
for his yard. We had delicious pea soup supper. I had
an hour walk - so warm _____ on front porch. Ollie,
Blackie, Terry went to bed early.

APRIL 29 Monday 64/6:30am 80/8pm

Hazily sunny - light southerly wind. Unseasonably warm,
humid. Mostly overcast evng.

Too hot, humid to work, little I can do with mower and
tiller conked. We had an unpleasant & regretful duty.
“Blackie” almost 18 died peaceful in lower part of
kitchen cabinet about noon and we most respectfully
buried him by the north east celler window well.

Wrapped in the sheet on which he died. Covered by
plastic inside paper bags at 1pm - between 2 young 8ft
hemlock trees. We then took car called on Ann Eckert.
Later had a second pea soup supper. All soon went to
bed.

APRIL 30 Tuesday 60/6am 62/9pm

Brief morning sunshine, muggy. Gradually became rainy pm & continued but not heavy. Really needed not so warm as yesterday. We got 2 car drags of dead firewood pm along woods & part sawed & piled in shed. Gary Wenda Carr came after work, had supper. He got the roto tiller working. The inlet valve was stuck. He also worked on mower cleaned carburator but didn't get it going enuf to use. Recd letter from Mariam. The house is still and lonesome without our remarkable "Terf" -Blackie.

MAY 1 Wednesday 58/6am 45/9pm

Brilliant scattered high cloudy. Strong gusty northerly wind. White caps rolled on the blue reservoir. Thunder, shower in night - a god sent rain. Bright high $\frac{3}{4}$ full moon. This am Montgomery Ward delivered me a boxed 5HP Briggs and Stratton Roto tiller - Price \$197 Plus 9.85 Tax & \$25 del.charge Total \$297.10 Kate Carr helped today & gave me hair cut \$6.00 Paid also cut my toe nails I can't reach.

MAY 2 Thursday 38/7am 508:30pm

Shotty overcast. The wild north wind calmed, chilling air off reservoir. Nearing full moon hazy tonite. Ollie & I went with Ann Tennant to the full house Senior Citizen regular meeting at Ashokan Hall. Came back by way of Boiceville & I got another 5 gal pail of black asbestos pain \$3.97 & .20 tax. Before and after the session I re tilled central south side of garden. Then had a call by Jane & Joe Panazerella who will soon leave & move their their house on farm property south of

Rochester. We had delicious supper - noodles tomatoes & hamburger & cheese. Gift from Kate Carr belated for Ollie's birthday.

MAY 3 Friday 44/7am

52/8pm

Started raining 5 am cold easy soaking storm continued till 5:30pm. Dismal damp overcast evng. Fog hung on mountains.

Yesterday I left the roto tiller uncovered in garden & got a soaking but started easily.

My other activity was writing reply letter to Mariam.

Harlowe called pm with Margaretville paper, Grit. We

had delicious supper mashed potatoes, meat balls & tomatoes. We learn my old schoolmate Myron Boice

and Pratt's wife, also Rev. Merton Cady are hospitalized

- the latter with a bunch on his neck. We went to bed

early. He underwent 6 hour surgery.

MAY 4 Saturday 46/6:30am

44/8:30pm

Brilliant atmosphere. Scattered clouds brisk. Northerly cold wind. Cloudless quieted evng. Cleared in night.

Rexers are up with cousin Mrs. Gertie Hynes, called on

them pm. Harlowe called am. Did some odd jobs filed

bow saw etc. We walked up to corner. Had good

supper. Ham cabbage & mashed potatoes. I was tired &

we went to bed early. Coal fire felt good. Harlowe

attended a Legion meeting in Ashokan Hall. The

Kingston Lions Club 5 night exposition was ended at

Kingston Armory with total attendance 15, 167 held

down by certain weather.

MAY 5 Sunday 32/6am Brodhead reported 28

50/8:30pm

Generally bright sunny continued cool. Wind generally southerly. Considerable high thin overcast - wind calmed evng.

Had several callers. Mr & Mrs Al Pash of Walden am. Also Jim & Herbie Hoffman for use of my roto tiller to dig up their Krumville garden. Next mid day was Billy Harrison. He later visited Buddy Eckert. Mid pm we again visited Rexers. Later we had a walk down the hill. Finally Charlie and Carol Davis called before we had a late venison stew supper.

MAY 6 Monday 44/7am 50degree day

44/8:30pm

Dismal cold wet grass growing weather. Drizzily to light & heavier rain easy soaking. Not raining tonite.

I spent the time till mid pm setting in bed reading Reader's Digest & The Good Book & writing sympathy card & letter to Jesse Burger. Get Well to Rev. Merton S. Cady in Benedictine - to Belle Wood in Kingston Hosp. - sympathy card to Mrs. Ernest Housemann of Ashokan Mtn Road - Jeannie Colange called Ollie then Jesse's wife Leuella is dead & buried. Had an hour walk latter pm. Read & answered letter from Julie Rhoades. She has session job in by Maple Crest summer resort. Has charge of employees two serving tables have over 140 at peak of season.

MAY 7 Tuesday 36/6am

42/9pm

Snow dusting on Wittenbergs. Cold spring at a slandskill. Mostly cloudy light northerly wind. Cleared evng.

We went with Harlowe pm to Dr. Tocco's in Stone Ridge. He gave us a check up. Ollie change in pills. I had shot in arm for lame knee, heart check - pressure 138 - some rheumatic pills - each \$6.00. Came back to Henry Merrihew's for eggs - Harlowe got 3 dz large now .60cents - we 5dz medium @ .50cents. Eggs now .10c dz less. Later we walked up to corner. Had good supper rice tomatoes meatballs. I had an hour walk.

MAY 8 Wednesday 36/6am 55/9pm

Became milder - considerably sunny till latter pm where thickened cloudiness developed. South wind evng.

I did some garden work got row carrots, parsnips planted & several rows marked and fertilized below onions .

Also dug thru onion rows. 2pm we went with Harlowe McLean to vote in the Onteora school election of board members. NO on the 6 ½ million tax budget. For board members we voted Skip Weidner, Mr. Kahn, Irene Mottley. Later we walked up to corner. Geo & Kate Carr called after work & brot wash. We had delicious potato stew supper. I had an hour walk. A flock of deer were between barn early evng then below garden. Belle Wood came home from Kingston Hosp.

The Onteora 6 ½ million passed readily. School Board members up for re election Kahn, Chas.(Skip) Weidner were defeated . Skip tail by 58

MAY 9 Thursday 46/6:30am

44/8:30pm

Continued unseasonably cold. Some mixed morning sunshine, became overcast & showery looking chilly light wind. Set in rain showers early evng.

Buddy Eckert obligingly took Ollie and I to Kingston via 28 stopped at Shokan Bank. Did shopping errands in up town Kingston. Ollie filled an appt with Dr. Herbert E. Gade on Fair St. The condition of her sight is little changed - first trip since Nov. \$10 paid. We then went out to the East Chester St. A&P & shopped about \$28. Came back via 28 up over the Ashokan Mtn Road to Boiceville. As always I continued absorbed in the massive upper side crumbling tediously laid stone walk, the once farmed fields gone back to nature in woods growth. I got fine fire fishing license at Lee Denman town clerk in Ashokan.

MAY 10 Friday 50/7am

47/12pm

Cloudy cool damp. We got the side wash of a back of High Point mid am thunder shower. Had heavier rain over Samsonville way. The pm was cloudy with a break out of late pm. Sunshine chilly dark evng.

A stay in house day till mid pm when I got going.

Ground my scythe & cut a strip around the garden deer fence wire. Had an early pm visit by Jim Burggraf. I read several including Reader's Digest articles to Ollie. Also read several Bible chapters from the back of Genesis. We had excellent pea soup supper & peach pie. Tom Yager came tonight and brot us an 8 week old white & grey haired pig. The price is outrageous - \$40 Paid. I loaned him my English ___ double barrel 12g muzzle loader to hang under his mantle piece.

MAY 11 Saturday 36/7am 60/8pm

Serene sunny ideal spring weather day and evng. Wind light. A bit hazy.

I kept pretty much busy scythed off the front lawn and around old manure heap - also wheel barrowed 6 loads of manure handy by the garden rock. We had usual good supper. I was tired and went to bed early. Harlowe McLean attended Legion supper at Ashokan Hall. Had call by Bill Davis 2nd & he bought and paid for large electric incubator stored in Ollie's pig house. A gift from Gus Korittke some 20 years ago. Price 25 dollars.

MAY 12 Sunday 52/7am 52/9pm

Showers this am with a dreary chilly foggy steady soaking rainy day. Became blustery & fog cleared late pm

Daughter Cornelia Herrington called mid am (They are briefly at Bishop's) She is so thin & changed I did not first recognize her. She looked pretty well broke up. Her mother Daisy my estranged wife who dramatically left mother and I the morning of Jan 8th, 1945, died this am in Hyde Park Nursing home - a helpless cripple. She would be 83 May 29th. Her sister Mrs Hattie Simpson died a few years ago - 2 years older than Daisy. 5pm WGHQ news put out a tornado and heavy thunder shower watch till 10 oco for Ulster Green nearby Hudson Valley Counties.

At dusk the garden is flooded.

MAY 13 Monday 50/6am 50/8:30pm

Part broke away in late night & ½ old moon shone near 2" rain. The day & evng was generally cloudy. Scarcely a ray of sunshine. Wind light northerly.

Everything soaked. I mostly worked in celler cleaning out decayed vegetables & sprouting potatoes. Latter pm we walked up to corner. Heard no more regarding Daisy's funeral. Harlowe had supper with us. Baked suckers, parsley spuds, stewed tomatoes, cabbage salad & pound cake. Mariam arrived from Mexico City and called up tonite from Aunt Jean's in New York City. Daisy's funeral will be Wed. 2pm at Carr's Parlor's in Kingston, with burial in the Longyear family plot in Hudler's Cemetery.

The following article in dairy for this date:

DAVIS - at Staatsburgh, NY. May 12, 1974. Daisy Belle Simpson Davis, formerly of Kingston. Mother of Mrs. Robert L. Longyear of Mexico City and Mrs. Richard Herrington of Rome, NY

Funeral services will be held at the A. Carr & Son Funeral Home, 1 Pearl St. Kingston on Wednesday at 2pm. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment in Hudler Cemetery, Mt. Tremper, NY. Friends may call from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday.

MAY 14 Tuesday 44/6am 72/8:30pm

Cloudless day and evng, balmy warm with brisk southerly wind. Strong evng. I kept going pm wheeling

rotted manure for piles in south end of garden. Also trimmed up bent over S.W. corner apple tree. This am after breakfast I wrote birthday card to Ada Belle, 87 May 17th. No callers today. We had a delicious apple

dumpling old fashion supper with milk gravy. I had an hour walk mostly on the balmy breezy front porch.

MAY 15 Wednesday 60/6am 66/10pm
Cloudless, southerly wind. Summer weather. Gradually developed overcast pm with fast moving thunder shower early evng. Not much rain. Wind quieted. I clipped off the front lawn with scythe. Kate came, cleaned up. Geo came for her after work & mowed front south side lawn with repaired mower \$20.43 paid. Jean & Bob Smith brot Mariam after Daisy's funeral. Also Cornelia & daughter, Ellen (over at Bishop's) called and visited on front porch. Mariam had supper with us & had good visit before going to bed.

MAY 16 Thursday 58/7am 62/12pm
Summery quiet cloudless till during pm overcast developed - same evng.
This am I got the front yard mowed. Ollie Mariam & I in company with Annette Tennant attended Senior Citizen meeting with full house attendance at Ashokan hall. Mariam was introduced by Mrs. Tennant & gave an interesting talk & highly commended. Later I did mow grass cutting. Geo & Kate Carr called after work & they visited on front porch. We had delicious turkey leg, potato supper. I didn't get to bed till near midnight, went over bundle of Freemans from Ed Little.

MAY 17 Friday 60/6am Heat record for day
reported broken in NYC 67/9:30pm

Unseasonably hot weather strong westerly wind.
Showery looking all day, a few mere sprinkles.
Cloudless evng & quiet. I did a
big day work scythe and power mowing. The whole yard
& around the garden picnic ground under the hickorys is
cleaned up. This pm Ollie Mariam & I walked up to
corner & by request called on Hope Miller. Gaye arrived
from Exeter in time for supper & enjoyed by us all & is
staying over night.

MAY 18 Saturday 54/6:30am 62/9pm
Cooler noticeably - Another gorgeous day after the early
overcast cleared. Scattered high fair weather white
clouds cool wind off reservoir. Cloudless evng.
This am we 4 - Gaye with her Volkswagen,
Mariam Ollie & I visited Daisy's flower covered grave in
Hudler Cemetery. Then we went to Olivebridge and
paid respects to the old and new cemeteries and graves of
our family and ancestors. Getting back early Jean &
Robert Smith were & had fire started for picnic under
the hickories. Mariam went with the rest to Ledgerrock.
This evng Ollie & I had call by Bro. Rudy, Mrs. Prachy
& son Frankie. Ollie & I had walk up to corner. Our
neighbor Charley Davis got his Masters Degree at New
Paltz College (correction Sunday 11am)

MAY 19 Sunday 54/6am 58/9pm
Cleared early - cool - wind off reservoir. A heavenly
perfect brilliant day & evng.
Among morning callers were 12 year old Adam Erenberg
and father of Krumville. Reservoir building information

was given. Noon time Gay, Mariam & Jeanne called for glasses Mariam left. Harlowe called pm also Addie Winchell and Mary Palen. Later Ollie & I walked up to corner. We had good kraut boiled potato supper. Gaye returned to Exeter, NH this pm. Bob Jean & Mariam from Ledgerrock to NY. I had ½ hour walk. Mrs. Walter “Ellen” Schmoekel, 76, our long time friend died of heart attack as she was getting in car with daughter Laszette & husband, enroute for breakfast at Shokan Pine Grove bakery. The family with her parents & bro Howard ___ moved here from NJ in March 1929 ____ the present Wm DeSanna farm was bought.

MAY 20 Monday 38/6am 50/8:30pm
Early clouds broke away and the day & evng practically cloudless chilly wind off reservoir.
I kept busy at odd jobs & hand cultivated in the 4same onions hand mowed & power. Mowed cleaning up in front and back of chicken house & re mowed left side front yard. We had good potato stew supper. Fred Haver about 80, retired Shokan PM died in Benedictine Hosp.

MAY 21 Tuesday 43/6am 58/9pm
Warmer - Sunny am became cloudy showery looking pm. Cleared evng. Still
This am I re mowed south side yard. Re tilled in hard packed middle part garden replanted row carrots - parsnips & planted 2 rows Detroit red beets. Also re tilled unplanted part of cellar door patch & planted row wax beans & re tilled toilet walk patch. Garry & Wenda

Carr came for supper, he checked car brakes & will make repairs Saturday. We had delicious pea soup supper & basted eggs. Chas Lindberg an unknown airmail pilot made first airplane flight across the Atlantic in the one engine *Spirit of St. Louis* in 33 hours & some minutes from New York to Paris this date 1922.

MAY 22 Wednesday 56/7am 70/7:30pm

Hazy sunny - became overcast pm still warm humid.

Thundered off back of Hi PT late evng.

I made 3 rows for potatoes and spread rotted manure in rows. Got lower row planted with small potatoes. Kate & Geo Carr came after work & had supper. Had a pleasant mid day call by Carol Davis. The gorgeous lilac are now fading after a long heavenly gorgeous bloom.

Recd letter Grace Winchell.

MAY 23 Thursday 67/6:30am 60/8pm

Rained in night and continued moderately till late pm.

Later a clearing time developed & sun broke thru.

I staid in bed till 3pm. Recd letter Mrs. Currier and wrote reply letter to Mrs. Currier, Grace Winchell. Carol & Charley Davis called late pm & gave key to Ollie's house. He reported the packed freezer smells. We had delicious vegetable soup supper.

MAY 24 Friday 54/7am 58/8pm

Warm humid cloudy am followed by period of darkly passing shower & sunshine. We finally got a 4:30 High Point drencher.

I worked in garden finished planting lower side 3 rows of potatoes -

re disced both ends of unplanted garden. After the shower we took a refreshing walk in bright sunshine up to corner. Ollie recd from Harry Siemien a mounted picture of Blackie sitting on her bed, in prime of life - Jan. 8, 1965. Buddy Eckert came around noon & we 3 went up to Ollie's & checked on freezer stoppage & replaced a blown fuse.

MAY 25 Saturday 48/6am 52/9pm

Unseasonably cool. Light northerly wind with more dismal overcast than sunshine.

Garry Carr came 1pm did some work on car brakes will come again tomorrow! The garden got a good soaking. I planted and staked 8 hills of Burpee early Hybrid tomatoes along east end of barn. Also did some yard re-mowing. Latter pm we called on Rexers & walked up to corner. We had good ravioli supper & wax beans.

MAY 26 Sunday 45/7am 46/9pm

Continued unseasonably cold. Mostly cloudy till 2pm brief shower - followed by a clearing trend. Chill northerly wind. Cloudless still evng fresh view of moon nearing half.

I kept tuned to WGHQ Kingston radio till early pm. An interested feature was the 11 oco outdoor service dedicated to the memory of New York first governor Geo W. Clinton a Revolutionary veteran and organizer of the Erie Canal opened in 1825. Buffalo to NY City. Harlowe called pm & took Ollie & I up to the Bushkill Cemetery. Later Ollie & I walked up to the corner and

called on the Rexers. We had usual good supper. Garry Carr & Butch Sanford called pm.

MAY 27 Monday 43/7am 54/8pm

Cold raw dismal cloudy day & evng. Sprinkle showers pm. Ollie & I went with Harlowe to the 10:30 parade & ceremonies at the town memorial. Various town organizations represented. The included were probably 500 present & big success - 4 -5 War I Vets present. Old sarge Aaron Kiersted, Charley Duloff, Ray Cruicken, John Grant, Harlowe McLean. About 30 Sen. Citizens marched. Music by Onteora Junior Band. Speakers Rev. Tilson Reed, Thomas Fickus & Ed West. Plenty refreshments followed ceremonial. Due to the damp cold the crowd dispersed quickly. This pm I re mowed around garden. & the south side lawns. Latter pm we walked down to Dwyer's hill. Had hot vegetable canned soup supper. I part wrote Amos & Bell Hughes. Mrs. Pratt (Harriet Stone Boice 85 - died this am early in Benedictine Hosp.

MAY 28 Tuesday 54/8am 54/9pm

Partly cloudy with periods of sunshine. The weather somewhat moderated but on the chilly side. I re disked north end of garden marked fertilized ground planted 9 rows of Ioa Chief sweet corn with 4 corn beans to a hill & in every 3rd row planted winter squash. This pm Harlowe took us again down to Tongore Cemetery. It is closely mowed, soldiers graves flag decorated. We had good supper, went to bed before dark. Mrs. Pratt

Boice long in declining health died between 5 & 6 am in Benedictine Hosp. aged 85.

MAY 29 Wednesday 50/7am 62/8pm

Light morning shower. Cloudy warm - somewhat humid. Continued cloudy.

I planted and fertilized 3 rows potatoes along north side of garden also cleaned out the up side ditch also planted squash pumpkin seeds variously. Katie Carr cleaned up & brot soup 8.00 paid. Kate & Geo had supper with us & we sat on front porch and visited. We went to bed before dark. Calling hours 7 - 9pm at Carr's Parlors in Kingston for Mrs. Pratt (Harriett Boice) Funeral tomorrow 10 oco.

MAY 30 Thursday 56/7am 56/10pm

Foggy early then sunnied up with mellow southerly wind. Generally sunny with variable cloudiness. Became cloudless evng with golden bulging moon.

I did some garden re tilling am. This pm we attended large turnout senior citizens meeting. Ann Tennant after refreshments showed an interesting collection of colored slides taken on her recent trip to Holland. After getting home I set out tomato plants in toilet patch and along front of lawn replacing plants picked off by birds. We had good supper after a call by Carol Davis. Funeral 10 oco am at Carr's in Kingston for Mrs. Harriett (Pratt) Boice 85. Burial in Hurley Cemetery.

MAY 31 Friday 58/7am

62/9pm

Some weak sunshine this am followed by gradual thickening cloudiness, with late pm sprinkles of rain. Air damp & cool. I kept busy - re disc'd half of south end of garden. Planted several hills of squash, one pumpkin. Cut seed potatoes - marked out with cultivator, fertilized with 5-10-5 fertilizer and tilled manure and planted 8 rows of potatoes in hills. My old legs are tired. We had good boiled supper - cabbage potatoes and ham. Belle Wood called around noon. Also Harlowe earlier. Rec'd June Reader's Digest & read several articles before going to bed. The Bishops are hosting a large weekend Trailer Meet (12 or more) at their exclusive private park.

JUNE 1 Saturday 58/7am 62/9pm
Rained considerable in night moderately. Sun broke thru toward noon and we had several hours of warm sunshine, followed by an overcast evng. I had a busy program planted hill of Butternut and Acorn squash on back side of milk house and another of pumpkins - Hubbard squash in bed of hay and rotted manure in corner between pig pen behind garage. Then mucked and planted ½ bu potatoes in rows near upper part of potato plantings, fertilized with acid phosphate rotted manure. Left upper side span for cabbage. We had good kraut & boiled potato supper also a visit by Bill, Ann Huges and Dave & Kate W____ They are week ending in the Brodhead family trailer

JUNE 2 Sunday 54/6:30am 60/8pm

Cloudy and cool - with dim pm sunshine, cleared evng.
Calm. This am I kept tuned to WGHQ
religious programs. Early pm ½ hr broadcast by Charley
Schnellers weekly German program. Later Ollie & I
called on Rexers. This took walk up thru woods to back
road & back. Its surprisingly how the woods have grown
since we gathered leaves & drewed firewood over 15
years ago. We had good potato salad & stewed rhubarb
supper. We went to bed before dark. Harlowe McLean
visited his nephew in Margaretville. This date 1906 - we
planted corn with upper valley snow squalls, cold north
wind.

JUNE 3 Monday 50/7am 52/9pm
Lovely soft moonlight night. Sunny this morning
followed by increasing dark cloudiness that developed in
a general mountain thunder shower - the heaviest part
veering around north. Then the sun broke out brightly.
I finished & sent reply letter to Julia Rhoades. Harlowe
came with Sunday news and Freeman toward noon. I
didn't get going this am but this pm set out dozen pepper
plants. Also planted 2 rows bush lima beans along upper
side of garden. Also planted short rows of hybrid
cucumbers. After the shower Ollie & I walked up to
corner. Recd belated birthday card letter from Carol
Longyear.

JUNE 4 Tuesday 50/6am 68/pm
Gorgeous mellow moonlight moon full tonite. The
weather was warm, calm & partly cloudy.

I started to mow yard and the mower cutting blade broke apart. I cleaned the bunch grass from the manure heap, planted squash & pumpkins over the top. Carol Davis called am to tell Ollie they are unable to get the money \$50,000 to buy Ollie's property. This pm we went with Harlowe to Woodstock A&P shopping \$34.71 paid. We came back to the Nursery in Boiceville. I bought 2 doz Campbell large but sprouting looking tomato plants - \$6.50 with tax. We had good supper, both went to bed before dark. Finished & sent reply letter to Carol & Robert 3 Longyear.

JUNE 5 Wednesday 58/6am 72/8pm
Soft nite of full moon. Real warm & hazily sunny. Hazy clear evng. I had a busy day. Planted 16 hills & set poles for 16 Kentucky Wonder beans & toilet patch garden also planed 2 hills of muskmelon and a hill of winter squash and another of pumpkins. Also 2 rows carrots in garden. We had delicious salad and canned beans supper. We went to bed early, tired.

JUNE 6 Thursday 56/6am 60/9pm
Hazily sunny - breezy warm but not so humid as yesterday. Gradually became overcast. I did a big gardening job planted 2 rows corn & beans & 2 of bush lima. Also did some roto tilling and lawn mowing. Late pm Carol & Charley Davis called - then Kate & Geo Carr. We had late supper. Lena Smith Br ___ birthday. I think 74th. D-day or the invasion of the coast of Normandy took place June 6, 1972. (*Should be 1944*)

JUNE 7 Friday 50/7am 65/8pm

Late moonlight. Partly hazily overcast pleasant temperate. Light wind & pleasant work day.

My days work was lawn mowing, got most of it cleaned up. Harlowe called & brot eggs from Henry Merrihew - 6 dz med 2.00 paid. We walked over to Rexers pm. - talked with Bro Metzer of West Hurley who is dozing out a road on left side. He came over with us visited on front porch & got cranky broken mower going. Engine water in front tank. We had good variety supper & went to bed before dark.

JUNE 8 Saturday 60/6am 66/8PM

Mostly cloudy calm became humid pm as a clearing trend developed. I finished the whole yard mowing behind the barn & in pig yard and under the hickories. During pm with intervening callers I fertilized & set out 22 All American Favorite cabbage plants next to potato rows on lower side of garden. Also dug up between the 2 hill beet rows set and 2 rows dahlias in celler door patch. Buddy Eckert brot a load of seasoned firewood piled behind wood shed. Other callers were Ann Carpino & 4 yr old son Clarke, Carol Davis, Elsie Rexer and Gertrude Hynes. Harlowe twice, besides Buddy & Hope Miller. Recd letter Mariam dated 5/26 and Mrs. Currier. Returned glasses for exchange to _____ Products _____, Conn. A new clearing development has appeared half up the west slope of Torans Hook Mtn. Recd proxie Internal Revenue I have refund due

JUNE 9 Sunday 58/6am 76/9pm

Hot humid still part cloudy weather. Sun and showers.

I was tuned to various religious programs on Sta. WGHQ. We walked over to Rexer's pm. Harlowe brot Sunday news and Freeman while we were away. Bad day on my 22 set out cabbage plants. 88 degree late sun temp on kitchen post. Started reply letter to Mariam with \$500 check on Daisy's burial by A. Carr & Sons. I sat out on porch after supper & wrote.

JUNE 10 Monday 66.6am 92 pm
in shade 84/8:30pm

Sweltering hot and humid sunny scattered high wind driven clouds southerly wind.

This forenoon I replanted in the 9 rows of corn and beans, due to poor germinating. This pm I took 2 hour writing reply letter to Jane and Joe Panzarella now living on rented farm property up in N. P_____ NY - south of Syracuse in the rolling dairy country. I then work thru the 4 rows of onions. Buddy Eckert called and we had late supper. Sent air letter to Mariam. We had a 12pm call by Bill Davis, Bill Harrison, Tommy Yager. He brot Ollie a fluffy white kitten framed with dark spot on head. Also for me a 32 cal. _____ Wads _____ finish _____ nickel plated revolver.

JUNE 11 Tuesday 70/6:30am 62/8:30pm

Southerly wind generally sunny. Some high overcast. Still cloudless & naturally cool evng.

I was tired - rested in bed am. This pm I dug and mounded 26 holes for tomatoes across garden next to

corn rows. Also planted in the 3 rows of ----- next to electric fence. Harlowe called pm. We had good ham potato cabbage sliced up. Both went to bed in the glooming. The new little kitten is getting acquainted.

JUNE 12 Wednesday 50/6am 50/9pm

Clouded over after sun up cool - Part cleared and latter pm we got some brief rain from a High Point Thunder shower. And much needed 2/10" Cleared after

Harlowe Ollie & I went with Ann

Tennant from her home on Samsonville Upper road to the Olive Senior Citizens turkey dinner at Williams lake resort. 105 guests @ \$2.75 on 50/50 charge with club. Montgomery Ward's truck picked up the unpacked 5H.P roto tiller that was delivered May 1st paid \$207.10. I have no use for it as my old Senator 4HP runs perfect.

JUNE 13 Thursday 46/6am 62/8:30pm

Pleasant dry atmosphere. Part cloudy billowing clouds but generally sunny. Clear cool evng. Wind S.westerly. I spent the day with a variety of gardening work. Kate _____ out today and gave me a hair cut. After work Ollie Kate & I walked over to Rexers and looked over the new road Contractor Metzger of West Hurley is making. The shale is donated by Ollie. We walked over to corner. Geo put new post under kitchen porch due to the winter cold crumpling the concrete part that Uncle Watson Bishop made after the house was built. Kate & Geo had supper with us.

JUNE 14 Friday 50/6am

60/8pm

Partly cloudy becoming overcast during pm and showery. We got a surface wetting rain light thunder & lightning - cool clear evng. We went to Kingston with Buddy Eckert. He left us off up town & picked us up at 12:45. We then went out to the Ward area shopping plaza, to A&P for \$21.25 shopping. Also stopped at Agway. I got 80lb bag garden lime \$1.25. Came home via 28 to Boiceville. Ollie did some personal up town shopping. Recd letter Garrett Mott also Grandfather's Day card letter from Gaye Varkirk. We had good supper & went to bed early.

JUNE 15 Saturday 52/6:30am Janette Guiliano
wedding day 64/10pm

Warm wind in south. Sunny serene weather day, evng.

This am I set out 13 tomato plants across north part of garden. This pm Lew and Dorothy, with Ann Eckert took Ollie and I to Phoenicia where at the St. Francis DeSale Catholic church Janette Guiliano and Edward Kahil were married in pomp and impressive ceremony by Father (blank space) Janette looked beautiful in her long white gown and veil. There were 5 bridesmaids and maid of honor. Male attendants wore blue _____ coats, ruffled shirt fronts. Florence Guiliano looked nearly as young and comely as the bride. Following at the Boiceville Inn on 28 there was an elaborate reception for 200. Ollie and I were introduced and honored. By request I sang one of my Reservoir Songs - old Noah built himself an ark - dear old Christian song. Music by 3 piece Don Barringer orchestra. We were back home at 10pm

JUNE 16 Sunday 66/7am

66/9:30pm

Cloudy with wonderful much needed late morning shower downpour. Rain continued thru pm - gradually stopped - clouds continued coming from the south still dark evng.

A stay in house day - so rainy we didn't go over to Rexers. Charlie & Carol Davis called pm. It is arranged we go to Kingston tomorrow am and see Attorney Vincent Connelly in regard to they buying Ollie's old homestead with upper side of road triangular lot reserved. I wrote card to Lottie Stacknowitz, birthday card letter for June 22 to Mrs. Currier. Ollie got asleep on couch and we had 8:30 supper. Kraut & pork ham and boiled potatoes.

JUNE 17 Monday 66/7am 68/9pm

Rained in night. Parly cloudy sunnier during pm & overcast evng. Soft southerly wind.

This am Ollie & I went to Kingston with Carole & Charley Davis & had interview with Att. Vincent Connelly. Enroute I stopped at the Shokan Bank to deposit checks. I made a \$50 on acct deposit at Hudson Valley S&L Assn and recd a 3X5 flag & staff. Also dep \$72 on Christmas Savings at Heritage Savings Bank. Bought 4 Big Boy tomato plants at Woolworth @.25 cents each. This pm set out 2 row of tomatoes, also replanted row cabbage plants. Then started re mowing yard & after supper finished all but strip on north side house. Recd Montgomery Ward's fall & winter catalogue. This date 1775 the famous Revolutionary War battle was fought on Bunker Hill.

JUNE 18 Tuesday 50/6am 64/9pm

Cleared in night. Part cloudy becoming sunny pm.

Cloudless evng and real cool.

I continued mowing am till noon when the power mower refused to work. This pm I roto tilled and hoed potatoes etc in garden. I'm tired tonite. We had delicious Hungry Jack cakes & gravy supper. Sister Hew_____ who was my head nurse at Benedictine Hosp is dead following a leg blood clot leg operation. Broken hip July 30 to Aug 18, 1972.

JUNE 19 Wednesday 54/6am 72/8:30pm

The day & evng was generally hazily overcast. Warm humid - southerly wind - calm evng.

This am I replanted in 2nd line sweet corn - beans. PM Buddy Eckert came got the power mower working and then I mowed the old chicken yard, back of barn. I gave Buddy small planting potatoes. Kate & Geo Carr came after work. We had good supper - potato salad carrots and rhubarb. We went to bed early. This is the 86th birthday for Ezra Silkworth of Olivebridge.

JUNE 20 Thursday 66/6am 68/9pm

Had shower in night. Very warm and humid with covering hazy overcast and periods of sunshine. August like weather - dead calm. This

am at an _____ I planted several rows of corn beans in the rotted manure pile which I had cleaned off - planted pumpkin seeds that failed to sprout. Later I sprayed the tomato plants with arsenate of lead solution. This pm Ollie & I attended Senior Citizen meeting with

Vice President presiding in place of Edw Gille who is in Benedictine Hosp for lung tests. We had good supper potatoes & canned beans. We went to bed early.

JUNE 21 Friday 55/6am 67/8pm
Cloudy dismal at 11 o'clock thunder shower from west continued for several hours & soaking. Sun finally broke thru around 6 o'clock. Pretty much a stay out of the rain day. I answered letter recd yesterday from Lottie Slacknowitz. After rain drizzled out we took a walk up to corner and on way back called briefly on Bro Vahan Kizerian. He is a heart broken desolate old man of 75. It developed today that IOOF Edward Gille has a lung ligancy at Benedictine Hospital

JUNE 22 Saturday 60/6am 67/8:30pm
Warm humid dryer air northerly breeze developed pm. Generally sunny with brief overcast periods. I did a tedious task of weeding row of parsnips, and 2 rows beets. There is a growth of sharply old radish of excellent quality that I sprinkled in the parsnips as marked when planting. Mid pm Ollie & I called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer up for weekend. Yesterday pm they were stalled for 3 hours in a fierce wind & rain storm in NYC. We had good supper potato salad, snipped A&P beans. We went to bed before dark. Buddy Eckert 40th ? Birthday. We are sending card belated. Christine Lee Gardner surviving daughter of Mr & Mrs Ernest Gardner of Boiceville married to Andrew Hashstein of Toledo. Wedding at brides home,

performed by Rev. J. Cook of Yorktown Heights assisted by Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips.

JUNE 23 Sunday 60/6am

64/8:30pm

Cloudy cool this am showers are forecast. We had a mere sprinkle of rain. Chilly still overcast sun broke through hazily late pm.

This date 1887 my father and mother Matie Crispell 19 coming 6th July, & Chase W. Davis 28 - coming 28 - 26th July - married by Rev Bergen Shokan Dutch Reformed pastor in the parlor of the old Crispell homestead on a rainy Fri. evng 9 oco. The Shokan Brass band in which my father played the trombone serenaded under the covered porch. Mother was the last weeding group survivor. She died march 5th, 1962 by request buried in her brown silk bead embroidered wedding dress. Deer been in garden but did not damage. Harlowe came with papers pm. We got the shorted electric fence working. I mowed off grass along inside wire, clover attracted the deer. Latter pm we walked over to corner.

JUNE 24 Monday 58/6am 64/8pm

Part cloudy - heavy lazy clouds, pleasant temp wind southerly & terming led bright sunshine. Had sprinkle of rain ending evng - became heavier and continued late. I swung my Davis scythe all day. Worked out under the 2 apple trees around manure pile behind chicken house also a wide strip along driveway. I feel my strength comes from the Supreme architect of the Universe. Harlowe called pm used my mower & brought it back. We had delicious potato sausage & carrot supper. We

went to bed early. Recd Father's Day card letter from Mariam with \$10 check to buy something to eat. Date on check June 7 - none on letter or postmark.

JUNE 25 Tuesday 59/6am 58/8pm

A chilly dismal rainy day. Temp not above 62. Rain continued tonight.

I feel discontented being house bound. I wrote birthday card to Cornelia even though I don't hear from her. Also wrote long return reply letter to Mariam and card to Julia Rhoades. I had hour house walk later pm. Disregarding yesterday's weather report the Al Fox's cut a lot of hay yesterday. We had hot potato stew supper and went to bed early.

JUNE 26 Wednesday 56/6am 62/8pm

Mostly cloudy - cool brief periods of sunshine. Light rain early pm. Still.

I did some bean replanting in garden and set stakes by tomatoes in toilet patch. Deer were in garden last night but did little damage. Kate Carr worked today also gave me a hair trim. She & George had delicious supper with us. Paid Kate \$8.00 with washing. George Carr put new lock catch on aluminum kitchen door \$4.22. Answered Mariam letter this mail.

JUNE 27 Thursday 50/6am 62/8pm

Mostly cloudy, unsettled. Mountains hazy still. Little sunshine. Temp on cool side.

I kept going hoeing and weeding in garden - Harlowe called pm. We had spaghetti meatball supper & frozen

____ limas. We went to bed before dark. Today is 60th anniversary of my steam roller year accident that nearly tore off my right hand & last little finger. It was a cloudy misty morning and I was cutting near core wall of north wing of Ashokan dam at 11:25am I walked to camp hosp and was on table 2 ½ hrs undergoing operation by Dr. J.C. Hil____ Mother came & sat by my bedside that night. Also today is daughter Cornelia's 56th birthday & sent her card yesterday to Rome, NY

JUNE 28 Friday 54/6am 60/9pm
Sun peep 5:30 over Ohayo Mtn Mostly cloudy brief patches of warm sunshine. Light rain latter pm cloudy evng. Light chill wind off reservoir.

I kept busy hoeing - cultivating & weeding in garden. Got the rank growth of onion rows weeded. We had late pm call by Mr & Mrs R.L. Parrish & nephew, 17, Luetzer of RFD Kerhonkson. They gave me 9 hand weeding onions. Harlowe also called early pm & brot Grit & Margaretville paper.

JUNE 29 Saturday 60/6:30am 68/8pm
Raining this morning. Chilly. Followed by period of clouds & warm sunshine. Typical unsettled weather. This am we had front porch call by friends weekendng with Herbie & Elsie Rexer. Mr & Mrs Joe Campagna of Lindenhurst, LI and Mr & Mrs Peter Consiglio. Noon time Carole Davis took us up to Boiceville where I got 7 gal gas \$4.10 at Al case of tawny port \$14. Planted row of yellow & green beans & short row of cucumbers. We

called on Rexers much later. I re mowed front yard. We had delicious supper and went to bed early.

JUNE 30 Sunday 65/6am 68/8:30pm
Warm partly sunny breezy. Rainy tonight. Quite breezy.

This am John Schetzel - Trooper John's father brot some fish taken in Long Island Sound. I planted 7 hills of Kentucky Wonder pole beans in the toilet walk patch. Also finished re mowing the yard - south - East. North side of house. Harlowe called pm & broth Sunday Freeman & NY Times. Earlier Orrie Lyons called. Ollie & I walked over to Rexers. We had delicious potato salad supper. Later Herbie & Elsie Rexer called we visited on front porch. 24 young people died 1am in a dense ball fire at Port Chester NY & 25 more injured.

JULY 1 Monday 60/6am 68/8pm
Lush warm growing weather. Variable high clouds & bright sunshine. Somewhat breezy - calm evng. Clear. This am Jim Burgraff & Harlowe called. We visited on scenic front porch. This pm I kept going for 3 hours & cleaned up the complete re mowing on north side & around garden fence. Harlowe came back latter pm to get my power mower. Had it laid up for repairs. We had super delicious strawberry biscuit rhubarb supper. We went to bed early. Edward Gille underwent a really serious lung removal by Dr. Gorman at Benedictine Hosp.

JULY 2 Tuesday 64/6am 80/9pm

Generally sunny & variable cloudiness - looked showery latter pm but cleared after. Delightful 4th July weather. Real warm tonite. Little wind. I hoed potatoes am. Bob Parrish came pm we strung new top wire around the garden fence & took down & rolled up the rusty old wire. Later I roto tilled in garden. Harlowe returned the power mower. Ollie & I had good supper, boiled taters & stewed carrots.

JULY 3 Wednesday 68/7am 74/9pm
Heavy day break & later heavy thunder showers and rain. Mid am faired away hot hazy & breezy.
Third day of the 1863 battle of Gettysberg that ended with the immortal but disastrous Picketts charge of 15000 Confederate veterans against the impregnable Union lines. 11000 casualties. Noon time we went A&P Woodstock shopping. \$44.00 paid
Recd Social Security for June -me \$57.70, Ollie \$71.70 - 4% raise - Med now \$7.40 Enroute stopped at the Shokan Bank & later attend full house Senior Citizens meeting at Legion Hall. Recd letter from Mariam saying she had torn up my \$500 check sent toward Daisy's funeral expenses. Recd letter from Deborah Gers nee nurse Debbie Robbins with picture 2 ½ mo old daughter Dana June Car ____ married 6/30 1973 and moved to W.H. early July Heavy flashing banging shower worked around mostly north latter pm & evng.

JULY 4 Thursday 68/6am 80/9pm
Full moon over High Point. Sunny but hazy hot & humid occasional breeze. Typical 4th July weather, but no

thunder showers. 90 degree shade temp.

A listless 4th

July - too hot to work as for many times I have. Sprayed early planting potatoes have a few bugs. Deer in garden again but no damage of note. Must got wise to jumping over prickly wire fences. During pm we called for Elsie & Herbie Rexer & Gertie Hein here for weekend. We had delicious supper kraut & franks & potato salad. We went to bed at dark - after supper I laid awhile on front porch cot.

JULY 5 Friday 70/60am 74/9pm

Hot humid Murky overcast with patches of sunshine. Thunder shower worked around north am again early evng.

I sat in bed till 2pm wrote - sent reply letter to Debbie Gers - part finished reply letter to Mariam. Callers were Harlowe McLean & briefly latter pm the Charlie Davis family. We had delicious supper baked flounder boiled potatoes and bean salad. I lain out on porch cot awhile before retiring. Kingston weather reports as follows - June had 12 rainy days. Coolest 6th - 46 degrees warmest 20th - 90degrees

JULY 6 Saturday 64/6:30am 64/9:30pm

Pleasantly cooler & low humidity. Bright sunshine warm. Pleasant work day - clear evng cool. Scattered fluffy clouds

I finished & sent letter to Mariam. 33rd birthday card to Gayer for 8th. Card to Debbie Gers & we took ride around Bushkill road & up hill & visited Otto & Mina

Guenthner now livable new home on 4 1/0 acres bought from Ollie's property above road along Schoolhouse Hill. This pm I got limbered up & roto tilled in garden & hilled up potatoes. We had delicious potato soup supper. The local fire siren sounded 9:35 also this am. Sponsored by the Olive GOP Club a dance with refreshments held at the town pavilion. Senior Citizens admitted free. My Dear Mother's birthday 1868.

JULY 7 Sunday 56/6am 72/9pm
Cloudless - serene typical July weather. Temp up to 90 degrees. Warm calm evng. We had morning calls by Trooper Johnny Schatzel Glen Marlatt, Bill & Steve VanLeuvan - wanted cedar posts. This pm Harlowe McLean brot Sunday News Freeman & Margaretville times. Later we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer & guests. We had delicious supper A&P beans & franks hot rolls & cake. We went to bed 9:15

JULY 8 Monday 70/6am 68/10pm
Hazy sunny, breezy brightened pm & cloudless still evng. Drying hot but no very humid.
I hoed beans, sweet corn and this pm planted 10 more hills Kentucky Wonder in toilet patch -have about 45 hills.
This pm had group of 10 teacher callers from Ashokan Campus. Sat in front of porch. Asked me reservoir questions. We had usual good supper. I sat on porch & wrote to Julie Rhoades sending with birthday card for 11th. This is granddaughter Gaye Vorkirks 33rd. Driller

Pete Kranenberg shot a heavy blast this evng in Ollie's shale quarry.

JULY 9 Tuesday 73/6am 83/10:30pm
Hazily sunny breezy and hot & somewhat humid. Just not fit weather to do outdoor work.
This am we had a call by Marty Warnes, back from a 2000 mile round trip on an unsuccessful fishing jaunt with Central Hudson employee friends from Accord. The weather backward and river low. This pm Harlowe called and we made a trip to Henry Merrihew for eggs. they had a surplus on hand - 8 dz small-med \$200. We also called on Otto & Mina Guenther now vacationing at their livable condition at their new Schoolhouse Hill home. Later I mowed front yard & part south side. We had good hot weather supper. I laid out on porch cot till 10:30. Recd letter from Garrett Mott.

JULY 10 Wednesday 76/6a/ 70/10pm
Hot night. Mostly cloudy breezy followed by am clearing time and cooler. Forecast showers did not develop.
Kate Carr came & hoed out. Paid \$8.00 including wash. Harlowe called am & during pm Mrs. Hope Miller and unmarried older sister Norma. George came after Kate. Power mower disabled - bolt broke in shaft housing. Needs electric drill that George didn't have. We had good macaroni salad supper. I took a nap in big chair & to bed 10 oco. I cleaned up cut hay along drive.

JULY 11 Thursday 56/6am 66/8pm

Brilliant low humidity much cooler northerly wind. Part cloudy with fluffy high floating clouds.

I kept busy with jobs in variety. PM I staked and tied the two rows 23 hills of garden tomatoes. We are in need of rain, garden crust dry. Belle Wood called, brot Freeman obituaries. Latter pm Ollie & I walked up the road far as Kizirian's. I would like to be mowing yard but mower is conked.

The following is a newspaper article found in diary this date:

STANDARD TIME AGAIN?

The U.S. Department of Transportation has recommended to Congress that the nation revert to standard time from the last Sunday in October 1974 through the last Sunday in February 1975. This will establish Daylight Saving Time for eight months of the year. The department felt that wintertime Daylight Saving begun in January this year did not indicate enough savings in energy consumption to form a valid test and it created many problems with morning darkness.

JULY 12 Friday 56/6am

62/9pm

Brilliant - partly cloudy. Low humidity wonderful haying weather. Northerly wind from reservoir. Calm - cloudless cool evng.

I worked in garden weeding & thinning carrots, parsnips & beets. Geo & Kate Carr & Brenda Carr called after work. We then had unexpected call by Billy Harrison with his crippled 12 year old daughter Debbie. We had good but late supper.

Recd letter from Mariam also Ann Hughes. Also an invitation to attend Reggie & Elsie Davis 50th wedding anniversary Sun. pm August 4th at Olivebridge fire hall.

JULY 13 Saturday 56/6am 72/8pm

Ideal summer weather. A warm spotted day little wind - became humid.

Harlowe Ollie & I had both ways transportation to the Kingston Lion's Club picnic for blind & physically afflicted held this pm at Forcyth Park, Kingston. Over 100 attended also children. Abundant refreshments serviced at the tables. Salads pickles franks hamburgers beer soda potato chips ice cream cookies. Later Ollie & I called on the Rexers & visitors Herbie, Elsie & Gertie Hiner spent the weekend on trip to Vermont. We needed no supper & went to bed early.

JULY 14 Sunday 68/6am 74/9pm

Hot calm & hazily sunny. PM shade 90. Kitchen sun past temp 98. Temp cooled down to 80 at 8pm
Last nite I went to bed 8:30 - at 10 had a miserable low belly ache during the night till 7am. I made 7 hurried visits to the potty chair. Only had coffee slice of toast for breakfast - staid in bed till 2pm tuned on Kingston WGHQ sermon programs & news. I wrote reply letters to Ann & Billy Hughes, Mariam. Late pm Harlowe brot Sunday Freeman & NY news. Ollie asked him to stay for delicious Lenten soup, jello supper. This is Harlowe's 81st birthday. Ollie will have him for a birthday supper.

JULY 15 Monday 70/6:30am 74/8:30pm

Along rising flashing crashing electrical storm late evng worked around down over the upper east side.

Especially severe in West Hurley area. During night we had 3/10 in needed rain. Garden growth responded like Magic. The day was part cloudy warm and humid.

Latter pm showers went around north. Harlowe called mid-day. I worked in garden. Dug up fertilizer and set out 58 cabbage plants, sowed turnips in potatoes & sweet corn & planted row wax and green beans. Deer got in garden last nite & maybe switch wasn't on. We had delicious supper boiled spuds spiced beans rhubarb & a delicious pink trout Marty Warnes gave us.

JULY 16 Tuesday 62/6am 66/9pm

Partly cloudy hazy with northerly wind, pleasantly cool and low humidity - atmosphere brightened - still cloudless evng

Noon time Harlowe took Ollie & I up to Boiceville hardware with my power mower- conked a week.

George Carr replaced broken cutter blade bolt. This pm evng I did a big job mowed the big yards & around garden & have only old chicken yard area to finish. Also this pm had unexpected call by Carol Davis and Ed & Annie Bence and Florence Lounsberry of Kingston. We visited on front porch. Ollie & I had usual good supper & to bed at dark.

JULY 17 Wednesday 54/6am 66/9pm

Magnificent cool bright sunny day with breeze and low humidity. A few high floating clouds. Gradually

became all overcast latter pm & still.

I finished the north end mowing am. 11:30 we got surprised front porch visit by Al & Ester Pact and brother Fred Ronk of Walden. Harlowe also came & visited with them. I loaned him my power mower. Latter pm Otto Guentner came & invited us to a house warming tomorrow late pm, also Harlowe. This pm I re tied & staked _____ patch tomatoes & in front of barn. We had usual excellent supper & after sat on front porch till dark bed time. Dizzy Dean 63 nationally known former member of the old St. Louis National Leagues baseball died of cancer in Nevada Hosp.

JULY 18 Thursday 64/6am 78/8pm

Cloudy still chilly am. Hazily sunny pm warmer and humid 80/8pm thunder rumbled around long - light sprinkles.

I watered cabbage - re set few tomato plants. PM we attended with Harlowe Senior citizen meeting. Refreshments served. Missing were the Pres. Ed Gille and wife Mrs. Frances Gille in Benedictine Hosp. He had misfortune to fall walking in corridor required 22 stitches in his head. 5 oco Otto Guentner picked Ollie & I up & we had delicious house warming supper with them. Recd inquiry letter from Norman Steuder & answered today. I'm writing book on Camp Woodland.

JULY 19 Friday 70/7am 68/8:30pm

Gusty southerly wind with thunder grumbling and lightning flashing all night. We didn't get much rain. Hazily sunny hot and humid. Breezy shifting northerly.

A blustery shower passed around east side during pm - then calmed.

I didn't rest good - hickory tree scraping along edge of bay window roof - like a bull _____ was annoying. Too hot to work. Had noon day nap - PM started writing cards to Mariam & Bo for 37th wedding anniv. July 24 - her 60th birthday July 28 - his Aug 13? We walked up to Kizirians & reported our fone out. We had delicious supper & went to bed early.

JULY 20 Saturday 56/6am 66/8:30pm

Brilliant atmosphere with developing high and thickened overcast. Fresh chill northerly wind, quieted at evng. A day for me with but little accomplishment. This pm I re sprouted the down celler potatoes. Harlowe only called today - bringing papers. Later we went over to Herbie & Elsie Rexers. Glen Marlatt came & left the cutter to start haying tomorrow. We had delicious hot potato stew supper & went to bed before dark. This date 1938 I lost my little finger and partly crippled the adjoining next two in the hay pulley atop the hay packed ___ and hay mow. Also July 20th 1919 I was baptized by the J.R.Vaughn in the Olive Shokan Baptist church. Also was my wife Daisy at the preceding Sunday evng service.

JULY 21 Sunday 52/6am 8:30 temp 66

A brilliant pleasant temperatured day with intervening periods of bright sunshine and cloudy shadows - little wind.

The Marlatt-VanLeuven hay cutter worked hit & miss till near dark. Sloppy mowing my Dad would say. Our only callers were Harlowe pm who brot Sunday Freeman & NY news. We had delicious vegetable & meat stew supper. We went to bed early. I wrote Mrs. Currier in reply and belated birthday card letter to Chas. North in Albany Vet Hosp. His date June 23rd.

JULY 22 Monday 54/6:30am 60/9:30pm
Partly cloudy - much like yesterday, calm. Warmer more humid - clear cool evng.

A quiet day _____. I did a little garden rot tilling am for late bean planting. The haymaker - Bill VanLeuven & Glen Marlatt were here pm but nothing done hay wise. Ollie & I went over to Rexers latter pm. We had supper late, but good supper. Kraut, potatoes & meat. We went to bed before ten. Bob Adsit brot tank gas pm \$17.85 paid with .85cent tax. Last tank delivered March 31st.

JULY 23 Tuesday 58/7am 70/8pm
Moderating. Hazily overcast with blanketing cloudiness. PM Chilly damp evng but didn't rain.
Harlowe Ollie & I attend the near noontime burial service with regal layout of Laurence Winchell 74 of Lake Katrine in Tongore Cemetery - expensive polished casket and engraved vault. We went early and saw the vault lowered in the grave by truck & driver with power equipment. Beautiful floral pieces. The commitment was by the Rev. Norman Blasat, pastor Kingston 1st Baptist Church of which the deceased was a member.

We talked with his wife Frances Eckert & family. Latter pm we walked up to corner. Jacky Brook nearby dry. We had good supper & first green beans. The 45th Annual All Star game played tonite in Pittsburg won again by the National League 7-2. The capacity crowd 50,235 was a bonanza to Pittsburg business.

JULY 24 Wednesday 62/6:30am 58/8pm
Heavily clouded & we had a wetting of early rain - chilly atmosphere - a generally easy soaking all day rain & evng - 1/2" tonite. Today is Mariam & Bob Longyear's 37th anniversary of their wedding at the 1st Congregational Church in Brooklyn. They spent their wedding night here at her home, left that day Sunday on their wedding trip. I've set 20 or so cabbage plants this am. Kate Carr came and hoed am & cut my hair. Recd letters from Gaye Vorkirk & Mrs. Currier - we heard the All Star game on WTIC Hartford. The broadcast wasn't very interesting & I dozed off several times. George came for Kate & they had delicious pea soup supper. The garden is rejoicing. Lawn greening. We went to bed before dark. I wrote reply cards to Mrs. Currier & Gaye.

JULY 25 Thursday 58/7am 66/8pm
Unsettled mostly cloudy still - cool - occasional sunshine hazy. Ollie not feeling good and it was just a pattering around ay for me - lonesome. Harlowe called am & brot Tues & Wed Freeman. We didn't take usual walk, but had good supper. Had first Buckin Squash boiled potatoes, fish

and rhubarb. The major league seasons resumed after the 2 day lay off for Tues nite "All Star" game.

JULY 26 Friday 68/6:30am 68/8pm

Some hazy sunshine till early pm otherwise overcast still - pleasant & cool - no rain.

Harlowe McLean took Ollie & I to Stone Ridge where she made a noon office call at Dr. Toco's, now \$7.00 paid. She has poor circulation but blood pressure good. We stopped at Olivebridge store & PO coming back. My dear old Dad's birthday. Chase West Davis - 1859 - died Jan 23, 1934. Latter pm we called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer. We had usual delicious supper boiled spuds green beans mackerel & flour gravy. We went to bed 8pm

JULY 27 Saturday 64/6am 72/8pm

Foggy murky filtered sunshine little wind. Warm & humid but thermometer only in mid 70s We had thunder shower and nice welcome rain in night.

The Marlatt, VanLeuven haymakers did a big job raking the hay in winnows. I did a few odd jobs but little accomplished. Harlowe brot paper this am. We had delicious supper beet greens salad, potatoes & rhubarb. Ann Tennant called pm & visited awhile on front porch. We went to bed before dark.

JULY 28 Sunday 64/6am 73/8pm

Very warm humid & murky. Some hazy sunshine. The pm became thunder showery around south. We had

sharp cracks but didn't rain only a sprinkle. Showers continued off south evng.

The haymaker group tried hard but the baler didn't work. Bro Rudolph Prasky called am. Late pm Harlowe brought Sunday papers, Freeman & Sunday News, staid for supper. Mashed taters, baked turkey legs & brown gravy, B___ squash & cranberries. We went to bed early, 9 oco. Bruce Burgher, Ollie's nephew from Town of Ulster called pm. Today is George & Kate Carr's birthday. Also My Honey Girl Mariam 60th. As Herbie & Elsie Rexer and guests from NYC - a total of six sat on the open concrete porch with iron railings and not raining they were terrified but not injured as a bolt of lightning apparently struck & grounded in the artesian well in corner of house only a few feet distant. Pump put out of commission only & the electric lights not affected.

JULY 29 Monday 63/6am 72/8pm

Some hazy morning sunshine otherwise gloomy and thunder showery pm and evng. We got some nice rain but not heavy. A lazy day for me.

Harlowe called pm also Elsie Rexer & we visited on front porch. We heard from her of the frightful experience yesterday when a random bolt of lightning struck their underground artesian well pump just outside the corner of the house. Glen Marlatt & assistant worked on the baler this pm in the rain. We had usual good supper turkey leg & gravy potatoes and carrots. We welcomed the easy showers.

3 children 2 girls and a boy were seriously - 1 critically when the bicycle they were riding became out of control

on Dry Brook Hill & crashed in the Miller barn at the bottom.

JULY 30 Tuesday 66/6:30am 58/8pm

For a change the weather was generally sunny & warm a cooler time developed at evening. Clear - 1st view of present phase of moon - nearly full.

We went with Harlowe to Kingston & 10am made a variety of shopping and financial errands. Ollie & I took time to thoroughly my safe box no.131 thoroughly at Bankers Trust Co. Ollie changed drug orders from United Pharmacy to time Honored Dedrich's on Wall Street. I made last 6 mo paymt on insurance on the Plymouth at St. Johns Agency \$29.30 to Jan 16th - 75. I renewed an _____ 6% certificate at Hudson Valley S&L Assn. for 4 yrs @ 7 ½ % int. We came back via way of Woodstock & bought over \$42 included was case of 48 cans evaporated milk 12.00 & 2 cans A&P ale @ 1.00 per case. Later Ollie & I called on Rexers. Also had good supper. Glen Marlatt Bill VanLeuvan turned the wet hay. We went to bed early. 2 years ago this pm I fell on cement floor in barn and broke left hip, taken by ambulance to Benedictine Hosp.

JULY 31 Wednesday 57/6am 70/8pm

Unsettled weather. Variable cloudiness & warm humid sunshine Day wind northerly - clear still cool evng. I kept partly busy. Hoed out weeds in Kentucky Wonder Beans. Cultivated & hoed late cabbage. Cleaned up pink rose bush in front of porch - we went over to Rexers. He is having a complete new pump with electric connections

& plastic pipe installed. Depth of well 150 ft installation 130 feet. Harlowe came with Tues & Wed Freeman also Kate & George Carr after work. We went to bed 9 oco. 70 years ago yesterday Will Jones & I went after huckleberries on Canape Mtn. We left the horses Barney & Dan with high wheel seated wagon in the old Watson barn. I think we got about 40 quarts. The day was hot and sunny. 2 years ago this am Dr. Tannan operated on my smashed hip.

AUGUST 1 Thursday 56/6am 68/9pm
Warm and quite humid. Breezy pm. Variable overcast & sunshine - nice haying day. A pleasant mid summer day. Gorgeous golden almost full moon evng. I did some hand cultivating in garden pm we had front porch visit by brother and Mrs. Gus Hees summering in Traver Hollow. Harlowe called & brot mower back but I couldn't get it started. The hay maker came after work but the baler wouldn't work.

The following shares of E.S.B. Inc owned by me sold thru 1st Albany Corp. of Kingston thru Lowell S. Brook__

\$41 ½ No SB 2780 dated 8/18/57
PGO 18288 - 1 share Dated 1-10-57
PGO 3819 - 6 shares dated 12/18/56
PGO 28952 16 shares dated 10-15-63
NGO - 4201 25 shares dated 3-5-56
Total 96 shares 48(SD1780) 5-18-67

AUGUST 2 Friday 60/6:30am 78/9pm

Some weak sunshine otherwise cloudy and rain threatened. Seasonably warm. Moon clouded out. Harlowe McLean Ollie & I attended the Olive Senior Citizen picnic Dutch Treat held at the Town Grove Pavilion. About 75 enjoyed the festivity. Coffee and cake was provided. I sent my 96 shares Electric Storage Battery stock First Albany Cp. Of Kingston sold at 41 ½. We came home early 2 oco. Later Carole Davis and 3 children called for front porch visit. Also trooper Johnny Schetzel. After, we walked over to Rexers. They have their new well equipment installed and working. We had light supper. Late pm the hay makers baled & hauled a truck load of hay. I wouldn't want it in our barn.

AUGUST 3 Saturday 72/7am 72/8:30pm
Unsettled, weather warm and humid with intermittent periods of sunshine & shadows with accompanying breeze. Shower held off till late pm. The full moon clouded out. It proved good haying weather. The haymakers worked with the hay but only hauled one & more truck load. We three attended the featured Olive Democrat Club field day at the town park. The main feature were the frog jumping contest, a delight to youngsters. Also the ox pull with 12 teams from Conn. and two from the Ashokan Campus. After coming home we went over to Rexers with a letter for them. We had good supper & went to bed early.

AUGUST 4 Sunday 73 68/8pm
Unsettled overcast breezy thunder rumbling weather but little rain. We got a welcome refreshing before dark

High Point shower.

Our principal activity was attending with Harlowe McLean Reggie and Elsie Davis 50 wedding anniversary attended by about 120 held this pm at Olivebridge fire hall. Champagne flowed freely and the buffet menu superb. We donated ten dollars to the money tree gifts. We needed no supper, just each a bottle of ale. Glen Marlatt rolled over the remaining hay. I wrote Julia Rhoades with ox pull brochure.

AUGUST 5 Monday 63/6am 66/9pm

Mostly cloudy & pleasant temperature. Mostly overcast evng. Still & real cool.

Not much accomplished personally. This pm Buddy Eckert came & got the mower working. He also checked on the car brakes - but didn't have proper tools to remove the left rear burned up nut ___ of drive shaft.

AUGUST 6 Tuesday 56/6am 66/8pm

Mostly overcast with hazy sunshine. Pleasant temperature. Calm - the olding moon shown softly last night.

We had an unexpected & welcome late am visit by my adorable hospital nurse 2 year ago - 21 year old Nov 20th now Mrs. Debbie Robbins Gers & 6 mo old baby daughter, Daria Joan of Spafford New Hampshire. Her parents Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins live on Pine St West Hurley. The baby is adorable. I did a big left leg aching job mowing the yard (except the old chicken yard part) and around the garden electric fence. Late pm we called on Elsie & Herbie Rexer. We had good supper, stewed

corn green beans and potatoes. We went to bed early. Harlowe got us 8 dz small eggs at Henry Merrihew's \$2.00. Recd letter Ellen Wilfris

AUGUST 7 Wednesday 56/6am 64/8:30pm

Cloudy damp & chilly am. Cleared away pm bright sunny. Cloudless chilly still evg.

Kate Carr came & hoed out & gave me a hair cut. We cleaned out the lower right side of pantry closet. Some assortment. Found a box of the girls crayons - and 3 of Mother's teenage social cards with her name Matie Crispell. Also rediscovered an Indian round tapered stone pestle used for making corn meal 11 1/2" long 2 1/8" diameter in center. When Mariam was a baby the pestle was put in the end of carriage for balance. It fell out on door stone, broke apart. Mother usta say her brother Tompin plowed it up in our old swamp near a century ago. Pa used the shorter end to crack hickory nuts thus rounding off the edges. Geo & Kate had lentil soup supper with us. The haymaker came after work & baled & drew 2 loads of the wet hay. I hoed the late cabbage.

AUGUST 8 Thursday 46/6am 72/8:30PM

The weather was generally bright warm and sunny with partial overcast developing late.

Recd from First Albany Corporation net from sale of 96 shares of ESB. Aug 1st check of \$3,916.67 at \$41 1/2 per share - less brokerage? Kept busy with odd

jobs as working in garden. During pm went over to Elsie & Herbie Rexer. The haymaker worked late pm. 9pm

President Richard M. Nixon over Nation wide 16 minute broadcast due to almost certain impeachment by congress, due to the national Watergate Scandal - announced his resignation at noon tomorrow. Vice Pres. Spiro Agnew resigned Oct '73 for income tax evasion & other irregularities - fined & placed on probation. He was succeeded by Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Michigan. Nixon is first U.S. President to resign in office after serving 5 ½ years. Walter Lang retired from the Dept of Water Supply maintenance force after 24 years service. (Congratulations to Walter)

AUGUST 9 Friday 61/6am 66/9:30pm

Overcast still - a few sprinkles of pm rain. Had 7pm shower & again later. The Midwest drought worst since the dust bowl era with 8 billion crop loss now got heavy rain. _____ a rainy dark nite.

This am Harlowe Mclean Ollie & I called on Ed Gille, Olive Senior Citizens and his wife Frances on Lower Ashokan Mtn road. We took them vegetables, dozen eggs. First we went to the Shokan Natl Bank where I deposited my \$3,916.67 check. On the way home we heard on car radio Kingston WKNY of the swearing in Presidential oath for Vice Pres Gerald R. Ford by supreme court justice Warren Burger - chief and his impressive acceptance speech following. Pres Ford has served as Vice Pres since Dec 6th 1973. He was designated by Pres. Nixon, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew in Oct. Jim Burgraff & Harlowe called latter pm. The haymakers worked late pm but got rained out. The Ulster County Fair being held in New Paltz on

Co. farm. We had delicious supper mashed taters
sausage & gravy green beans and beets. Wrote Debbie
Gere tonite with Woodstock Times & ox pull program.
Seymour of Ashokan, Betsy VanDe_____ both in hosp -
he heart attack last nite & she with stroke.

AUGUST 10 Saturday 60/7am 64/9pm
Pleasant sunny cleared atmosphere after last evng rain
breezy low humidity. Mostly clobbered over evng fully.
This am we had a surprise visit by Harry Jordon 75, of
Roxbury. He works everyday at feed mill. Wife jean
office mgr. in creamery. I haven't seen Harry in so long
I didn't know him. The new President Gerald R. Ford,
promises his aim in government is Truth Plan and
Prosperity. A 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. Recd
letter from Joe & Jan Panzerella of N. Pitcher. They
have good garden and broom making business. Harlowe
called & brot Albany Times. We walked over to corner
pm. Jacky Brook is dry. The haymakers cleaned up the
hay and did a real clean job. We had delicious supper,
mashed spuds new carrots that I thinned out row, flour
gravy with mixed sausage, green beans. Also had evng
call by Ann Carpino & vivacious son Clarke. I sent
mountain Times & ox pull program with letter to Debbie
Gere.

AUGUST 11 Sunday 60/7am 60/9pm
A cloudless brilliant heavenly perfect serene day. The
evening air is tinged with autumn.
This am we had calls by Harlowe with NY Sunday
Times (.90cents paid by me) Sunday News and

Freeman. Am caller (other) were Billy Harrison and Carole and Charlie Davis. This pm we called on Bro Vahan Kizirian - Rexers were gone home after 3 weeks vacation. We had good supper green beans boiled potatoes Bushini squash. I'm writing to Mariam. We went to bed at dark.

AUGUST 12 Monday 52/6am 64/8pm

Another gorgeous calm sunny day with thin high overcast warm dry humidity.

Ollie & I made a Kingston trip with Buddy Eckert. We went out to Montgomery Ward & I bought a AM/FM radio, price with tax \$20.94. Also shopped A&P \$32.50 & at Penneys. Deposited \$3500 on __ Savings acct at Ulster Savings Bank. We got home via Hurley Mtn Route around 4 oco. We both were tired as well as Buddy. Ann Eckert gave me \$33.00 check for fire & comprehensive ins. Due 9/30. Recd letter Mrs. Currier. The Atlanta NY Braves defeated the Chicago White Sox AL in annual big league exhibition at the Cooperstown memorial Doubleday field in Cooperstown.

AUGUST 13 Tuesday 56/6am 72/8pm

Warm calm and rather hazily sunny with partial overcast.

Via transportation of Ann Tennant Ollie and I attended the Senior Citizen 75th birthday lawn party for President Edward Gille at their home on Ashokan Mtn. Road. Attendance between 60 & 70 about like a regular meeting. The club provided coffee and cake. Otherwise lunches was a Dutch treat. A birthday collection was taken. We included a \$5 check with birthday card. We

presented Harlowe's card with \$2 gift (we missed him)
He is spending the week with his nephew Gordon N____
in Middleburg VT. They came for him yesterday -
coming back we stopped at the town office & saw
Supervisor Ollie Crawford. Recd letter Julia Rhoades.

AUGUST 14 Wednesday 68/7ma 66/10pm
Distant lightning in night. Elmira, NY was hit by a
severe electrical sound & flooding storm - Kingston
radio reported.

Another heavenly day. Warm dry air northerly breeze.
Sunny with some high thin overcast. Clear cool evng.
We went with Ann Tennant to an afternoon social
political gathering (about 35) attended held at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scanlon. The purpose of the meeting
was to meet Franklin B. Resseg____ a Mason from
Broome co. A candidate for _____ 27th Congregation
Dist. We had a 9pm call from Gordon Najar of
Middleburg VT that enroute home Monday Harlowe
McLean became ill with severe pain with kidney
infection & took him directly to the hospital.
Had 104 temp. We had good beans potato & gravy
supper.

AUGUST 15 Thursday 56/6am 65/9pm
Another heavenly gorgeous day. Bright sunshine warm
dry atmosphere variable high fair weather clouds.
Cloudless cool evng. Not
much accomplished. Carol Davis came at noon and took
Ollie & I up to check on her freezer. Drove down in to
the shale quarry. The Town is using a considerable

quantity of shale. We also went over to Harlowe's house - up to Carole & Charlie's home on Bushkill road then up to see Al Higley at his butcher store. Later gathered up the cut hay by the apple trees & wheeled to the barn. Sent get well card and note to Harlowe. Also reply car to Julia Rhoades. We had a delicious supper - salad beans spuds sausage & gravy.

AUGUST 16 Friday 54/6am 69/8pm

Partly cloudy - dry air. Northerly breeze. Cloudless still humid evening.

A do little day. Picked first mess of Kentucky Wonder beans we enjoyed for supper along with mashed potatoes, browned chicken and gravy - doctored up butternut squash. I sat out on porch pm & wrote letter to Willie & Ann Hughes. I was out on porch awhile evng. My new Ward radio works excellent.

AUGUST 17 Saturday 68/7am 66/9:30pm

Reservoir and mountain fogged out followed by brief showers. This pm thunder showers brought a most refreshing 3 hour rain that stopped latter pm as the flashing rolling thunder passed in the distance. No callers & we miss Harlowe. He called up this evng from Gordon Najar's in Middleburg, Vermont. He came out of the hospital today & feels good and won't get home till the weekend as Mr. Najar has to work. After the rain stopped we visited Herbie and Elsie Rexer were welcomed. He brot us home. We had usual good supper, delicious green beans French fried potatoes & cold slaw. I picked & snipped the beans. I got to bed

9:30. I started letter to Mariam. I sent Margaretville News - letter to Harlowe.

AUGUST 18 Sunday 62/7am 62/9pm

Hazy humid am. Clearing trend developed pm.

Cloudless cool still evng.

Foggy - hazy this am. The pm sunny east side gorgeous.

The rain I'd say was an inch & all vegetation especially the late cabbage is noticeably refreshed. A quiet day.

We miss Harlowe. We called on Rexers pm & gave them mess of our first dug potatoes. We had delicious supper beans mashed potatoes & chicken and gravy. We had an unexpected evening call by daughter Cornelia, the former Eleanor Carey, now Mrs. Chas. Weiland, retired Army Major and their adopted 22 year daughter, Carolyn from Germany. 2 years ago today I came home by Doctor's Ambulance from the Benedictine Hospital. Broke my left hip.

AUGUST 19 Monday 54/6am 69/9pm

Serene warm and humid. Showery looking overcast clouds developed pm but faired away at evening.

This pm I got myself together, mixed paint and re painted the milk house. Last done 1970. Took about 3 hours. We had elegant supper - boiled potatoes, butternut squash & fish with fried onions. I sent air letter to Mariam. Carol Davis called am. I gave her a large butternut squash.

AUGUST 20 Tuesday 60/6am 70/9pm

Generally sunny but not so bright as yesterday or quite so warm. Considerate high hazy overcast.

My days job was re painting the chicken house except the east side which was recovered with roofing in 1962. We had a surprise call at evng by Mrs. Pear Bond widowed who was my Census Supervisor in 1960. She was accompanied by her son and wife Mr & Mrs John Bond and her employer Don Berbert, all of Saugerties. First I've seen Mrs. Bond since I finished Census spring 1960. President Gerald R. Ford nominated the 15 year retired Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller for his Vice President. We had late supper potatoes Kentucky Wonder beans.

AUGUST 21 Wednesday 61/6am 90 degree
day 70/8:30pm

Few clouds southerly day wind. Hazily sunny. Golden new moon over South Hollow - lovely evng. Kate Carr hoed out - cleaned refrigerator & gave me a hair trim - with wash \$8.00 paid. I finished painting inside window of chicken house, 2nd coat on west end. Painted second coat on west side of milk house. Started painting on south side of barn. George came for Kate after work. We had usual delicious supper boiled spuds squash with Kentucky Wonder beans. Bro Vahan Kiziran called after supper. Recd letter from Harlowe McLean. He will be home Saturday from Middleburg, Vermont. I sent him card.

AUGUST 22 Thursday 58/6am 70/8:30pm

Warm humid with variable periods of overcast.

Ollie & I went with Ann Tennant to the Senior Citizen roast beef dinner party held at the SR Home in Cottekill. The menu was plentiful and delicious. 91 served. This am & after coming home I did considerable painting on south side of barn. Carole Davis called early evening and we sat on front porch. We saw a doe deer with 2 large fawns pasturing below the garden. I wrote card to Harlowe.

AUGUST 23 Friday 66/7am

Rain started falling in late night and continued most of forenoon. A truly refreshing rain, water puddles indicate the fall was over an inch. Warm, humid earth gradual breaking away trend during pm. Thunder shower during evng.

Other than resting in bed am during pm I got another higher strip painted on south side of barn. Daughter Cornelia who with her husband have been spending the week with their camp trailer in the Bishop private park - called pm before leaving for home. Prof Carl Davis gave a piano concert tonight with 2 other musicians at the Olive Library.

AUGUST 24 Saturday 63/7am 68/8pm

A typical dog days weather. Lowery humid occasional brief patches of sunshine. Still. Cleared cooler evng.

I got in several hours painting south side of barn. Latter pm we went over to Rexers but they had gone out.

Harlowe Mclean came back with his nephew Gordon Najar from his trip to Vermont. Before supper I hoed the

late cabbage. We had delicious supper first ripe tomato
Kentucky Wonder beans boiled potatoes cut up onion -
tune fish. After supper I was out on porch awhile.

AUGUST 25 Sunday 56/6am 64/8:30pm
The day & evng still, mostly overcast, heavy listless
clouds. Pleasant temperature. Cleared fully and bulging
moon shone. A do little day.

Tuned am to Kingston religious programs. Harlowe
made his first visit & came again late pm with Sunday
News and Freeman. But didn't stay for supper. His
illness on trip is plainly visible. This pm we called on the
Rexers and Elsie brot us home. I'm writing Mariam. 2
big does below garden, also another big fawn before
supper. Excellent supper mashed potatoes tuna fish
gravy and Kentucky beans and cut up peaches. We went
to bed by dark.

AUGUST 26 Monday 54/6am 66/8pm
Early sunshine followed by murky overcast and an 2pm
shower. I finished despite re painting the upper south
side of the barn. The outstanding news of the day is
the death due to a malignant tumor the death in Hawaii
of well renowned Chas A Lindberg who in the single
motor plane the *Spirit of St. Louis* flew from New York
to Paris making the first trans Atlantic flight May 13,
1927. Last evng North Front Street Kingston had a
major fire affecting several places of business. Second
in 2 years. First was the complete burning of Yallum's
Wall Street store. Harlowe McLean shared supper with

us. Clams chicken from the Sat. GOP bake brot us by Ann Tennant. Kentucky Wonder beans.

AUGUST 27 Tuesday 70/6:30am 68/8pm
Warm humid lowery only brief patches of sunshine.
Shower, heavy thunder showers went south & around north latter pm evng. We got wonderful rains.

My stint for the day was painting west side siding of garage - last done Aug 1970. Showers presented window painting. Bob Zeko up the hill versatile service mechanic repaired gas oven door springs am \$12 paid. We had delicious vegetable supper mashed potatoes Kentucky Wonder beans and first sweet corn stewed.

AUGUST 28 Wednesday 70/6:30am
68/8pm

Foggy this am. Dismal damp day with occasional sprinkles. Poor tomato ripening weather. I managed to paint the 2 garage windows & door. Early pm we went with Harlowe to Boiceville to hardware store. I got gal white Lucite paint, 6 dry cell batteries bottle Hoppes gum solvent \$11.97. Carole Davis came pm & brot case tawny port wine from Al Higleys \$15.25 paid. We got 2lbs hamburg \$1.98. Gave Carole \$1.00 for Jeffrey's 1 year anniv. We had delicious peach short cake supper. Geo & Kate Carr called after work.

AUGUST 29 Thursday 62/7am 70/8pm
Damp lowery mountain foggy. Squirt of rain in late night. Scarcely a glimpse of sunshine. 4pm shower.

Became dark early - rainy again evng.

This am I picked sweet corn and beans for supper. Also started re painting west side of granary and vertical strip on north side of barn. Finished ahead of shower. Harlowe McLean called am. We had delicious variety supper mashed potatoes, beans stewed sweet corn sliced ripe tomatoes. Recd card from Gaye Vorkink Maine vacationing.

AUGUST 30 Friday 68/7am 64/8:30pm

We got a drenching flashing mid nite thunder shower. Had one sharp close crack. Most dismal low hanging clouds and rain continued till pm. 4 oco the sun broke thru the murk and became a heavenly majestic serene panorama. Later again murked over.

I staid in bed till this pm wrote letters to Barbara Moncure, Clifford Graver and get well card critically ill, Mrs. Anna Minkler in Benedictine Hospital. We had a pleasant walk up to corner. Noted Kelder's dam running over & water in Jacky Brook. We had delicious supper mashed taters corn & beans succotash & sliced tomatoes. Before supper sat out on porch observed a large white breasted bird probably a hawk in top of cedar tree below walk. I took 2 shots with 22 Winchester but it only flipped a wing. Harlowe called pm with Thurs. Freeman, Grit & Margaretville times and Senior Citizens magazine.

AUGUST 31 Saturday 57/7am August rainfall
4 ½" in Olivebridge 72/9pm

Warm and humid. Breezy early pm south westerly. Lowery murky occasional patches of sunshine. Clouds cleared evng and a heavenly majestic golden mellow almost full moon shone. My days work was mowing all around the yards. All pm callers -Ann Carpino & son Clark, Harlowe McLean, Addie Winchell & Mary Palen. We walked over to Rexers with big mess of beans but they were not at home. Otto & Mina Guenthner are up at their new home on another week vacation. With them are their daughter, son-in-law, 8 year old granddaughter. Arthur Davis, 33, oldest son of Mr & Mrs. Wm. Davis 6 sons and Joan Davis of Barbadoes married 2pm at Shandaken ME Church by Rev Osterhoudt Phillips. A reception followed at Boiceville Inn. He is a veteran employed by the State Highway Dept. After the honeymoon they will live in Mt. Tremper. A doe & 2 fawns grazing on second growth below garden 7:30pm
82nd Anniversary of the death of My Grandmother, Sarah A. (Eckert) Crispell aged 59

SEPTEMBER 1 Sunday 68/7am 66/10pm
“September Morn” Quite warm and humid sunny till early pm when gradual gloomy overcast developed. I sat out on porch awhile late pm not a leaf stirring. Rainy evng - thunder off south.
Charlie and Carole Davis and family of three came with their grill and food. Ollie provided franks & cabbage salad and we ate on front porch. Harlowe came with Sunday news and Freeman. Also calling briefly to view the reservoir scenery was Hope Miller and French

school teacher Mrs. Jaqualine Compault of Paris France where she teaches English.

SEPTEMBER 2 Monday 62/7am Labor Day

66/8pm

Cloudy dismal chilly damp but didn't rain. Sun tried to brake thru pm. We attended the Labor Day

picnic with Harlowe - about 50 hardy souls attended .

The Shokan Bug _____ cleared about \$40 with refreshments. Business meeting 2 oco. In charge of Pres Tom Fickus. Invocation by Rev Merton Cady who also spoke briefly. Historian Vera Sickler also spoke on future archives. Secy report read. Bal from last year \$272.33. A collection of \$23 donated to the Ulster Co blood bank. Noted deceased ___973 Fred Haver Rev Ernest Palen Fred Adsit 99 - Lottie Hesley 5WarI vets present Sgt _____ Kiersted, Vahan Kizirian, Ar _____ Be____, Harlowe McLean & Charley Duloft. Tom Fickus re elected Pres, me Secy Treas for 5 years. Ernest Gardener GOP leader of County Legislature spoke in behalf of Supervisor Oliver Crawford.

SEPTEMBER 3 Tuesday 57/6:30am

58/8:30pm

A most dismal chill rainy day started late night.

Continued not heavy all day and evening. A chilling dismal storm

An indoor day. I finished & sent air letter to Mariam and cleaned up my gun collection. Harlowe called pm. Had delicious corn fritter pancake supper with gravy. We went to bed early. Deaths since last year - Rev Ernest

Palen - Lottie Hesley - Mrs. Harriett Boice (Pratt's wife)
Mrs. Lola Kizirian - Raymond Boice - Lawrence
Winchell - Fred Adsit 99 - Supreme Court Justice Lewis
J. Bruyn 66 of Kingston died this pm of cancer.

SEPTEMBER 4 Wednesday 56/6:39am

56/9pm

Chilly still chilly. Cloudy, scarce glimpse of blue sky.
Clearing trend developed tonite.

My days itinerary was this pm cleaning the pig pen and
painting woodshed west end. Kate Carr cleaned today
and re cut my hair. Harlowe called pm brot Albany
papers. I wrote letter to Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins, Nurse
Debbie's parents. Geo came for Kate after work. We
had usual good supper. Schools re opened and the
busses rolled again.

SEPTEMBER 5 Thursday 46/6am 55/9pm

The autumn trend distinct. Cool and heavenly gorgeous.
During pm cloudiness developed & overcast evng. Still
This am I did some patch up painting on end woodshed.
This pm we went with Harlowe to Senior Citizens
meeting. Biggest turnout 90 or more refreshments
served as usual. It was voted to have a covered dish
dinner at the Ashokan meeting Sept 26th. We after went
to Ashokan bank. After getting home Jennie Kerr called.
We walked up road. Called on Hope Miller. Later had
delicious supper boiled potatoes, cut off sweet corn
sliced tomatoes. Went to bed 9 o'clock. I wrote return
reply to Bill & Ann Hughes. Recd letter from Mariam.

SEPTEMBER 6 Friday 52/7am 58/8pm

Hazy unseasonably cool still. Sun looked like in winter pm wading in snow. Dim gloomy weather.

We made late am trip to Woodstock A&P shopping trip with Harlowe McLean \$40.19 paid. Had a nap in soft chair pm & later we walked to top of Larry Kelder's hill.

We had usual excellent variety supper. Recd letter Barbara Moncure & card Lottie Bell Starkowitz. We now have supply early matured cabbage. We had an elegant vegetable supper - new.

Kingston and Ulster Co flags at half most in respect to the memory of Supreme Court Justice Louis Bruyn

SEPTEMBER 7 Saturday 56/7am 64/8pm

Early morning showers started before day break.

Gradually broke away sunny & real warm followed by later pm & evng overcast.

Everything soaking wet am. I sat in bed & wrote card to Lottie Stackowitz & get well card to Sr. Citizen

Abramsen in Benedictine Hosp. He had a stroke. Also tuned to WGHQ broadcast. This pm in the warm sun I painted lower part gable east end barn. Last, Sept. 1970.

Then had call by Bill Harrison. We went over to Rexers but not there. We had excellent variety supper stewed carrots & potatoes tomatoes & _____. Went to bed 8:30

SEPTEMBER 8 Sunday 54/6:30am

A day of variable sunshine and overcast. Still pleasant temperature 70/6pm

President Gerald Ford electrified the nation on the noon Kingston WGHQ news that he has full and completely

pardoned for all his involvement in the World famous Watergate Scandal in high government circles from 1969 to Nixon resignation as President on August . Both are Masons and Shriners. Pres. Ford 33. Harlowe called pm & brot Sunday News & Freeman. Mid pm we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexers before leaving for home.

SEPTEMBER 9 Monday 58/7am 54/8:30pm
Variable hazy overcast and sunshine. Pleasantly warm - chilly evng & calm.

I did a big job scraping the scaled surface on east end of barn and re painting from below the eaves to top of windows & lower part faded but surface good. Painted 3 or 4 years ago. Buddy Eckert called pm to get my feed, paint order from Accord Co op.

SEPTEMBER 10 Tuesday 55/7am 66/8pm
Variably hazy and sunny. Calm stagnated weather. This am I painted east end bam door windows & most of siding when paint ran out. Early pm we went with Harlowe to vote in fall primary election. After we had front porch visit by Mr & Mrs Ed Benn of Kingston and Florence Lounsberry. We had delicious variety supper new potatoes - cut off sweet corn & tomatoes. We went to bed early. I finished & sent air letter to Mariam. Ulster County voters overwhelmingly defeated the proposal to increase the 2 year tenure to 4 years of Ulster Co. Legislators. The Town of Olive margin to defeat was 5 - 1. 595 to 881 County vote was 6 - 1. County vote 992 for - 1612 against.

SEPTEMBER 11 Wednesday 56/7am

64/9pm

Warm humid hazily sunny - calm.

I picked Kentucky Wonder - shell corn beans for supper.

Also did big pm job with Ollie's help pulling the onions & spreading in barn to dry. Have 4 bu wonderful crop.

George and Kate Carr came after work and brot wash.

We had delicious supper. Kentucky Wonder & 1st mess of shell corn beans and tomatoes.

SEPTEMBER 12 Thursday 64/6am 85 shade temp

78/9pm

Warmest nite since July 18

Golden September weather sunny warm and humid.

Breezy pm. Part overcast developed - much warmer

wind. Harlowe, Ollie & I Senior Citizen - had free flu

shots this am at the Olive Library. Sponsored by the

Ulster Co. Dept of Health. I picked corn beans for

supper. Ann Tennant called - gave her beets & carrots.

Harlowe got eggs to Henry Merrihew's. 8 dz pullets

\$3.50 paid. Buddy Eckert brot 3 bags Tasty dairy feed

\$28.50 - 1 gal white house paint \$9.65. 5 gal Red Barn

paint no415 @ \$7.35 -\$36.72 net. I then repainted strip

in part of east side barn siding , _____ at bottom.

We had delicious supper. Hamburg, gravy, tomatoes &

corn beans and green.

SEPTEMBER 13 Friday 72/7am 78/8pm

Sunny breezy - not so humid as yesterday. PM overcast

gradually developed. Heavy thunder shower worked

around north evng - no rain here but came later.

Ollie & I went to Kingston with Buddy Eckert via Hurley & back via 28 - 28A. We went out to Wards & A&P store \$15.50 Ollie had savings Certificate 6% expiring Sept 30 renewed 4 years at 7 ½ % - Int payable quarterly at Ulster Savings Bank. Answered letter recd yesterday from Debbie Gerr, Keene, NH 36 Ellis Court, 03431

SEPTEMBER 14 Saturday 56/7am 61/9pm
Clearing overnight and northerly cooler, southerly wind. Brilliant - cool northerly wind - quieted evng. Did chore routine. This pm Buddy Eckert and Eddie Kahil came put my extension ladder up in east peak of barn. I showed them my gun collection. Later we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer's and she brot us back. We had delicious boiled supper. Later we had a call by Mason Bro Vahan Kizarian, then we went to bed.

SEPTEMBER 15 Sunday 42/6:30am
Real chilly this morning. Part cloudy am - breezy cloudless pm & evng. Ollie & I with Harlowe McLean as guest attended this pm the Colorful Olive Republican Club picnic held at the West Shokan town grove. About 200 present including young people. There was an abundant serving of refreshments, including beer and soft drinks. 2 baskets of cheer were raffled off \$1.00 per chance - admission \$1.50 single and \$3.50 per family. The temperature was on the cool side. Came home 3:30 We called on Rexer's who are staying till early morning. 3 big does, 2

yearling fawns were grazing. _____ _____ below the garden early evng. We ate no supper

SEPTEMBER 16 Monday 52/6am 53/7:30pm
Northerly wind. Variable part cloudiness. Cloudless still chilly evng. Autumn's in the air.

By pushing myself I did a variety of work, Picked beans for supper. Mowed off the high weeds in the potatoes.

Re___ and re painted west side of the old pig house.

Then picked 5 gal pail of shell corn beans, 1 ½ pail of dry. Harlowe came with paper pm. We had delicious variety vegetable supper boiled new potatoes sliced spiced tomatoes and Kentucky Wonder and shell beans. Wrote to Mrs. Calandera at Ulster Savings Bank regarding renewal 4 year 7 ½ % cert. for Ollie. We went to bed early.

SEPTEMBER 17 Tuesday 44/6:30am
58/8pm

Chilly early warming with southwesterly winds, gradually increasing showery looking clouds with breaks of warm sunshine, that was followed by a dashing latter pm High Point thunder shower. Still evng - a few stars showed dim

My days work was picking a bushel of tomatoes and picking & pulling corn bean vines. Ollie & I shelled asst. & processed the shell beans for freezing. No callers today, unusual.

SEPTEMBER 18 Wednesday 56/6am
56/9pm

Cloudy damp gloomy - still. Scarcely a ray of sunshine.

Kate Carr came today, cleaned up, gave me a hair trim, helped me dig some potatoes and canned 21 qt jars of tomatoes with Ollie's help. We gave her tomatoes, carrots, etc. I did some garden work along with digging tomatoes. George came for her and both stayed for supper. I wrote card Mrs. Currier. We saw flock of what George counted 13 deer below the garden, and among them 2 bucks. I was unable to be certain of 12 or 13 - or identify bucks. While digging potatoes I twenty twoed a 7lb woodchuck below garden rock. First chuck I've shot in many years.

SEPTEMBER 19 Thursday 56/6am

62/8PM

Murky damp foggy till mid pm when the sun broke am & was warm and humid. Murky chilly evng.

Ollie & I with Harlowe McLean attended the pm Senior Citizen meeting and refreshments at the Ashokan Hall.

Around 70 present. This am I roto tilled the thickly weedy onion patch & later pm I dug some potatoes, very poor yield. Scarcely getting the seed in return - also picked beans in variety and pulled the vines. We had a delicious woodchuck supper with new potatoes corn beans and savory cut up tomatoes with vinegar & chopped onions. I recd letter from Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins of West Hurley & answered tonight.

SEPTEMBER 20 Friday 69/6:30am

64/8pm

Hazy lowery occasional sunshine warm and humid.
Brief shower latter pm rumbled around north.
Sent get well card and note to Mrs. Carrie Krum in
Benedictine Hosp. lump in throat surgery. My day's job
was to finish digging the potatoes & carried down cellar.
A light crop not more than 5 bu all sized. Very few
rotten. Picked up near ½ bu of fallen small late peaches.
The potato crop scarcely covers cost of seed and
fertilizer used. We took
Walk up to corner got caught in rain. Mr. Kizirian
kindly brot us home. No callers. Have big crop of
Butternut and Acorn squash. We had a delicious supper
woodchuck cut up in gravy, new potatoes green beans &
sliced peaches.

SEPTEMBER 21 Saturday 62/6am 54/8:30pm
Raining this morning and continued most of day with
brief let up - finished with breezy thunder shower a
dreary day. Breaking away tonite back of Bushkill.

I had morning coffee and
breakfast in bed and sat and wrote reply letter to Clifford
Grover (his came today) among other mail. Still adding
more to his tonite. Harlowe came pm brot Freeman, Grit
and Margaretville News. We walked over to Rexers mid
pm took bag of treats, but they were not up. I picked
more fallen late peaches have over ½ bu. We had
delicious supper - creamed taters soft shell & green
beans & juicy tomatoes and sliced peaches.

SEPTEMBER 22 Sunday 48/7am 52/8pm

Cloudless brilliant am gradual developing overcast around north, wind northerly noticeably chilly. Became cloudless evng with flowing ½ moon over High Point.

We had 2 calls by Billy Harrison and Bill Yager. They were collecting hemlock for the Jewish New Year celebration Thursday. Also Addie Winchell, Orrie Lyons and Harlowe McLean called pm. We gave Addie garden stuff & peaches. Harlowe brot Sunday Freeman. Seemed rather a lonesome day with Autumn in the air. We had excellent boiled supper. Mr. Kizirian called. This pm I picked up ½ pail peaches - must have 3 peck or more.

SEPTEMBER 23 Monday 42/6:30am

38/9:30pm

Cloudless this morning followed by partial high cloudiness. Brisk northerly wind. Quieted cloudless glowing just over ½ moon over High Point. Really finger chilling weather.

With frost forecast I put in a busy schedule. I picked bushel of wonderful Kentucky beans, pulled vines & poles stacked for winter. Also picked tinted tomatoes partially covered the garden vines. Picked up more peaches. Ollie froze some peaches, and processed Kentucky beans for freezing. We had usual good variety supper mixed green & shell beans, new potatoes & tomatoes.

SEPTEMBER 24 Tuesday 32/6:30am First Frost a Killer 40/8pm

Bishop's field white with icy frost. No ice on barn tub. All vegetation is blighted. Ollie's beautiful red dahlia and the jungle growth of pumpkin vines on manure pile blackened. Practically cloudless frosty cool & southerly wind. Cloudless still glowing moon. I did a big garden clean up. Gathered the squashes in heap and covered them with bean vines. Finished picking & pulling the 4 rows of bush limas. Have a bu or more, finished picking and pulling beans & stacks the 2 _____. The freeze with temp only 32 unusual. Last year much warmer - no white frost till Oct.22. Lowest temp till 17th of Nov. last year was 32.

SEPTEMBER 25 Wednesday 45/6:30am

53/9pm

Cloudy gloomy - south wind am. Intermittent light brief shower. Light rain evng - later moon showed thru. Just a brief break of mid pm sunshine. Moderating.

Between squirts I gathered the squashes - stored part upstairs. The rest put out in barn temporarily. Geo & Kate came later after work, so Ollie & I had a real late supper - green beans, potatoes, tomatoes and peaches, delicious. Got to bed after 9, Ollie & Curry earlier.

SEPTEMBER 26 Thursday 44/6am

50/8:30pm

Dismal chilly am & early pm occasional sprinkle.

Cleared beautifully pm cloudless serene. Bright bulging moon tonite

We went with Harlowe pm to Senior Citizens covered dish variety buffet luncheon - around 75-80 attended.

Ham & cold cuts tea & coffee furnished by club.
Coming back by Boiceville I paid my Onteora school tax \$354.51 for both places. Home, Jacky-Brook Farm assessment \$1200 - 272.37. Hinckley Place - Ann Eckert val.456 - tax 102.19. Ollie's property val 480 - \$108.75. I got case Tawny Port at Al Higley's \$15.00 paid. After getting home I missed my lower teeth. Harlowe took us back to the Legion Hall & Ed Gills found them in garbage bag picked up in napkin by the lady who cleaned our table. Later I got the mower going & did big job cutting front & south side yard. We did not eat supper. Harlowe attended the IOOF Pinochle Club dinner at Saxon Hill House.

SEPTEMBER 27 Friday 48/7am 63/8:30pm
Practically cloudless day and evening. Calm serene - pleasantly warmer. Heavy morning dew.
I finished the yard mowing - a big job. Roto tilled in upper side of garden where bush limas were picked. Also cut up a mess of Kentucky Wonder beans to cook. Harlowe brot Albany paper. Bob Wenzel called am & I gave him vegetables to take home to NJ. We had usual tip top supper mashed potatoes lima beans ham & egg omelet tomatoes. Tired & all to bed by 8:30

SEPTEMBER 28 Saturday 62/7am 64/9pm
Dismal foggy chill generally rainy day, few brief glimpses of dim sunshine this morning. Light rain evng. Ollie made 2 peach pies. Reggie Elsie Davis came noon time taking town dog census same as last year or two. Pays .50 cent head - last year tabulated around 750 &

more this year. After we shelled part of picked bu of bush lima beans for tomorrow then went in rain over Rexer's. but not home - came up yesterday pm. I got letter part wrote to Mariam. We had tip top supper - boiled new potatoes beans soft shelled, sliced tomatoes in vinegar salad oil & chopped onion AND delicious peach pie. Bob Wenzel brot interesting Aug. Gem World - Aug & Sept Sports Afield that much interested me. Harlowe brot Grit & Margaretville Time pm.

SEPTEMBER 29 Sunday 65/8am 68/9pm
Gloomy foggy - light rain. 2pm thunder showers followed by part clearing windy - same evng.
A house bound Sunday other than calling on Rexers 2pm - Elsie brot us home. She goes Wed on 3 week visit to her home town in Germany. PM callers Harlowe with Sunday Freeman & NY News. Jim Burgraf & Bob Wenzel with a 6 pack. Later we walked up to corner. Good flow over Kelder dam. We had most excellent supper - boiled spuds & blue fish - lima beans & souped up sliced tomatoes. Too a morning call by Trooper John Schetzel with assortment of meat & blue fish. I'm reading Bruce Cottens book Gettysburg.

SEPTEMBER 30 Monday 49/7am 50/9pm
Partly cloudy cool brisk northerly wind quieted latter pm & nearly cloudless evng with brilliant almost full moon. Similar to last Monday but not such a cold wind. I did a big job cleaning up the tomatoes in toilet patch and garden, pulling and stacking stakes. Had over 2 bu green, bushel starting to turn reddish. Also got the

onions down cellar, shelled last batch of soft corn beans. We had delicious supper fried green tomatoes also onions lima beans and peach pie. Finished and sent air letter to Mariam. Recd one from her also Mrs. Currier.

OCTOBER 1 Tuesday 40/7am 44/8pm
Damp drab chill brief sunshine followed and then clouded again & had cold pm showers, then sun shone bright briefly. Murked over - chilly dismal evng. Other than a few am chores Ollie & I & Harlowe attended the funeral of Richie Brueckner 2pm at Lasher's in Woodstock. We then shopped at A&P Market purchases \$2.94. Was rainy in Woodstock coming back, glad to be home. Small attendance. We had usual delicious supper boiled potatoes, beans - hamburg tomatoes - peach pie. We went to bed early.

OCTOBER 2 Wednesday 36/7am 40/8pm
Unseasonably cold mostly cloudy wind northerly. Had sprinkle squall pm. Kate came cleaned up - cut my hair helped fix coal bin on north end porch. Also tried to help me with painting barn peak over garage. For some reason ladder slipped. I fell heavily on roof badly injuring right elbow swollen near helpless but about broken. Kate got me cleaned up. George came for her after work. With difficulty I ate supper & soon got laid down.

OCTOBER 3 Thursday 36/7am 44/8:30pm

Cloudy cold - late pm sun shone briefly. Heavy snow squalls on the Wittenbergs EARLIEST IN MY MEMORY.

I rested fairly well. Taking aspirin. This pm tough as I'm feeling we went with Harlowe to Senior Citizen meeting. About 50 present. We took vegetables to Ed & Frances Gille. We had usual good supper.

OCTOBER 4 Friday 36/7:30am 40/8pm

I got considerable rest by taking aspirin several times and ate a good breakfast. Raw day with some sunshine.

Clear evg

Ollie & I went to Kingston this am to the office Dr. Albert Tannin who operated on my broken hip 2 yrs ago. He took X-Ray & put soft string on my broken right arm above elbow. Go next Tues for regular cast. Recd letter from Julia Rhoades & Debbie Robbins Giles. After my 1914 steam roller in 1914 I had to write hand. Florence Guiliano took us. (This page and the next weeks worth are very hard to decipher and mixed up)

OCTOBER 5 Saturday 40/7am 50/9pm

Sunny. Bright warmer weather. Clear evng. This am we going with Harlowe viewed the large and interesting collection of pictures taken in the pre - and reservoir building times in the Esopus valley - one group included the former Ulster and Delaware RR scenes. In the evng James Burgraff was a speaker. I am sorely shook up all over.

OCTOBER 6 Sunday 47/7am 58/8pm

Gorgeous clear soft Injun summer.

I scrawled letter to Mariam am tough going setting in bed corner. Also Julia Rhoades. Harlowe & Bill Harrison called pm. We walked up to corner. On radio WTIC we heard first season play off games yesterday & today so Oakland Cal first Orioles East ___ AL pennant winners. Orioles 6 Oakland 3 - today Oakland 5 - Orioles 0. Sell out crowd first 41600 Second 42810. National League Los Angeles Dodgers won both games over Pittsburg.

OCTOBER 7 Monday 64/7am 48/9pm

Windy in night Clear am became cloudy with wind north. Cleared beautifully during pm clamed, turned cooler.

Feel completely shook up. We walked down along woods & back across field. Carol Davis called with now walking 13 month son Jeffrey. Geo & Kate Carr came after work. Second time since my 1914 steam roller right hand accident I'm writing left. I'm reading Civil War book. The common soldier Billy Yank Johnny Reb. Delicious supper green beans pork tomatoes. Washed old holder.

OCTOBER 8 Tuesday 36/7am 46/pm

Jack Frost reported in two weeks locally - in Brodhead - Krumville. Colors nearing their crest. Brilliant crisp temperature some high overcast developed. I put in a generally uncomfortable night with my broken arm. Harlowe called late am. Ollie & I walked up to old Cider mill corner. Site of horse sweet mill and years later

John Jordon's gas engine power grinder. We heard 3rd play off game in Baltimore. The Dodgers 0 & Pirates 5. 4 oco Pres Gerald Ford 's _____ to the joint congress and the Nation. Delicious peach pie supper.

OCTOBER 9 Wednesday 34/7am 48/9pm

Seasonably chilly light easterly day wind. Brilliant atmosphere. Variable overcast.

The milk house hickorys resemble a golden ball. The seasons colors are slowly cresting. Left hand writing difficult and slow then I am persistent. No callers. Early am we walked over to the memory corner. This pm interrupted by Pres Ford's Nationally __ Radio covered Meet the Press broadcast program. _____ the Baltimore __ defeated by the A.L. Oaklands.

Attendance 28000+ Again champions. Meanwhile Los Angeles NL Dodgers 7 Pirates 0 won pennant.

OCTOBER 10 44/7:30AM 44/7:30PM

Low humidity. Wind north. Variable cloudiness & sunshine. Colorful & seasonable.

We had unexpected am visit by Double brother Fred Ronk & Mr and Mrs Al Post. They gathered garden pumpkins & Fred cleaned pig pen. Tomorrow would been his wife's birthday. He took his 1862 Civil War English rifle left last visit. Also visiting was Debbie Gers mother Mrs. Floyd Robbins of West Hurley. She brought 2 qts Rose wine. _____ donuts and cake we went to Bushkill Cemetery visited Harlowe and Ann Eckert. Harlowe called pm. Recd get well card - not comfortable night.

OCTOBER 11 Friday 40/7am 45/80

Cloudless. Wind light. Autumn zesty air. Dry October weather. Carole Davis took Ollie & I to Kingston am to office of Doctor Tannin. He choose due my age not to put cast on am. Keep in sling and keep hand and arm exercised. Come again in 2 weeks today Oct. 25th. Hand & arm discolored & badly swollen. Only other stop Dederick's Drug store. Ollie paid over \$23. Gas for Carole \$2.00. Harlowe took us to Triangle Service got 5 gal kerosene \$2.50. We walked up to corner. Had delicious vegetable soup supper.

OCTOBER 12 Saturday 46/7:30am 52/9pm
Moderately mild & lazily sunny thru customary overcast.

A just settin day. Finished & sent air letter to Mariam. The night was long and arm painful. We called on Herbie Rexer & walked over to corner pm. We missed Elsie. Now on German family trip. Harlowe and Ollie Lyons called pm. We had usual good supper. The World Series opened at Los Angeles. The NL Dodgers 2, Oakland AL 3. Record attendance 55974. We had excellent supper. To bed 9 oco. Had evening call by Mr & Mrs Norman Studer and grandson, Eric Levine.

OCTOBER 13 Sunday 50/7:30am 42/8pm

Cloudless cool seasonably brilliant. Little wind.

PM callers Bill Harrison with new red Chev V8 pick up truck \$3700. We took ride to John Nichol's Garage & got 5 gal Kerosene, more gad \$2.50. Later Harlowe brot Sunday Freeman & NY News. Had surprise visit by Edna Merrihew & companion Dorothy

Schikerle of Kingston. We heard second half of World Series game in Los Angeles. Dodge 3 - Oakland 2.
Attendance 55989

OCTOBER 14 Monday 50/7:30 62/8pm
Dismal foggy chilly. Light misty rain. Stay indoors weather. I seem more comfortable today. Changed back to right hand, but with difficulty. The season's last big over weekend. Team travel to Oakland No series game. Getting soft & puffy without exercise. Albert North 84, my long time highly esteemed friend buried two pm in Tongore Cemetery. I talked with him at the Labor Day picnic (Wrote right home) Excellent supper. Mashed potatoes, sausage egg omelet green beans sliced tomatoes. No callers today.

OCTOBER 15 Tuesday 53/7am 52/10pm
Southerly night wind. Mild occasional sunshine am. Gloomy overcast pm & evng.
Another do little day. Recd letter Mrs. Floyd Robbins with Motor Vehicle Bureau pink slip receipt for turning in car plates CU40. We walked over to corner pm. Harold Bush delivered 3 ton stove coal @ \$55 per ton & plus tax of \$8.25 Total paid \$173.25. We had good supper. We walked up to corner. Had good variety supper. Tonight heard Pres Ford's speech on ecology followed at 8:35 by series game in Los Angeles (49437) The Oaklands won 3-2 over NL Dodgers due to sloppy team work.

OCTOBER 16 Wednesday 46/7am 50/8pm

Dismal foggy rainy began in night continued into night
1" rain.

House bound - Kate Carr cleaned up etc. got hair cut.
She & George here for supper. I read Civil War book
before mentioned. Recd letter Mariam & Debby Gers.
Card Julia & Lottie Bell Stacknowitz 177th anniv
Burning of Kingston by British. Tonite 8:15 we heard on
WGY 4th series game at Oakland Cal. Oakland the best
team won 5-2 over the NL Dodgers. Attendance 413478

OCTOBER 17 Thursday 51/7am 50/8:30pm

Partly cloudy am. Brilliant sunny pm - mild breezy.

Starlight still evng.

Scenery gorgeously colorful pm. Harlowe, Ollie & I
attended _____ home around 8. Senior Citizen Meeting
pm. Missed program after luncheon - piano by Mrs.
Edith Bowles, Mr & Mrs Rudolph Fritz guitar &
harpsachord. Later we walked up to corner. Later Jim
Burgraff brot 150lbs winter potatoes. Will bring another
100lbs paid in full \$17.50 Tonite the Oakland AL
defeated the NL Los Angeles 3-2 and won third straight
World Series.

OCTOBER 18 Friday 37/7am

Typical mid fall weather low humidity dry air tangy
northerly wind. Scattered high clouds - becoming
cloudless pm. Scenery colorful tho leaves are falling.
I'm housebound. Uncomfortable night arm continues
full of aches & pains but swelling getting less. Ollie did
chores etc. Bob Parrish of Cherrytown came 4 o'clock
& got the carrots & beets pulled & put in barn. Big crop

of both . Writing right hand but difficult. Recd Oct 11th letter from Mariam. Harlowe got 6 dz med eggs at Merrihew's.

OCTOBER 19 Saturday 26/7:30am ¼" ice on barn tub
34/10pm

Heavy frost coldest to date. Beautifully clear still am. Scenery glowing gorgeous in the sunrise. Part cloudy pm. Glowing crescent moon over High Point. The nights are long & rather painful especially right side of bad hand - painful & weak for writing but more legible than left. Bob, Jean Smith came & we had pm picnic lunch on improvised table on sunny south side of barn. Harlowe brot papers. Later walked over to corner & in to Rexers - wasn't up. Had light soup supper.

OCTOBER 20 Sunday 26/7:30am 33/8pm

Brilliant part cloudy cold & brisk north wind. Part quieted evng.

Didn't rest good, painful hand right side. Soaked hour in hot water. Got bath & sheet change. Harlowe came pm with Sunday Freeman & NY News then came back for delicious fish chowder supper. Ollie & I took cold pm walk up thru old wood road part Rexers to back road. Leaves thick on ground. Marty Warnes called pm. We learned today via Jean Smith that Jeannie Chavez of Mexico City had second child a baby girl, Thurs. Oct 17th. C-section birth . All well.

OCTOBER 21 Monday 30/7am 36/8pm

Bright dry sunshine cold & north wind. Practically cloudless. Glowing moon tonite.

I finished & sent air letter to Mariam. Bea Synder called am & Ollie gave her the \$23.00 Boiceville Reunion Labor Day coll. Donated to Ulster Co. Blood Bank.

Ollie is topping carrots & beets getting down cellar in saw dust. We each sent \$5 birthday gift for Jeannie's baby in Mariam's letter. Jim Burgraff brot 100lbs taters - paid ahead. Recd letter Julia Rhoades started reply.

Walked up hill & came back cold wind went thru me.

Too tired to rest much. Had delicious butternut squash & potato supper. Milton Buley Veteran employee of Weidner Poultry Farm had morning heart attack& lived but 15 minutes - dead when taken to Benedictine Hosp by town ambulance (See obituary) This date 1881 Old Pap Crispell Henry Martin my great grandfather died 11 am of typhoid fever - nearing 80.

OCTOBER 22 Tuesday 30/7am 44/9pm

Cloudless brilliant still day & evening - Colors are now brown. Milder but evening chill fell at sunset.

Harlowe came & got carrots & beets down cellar. This pm we had enjoyable visit by boyhood neighbor Lester Personus, Sr. & oldest daughter, Mrs. Katherine Van Buren RN of Newburgh. We took short walk feeling some better today but long night. Wrote a reply to Mrs. Melvin (June) Eaton of Cuba, NY. We had usual tip top supper. Monday 21 Milton Buley, 63 employed many years at Weidner Poultry farm died am with heart attack. Funeral held Wed. pm at Lasher followed by cremation.

OCTOBER 23 Wednesday 34/8am 52/8pm
Cloudy chill this morning but gradually broke away & became warm & cloudless. Still pm
I finished & sent letter to June , Mrs. Skip Eaton of Cuba, NY in reply. Also started letter to Debbie Gers of Keene, NH Randy Winne brot pick up load dry split firewood & piled on porch \$25.00 paid. Ollie had rest pm & later we walked up the road & down to cross path. Still colorful tho brown. Kate brot me knit green & white wool stripe boot for my bad right hand. We had delicious boiled supper vegetables & salt pork. I can now write right hand cautiously.

OCTOBER 24 Thursday 34/7am 38/8pm
Cloudless still colorful calm. Seasonably mild in sunshine. Chill falls with the evening shadows.
I had a long uncomfortable night, arm pained continually. Finished & sent letter to Debbie Robbins Gers, card to Mrs. Currier & thru pm wrote Carol & Robb Longyear. We had walk up thru wood road part Rexers & down road to corner & across meadow. Early pm went along with Harlowe to Boiceville - Little traffic.

OCTOBER 25 Friday 40/7am 46/8pm
Cloudy with chill variable rain. PM sun finally showed briefly thru murk. Weather unsettled.
Ed & Frances Gille kindly took Ollie Harlowe & I to Kingston. Went to Dr. Tannin on Pine St. he examined my arm & took another x-ray. Said discard arm sling & exercise arm cautiously. Come back Nov 29 for final exam. We got back 2:30. Gave Gille \$3.00 for gas. No

callers. I had best night & more rest. Ollie had 2 loose grumbling teeth pulled by surgeon dentist Dr. Cantor - Hurley Ave. after me going to Dr. tannin. \$35.00 paid

OCTOBER 26 Saturday 42/8am 44/pm

This blank page I just can't understand - first in all the years I've kept diary 1906. Later used for Saturday 26. Not much gained as last. Storm clouds of yesterday cleared during night. I had more rest last night & arm more flexible & handle pen better. Weather brilliant mild. Had light supper. We went with Ann Tennant to Open House GOP club party tonite at Pheasant Inn. Big full house noisy crowd & banging drums & elec. Organ. Excellent buffet - _____ . The _____ won \$100 first prize & donated back to Rep. Club. Ann Tennant won both 50 and 25 dollar prizes. We bought \$2.50 in chances - Ann donating \$25 prize to First Aid Fund. We was home before 12pm with Mr & Mrs Kahmke, Ann's sister & husband. Bow & arrow deer hunter getting prominent deer shy.

OCTOBER 27 Sunday 40/7am Back on Standard Time 44/7:30pm

Certainly slow moving day takes several days to get used to the change back till last Sun in Feb. Brilliant sunshine. Scattered high clouds am. Cloudless pm evng chill fell at sunset. Wind northerly. Glowing moon nearing full.

A set in house day till we walked over to corner at sunset. Started letter to Mariam Mrs. Eberhardt &

Harlowe called pm. He brot News & Sunday Freeman.
We had delicious variety supper.

OCTOBER 28 Monday 28/6:30am 44/7pm

No mail. Continued serene sunny. Mild - High thin
overcast Still.

Had best night rest & didn't set up. Hand sore & achy of
course. Had 4 hour visit mid day by Carole Davis. Also
Harlowe with Grit & Margaretville paper. Shelled our
last of dried corn beans pm. Using arm some & sure
tired and painful. We took walk up to corner pleasant in
sun. Bishop caretaker called latter pm. The "neighbors"
Don & Bitchy Bishop left early with their traveling
trailer & car. Safe journey and long stay to them. Banks
& stores open, but miss the mail.

OCTOBER 29 Tuesday 42/8am 44/7pm

Partly cloudy mild quiet and hazy sunny. Early rising
hazy near full moon.

We went to Woodstock with Harlowe McLean &
shopped the A&P \$54.13. Inflated prices reign on every
item. Sugar 45cents lb. On way back we stopped & had
coffee and cake with Mrs. Floyd Robbins on Pine St.
West Hurley. Also called on my old schoolmate Addie
Winchell. Later we walked up to corner, met Trooper
Schetzel waiting for Michael on school bus. He had
attended funeral of 16 yr Trooper killed by bandits
whose car he stopped for speeding. Wife & 6 children.
We had delicious fish chowder supper. Deer back - 8
below garden before supper. Sent letter to Mariam.

OCTOBER 30 Wednesday 51/7am Full moon
blacked out 58/7:20pm

Foggy this am overcast mild. Sun showed dim like wading in snow. Drizzily evng - Had leaf wetting rain. From the library Ollie Harlowe and I had school bus transportation to Onteora School where District Senior Citizens were entertained by the Booster Club to a delightful entertainment by the Senior and Junior School bands and Pom Pom Fly Waving girls, speaking group singing etc. An elegant dinner luncheon later was served in the school cafeteria. We were back 1:20. Later Ollie & I cleared up loose piles of garden trash & found the best of the cabbage. Recd letters from daughter Cornelia & granddaughter Gay Vorkink. Tired tonite - needed no supper.

OCTOBER 31 Thursday 56/6:30am
57/9pm

Pea soup fog. Sun broke out 11:30. Generally sunny pm with part milky overcast. Unseasonably warm. Injun Summer.

Finished Civil War book. The Common Soldier Billy Yank & Johnny Reb. Now reading with keen interest, the life of the great publisher of NY Tribune, Horace Greely - 1811 - 1872. Kate hoed out today & gave me a hair trim. We cleaned out remaining pumpkins, golden cabbage. Paid \$8.00 with wash Randy Reinhardt & 17 yr old hi school friend Carol G _____ of West Hurley called pm. I wrote prompt reply to Cornelia. We had before supper several Halloween callers. Good tater stew supper.

NOVEMBER 1 Friday 54/7am 72/7pm
68/9:30pm

Warm humid summer weather calm part hazy cloudy. Especially warm, humid in Kingston. Moonlight evng. We went to Kingston pm with kindly Ann Tennant. Ollie had stitches out gums 1:30 at Dr. Kantor's Hurley Ave. We went to St. John's Ins. Office - Ollie paid her fire ins. \$49. Having carried temporary cancelled till able to use car. Also Ollie had prescription filled at Dederick's Drug Store \$13. Paid. Home by 5 oco tired out. We had good soup chowder supper. Finished & sent letter to Cornelia and Gaye.

NOVEMBER 2 Saturday 56/6:20am
42/8pm

Progressively cooler today. Murky sunshine am. Mostly clear sunny pm clear still evng. A lazy set in home day other than we took walk up Mike's wood road to back road early pm. So much handy rock oak wood where we usta cut & draw. Harlowe called early pm (we were away) left Margaretville paper, Sun. NY Times. We had delicious boiled supper potatoes carrots onions sausage balls & also apple sauce. Mr and Mrs Dorville Boice of Olivebridge observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a largely attended open house party at their home this pm.

NOVEMBER 3 Sunday 42/6:30am 52/7:30pm
Bright sunny serene mild with thin high overcast.
Overcast evng. We had a surprise and most

welcome morning call by Barbara Moncure. Also briefly Charley & Chucky Davis. Early pm we took exercise walk up across to the back road. Harlowe came pm with Sunday News and Freeman. Later had call by Brodhead Road Mr & Mrs Rudolph Prosky. We had delicious pancake & gravy supper. Sat in chair awhile. To bed 9:30. I rested pretty good till after midnight, then hand pains & time long till morning get up time. Already a month passed since my fall. The Kingston Sunday Freeman started publishing in their new Hurley Ave plant. The former A&P store building.

NOVEMBER 4 Monday 54/7am 54/7pm

Had rain in night. Continued mild unsettled. Dark damp cheerless foggy day. Brief break of sunshine late am - occasional light rains - pitch black evng & rainy.

Lonely stay in house day. We had rather lengthy call by Orrie Lyons pm. Later we walked up to Cidermill memorial corner & stopped to say hello to Kizirian but not home. Finished and sent letter to Ann & Billie Hughes. No word from then since before I fell. We had delicious supper. Mashed potatoes tame rabbit gravy green beans, apple sauce.

NOVEMBER 5 Tuesday 46/7am 48/11pm

A most depressing General Election day. Dark chilly damp & foggy. Messy rainy pm. Misty foggy evng. We went down the poles at noon with Harlowe, voted. I've never missed voting since my first at 21 in 1911. That & in 1912 Presidential election was the last held in the West Shokan Pythian Hall. The next 3 years was in

Jake Smith's carpenter shop - thence for several years at the Colange Hall. Thence later at Baptist church basement & then after 1950 at the Town Garage office building. Today I voted G.O.P. except for Dem Judge Lawrence Cook, Sheriff Wm. B. Martin for 4th term. Finished & mailed letter to Ann Hughes & recd one from her written Sunday. Martin defected about _____ by GOP Tom Malone. Assemblyman H. Clark Bell lost to Maurice Hinchey Dem of Saugerties

NOVEMBER 6 Wednesday 48/7am

50/8:30pm

Weather brighter this am & mild but became increasingly dismal pm. Still mild damp.

The off year election went nation wide Democratic. The 16 year Republican tenure in Albany was broke by the defeat of 13 ___ governor Malcom Wilson by Hugh Carey Dem Bklyn Congressman by some 800,000. In Ulster County the defeat of running 3rd term of Assemblyman Clark Bell of Woodstock by Dem Maurice Hinchey of Saugerties an unexpected up set by around 2000. 2 years ago Hinchey made a miserable p___ opponent to Clark. Sheriff 3 term Bill Martin shying from GOP to Dem made a good run against Tom Malone, who won by about 2000. Candidate Yvonne Walliser woman Conservative pulled some 3000 votes, aided in Martin's defeat. Randy & younger bro brot an pick up load of firewood & piled on porch. Paid \$25. This pm walked to corner down to _____ road. Harlowe called briefly.

NOVEMBER 7 Thursday 47/7am 46/8pm

Mostly cloudy damp dismal still. Starlight evng. I'm tired from last nights TV show at Stone Ridge college. This pm Ollie & I attended the fire house Senior Citizens meet at Ashokan hall. After getting home I was a long while really getting warm. We had good boiled potato & squash supper. After looking thru a bundle of Freemans Ed Gille gave me, I went to bed 9:30. Attorney Myers of Woodstock guest speaker gave a question and answer talk on Wills. Supervisor Oliver Crawford is patient in Benedictine with lung clot, but improving.

NOVEMBER 8 Friday 40/7am 30pm

Bright sunny this am for a change. Scattered high streaky cloudy breezy pm gradually becoming cloudless. Weather like spring. No callers. Listless day. We walked up to corner twice pm for my exercise. Lonesome road, little traffic. Recd letter from Jeannie & note from Mariam of all __ Baby then not named. Jeannie Lillian among 3 names. We had delicious supper boiled potatoes & onions, flounder & ripe tomatoes. Went to bed early tired arm aches. Started reply letter to Jeannie.

NOVEMBER 9 Saturday 34/7am 34/8pm

Spring like sunny breezy. Sap like weather. However, later taking our early pm walk the wind distinctly chilling. Cloudless day & evng breezy pm. Finished & sent air letter to Jeannie. Recd Heritage Savings Bank Christmas Savings check \$1092.19 Int

\$34.19 on same Ollie's check \$63.52 - Int same \$1.79

Early pm we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer up for weekend then took a chilly walk over to corner. Harlowe came with Margaretville News & Grit. Later BCI Investigator our good friend Ed Borris of Hurley Barracks. Bro Rudy & Mrs Proske - then Jim and Bernice Hoffman. We had excellent supper, boiled potatoes Kentucky Wonder beans, applesauce. We went to bed early.

NOVEMBER 10 Sunday 34/7am Pages got mixed
38/7:30pm

Foggy and chilly but lifted & became sunny - with variable overcast. Chilly tingy air. Little wind - Stars dim tonite.

Good pancake breakfast & meaty brown gravy & customary preceding hot coffee. Had bath & BVD change this am. PM we had walk up across to back road down hill & up thru where we used to gather leaves. Charley Davis is cutting firewood & brot me small load pm. I'm writing to Mariam & Bob. We had good boiled potatoes & ___ corn beans supper. Early to bed. I rested fairly good last nite & didn't set up till morning.

NOVEMBER 11 Monday 32/6:30am State
Holiday 44/7pm

Heavy white frost on Bishop field. Continued sunny seasonable dry weather. Gradually became mostly overcast. Cloudy evng. Finished & sent letter to Mariam to Emporia, Kansas - on visit later in week from Mexico. Early pm we went along with

Harlowe to Al Higley's in Boiceville. He bought
hamburg \$1.19lb sausage 99cents chops -? I got 4 gal
case of Growers tawny port \$15.00 paid. Later I _____
& cleaned corn beans. We took walk up thru to back
road. We had delicious supper A&P 39cents a lb turkey
legs brown gravy mashed potatoes carrots apple sauce.

NOVEMBER 12 Tuesday 45/7am

55/8pm

Foggy damp stones wet miserable dismal weather. Like
Election Day - Rainy dark evng.

A set in house day to my disdain - no walk - Ollie as
usual did chores. See no deer - I finished & sent letter to
Debbie Robbins Gers of Keene, NH. Recd letter Carol
Longyear of Emporia, Kansas. Harlowe called pm.

Wrote card Reg & Elsie Davis in Fla. For diversion I
read the book of Acts new testament. Very interesting.

NOVEMBER 13 Wednesday 44/6:30am

40/7:30pm

Stream flushing rain last nite. Mostly cloudy mild &
breezy. Part cloudy evng.

Ollie recd from Town Dept of Highway check for
\$671.00 payment for 2684 yards quarry shale @ 25 cents
a yard.

Kate Carr cleaned up today & gave me hair trim - paid
\$8.00 with washing cleaned pig pen. Had a surprise
noon time call by Tommy Yager & Fred Banta - NYC
machinists . Geo came for Kate after work. We had
good supper - rice & fried onions - green beans & brown
gravy.

NOVEMBER 14 Thursday 44/7am 50/8pm
Blustery night. Scarcely a glimpse of sunshine. Dismal pm - evng overcast - typical stagnated November.
We had another call this am by Tom Yager, DWS machinist assigned this week to work at the Ashokan Headworks. Ollie gave him her father's 75 year old 12 gauge single barrel gun made by NY Arms Company. I also presented him with an ancestral heavy ox yoke, complete except for missing _____. He brot some stew meat and meaty beef bones. Early pm walked up thru old pasture lot to back road. Had Harlowe for delicious pan cake gravy sausage supper. He brought the sausage 99 cents lb.

NOVEMBER 15 Friday 36/7am 1st snow on mountains 32/8pm
Rained in night - High Point and Wittenburgs around to Tystineck snow capped. Raw cold windy mtn snow squalls pm
First snow whitened higher mtns from High Point around the north perimeter to Tysteneck. Western New York blocked by snow and blowing - Clear evng. A set by fire day for me other than we had a chilly mid pm across Bishop old road & back road & up to tur ___ home thru old pasture lot to road. No callers. We had good boiled potatoes & squash supper. Recd letter from Debbie Robbins Gers, their wedding picture June 28, 1973. Also letter Julia Rhoades & writing return reply.

NOVEMBER 16 Saturday 36/7am 32/7:30pm

Generally sunny variable high clouds breezy. Typical mid Nov. Starlight evng - Ollie saw tiny new moon over High Point. Harlowe called with papers am Grit & Margaretville Times. This pm we took walk over forbidden Bishops visited Ann Eckert & around the barn road looped thru woods. Rexer's not up, lonesome. We had delicious vegetable meat stew supper & to bed early.

NOVEMBER 17 Sunday 34/7am 44/7pm

Hazily sunny - mild calm clearing latter pm bright growing rim of new moon over High Point.

Ollie did chores a lazy set in house day till we had dusk walk over to corner after callers left. Harlowe came with Sunday news & Freeman pm Then Mrs. Eberhardt & after her Hope Miller. We had delicious vegetable soup supper. Then went to bed early - too early. My granddaughter Jeannie Chavez of Mexico City gave birth to her second child a 7lb + girl. Within the year of 12 mo past she had a miscarriage. Victor 3rd is about 3 1/2 years old.

NOVEMBER 18 Monday 33/7am 42/7:30pm

Heavy white frost opening day of buck shooting season. Hunting conditions ideal this morning. Considerable shooting during day. Mild sunny with high overcast. Cloudless evng with glowing growing crescent moon over South Hollow.

Ollie did chores. This pm I managed feel ___ to use arm & with ax & sledge split up some round oak chunks & piled on porch. We had pm down to spook rock up to cider mill corner. I sent birthday card letter to Debbie

Robbins Gers, Keane, NH also wrote birthday card for Robt Longyear 3rd also enclosed to Mariam. Bob in Emporia. We had delicious variety supper & early to bed. Doe shooting legal in Delaware & Greene Co.

NOVEMBER 19 Tuesday 33/7am 46/10pm
Real mild - Variable cloudiness and sunshine. Cloudy evng with sprinkles of rain.

I tried out my arm with light odd jobs. This pm took pleasant walk down by spook rock, up to corner. This evng a Mr. Sthereuson of Woodstock took Harlowe Ollie & I to the Kingston Lions Club for blind and disabled. Thanksgiving roast beef dinner and entertainment held at Temple Emanuel on Albany Ave. About 200 served. We went home 9:45.

NOVEMBER 20 Wednesday 46/7am
50/7pm

Foggy & continued rainy. Much dismal pea soup foggy rainy day & evng.

Ollie did chores. I just set the day out trying to be comfortable & content. I'm reading New Testament for first time complete. Tues. Trooper Johnny Schetzel shot big bear in deep woods of Peekamoose mountains. He brot hide out & today in soaking dismal weather returned for hind quarters.

NOVEMBER 21 Thursday 44/7am A real nasty pm
32/7pm

Rainy most of night - blustery cloudy - mtn snow squally - Mtns fog shrouded. Blustery snow & sleet

mixture pm Ollie started coal fire this am at least temporary? Sent Masonic magazine to Bob Longyear. Catskill Mtn bear tales & letter to Clifford Graves. This pm we with Harlowe attended unusually large Senior Citizens meeting pm due evidently to nomination election of officers for 1975. All nominations unanimous except for Pres Edw Gille, seeking 4th term he easily defeated Albert Dedetts of Samsonville. The local Baptist pastor got a buck. Rev. Shults "Brave O"

NOVEMBER 22 Friday 26/7am 28/7:30pm
Coldest to date - Bright sunny diminishing wind. Cloudless evng. Snow on Hi Point Wittenbergs, Slide Mtn. this pm we went A&P Thanksgiving shopping to Woodstock A&P. Purchased \$37.50 includes 2 cases Piels beer \$9.52 plus 5% tax. We see no roving deer hunters or deer. We had delicious supper - potatoes & yellow squash - Bananas & milk. We were tired & to bed early. President John F. Kennedy shot by an assassin while riding in a parade in Dallas Texas 11-20-63. Also critically wounded in front seat of car Governor Connelly of Texas.

NOVEMBER 23 Saturday 24/7am King winter is in the air 30/7:20pm
Coldest to day. Heavy icy white frost. High Point ice coated this am. Bright & sunny. Scattered high streaky clouds. Becoming cloudless wind light. John Lambert called this am with large chunk of roast of 1973 venison and bottle Tawny Port. Harlowe called pm brot Sat. News, Margaretville weekly & Grit. This pm we

had a chilly walk up to corner, checked at Rexer's who failed to come as expected. We had delicious clam chowder supper - to bed early

NOVEMBER 24 Sunday 38/7am 47/9pm

Milder still - overcast am - sunny part pm then clouded over & moon shone evng.

I got no walking exercise. We had a pm of callers. Fred Ronk & sister Florence R__, Mrs. Anna Eberhardt, Harlowe with papers, Kate & George Carr, Tony Oukenta & Nancy DuBois college students. We had late but delicious supper - Venison Roast mashed potatoes, green beans & brown gravy.

NOVEMBER 25 Monday 47/7am 34/8:30pm

Foggy this am with light rain. Gloomy day gradually becoming colder. Cloudy calm evng.

2ns stay in house day. Ollie did chores. We had delicious prepared buckwheat cakes & gravy breakfast. My coffee g sitting in bed against corner pillows. Had a pretty restful night. Jim Hoffman called late pm brot Christmas turkey from their freezer storage over summer. I had hour pm house walk & $\frac{3}{4}$ by evng. We had excellent supper. Venison dish stewed tomatoes apple sauce.

NOVEMBER 26 Tuesday 22/7am 22/8pm

Coldest to date - mountain squally - Blustery part cloudy pm. High wind driven clouds. Moon nearing full. Another stay in house day. Ollie did chores. This pm Harlowe called also had a keenly enjoyable visit by

Debbie Gers, Mother Mrs. Regina Robbins and the grandmother Mrs _____ of Keene, New Hampshire. Mrs. Robbins brot bottle of Gallo Tawny Port to me and doughnuts. Ollie had another delicious venison dish supper, lima beans. Went to bed 8 oco.

NOVEMBER 27 Wednesday 34/7am
26/9pm

The feeling of snow Is in the bone chilling air - calm. Variable hazy overcast but generally sunny. The nearing full moon rose early high East. Kate Carr came, defrosted the refrigerator put plastic over north bay window by warm coal stove. Gave me a hair trim etc. George came for her after work. Ollie not feeling well today & rested on couch. We had a good Panelola s and me to bed 9 oco. I rested pretty well last night. Recd Thanksgiving card from Cliff & Mary Graves. Finished & sent air letter to Mariam. Paid Kate \$8.40 work wash window plastic.

NOVEMBER 28 Thursday 26/7am 36/8pm
Mostly cloudy with intermittent sunshine. Still chilling atmosphere. A lonely slow morning Thanksgiving Day brimming with nostalgic memories. Overcast evng. Ollie had a busy exacting job preparing for a bounteous turkey supper (The freeze red 10lb Butterball turkey was a last Christmas quest from Mariam & Bob) Harlowe McLean our annual Thanksgiving supper guest. The supper was super excellent. Turkey mashed spuds warm biscuits gravy dressing - boiled onions pumpkin pie & extras. Mariam called 8pm from Houston, Texas.

NOVEMBER 29 Friday 34/7am 26/9pm

Mostly cloudy dry weather type am cleared bright sunny pm raw northerly wind. A snow shower in night left a first of season whitening of snow on walk & in garden. Gorgeous early rising fine moon. Cast a golden glow across reservoir. Wrote cards am to Mrs. Ron Garney and Carol Longyear. Did considerable interesting reading in Dec Readers Digest. Only exercise walked out to road same as yesterday. We had delicious "leavins" from Thanksgiving supper. Only caller John Lambert this pm hunting. He clipped off Curry's long clicking toe nails.

NOVEMBER 30 Saturday 26/7am 22/8pm

Silent brilliant cloudless day & evng. Seasonally cold. The full moon last nite rose majestically over Ohayo Mtn 5:45. Morning callers were Debby Robbins Gers & husband Philip & 11 mo old daughter Doris Joan - also Mrs. Lizzie Shader & granddaughter Donna Utley - also Harlowe McLean. Debbie & Phil came yesterday from Keene, NH to her parents Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins in West Hurley. The grandmother will return with them tomorrow pm. Later pm Ollie & I called on Elsie Rexer & cousin Mrs. Gertrude Hynes up for weekend with Herbie who wasn't home. We had excellent supper mashed potatoes creamed turkey & green beans.

DECEMBER 1 Sunday 33/7am 34/7:30pm

Heavy icy frost - Still thickening gloom - a mid 30 day. Most moderate. A heavy storm of snow slick rain seems eminent Snow storm started latter evng. A

stay in doors sitting and hearing area religious programs & Christmas carols. Had bath & change pm. Harlowe only caller, brot papers. Ollie did chores. Truly a lonesome day. Debbie & Phil Gers had their adorable 9 month old daughter Doris Joan christened at the (old Catholic) church on the Mount by Father Francis (92) where they were married June 28, 1973. We had delicious variety supper mashed spuds venison beets & carrots pumpkin pie. We went to bed early. A Boeing jet liner crashed this am near Griffith field Washington, DC in violent wind and rain storm.

DECEMBER 2 Monday 26/7am Storm bound
weather 37/8pm

Ground covered this am with 2" coating of sodden slushy snow. Snow - rain deluge let up mid am. Remainder day gloomy chill no finish storm. Many schools and events closed or openings delayed. The Onteora system not included. The influx of Christmas cards are getting under way (seems unseasonably early) December dividend check are welcome. Florence Bell shot a buck. No callers. Just a storm bound day. Ollie did chores. We had delicious peas and corn beef peas pumpkin pie cake apple sauce supper . Early to bed. Raymond Markle 50 of Acorn Hill Road - died suddenly this am sitting in chair after cleaning out house gutters. A Past Grand of Shokan IOOF Lodge

DECEMBER 3 Tuesday 34/7am 30/8:30pm
Same weather rather windy. High Point encrusted in snow and ice. Blustery raw cold mtn squally cloudy

other than a morning break of sunshine. I wrote & sent letter this am to Garrett Moth, sister Lillian Knorph in NY City. I had not answered his June letter as my letters evidently antagonized him. Another house bound day did some reading. Harlowe called pm. I had 1 ³/₄ hour limber up house walk latter pm. We had tip top supper yellow acorn squash and potatoes.

DECEMBER 4 Wednesday 26/7:30am
25/10pm

It's winter - cloudless brilliant. Northerly wind quieted somewhat at sunset. The sunset shadow started to climb the mountainous side of the reservoir at 3:30. Brilliant starlight. Another stay put am. PM after taking care of pigger we walked up the road by Kizirians. My heart feeling lonely. I held my 31 year old brother Raymond Markle in esteem. We deeply sympathize with his lonely devoted children wife Laura Brown Markle. Harlowe McLean Ollie & I went with Noble Whitney Chambach to Humistons in Kerhonkson where IOOF funeral services were conducted by members of Shokan Lodge for Past Grand Raymond Markle. Eleven members present. Noble Grand and me as Chaplain conducted the service. Home 9 o'clock. I also was Chaplain at service of his father Alvin Markle who died in 1958.

DECEMBER 5 Thursday 22/7am 28/9pm
Cloudy this morning. The day and evening was generally overcast - occasional sunshine stars evng.

This pm Ollie & I with Harlowe attended Senior Citizens meeting at Ashokan Hall. About 70 present. Pres Ed Gille came home from Benedictine Hosp today and Vice Pres Mr. Hinkle presided. I lead in reciting The Lord's Prayer. We came home via Boiceville. I got free deer small game hunting license at Deputy Clerk's. Buddy Eckert shot a buck deer this am near the house. He said he saw 29 last nite at Breach Hill. All does. Raymond Markle's funeral 2pm at Krumville Reformed Church. Burial in nearby cemetery.

DECEMBER 6 Friday 18/7am 26/8pm
Serene calm cloudless. Pleasant in pm. Sun, crispy air
This pm I cleaned out pig pen & we had a good exercise walk down to spook rock & up to corner. We had excellent supper. Mashed potatoes thick turkey & gravy dressing and green freezer beans.

DECEMBER 7 Saturday 28/7am 42/7:30pm
A dismal damp still rain day & evng. Low overcast. Set in rainy late evng.
We with Harlowe attended the full house Senior Citizen roast beef Christmas dinner party starting at noon at Pheasant Inn in Shokan. 155 reservations. We were home before 4 o'clock. Charley Davis called at dark. He brot 3 boxes Christmas cards. Much higher than last year. Recd card & letter from Vernon & Helen Haskins. No supper atop the big dinner. After going to bed we had a late surprise call by coon hunter Bill Harrison and Fred VanWagner of Sundown. 34th Anniversary of

Japanese sneaking 7am devastating air attack on Pearl Harbor claiming 3000 lives

DECEMBER 8 Sunday 50/8am 54/8pm
Drenching overnight stream filling foggy gloomy storm. Continued to early evng. A warm storm. Had coffee & breakfast as usual and heard WGHQ sermon program, sitting in bed. Had noontime weekly bath & BVD change. Slow start writing Christmas card letters. Answered Bea Robinson, Vernon Haskins & card letter to Bill & Ann Hughes. We had delicious supper. Mashed potatoes, thick flour gravy creamed carrots. Both to bed early. Bad weather for deer hunters. Harlowe called briefly am with Grit & Margaretville News.

DECEMBER 9 Monday 40/7:30am
34/7:30pm
Temp dropped over nite. Cloudy this morning - otherwise occasional breaks of sunshine. Cloudy still evng. Christmas cards coming & sending. Mtn squalls pm. Recd & wrote cards. Harlowe called briefly, brought papers. We had a walk up to the flats pm - and had good supper squash fried onions boiled potatoes. We called it a day & went to bed early. Heard today that John Schetzel Sr. got a buck.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday 30/7:30am
34/9pm

Drabs - chill - calm - mostly cloudy day & evng occasionally breaks of sunshine.
Spent \$42.68 A&P- Agway dairy \$29 paid. Buddy Eckert took us on a shopping trip to Kingston out to Wards - A&P & Agway in Lake Katrine & then to Stone Ridge. Ollie had an office call at Dr. Toco's \$7. Dr. Tannin checked my arm and discharged me on 4th visit. He said it was bad break. Medicare & Blue Cross covered the charges - paying to Dr. Tannin. Ollie also saw Dr. Gade for eye check up - June last trip \$12 report is favorable. Got 2 bags dairy feed at Lake Katrine Agway. Recd registered mail Christmas check \$110 from Mariam & Bob \$10 for Ollie. Recd letter from Julia Rhoades that she in the Hudson Hosp - with emergency appendix operation in addition to being pregnant & poor health
Ollie gave me a JC Penney dark gray Christmas sweater \$9.69.

DECEMBER 11 Wednesday 36/7am

34/8:30pm

Cloudless still pleasant. Became overcast evng.

Kate Carr came today & cleaned up etc. & gave me a hair trim. This mid pm Ollie Kate & I took a walk over thru woods to back road. Real chilly in shade. Harlowe brot eggs from Henry Merrihews pm. Geo Carr came after work & then we had a delicious boiled cabbage potato and lean ham supper. Buddy Eckert brought a mess of his deer meat. I read and wrote Christmas card letters.

DECEMBER 12 Thursday 35/7am 38/8pm

Wet snow this am turned to steady moderate rain that continued into the afternoon - foggy till after rain stopped, showing High Point well snow covered. Sunshine broke thru, but overcast evng.

I spent the house bound day writing card letters - Recd several cards. Started reply letter to Mariam. Had good supper & both to bed early.

DECEMBER 13 Friday 38/7am 40/7:30pm

Murky as usual. Still. High Point freshly white. Landscape reservoir dark and cheerless. High Point well plastered.

Sent air Christmas card reply to Mariam with check \$10. Recd 11 more cards. Didn't get out the house. Kept up card & pkg sending one to Carol & Robt. Harlowe called pm with Grit, NY Times, Margaretville news. Ollie did chores, got mail etc. We had delicious variety supper and early to bunk. Harlowe got us 8 dz pullet eggs at Henry Merrihew's \$3.20 paid.

DECEMBER 14 Saturday 33/7am 36/7:30pm

Murky dismal this am but later sun broke out bright. Later murked over & raw air.

Recd 13 Christmas cards - also sending - quiet day. Harlowe called am. Charley Davis came this am ! Claimed sawed some dried wood & piled on porch. Pole wood Buddy Eckert gave us in early summer. Mrs. Edward Weldt of 28 had stroke and taken to Kingston Hosp by Town first aid ambulance emergency this am. Bro Prosky brot the second of a pair of removable

cushion rocking chairs. During pm we walked over to corner. As usual had good supper.

DECEMBER 15 Sunday 22/7am 30/7pm

Broke away in night - fields covered with heavy frosty ice. Hazily sunny still chill developed overcast pm. Mrs. Edw Weldt died this am in Kingston Hosp. She was devout Catholic & former member Olive Rebekah Lodge No470. Mr. Weldt brot up Lutheran - demoted several years ago from Masonic Lodge in NY- also from Shokan IOOF Lodge 491. I had a morning bath & undy change. Busy writing - calendar enclosures, cards etc. Got no exercise. 5pm callers Harlowe, Mrs. Eberhardt, Bruce Burgher, Fire Chief Al Fox, Town Constable Carl Swenson. The were looking for a reported house fire on W.Shokan Hgts Rd. Evident false alarm. We had venison supper - delicious - mashed spuds boiled cabbage - gravy.

DECEMBER 16 Monday 32/7am 35/8pm

Snowy this morning. Continued till mid pm. A heavy till burdened 7 inch storm gradually became freezing rain early along. Temp only to mid 30s - Light rain evng.

Another house bound day spent the day writing cards, letters & calendars. We had delicious pick up supper. Recd cards including a linen hang up 1975 calendar from Clifford Graves and a greatly surprised \$25 check from Cornelia. County & town snow equipment on the ball.

DECEMBER 17 Tuesday 39/7am 33/8pm

Most of the heavy soft Christmasy snow fell off the trees during the night. Raw mostly cloudy - occasional brief sunshine. Little wind. Growing new moon showed early evng in West. Snow settled but didn't thaw much. Recd 10 cards & sent several & calendars - almanacs. Card letter to Ellen Wilfris with \$3 gift check. Drive way blanket a tough slippery snow. We walked over to corner. Later Harlowe took us up to Al Higley's in Boiceville. He paid for 15+lb turkey @ 59 cents = \$8.90. I bought case Tawny Port \$15.00 We had good potato squash supper after I had an hour house walk.

DECEMBER 18 Wednesday 32/7am
29/11pm

Mostly cloudy, seasonable - gradually clearing latter pm - chill wind. Recd 13 card letters - one from Margaret Winchell in Hudson Valley Nursing Home - Highland. I spent till mid pm writing cards. Then had a call by Trooper John Schetzel then we walked up the road by Kizirians (Sent Ellis Wilfris \$3.00) An Onteora Lions Club member of Shokan came for Ollie & I 7pm and we were guests at the Kingston Lions club annual Christmas party for blind & disabled held at the Livingston St. Lutheran Church Hall. About 100 present. Everyone recd gifts. We were back around 10:30. Town snow plows early on the go.

DECEMBER 19 Thursday 26/7am 32/8pm
Damp raw air. Light messy slippery snow storm then misty drizzle.

I wrote cards am & recd 13. This pm Ollie & I went with Ann Tennant to Senior Citizen meeting - about 60 present. Had coffee & jelly doughnuts. A Social Security speaker from Brooklyn spoke. We came back via Boiceville, stopped at Al Higley's market. This am we had a call by Francis and Linse Every - bringing us generous Christmas treats of assorted food in the name of the Onteora Community Church. Linse offered an appropriate prayer. Had delicious hot soup supper wrote cards till 10:20. Former NY Gov for 15 years who retired, sworn in tonite as 41st Vice pres after 4 month haggling, congressional investigation. NELSON A. ROCKFELLER 66.

DECEMBER 20 Friday 31/7am 32/8pm

Hi Point glistening in snow and ice. Bright sunny - Sunny overcast developing pm almost ½ moon just a blur evng.

Mrs. Jack (Helen Doherty) went to Benedictine Hosp for check up. Today my 64th wedding Anniversary to Daisy B. Simpson. She left me almost 30 years ago. Died a cripple Mother's Day in Slattsburg Nursing Home - born May 15, 1891 Ulster Park. We spent our wedding night at the old Eagle Hotel - site of present County Bldg in Kinston - room 44. This pm Ollie & I walked up to corner. Later Harlowe came with papers. I spent considerable time writing cards. Recd one from Mariam dated Dec. 2. We had usual good variety supper.

DECEMBER 21 Saturday 30/7am 34/10pm

Mostly overcast day & long. Clouded ½ moon.

Recd 8 more cards - one from Jack & Elaine Goldberg Pittsburg 572 - Sandrae Drive 15243. We walked up to Kizorian pm at 4:30 Ollie & I went with Orrie Lyons, Harlowe to abundant Christmas dinner as guests given annually by Oteora Community Church home of Julian & Evelyn Morton. Francis Every homestead. About 50 present - many children. Each recd a gift. Back home 6pm saw by car light 6 or 7 deer scamper from edging grass under the large cedar tree near west side of house. Wrote letter evng with calendar & almanac to the Jack Goldbergs.

DECEMBER 22 Sunday 32/7am 32/8pm

A truly spotted day & clouded & breaks of sunshine. Seasonable temperatures.

I spent the day tuned to radio programs & writing cards. Harlowe brot Sunday NY News and Freeman pm. We had good variety supper and spent the evening writing Jack & Eileen Goldberg, along with desk calendar and almanac in reply to annual card letter.

DECEMBER 23 Monday 24/7am 34/10pm

A day of variable periods of cloudiness of gloomy overcast & sunshine.

Kate Carr came cleaned up & pick up & decorated Christmas tree. Paid \$8 with washing. Recd 3 more cards. Wrote cards am & desk calendar & almanac to Masonic 1970. NY Past Grand Master of Masonic Charles and Helen Gasnell of Suffern, NY. Finished and sent air letter to Mariam. Kate Carr came. Cleaned up

game me a hair trim & put up and decorated the corner lovely 6ft cedar Christmas tree - with colored lights it's beautiful. I got pig pen cleaned when George came for Kate, he brot 2 qt jug Tawny Port & we had a little social party. Recd 3 more cards.

DECEMBER 24 Tuesday 40/7am 32/8pm
Very dark dismal this morning & tried to snow but petered out, gradually clouds rifted pm & cloudless still a bit hazy high moon shining. Recd 11 more cards - letters. Harlowe called & at eve. Carol Davis, she was charming. We had walk up to corner pm. Answered more cards but no chance to sent. My thots drift back to the Christmas eve party gathering at John Jordan's 51 years ago tonite 1913. Not many left. There was snow I recall.

DECEMBER 25 Wednesday 33/7am
33/8:30pm
A most gloomy murky messy Christmas day - had inch or more of sloppy snow. Tried to break away pm. Had 1 ½ soft snow. Overcast still evng. Ollie put in a busy Christmas preparing the turkey supper. I wrote more cards. Also wrote letter Julia Rhoades. No Christmas mail. Road re scraped. Wrote Julia Rhoades & finished letter to send Cornelia. We had a most delicious bounteous supper which was shared with Harlowe. He went home early - gave Ollie \$10.00 with his Christmas card. At 8:35 had Merry Christmas fone call from Mexico City - talked with Mariam & Bob, Aunt Jean & Jeannie Chavez.

DECEMBER 26 Thursday 22/7am 18/8pm
Cleared in night. Colder cloudless still typical year end
crispy winter - cloudless light as day Christmas moon lite
on the snow. Recd 2 more cards - Mail
resumed. Early pm we had good walk with Curry - down
in spook rock & up to corner, lonesome with memories.
Gorgeous early rising near full moon. Could hunt rabbits
tonite on the snow but see no rabbit tracks, nor a rabbit
in months. No callers today. We had delicious left over
supper. Before eating I had $\frac{3}{4}$ hr house walk. We went
to bed early.

DECEMBER 27 Friday 32/7am 26/8pm
Moderated over night. Variable am sunshine, cloudy pm
& bright moonlight evng.
Harlowe called am - mid pm we walked with Curry
down to top of Phil Drogen hill. After had call by Lizzie
Shader granddaughter Donna Utley & Chinese friend
Joyce Eng - of Kingston - later by Otto Guenthner of
NYC, son in law Walter Wal____ of NJ. The callers
brot gifts. Ollie & I had good variety supper & to bed
8pm. Gifts were pair wool lined knee boots & box fancy
cakes for Ollie and bottle 4 Roses whiskey to me.

DECEMBER 28 Saturday 34/7:30am The full moon
on the snow, light as day 28/8:30pm
Bright sunny weather still and few clouds. Reminds of
breaking spring maple sap time. The glowing full moon
rose early directly across the reservoir. I
spent till after noon sitting in bed figuring years income
for federal tax report. Harlowe called pm & brot

Margaretville Grit & NY News. We took a sunny walk up to Cider Mill corner. Recd letter from Mariam, Andrea Jeanne's name she derived from an Revolutionary ancestor Andres Davis, who died Dec 1850 aged 90 yrs 11months. My hand is weak - stiff - numb. Stock dividend for 1974 is \$2988.74. We had a delicious variety supper. This am I wrote letter to Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins. I got in 2 hours house walk before and after supper. John Schetzel Sr. Trooper Johnny's dad, a friend hiked on Hi Point snow knee high.

DECEMBER 29 Sunday 22/7:30am

34/9pm

Mostly cloudy biting raw still air. Cloudy evng snowing hard tonight.

Kept tuned to WGHQ for religious broadcast till 1 oco.

Harlowe came pm with Sunday Freeman, NY News.

Later we walked over to corner. Before, after supper I had 1 ½ hour house walk. John Schetzel called am - was on High Point yesterday - snow knee deep. We had good supper mashed spuds - meaty turkey gravy kraut & apple sauce. Finished letter to Mariam tonite started last evng.

The Calvary Baptist Church , Onteora Comm church holding week night meetings. Doubtful!

DECEMBER 30 Monday 33/7am 32/8pm

Mostly cloudy am raw blustery pm. "March weather"

Sunny clearing - The top flattened full moon in clouded sky rose shortly before 7 across reservoir. Wind quieted.

Sent air letter to Mariam. Recd card letter from Ada Bell. Wrote reply pm with desk calendar &

Farmer's Almanac. We walked over to corner pm. Harlowe called briefly. I vividly vision 43 years this pm - Little Honey Lillian riding on sleight, with Mariam on her skates, over on Aunt Cornelia's frozen ditch. I had supper that evng over to Shokan at Chester Lyons. Next morning she was sick when Daisy came down stairs carrying the Little Darling & spelled the word SICK. My writing is jittery due to my broken arm accident.

DECEMBER 31 Tuesday 24/7am 36 day
32/8:30pm

Brief glimpses of morning sunshine otherwise a dismal day & set in snowing heavy early evng. Recd Christmas card letter Mrs. Herbert George Sundown (a reply). Recd 20 additional shares Chessie (c o) par value \$1250 - now have 40 shares. Harlowe called briefly am. This mid pm we took a lonely walk down to Phil's Hill - I worked more on income tax data. We had delicious pancake & turkey gravy supper. I loaded up one of my double barrel muzzle loaders! Raul Bell's old flint lock rifle to salute the New Year - If I'm awake - I'm reminded of the icy storm last Christmas night & Bob's car sliding thru Al Fox new cow gate & down the bank. Then coming on mtn road getting stalled on the icy hill near Cabin John & the big town sanding truck sliding backward down over the rock ledge. My heart also is heavy of this night 1931 when poor Little Honey moaned all night. I sat by table under light & wrote events of the year for Kingston Freeman. Sent calendar & letter to Ada Bell, also card letter to Mr &

Mrs Wm E___ Claryville. I talked with Mr & Mrs Marty Warnes tonight.

THE DIARY OF ELWYN DAVIS 1975

January 1, Wednesday — Happy New Year to all.

The last night snow storm petered out with an inch or so. Gloomy still, a clearing trend started to develop PM. The ground is covered with 6 in or so of pre Christmas snow – more in woods.

Tuned to WGHQ — skattering of national events of 1974 among these the Watergate scandle. .Investigation in cabinet officials. The resignation of President Richard M Nixon as President. Appointment of congressman (33 mason) Jerimiah Ford of Michigan as President Former NY Governor Nelson S Rockefeller Vice president, after 4 months investigation by Congress. Defeat of GOP Malcom Wilson as Governor by Dem. Hugh Carey of Brooklyn. Defeat of Tom B. Martin for sheriff 4th term on Dem ticket reg. GOP candidate Thomas S Malone. We walked up to the corner PM. Buddy Eckert called. Ollie & I alone for New Years supper.

January 2, Thursday — 32 degrees at 7 AM. After early clouds & windy night, moonlight brilliant, cloudless, calm.

I made a cleaning up of papers& letters on side stairs Wrote for stockholders information to America Tel & Tel Co. Mid PM we started for walk up the road — noting Elsie H & Herbert Rexer were up but Kate and Geo. Carr met us & came back with them. Ollie & I had

a most delicious turkey pie, vegetable supper with baked potatoes. Ollie asked Harlowe for supper but he declined. Re'c AT&T check 289. At noon this date 1932 our Darling Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen underwent emergency operation for ruptured appendicitis at Kingston Hospital, faded away quietly 11:20 PM

January 3, Friday — 20 degrees at 7 AM — 32degrees at 8 PM

There was an unusual redened glow sunrise effect between the areas layered, overcast at 7 AM, otherwise gloomy, foggy with mid day messy 1/2in wet snow storm, moderated PM.

Today is the 69th anniversary of Fred and Lottie Huggans wedding at her home in Prattsville. They went on a week honeymoon to Niagara Falls and on the night of Jan10th given a bounteous reception at his home in West Shokan. Fred was then & until he went in the hardware business in 1916 in Margaretville, station agent at Arkville. Noontime we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer, he brought us back home. We had delicious supper, creamed white and sweet potatoes, dressing, creamed turkey, gravy and 3 bean salad.

January 4, Saturday — 32 degrees at 7 AM— 36 at 7 PM
Mostly cloudy with occasional brief patches of bright sunshine, wind light, overcast evng.

Another pretty much shut in day. Harlow called PM brought NY Times & News & Grit. After we walked up to corner. Didn't stop at Rexers, They were getting

company as we passed, Mr & Mrs Benson of Port Ewen.
We delicious variety supper & to bed early.

January 5, Sunday — 32 degrees 7:30 another 36 degree day. Mostly cloudy with periods of sunshine. Mid PM snow squall. Typical march weather, little wind, clear starlight eveng. 43 years this PM Darling Little Honey girl 2 PM funeral in the parlor in charge of one who loved her Rev. C.F. Ahrens of Walden. My burden feels lifted tonight. She is buried in a white casket and copper vault in N.W. corner of our family plot in Tongore cemetery. This AM Ollie was unable to get Harlowe after various attempts , then she contacted constable Bob Pleasants & found Harlowe on the floor, had vomited . The town 1st aid unit & ambulance took him to Benedictine Hospital. He is not considered too serious. We missed seeing Rexers as Jim Burgraff called and showed an elaborate carved double barrel 20 gauge double barrel flint lock gun of possible Spanish craftsmanship. During PM we walked over to corner in snow squall

January 6, Monday —14 at 8 AM –30 at 8 PM. Coldest of winter.

Brilliant, sunny, calm, gradually becoming overcast PM, cloudy evng –set in snowing.

We went with Ann Tennant early PM to Kingston and saw Helen Doherty & Harlowe McLean at rooms 230 & 219 at Benedictine Hosp. Helen was glad to see us, Jack was also there. We found Harlowe in a seemingly ---- --- -- condition, only word he said as customary was

(worse), when Ollie asked him how he feels. He had tests and blood transfusion. This eve Ollie called his nephew Gordon Najar in Middlebury Vermont. He called head nurse & later called Ollie back. We had good variety supper.

January 7, Tuesday — 36 at 8 AM – 40 at 8 PM. We got a soggy 6 + inches of snow during night. School closings wide spread today due to the sap snow variety. Sun broke out mid AM. Later mostly overcast and cloudy evng.

I cleaned up trash letters etc and burned them. Town and County snow plows rolled. Gordon Najar called evng from Middlebury Vermont, he had called Dr. Tocco regarding Harlowe. He didn't know if he had a light stroke. Mid PM we walked up to the corner. I started writing Bill & Ann Hughes enclosing desk calender & Farmers Almanac. We had excellent boiled potatoes, yellow squash supper. Went to bed after ½ hour walk.

January 8, Wednesday — 24 degrees 7:30 AM – 36 -8:00 PM Variable cloudiness, dark overcast evng, calm.

Kate Carr helper today washed up dishes — cleaned the floor, gave me a hair trim and dismantled the Christmas tree. We three walked up to the corner mid PM. Bob Yorks called AM — an old friend. George and Kate had supper with us. Delicious hot lentil soup. Buddy Eckert also called PM. Rec'd letter Clifford Graves & Gaye Vorkink. Started reply to Gaye. This AM Ollie talked on phone to Harlowe in Benedictine.

January 9, Thursday — 37 degrees at 7:00 AM —37 at 10 PM. Dismal rainy night and continuing till toward noon. Sun broke out early, later murked over. Glad its rain instead of snow.

Sent letter to Gaye. We went with Ann Tennant to the Senior Citizens installation of officers Firstly 95 attended. Justice Al Higley gave a talk regarding Justice Court. Next the installing officers. Refreshments served iced cakes, tea & coffee. Bob took pictures of new officers for Freeman publication. President Edward Giele 3rd term Vice president Jerry ---- , ---- -Sec Frances Giele re- elected, Sec. Delores Becker, Treas Tom Mowerscelecia, Corres Sec Dorothy Schmidt, Sunshine Sec Frances Giele re- elected. We came home by way of Boiceville and stopped at Al Higley's butcher shop grocery & liquor store.

January 10, Friday — 38 at 9 PM Foggy early, a chilly damp gloomy day & evng.

Buddy Eckert took us to Kingston and to A & P market \$56.00 Paid. Did errands up town & at Penny's. I bought a red & black plaid jacket & 3 pr sox for Ollie. Ollie gave him \$3.00 for gas. We went via of Hurley Mtn. Road & home via 28 to Boiceville. At Benedictine we visited Helen Doherty & Harlowe McLean. He is slowly improving but a sick man, has pernicious anemia & blood transfusions. His nephew Gordon Najar called up evng regarding Harlowe.

January 11, Saturday — 42 at 8:00 AM 62 at 8 PM Rainy night continuing, dense fog into afternoon. A

southerly wind is cutting away the snow blanket, tonight fields are getting bare.

A stay in doors day. In bed till in afternoon. We are getting Harlowe's papers, reading the latest. His nephew Gordon Najar of Middlebury Vt. visited him this PM & called up Ollie that he is showing improvement. Mr & Mrs Floyd Robbins called PM after a rainy skiing trip to Bellaire slopes. Ollie & I had delicious milk soup supper. We certainly miss Harlowe's almost daily visits.

January 12, Sunday — 35 at 8 AM – 36 8 PM Cleared in night, sunny this AM

but otherwise cloudy, still, gloomy.

A do nothing day. Did a few ----- show PM. Tuned to WGHQ radio AM. PM called town constable Bob Pleasants & Bert Liefeldt they brought Harlowe's radio & teeth the ----to take to him. We had delicious supper baked ----, corn bread & parsnips. First ever in winter I dug parsnips in winter. No frost. Deliciously sweet for supper.

January 13, Monday — 34 at 7:30 AM 30 at 8:30 PM

We got an inch or more of tree clinging sleety snow during night. Snowed intermittently along till later PM. A slippery storm, a cold messy storm. Road snow equipment operating before day break. Onteora schools closed and Kingston area schools operated mostly on delayed openings. Area events for tonight canceled. Kingston streets extremely hazardous. A house bound day. Ollie did chore errands. I finished and sent air letter to Mariam and wrote letter to Herb & Elsie Rexer, card

to Ann & Billy Hughes. Staid in bed till noon reading new testament & writing. More snow forecast tonight. Ollie

couldn't get Harlowe on hospital phone. Had 2 hour house walk PM. We had a ---- cabbage salad supper.

January 14, Tuesday — 20 at 7 AM — 20 at 7;30 PM
The day was hazy, calm — raw cold biting. Froze snow clings to trees.

Rec'd and started reply letter to Julia Rhoades. Onteora schools in session and county wide. A stay indoors day for me other than cleaning pig pen PM. Ollie did daily routine & rested on couch. Harlowe's hospiyal condition little changed. Kingston pioneer radio station WKNY celebrating 35th year broadcasting. World War Justin Bell of Hurley born in West Shokan is in Kingston Hospital with a stroke Wednesday night, affecting left side. He is an Olive AE T war ! Veteran & retired Inspector D.W.S. He is Harlowe's age around 81 — Past Master #101 shiner.

January 15, Wednesday — 14 at 7 AM coldest to date except Jan 6 — 22 at 8 PM Brilliant sunny till overcast developed later PM, still.

Ollie and I went to Kingston PM with Ann Tennant to see Harlowe at Benedictine Hospital & we are surprised and pleased he is showing improvement . We also saw helen Doherty but not improving. Home around 3:30. Rec'd check from ann Eckert for her Jan. taxes \$73.79. Deposited in Shokan bank. We had delicious hot soup,

cheese & biscuit suppre. I had hour house walk. Wrote card to Bill & Ann Hughes.

January 14, 1955

Downsville — The first water from the Pepacton reservoir has been sent through the two 15 ton gates into the tunnel that will send it eventually to New York city. Water is flowing from the reservoir into the Neversink at the rate of 400 million gallons per day.

January 16, Thursday — 24 at 7 AM — 25 at 10 PM
Cloudy AM, considerable sunshine PM — overcast light squally evng. Mountain fog, snow squally, calm.

Rec'd \$500.00 check from Discount CPN of NY Dis 500 shares. We attended senior citizens meeting PM with Ann Tennant. We had late PM & evng visit by Carol Davis, she had supper with us. Dr. Marlene Swift, Onteora school nurse was featured speaker PM Refreshments served. Carol Davis came supper time, eventually ate supper & stayed till 9:30. A big tiresome day for Ollie. Rec'd letter and October picture from Regina Robbins.

January 17, Friday — 16 at 8 AM — 14 at 9 PM. Wintry —part cloudy with intervals of bright sunshine dry ---- air, cloudless still evng with crescent moon over crest of south mtn. Had snow squall in night.

A stay in house day, Ollie did chores & rested on couch, tired out after yesterday & company last evng. Rec'd letter from Mariam & Cornelia. Started letter evng to Mrs Floyd Robbins. I wrote letter with desk

calender & almanac to Bertha Merrill in Walton Nursing home. Dr. Vet Avery Smith called PM & brought qt of seagrams.

January 18, Saturday — 26 at 8 AM — 40 at 8 PM
Cloudy — mountains and reservoir fogged out, biting southerly wind — a gradual thickening snow storm settled down about 10:30 AM, changed to a cold dismal rain that let up later PM, fog lifted. A dark night — south wind, made the house warmth uncomfortable. No callers today. Hospital reported Harlowe as fair. We had hot lentil nourishing soup for supper. I spent the day mostly reading new testament & January Reader's Digest .

January 19, Sunday — 34 at 7 AM 36 at 8:20 PM Some rain during night, cloudy, foggy very dismal PM, rained in night.

A stay in house day. Snow, slippery and icy. I started letter to Mariam & Bob in reply to rec'd Fridays. Undie change AM. Bob Smith up alone for week end, called early PM brought Christmas gifts. Later we carried out coal ashes. First thing this AM Ollie had to re-start fire. House much warmer than yesterday due to the south wind. We had delectable supper — mashed spuds, kraut & freezer pork. I had 2 hour house walk PM. Tonight wrote to Clifford Graves.

January 20, Monday — 22 at 7:30 AM Coldest night. 8 at 8:00 PM. Cloudy, gray, calm The reservoir appears as a sheet of lead. A skim of snow in the night makes travel

even more slippery. Driveway a glare, cloudless, still evng. High $\frac{1}{2}$ moon.

The dull gray looking sky started breaking away mid PM. At 4 O'clock the sun had settled back of Roul Bell's (South Hollow) and started climbing the east side. The temperature is falling, cold night forecast. Another in door day. Ollie did daily chores in variety. I finished and sent letter to Mariam, Cornelia & Clifford Graves. Card to Jim Mc Villy, started letter Mrs Currier. Ollie talked with Harlowe twice & is definitely improved. Walked 2 hours PM & evng. We had delicious variety supper.

January 21, Tuesday — 6 at 7 AM —32 at 8:30 PM
—Kingston 2 below. Snow squally all AM. A slippery re-coating. Reservoir skimmed over and whitened & frozen yesterday. Cloudy dismal PM and evng.

Another stay in house day. Ollie as usual took over. Tax checks to Margaret Kunkle Home Farm value 1200 \$196.77, Ann Eckert tenant farm \$73.79 total \$270.56. Ollie Farm tax \$78.70 No callers today. Ollie talked with Harlowe. He can feed himself but not stand alone. He seemed a bit confused. Said his nephew had been to see him. We had delicious variety supper. I had 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr house walk before and after. We went to bed early.

January 22, Wednesday — 24 at 7 AM 30 at 8:30 PM
partly cloudy with intermingled bright sunshine, calm, gutters ran, high hazy moonlight.

For me an indoor day. Kate Carr came today, cleaned up, changed bedding & gave me a hair trim. George came for her after work. Ollie and I had good variety

supper. She talked with Harlowe this AM & he seemed confused. Sent desk calendar & almanac to Mariam & wrote Fred Sint enclosing calendar & almanac.

January 23, Thursday — 16 at 8AM — 23 at 8 PM
Variable cloudiness, considerable sunshine mostly PM, little hazy moonlight evng.

This PM we went with Hope Miller to see Harlowe & Helen Doherty at the Benedictine Hospital. Harlowe is quite like himself but weak & unable to sit up in chair without support. Helen is due for a brain operation but talked intelligently . Ollie gave Hope Miller \$3.00 for gas. We had good variety supper. Both reservoirs are frozen over.

January 24, Friday — 22 at 7 AM — 34 at 8 PM Sunny & calm, thawing, Pleasant temp, hazy moonlight evng.

A stay in home day, no walks. Prof. Bob Steuding called PM for a ----- historical interview. We had delicious fish chowder supper. Just an uneventful day. Ollie talked with Harlowe in Benedictine Hospital. She sent him from Burgevons a beautiful bouquet of tulips yesterday \$5.00

January 25, Saturday ---- 36 at 7 AM 49 at 9 PM.
Rainy in night and continued steady through out the day and into the evening, dense fog.

I sat in bed reading most of the day & after supper. Travel is icy. The dynamic book I am intensely reading is Fulton Ouslers history of the new testament The Greatest Faith Ever Known. We had delicious pot potato stew

supper. Ollie talked twice to Harlowe Mc Lean and Mrs Helen Doherty. I now learn that my school mate and lifelong friend and 54 year member of Kingston Lodge # 10 Harold Boice 81 who was born & raised in pre reservoir West Shokan has been since before Thanksgiving a patient ----- . Also that 85 year lifelong active farmer Charlie Eckert of Krumville road has fallen on ice and broken his pelvis & is in Benedictine Hospital.

January 26, Sunday — 36 at 7 AM —34 at 10:30 PM. The cold rain and semi thaw melted considerable open snow. The east side is partially bare. Mountain squally PM & evng.

Bro Rudolph Proske called AM & gave me a belated Christmas gift, a qt. bottle of Johnnie Walker scotch. Later Elsie Rexer came in unexpectedly . We were not aware they came. No PM callers. I did considerable reading of book The Greatest faith Ever Known. We had usual good supper, mashed spuds, kraut & pork.

January 27, Monday — 27 At 7 AM —27 at 9:30 PM. A bright sunny day, scattered high clouds. Early rising full moon, broken clouds evng, calm.

This PM Ollie and I went to Benedictine hospital with Kate and George Carr. We visited with Harlowe McLean and Helen Doherty at Benedictine Hospital. Harlowe's gain is slow. Helen's no improvement. We then went to Kingston Hospital and saw Justin Bell 78 and Charlie Eckert 86, also at Benedictine we saw Bradford Kelder & was glad to see us. He has asthma, expects to go home

Wed. We then went out to A&P, spent \$14.99 on way home we called on Mr and Mrs Floyd Robbins in West Hurley. Kate and George had supper with us.

January 28, Tuesday —]24 at 7 AM 33 at 7:20 PM.
Damp raw still air, variable high overcast, some hazy sunshine.

This AM I finished Fulton Ouslers ---- book The Greatest Faith Ever Known. Story of Christ and new testament, life of Paul, Peter & other apostles 383 pages. Rec'd letter from Mariam, answering this PM. We took lonesome walk up to corner. Ollie talked with Harlowe, can walk a few steps & mind clear. Yesterday Ollie had 6 lovely tulips bouquet from Burgevone's \$5.00 sent Helen Doherty. Her chances are slim hospital desk said. No callers today. We had good supper creamed rice, green beans (freezer) flour gravy.

January 29, Wednesday — 31 at 7 AM -54 at 7 PM. Icy rain this morning, stopped later and gradually sun broke out became much moderated with south wind. Quite a January thaw, light rain PM & evng.

Mail didn't go as Ollie didn't want to make two trips to mail box over the ice. Various events canceled & some schools closed or delayed. We had pleasant PM call by Bishop caretaker Charley & Dot Reinhard. Had delicious mashed potatoes & venison stew vegetable supper. More snow today. Ollie did chores etc, I didn't even get on porch

January 30, Thursday— 32 at 7 AM— 27 at 8 PM.
Reservoir is broke up in night gale. Generally sunny. Big
March like blow last nite, quieted today & mostly
overcast evng.

Our days event was attending with Hope Miller Senior
Citizens fun party. Largest attendance 120 or more.
Table refreshments and variety social programs. Rec'd
letters Cornelia and Carole Longyear. Hosp. report on
Harlowe, fair. Last day Mariam was home 1933 before
going to New York for nurse training in St. Lukes Hosp.
The reservoir west basin ice sheet is just down to lower
end of dam dykes. East basin open water. We had light
milk toast supper. One of two twin ambulances in Bob
Steens yard damaged some by falling tree.

January 31, Friday ---- 24 at 7AM — 28 at 8 PM. Sunny,
still, cold. Overcast evng little wind.

This PM we walked over thru the old cross road and
had good visit with Ann Eckert, first since before
Christmas. We had a good variety supper & went to bed
early. Ollie keeps in daily fone touch with Harlowe. At
times his mind is confused. The east side is November
brown, only scattered snow on Tystenek.

February 1, Saturday — 26 at 8 AM — 24 at 11:30 PM.
Cloudy this morning, broke away became cloudless, cold
, icy, light north wind. At 4:10 PM the sun starts leaving
open reservoir to ---- east side.

Ollie talked again with Harlowe this AM. When and if
discharged will have to enter a nursing home. Rec'd
good letter from Noble Sidney Friar. Rec'd letter Julie

Rhoades & started reply. We have Harlowes mail, veterans check came today. This PM I cleaned pig pen and put in fresh bedding while Ollie fed her. She is plump & ready to butcher. We then walked over to corner. We had good variety supper. Marty Warnes came and spent the evening re- winding his prize bamboo fishing rod.

February 2, Sunday — 17 at 7:30 AM — 26 at 8 PM.
Woodchuck saw shadow.

Brilliant almost cloudless, crispy, wind light.

I was tuned all forenoon to WGHQ religious program. This PM we had long call by down road neighbor Mrs Ann Eberhardt. Then after supper walked up to corner. We rode back with Skin Davis. We saw 4 deer in DeSanna's field. Later we had call by Jim and Bernie Hoffman. We had good variety supper mashed spuds roast beef, gravy, succotash and baked apples. This date 1933 Mariam started classes at St Lukes Hosp. Constables Bob Pleasants and Bert Leifeld brought us the contents of Harlowe's freezer.

February 3, Monday — 25 at 7 AM — 24 at 8 PM.
Sunny scattered clouds AM. Became cloudless, brilliant, light icy winds, calm evng.

At noon Hurakurier cousins Don Dickman, lumber dealer & John McLean – dairy farmer of Margaretville came for Ollie & I and met the Vermont nephew Gordon Nager at the Benedictine Hospital & saw Harlowe briefly as he was being taken to therapy . Later we met at County building for conference when he is able to

transfer to nursing home or County infirmary. We were back home by 4 o'clock. We had good variety supper and to bed early..

February 4, Tuesday — 8 at 7 AM — 22 at 8 PM. Cold clear night with old moon. The day was hazy, sun dim & coldest of winter – 18 degrees at 4 PM. Sky looks heavy and snowy.

Had hot coffee with pancakes and sausage, flour gravy breakfast, that made me feel bloated all day. I finished and sent letter to Julia Rhoades in reply to her 2 /1. Also writing letter to Cornelia. We had a cold walk up to the corner PM. We had a good variety supper. Pitch black dark tonight. We went to bed early. I sent year old birthday card to Dara Joan Gers with 3 new dollar bills, Debbie Robbins darling little daughter 1 year tomorrow.

February 5, Wednesday — 20 at 7 AM — 34 at 8:20 PM. We got a messy about 4 ½ in snow storm continued into PM & turned to freezy drizzly rain. Travel hazardous.

School closings wide spread & practically all day and evening events canceled . A stay in house day for me. Didn't even get on porch. Ollie did daily routine. I staid in bed till near afternoon. Continued writing letters. Rec'd another letter from Cornelia and wrote to her. Read in new testament also article in Nov. 1973 Readers Digest principally of the German sub 20 torpedo ing of the great English steamer Lusitania in 20 minutes with loss of near 1200 tons – ----. Later events disclosed the

sinking was justifiable , as cargo contained vast ammunitions of war for the English allies, May 7th 1915.

February 6, Thursday — 30 at & AM — 32 at 8 PM.
More snow in night, mostly cloudy –brief breaks of sunshine. Snow settling –starlight, still evng. Driveway ok. Trees heavy with crusty snow this AM. Kept reading and writing. Sent letter to Cornelia. Wrote to Reggie and Elsie davis –finished letter to Julia Rhoades. Rec letters Ada bell and Gaye Vorkink This PM we walked over to corner, not cold. We had delicious supper, A& P meat pies, baked spuds and peas. Had hour walk after supper. Ollie to bed early, me at 8:20. Sent \$10.00 deposit to Montgomery on 5 hp rototiller 199.89 till May 1. Many schools closed again today. We had no way to attend senior citizens meeting PM (40 were present). Sent \$10.00 deposit to Montgomery Ward on 5 hp roto tiller \$199.89.

February 7, Friday — 28 at 7 AM --- 22 at 9 PM. Not as mild as yesterday. Variable sunshine and overcast. Snow squally later pM. Wind northerly, part starlight evng.

The north end of reservoir snow and ice cooling opened up PM. I did some digest reading. Jim Burgraff called at noon. Mid PM we walked up to corner, temp comfortable. Started letter to Debbie Gere. We had delicious supper boiled potatoes creamed turkey, gravy, freezer white beans, fresh frozen peaches and tomatoes. I got in 1 ½ hours house walk evng. Had two PM calls

from Montgomery Ward regarding my deposit on rototiller.

February 8, Saturday — 10 at 8 AM — 29 at 8:30 PM.
The sun settled back of South Hollow about 4:15. Crispy light variable wind. Generally hazy, sunny and overcast and starlight evng, still.

Sent letter to Debbie Gere RN. The open end of lake froze over again. Mid PM had daily walk up to cider mill corner. Ollie called Harlowe again and his recovery is daily progressive. We hear that my old schoolmate Harold Boice went to Highland nursing home from Kingston Hospital. We had delicious variety supper, mashed taters, creamed turkey, gravy, freezer peas. I had hour house walk.

February 9, Sunday — 22 at 7 AM — 16 at 8 PM. We are getting a cold snow storm started before day break, continued to early PM, the sun broke through the storm clouds. Cloudy early evng, calm, & starlight.

No exercise walk, spent the day reading & writing card to Kim and Willie Hughes, letters to Clifford Graves and Mariam, get well card to Harlowe. No walk and no callers. Ollie talked to Harlowe. We had delicious variety supper vegetable meat stew and hot boiled potatoes. Ollie went to bed. I had hour walk after supper.

February 10, Monday — Zero coldest to date at 7 AM
14 degrees at 9:30 PM. Coldest day – still generally sunny with some high overcast, starlight evng.

Finished and sent letters to Reggie Davis and Clifford Graves. This PM we walked over to corner. I worked on

income tax data. Hospital called Ollie to tell her he is sent to Hyde Park nursing home. We both talked to him this PM & he seemed quite normal. He still is unable to urinate naturally. But gets around good with walker. Rec'd letter and paper from Reggie and Elsie Davis, Zekhyr Hills, Florida. We had delicious variety supper. Ollie went to bed. I had hour walk. My lifelong friend and 54 year bro. Mason Kingston Lodge # 10 died in Kingston hospital.

February 11, Tuesday — 20 at 7 AM — 22 at 8 PM. A trace of late night & AM snow. Cold. raw, foggy, dismal, brightened PM and sun tinted up the whitened ice clad reservoir.

Rec'd long letter from Mariam. Bob has to return the 6th of September & he has two month to roam the woods that he loves to do. This AM Harlowe McLean, 5 weeks and 2 days in Benedictine Hosp. transferred by ambulance to Hyde park nursing home in Staatsburg across river. I sat out the day other than taking walk to corner.

February 12, Wednesday — 16 at 7 AM — 10 at 9:30 PM. Another snow storm started this morning like a noreaster but mid PM the sun broke out and tinted the pure white snow..

A stay in house day. I wrote another letter to Mariam. Kate Carr came & hoed out and cut my hair. George came for her after work. This evng Ollie and I went with Walter Kruger of Acorn Hill Road, retired after 20 years in army, to Lashers Parlors in Woodstock and I took part

in # 10 Masonic service for my old schoolmate Harold Boice, with 6 other members conducted Masonic service. Home 9:15. We stopped to Regina and Floyd Robbins. She was in bed with a bug.

February 13, Thursday — 23 at 8 AM –24 at 8 PM.
Mostly cloudy – scarce sunshine, roughest blustery snow blowing of the winter.

A stay in house day. Ollie did daily routine. I wrote more in letter to Mariam. Its grim coal stove balky evng. I checked up figures for Ollie's tax report, as legally blind is entitled to 3 exemptions \$2,150 her income.

February 14, Friday — 20 degrees at 8 AM — 30 degrees at 8 PM. Brilliant nearly cloudless, still, became overcast evng an ideal mid winter day.

Sent letter to Mariam. Rec'd reply letter from Anna Hughes, both been sick and war 2 injuries vet Willie Hughes condition not good, high pressure, memory fade, weighs 110. This PM we went with Ann Tennant and then over to Hyde Park nursing home. A really beautiful place. Patients well cared for. Harlowe is lonely and broke down. He thought no one would come to see him. Ollie and Mrs Tennant tried to cheer him up. We got home at 4:45 & after 6 o'clock Ollie called Gordon Najar in Vermont. Harlowe worries about his property. We had good supper.

February 15, Saturday — 28 at 7:30 AM 34 at 7 PM.
Sunny AM, overcast PM & evng calm.

Bill Harrison visited us AM. He will butcher pigger next Saturday AM. This PM we called on Herbie and Elsie with Gertie Hynes and another couple up for the long weekend. Getting home we had call by nurse Joyce Cogan and husband George. We had good supper, mashed potatoes and beans. Ollie went to bed, me later. 38 degrees at 8 PM.

February 16, Sunday — 37 at 7 AM — 45 at 8 PM.
Overcast day & evng. Still, brief brisk PM & weak sunshine.

House bound. Ollie on the go all day. This PM we had calls by Charley, Carol Davis & 8 year old son Chucky, also Mr and Mrs Seward Osborne of Krumville to see my gun collection & get historical information on Col. John B. Davis and the Civil war. We had a good variety supper. Baked tamed rabbit, mashed potatoes, gravy & red cabbage. I had 1 ½ hr walk after supper. Ollie went to bed early. I answered Anna Hughes letter rec'd Friday. also wrote Harlowe McLean's nephew Don Dickman that we had visited him Friday. Abe Longyear widow Alice Mae 91 died at Horton Baptist Hospital in Dallas Texas. Funeral 21st in Phoenicia Baptist church.

February 17, Monday — 32 at 7AM — 32 at 8:30 PM.
Foggy early then sunny — then sunnied up PM and evng still, damp, overcast.

Mail service, banks etc closed. The Onteora school has 10 days snow vacation for economy. One of my remaining schoolmates birthday Bertha Beesmer Adsit of Shokan. I wrote birthday card for today. Early PM

Herbie Rexer called and brought me a birthday gift, quart of scotch. Later we walked over to corner. Then cleaned and re-bedded the pig pen. Ollie fed pigger. We had delicious like June old fashion strawberry biscuit, bought Friday at Mohican store 69 cents qt. Ollie went to bed. I had hour house walk. PM I wrote birthday card - letter to Grace Winchell for 20th.

February 18, Tuesday — 34 at 6 AM — 35 at 8:30 PM.
We had a re-decoration of a clinging 1 inch or more snow in night that melted during day. Cloudy, raw, dismal, sun broke out briefly later PM — cloudy evng.

Another in doors day for me. Ollie was busy as usual. We had delicious pancake gravy breakfast & soup supper. I got in 2 ½ hour walk PM, after supper Ollie went to bed.

February 19, Wednesday — 38 at 7 AM — 36 at 8 PM.
Mostly cloudy, still raw air.

Another in house day for me. No callers. Ollie fed pigger and did her daily routine. I rec'd 7 birthday cards. We had delicious variety supper and went to bed early. Ollie made final calls for my birthday party Rec'd 7 cards.

February 20, Thursday — 34 at 7 AM — 34 at 8 PM.
Mostly cloudy AM bright and sunny PM and clear early evng with ½ moon . The became part overcast, moon shone thru , still.

This PM we attended with Ann Tennant the Senior Citizen elaborate valentine party — 150 largest ever

present. Coming home we stopped at Singer & Denman in Boiceville & I got pkg. each of Burpee Big Boy tomato seed, ---- — hybrid, pkg of radishes, pkg ---- \$2.60 paid. Rec'd 6 cards, one with letter from Cornelia.

February 21, Friday — 32 at 7:30 AM ---- 40 at 8:30 PM. Bright still sunny. Feels spring is turning the corner.

Rec'd a bumper crop of 18 cards today, have rec'd 35 or more. Geo. and Kate came mid AM. He not working this week, not feeling good. Ollie & Kate made my time honored soft chocolate plain birthday cake, 2 batch size. George amused himself reading. Kate cleaned up & washed dishes etc. Geo went to Kingston to see his doctor, came back and had a fish chowder supper. Their nephew 6 years old Wayne Fitchner is a real live wire, came with them for the day. :Later PM we walked up to corner. Paid Kate \$8.00 work & wash.

Funeral service this PM at Phoenicia Baptist church in charge of Rev. John McConaughy for Mrs Alice Mae Longyear 91, widow of Abram Longyear. She died Feb. 16th in Texas where she lived for 20 years. Survived by son C.B. Longyear of Dallas Texas — 3 grand daughters & great grand son.

February 22, Saturday — 28 at 7:30 — A perfect sunny, calm spring like day —overcast developed late PM.

Ollie and I went with George and Kate Carr to my 85th anniversary third annual birthday party in Ashokan Legion , Town Court Hall, 40 present. Kingston speakers were ----- Frederick Snyder, retired banker Dewitt. Hurley former assessor Schuyler Weidner all

Masons. Other speakers were Supervisor Oliver Crawford, Ann Tennant, Justice Al Higley, Town Historian Vera Sickler and myself. I rec'd a appreciated selection of gifts –An after home party followed all told 40 were present, and 17 at home all but 2 attended the first party. The 10 dozen donuts were donated from Winchell's store shop. The evening buffet also included baked beans, potato salad, 3 bean salad, macaroni & cheese, coffee & scotch – rye— tawny port.

February 23, Sunday — 39 at 8:30 AM ---- 47 at 8:00PM. Light rain in night this AM damp and foggy, murky, sun came out briefly at 2:30. Cloudy dismal evening.

Daughter Cornelia called up from Florida (85) Wishing me a happy 85th birthday. (Its foal time again as Dear Grammy called it. Only birthday callers was winsome friend Mrs Charles (Carol) Davis, she gave me a fancy small corner festooned pillow, had a few ½ glasses of tawny port. My days libation 2 snorts of 4 roses & soda. Only exercise ½ hour late PM house walk. Ollie rested considerable on her couch. We had delicious supper boiled taters & cooked kraut& Mrs Beatrice Ducs fancy birthday cake, green lettered Happy Birthday Elwyn.

February 24, Monday — 42 degrees at 8 AM 40 at 8 PM. Rainy — foggy night and continuing today, a cold storm, snow melts very slow continued into evng.

This AM sitting in bed Ollie and I went over in review my birthday cards. The mail brought me a

birthday note & 5.00 from Mary Margaret Mc Bride. Re-counting I have 72 considerably more than last year. No exercise. We had good supper, boiled taters & boiled pork, baked beans, bread etc. Ollie went to bed, I soon after. I continued writing letter to Mariam.

February 25, Tuesday — 42 degrees at 7 AM — 40 at 8 PM. The rain and fog continued over night but by mid AM broke up into blustery rain snow squalls. Mostly cloudy during the day & early evng. Wind quieted – hazy moonlight almost, full streams running high.

We had a very enjoyable noontime, early PM visit by Regina Robbins, she brought gifts and cleaned up with her electric cleaner till it conked out. During the PM Ollie & I ----- ashes trash cans & got in wood and walked up to corner where Jacky brook pours a volume of water over Kelders dam There with a warm break up most of open snow is gone & on east side the upper sides of Tysteneck. No frost in ground & all streams flushed.. We had good variety supper. I sent a letter to Mariam.

February 26, Wednesday — 36 at 8 AM 40 at 9 PM. Blustery March weather last night and today & evng.

The upper part of reservoir ice opened up, with a strip of ice along east side & remains in Van Steenburgh cove. Gorgeous glowing full moon. A stay in house day too windy for a walk. Received note from Barbara Moncure from Brooklyn, due to oldest boys wedding she forgot my birthday card. In writing Elsie and Reggie Davis I had 2 hour house walk before & after supper. Ollie made me a really delicious delayed birthday supper, mashed

potatoes with turkey legs, brown gravy, lettuce salad, piece of freshly iced soft chocolate cake, & cranberry sauce.

February 27, Thursday — 32 degrees at 7 AM. 32 at 8 PM. Variable high clouds, bright sunny. The wind diminished, hazy moon just past full.

Mid day Ollie and I went with Hope Miller (Paid 4.00 for gas) to see Harlow McLean at Hyde Park Nursing Home — also there we met his nephew John Mc Lean and wife Lillian, also her mother. Harlow seems considerably improved since our visit of February 13 th. He can urinate natural but mind a bit hazy & uses walker. He was in bed. A pleasant trip, ice out of Hudson river, particularly from east basin , the west basin is 2 /3 open. 4 deer grazed late PM below garden. Hand jittery. The scenic view from West Hurley dyke and 28 A magnificent 8:30 AM a large truck hit 9ft high cross bar at north end of 1892 Phoenicia steel bridge toppling that part into the turbulent Esopus. A water main supply was severed. Received card and message from Debbie Gere. They have moved from Keene NH.

February 28, Friday — 23 degrees at 8 AM — 38 at 8 PM. Generally sunny, winds light. Its maple sap weather – when the days are sunny and the nights freeze. Then sugar makers tap the trees (thoughts of 1908 a quote of by gone carefree days).

Sitting the day out, other than this PM we took a walk up thru the snow spatted woods and back. I love the smell of the Hinkley woods with memories of leaf

gathering - wood getting days. I'm writing this in soft chair back of coal stove. It seems I write more legible than like last night by table. We had delicious variety supper, boiled taters - turkey brown gravy, carrots & peas and chocolate birthday cake. We went to bed early. Ann Eckert is on the shelf with cracked ankle.

March 1, Saturday — 32 degrees at 8 AM — 30 at 8 PM. Moonlight tonight. The day was chilly, mostly cloudy, sunned up later PM.

Butcher Bill Harrison assisted by Tommy & Bill Yeager & Charley Davis butchered and hung up pigger down cellar . Smallest we ever raised dressed 138. It was only a 16 lb pig bought in June cost \$41.00 expense but good lean meat “ the recollection of quality remains after the price is forgotten” No charge or eats for butchering. No exercise today just kept quiet do to sore throat a night cold. Received letter Julia Rhoades & started reply , all her family had a bug.

March 2, Sunday — 23 at 8 AM 30 at 8PM. Moonlight night – part full. Variable periods of sunshine & cloudiness – overcast evng. Raw cold air and wind light.

Minding my cold I didn't go on porch all day. Spent the time writing more in letter to Reggie, to Julia Rhoades & Herbie Rexer with birthday card for March 4th Had a late PM call by Mrs Alison Singleton of Ashokan campus was looking for rooms to rent. We had good supper, mashed potatoes, chopped liver, fried onions, hubbard squash & birthday cake. Then we went to bed.

March 3, Monday – 24 at 8 AM 22 at 8 PM Overcast and hazy sun broke away before sunset, blustery evng. Raw cold weather.

My cold (nap) staid in bed till mid PM. Then dressed and sat in soft chair. We had a good supper and to bed 8 o'clock. Baked spuds, snippered green beans & corn bread. I sent birthday cards to Jim McVidy and Dot Reinhard for 4th.

Wesleyan Community Church at Shokan

A new Wesleyan Community church was organized in Shokan Nov.17, 1974. The church associated with the world wide Wesleyan Church of America and is part of the Champlain District. Superintendent Rev. Charles A. Dayton presided.

Services are being held at a temporary location on the property of Mr and Mrs Wolfgang Adels, a short distance west of the Orange County Bank on route 28, in the town of Shokan.

A new church building will be started as soon as the right site can be purchased, one that will be an asset to the beautiful township of Olive.

Services are as follows Sunday 9:45 AM, Sunday school 11 AM, worship and 7 PM Bible study. Wednesday 7:30 PM Prayer service. A cordial welcome to all. Sunday March 30, 11 AM Easter Sunday, speaker Rev. Gerald C. Matson.

March 4, Tuesday — 20 degrees at 7:30 AM Pleasant sunny, wind light, dry air, scattered clouds.

Ollie's sore throat no better. Ann Tennant came 2 PM took us to Stone Ridge to see Dr. Tocco. We each

had shot in arm and check up – each medicine. When we got home I was so stiffened up that Ann and Ollie helped me get out of car. I became so weak I was helpless. Ollie managed to get me in bed — was about to call town ambulance & go to hospital. She called Dr Tocco he said put me in bed, give me tea & aspirin in addition to medicine. Even my memory was affected. He was right I got some sleep & finally gradually felt stronger. Then must have been 10 o'clock butcher Bill Harrison and Jim Brooks of Sundown came & cut up the pig. Each paid Dr. Tocco \$7.00.

March 5, Wednesday — 26 at 8 AM – 30 at 8 PM.
Continued sunny – still – good sap weather – cloudless evng.

My fever broke after midnight. I got so could help myself, got considerate rest. Ollie cared for me faithfully. I must have the prevailing flu. My nose not plugged up or runny unless coughing and sore thou. I staid in bed til 1 PM. Then got up and set in sunny sofa chair awhile. Buddy Eckert & maple syrup helper Patricia Scanlon called PM she took the 4 hams over to the smokehouse of the Catskills for curing\$6.00 paid, also shopped Woodstock A & P.

March 6, Thursday — 30 degrees at 8 AM — 36 at 8:30 PM. We had a sap snow shower this AM but gradually during the PM became cloudless – milder today.

I staid in bed til mid PM. Then dressed and shaved. Ann Tennant brought bundle of Freemans after attending senior citizen meeting – from Ed Gille. We then had a

surprize call by B.C.I. Investigator Ed Ze Borin and Bro Tom Seales of Kingston. We had delicious supper pork chops, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & soft chocolate cake, now getting pretty dry. I received a gorgeous colored afghan from Cornelia for my birthday, also a ----
- also 2 get well cards.

March 7, Friday — 30 at 7:00 AM 38 at 10:30 PM.

Dismal still cloudy, light rain late PM & evng.

I staid in bed til 3 PM – then got around and dressed. Looked over the papers & letters. I am feeling better but no pep. We had good variety supper boiled potatoes, meat, gravy, creamed corn & birthday cake. This evng Bill Harrison came and packaged the pig meat for freezer & cut up side pork to salt.

March 8, Saturday — 34 at 7 AM. 18 degrees at 8:30 PM. Cloudy raw this AM. Gradually became brilliant, cloudless, raw and windy.

Another stay in house day but this PM Ollie and I cut up the pig head in kitchen & salted the side pork in crock down cellar. PM callers trooper John Schetzel & Mrs Laurie (Rudy) Pracke. She brought a qt. of Deluxe Scotch as a birthday gift (2 weeks belated) I started letter to Cornelia to thank her for the beautiful afghan. We had delicious supper scalloped potatoes, boiled new pork & tomatoes.

March 9, Sunday — 10 degrees at 7 AM 25 at 8:30 PM.
Cloudless, bright, sunny. The coldest night in several

weeks, light raw winds. Snow forecast —maple sap weather.

Another stay in house day. No callers. Finished letters to Reg and Elsie Davis, Cornelia and Julia Rhoades. This PM Ollie had to clean coal stove & restart fire. I am bothered with unusually sore mouth and tongue. We had excellent supper, baked potatoes, broiled freezer suckers and peas. Was tuned to WGHQ broadcasts all forenoon & early PM. We went to bed early.

March 10, Monday —22 at 7:30 AM 34 at 9:30. Cold still cloudy, snowstorm settled down late AM but later faded out, sun tried to peek out.

I sent letter to Reggie and Elsie Davis and Julia Rhoades —am writing to Cornelia. Also wrote Mrs Sybil & Wm T Golden. Started letter in return reply to Debbie Robbins Gere with 2 Christmas pictures of Daria Joan. We had good supper, boiled spuds, birthday cake, fresh boiled pork. Mrs Helen Doherty 69 over 12 weeks in Benedictine Hosp. following last weeks brain tumor surgery. Her recovery doubtful.

March 11, Tuesday — 30 degrees at 8 AM 34 at 8:30 PM. Dismal still raw and damp. Had gardening whitening snow last night — that disappeared. The sun briefly broke thru AM — pitch dark evng.

For the first since week ago Friday and this PM Ollie & I emptied ashes and trash cans and walked down to Spook Rock. I hadn't been out the house only going to see Dr. Tocco last Tuesday. The dead end of winter certainly is gloomy. We had delicious supper mashed

potatoes, boiled pig meat, brown gravy and carrots. Ollie went right to bed.

March 12, Wednesday – 33 at 7 AM 37 at 8:30 PM. A most miserable foggy, slushy snowy – rainy day and evng. Ground re-whitened by 2 inches or more.

A stay put day. Kate Carr came, cleaned refrigerator and floor & cut my hair \$8.00 paid with wash. Geo. came for her after work & visited. We had delicious supper lima beans, pork & boiled potatoes. Ollie went to bed. I spent the day writing. Sent letter to Debbie Gere with squash seed. Sympathy card to Jack Doherty. Received and wrote letter to Regina Robbins. Letter with tax blanks to Jean Smith also letter to Ann & Willie Hughes. The former Clarence Donaghue family home on Krumville Road gutted by unknown fire in storm — occupant Wayne Cline & companion working — not home.

March 13, Thursday — 33 at 7:00 AM 33 at 8:30 PM. Dismal foggy damp AM cleared beautifully sunny PM. A bit hazy with northerly winds that quieted.

Another stay in day except for emptying ashes and cans out other side of road. I had bath and undie change for trip tomorrow PM with Gordon Najae to visit Harlow. No callers. Spring seems approaching near. I started letter to Mariam & Fred Ronk. We had excellent supper pork rinds, mashed spuds & tomatoes. We went to bed early.

March 14, Friday — 30 degrees at 7 AM 26 at 9 PM.
Dismal raw gloomy AM Light wet messy snow
developed PM – changed to rain, travel hazardous at
night.

Gordon Najar came 9 AM took us to see Harlow. He
was pleased to see us and much improved since our last
visit. We stopped and saw attorney Vincent Connelly in
Kingston on return, also had dinner lunch at Kurta's . I
had delicious roast lamb & gravy, cole slaw and coffee.
Ollie had creamed turkey. Home 2:45. Received March
10th letter from Mariam. We had only crackers and
cheese & bottle of beer for supper. Mouth sore. Writing
to Mariam. Sanding truck operating tonight.

March 15, Saturday — 26 at 7 AM – 32 at 8 PM.
Typical mid March, sunny, maple sap weather, wind
northerly. Ground re-whitened by yesterday's messy
snow storm. Town road sander trucks operating early this
AM. During PM gradually became cloudless and calm.

Wrote to Helen Mc Kay and her dad Fred Ronk. Rec.
another letter & picture of Ollie's house from Sybil
Golden. Trooper John Schetzel called PM & cleaned pig
pen.

Aristotle Onassis one of the worlds richest men rose
from poverty (shipping magnate) died in Paris of
pneumonia & complications. He was the husband of the
former Jackie Kennedy wife of the Nov. 22 1963
assassinated president. She was in NY with her children
at the time of his death.

March 16, Sunday — 22 at 7 AM — 46 at 8 PM. The day was calm, hazzily sunny became overcast at sunset.

Another stay in house day. Tuned in to WKNY sermon etc till 1 PM. Later we walked over to corner first since our bout with flu. Finished letter to Fred Ronk & Sybil Goldden. Sap should run, truly a dead end winter day. We had delicious supper mashed potatoes, corn, spare ribs & birthday cake. We had pleasant call by my 3 year ago pneumonia care nurse Mrs Fred (Joyce) Keogan & 14 year son Todd, 6 year Mathew & all 3 interested in my gun collection.

March 17, Monday — 30 degrees at 7:30 AM 36 at 8 :00 PM. Cloudless – serene sunny light winds. It's dead end winter, no buds showing. A sap day of memory – cloudless evng.

This date 1829 marked the birth of my esteemed grandfather Martin Henry Crispell in the old homestead, now under the water of the Ashokan reservoir. He wrote his signature indelibly in my boyhood life. He died in May 1905. No callers. We walked down to Spook Rock 4 PM. This AM 11 to 12 I heard part of Mary Margaret Mc Brides St Patricks day program. Then 1 to 4 PM the ----- program co ordinated by WGHQ from Holiday INN in Kingston. We had delicious boiled supper & 8 o'clock to bed.

March 18, Tuesday — 25 at 7:30 AM 46 at sunset and 36 at 8:00 PM.. Hazzily sunny thru the high streaky clouds, light southerly winds – not a juicy maple sap run.

I had no exercise other than we walked down to Phil Dwyer's. hill 4:30 PM. No callers. The east side sunset doesn't reflect spring. We had delicious supper – mashed potatoes, meat, gravy, beans. We went to bed early. Johnny Schetzel brought small truck load cut rock oak chunk wood.

March 19, Wednesday — 30 at 7:00 AM 50 at 8:00 PM. Dismal chill, foggy, rainy. Miserable rainy all day & evng. Moderate wind, 48 at 5:30 PM – a cold storm.

I spent the day writing letters to Barbara Moncure, June Panzenella , Tully NJ, birthday card . William Schmersahl , Saugerties about repair pads for Rototiller. Mfg Parker Mowers – Laurenceville Tennessee, and cards to Bill and Ann Hughes & May Gere Hees in Port Richie Florida. We had delicious hot potato stew supper with toast. We went to bed early – nothing else to do.

March 20, Thursday — 46 degrees at 7:30 AM 40 at 9 PM. Catskill Mtn area had 3in” of rain. Drenchy night continued unsettled rainy AM & most all day —Became colder, blustery. Mountains freshly snow covered. Streams running full head. Esopus mud rially.

This PM we attended Senior Citizen meeting, around 80 present. We came home with Hope Miller and stopped at Al Higley's butcher block and liquor store. I bought 4 gallon case of Growers brand Tawny Port \$15.00. 5 members of the Olive 1st Aid Unit presented interesting information, since the organization formed March 1975. There are now 26 qualified members. 5 present – Mae Steen, Charley Muller, Joyce Carney,

Shelly Fox, & Wesley Buley. We had good supper, corn, beans, & boiled potatoes. I had hour house walk.

March 21, Friday — 32 at 7 AM 36 at 8 PM. Cold blustery night, typical March . Clearing cloudless, wind quieted. Sunny with high thin overcast. Wind northerly, clear high just over ½ moon evng.

Received letter Cornelia from Florida where the weather is like good ole summer time. I wrote return reply to Cornelia. We walked down to Phil's hill mid PM. No callers. We had excellent supper, mashed potatoes, creamed tuna fish & snipped beans – also chocolate birthday cake. We went to bed early. Our old friend retired , Raymond J Dunn's wife Helen buried this AM from Phoenicia Catholic Church.

March 22, Saturday — 33 at 7 AM 42 at 9:30 PM. We got brief sunshine AM, otherwise the weather was gloomy, damp, light rain latter PM & evng.

This PM Mr and Mrs John Mc Lean of Andies took Ollie & I to see Harlow Mc lean at Hyde Park Nursing Home. He is brighter but mind is sketchy. We were home 5 o'clock We had good supper, corn, beans, eggs & tomatoes. Bill Harrison called evng. Went to bed after 7:30.

March 23, Sunday — 33 at 7 AM 40 at 9 PM. Sunny mild weather, high clouds, wind light northerly. Cloudless still moonlight evng.

Was tuned with WGHQ religious program till early PM. Mid PM we walked the upper woods to back road

where John Schetzel is cutting firewood on 50/10 .
Coming back we called on Ann Eckert. Later had visit by Carol Davis. We had good supper. I cleaned up my birthday soft chocolate cake.

March 24, Monday — 38 at 7:30 AM 40 at 8 PM.
Dismal cold rain till mid pM. Variable thick fog, more rain later — dismal evng.

Just a set around day. Started letter to Mariam PM.
Ray Dunn called up 11 AM in response to sympathy card I sent him Sat. It is difficult for me to just kill time and do nothing. We had good supper fried onions & hamburg, mashed potatoes, green freezer beans. Ollie went to bed and me soon after.

Monday 25, Tuesday — 36 at 7 AM 44 at 8 PM. Dense foggy AM. Sun broke out later PM. Was variably overcast, cleared evng.

Geese are returning from south migration. We walked over to corner PM. I tired myself out cleaning out under woodshed. No callers today. Received reply letter from Mr & Mrs Astakey Bedigan. Get well card from Ellen Herrington. I sent air letter to Mariam also wrote cards to Ellen Herrington & 1 to Norah Herrington, Jesse Burgher & Clifford Graves. We had good supper, boiled spuds, scrambled eggs & green beans. We went to bed early. Flocks of geese are returning north.

March 26, Wednesday — 35 at 7 AM 22 at 8 PM.
Ground whitening — March squall this AM. Later snow

disappeared, part cloudy — blustery March. Almost full moon real early evening over Kingston..

A stay in house day. Buddy Eckert came PM & checked on cellar pump – but proved OK. Kate came and cleaned up & gave me a hair trim, she brought extra big wash. I gave her \$9.00. George picked her up after work. He is now on six days on full time. We had excellent supper mashed potatoes, creamed tuna, & peas. We went to bed early. I wrote several post cards for Easter. Sent Geo Weeks birthday card for 27th at Hutton's Nursing Home.

March 27, Thursday — 20 degrees at 7 AM — 30 at 6:30 PM — 24 at 8:30 PM. Had a typical cold March blustery night. Brilliant full moon and some clouds. Bright cold wintry sunny weather, some thin high overcast developed PM

Bishops long side ditch well frozen. Cloudless evng, majestic full moon rose south of Kingston. This PM we took cold windy walk over thru upper woods to back road, to check on the wood cutting. I finished & sent letter to Debbie Robbins Gere also to Rev John Kappenauld, Rhinebeck Baptist minister about Easter cards ordered March 10th, cards also to Lottie Staskawitz and card letter to Harlow Mc Lean. We had elegant supper, baked spuds, hot biscuits, carrots & pork chops. I had ½ hour walk & to bed 8:30. I had 25 lb potting soil delivered late PM from Boiceville nursery \$2.70 paid. We planted box in last years potted soil, pkg each of Burpees Big Boy & V E tomatoes on stand by mid south window.

March 28, Friday — 18 at 7 AM 33 at 8:20 PM.

Overcast early, clearing, sunny, thin overcast, wind calmed. Full moon tonight, slowly moderating 42 at 6 PM.

Sent Harlow letter & card also wrote letter & card to Mr & Mrs John Mc Lean. Had phone call from Rev. John Kappenauld pastor of Rhinebeck Baptist church. (Said he would visit Rhinebeck Nursing Home tomorrow & see Harlow McLean. We enjoyed the memorial solemn 1 – 3 PM Good Friday program via WGHQ from Fair St Reformed church. This PM we went over to back road & on way back called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer up for weekend. Worst blizzard in 20 years from Cal. east. We had delicious hot fish chowder milk supper.

March 29, Saturday — 30 at 7 AM 46 at 8 PM.

Clouded over this AM, forenoon rainy – dismal, overcast PM & evng — windy spell PM.

Another stay in doors day. Wrote to Mary Margaret McBride with thanks for her \$5.00 birthday gift. Wrote card to Mr and Mrs Harold Bush Stone Ridge – coal dealer, asked to send card to Harlow at Rhinebeck Nursing Home. We had no callers. Delicious corn beef hash, pumpernickel – tomatoes & string bean supper. We went to bed early.

March 30, Sunday — 36 at 7 AM. Dismal rainy night followed by thick messy snow shower – foggy - chilly - damp Part broke away later PM – calm.

We observed Easter enjoying the inspiring Easter service program all on station Kingston WGHQ,

excepting the first over WKNY at 7:30 . The deeply impressive 45 annual Knights Temple service at the front of the unknown World War 1 soldier (who is known but by God. Thousands stood in the rain at the amphitheater in Arlington National cemetery. Early PM we walked over in sight of Rexers, curtains drawn windows & then over to the corner. I had delicious Easter breakfast in bed 2 boiled - 2 fried eggs, creamed spuds, slice toast & pumpernickel. Late PM 9 deer below the garden.

March 31, Monday — 26 at 7AM 36 at 8 PM. Snow squall in night, very windy continuing till sunset & diminishing. Bright sunny day but cold & windy, cloudless.

Another stay in house day. Did some reading & writing to Mariam. We have the back wash of a violent snow & wind storm up state, especially west, back of lake Ontario. No walk. I started letter to Mariam. We had delicious supper – baked potatoes, lima beans, flour gravy, hot biscuits & apple sauce. We had delicious Easter supper, mashed potatoes, gravy, lima beans, eggs and jello

April 1, Tuesday — 30 degrees at 6:30 AM 56 at 6:30 PM 42 at 8 PM. Variable cloudiness & sunshine —variable winds. Spring seems now in the air. Real warm in sunshine (a spotty day) clear evng.

I had considerable needed exercise, piled pick up load oak wood under shed & we had walk over to upper back road. Wrote to Jean Smith with tax information. No callers. My old game left leg aches. Trout season opened

and state wide favorite stream densely populated. No heavy catches reported. The Esopus & Reservoir resorts showed the opening. Mailed a letter to Mariam. We had delicious supper – mashed spuds, meat, & gravy, & fresh dug parsnips. To bed 8 o'clock

April 2, Wednesday — 26 at 6:30 AM 50 at 8:00 PM
A day of variable overcast and sunshine, calm with spring in the air.

This PM Leona Werner of Olive Bridge (Weber Lane) took us to see Harlow McLean at the Hyde Park Nursing Home. We found him much improved and anxious to return home. Coming back we stopped at Al Higley's butcher shop. We got 2 lb hamburger at 69 cents a lb, sausage @ 99 cents. Gave Leona \$3.00 for gas. Marty Warnes came late PM & brought us cured hams from Veterans Pork Shop.

April 3, Thursday — 36 at 7 AM 32 at 9 PM. A drenching cold rain set in during night - foggy. Downpour continued till early PM then lessened, stopped by 4 o'clock turned colder & blustery. Streams bank full & fields & garden were flooded.

A bogged down set in bed day till mid PM. Wrote letter and birthday card to Norah Herrington with 2 crisp dollar bills for 5th April. I'm not sure of her age, think born 1943 or 1944. Care taker Charlie Reinhard called PM. Reservoir spillway pouring over. Coal stove went out & Ollie had to re kindle. We had delicious supper boiled sliced new ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, flour gravy. Blustery March night.

(51 years last night, rainy, my saw mill burned a total loss.)

April 4, Friday — 26 at 6 A M 28 at 9 PM. A wild night & continued blustery. Wind worse on north east side, mtns re- whitened. Its still winter, snow squally – calmed evng. Electric off most of the day. 2 big pine trees blew over line at the Oakes estate sharp turns. East side ground white.

Another stay in house day & put on weight. We learn Mrs Ann Machigian in New York City is dead and funeral tomorrow. Bob Adsit brought tank gas \$ 11.85 paid. We had delicious supper meat loaf & baked potatoes & to bed 9 0'clock.

April 5, Saturday — 25 at 7 AM 36 at 8 PM. We started our day with delicious A & P pancakes, flour gravy, sausage breakfast. Windy wintry night – mostly overcast. Sun tried to shine thru, continued unseasonable cold and blustery, tonight milder.

Coal stove out again, Ollie had to restart. 3rd in a row stay in house & put on weight day. Bert Leifelt of old Jordan homestead farm brought a 3 month old plump white farrow pig this AM – \$25.00 paid. Funeral services for Mrs Ann Machigian who died in NYC held 2 PM at Lashers in Woodstock. Burial in Tongore cemetery. Members of family came for services. Mr and Mrs Artakan Bedegian return to NY tomorrow expect to return in 2 weeks. I'm sending them appropriate card & letter to NYC. We had usual delicious supper, meatloaf ,

mashed potatoes & creamed corn. Due to the wind stove used more coal than last winter.

April 6, Sunday — 32 at 7 AM 28 at 9:30 PM. This date 1917 the United States declared world war one on Germany. The 3 day wintry wild wind storm is calming down. Western NY has foot of snow coated with ice. One of the worst April snows recorded.. A section of the Thruway was closed and many cars stranded. Hazy sunshine PM, wind diminishing – starlight evng.

A stay in house day. PM callers were Buddy Eckert & Mr and Mrs Allison and family of Brodhead Road also Charlie Davis. We had late but delicious supper, boiled ham, mashed potatoes & carrots. To bed 9:45.

April 7, Monday — 30 at 6:30 AM 32 at 9 PM. continues raw cold & windy, 4th day blustery. Variable high clouds and sunny.

Trooper Johnny Schetzel brought a big pick up load of oak chunk wood from back woods. He took us over to Ollie's shale bank where the town is repairing the quarry road. Later Ollie and I had a cold walk over to back road. I mailed a letter to Mariam. 35 inches of snow up in New England. I reviewed Ollie's 1958 Christmas gift — American Heritage Illustrated book of the Revolutionary War. Received awaited letter from Julia Rhoades. The big National league baseball season opened.

April 8, Tuesday — 28 at 7 AM 30 at 9 PM. Continued cold, variable cloudy with mostly with mostly PM sunshine, wind still northerly.

This PM we walked across Bishop's & called on Ann Eckert. Buddy took us to see his maple syrup camp just below the shale bank & brought us home. We had usual excellent supper mashed potatoes, gravy, pork chops & kraut.

April 9, Wednesday — 34 at 7 AM 32 at 9 PM. We have a milder trend, bright sunny, scattered clouds — continues chilly northerly wind.

A stay in house day. Garry Carr brought Kate A M. She hoed out & trimmed my hair. Garry and George came for her. Geo sick with cold unable to work. Garry apologized but assured me he will get the Plymouth running. Johnny Schetzel after his day on duty cut and brought a big load of chunk wood. Received letter from Gaye Vorkink also Clifford Graves. We had good supper hot boiled potatoes, lima beans & meaty flour gravy.

April 10, Thursday — 30 at 7 AM 40 at 8:30 PM. Trying to moderate, bright sunny few clouds, started clouding over later PM. Still an icy wind coming off the reservoir.

This PM I managed to get some outdoor exercise. Raked up the garden trash, roto- tilled patch for onions, piled chunk wood under shed. Trooper John Schetzel sawed and brought another load oak chunks after his days work. Started reply letter to Clifford Graves. We had excellent supper hot boiled potatoes, scrambled eggs & parsnips. Both went to bed early. Received letter from Mariam.

April 11, Friday — 32 at 7 AM 40 at 8 PM. Little wind for a change. Practically cloudless, continues chilly but spring is breaking. The maple syrup season is practically over. Buddy Eckert reported he made 25 gallons syrup or more.

This AM trooper Johnny Schetzel brought another load of oak chunks and also cut down the decayed delicious yellow transparent apple tree in front of chicken house. I trimmed & piled the limbs. This PM Buddy Eckert took Ollie and I to Woodstock shopping A&P – bill \$53.14 paid, came home by way of Boiceville. We had delicious supper mashed potatoes gravy & meat bits and canned peas.

April 12, Saturday — 32 at 6:30 AM 35 at 9 PM. Sunny with high haze, scattered clouds, continued unseasonably chilly. Icy northerly wind developed PM.

We went with Ann Tennant to Shokan Legion Hall and with 2 bus loads Olive Senior citizens to roast beef dinner sponsored by the Ulster Town Kingston Kiawansis club served 750 County members, served in & settings at the Kingston Auditorium . No charge for dinner or buses. We were home around 4 o'clock. Later we walked over to Rexers & up to corner, a cold walk 30th anniversary of 32nd president Franklin D Roosevelt's death at his retreat in Georgia. No supper. Jeanne Smith compiled my 1974 income tax report. Federal \$3.21, NY state \$69.

April 13, Sunday — 32 at 7 AM 36 at 8 PM. Continued mid March rather than April. Mostly cloudy but sunnier in PM, raw wind northerly. Part cloudy evening.

I had coffee and breakfast comfy in bed – hearing WGHQ religious services. Kate & Geo Carr took Ollie & I to Hyde Park Nursing Home to see Harlow McLean. He has a cold & in a depressed mood but pleased to see us. We are disappointed same as Harlow. Geo and Kate had supper with us. We got back around 3:40. Good supper juicy corn, beans, potatoes and jello. We called at Rhinebeck Baptist parsonage & had a pleasant short visit with Mrs Kappenael the ministers friendly wife. He was at the Rhinebeck hospital holding service etc.

April 14, Monday — 32 at 6:30 AM 44 at 8 PM. Sunny few clouds a somewhat milder trend developed — 50 degrees at 7 PM yet a chilly wind from the reservoir.

I got some needed odd job exercise, piled up firewood cut from the chicken yard apple tree. Caretaker Charley & Dot Reinhard called PM. Ollie received 9 birthday cards a total of 18. We had delicious supper, tame rabbit (compliments of Charlie & Carol Davis) brown gravy, mashed potatoes & canned asparagus . We went to bed around 8 o'clock

April 15, Tuesday — 34 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM. Brief early morning breaks of sunshine – otherwise cloudy & chilly snow air, calm.

Ollie's 65th birthday, she received 13 cards and on the go all day, had several phone calls. Visitors for the day were Bob Wenzel, Orrie Lyons, Carol Davis & boys

Darrien & Jeffery 18mos. old. Charley and Dot Reinhard, Regina Robbins & George and Kate Carr. They brought delicious supper of Rasania, soft chocolate cake. I got no exercise. Ann Eckert sent Ollie \$5.00 check with card. (I think Elwyn meant lasagna not Rasania)

April 16, Wednesday 43 at 7 AM 50 at 9 PM.
Continued chilly with variable cloudiness. Sun shone warm, continued PM. Hazy starlight & growing crescent moon over south mountain evng.

Finished a letter to Mariam. Buddy Eckert came PM & cut up the rest of the hams. Then took Ollie and I to Boiceville to hardware store where I bought parsnip seed and -----? 114 paid,. also got case Town Port at Al Higleys pkg. store \$15.00 paid. Later Buddy & Marty Warnes came & fired off my old flint lock rifle, also Marty's 357 magnum colt revolver . Ollie & I had good supper first & then to bed at 9 o'clock. I also roto tilled in the garden till hands got cold.

April 17, Thursday — 34 at 7 AM 45 at 9 PM. Bright sun few high. Warmed up real like spring PM but as the PM waned a chilly dry north wind prevailed.

The weather is really dry and fire conditions hazardous . This PM we attended Senior Citizens meeting with Hope Miller. Due to illness of president Ed Gille V.P. Jerry Infallin was in charge. Refreshments served. Town Historian Vera Sickler showed a large historical collection of colored slides connected with the Town of Olive past and present. This AM I roto tilled

north end of garden. After getting home I prepared the soil and set out 3 – 50ft rows of onion sets. We had good supper, boiled spuds ham & egg omelet.

April 18, Friday — 34 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM. Raw this AM but warmed up with southerly winds, periods of sunshine otherwise overcast.

This AM I finished planting 4 rows & 5lb onion sets on same ground as last year upper side of garden about 52ft rows. I'm tired with changing weather and legs lame. This PM Buddy Eckert came and polished the old flint lock rifle and cleaned out barrel. We had good supper mashed spuds, rabbit gravy & stewed tomatoes. We went to bed early. Received thanks letter from Norah Herrington.

April 19, Saturday — 60 at 6:30 AM 60 at 8 PM. Mildest to date. Cloudy with brief April showers, warm southerly wind. By mid PM broke away and sunny.

I set indoors till mid PM then we took a walk over thru woods to back road. Then had a call by butcher Bill Harrison. He said plenty of snow in Peekamoose & still on High Point. Needed rain very light. 200th anniversary of Lexington and Concord opening battle of Revolutionary war. Capt. Isaac Davis member of the minute men killed by British in valley at Lexington Bridge. We had tomato soup supper & early to bed. Received letter from Mariam.

April 20, Sunday — 46 at 6:30 AM 34 at 8 PM. Some sunshine intermingled with mostly cloudiness, a windy night, gradually diminished.

This AM we enjoyed WGHQ religious programs. This PM we went with John and Lillian Mc Lean (he first called up) to see Harlow McLean our 7th trip nursing home trip. He was up and dressed, much improved from the mental condition we saw last Sunday. However his noticeable improvement does not show sufficient improvement to be moved. We were home about 4:05. Bro. Past Master Rudolph Praske called that he plans to come up from the city to attend 3rd Degree Tuesday at Kingston Lodge No.10. We had good supper boiled spuds, 3 bean salad & scrambled eggs.

April 21, Monday — 32 at 7 AM 30 at 12 PM. Became brilliant cloudless and AM snow squalls, cold and strong sweeping northerly wind. The white swells rolled on the reservoir.

I finished and sent letter to stroke crippled old friend Mrs Lillian Knorpp – 20 East 9th St NYC. Sent magazine to Mariam NY State Mason and April legion with pictures and article of the 200th anniversary of Lexington and Concord. I also wrote letter to Rex & Mrs John Kappeneal of Rhinebeck. This PM walked across the old road & called on Ann Eckert. Took her a collection of Reader's Digest. We had good variety supper & early to bed. George & Clara Van Kleeck had their 66th wedding anniversary. They received a greeting shower. I first learned last week that Garrett More ½ brother of Mrs

Knorpp in poor health died sitting in his chair after writing grocery list Jan. 3rd. He was around 78.

April 22, Tuesday — 32 at 7 AM 46 at 8 PM.
Practically cloudless, moderated and the wind pretty well calmed. High moon nearing full.

The weather is getting dry. I sent birthday card to Mrs John Mc Lean for 25th & get well card to Walter Smith – Alvina Boice, Hazel Maier & Janice Fitchner. This PM I did a big job roto tilled the whole garden except planted onion patch. We had delicious supper mashed spuds, flour gravy and kraut. We went to bed before dark. Ollie phoned Gordon Craig evng. He is in hospital & had prostate operation – also has kidney and bladder ailment similar to Harlow & a very sick man.

April 23, Wednesday — 36 at 7 AM 54 at 8PM. Mellow first sunny day with gradually thickening overcast, showers in forecast. At last the soft maple buds are reddening – a good rain is needed. Grass a fires a daily problem for area fire companies. Kate Carr cleaned up today. Geo came for her after work. She trimmed my hair. I kept busy but tired and lame doing trash cleaning up job and opened toilet path ditch. Orrie Lyons called PM. He is boresome to entertain. Mr and Mrs Garry Carr parents of 7 1/4 lb boy Greg Leon born 6:20 at Benedictine Hosp. She was in labor 17 hours. We had excellent supper. Merritt Kelder 2nd husband of Nellie Bishop Green had cancer operation at Benedictine. So serious he was sewed up. Victim of the hand of fate. 10 acre grass fire PM vicinity Samsonville Mtn Road.

April 24, Thursday — 46 at 7 AM 55 at 9 PM. We had a wonderful much needed rain during night. Then more easy rain noon to 4 PM, chilly AM and foggy PM.

We went with Buddy Eckert to the open house and annual pancake and delicious dinner sponsored by Accord Farmers Co-op. Held at the Pomona Grange Hall on 209. I bought garden seed -- sweet corn and green beans 8oz pkg at 99cents and 2 bags pig feed -- bag of dairy \$20.14 Pd. Was home around 3 o'clock. We skipped supper after the big dinner blowout. PM & evng I wrote Mr and Mrs Artakay Bedegian & Debbie Robbins Gere.

April 25, Friday — 50 at 6 AM 50 at 8 PM. Mild damp — sun came up, soon became overcast – little sun , cloudy, mild, still. Threatening, breezy, clouded, full moon.

I kept busy but tired out with clean up jobs – burnt trash etc. We had usual good supper – mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans. Both to bed early.

April 26, Saturday — 46 at 6 AM 42 at 8 PM. Olive Bridge area had nice rain last night. We got sprinkle. Bright atmosphere & sunshine with variable & considerable cloudiness, colder and windy.

I tried to keep busy with splitting and piling wood. Mid PM we called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer their first visit in several weeks. Elsie gave Ollie a birthday gift, a blue blouse. Had no callers. We had delicious supper. Then went early to bed. The snow on High Point has finally disappeared.

April 27, Sunday — 43 at 6:30 AM 44 at 8:30 PM.
North wind –50 degrees today and cold. Mostly cloudy,
sunnied up later PM. Quieted evng.

An indoors day, cold and windy for a walk. Kept
tuned to excellent morning & early PM WGHQ program.
Last Sunday's program disrupted with static. We had PM
call by RN nurse Joyce Keogan & boys Matt and Todd
and schoolmate Chris Roser. I read several special
Reader's Digest articles. Later Trooper John Schetzel
called he goes on duty 11 PM. We had delicious left over
soup supper & boiled eggs. Went to bed at dark. The
Traver Hollow home of Mr and Mrs Wm. Hoag damaged
by fire 9 AM. Card board boxes falling on stove pipe
ignited. Boiceville, West Shokan and Olive Bridge
responded.

April 28, Monday — 34 at 6 AM 46 at 8:30 PM
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north wind –gradually became overcast PM &
moderating.

I got needed exercise splitting and piling firewood. No
Mail today and no callers. We had good variety supper,
hot biscuits, mashed taters, meaty gravy & parsnips. I did
considerable reading –Last chapter of Daniel & Reader's
Digest features. Started writing get well card letter to
John Lambert, hospitalized with bad heart attack. He's
been in poor health all winter. Lives down Westchester
County, Buchannan.

April 29, Tuesday — 40 at 6 AM 50 at 8 PM. Mostly overcast day & evng, cold breeze off reservoir. Had tinge of snow –moderated.

This PM I got somewhat limbered up splitting and piling wood against south end of barn Orrie Lyons paid a mid day call. Later Ollie and I walked over across & called on Ann Eckert. We had delicious supper. Mashed potatoes, ham, flour gravy & lettuce salad. Both went to bed at dark. Rec'd letter from Mariam & replaced stole \$10.00 father's day check The Kingston Lions club exposition opened at the Armory – attendance more than last year over 3000.

April 30, Wednesday — 40 at 6 AM 56 at 8 PM. Sunny, mild little wind, a bit hazy.

I did quite a perking up strength job, split & piled wood along barn & for a change roto-tilled in garden.. This about the few pleasant days all month. Finally the mtn snows in view have disappeared. Only caller Hope Miller, brought 3 dozen eggs from Henry Merrihew -- paid 50 cents a doz med.

May 1, Thursday — 44 at 6 AM 46 at 8 PM. A perfect sunrise was soon clouded out & light to moderate cold rain set in mid AM & continued thru day, didn't rain evng, dark foggy.

Rain much needed. Had usual breakfast in bed and as rain started I did some reading. Hope Miller took us to senior citizen meeting, about 80 present. Pres. Ed Gille is in serious condition & not present. VP Jerry Imperri presided. After business and refreshments a colored reel

was shown of Ausable Chasm – one of the natural wonders of NY State – followed by a film of out – development in NYC. We came home with Ann Tennant & stopped at Singer - Denman & Boiceville PO. Had good supper & early to bed.

May 2, Friday — 46 at 7 AM 50 at 8 PM. Rained this AM not heavy but needed. Clouds hung low, sun broke thru later PM but slow clearing – still cool.

This PM we went with kindly Ann Tennant to see Harlow at Hyde Park Nursing Home. He improves in strength & walks better. We first went down to Hyde Park & shopped A & P store -\$17.85. Coming back at Farmer's market I bought 50 lb bag Maine potatoes \$2.25. Back home 4:46. I split wood ½ hour, then had good variety supper.

May 3, Saturday — 42 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM. Partly cloudy with variable sunshine, calm — first real spring budding day.

We had a delicious supper, mashed spuds, gravy, turkey legs & peas also hot biscuits. I did a considerable amount of splitting and piling wood. My hand is weak and jittery. This is my revered Aunt Cornelia Crispell Bishop's birthday, born 1857 on the Crispell homestead, died August 18th 1935 at her West Shokan heights home. The east side wooded sunset shows little of spring awakening. Rec'd illustrated brochure of Clearwater Florida, where they spent the winter. Went to bed at dark.

May 4, Sunday — 52 at 7 AM 48 at 8 PM. Had steady all day soaking rain, foggy.

Naturally a stay in house day. Ollie did chores. Bill Harrison called later PM brought mess leaks, bottle of horseradish & smelts. I wrote reply letter to Mariam. We had delicious supper – mashed taters, sauerkraut with dogs. We went to bed early. Was tuned to all AM programs & early PM on WGHQ. A needed grand rain.

May 5, Monday — 40 at 6 AM 46 at 9 PM. Continued rainy till daylight —Variable sunny & overcast, light southerly wind a bit cool PM, starlight evng.

Hope Miller took Ollie and I with Kerry to Dr. Hoppenstedt & Avery Smith to Rosendale at 10:15 – Were back home by mid noon. Dr Smith gave Kerry a through exam & shots. She is badly infected with heart worms and Ollie is to call him Thursday for report on City Laboratory. After doing odd jobs I split & piled wood awhile. Late after work Joe and Herbie Hoffman called. They make pottery at the Ashokan Campus for sale. We had good supper boiled spuds, meaty gravy and parsnips. To bed 9:30. Spillway running over small flow. Sent letter to Mariam.

May 6, Tuesday — 40 at 7 AM 52 at 8 PM. Clouded over this AM & PM gradually set in rainy evng Later downpour.

I split and piled some wood under difficulty , hands weak and sore. I'm clumsy on my feet. No callers. We had good variety supper, smelts and leaks that Bill Harrison brought Sunday and mashed potatoes. We went

early to bed. Wisterias and daffodils lovely also shad blooms.

May 7, Wednesday — 46 at 7 AM 60 at 8 PM. Wet night but bright sunny cool this AM. Brilliant sunny low humidity scattered high clouds. Grand work day, northerly wind.

Kate Carr came cleaned up along with odd jobs, gave me a hair trim. George came after work Received reply letter from Debbie Robbins Gere. She works in Keene hospital 4 evenings a week. Paid Kate \$8.00 with wash. The Keene hospital about size & capacity of Benedictine in Kingston. The east side in setting sun shows little signs of spring. We had excellent supper boiled spuds, ham, thick gravy & snipped beans.

May 8, Thursday — 42 at 6 AM 54 at 8 PM. Pleasant bright, part cloudy spoiled day, wind light, thunder shower on east side late AM.

This PM I started yard mowing & between rests cut front south and west side of house yard. Ollie sent \$17.00 check to Kingston Lab for heart worm tests for our beloved dog Kerry. My writing is jittery due to my weak stiffness right hand. We enjoyed tip top variety supper & to bed 8 o'clock.

May 9, Friday — 46 at 6:30 AM 56 at 9:30 PM. Bright sunshine, warm, part cloudy. A banging first of the season thunder shower worked off below High Point early evng. We had a sprinkle of rain. Had no thunder all winter.

This PM Hope Miller took Ollie and I for a check up with Dr Tocco in Stone Ridge. My pressure 138 & weigh 135. He gave each a needle & me pills for my lame leg paid \$7.00 each. Coming back we stopped at Ethel Gray's store and Ollie bought a blue like new leather coat, left to sell \$10.00 paid. We had good variety supper. We had evng call by Buddy Eckert, Pat Scanlon and Jeanne Duffy.

May 10, Saturday — 46 at 6:30 AM 56 at 8 PM.
Mostly cloudy thunder showery east side, more sunshine PM, wind light.

I did several hours job re roto tilled garden & west side patches. & also planted the ----- ---- corner patch, beans, swiss chard & beets. Vaughn Kizirian here for summer, called late PM. We had delicious clam chowder supper. Sent birthday card for 12th to Reggie Davis & sympathy card to Mrs Donald Skea , her husband 54 years old member of Shokan Lodge IOOF died of heart attack Thursday evng while opening up a route 28 house for season.

May 11, Sunday — 45 at 6 AM 56 at 8 PM. Cool – Had light before noon thunder shower. Unsettled mild with thunder squalls or showers, rain light.

A stay in house day. Was tuned to WGHQ programs befitting Mother's Day . Orrie Lyons and Carol Davis called late AM & PM Buddy Eckert. This PM on WKNY we were interested in the Mets & Cincinatti 3 –2 for NY and the Oakland – Yankee game 7 – 5 for Cal.

We had delicious meat vegetable stew & mashed potato supper. Went to bed at dark.

May 12, Monday — 52 at 7 AM 56 at 9 PM. Thunder continued rumbling into the night. A little murky sunshine AM – Thunder showers & rain all PM & evng.

Buddy Eckert came early PM. Mostly a stay in house day. Kate and George Carr came for supper, delicious hot pea soup. Ollie started giving Kerry every other day ½ large capsule for heart worms to continue 2 weeks & dog must be kept quiet. The continued thunder showers made her nervous. I started letter to Mariam. George took my lawn mower gas tank to repair leak.

May 13, Tuesday — 57 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM. Water stands on the garden, more rain in night. Murky this AM followed all afternoon by thunder showers, chilly damp air.

Buddy Eckert came AM & PM & fixed kitchen porch light, useable. We had good mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean supper. Kerry was nervous by the thunder & had to be kept quiet. Carol Davis came early evng for cancer fund contribution \$2.00 paid. I sent letter to Mariam. Rec'd and answered letter from Bill & Ann Hughes. We went to bed early.

May 14, Wednesday — 57 at 6:30 AM 66 at 7:30 PM. Sunny and real warm mid day may weather. Glorious blossom time at crest. Bright day, calm.

I did a big task finished splitting and piling chunk wood under the shed, only caller a gray haired Jehovah

Witness lady. Ollie kept Kerry quiet and gave her 2nd heart worm capsule . We had excellent supper. Mashed potatoes, brown meat gravy & apple sauce. We went to bed early. I mailed letter in reply to Bill & Ann Hughes. Postmaster Mae Lang & assistant Pat Conway both in Benedictine Hospital. The post office is in charge of Pete Tossi, Boiceville Postmaster.

May 15, Thursday — 50 at 6:30 AM 72 at 6:30 PM. Sunny, real warm & leafing out time, southerly wind quieted. Gradually became overcast PM.

A little accomplished day for me –did some odd jobs and opened a drainage ditch along south side of garden. Ollie kept a close watch on Kerry, consequently we didn't attend Senior Citizen PM meeting. Yard grass growing fast and mostly laid up like our 55 Plymouth a year. Oh yes Don and Edna Bishop returned from their over winter trip to sunny climate mid PM. Her mouth was predominate soon as they arrived.

May 16, Friday — 60 at 7 AM 60 at 8:30 PM. Rained in night followed by a sunny warm day.

I tried to keep busy with odd jobs. After work George Carr brought me from Singer & Denman a 22" cut Franklin 3 ½ or 4 H.P. self propelled lawn mower. We tried it out, I paid him \$126.97 for mower. It worked OK. We had delicious supper mashed potatoes, parsnips and flour gravy.

May 17, Saturday — 50 at 6 AM hh66 at 8 PM. Sunny and summery with south, somewhat hazy —Blossom

time at heights indicates bounteous fruit crop – overcast evng.

I gave the lawn mower a big try out and am well pleased. I did a big several hour lawn mowing job and around the garden. Mid PM we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer, their first visit in 3 weeks. We had delicious supper boiled taters, onions and gravy. We went to bed before dark. Its summer at last.

May 18, Sunday — 52 at 7 AM 62 at 8 PM. The weather was still and overcast — rain threatened.

A stay in house day for me. Lilacs are in bloom, everywhere fruit blossoms in abundance. No callers a lonely day. We had excellent supper, kraut, boiled potatoes and fresh rhubarb. Spent the day with Kingston programs. Ollie did pigger chores. We kept Kerry quiet as possible. I started letter to Mariam. Went to bed before dark. Good supper kraut taters & rhubarb.

May 19, Monday — 54 at 6 AM 72 at 7:30 PM. No expected night rain – sunny still humid – hazy. 1st real summer like day.

I did jobs in variety, mowing the north side of barn & old chicken yards and under the hickory picnic ground. Also weeded onion patch with wheel cultivator & roto tilled again north end of garden. Orrie Lyons came for 3 hours — tedious company. 70th anniversary of the death of my beloved grandfather Martin Henry Crispell 76. The yards spic and span for Memorial week end. We had savory variety supper & to bed early.

May 20, Tuesday — 60 at 6:30 AM 86 in shade at 4 PM 76 at 8:30 PM. Unseasonably hot and humid. Hazily sun, only light PM breeze.

Too hot for much work. Did a bit of yard re- mowing and roto -tilled after sunset –caked mud part of garden. Vaughn Kizirian called briefly early evng. We had delicious potato salad supper with rhubarb. We went to bed at dark. Ordered pair wheel pinion gears for ----- mower from Murray Mfg Co. of Tenn. \$13.75 with delivery. Received 6/13/75. This evng I had bath and changed to BVD's .

May 21, Wednesday — 66 at 7 AM 72 at 7:30 PM. Day break thunder shower went around north. Hot humid but more breeze stirring than yesterday. Became thunder showery PM but we didn't get much rain.

Kate Carr came today and cleaned up and gave me a hair trim. This PM we set poles and planted 20 hills of Kentucky Wonder beans in toilet walk patch. Kate & George had supper with us. 70th anniversary of my Grandpa Crispell's funeral in Baptist church – minister Rev. Geo. A Plemb & burial in family plot in old Brodhead cemetery. Albert E Schoonmaker undertaker. I rode with the hearse. Paid Kate 8.00 with wash.

May 22, Thursday — 60 at 6:30 AM 70 at 7:30 PM. Hazily sunny, hot and humid, July weather. A typical general thunder storm broke mid PM, continued unsettled evng. Luckily phone & electric was not disrupted. The weight of the shower worked around the east side.

Despite the heat I re-mowed the front part of yard. The temperature cooled somewhat We had usual delicious supper. Went to bed before dark. Kerry don't like showers.

May 23, Friday — 64 at 7 AM 70 at 8 PM. Hazy moonlight almost full. Sunny, hot & humid as usual. Thunder heads showing over Wittenberg , heavy showers developed in west & north mid PM but we had just sprinkler. 10 o'clock Hope Miller took us to Boiceville PO – stamps 140, 4 Gallon Tawny Port \$15.75. Trail Nursery garden plants \$6.83, gas for trip \$1.00. Rec. letter from Julia Rhoades tired out, has bug. Her daughter Sis Byrant is expecting any time for second child. This PM I continued general yard re- mowing south – west & north and around garden electric fence. We had as usual delicious variety supper. Lefty Grave famed old Phila. Athletics pitcher died of heart attack after 17 years with Phila & Boston Red Socks – he retired in 1941.

May 24, Saturday — 64 at 6 AM 78 at 8 PM. Part cloudy hot & humid. Little breezy late PM – thunder shower rumbled below High Point.

My writing becomes increasingly difficult. Just too hot for outdoor work. I did considerable yard re- mowing mid PM. We called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer. We had usual good variety supper and early to bed 8 PM. Later we got a lusty banging High Point shower.

May 25, Sunday — 56 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM. Much cooler, the torrid heat wave is broken and much cooler, fresh chilly light southerly wind. Part broke away later PM — air real chilly.

As usual I had coffee and breakfast in bed. A stay in house day till later PM we walked up to corner. Was tuned to part of Kingston programs being hindered by break down of our old reliable Philco radio. We had delicious variety supper & to bed early. Genevieve Mc Lean was baptized PM at Calvary Baptist church (formally Olive – Shokan over a century) by Rev. Shultz. During Sunday night of 26th adjoining Boiceville Furniture store and Al Higley's liquor store broken in & heavily robbed. The liquor store especially.

May 26, Monday — 53 at 7 AM 70 at 7:30 PM. Chilly this AM but as the threatening clouds gave way to hazy sunshine, the atmosphere warmed up with southerly wind that quieted PM.

Ollie and I went with Ann Tennant to the annual Memorial Day Legion ceremonies at Davis town park. The Onteora senior band, pom pomp and flag waving girls & honor guard headed the parade from PO to park. Various units of the boy and girl scouts, Olive fireman & trucks were in the procession. We marched with the senior citizens group. Patriotic exercises were held at the monument. Speakers were 16 year marine Rev. Rave pastor of Olive Bridge church. Ernest Gardner & Tom Fickus. Refreshments served free. Large crowd viewed from sidelines. Many children & ladies wore colonial costumes. The Kingston 1776 Articles of Confederation

re signed by Revolutionary descendents. A second parade held at noon in Woodstock During PM we called on Rexer's.

May 27, Tuesday — 62 at 6 AM 72 at 8 PM. Dark cloudy with periods of warm sunshine, south westerly wind but squally PM from High Point. I kept moderately busy , finished & mailed letter to Julia Rhoades. Set out early tomato plants on toilet patch. Wheeled rotted manure, also did some hard packed tilling. Buddy Eckert paid a visit PM. A pleasant day. Hope Miller got us 4 doz pullet eggs @ 120 also gave her 1.00 for gasoline. We had good supper & to bed before dark. During Sunday night the Boiceville Furniture and adjoining Al Higley liquor store broken in a large amount of cash and merchandise taken from both.

May 28, Wednesday — 57 at 6 AM 67 at 8 PM. Magnificent weather, practically cloudless, northerly wind. Still cloudless evng. Delightful seasonal temperature.

I did a big job with the garden, marked out crossway north end. Set out and manured 2 rows tomato plants & re- cultivated hard packed garden. This PM we went with Ann Tennant to the Onteora election and budget ballot. We naturally voted no. Had good variety supper & to bed early. We also called on Mr and Mrs Ed Gille who have moved from MT. Road Ashokan to pleasant trailer location on 28 below Boiceville & rent \$136.00 month. The massive Onteora budget was defeated by some 300 votes.

May 29, Thursday — 50 at 6 AM 65 at 8 PM Bright -- sunny few clouds -- pleasant temp.

10 AM we went with Reggie and Elsie Davis to Port Ewen Nursing home and visited Harlow MC Lean. His condition is improved but not able to be transferred to a least expensive boarding home (I think Elwyn might be confused about Harlow being in Port Ewen.) (fg) Coming back we stopped at East Chester St A& P purchased about \$33.00. Later I planted north end of garden with sweet corn & yellow winter squash in hills. We had good variety supper and to bed early.. The Rondout Valley school defeated 2nd time. Rec'd letter from Mariam.

May 30, Friday — 56 at 6 aM 62 at 7:30 PM. The formal Decoration Day Mid morning the weather developed into a messy showery foggy day.

A stay in the house day. Received & wrote reply letter to nurse Debbie Robbins Gere. Unplanted part of garden getting weedy. Big change from sunny yesterday. I felt so tired this AM before rain started. Ollie bought beautiful big pint of Cal. strawberries at the Rhinebeck farmer's market 59 cents. We had delicious strawberry & rhubarb biscuit supper – 7:30 so wet and gloomy, might as well call it a day. Made out Burpee order for carrots & Kentucky Wonder and fresh lima seed \$6.25.

May 31, Saturday — 64 at 6:30 AM 69 at 10:30 PM. Warm- still- humid, hazy with filtered sunshine. A few light showers and lusty thunder shower went around north late PM.

I did a few odd planting jobs. Yard needs re-cutting. This PM we had a pleasant call by Florence Eckert Giuliano also was to come her brother Buddy Eckert who stayed till after dark. Florence bought Ollie's kitchen range and paid her \$110.00 including \$10.00 towards bill for Kerry's heart worm treatment. We naturally had late supper.

June 1, Sunday — 60 at 7 AM 74 today 68 at 7:30 PM. Some rain in night, overcast humid with light occasional showers. Still a clearing tendency developed later PM.

A stay put day. Orrie Lyons & Bruce Burgher called PM. Ollie's nephew is a pioneer 18 year teacher at Chambers school. He was born in Kingston Sept 1 – 1929. Has taught 20 years. Has masters degree. Ollie and I had exercise walk over to cider mill corner PM. Lights were briefly out PM due to a burned out transformer in Traver Hollow. We had delicious supper roast turkey legs, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green bean salad. We went to bed early. Mr and Mrs Ron Garnsey have an 8 3/4 lb daughter Cynthia Jean born tonight in Catskill Hospital.

June 2, Monday — 58 at 6AM 60 at 8:30 PM. Low humidity gave a cool work day. Gloriously cloudless AM, still with considerable developing cloudiness PM — A real cool evng.

My principal days job was a general yard mowing all around the house and around garden electric fence. Al Kilmer of Phoenicia came early evng, put new tube in

old reliable Philco radio & tuned up the other three. We had usual good supper, mashed taters, & brown gravy and lettuce salad. We went to bed early.

June 3, Tuesday —54 at 7 AM 64 at 7:30 PM. We had an unexpected rain shower this AM. PM was thunder showery but we had only a sprinkle, the temp. was cool

Davis — May 31, 1975. Bessie Bishop Davis of Olive Bridge wife of the late Lester B Davis, mother of Hazel Osborne, Mrs Mabel Weidner, Mrs Camilla Calhoun and Alonzo Davis, also surviving are eleven grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Lasher Funeral Home, Inc. Woodstock at the convenience of the family. Burial was in Tongore cemetery.

Davis — In this city May 31, 1975, Nora Boice wife of the late Ferris J Davis of 59 Clinton Ave. mother of Mrs Ernest (Priscella) Palen of Kingston. Four grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services will be held at the A Carr & Son Funeral Home, 1 Pearl St on Wednesday at 10:30 AM. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment in Hurley cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday.

Late AM Billy Harrison called and took us down to Skin Davis's store for gasoline and groceries. Total purchase \$5.37. This PM I set out 3rd row of tomato plants 14 V F Burpees. Little otherwise done. The garden is too wet for more needed planting. No other callers.

Rec'd card & letter Bea Stacknawtz. We had delicious supper boiled potatoes, turkey salad and peas. Went early to bed.

June 4, Wednesday — 60 at 7 AM 63 at 8 PM. More rain in night, cool, low humidity — part to mostly cloudy.

Kate Carr came and hoed out and cut both our toe and finger nails & trimmed my hair & helped repair electric fence & weed onion patch. We had welcome call this PM by Rev. W. Rave pastor of Olive Bridge ME church. He offered prayer twice. The Rev formerly served 16 years in US Marines, was a master sergeant before starting Divinity school. We had usual excellent supper.

June 5, Thursday — 56 at 7 AM 56 at 7:30 PM. More rain in night, this AM a misty chilly day, some breeze off reservoir & south. Late PM thunder shower — garden soaked.

I staid put setting in bed till 2 o'clock, \. Wrote reply to Clifford Graves. Kate Carr came briefly for cabbage plants PM. Started letter to Mariam. We had delicious supper, sliced boiled ham, mashed potatoes, canned beans, rhubarb & bread. Both to bed early. Kingston radio forecast tornado watch till 8 PM. The Watson Hollow 105 ft arch bridge temporarily closed to traffic due to crumbling under the arch. In use 63 years. (Does he mean the Traver Hollow bridge?)

June 6, Friday — 55 at 7 AM 62 at 7:30 PM. Another rainy night, showers continued till early PM –also later, cool 62 at 6;30 PM. Cool damp weather – still.

The ground is soaked, brooks running briskly. Little can be done in this wet weather. We walked up to corner PM. Sent air letter to Mariam. Transplanted some cabbage plants. Had delicious supper – 1971 bush lima's, boiled potatoes, sliced ham and rhubarb. No callers today. We went to bed early. Rec'd card from Harlow Mc Lean at Rhinebeck Nursing Home. Central Hudson lineman Marty Warnes cut in chain saw accident & laid up home on crutches.

June 7, Saturday — 52 at 6AM 60 at 8 PM. Mostly cloudy damp & chilly. Threatening but didn't rain. Northerly wind quieted, weather unsettled.

I did some re- mowing with power mower and by hand sythe. Ollie sold her Home Comfort kitchen stove and removed by Buddy Eckert & helpers – price paid \$ 110.00 (Another parting from Ollie's old home). During PM we called briefly on Rexer's here for weekend. Jesse Burger & daughter Mrs June Eaton of Cuba NY here for weekend at Buckhorn Cottage called AM My diary writing is deteriorating, after 69 years.

June 8, Sunday — 54 at 7 AM 54 at 8:30 PM. Gloomy, cloudy, chilly AM. Part clearing PM with periods of bright sunshine, clouded with a 5:30 PM rain shower.

Was tuned to WGHQ sermon broadcast AM. Had welcome mid day call by carol Davis. I gave her check \$5.00 for trip to Kingston & pint blood donation to

County Blood Bank to cover my assessment ----- for a year. Later Ollie & I had exercise walk over to Whispell Road.

June 9, Monday — 50 at 7AM 52 at 8:30 PM. Rain dripped thru night. Sun broke out 8 AM. Heavy broken clouds and bright sunshine, cool, damp, still. Clearing here at evng unseasonably cool.

A do little odd job day, garden wet. This mid PM we walked over to corner. My hand writing at times deteriorates so that my diary events is scarcely legible to read. Wrote Jeanne Longyear regarding federal tax rebate & refund \$158.00. WE had good variety supper, to bed 8 o'clock.

June 10, Tuesday — 42 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM. Unseasonably chilly, heavy dew and cloudless. Beautiful cool sunny — scattered lazy high clouds – wind light — no flies to pester — evening cloudless & still.

After I got started after mail time I did a big garden job. Roto - tilled and planted 2 rows each of carrots and beets and row of parsnips. No callers. We had delicious soup supper. Sent birthday card to Genevieve Mc Lean for today. Yesterday birthday card to Lena Smith Brewster for 6th. We went to bed early. My legs tired and achy. Sent sympathy card and letter to Marty Warnes.

June 11, Wednesday — 46 at 6 AM 70 at 7:30 PM
Cloudless night gradually became humid with hazy overcast sunshine — overcast evng.

This AM I helped Ollie set out 2 beds of dahlias. Then I spent the PM working in garden planting beans in variety and roto tilling the weedy green south part of garden. Prospects of potato planting are poor. We had good variety supper & to bed early. 45 birthday anniversary party tonite but I am unable to attend as a charter member. I wrote Harlow Mc Lean.

June 12, Thursday — 48 at 8 AM 62 at 8 PM. Set in raining during night and continued most of day, cold rain dismal foggy.

Rec'd 5 shares Dart Industries 3% ----- ? 46/100 fractional shares cost \$12.25 paid to Bankers Trust Co, may 23 — now own 157 shares. Jim Burgraff paid a mid day visit. Mid part of garden flooded. A stay in house day. This PM I read for Ollie (my 2nd reading in May & June Literary Digest, The Downfall of president Nixon. Ollie fed pigger & did mail errands & walked Kerry. Jim Burgraff called mid day. We had delicious pea soup supper, early to bed. Old friend Ray Dunn of Phoenicia called early evng & said he is ---- for County legislature.

June 13, Friday — 64 at 7 AM 70 at 8 PM. More rain early AM, sun broke thru mirk also part cloudy, breezy warm & humid, showery looking.

Water stands on unplanted garden. Early cut area alfalfa fields lie soaked . Historically 1816 is recorded the year without a summer. The current outlook is a year without a garden or harvest. I tinkerd about jobs AM. This PM I did a big general yard re- cutting job. Tidying

up for Father's Day. We had delicious supper taters boiled, sardines, peas & rhubarb. Tired and early to bed.

June 14, Saturday — 54 at 6 AM 64 at 9:30 PM. Warm and humid – southerly wind quieted. Part to mostly cloudy. Looked showery and had a mere sprinkle PM, turned cooler.

Ollie and myself each received a special S.S. payment of \$50 under new section of law. This AM I mowed the picnic yard around hickories. This PM we called on Ann & Buddy Eckert. Bud brought us home . Later we had calls by Mr & Mrs Bob Parish then Herbie Rexer and Rudy Proske. We had late supper to bed 9:30. 6/16 extra special S.S. check deposited separately on our Heritage Christmas Savings acct. \$600 cleared of Samsonville church ham & strawberry supper.

June 15, Sunday — 64 at 7 AM 70 at 8 PM. Overcast hazy like August – still on the cool side PM.

Tuned on religious programs AM – 3 PM. We called on Rexers. Had no callers. Later had Fathers day phone call from Mariam in San Antonio Texas & supper time call from Cornelia in Rome NY. We had special dads day supper & to bed before dark.

June 16, Monday — 64 at 7 AM 66 at 8 PM. Foggy murky light rain this AM– drizzily all day. Most dismal chilly weather. So cold and wet no plantings can grow reservoir and mountains keenly fogged out. Later PM downpour – distant thunder –rained till 8 o'clock.

For me I didn't get off the porch. Wrote to Al Kilmer, Phoenicia. Get well card letter to Julia Chamback, Kingston hospital. My old lifelong friend and schoolmate World War 1 veteran Charles North died yesterday in Albany vets hospital. For years a semi - invalid due to stroke. He was near his 84th birthday June 23rd. Funeral to be at Gormleys & buried in Bushkill cemetery. We had good variety supper. I had hour house walk after. Garden flooded again.

June 17, Tuesday — 60 at 6 AM 72 at 8 PM. Hazy, humid typical August. Real warm southerly day wind — cooler evng.

We went A&P shopping early PM to Woodstock with Hope Miller purchases \$44.73. Late PM we had unexpected visit by Vernon and Helen Haskins of East Durham. They found the Traver Hollow bridge closed, that lengthened their trip around over the dam. We had light supper sardine sandwiches & coffee. Ollie isn't feeling good. We went to bed before dark. Received Father's Day card & letter from Gaye Vorkink – also Norah & Cornelia with \$25.00. Don Bishop home from hospital reported a sick man. Funeral tonight at Gormleys for Charles North. 200th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill. British loss killed 1000 – 3000, Americans 4 to 5 hundred.

June 18, Wednesday 73 at 6 AM 80 at 8 PM. Warm, humid murky August AM. breezy and faired up 8 PM. Hazy moonlight.

Kate Carr came and cleaned & gave me a hair trim. Helped me plant 16 pole hills of Kentucky Wonder beans between the 20 hills placed 4 weeks ago George had to go around by the dam to bring & get her. He put new top board in kitchen steps. I paid Kate \$8.00.

British losses at Bunker Hill recorded by Lord Wm. Howe as 1054 dead & wounded lay in heaps including 92 officers — American losses 361 dead and wounded after British 3rd and unsuccessful charge, and American powder ran out. Ralph Farnum last survivor at 165 — recalled 80 years later “ That scream of wounded and dying was louder than the sound of (musket?) The weather sweltering hot.

June 19, Thursday — 66 at 6 AM 76 at 8:30 AM. Warm, humid, breezy and with intervals of refreshing cooler air. It was generally partly sunny, part time sunny.

We had unexpected call at noon by Bro.IOOF Fred Ronk of Walden and IOOF Alfred Post and wife Helen of Walden. We were getting ready to attend Senior Citizen meeting after missing the previous two. Later I did some garden toto tilling. This PM trooper Johny Schetzel brought two freshly reservoir speared carp (weight 2 lbs gutted) which we scaled and cut up & had some for supper. Delicious with potato salad. My left leg ached miserably. A distant shower passed north late PM.

June 20, Friday — 67 at 6 AM 68 at 8:30 PM. Brisk northerly wind tonight. Sunshine scattered high clouds drier air, pleasant weather. Moonlight night, part full.

This AM I set out 7 or 8 more tomato plants in garden Burpee VF. Early PM Rev W.C.Rave of Olivebridge took Ollie & I on 18th trip to see Harlow at Hyde park Nursing home. His weight down to 154 and far better for his health. He gets wonderful treatment & ready to be discharged & comes to Saxon Hill House at much less cost than present around 1500 a month but due to word construction is not accredited. We were home by way of Kingston before 4 o'clock After resting I marked out & fertilized & planted 3 rows potatoes in south side of garden. Sent sympathy card to Kelder family for Merritt Kelder's death, Lang & North family's.

June 21, Saturday — 54 at 7 AM 70 at 8 PM. A delightful generally sunny warm day with variable high overcast, light wind off reservoir.

I did quite a days work. I mowed out the deer trodden hay under the two apple trees also roto -tilled between bean rows and twice the big unplanted weedy south part of garden. Had a rest between.

Tom Bachor and Joanne Every married this PM in Olive Bridge ME church by Rev Wm. C. Rave We had a delicious strawberry biscuit rhubarb supper. Tired to bed early. Received letter of Regina Robbins. Rexers not up, we walked over PM.

June 22, Sunday — 54 at 6 AM 74 at 9 PM. Sunny, practically cloudless, breezy & quite seasonably hot, gorgeous early summer.

The Marshall Van Leuvan hay makers started, cutting behind barn PM,. hay very heavy. I took the Lord's day

off. Wrote reply letters to both Mariam and Cornelia, part time on the front porch. Buddy Eckerts 41st birthday.. We sent card and \$5.00 check. Later PM we walked over to cider mill corner. Warm and buggy. We had left over supper of strawberry biscuits & rhubarb, potatoes & scrambled eggs & lettuce salad.

June 23, Monday — 64 at 6 AM 80 at 8 PM. Hot humid August like weather — sun glare dimmed with smoggy haze. Some breeze, showery in west pM.

I did a big job re - tilled & marked out & planted and fertilized about bushel potatoes in 12 rows in south part of garden. God gave me strength. Who Else? This date is the 88th anniversary of my departed father and mother's wedding. A rainy evening in parlor of her ancestral Crispell home. Rev. Bergen, Shokan Reformed parson officiated. Mashed taters, gravy & lettuce salad. To bed early. We had an unexpected fone call tonight from Mrs Currier of Maine – was 70 yesterday.

June 24, Tuesday – 70 at 6 AM 78 at 8 PM. Hot generally sunny, periods of hazy overcast, some light breeze.

I finished and sent letter to Cornelia. Get well cards to Mrs Elsie Johnson, Regina Robbins mother in Keene NH Hospital. Our long time and esteemed friend John C. Marshall of Olive bridge died very unexpectedly last night in Benedictine Hospital. Funeral Friday at 2 PM at Lashers Parlors. Sent birthday card letter to Mrs Currier. Kate worked for Belle Wood. She and George were here for supper. I dug out the poor stand of bush lima beans, 4

rows. Set out 7 Big Boy tomato plants and planted in row of corn – beans in upper side of garden. Belle brought Kate here mid PM. A 727 Eastern airline plane crashed this PM landing at Kennedy airport in thunderstorm. (Hit by lightening?) 109 dead.

June 25, Wednesday — 66 at 6:30 AM 65 at 8 PM. Arrived cloudy – cooler not so humid - light fire (that felt good) cleared warm but not so humid, generally sunny.

I worked in the garden roto - tilled planted 4 rows corn & beans –& row mixed early beans. Dug out the crusted poor sprouting rows of beets for re - planting. Rec'd letter from Ann Hughes. Later PM we went roundabout via back road and called on Ann & Buddy Eckert. I gave them new boxed flag for 4th of July.

June 26, Thursday — 56 at 6 AM 60 at 9 PM . Chilly this AM – mostly cloudy AM – part cleared PM & generally sunny, not especially warm but somewhat humid, chilly tonight.

I worked in garden, I replanted a row of beets, set out dozen row cabbage plants and planted 2 hills bushinne squash in south side of garden, then mowed front yard. I gave Buddy Eckert a load of pig manure. We had good variety supper.

June 27, Friday — 36 at 7 M 45 at 8:30 PM. Overcast still day & evng, mild. Had snow flurry. Had a brief break of hazy sunshine.

House bound all day. had PM visit by Charlie & Carolyn Davis & 8 year old Chuckie, Pm also historians Mr & Mrs Seward Osborne of Krumville. We had good variety supper, roasted tame rabbit & gravy, mashed potatoes & red cabbage. Ollie on the go all day & went to bed early. I had 1 ½ hours house walk. I answered Ann Hughes letter rec'd Friday also Harlow Mc Lean's nephew Don Dickman, Margaretville. Refer to back of diary on memoranda page.

Today is my daughter Cornelia (Kay) Herrington's 57th birthday and 61st anniversary of my tragic right hand steam roller gear accident. Somewhat rainy, I was 2 ½ hours on the operating table at the Winston Co hospital — by Dr John C. Hibbard and assisted by Dr Bibby. Dear mother came to hospital, someone brought her & staid by my bedside all night. When I woke up from the ether, head clear as a bell I looked up and said “hello ma.” She then stayed a week with Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell & came to hospital daily.

I had a rather busy day with general yard mowing around the garden. We had good variety supper.

June 28, Saturday — 66 at 6:30 AM 70 at 8 PM.
Cloudy lowery mountains hazy. Had drizzly rain till mid PM.

The weather is so typical of 61 years ago yesterday when I newly tore right hand off in steam roller open high speed gear on dam near north wing mid end and walked 1/4 mile or more to Winston Hospital. A lifelong ever present tragedy in my life. Finished general mowing

job aM – Orrie Lyons called. He saw harlow Thursday in Rhinebeck Home. I started letter to Mariam PM. sent Ron & Sis Garvey greeting card & \$2.00 for baby girl Cynthia Jean 8 3/4 lbs born June 1st also enclosed reply letter to Julia Rhoades. We learn from Mrs Rudy Proske that Bro. Herbie Rexer in hospital a week with heart attack and alcohol & cigs tabooed.

June 29, Sunday — 68 at 8 AM 73 at 8 PM. More welcome rain last night, tub full, so much needed. Warm and humid, a lone thunder shower rumbled around north later PM. Variable hazy cloudiness & sunshine.

Tuned to various WGHQ programs. Continued letter to Mariam. So much food for thought Ed Every usta say. No callers & lonely except for loyal Ollie. She had considerable rest, but no pep for a walk. Ollie called Helen Marshall this AM but she is too saddened to talk. We had good variety supper taters, peas, flour gravy – strawberries and rhubarb. Both to bed early. We got a porch roof rattling, gusty thunder shower squirt at mid evening.

June 30, Monday — 62 at 6:30 AM 72 at 8 PM. The weather heavenly perfect, cloudless – low humidity, northerly pleasant wind. Latter PM there was a brief period of scattered high wind drifting clouds. Chilly tonight.

Finished and sent letter to Mariam. I had an aching left leg and just relaxed doing a few odd jobs. Ollie not feeling very good. We walked down to top of hill latter PM. Wonderful hay curing weather but no activity by the

Marlatt outfit. Baler out of order. We had good supper and to bed before sunset. My old former go - go is gone.

July 1, Tuesday — 50 at 6 AM 66 at 8 PM. Real chilly at sun up –weather cloudless – brilliant sunshine, low humidity – light breezes still evng & cool.

I feel more peppy than yesterday. Hoed and roto tilled in garden. Painted kitchen front steps. Addie Winchell and Mary Palen called PM first since last Sept 22. Addie has lost all of fat & near as slim as Ollie. Surely time makes many changes. The hay makers showed up early evng, just briefly and gone. We had usual good supper & to bed at sunset. Rec'd letter from Mariam.

July 2, Wednesday — 54 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM. Continued near cloudless not so glaring as yesterday. Breeze off reservoir –possible showers forecast.

I did some hoeing in garden and with Kate Karr's help weeded 3 rows carrots. She helped today washing dishes & cleaning floor. George brought her & came for her, \$8.00 paid with washing. Hope Miller brought 4 dozen med eggs from Henry Merrihew's 2.50 paid. We had usual good supper & to bed before dark.

This day 1902 rainy — My adorable grandfather Martin H Crispell operated on for stone in bladder crudely on table upstairs in the large ancestral home. The nurse attending for 3 weeks at \$20.00 a week was Harriet Fredenburgh. The Dr William Kemble assisted Dr J.D.W. Dumond operated.

July 3, Thursday — 66 at 6 AM 70 at 8 PM. Warm humid – mostly cloudy – breezy no forecast of showers.

This date 1928 I was in N.Y.C. arranging with Aunt Bessie James for the funeral & cremation on the 4th for Aunt Jennie V. Davis (died 30th of lung cancer age 61) & breaking up the Amsterdam 108 St apt. (Ethical Culture funeral) The piano given to Mariam.

Last night deer cleaned up 2/3 of my 8 ft corn - bean (2rows). Rec'd letter Julia Rhoades in 2 days at Catskill Hospital for tests (nerves & overwork. Social Security inc. 8 percent – mine \$62.90 & Ollie \$79.30. We had group of historical visitors from Ashokan Campus & later Bill & Ann Hughes called,. We had good supper & to bed before dark. The deer are cleaning up my blossoming rows of corn - beans second night. Gasoline nation wide raised 3 cents gallon regular now costs 60 cents.

July 4, Friday — 58 at 6 AM 66 at *:30 PM. An absolute perfect Independence Day. Bright sunshine low humidity, scattered high white clouds, cool breeze from reservoir.

A quiet at home day beset with memories. We had a mid day call by my lifelong friend Les Personeous 82 and daughter Connie 44. Also Jean & Robert Smith came and we had a delicious picnic cook out under the hickories. Later PM there was a few token bursts of fire crackers down the road. We had light supper and early to bed.

July 5, Saturday – 63 at 6 AM 74 at 8 PM. Ideal haying weather, part cloudy low humidity, light breeze, seasonably hot.

The haymakers are on the ball today. Rec'd letter from Mrs Currier. 11 o'clock we went over to Rexers & found Elsie & Herbie had just arrived. He came out of Brooklyn Hospital yesterday, has lost 26 lbs and on strict non alcohol & ----- diet. After an early PM nap I rotated the weedy potato patch hit & miss sprouts showing. Bill Van Leuvan did a big days job cutting the hay crop – some skips. We had good supper and early to bed.

July 6, Sunday — 64 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM. Seasonably warm – mid 80's southerly wind, part cloudy gradually becoming overcast during PM – calm evng. Excellent hay curing weather.

The hay makers were busy tedding and drawing hay with the Traver Hollow bridge closed it's a 27 mile trucking trip around the reservoir to Traver Hollow. During Mid PM we walked around thru the woods and called on Ann & Buddy Eckert – Bill Harrison brought us home. Ann is saddened by the death of her 87 year old brother Joe Mc Spirit of Hurley. –also they are getting low on water. I was tuned to various WGHQ programs. We had spaghetti supper with sardines, early to bed.

July 7, Monday — 62 at 6 AM 72 at 8 PM. August lowery AM but little sunshine, PM bright and sunny, warm, but dry humidity – breezy quieted at evng.

This AM I planted 17 more hills Kentucky Wonder beans & 5 Big Boy tomatoes in toilet walk garden. PM I

marked out and fertilized rows for late cabbage – also hoed thru the weedy sparcely sprouting late potato patch. Garden is dusty – prospects poor. We had good supper & early to bed. Sent letters to Mrs Currier & Debbie Robbins Gere.

July 8, Tuesday – 60 at 6 AM 74 at 10 PM. Hazily sunny, cooling breeze from reservoir. A mid PM thunder shower worked around north, overcast evng – still.

We had a morning call by Bill & Ann Hughes & her sister Katy Willyard and grandchildren David & Kelly Willyard. They left today after spending the 4th at the Brodhead trailer. Floyd Robbins did a big job painting east gable of barn but got dark before he could finish. The haymakers were trucking loose hay after work and raking. We had good supper.

July 9, Wednesday — 66 at 6 AM 68 at 8:30 PM. Warm hazy sunny with developing general mid day thunder showers and a wonderful much needed 3/4 hr rain – thundery and messy all PM. More showers tonight.

I planted corn & beans in the potato hills that failed to sprout. Floyd Robbins came and finished the barn painting after rain started. He got us groceries etc at Woodstock A& P \$18.63. Writing to Julia Rhoades.

July 10, Thursday – 64 at 7 AM 74 at 8 PM. Hazy – August – part to mostly cloudy, did not get forecast shower, calm.

A do little day for me other than putting lime on beans, added to deer trouble for first time is woodchucks. Card

to Mrs Currier – card for June 22nd her 70th – found misplaced. Staid in bed till early PM. Writing to Gaye Vorkink belated birthday card for 8th (34th birthday) I just missed the date. We had good supper, no callers & to bed early. Rec'd letter from Mariam. So rainy in Mexico truck farmers can't get produce to market. Oh yes Jim Burgraff called looking for first worms – found none – everything changed.

July 11, Friday — 64 at 6 AM 70 at 8 PM. Sunny and warm breezy southerly but not very humid – few clouds.

I did several hours work in garden, roto – tilled, hoed thru narrow bean rows, hoed tomatoes & staked 24 hills Big Boy & Burpee VF. The deer now roam at large & make a nuisance eating tops of beans. The electric fence is working but this year fails to keep them out. I finished & sent letter to Gaye Vorkink. Pat Scanlon called late PM & invited us to her trailer house warming in woods below Ollie's shale bank quarry. We had good supper & early to bed.

July 12, Saturday — 60 at 7 AM 70 at 7 PM. Cloudy still threatening.

It was a big day – Bob & Ann Parrish picked us up & brought us home before 1 o'clock. We attended the Olive Democrat club field day at town park. Fire companies from Conn, Mass, NH & Maine paraded with various musical units with old time fire equipment. A most elaborate exhibition – a fife and drum corp – Scottish band. Great interest shown in frog jumping contests. – water pumping and other contests. After

coming home had surprising visit by Debbie Robbins Gere and lusty daughter Daria Joan 1 ½ years old. A home weekend visit in West Hurley from Keene NH. We also later attended cook out hosted by Pat Scanlon at her summer trailer camp in Ollie's woods below shale bank. Later I planted a final 3 rows of snap beans. I didn't need supper & early to bed.

July 13, Sunday — 67 at 7 AM 70 at 8 PM. The nights rain with thunder was quite heavy followed by more or less light rain thru the day.

We had no callers & during PM called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer. He is not able to work and trying to follow (off limit) Dr directions. Kept tuned to WGHQ programs with passive interest. We had good supper compliments of Jim Burgraff. Ground now well soaked. I started letter to Mariam & also sending separate NY Mason and Big Fire Master of yesterday.

July 14, Monday — 70 at 6 AM 72 at 8 PM. A rainy night at times drenching – continued rainy and thunder till mid day. Sun broke thru briefly during PM.

Finished and sent letter to Mariam and birthday card to Brad Kelder on 15th. Rec'd card letter from Cornelia on trailer trip to Maine. This is Harlow Mc Lean's 82nd birthday. We intended to go see him with Hope Miller but did not due to the rainy weather. We walked up to corner PM. Garden soft mud. Deer don't bother a couple nights with front porch 100 watt light on. This PM I wrote Mrs Currier. Had good fattening supper & early to bed. More rain forecast.

July 15, Tuesday — 64 at 7 A M 70 at * PM. Overcast hot & humid AM. Sunnied up PM followed by a drenching shower, distant fleshes evng.

I weeded and thinned 3 spotty rows of carrots. Buddy Eckert came later PM on tractor & repaired routed up cement in pig pen with cross plank. The annual All Star game played in Milwaukee tonight, attendance 51,280 won by the National League in 9th inning 6 – 3 (4th straight win) Deer continue eating beans. The electric fence is snappy but they jump over.

July 16, Wednesday – 70 at 7:30 AM 76 at 8 PM. Part cloudy, pleasant southerly day winds with periods of bright sunshine. No showers, still & humid evng.

Kate Carr helped today clean up & gave me a hair trim. George brought & came for her. Ollie & I had good supper & early to bed. This PM I did all around yard mowing job. Growth not heavy. Sent birthday card to Julia Rhoades. Paid Kate 8.00 with washing.

July 17, Thursday — 70 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM. Hot & humid, somewhat breezy. Variable cloudiness and sunshine. Olivebridge had a mid PM 1/4 inch shower.

A do little day. We went over to Herbie & Elsie Rexer's 2 PM. Later I re- mowed strip around 2 sides of garden. Herbie looks better. Ollie took Kerry to mail box for first since starting heart worm treatment near 2 months ago. Rec'd letter from Ellen Wilfred. The food situation in Comma Jamaica, Pen Dist New Forest PO is poor – rice flour, foodstuffs available for poor classes. Water situation also poor.

July 18, Friday — 68 at 7 AM 77 at 8 PM. Continued humid, hot, sunny. Murked over from High Point & set in rainy 11 o'clock. Became a drenching thunder shower that flooded the garden, otherwise humid, murky.

This AM I had a sticky repairing & raising east side garden fence wire where deer have been jumping over & eating bean vines. Sent Margaret Winchell card at Highland Nursing Home for her 71st birthday Sunday the 20th. This PM Otto Guershner came 2 PM and took us to their new much near completed home for a front open upper view porch and cocktail hour. Their second annual to us, house warming party. We had usual good supper & early to roost.

July 19, Saturday – 66 at 6 AM 76 at 9 pM. Hot humid –variable overcast, brisk southerly day wind – calmed.

Other than odd jobs a do little day for me. I tied up and staked more tomato plants. Quite a few copper Japanese beetles are working on pole beans. We called on Rexers early PM, took over a letter for them, came in our mail. No callers today. Garden too wet to work in. Deer didn't bother last night, hopefully the repaired higher east side electric deterred their jumping. We had good macaroni salad supper & early to bed. Interior of Mrs Ruth Doyle's (formerly Carrie Davis) on Krumville Rd., interior badly fire damaged tonight, 4 Olive companies called. Family not home, to Boiceville.

July 20, Sunday — 68 at 6:30 AM 73 at 8 PM. We had an unusual vicious 1 AM thunder shower with

thunder & lightening incessant & deluge of rain – re-flooded garden, continued drizzly humid rain. Thunder shower rainy PM heavy storms went both north and south —Blustery from south storm. Later sun broke out briefly, hot.

A himey thinking day. Orrie Lyons came early PM & we visited on front porch. I'm writing to Mariam & Bob for their wedding 38th anniversary on the 24th and Mariam's birthday on the 28th. Bob's on August 6th or 9th. After rain stopped we walked up hill, paid call on Vahan Kizirian –lonely old man. We had delicious supper, boiled taters with pork chops & gravy – sauerkraut and new applesauce, bread etc. Dismal, murky & foggy & to bed early.

July 21, Monday — 64 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM. More drenching in night. Garden a mud hole. Bright sunny this morning otherwise quite hot and humid, some breeze. --- -- day, variable shadows, bright sunshine — reservoir running over spillway – clear evng.

Can't get in soaked garden and did very little – to me a wasted day in my late life. Ollie did drawing house water & pig chores. Kerry dog completed her over two months heart worm treatment of every other day pills. Rec'd and wrote reply letter to Cornelia on camper trip to Maine. Finished and sent birthday card & letter to Mariam & Bob. This PM we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer — After a good supper we went to bed at sunset.

July 22, Tuesday — 64 at 7 AM 72 at 8 PM. Partly cloudy – towering clouds - hazy some day breezes,

clearing late PM. Glowing soft full moon last night as it orbited High Point. Warm and humid — cooler evng.

Trooper John Schetzel called PM. & we visited awhile on front porch. I re- planted in 2 rows mixed snap beans. A deer rased in garden last night but little damage. Garden sodden wet, vine growth is lush. Later PM we walked down to top of hill. Too hot to work much. I wrote Wm. Schmershal Inc. Saugerties about gas tank for old Swarthmore power mower. Stock Market in declining time - closed 841 -. After our good supper I sat on front porch & watched 6 hornless deer graze in green grass below garden.

July 23, Wednesday — 64 at 7 AM 78 at 8 PM. Soft glowing full moon, hot and humid. Variable cloudy with intermingling hot bright sunshine – some breeze.

Just not workable weather . I tried to roto - till & hoe in garden but too wet. Ollie bought 2 pints of red cap berries of Hope Miller \$1.65. During PM we took one box over to Herbie & Elsie Rexer. Ollie wasn't feeling like her supper so I ate alone regretfully.

July 24, Thursday — 68 at 6 A M 80 at 8 PM.

Continued hazy and hot. Murky overcast little sunshine, very humid AM. More breezy PM. Thunder shower worked to north. We had evening shower.

Too hot for work AM. This PM I doubled roto - tilled late potatoes, hoed them for better or worse. No callers other than Central Hudson, installing heavier transformer for big magnet Don Bishop. We had good variety supper & to bed before dusk. This day Mariam &

Bob's 38th wedding anniversary which I attended in Brooklyn Congregational church LPM.

July 25, Friday — 68 at 6 AM 70 at 9 PM. More rain in night. Generally overcast, somewhat breezy. Some PM sunshine – generally uncertain weather. Everything soaked.

A do little day & we had mail for Rexer's & took it over PM. I set out 14 cabbage plants in north end of toilet path. Got 5 dozen med eggs via Hope Miller \$2.00.

July 26, Saturday —58 at 6 AM 64 at 8 PM...

Magnificent change to much cooler, brilliant weather. Brisk fresh northerly wind, most gorgeous of summer. Wind diminished PM, a few scattered clouds disappeared.

We had two way transportation to the Kingston Lions Club annual picnic for blind or visually handicapped and eye affected — at Hasbrouck Park overlooking the majestic Hudson -- attendance about 150. Luncheon and liquid refreshments for all. I was awarded a bottle of sherry. Came back via Woodstock A&P & shopped. Pleasure boat action on river and a 5 passenger car & long freight train passed north on east side. We didn't want supper & to bed at sunset.

July 27, Sunday — 50 at 6 AM 72 at 7:30 PM. A hint of autumn in air. A heavenly perfect mid summer day. A few clouds gradually developed, light wind shifted southerly, low humidity.

No callers & made the day lonesome. Was tunes to W G H Q programs. Mid PM we walked up to corner called briefly on Hope Miller. I started letter to Julia Rhoades partly on front porch. We good variety supper. The \$2.39 A& P potatoes 10 lb bag were excellent. We went to bed with gathering night shades.

July 28, Monday ---- 64 at 6 AM 68 at 8 PM.
Scattered clouds – low humidity - breezy – sunny perfect mid summer, cloudless still evng.

This AM I hoed some in garden, ground packed like clay. The sweet corn is tasseling out. Ann Eckert's older daughter Mrs Dorothy Mancuso of Shokan underwent female operation in benedictine Hospital –malignancy. This PM I did a complete yard mowing and around garden fence. Noontime Herbie & Elsie Rexer called on way home to Middlevillage L.I. Tomorrow he has date with doctor. We had good supper & to bed before dark. Sent letter to Julia Rhoades appropriate get well card to Marty Warnes. This date is Mariam's 61st birthday, born a rainy evening at the home of grandparents in Kerhonkson Wm N and May Simpson.

July 29, Tuesday — 58 at 6 AM 66 at 8 PM.
Continued delightful – sunny dry atmosphere, high clouds, breezy, cloudless cool evng.

Pat Scanlon took Ollie and I and Kerry to Dr. Hoppenstedt's noon time trip for re - examination & continue medication. After getting home Pat gave Kerry a good disinfectant soap washing for fleas. We also had surprise visit by Kate & George Carr, nephew 7 year old

Wayne & Douglas & family from Indiana (Surely a full day) We had usual good supper. Ollie got call from Bruce that Ira is in the hospital with prostate and back trouble. George and Douglas installed new replacement parts in my old Swarthmore mower & got it running. 4 deer grazing early evng between garden.

July 30, Wednesday — 56 at 6 AM 68 at 9 PM.
Cloudless, majestic mid summer. Quite hot but low humidity.

This AM I did some hoeing in the hard packed. Then at noon had a two hour visit by Orrie Lyons. We rode over with him to see Ann & Buddy Eckert. He brought us home. We went up in the woods where he had a 6ft spring hole dug out leads clean water down into their well thru 750 feet of ½ inch plastic hose. 71 years ago a hot sunny day Will Jones, Pa & I went for huckleberries up on Canape Mountain. We gulped ice cold water from the Jones family walled up spring. Left horses in the old Watson Tannery barn. We got some 40 quarts. Seems like yesterday. 3 years today I fell in barn on concrete floor & smashed my left hip.

July 31, Thursday — 52 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM. Hazily sunny – overcast hot and humid – 92 in shade – calm.

A do nothing but relax day. Finished and sent air letter to Julia Rhoades also card for Lottie Bilk birthday August 2, also to Bertha Duloff August 2nd. We had good supper swiss chard & souped up macaroni & salad. I wrote on front porch before and after supper.

August 1, Friday — 68 at 6 AM 78 at 8:30 PM. Hot, humid, calm, hazy sunny – 90 in shade –considerable high overcast.

Just a lazy workless time killing day. Japanese copper flying beetles are riddling tops of bean rows instead of the deer, are fast becoming a pest, replacing Mexican beetles & potato bugs. Late PM I tried dusting the rows with Rotonone dust. Rain again needed. Helen Marshall back in hospital. Started letter to Mrs Carrier on front porch. We had usual good supper.

August 2, Saturday — 66 at 6 AM 82 at 8 PM. Hazy sunny hot & humid. Hottest of summer, still.

This AM Rev Wm. Rave took us to Statsburg Nursing home to see Harlow McLean. He was unexpectedly pleased and in good spirits. Would like to return home. We shopped on way back at Kingston A& P and home 12:15. Groceries \$19.65 –Did nothing this torrid PM. The Samsonville church serving a chicken barbeque & sale this torrid PM. Received Social Security for July. Rexer's are here and we went over later PM. We had usual good supper & early to bed due to heat.

August 3, Sunday — 69 at 6 AM 80 at 8 PM. The intense humid heat wave sunny and hazy continues. More overcast than yesterday. Some records broken, Kingston recorded 97 – cooler evng.

Ollie is bushed – scarcely breathes. I spent the day just sitting and picking some Jap copper beetles from the beans. At evng I started letter to Gaye Vorkink on front

porch. The pasturing deer hasn't showed up likely due to the heat.

August 4, Monday — 73 at 6 AM 74 at 8 PM. Heavily murked over this AM, overnight temperatures cooler but humid. Brief sunshine showed during the PM & later thundered around north, distant showers, rainy evng — a dandy shower.

Rec'd & wrote right back letter to Gaye Vorkink – going on Maine vacation – presume to their property purchased for investment. Made several trips to garden after Jap beetles, got some. Also cleaned up chips & re-piled wood under shed. Had good mess of green wax beans for supper – 1st from garden.

August 5, Tuesday — 69 at 6 AM 73 at 8:30 PM. We had a good needed shower, cleared in night. Scattered high fair weather clouds a mid 80's warm day, rather humid – northerly day wind quieted.

This morning we had a bad scare with Kerry. Ollie reluctantly started her 2 phase treatment for a week, after giving her 2 large yellow pills, Kerry soon became deathly ill, vomited frothy yellow mucus and lost the use of her legs lying almost helpless & seemed hard to get her breath & we thought she was dying. After awhile she gradually recovered & became her old self – though tired all day. Otherwise I accomplished little, did some Jap beetle catching during PM. We tied & retied & staked more tomato plants. Late PM we walked up the road.

August 6, Wednesday — 66 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM.
Cloudy, cool, still – light rain PM & evng, much needed
– continued tonight.

Kate Carr came & cleaned up & gave me a hair cut.
George brought and came for her. We had usual good
supper. I finished tying and staking up tomato plants.
Orrie Lyons called mid day. Rec'd letter form Mrs
Currier. We had usual good supper. Mrs Viva Winnie 84
of Shokan died 6 AM in Benedictine Hospital – charter
member of Olive senior citizens. We went to bed early. 5
deer grazed below garden at evng. Rec'd letter & map of
Maine from Mrs Currier.

August 7, Thursday — 60 at 8 AM 62 at 8 pM. Real
chilly and cloudy this AM. Had nice garden rain, cloudy,
damp & chilly autumn in air. Mtn squalls looked like
snow? Just a sun glimpse mid PM – dark lonely evng.

A do nothing day. Wrote card to Mrs Currier – rec'd
card Lottie Stacknaustz. Town ambulance took Noble
Joe Hansen - one of Bishops trailer guests to Benedictine
hospital this PM. Bob Adsit brought tank gas \$19.43 up
from \$18.75. We walked up to the ;lonely road corner
PM. Had good 8 o'clock variety supper & to bed before
dark.

August 8, Friday — 62 at 6 AM 64 at 8 PM. Chilly
dark & gloomy - overcast this aM (raining up state)
wind northerly. Autumn here? Raine along into early PM
followed by a warmer 70 – gradual clearing trend from
north.

Joe Keller & Carl Steen from Ashokan Campus came PM and got 4 hogsheads & our old sap tub from granary. These were sold 3 years ago to Supt. Kent Reeves for \$125.00. Mr Keller also bought Pa's natural crook sap carrying yoke for \$10.00 They also viewed my gun collection. Ira Burgher successfully underwent spinal operation at Kingston hospital.

August 9, Saturday — 56 at 6:30 AM 63 at 9 PM.
Cloudless brilliant weather – warm – moderately hot, seasonably calm, big change from yesterday.

Finished & mailed letter to Mariam. Early PM we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer. They have a couple - friends from Germany. The gentleman spent 3 years as a prisoner of war in Siberia. Later I got to mowing and did a big around yard mowing job and garden wire. I finished after a good supper – boiled potatoes & fried egg plant.

August 10, Sunday — 66 at 7:30 PM 74 at 8 pM.
Typical warm – lowery August weather, scarcely a breeze stirred – more overcast than sunshine showers brewing.

This PM we went over to Rexer's, entertaining 4 couples of German friends. I took my guest book had it signed, also to pass the ----- time. Wrote long letter to Clifford Graves. We had usual good variety supper & to bed before dark.

August 11, Monday — 64 at 6 AM 70 at 8 PM.
Continued lowery warm - humid. Had lusty early PM

High Point shower – occasional hot sunshine, breezy.

Thunder shower around north evng.

84 years this late PM my grandfather Crispell's harvest filled barn was hit and set fire in a sunny sprinkle shower but saved with herculean efforts. At the time oats were being drawn back of the barn. The bolt split large 14 "x14 ft long corner post & set fire at bottom of hay mow. Several deer during PM grazing & after apples. Rec'd letter Mariam. They expect to leave on home trip 1st of Sept. Started letter to Mrs Currier on front porch . We had excellent supper - creamed rice & spare rib gravy & delicious green beans. I kept after the pesky Jap beetles.

August 12, Tuesday — 62 at 6 AM 68 at 8 PM. Quite warm, humid, haze & sunshine - calm - cloudless - still cool evng.

Rec'd letter from our Brooklyn colored friends Mr & Mrs Wm. J Wilkins - no word from them in near 2 years. Wanted calendar also sending them desk almanac & writing a reply letter.

My other principle job catching the more plentiful Jap beetles. I caught at least 40. Late PM I did some mowing in north side area. We had usual excellent variety supper on front porch. and early to bed. We had walk down to Spook Rock. After supper I wrote to Rev & Mrs Cavanaugh of Rhinebeck.

August 13, Wednesday — 68 at 6 AM Rather warm and humid with soft southerly wind, sunny AM – cloudy PM & threatening rain - had a sprinkle - breaking away evng.

I finished mowing the old chicken yard end - otherwise paid my respects on numerous trips smashing Jap beetles. We walked up road latter PM, talked with Bro. Kirerian just back from NY trip. I started another letter to Mariam. Picked a mess of beans for supper. Sr President Edw Gille 76th birthday. He received 30 some cards, a big selection of fruit from Senior Citizens & \$10.00 in money, cigarettes & flowers etc.

August 14, Thursday — 66 at 6 AM 68 at 8 :30 PM. Warm night mid 80 day. bright sunny atmosphere high thin wind driven overcast. Warm & humid, fresh northerly day winds.

A really do little day for me. Made numerous trips to garden smashing Jap beetles, sat on viewy front porch and wrote reply letter to Mariam. We took later PM walk down to Dwyer's hill, as customary had good variety supper. Kerry's second weeks treatment is finished & feels full of pep. Ollie suddenly vomited sour, losing her good supper, evidently a virus.

August 15, Friday — 59 at 6 PM 70 at 8 PM. Sunny AM followed by thickening overcast PM – light sprinkle –not so warm as yesterday & wind calm & breaking away north evng.

Finished and sent letter to Mariam. Continued making garden trips for Jap beetles. I picked first sweet corn & dug first potatoes (red) which we had for supper, good but a bit immature, also sliced tomatoes. Ollie spent the day on couch other than her daily routine. No walk today. Town historian Vera Sickler made a front porch

call at noon. She took pictures of front view & another of Kerry.

August 16, Saturday — 61 at 7 AM 63 at 8 PM.
Started raining late night continued till early PM. Started up, then resumed messy – dismal wet night.

I staid in bed (had coffee and breakfast of course) & noon time call by good friends Gloria & John Lambert. I partly wrote letter to Regina & Floyd Robbins Then as rain slacked up & walk dried up I checked the garden & found that last night a coon maybe 2 started working in side rows of sweet corn. Despite the messy rain I drove stakes and strung a wire around patch – big hurried job but it sparks. Bob Wenzel called with pictures of Memorial Day parade. I picked a mess of corn for supper – 7:35 good supper cut off corn, creamed rice, gravy with meat bits & sliced tomatoes. Town G O P club had clambake at town pavilion , despite rain \$13.00 per. Clams 40.00 bu. Tickets sold out but lucky to break even.(About 200)

August 17, Sunday — 63 at 7 AM 67 at 9 PM.
Cloudy usually hazy & damp – mountain foggy - no showers.

A long day for me and no callers. Saw no beetles & coons didn't bother the sweet corn wire. I picked a mess for supper. Had delicious pancake, brown gravy breakfast. We took a lonesome walk up to cider mill corner latter PM. Kelder's dam running over. I started letter to Gaye Vorkink before supper. We had delicious supper boiled taters, cut off sweet corn – sliced peaches

& jello. Ollie went to bed early & I wrote till after 9. Later report on clambake via Ann Tennant good sale on prize chances \$1200.00 cleared.

August 18, Monday — 60 at 6 AM 64 at 9 PM. Murky this AM, sun broke out at noon. Became heavenly perfect PM, cloudless evng & cooler better air. First north wind quieted at evng. Glowing near full moon south evng, front porch view magnificent.

Jim Burgraff called early AM, gave him mess sweet corn. Rec'd excellent reply from Mrs Currier with picture of son R.R. engineer Paul and 3 lovely daughters Valerie 17 – Vicky 11 and Veronica 9 taken 22nd of June. Few beetles today. No coons in corn. I kept pretty much busy odd tinkering jobs also mowed the thick chick weeds from onion rows – nice onions. Later PM we walked over to corner and up woods road past Rexers. Had good meaty vegetable stew supper & sliced tomatoes. Writing right back to Mrs Currier.

August 19, Tuesday — 52 at 7 AM 56 at 10 PM. Brilliant sunny AM. Pleasant temperature light northerly wind - quieting atmosphere has a tinge of autumn, considerable cloudiness developed PM, cleared chilly evng and glowing almost full moon.

This AM I did a few odd jobs, picked sweet corn & beans for supper. Rec'd letter from Clifford Graves and answered on front porch PM. Jap beetles getting scarce. No callers. Ollie and I walked down the hill PM—lonesome –We had excellent supper boiled potatoes, green beans, and cut off corn.

August 20, Wednesday – 53 at 6 AM 56 at 8:30 PM.
Glowing sun peeped 6:10. Brilliant cool pleasant heavenly perfect weather. Spotty high fair weather clouds, clear still evng – moon 99% full.

Kate Carr came and did usual work & gave me a hair cut. I pulled the onions & Kate helped gather them in barn, had 4 1/4 bu, good yield considering the smothering chick weeds. Later PM Ann Tennant took Ollie & I to vote at the Onteora school re - vote on revised budget - reduced 350,000., also stopped at Al Higley store & butcher shop & Singer & Denman pr 8" pliers and 2 sythe whetters \$4.06. Sent birthday card to Charley Duloff & get well card to Dorothy Mancuso.

August 21, Thursday — 50 at 7 AM 70 at 10:30 PM.
Brilliant glowing full moon last night, clear AM became overcast early PM. Moderately cool clouds cleared during evng. The full moon shone in haze.

I continued smashing Jap beetles. This PM went with Hope Miller to Senior Citizen meeting at Ashokan hall. Then after bringing the neighbor Wm and Edith Davis home went with her to Kingston and briefly visited Ollie's brother Ira in bed at Kingston hospital. He knew us but continues a desperately sick man. Coming home we stopped at roadside Horn of Plenty. I bought 10 lb nice home grown potatoes \$1.00 & egg plant .29. Beautiful ripe tomatoes \$3.75 1/2 bu and summer red astukan apples or similar 4lbs. for 1.00. A representative of Ulster Savings bank spoke on banking services and social security. We had excellent supper, today bought potatoes, cut off sweet corn – green beans. Wrote to Julia

Rhoades tonight. Finished and sent letter to Regina & Floyd Robbins.

August 22, Friday — 50 at 6 AM 66 at 9:30 PM. We had a light shower in night – a day of slow clearing, cool yet warm patches of sunshine – fresh northerly wind gusts.

I'm still smashing Jap beetles on beans & potatoes. I did a big all around yard mowing job PM. Late PM Pat Scanlon took Ollie & I and Kerry to get blood test by Avery Smith and further treatment for Kerry. We stopped at the Horn of Plenty and I got 20 lb of home grown potatoes \$2.00 – home 8:10.

August 23, Saturday — 52 at 7 AM 64 at 8 PM. Clear brilliant this AM, followed by variable high fleecy overcast, cool still yet somewhat humid.

Autumn is coming on. I kept generally busy, smashed a few Jap beetles, mowed around the garden wire also in the north sides area. Got corn for supper & pulled weeds for pigger. Later PM we walked up to corner – the dam just trickling over. Ann Tennant called PM brought 5 lbs hamburger from Higley's market, 6 cans evaporated milk & pkg of farina 6.86 paid. Rec'd Agway statement for fire Ins \$84.00. We had delicious variety supper hamburger, potatoes, cut off corn & sliced tomatoes. Went to bed early, got 11:30 PM call from Cornelia back home after summer camping in Maine.

August 24, Sunday — 60 at 8 AM 64 at 9 PM. Starting around 4:30 we had unexpected several hour

easy rain — Dark gloomy - more rain PM a chilly stay in house day. Inky dark tonight. Later moon shone under cloud blanket.

For pass time had WGHQ Sunday service, we heard Kingston Day at Shea stadium in NYC. Los Anglos beat Yanks 9 – 0 & 4 to 3 in double header, rainy there too. I wrote long letter to Cornelia. & letter & Margaretville paper clipping “ In My Valley” for Marty Warnes. Bill Harrison & Tom Van Wagner called later PM. Had good variety supper but late. Boiled potatoes & ham _ - applesauce. Got to bed 9:30.

August 25, Monday — 62 at 6:30 AM 74 at 8 PM.
Warm - still - murky - humid, only brief glimpse of sunshine. Black hanging clouds indicated passing downpour. We got late PM drencher, thunder blow High Point.

Little accomplished – did a few odd jobs, smashed a doz Jap beetles. Falling Elberta peaches are delicious. We walked over to corner during later PM. Had excellent supper , potatoes, succotash & sliced peaches. Early to bed. Bishops had new deep well pump installed AM.

August 26, Tuesday — 70 at 6 AM 76 at 8 PM.
Continued murky - misty this AM then sun broke out, hot till early PM. Murked over & sunnied up with breeze from reservoir. Had mid evng gusty flashing High Point thunder shower.

I did some porch roof patching. Peaches falling & kept picked up. Had a fone call from long forgotten Kingston friend Lester E Decker 83. We had a half hour visit

reminiscing of pre - reservoir days, when he was an assistant at the U & D railroad station with Grant Morse. Rec'd letter from Ann Hughes re - covering from a left breast removal cancer lump surgery. Ten Jap beetles, did odd job routine. Sat on porch and answered Ann Hughes letter. We had delicious peach shortcake supper & early to bed. 12:30 AM at Benedictine hospital a daughter Anna born to Mrs Marty (Mary) Juliano their 3rd child.

August 27, Wednesday — 66 at 7 AM 66 at 8 PM. Cleared in night – noticeably cooler this AM, brilliant - sunny - breezy, was warmest night of summer. Magnificent warm day. A few scattered high drifting clouds. Brisk pleasant northerly wind - became cloudless.

Only found one Jap beetle. Tared cracked places on chicken house roof. Picked up peaches & red apples. Ollie made applesauce for freezing. 4 PM walked up to corner & called on Mr Kizirian. While out Lizzie Ihaker & Donna Utley of Kingston called. Late PM had visit by Mr & Mrs Bob Parish & .Mr & Mrs Robert Garbachi of Queens Village. They want to buy 10 acre building site. A bus load of 45 senior citizens made trip to Lake George – We had usual good supper, potatoes, beans, cut corn & sliced peaches. 7 deer below garden evng. Mrs Mary Giuliano gave birth to her 3rd child a girl in Benedictine hospital at 12:30 AM. Name is Anna, their first are twins boy & girl are aged 5 & will be starting school.

August 28, Thursday — 54 at 6 AM 62 at 8 PM.
Another heavenly, glorious, scattered high clouds, wind light, pleasant temperature – cloudless - autumny still evng. Moonlight last night olding phase, front porch scenery magnificent.

Ollie worked at her apple storing for freezing. I did a variety of jobs, put up a deer scare crow fence around Kentucky Wonder bean garden. They were nipping vines last night. Poled off the red apples - had 2 pails, also picked peaches, bushel yet on tree – free stone Alberta's, best crop yet. I started front porch letter to Mrs Currier – no mail today. Had delicious supper boiled potatoes, succotash & sliced peaches.

August 29, Friday — 54 at 6 AM 66 at 9 PM.
Increasing cloudiness developed indicating rain that settled in later PM, continued evng – moderately cool & calm.

No special accomplishments - no Jap beetles. –Picked new green beans & sweet corn. Had PM visit by Orrie Lyons & Marty Warnes. I cleaned pig pen — Marty helped me get in & out of pen. I let Marty take my 1911 - 12 gauge Ithaca double 12 gauge gun for shooting & cleaning up. We went over & called on Ann Eckert and she gave me a batch of Freemans. I had good supper – sliced tomatoes. Ollie didn't feel like eating. Marty whose leg was badly cut in a chain saw Central Hudson accident over 2 months ago hobbles around with Uncle Mart Eckert's curved cane. Sent letter to Mrs Currier & baby card to Mrs Marty Giuliano.

Rec'd from Nuhbe – Official Dept Cas - Cob Conn Dr.
UX M 4 glasses -- ordered in late May
\$3.95.

August 30, Saturday — 66 at 7 AM 66 at 8 PM.
Continued chilly – rainy night with intermittent let ups &
downpours. Showers continued this AM – at 11:30 the
sun came out but momentarily – more sunshine
followed otherwise the PM cloudy & chilly.

No mail today, expected letter from Mariam & Mrs
Currier. Thursday midnight a north bound 139 car West
Shore freight derailed at Mt Morris – some near 30 cars
one contained compressed inflammable material
exploded sending 200 ft flames skyward. The front
section of cars proceeded to Selkirk. Various area fire
companies responded & poured 1 – 2 million gallons
water to keep the burning car cooled. The fire was finally
doused during last night. Tracks are replaced this AM &
rail traffic moving. This PM we called on Herbie Rexer
other than 2 visiting friends, week Thursday, Elsie went
by plane to Germany due to her mother's critical
condition, amputated leg due to clot. No callers. We had
excellent variety supper & to bed early. We had 6 deer
grazing on field below.

August 31, Sunday — 56 at 6 AM 56 at 8 PM.
Cleared over night – chilliest weather of summer. Day &
evng overcast, pale weak sunshine.

This PM called on Herbie Rexer. Then the callers
started, first was Pat Scanlon, Jean Duffy and long haired
bewhiskered boy friend, Tony De Gondea. Next Jesse

Burger and Mr & Mrs Clifford Graves and family, daughter Cornelia Herrington. We sure had a late supper & Cornelia ate some with us. We had a real good visit.

September 1, Monday — 54 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM.
Chilly light rain this aM. A cold damp gloomy day. Sun broke out briefly late pm. Still – dead calm – wood fire in round stove.

For first Sept 1st I put on long underwear & wore my trooper fur hat. We went at noon to the annual Boiceville Reunion at Town Pavilion – smallest crowd ever 45 - 52. The boy scouts concession barely broke even, the collection of \$14.00 donated to them – but for Barbara Moncure & speaker Alf Evers the picnic would have been a near complete flop. Rev Merton Cady offered invocation and otherwise —? Also historian Vera Sickler & Stew Osborne historian of 20th Regiment, Ernest G. Gardner & Supervisor Ollie Crawford. Tom Fickus re - elected Pres. I hold over 4 more years as Sec - Treas. Treas. Balance is \$262.50. Barbara & Alf Evers brought us home Historian read a self compiled article regarding the present town of Olive area during Revolutionary times – also a poem on the early era of the Boiceville Reunion. The writer not known.

September 2, Tuesday — 58 at 6 AM 62 at 9 PM.
Cloudy chilly night – Sun came out 10:30, shone bright and warm, south westerly day wind, then clouded over. Became star light evng – still – light sprinkle shower late PM.

I kept partly busy with odd chores – Ollie cutting up peaches to dry. Walked up past Kirizians later PM. We had delicious peach shortcake biscuit supper. Daughter Cornelia trailer parking at Bishop's – called evng. She was in a bad way. Gave her Campho - phenique to rub on and helped promptly, also had broken her glasses . I let her take new UXM4 glasses & could read ok. So theres some good in her old dad. After 9 o'clock that I went to bed. Rec'd a letter from Mariam of Aug. 27th & started a reply.

September 3, Wednesday — 56 at 8 AM 52 at 8 PM. Scattered high clouds, northerly wind quieted, brilliant atmosphere & sunshine, cool autumn tinged cloudless evng.

Kate Carr cleaned up & gave me hair trim. We picked ½ bu. & final peach tree clean up, I'd say 4 bushels. I kept rather busy with chores etc. Finished & sent reply air letter to Mariam. The buses rolled this AM and schools re - opened for which the cool bracing weather is ideal. Sent letter to Mariam – rec'd one from Ann Hughes.

September 4, Thursday — 76 at 6 AM 61 at 8:30 PM. Chilliest night, cloudless – this AM variable overcast developed thru day & evng, wind light. Warmer trend but chilly evng.

Had usual breakfast sitting in bed. Writing reply letter to Ann & Billy Hughes. I got corn for supper & did odd jobs in variety. Later PM we walked over to corner. Pleasant sunny but a memory recurring trip – Mike

Dwyer, Ves Jones, John Jordan – Russ, Deal Eckert long gone. We had extra savory supper boiled taters, hamburg, cut off corn, sliced tomatoes & peaches - bread also ketchup & to bed at dark.

September 5, Friday — 54 at 6 AM 53 at 8 PM. A delightfully pleasant day, partly cloudy & sunny, wind gentle & part cloudy tonight.

A little accomplished day. Picked beans for supper did a few chore jobs. Pat Scanlon came and brought her pet cat for Ollie's care. No other callers. I'm lonely in spirit. Finished and sent reply letter to Ann & Bill Hughes. A 26 year old woman with a 25 cal. auto pistol in Sacramento Cal. arrested for an apparent attempt on the person of President Jerry Ford. We had delicious supper boiled taters, green beans, sliced tomatoes, carrots & peaches both went to bed 8:20

74 years today President Wm. Mc Kinley was fatally shot by Leon Czalgath at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo while shaking hands. He died 2 weeks later.

September 6, Saturday — 62 at 7 am 62 at 8 PM. Jewish New Year. Starting midnight rained till daylight – brief shower later. Sun broke out before noon, there was periods of warm sunshine & overcast – clearing evng.

Just another do little day for me. This PM we went over to Rexer's. He didn't come up. The we walked over to corner in warm sunshine. Stopped briefly at Kirizian's –No callers. Bad 2 car crash PM over on 28 south of Boiceville. We had delicious supper. Last of old boiled

potatoes – ham & flour gravy – green beans & sliced tomatoes & fresh made peach pie. To bed at 8 o'clock.

September 7, Sunday — 53 at 6:30 AM 58 at 8 PM.

Brilliant pleasant, part cloudy (a spotted day)

At home – this PM I picked the sweet corn & beans. Later we went over to Harlow Mc Lean's with Buddy Eckert & John Ecker they picked some crab apples for us to make jelly. We had delicious supper, boiled potatoes, kraut & pig hockies, sliced tomatoes & peach pie. Bill Harrison called AM - He was looking for hemlock to make wreaths for Jewish holidays.

September 8, Monday — 64 at 8 AM 72 at 7 :30 PM.

Hazily sunny – warm weather with soft southerly wind quieting. Typical dog days. Thunder shower later evng, not severe.

Not much accomplished other than odd jobs. Tomatoes are increasingly ripening – No callers. Later PM we walked down to Dwyer's hill. We had excellent supper fresh dug potatoes, corn, beans – peach pie. We went to bed before the darkness fell.

September 9, Tuesday — 52 at 6 aM 46 at 9 PM.

Cleared in night – chilly– brilliant atmosphere and brisk northerly wind. The choppy white caps rolled on the reservoir. Considerably mid day high cloudiness and PM bright sunshine.

Rec'd letter from Mrs Currier & Clifford Graves. This PM we went with Buddy Eckert shopping at Woodstock A&P market where we spent \$64.41. We

came home via 212 and 28 called on Jim & Lil Mc Vilty at Lake Hill. At Al Higley's Boiceville shop I got a case of Tawny Port \$15.00 – 2 lb hamburg \$1.70 & loaf bread .59. Going we stopped at the Shokan bank – Gave Buddy \$2.00 for gas & he has supper with us.

September 10, Wednesday — 42 at 6 AM 50 at 8:30 PM. Real chilly. Autumn like weather. Light wind off reservoir. Bright sunny with wispy high overcast – Growing crescent moon over High Point.

I wrote birthday cards to Mrs Beatrice Duchs of Olive Bridge – Friday also Ann Eckert with crisp new \$5 bill. Rec'd brief letter from Mariam that they now plan on to leave for home 1st Oct. This PM I did a big 9th time all around yard mowing job. We had a most delicious last peach biscuit supper.

September 11, Thursday — 54 at 6:30 AM 64 at 8 PM. Clear this AM but murked over gloomy with southerly wind that quieted. A misty drizzle developed during PM, blacked out evng.

I did more mowing PM – cut around garden wire and old chicken yard end. Kate Carr came after working at Pat Molloy's. George came for her after work & she took the picked crab apples to make jelly. We had delicious bountiful vegetable supper – boiled potatoes, corn, beans, sliced tomatoes & onion and cucumber salad. I over ate. We went to bed early.

September 12, Friday — 54 at 6 AM 54 at 8 PM. Rainy night & continued with gusty south wind this AM

- 70 - muggy. Temp dropped PM to 60 degrees wind shifted northerly & showers lessening, calm cloudy evng.

This AM between showers I picked sweet corn & green beans for supper also pail red tomatoes. I started reply letter to Mariam being house bound with rain. Wood fire feels a bit cheerful such a wet gloomy day. Finished and sent reply letter to Clifford Graves. We had delicious vegetable supper - boiled potatoes, creamed green beans, cut off cob corn (can't chew but swallow as is) & sliced red tomatoes. To bed 8 o'clock.

September 13, Saturday — 56 at 6 AM 50 at 9 PM.
Brilliant sunny this AM but cloudiness developed, periods of sunshine – mostly cloudy PM late AM sprinkle of rain. Truly autumn is a coming on as Pa would say. Bright moonlight evng.

Late AM had a call by Rev. and Mrs Mary Rave – I gave him apples, soft shell beans & tomatoes. This PM I re picked the sweet corn & beans & shacked the 3 stouts. First my right hand so weak cut stalks with 2 handled clippers. Rc'd letter of Julia Rhoades. Saturday evng Rev Merton Cady married his youngest daughter Elizabeth at the Hensonville ME church. We had delicious supper. Had callers Jesse Burgher & son Gregory – son in law Lynn Lawton & his son Jeff. Ollie became sick – so I was unable to attend IOOF lodge to receive 50 year pin – with Alonzo Davis, Reggie Davis & Lester Lawrence remainder of class of 13 – March 1925?

September 14, Sunday — 42 at 6:30 AM 46 at 8 PM.
Bright spotted day, sun dips in and out Autumn is here
– cold windy – became cloudless- still late PM.

Bi centennial flag raising and town Republican picnic
at town grove pavilion. We were planning but made no
attempt to attend – too cold and windy.. This PM Reggie
and Mrs Elsie Davis called and presented me with my 50
year gold pin as one of the 4 members honored last night
by Shokan IOOF Lodge no 491. My late father Chas W.
Davis with Simon B Bishop and Walter Brooks received
their jewels in 1933. Pa gave his to Mariam. We had
usual delicious vegetable supper– boiled taters - green
creamed beans - sliced tomatoes. 8 PM to bed.

September 15, Monday — 39 at 7 AM coldest to date
54 at 8PM !st half of September unusually cool.
Variable sunny overcast – chilly – moderating, south
wind PM – cloudless - still evng.

Did daily routine - picked soft & hard shell pole
beans. We walked over to see Ann & Buddy PM – He
brought us home. We had usual delicious vegetable
supper & 8 o'clock to bed. Kept wood fire in round
stove. The Bishops left yesterday PM by car – trip to
south Africa.

September 16, Tuesday — 57 at 6:30 AM 58 at 8 PM.
Cloudy still damp – 65 degree day, chilly - some
moderated PM. Had a mere glimpse of sunshine.

I stayed in bed till 1:30 PM. Wrote to Harlow Mc
Lean in Rhinebeck Nursing Home. During PM I got in
odd jobs, dug pail of potatoes & repaired north end

electric garden fence. Ollie's brother Ira Burgher underwent second urinary operation this AM at Kingston Hospital. He is stubborn & non - cooperative . We had delicious vegetable supper – first dug potatoes stewed yellow tomatoes and Kentucky Wonder beans. To bed 8 o'clock. Had wood fire all day. Our good friend Rev. Wm. C. Rave in Monticello Hospital. (Now home Thurs)

September 17, Wednesday — 53 at 6 AM 61 at 8 PM. Mostly cloudy occasional sunshine - calm - moderately warm, temp didn't reach 70.

Kate Carr came today & cleaned up – gave me hair trim & canned 14 qt jars tomatoes. Paid 8.00.

The bloody Civil War battle of Antitum fought this date 1862. I cleaned up the leaves & dirt under the barn shed – cleaned pig pen. We had usual abundant supper - boiled spuds hamburg - gravy - corn - beans & sliced tomatoes. To bed 8 o'clock.

September 18, Thursday — 58 at 6:30 AM 62 at 7:30 PM. Rainy this AM & variably during the day - chilly - cloudy, weather still.

Quiet day other than this PM attending with Ann Tennant – 100 or more present senior citizen meeting also Onteora School paying our school tax. Home farm \$316.08 val \$1200 – Hinkley val \$450. tenants payed by Ann Eckert \$118.53 – also Ollie's val \$480 – \$126.45. Also got 5lb hamburg at Al Higley's \$3.99 - loaf bread .59. We had delicious boiled taters - hamburg - gravy & sliced yellow tomatoes. At dark to bed. Belle Wood this AM brought frozen turkey and pkgs of meat stored for

years in her freezer. My right claws so stiff & weak difficult to write.

September 19, Friday — 56 at 6:30 AM 53 at 8 PM.
Dismal chilly rain dripping night and continuing today - showers and let ups.

Patricia Hearst abducted & missing 19 months - California heiress captured and in jail, greatly to the relief of her parents and younger sister. She has led a life of crime and mystery. A stay indoor day except during a PM let up picked a pail of striped soft corn & beans and fired 4 muzzle loaded charges to keep the bold deer out of the garden beans. Wrote to Harlow McLean & an unfinished letter to Mariam. We had delicious boiled veal steak - potatoes - tomatoes supper. Like fresh from years frozen pkg. (Belle Wood's frozen meat) Gray squirrels are raiding out milk house hickories.

September 20, Saturday — 62 at 7:30 AM 70 at 8 PM.
Warmest day of month. Southerly day wind. Variable cloudiness with AM & PM periods of warm sunshine. Unsettled by passing showery weather, we got a High Point downpour at twilight. - Broke away and golden full moon rose over Kingston early evng.

My principle job was topping and storing for winter down cellar in old Dutch spring sleigh box the onions put for curing in horse stable. A number had rotten (6 qts). Later we went to Rexers but not there. We had delicious supper – juicy corn - beans - flour gravy - meat - bread & sliced tomatoes. To bed 8 o'clock. The mail

carrier didn't stop to pick up my mail. The deer not so bad today.

September 21, Sunday — 62 at 6:30 AM 82 in sun PM warmest of Sept. 60 at 8 PM. Foggy - murky this AM – gradually variable sunshine, sunny PM & still - clear chilly evng with golden full moon (last night) rising over east.

Other than a lazy day, like the weather I added to letter the mail didn't stop for Saturday. Tuned to religious & other programs including keenly contested ball game between American league Boston Red Sox & Detroit, won by Sox 1 - 5 in 9th inning. We then walked up to corner - Had delicious supper - turkey, green beans, potatoes & tomatoes. Last nights evening storm & tornado was bad east & south side & north of Kingston.

September 22, Monday — 48 at 6:30 AM 58 at 10 PM 70 degree day in sun. Moonlight night. Variable overcast and bright sunshine& clouded over and set in rainy late evening. Not so warm as yesterday - winds light.

I kept busy AM with odd puttering jobs. PM – 3 o'clock we went with Hope Miller to the clinic at library and had flu inoculations. Later we went across and called on Ann & Buddy Eckert. He brought us home & visited awhile. We had late supper.

September 23, Tuesday — 54 at 7 AM 54 at 7:30 PM officially its autumn. Rainy night and this AM. Gloomy, damp and murky still weather. Dark misty evng.

Just a do nothing day. Wrote card to Julia Rhoades. Rec'd letter from grand daughter Gaye Vorkink of Exeter NH. Jim Burgraf called late PM. He is not feeling well and is having tests. No walk today. Living high on late small peaches. Later medical report that Jim has a lung spot. We had delicious variety supper Started reply evng to Gaye. Wrote card to Julia Rhoades. Wrote letter & sympathy card to Elsie Rexer for her mother's death 74 in Germany.

September 24, Wednesday — 54 at 7:30 A 54 at 7;30 PM. Equatorial rain period. Rainy night – chilly early fall, general storm, flash flood warnings. Streams running slow. Most dismal, mountains fogged, steady rain continued till late PM., resumed for night

Housebound weather . Jim Burgraf returned borrowed kraut cutter. He is worried x-ray test showed dark spot mass on lower left lung. Mountain fog lifted when rain stopped. Finished and sent letter to grand daughter Gaye Vorkink. We had delicious supper, fresh dug red boiled potatoes., creamed turkey gravy, sliced tomatoes and peaches. Then soon to bed. Black dark.

September 25, Thursday — 54 at 8 AM 56 at 8 PM. Rainy night and continued dismal chill, mountains fogged dripping day (mid 50 PM) and evng.

A house bound day. I did manage to pick and shell mess of soft corn & beans and get to pig pen. We had delicious variety supper, potatoes, hamburg, corn, beans and sliced tomatoes. Early to bed before 8o'clock.

September 26, Friday — 56 at 6 AM 64 at 8 PM.

Continued drippy wet night. Reservoir and mountains fogged out setting in this AM. A steady drenching rain fell till mid PM, then gradually cleared. As the early darkness fell the fog lowered over the reservoir.

Ollie not feeling good & spent the day largely on her couch. I managed to pick a mess of green beans and pick the row of vines and took care of pigger. Deer bold today around garden & after apples. Gray squirrels raiding the hickories, nuts falling. I picked up several quarts. For the first in many years I missed attending the GOP town nominating caucus at the Olive Bridge fire hall – unanimously named were Supervisor Ollie Crawford – Supt of Highways Marsh Maier - Lee Denman Town Clerk also named with contests Collector.

September 27, Saturday —56 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM.

Broke away in night and olding moon showed hazily. Pleasant mild sunny this AM for a change. Kingston radio WGHQ reports over 4 in of rain fell. Flood conditions pretty well state wide, several border tier counties declared disaster areas. The day was mild with northerly day wind quieting. Variable periods of warm sunshine & overcast.

I dug a pail of potatoes fairly nice. Ollie and I picked up the fallen hickory nuts and raked leaves together and put them against barn shed north doors. During PM we went over to Rexer's but not there. We had good variety supper & to bed early after working at Rexer's. Myron ---- came & looked at my roof leaks & loose gutters.

September 28, Sunday — 55 at 7 AM 58 at 7:30 PM.
Mild northerly wind quieting - a brilliant & s----- day,
sunshine & partial high overcast cloudless chilly still
evng.

A mostly do nothing day, Ollie's not herself - no life.
Only callers were Addie Winchell and Mary Palen PM.
We had usual delicious variety supper boiled taters,
creamed turkey - gravy sliced red tomatoes, catchup &
bread. Had wood fire. Last day of big league National
and American ball season. We had on WKNY – Phila vs
Mets – game won by Mets 5-4 who finished 3 rd Natl
League ----. Early to bed.

September 29. Monday — 43 at 7 AM 52 at 8:30 PM.
Absolutely heavenly perfect day and evng weather for
early autumn weather. Little wind mountains starting to
color.

I had but little accomplished, leaky roofs need repairs
but I feared to make attempt – so clumsy. Mid PM we
walked across Bishops and visited Ann Eckert. We had
usual delicious variety supper, boiled potatoes, green
beans & sliced tomatoes. Went to bed at 8:30.

September 30, Tuesday — 47 at 8 AM 74 at 8 PM.
Sept ends, milder than first of month. Pleasantly warm
with gradually increasing overcast, wind variable and
quieting, dark cloudy evng.

A do little day just not warm enough for easy roof
repair. No walk today. We had delicious variety supper,
boiled taters, hamburg & fried onions - gravy - corn -
beans & sliced peaches.. Finished & sent air mail letter

to Mariam. Only caller briefly was Bishop caretaker Charley Reiner. 8 o'clock to bed.

October 1, Wednesday — 54 at 7 AM 67 at 8 PM
temperature up to 70 (OK) Mild a spotted day, brisk southerly wind that quieted. Variable passing cloudiness & bright sunshine – overcast, still evng.

Kate Carr came today - cleaned up etc and gave me every 2 weeks hair trim. George brought and came for her. We had usual delicious supper potatoes thick gravy sliced tomatoes etc. Both to bed 8 o'clock. Rec'd an AT&T check \$289. This date 1903 I purchased from ----
- Giles my 1st ----- loading single barrel 12 gauge shotgun – Slesens # 120 - 12 ga 30 in barrel – Wish I had it now price \$8.00 now would be \$50.. Masonic service tonight at Bro Bob Boyd's in Woodstock for Bro. Howard K Trowbridge conducted by Kingston Lodge # 10 - Bros. presiding besides Bob Boyd.

October 2, Thursday — 56 at 7:30 AM 46 at 8 PM.
Cloudy & windy – cold - raw - coldest to date, cloudy evng. Vast change from yesterday, southerly wind occasional squall sprinkles.

This AM I picked the tomatoes, precautionary frost predicted. This PM we went with Hope Miller to senior citizen meeting, big turnout at least 90. We came back to Boiceville & I went to hardware store for radio dry cell batteries - 1.60 for 4. I then picked big pail of corn beans - a cold job. We had delicious variety supper. To bed 8 o'clock.

October 3, Friday — 37 at 6:30 AM 57 at 8 PM. Very chilly this AM but no frost. Cleared during night. Continued cloudless very chilly this AM

I put in a busy PM as the sun warmed the temperature, wind off the reservoir – pulled tomato stakes & piled the vines and picked soft shell beans – The east side colors are browning. A year ago this PM (a chilly squally day when sun broke out I fell on ladder & slipped on garage roof trying to finish painting and broke right elbow. A year after I have a weak partial stiff right hand & arm. Rec'd card from Mariam that they are on their way home. Rec'd good letter from Pat Scanlon, now in Vet school in Delhi. We had delicious supper & to bed 8 o'clock.

October 4, Saturday — 51 at 7 AM 59 at 8 PM. Continued gorgeously cloudless – pleasantly warm.

I seem to have developed a running head cold over night. A do little day. This PM we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer –Her first visit since spending 5 weeks in Germany due to her mother's death. We had excellent variety supper and early to bed.

October 5, Sunday — 40 at 7 AM 62 at 8 PM. Real chilly this AM but warmed up pleasantly. Considerable overcast developed – real mild PM more or less breezy. Dark still evng.

A stay at home day. Buddy Eckert and John Ecker called PM and calked leaky garage roof among odd jobs. We had delicious variety supper – mashed potatoes, roast pork - gravy, corn, beans & sliced tomatoes. Was tuned

to religious WGHQ programs & on Hartford WTIC.
Heard much of play off American league race ---- game
Both yesterday and today won by Boston – 7 - 1 and 6 - 3
over worlds champ Los Anglos. In national league play
off Cinn defeated Pittsburg both games 8 – 3 - yesterday
& 6 – 3.

October 6, Monday — 60 at 6 AM 62 at 8 PM. Warm
variously cloudy and bright warm sunshine. Variable
gusty day wind quieting at evng.

This PM I worked in garden. Mowed lawn side thick
hay like dense weeds & dug bu potatoes., would have cut
more but blade became loose. We had usual delicious
abundant garden supper, to bed at 8 o'clock. I wrote
reply letter to Pat Scanlon also sent letter to Harlow
McLean. No callers today & received letter from Carole
Longyear. Today – both days attendance 35,380

October 7, Tuesday — 45 at 7 AM 42 at 10 PM.
Most heavenly perfect cloudless day in general. Wind
northerly – Berkshire range distinct. Mountain color
brown shades. Silvery small white capped lake rolling.
As the day progressed the wind calmed.

I dug a bu or so of potatoes PM such as they are, so
many small. – Haven't found one rotted. A tedious job
with the dense weeds to contend with. Early evening
Buddy Eckert brought a load of firewood cut around
Ollie's shale quarry. We had delicious variety supper
boiled potatoes, corn, beans & sliced ripe tomatoes. The
Boston Red Sox tonight defeated the world champions
Los Anglos in third straight play off game at Los Anglos

In the national league play off games at Pittsburg, Cinn won their 3rd straight game 5 - 3 in 10 innings, attendance over 44,000.

October 8, Wednesday — 34 at 6:30 AM Heavy white frost but didn't affect Ollie's beautiful Dahlia blooms. Mild delightful, colorful, sunny with patchy high overcast.

We went with Hope Miller & Will Squire 90 to the October family style dinner served to over 100 Olive senior citizens on 50/50 basis between members and the club organization. The variety menu included either roast pork chops or roast beef. Everything in delicious abundance. Members paid about \$3.50 each. The scenic trip showed colors at their crest. Back 2 o'clock and did little PM. Tonight we with Mr and Mrs Marsh Maier attend Olive GOP Headquarters opening night of new Ashokan store. Due to heat & smoke Ollie became ill —Had not any oxygen inhaler & town ambulance took us to emergency room at Benedictine Hosp. Later we returned home with Carole Davis.

October 9, Thursday — 50 at 7 AM 54 at 8 PM. Dismal chilly – cloudy day & evng.

I stayed in bed AM – This PM I shelled 2 messes soft shell corn beans and finished the garden bean picking. Other than chore routine & cooking Ollie spent the day & evng on couch trying to rest up. We got home from Benedictine Hosp. Emergency 1 o'clock & soon went to bed.

October 10, Friday — 52 at 7 AM 54 at 9 PM.

Cloudy still & seasonable.

11 o'clock we had surprise call by Rev. William C. Rave and wife who took Ollie and I to see Harlow Mc Lean at Hyde Park Nursing Home. His weight is down from a top 220 to 153. He is in tolerably physical condition but desires to come home. Coming back we stopped at Montgomery Wards. I got 2 gal aluminum adhesive roof paint & gal of latex outside white & a 4 in & 2 in set of paint brushes – total \$22.22. Senior citizen now get 10% discount. It was Ward week sale. We had delicious rather late supper. This evening Ollie called Gordon Najor collect about our seeing Harlow. Rec card Mariam from SC enroute home.

October 11, Saturday — 52 at 7:30 AM 54 at 7 PM.

Dismal mountains fogged – set in rainy late in night, continued thru the day but not steady. Low mountain fog, mild. Cleared at evng ½ moon shining.

A house bound day. Did considerable reading in October Digest. Got out late PM to feed pigger. We heard in the jittery broadcast WTIC Hartford the opening game of 1975 world series at Fenway Park – Boston to a standing room crowd. The Red Sox with the 5 hit invincible pitching by Louis Tian defeated the favored N. L. Cincinnati Reds by score of 6 -- 0 also runs in 7th inning. Had wood fire all day. No callers. We had delicious variety supper & early to bed.

October 12, Sunday — 50 at 7 AM 56 at 7 PM.

Mostly cloudy – drab weather – spotty sunshine PM.

For me a stay in house day. Ollie did daily chores. No callers. This PM we heard the nip and tuck second world series game at the Boston Red Sox park, won by Cincinnati Reds 2 – 1 in 9 th inning. Attendance both days 35,208. Next game Tuesday night 8:30 at Riverview Field Cinn. We had usual delicious variety supper. I wrote to John and Lillian Mc Lean. Then early to bed. Flock of deer below garden as usual. Wood fire all day.

October 13, Monday — 52 at 6 AM 54 at 8 PM.
Mostly cloudy with passing briefs of sunshine. Thunder rumbles and flashings evng – south & heavier showers worked around north - rain rather light.

This PM I did a big all around yard mowing jobs – Last of season. Later PM we had a call by Noble Bob and daughter Mariam Longyear who arrived at Ledge Rock yesterday by car from Mexico City. Ollie & I had usual good supper and 8 o'clock to bed. Can see a flock of nosy deer most any time of day.

October 14, Tuesday — 53 at 6 AM 60 at 8 PM 56 at 10 PM. Mild mostly cloudy, wind light. Unseasonably mild, hazy moon evng – nearing full.

I cleaned up the Kentucky Wonder bean garden – pulled poles and picked the remaining beans. This AM we had unexpected call by Bro Fred Ronk and Mr & Mrs Al Post of East Walden. Mariam and Bob came over from Ledgerock PM. We took look see ride over to Harlow Mc Lean's & then visited the Bushkill cemerty. The autumn colors are delightful. Ollie and I had usual

good variety supper. Sent letter to Robert and Carol Longyear and birthday card to Mrs Wm Rave with \$2.00.

October 15, Wednesday — 53 at 6 AM 54 at 8 PM 72 at 11:30 PM. Sunnied up this AM after hazy fog. Sunny summery day, sun temperature 84 degrees. Thin high haze - wind southerly. Hazy moonlight - still evng, nearing full.

Kate Carr came today and hoed out - gave me a hair trim. We fixed up bin for coal on north end porch. Also picked 2 bu apples, red delicious & spies - gave ½ to Kate. George transported her. We had excellent variety supper. Potatoes, corn, beans & sliced tomatoes. Tonight we heard over station KO -KO 4th game of world series at Cincinatti a nip and tuck 5 – 4 game won by Boston Red Sox, attendance 55,667.

October 16, Thursday — 60 at 7 AM 52 at 10 PM. Crisp – brilliant scenery – northerly wind – variable overcast.

198 anniversary of the wanton burning of Kingston by British troops in command of General John Vaughn.

This PM Ollie & I attended senior citizens meeting with Bob and Mariam. They were introduced as visitors from Mexico City and Bob spoke concerning his 35 years residence there. I was assigned as chaplain for the day. I lead in repeating the 23rd psalm and the Lord's prayer. We then went to Woodstock A&P shopping and home via Mt Tremper. We stopped and paid respects at the leaf strewn Hudler cemetery. Our A&P purchases \$41.26.

October 17, Friday — 43 at 6 AM 50 at 7:30 PM.
Chilly – dam cold rain - dismal cloudiness developed
and set in rainy 5 PM and continued into the night.

A stay in doors lazy day. Cold dark foggy wet evng.
We went with Bob and Mariam as guests to the first
serving of the Olive Bridge oyster and ham autumn
supper. An overflow crowd – tickets at \$5.00 sold in
advance. We had unexpected latter PM call by daughter
Cornelia who saw Mariam and Bob briefly. Despite the
chilly rain the supper proceeds cleared \$921.71.

October 18, Saturday — 50 at 8 AM 50 at 10 PM.
Rainy night and continued this morning down pours. No
further rain – weather dismal - dead calm, foggy rainy
evng.

A house bound day other than a few chores – got in
wood & picking up some hickory nuts. G.O.P.
candidates tonight at Boiceville Landmark athou we had
hoped to go instead were invited for supper with Jean &
Bob Smith & Mariam & Bob at Ledgerock. I wrote card
to Julia Rhoades. Early PM called on Elsie and Herbie
Rexer – up from L.I. for week end. 5th world series game
rained out in Boston. Mariam & Bob brought us home 7
PM.

October 19, Sunday — 47 at 8 AM 50 at 7:30 PM.
Rainy night and continued dismal foggy - chilly – rainy.
There are flash flood warnings. A low 50 degree day.

A really stay in doors Sunday, had weekly bath &
kept tuned in on Kingston radio programs. The world
series in Boston continues rained out. No callers. Ollie

and I had delicious bountiful variety supper & early to bed. Dem party PM at pavilion for Dem. Supt. Highways candidate Bobby Brueckner.

October 20, Monday — 46 at 7 AM 52 at 8 PM. A drippy night but cleared this AM continued cloudy but PM sun sifted thru on east side.

Bob and Mariam paid a visiting call PM. Deer were around as usual by apple trees and on Bishop's side. I wrote letter to Ann & Bill Hughes also to Noble Joe Hansen, now in Florida. They were in Bishop trailer park this summer. Ollie and I had delicious vegetable supper & to bed 8 o'clock.

October 21, Tuesday — 40 at 7 AM 52 at 12 PM. Storm clouds cleared away serenely during night. The morning came cloudless still and sunny. Later variable periods of high overcast developed, mingled with bright unseasonably mild sunshine. Wind light, past full moon rose early across reservoir.

This PM we walked over to corner and called briefly on lonely Mr Kizirian I also painted along bottom outside end of cellar door - first since 1915. Later mowed off weeds in garden. We had excellent variety supper. The 6th game of the world series tonight was a thriller and finally won 7 - 6 in 12th inning by Boston Red Sox by a two out 12th inning home run. Attendance over 35,000

October 22, Wednesday — 52 at 7 AM 54 at 8 PM
48 at 11:30 PM. Bright sunshine developed. A colorful
Indian summer day, some high overcast.

An eventful day in my life crowded in an afternoon.
Bob and Mariam took Ollie and I to see Harlow Mc Lean
at Hyde Park Nursing Home. He is real good, plans to
visit his old home with Gordon Najar. We went then to
Hyde Park, drove thru the grounds of the sheer palatial
Vanderbuilt estate overlooking the Hudson river. Then
went to the Franklin D. Roosevelt national shrine estate
and saw his and wife Eleanor's graves in the rose garden.
Visited his childhood home - the museum and horse
stables. There were among visitors 2 bus loads of senior
citizens, one from Oswego and another from Long
Island. The trip is not to be forgotten as long as I live.
Very tiresome for Ollie and we were home by 6. Stopped
at Harlow's old place. The Cincinatti Reds N L defeated
the Boston Red Sox tonight at Boston by score 4 - 3 in
7th and deciding world series game becoming the 1975
world champions. Attendance over 35,000. (the Reds
first since 1940) This game rates as among the hardest
contested in history. Received letter Gaye Vorkink.

October 23, Thursday — 46 at 8 AM 54 at 9 PM.
Continued mild Indian summer, wind gentle, developed
bright - sunny. Cloudless still evng. Colorful
considering the leaf fall. Declining moon rose directly
east 9 PM.

This AM after breakfast in bed & mail time I did
more garden cleaning up & dug another ½ bu taters. This
PM we went across (forbidden Bishops) and called on

Ann & Buddy Eckert. He brought us home. Reggie and Elsie Davis called taking dog census – also Mariam. We had delicious variety supper & to bed early. This date is Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen's birthday 1927 died Jan. 2, 1932

October 24, Friday — 50 at 8 AM 60 at 7:30 PM.
Became delightfully serene & sunny AM. Real Injun summer at its best. Considerable overcast developed latter PM. Day wind soft & southerly – cloudy still evng - warm.

I did more garden cleaning up – weeds for pigger PM. Also repainted cellar door & wood box. Orrie Lyons came PM for tea & cookies on his 72nd birthday. He is crippled up with arthritis in left hip. Also PM I tried to patch leaky front porch roof around down spout. We had delicious supper potatoes, ham, carrots & cole slaw. We went to bed early.

October 25, Saturday — 56 at 6 AM 63 at 8 PM.
Started rainy at day break and continued a dismal foggy wet day. Started breaking away latter PM.

Truly a stay closeted day for me. Ollie did daily routine. This PM we had a most unexpected house trailer group of eleven, a family group from East Walden and Montgomery – also Mr and Mrs Gordon Najar and Harlow Mc Lean - special release from Hyde Park Nursing Home & Hope Miller. Deer archery hunters Carl Olsen & son Mike Olsen of Shokan. We had delicious supper & early to bed. The hunters recovered the buck deer shot yesterday that ran down on reservoir property.

Harlow on visit and had to be back to nursing home for supper.

October 26, Sunday — 52 at 7 AM 46 at 7 PM Back to standard time. The return to standard time is slow, so slow to get in normal routine. Old moon shone in night. Cloudy dismal weather – sky looks like snow – red sunset in west.

This PM we walked over to the lonesome corner. Rexer's not up. Mariam came for mail & Bob having a woods walk. The bow deer hunters parked by barn this PM., Bob Olson and son Mike. I wrote to Clifford Graves and Harlow Mc Lean. The slow time dragged along – yes a lonesome day. We had delicious meat vegetable stew supper & early to bed.

October 27, Monday — 31 at 7:30 AM 46 at 8 PM. Cleared in night – white frost. Glorious cloudless weather – winds light mild but chilly.

No mail national holiday, a lonesome day. My life seems so changed. Cleaned pig pen & re-piled wood on kitchen porch This mid PM Ollie and I walked over to back road and up to Kizirian's – no response to 3 distinct knocks. Late PM Mariam & Bob called. Ollie & I had variety supper & 8 o'clock to bed. Historical meeting tonight at Olive library. GOP candidate for 4 year Justice called PM.

October 28, Tuesday. — 46 at 7 AM 54 at 7 PM. Continued nearly cloudless 70 in shade PM. Summery weather – wind southerly, still cloudless evng.

Finished and sent letter to Clifford Graves and Harlow Mc Lean. I got the 3 rows of carrots pulled & wheeled in barn for drying out & topping. The garden is wet & sticky. During the PM we walked over to corner. Sunny warm pleasant exercise. We had delicious abundant variety supper – boiled potatoes, Saltina sardines, creamed peas, sliced tomatoes & catchup. Then early to bed. Ira Burgher Ollie's last brother 78 April 14th died this evng in Benedictine Hospital after a long illness.

October 29, Wednesday — 46 at 7 AM 56 at 8 PM.
Sunny yet this AM but developed a dismal overcast damp & chilly day – still. Sun broke thru briefly at sunset.

Kate Carr came and washed up the dishes, cleaned up floors & pressed my pants and gave me a hair cut. George transported her \$8.00 paid. Mariam and Bob Longyear called PM for their mail. Ira Burgher's funeral will be Friday 11 AM at Jensen & Deegan's parlors at 15 Smith Ave. burial in Wiltwyck cemetery.. Bob Wilkins, Kate & I did a big job cleaning stoves & pipes and burning out chimney. Bob Wilkins Rep for Justice and Donald Beesmer Dem for councilman called PM. We had delicious variety supper – potatoes, carrots sardines & cake. 8 o'clock to bed.

October 30, Thursday — 46 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Cold – blustery –part cloudy – starlight evng. Squaw winter - all indicates first killing frost.

I'm just not myself, staid in bed till after 1 PM This PM I pulled my bones together & topped 2 bushel of biggest carrots in barn PM. Had no callers, delicious tomato soup supper – to bed 8 o'clock.

October 31, Friday — 30 at 6:30 AM 32 at 8 PM.
Brilliant sunny - wind light – scattered clouds – crisp atmosphere and raw northerly wind. Frost seemed certain again tonight.

Mariam & Bob took us to her brother Ira's funeral this AM at Jensen & Deegan's parlor's also to burial in Wiltwyck cemetery - officiating clergyman Rev. Blassat pastor of 1st Kingston Baptist church. Mariam & Bob shopped while Ollie & I had luncheon with Bruce & his mother at their home 32 Lawrenceville St. in the town of Ulster. We then went out to Wards & A & P bill \$31.96 also stopped in Kingston. Ollie paid \$49.00 Insurance to Howard R. St John Agency. We were home 5:30. Had a few peaceful Halloween callers but ate no supper. This PM the John Weeks home - later Nadals as an enlarged boarding house - occupied by campers over & off Bostock Mtn Road, burned PM. 3 Olive fire company's responded.

November 1, Saturday — 44 at 7 AM 54 at 12 PM.
Became warmer in night with chilly southerly wind & overcast by periods of cloudiness and sunshine – quieted tonight.

I staid put in bed till noon. Orrie Lyons called briefly to ask about Harlow. This PM we got the carrots down cellar in sawdust. This evng we went with Marsh and

Hazel Maier to the full house Republican Family night party at the Pheasant Inn, Shokan. A delicious buffet was served. The Olive Democrats held a full house rally at Olive Bridge fire hall. Papa Bears orchestra provided the entertainment. Eats & drinks abundant I presume.

November 2, Sunday — 49 at 7 AM 60 at 7:30 PM
Partial overcast calm & mild, sun plays hide & seek
dismally.

At 10:30 this AM I notes a spike horn buck deer lies dead over on Bishops field ½ way mid across from our side ash tree. No arrow wound on its right side or blood marks. We called on Rexer's mid day. The deer removed this PM – I didn't see by who. A shame the meat wasted. Mariam & Bob came at dusk, had supper before Jean & Bob Smith left for N.Y. They stayed till 6:30 & our supper came late. I wrote letter to Harlow Mc Lean & card to Julis Rhoades.

November 3, Monday — 63 at 8 AM 66 at 8 PM.
Unseasonably warm with mellow south wind that quieted. Variable sunshine and cloudiness –dark overcast evng.

This AM we got the withered dahlias cut and roots dug out & put under shed for drying before storing for winter. This PM I shelled out dried corn beans. Latter PM we walked over to corner. Dem. candidate for supervisor called AM Vincent (Dutch) Barringer. In 74 he lost to Oliver Crawford by 40. The Dems have waged a strenuous house to house campaign. We had delicious

variety supper & 8 o'clock to bed. Social Security checks received mine 62.90 – Ollie 79.80

November 4, Tuesday — 64 at 7 AM 56 at 7 PM.
Dismal mostly cloudy AM Mild & clear beautiful PM. A most unusually mild election day.

This AM I shelled off dried corn beans on front porch. Mariam & Bob took us to vote at 2:30. We then went to Tongore cemetery & I put my annual flag on Merritt Personius grave. We also visited the old cemetery which included the graves of Revolutionary Andries Davis & his wife. They died in 1845 & 1851. We then called on Reggie & Elsie Davis & home 5:15. We had delicious fish chowder supper - to bed early. The town of Olive GOP ticket suffered a severe set back in today's election in the defeat of Oliver Crawford for supervisor to Vincent Barringer by 60 majority, 2 years ago Vincent lost to Ollie by 40. Marsh Maier running for 10th term supt. of highways defeated by town machinery operator & mechanic Robert Brueckner.

November 5, Wednesday — 50 at 6:30 AM 68 at 7:30 PM. Continued clear breezy and unseasonably mild. Drying northerly wind, some high white fleecy clouds – cloudless calm evng.

A disappointed lonesome day after the upsetting Democratic victory election. Party disloyalty is plainly evident. The county legislature continues the same GOP majority 20 - 13. I did a few odd clean up jobs & this PM we walked over to the corner. Rec'd and wrote reply letter to Margaret Winchell in Highland Nursing Center.

We had no callers and a delicious supper – white & sweet potatoes - bread - fried onions & hamburg. Early to bed. Ollie has received a number of sympathy cards.

November 6, Thursday — 40 at 7 AM 54 at 8 PM.
Heavenly gorgeous weather nearly cloudless & so mild.
Brilliant new moon over South Hollow early evng.

This AM I cleaned pig pen and put in fresh bedding.
This PM Mariam & Bob took us to over a hundred crowd at senior citizen meeting. They did not attend but came for us after. We went up over Bostock Road & on to Phoenicia and Herdman Road to Al Kilmers for my repaired Philco radio but he was working, thence back home to Jacky Brook. Ollie & I had delicious supper & to bed by 8 o'clock.

November 7, Friday — 48 at 7 AM 68 at 7:30 PM.
Breezy - variable periods of cloudiness and bright sunshine, April spring like weather.

This PM Kent Reeves Supt of Ashokan Campus sent truck & 2 employees and Ollie & I went with them to Harlow Mc Leans & brought the about cord of seasoned firewood given us in his barn. Mariam also called. We had delicious supper - potatoes, corn beans, boiled pork & bread, both to bed before eight.

November 8, Saturday — 60 at 7 AM 56 at 7 PM.
Unseasonably warm in 70's. Variable cloudiness and sunshine, calm. We had some rain during the night.

I wheeled and piled more dry wood on kitchen porch AM. This PM Bob and Mariam took us for ride thru

Peekamoose & across the Merriman (Lackawack) dam and up to view the Neversink reservoir and via back home. We called on crippled Mason Brother and Mrs Lew Dewitt. We stopped at Vanwagners but no one home. Ollie and I had usual delicious variety supper & early to bed.

November 9, Sunday — 50 at 7 AM 50 at 7 PM.
Continued hazy sunny – calm unseasonably warm, clouds – ½ moon tonight.

Just a quiet Sunday, no callers. We called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer mid day. At sunset we walked up the road had brief visit with Masonic Brother Vahan Kizirian. He is about to close up and leave for his apartment in NYC – 601 W 188 St. we had delicious vegetable soup supper. Early to bed.

November 10, Monday — 61 at 8 AM 66 at 7:30 PM.
Foggy - gloomy – rainy. Gusty south wind developed - lightening flashes & rumbles late PM. Broke away early evng with ½ moon shining - mild storm.

A stay in house day - so rainy. Ollie did usual chores - no mail today for us or callers. I staid in bed and read AM. PM sat in soft chair & wrote Clifford Graves. The electric suddenly went off at 5:51. We ate supper by candle and kerosene lamp light. Reminder of long past years. We had delicious pork chop stew supper. Mariam phoned later PM. We went early to bed 8 o'clock. The Bishop neighbors let 8 AM with their trailer for winter maneuvers in the land of sunshine.

November 11, Tuesday — 40 at 7:30 AM Cleared beautifully over night and much cooler. Brilliant sunny day with scattered fleecy clouds & little wind – hazy moonlight night.

The electric was off about 8 ½ hours till 2:30 AM. This PM we went with Mariam & Bob on Kingston trip. We variously shopped & home at sunset dark. The reddened sunset with the quiet reservoir & related mountains was heavenly. We had delicious variety supper & early to bed.

November 12, Wednesday — 32 at 7 AM 50 at 7:30 PM. Field white with frost this AM, cloudless early but cloudiness developed and set in rainy by noon & continued into the evng.

Kate Carr came and hoed out. Paid \$8.00 with wash. I just got out of house, George came with her & got her after work. No other callers. Ollie & I had delicious variety supper. The town of Shandaken went Dem with Olive & various towns. I wrote letter to Harlow Mc lean & both early to bed.

November 13, Thursday — 50 at 7 AM 46 at 7:30 PM. Drizzly this Am – dismal damp - chilly day & evng.

Another house bound day. This PM Mr and Mrs Harold Bush brought 3800 coal put in porch bin & down cellar 68.50 per ton plus \$11.60 tax – \$244.55 paid. Mariam and Bob also called. Ollie and I had delicious variety supper and 8 o'clock to bed. Wrote to Julia Rhoades also Jim Burgraf called PM early.

November 14, Friday ---- 36 at 7:30 AM 36 at 7:30 PM. First snow flurries. The east side mountain area and around to High Point had fine snow dusting – Gloomy raw weather replaced our recent delightful Injun summer.

Finished and sent letter to Julia Rhoades, no mail received today. Too cold for a walk this PM. Writing letter to Mrs Currier. We had delicious hot pea soup supper, no callers. To bed 8 PM.

November 15, Saturday — 34 at 7 AM 40 at 8 PM. Crisp - brilliant - cloudless - northerly wind, mountain snow dusting disappearing.

The Hunter Ski Bowl opened for the season. I did a few odd jobs, got in wood and dug a final peck of missed potatoes. PM we called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer and surprised he had Wed AM severely injured right foot and leg in a shop accident & hobbling with a crutch. We had good variety supper and to bed before 8:30. Mariam & Bob are visiting the weekend in Dutchess county. Sent letter to Mrs Currier.

November 16, Sunday — 36 at 7:30 AM 47 at 7:30 PM. Chilly northerly wind. A day of periods of overcast and sunshine.

Typical dismal November. Just another home bound day, other than calling on Bro. crippled Herbie & Elsie Rexer this PM. They go back in AM to see his Dr at 12, otherwise a lonesome day. Wrote cards to Lottie -----
- and Bro Gus & Marge Kees in Port Richie, Fla. Mariam and Bob only stayed over night in Dutchess county. Bow

& arrow deer season ends, tomorrow shooting season opens. We had usual delicious variety supper and early to bed 7:45.

November 17, Monday — 32 at 7 AM 43 at 8 PM.
Pleasant - still - chilly. Hazily sunny thru thin high overcast. Early rising almost full hazy moon.

This PM we went with Bob and Mariam to Stone Ridge. Ollie had favorable check up & prescription at Dr. A J Tocco's office. I bought bushel of Cortland apples at Davenport stand. We then went to High Falls up the Berme old canal route to Accord. I got bag pig feed & bag dairy molasses feed at Agway \$15.40. En route home we called on Rev. and Mrs Merton Cady on Samsonville Mtn Road. He is in cancerous health in & out of bed. We had delicious vegetable meat stew supper and 8:30 to bed. Bishop caretaker Chas Reiner shot 5 point buck AM.

November 18, Tuesday — Total eclipse of early rising full moon. 50 at 7 AM 52 at 7:30 PM. Generally sunny, wind northerly –more Injun summer. Early rising full moon part obscured by clouds.

Our days job was replacing bad window in pig house that pigger tore out. Quite a job. No callers. We hear that bro Vahan Kizirian was stabbed in throat and arm by 2 young thugs at entrance of his apt, 601 W 188 St where he has lived 45 years. He is a world war1 veteran. We had a delicious variety supper baked potatoes, meat loaf creamed green canned beans. Early to bed. Mariam and Bob went business trip to Kingston. She made A& P

purchases for us \$19.22 (Included 2 50 lb bags potatoes @ 3.59. Our good friend Harry Siemeson of Sawkill crippled with arthritis died this AM.

November 19, Wednesday ---- 46 at 7 AM 44 at 8 PM.

Thick fog this AM, otherwise hazy - sunny and still moderately mild. Gorgeous clear full moon last night.

Mariam took Ollie & I to the 4th annual Onteora District Senior citizens day entertainment program at Boiceville. Excellent exhibition by senior & junior orchestras & choral group, pompom & flag waver girls. Also excellent dinner luncheon by Booster club attended by 250 – more than last year. We were made very welcome & met Olive Toms & older daughter Mescal of past memories. I got 4 gal case Tawny Port at Al Higley's shop. He is in Benedictine Hospital with leg ulcers & for over weight. Bro Anthony Macaluso of Ashokan died of heart attack raking leaves this AM.

November 20, Thursday — 44 at 6 AM 52 at 8:30 PM.

Serene - practically cloudless calm day & evng. Continued really warm Indian summer during day.

This PM Buddy Eckert took Ollie & I to Kingston. We shopped at Penny's \$16.93, renewed our Christmas club for 1976 at Heritage Savings bank. Paid respects to our esteemed friend Harry Siemsen at Carr's parlors (he will be cremated). Thence we went to Lasher's in Woodstock & paid homage to 50 year veteran Bro Mason Anthony Macaluso of Garabaldie Masonic Lodge in NYC (Ashokan - Kingston Lodge no 10 holds service tomorrow night. Thence to West Hurley briefly

stopped at Floyd Robbins. Thence to Shokan bank & home. Had delicious variety supper & to bed.

November 21, Friday — 54 at 7 AM 48 at 8 PM.
Dismal - foggy - rainy - continued till mid PM followed by attempts to break away but cloudy evng - unsettled weather.

A house bound day but rain stopped. I spent a good part of the day writing Harlow Mc Lean. We had exercise walk over to corner. Jacky Brook running brisk. We met Mr and Mrs John Lambert & brought us home. Gave belated birthday gift 2 qts Swiss Colony Tawny Port wine. We had delicious variety supper boiled spuds-roasted pork ribs - gravy - squash. To bed 8 o'clock.

November 22, Saturday — 41 at 7:20 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Colder - cloudy AM, clearing - sunny PM. Wind northerly - starlight evng, still.

Did a few odd jobs, sorted corn beans. Rexer's are not up - we checked. No callers but 2 hunters. We had delicious variety supper, pig hockie - kraut, taters & applesauce. To bed soon after eight.

November 23, Sunday — 28 at 7:30 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Crispy - little wind mostly clear & sunny - starlight evng.

Mid day we checked over at Rexer's then walked over to corner. 2 PM we had welcome visit by Regina Robbins of West Hurley, daughter Debbie Gere & her daughter Daria Jean & husband Phil Gere (Debbie's Phil). They are moving to Wheeling West Va. for the winter or more. The occasion was a birthday party and

festive candled cake for nurse Debbie for her 23rd birthday Nov. 20th. (Same date as deceased cousin Virgil H Winchell) Ollie and I had delicious variety supper. Boiled spuds, fried onions, spinach & hamburg. To bed 8 o'clock.

Smith

Raymond C Smith, 74 of Route 212, Mt Tremper, famous for his fly - tying technique and as a New York State Hunting and Fishing Guide, died Sunday at Kingston Hospital . His ability in fly tying was the subject of many articles in sports publications and he gave demonstrations in New York at such stores as Macy's and Abercrombie and Fitch. Mr Smith was employed as a guide by many celebrities, including the late Babe Ruth and Fred Allen, when they were fishing and hunting in the area. Mr Smith was born Dec.7th, 1900 in Chichester, a son of the late William and Fannie Agnes Moon Smith . He was employed in the construction industry as a grade foreman and prior to that was engaged in farming at Windswept Farm, Phoenicia. He had also served as justice of the peace and town board member of Town of Shandaken for four years. Surviving are his widow, the former Bertha Hauck; a son Calvin Smith of Owego; a step-son, Thomas Ott of Long Island; three brothers; Harry of Florida, Floyd and Earl of Phoenicia; nine grand-children; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday 1 PM from E B Gormley Home, Main St, Phoenicia. The Rev Osterhoudt Phillips will officiate. Burial will be in

Shandaken Rural Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home this evening 7 to 9 and Tuesday anytime.

November 24, Monday — 38 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Heavy white frost & old moon last night. A still day of variable cloudiness and sunshine – very chilly.

Idle lonesome day. I finished sorting corn beans for seed and eating. Late PM we walked over and visited with Ann Eckert.

November 25, Tuesday — 32 at 7 AM 34 at 10:30 PM.
Started coal fire AM. Dismal raw stay in house day only up to 36. Scarcely a glimpse of sun. Wet snow storm evng, melted on roads.

New coal fire - very comfortable. I put on long underwear. No callers. Bob and Jean Smith go to Gaye's for Thanksgiving with Bob and Mariam. I sent 3 letters on to Bob & Mariam also wrote myself. This evng we had transportation kindness - Charley Schaller & home with Ann Tennant to the 4th annual Lions club Thanksgiving roast beef dinner and entertainment held at Temple Emanuel about 250 served.

November 26, Wednesday — 32 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Last night 1st of season ----- . Wet clinging snow is melting, a damp chilly day & evng.

Kate Carr is here hoeing out and gave me a hair cut. A re- count reveals that Shandaken 3rd term supervisor Ray Dunn was defeated by only 5 votes in his republican bid for county legislator by atty Joseph Ulman of Woodstock. The designated supervisor JP Geo Kirk

defeated by around 30 by democrat Lindsey Hoyt. I didn't get out of the house. Kate Carr hoed out and gave me a hair cut (a repeat) George came and brought her both ways. Ollie and I had delicious oyster stew supper, late. The refrigerated oysters Mariam provided. Received Thanksgiving cards and letters from Julia Rhoades and granddaughter Gaye Vorkink

November 27, Thursday — 36 at 8 AM 41 at 7:30 PM. More wet grass whitening snow fell in night, changing to rain. Dreary mountain fog, chilly weather. No rain PM, had a hint of sunshine – Chilly dreary Thanksgiving.

Another lonesome set in house day. Thanksgiving is a day of memories, many family gatherings. I had light breakfast in bed. This PM went over to Herbie and Elsie Rexers & much surprised they came up. At evng we had Thanksgiving visit by Carol Davis – she brought a pumpkin pie & can of egg nog, naturally we had late but delicious Thanksgiving supper and surely missed good old Harlow Mc Lean. Menu — mashed potatoes, roast pork, dressing, biscuits, cabbage salad, boiled onions, apple and pumpkin pie.

November 28, Friday — 36 at 7 AM 42 at 7:30 PM. Typical raw late November, variable heavy overcast & periods of sunshine – wind northerly, dark, same evng.

Jim Burgraff called briefly around noon. He had repaired my electric hand lantern & brought back .I have sore left neck cord & head, staid in bed till noon. Finished and sent letter to Julia Rhoades. Mid PM cleaned pig pen & walked over to the corner. 4 deer

grazed on Bishop's field at dusk. Bill Harrison called with 6 pack & hubbard squash & small pie pumpkins from Floyd Van Wagner. We had delicious left over supper, mashed potatoes, dressing, onions cabbage slaw & gravy, squash and apple pie — Early to bed.

November 29, Saturday — 30 at 7 AM 38 at 7 PM.
Cleared away during night – sunny AM – overcast PM & evng. Spring like but raw chilly air.

This PM Ann Tennant took Williard Squire, Ollie and I to the Kiawanis club delicious turkey Thanksgiving dinner served to over 550 – County Senior Citizens at the Kingston old Armory – Kingston Municipal Auditorium. Shopped in Plaza at Walgreens in Kingston Plaza \$10.00. Home about 4:30.

November 30, Sunday — 46 at 7:30 AM 56 at 7:30 PM. Mild - partial sunshine, cloudy gloomy PM - dark evng & strong southerly wind.

A do little day. Tuned on AM Kingston service program. Had mid day bath – latter called on Herbie and Elsie Rexer. Got so windy wasn't fit to walk to corner. We note Kizirian's house is being occupied by ----- down state ---- group. We had usual delicious variety supper & early to bed. Unseasonably warm tonight.

December 1, Monday — 47 at 7:30 AM 34 at 8 PM.
Mild blustery night - cooler - rainy this AM - started clearing before noon. Brilliant sunny PM & over cast calm evng.

I wrote first Christmas cards to Irene Zeller - 7553 Futingen Jenz Hebelstar W. Germany & Ellen Wilfries with \$5.00 and Harlow Mc Lean, and W.H. Wilkins. Received card Mariam.

December 2, Tuesday — 26 at 7 AM coldest to date 35 at 7:30 PM. Hazily sunny - seasonably – raw chilly - little wind & overcast evng.

Another do nothing day but emptying barn tub. This PM we went across and visited Ann & Buddy Eckert. He brought us home. She gave me a bundle of Freemans that I checked over after. We had usual delicious variety supper and early to bed. Its lonesome tonight.

December 3, Wednesday — 30 at 7 AM 28 at 8 PM. Part cloudy raw - winter is here. Northerly wind & snow squally PM.

A do nothing day of note. PM we had a cold exercise walk thru woods pasture to back road. Started letter to Mariam at Gaye's in Exeter NH. We had elegant hot potato stew supper & early to bed 8 o'clock.

December 4, Thursday — 26 at 7 AM 31 at 8 PM. Part cloudy AM – Bright sunny PM - calm - seasonal temperature - overcast evng.

This PM Bill, Edith Davis, Ollie & I attended Senior Citizens meeting – both rooms full. Principle business other than routine, Jerry Inserrin V.P. acting in place of ill 3rd term Pres Edwin Gille unanimously elected President. Mrs Delores Becker defeated Hope Miller for V.P. 82 to 39 she was also beaten last Dec. Had

refreshments. Ollie received \$344.50 for shale bought by town of Olive.

December 5, Friday — 26 at 7 AM 44 at 8 PM.

Variable generally hazily sunny. Quite windy – south westerly, slowly moderating. Early settling new moon back of High Point, clear, calm evng.

No exercise other than shaking coal stove & feeding pigger. As we were about to take walk PM 15 year old high schooler Todd Ryf a neighbor came to see my gun collection and I gave ny PM over to him and he fired off one of the double muzzle loaders are 1800? Flint lockrifle. Bob Adsit brought tank cooking gas 18.43 paid. We had usual good variety supper. Bob Adsit elected 4 year republican councilman by 250 majority over democrat Richard Cooper, new Olive resident and Onteora teacher.

December 6, Saturday — 34 at 6:30 AM 56 at 5 pM.

Quite sunny awhile this AM. Became overcast windy and rel mild up around 65 PM on kitchen thermometer & turning cooler.

December 7, Sunday — 26 at 7 AM 20 at 8:30 PM.

34 years ago today the sneaking Japanese air force bombed Pearl Harbor. Coldest night to date. A most heavenly grand cloudless day. Cold snowy air, wind light, evng brilliant, crescent moon settled behind south mountain at 8:30

I wrote Christmas card and letter to Percy VanDeMark – Schenetady, and Jessie Burgher. We

walked over to corner mid PM. No callers today. Ollie and I had delicious pea soup supper. This day 1941 was clear, cold & blustery. In PM Ollie and I walked down over city property and up the street, deeply mud covered at unusually low water. There was a forest fire back of Herman Weidners.

December 8, Monday — 22 at 7 AM 32 at 7 PM.
Again coldest night, skims of ice on reservoir. Except for brief glimpse of sun this AM a stingy cold overcast still day & evng.

Received first Christmas card from Bea Ribinson, Grahamsville. Wrote her reply newsy letter & card. Early PM we took lonely walk over to corner. Have kitchen wood fore going & comfy with coal stove. Also card letter to Les Personeus my good friend from boyhood.

December 9, Tuesday — 33 at 7 AM 40 at 8 PM. A dismal foggy near freezing -- dreary heavy drizzly rainy day & evng.

Radio warns of slippery road conditions. A real stay in house day. Ollie fed pigger. We had delicious variety supper. I wrote letter cards also letter to Clifton Thorpe, Mt Vernon concerning Mrs Lillian V. Knorpp's condition.

December 10, Wednesday — 44 at 7 AM 38 at 8 PM.
More rain in night, cloudy AM – slow clearing trend PM – mostly cloudy evng - calm.

Kate Carr came - defrosted refrigerator, washed up dishes, cleaned floor & gave me hair trim – George

conveyed her. Paid 8.00 work and wash & 5.00 for Christmas. We had late variety supper, another stay in house day. Drained the bathroom. Continued writing cards and received two.

December 11, Thursday — 36 at 7 AM 38 at 8 PM. Mostly cloudy slow clearing AM, became brilliant cloudless PM – wind light – seasonable crisp - overcast night.

We had two way transportation to senior citizens Christmas dinner party attended by 165 – \$3.50 for members held at Kurta's resort on Maverick Road. Supper excellent - roast beef or pork menu. Rec. 4 Christmas cards. Back home 4 o'clock. Our esteemed friend Rev. Merton S Cady 72 retired Methodist minister died this 2 PM of lingering cancer. He died in Benedictine Hospital. He was in charge of my Dear Mother's services in March 1962.

December 12, Friday — 44 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM. Moderated in night. The day was still – threatening and cloudy. Scarce sunshine, a calm day – overcast still evng.

A mostly stay in house day. Received and sent letter to Mariam. Wrote to Cornelia- card & letter. She called up this AM. Received several cards. This PM Mrs Karen L Braitling representative of the Visually Handicapped Comm of State Dept. interviewed Ollie & made application for her to have a professional Medical Exam. No other callers. Received and continued writing cards. We had good supper boiled carp & potatoes creamed string beans.

December 13, Saturday — 34 at 7 Am 38 at 8 PM. A miserable dismal foggy – rainy – snowy drizzly day & evng – no wind.

Only caller Carl Olson a bow & arrow last week deer hunter. I didn't get off the porch. Ollie got mail & fed pigger & walked Kerry. I spent the day writing cards, we received 8. Had delicious roast pork ribs variety supper – early to bed.

December 14, Sunday — 46 at 7 AM Springlike 50 degree day – mostly overcast - calm (sap time) cleared evng and moon shone hazy

This PM we went with Ann Tennant & her sister & brother-in-law Mr and Mrs Empe to Boyd's Funeral Parlor, Woodstock and paid respects to our dear friend Rev. Merton S. Cady. He looked natural as life where he had lovingly spoke at many funerals including Grammy's. The place was full, friends waited in line to sign the register & pay farewell to the departed to the land that is fairer than day. were home before 4. Trooper John Shetzel & hunter Carl Olson brought a generous supply of frozen venison including frozen trout. Today ends the present last week of deer season – archery. We had usual variety supper. Continued writing cards.

December 15, Monday — 56 at 7 Am noon temp 64 52 at 9 PM. Mild, breezy, moonlight night. This AM part cloudy with thickening developed overcast. We had mid PM sprinkle – Most unseasonably mild. N.Y.C. reported 62 warmest this date since 1918 – a bit breezy.

This PM Ollie dumped coal fire and started new & wood as first carried out ashes & fed pig. We went up across to back field got a stubby bushy green cedar Christmas tree. Rec'd 5 cards, wrote in return. Had delicious venison ribs potatoes & yellow squash supper. To bed 9 o'clock.

December 16, Tuesday — 42 at 7 AM 26 at 10:30 PM. Sun broke out this AM and during PM became cloudless - wind light northerly. Glorious moonlight early rising.

Rec'd 16 Christmas cards & kept writing till early PM, fed pigger and Ollie & I went across & visited Ann & Buddy brought us home. Tonight Charlie Shaller gave Ollie & I two way transportation for the Lyons Club Christmas party held at the VFW hall on East Chester St. Home before 10:30

December 17, Wednesday — 25 at 7 AM 34 at 8 PM. Generally cold & mostly cloudy – little wind.

I spent most of the day writing cards and letters, rec'd 14. We walked up the road PM. Fed pigger otherwise no exercise. We had delicious venison supper. Mariam and Bob are back at Ledgerock - called up evng. To bed 8:30. Rec'd 12 cards.

December 18, Thursday — 28 at 7 AM Coldest night 16 at 9 PM. Started to sunny up this AM. Raw cold part to mostly cloudy – northerly wind. Early rising full moon – windy.

Spent most of the day after breakfast in bed writing. Bob and Mariam returned to Ledgerock yesterday and

called late PM. Ollie and I walked over to the corner. Bob, Mariam & I had a few libations. Rec'd 11 cards. We had usual delicious variety supper. Wrote Julia Rhoades evng. 61 years tonight was Uncle Jake Crispell's 72nd birthday party in Ashokan. A never to be forgotten event in my life.

December 19, Friday — 15 at 7 AM coldest night 16 at 9 PM. Mostly overcast, thin sunshine. Raw cold seasonable weather, not much wind – moonlight evng.

I spent AM till early PM in bed writing cards & letters. Rec'd 9. PM fed pigger, carried in wood – coal & wood stoves keep us comfortable. Ollie did house routine & we had delicious donated trout supper. Rec'd and answered letter to John & Lillian McLean.

December 20, Saturday — 12 at 7 AM coldest weather 27 at 9 PM. Set in snowing before 8 - like a major storm and continued steady throughout the day & evng. A widespread storm. Snow let up around midnight.

As John B Davis would record in an 1850 old diary. "A snowy day at home" continued writing and sending cards. Cornelia foned this AM & getting me a good AM - FM. radio. I got in wood and fed pigger PM. We had two way transportation to the Onteora Community Church 3rd annual goose and turkey Christmas dinner, family style & in abundance – about 38 served - set up for 56. We were home 6:35 - snowing heavily. Today my 65th Wedding Anniversary – I'm only survivor of event. Road clearing equipment operating around the clock.

December 21, Sunday — 23 at 7 AM 26 at 7 PM.
Continued - still- cold - foggy. Had around 6" snow
clinging to trees - no wind. Most dismal but didn't storm
- fog lifted from mountains PM.

I am developing a head cold - staid in bed all AM. Set
in corner chair PM - didn't even go on porch. Ollie got in
wood and fed pigger. We had delicious variety supper.
No callers today. Roads all opened. To bed early.
Mariam foned from Ledgerock. Ralph Longyear 88
formerly prominent Phoenicia & last of family died Sat.
in New Wesport, Conn Nursing Home. Funeral 1:30 at
Phoenicia Baptist Church. Burial in Hudler's Cemetery –
family burial ground. Wrote Harlow McLean Correction
Ralph in Shandaken Cemetery by 1st wife & young son.

December 22, Monday — 30 at 7 AM 26 at 8 PM.
Cloudy dismal threatening but did not storm.

I staid in house all day due to my cold. Ollie got in
wood & fed pigger. Bob & Mariam attended funeral 1:30
for Ralph Longyear at Phoenicia Baptist Church – only
20 present. Burial by 1st wife & son in Shandaken
Cemetery. We had usual good variety supper. Supt of
Highways elect home at head of Dry Brook above the
Willie Eckert homestead burned with all its contents late
PM. The family was not home – very tragic.

BLAZE LEAVES FAMILY HOMELESS

A family of four lost their home and possessions in a
raging fire Monday night at the end of a mountain road
in West Shokan.

Robert Brueckner works for the Town of Olive highway dept. and is scheduled to take over as superintendent Jan. 1. When he and his wife Sita, daughter Jennie and son Shannen arrived back at their dead end Dry Brook home about 6 PM from a 2 PM trip to Kingston the damage had been done.

Olive fire chief Albert Fox said the home “was way up in the mountains” a small frame house that had flames shooting through the roof as the first fireman responded.

A neighbor, noticing the flickering flames, investigated and reported the fire. Fox said the house and whatever it held was completely destroyed. The only thing left undamaged was a pickup truck and welder in the yard.

“You’d think you were in Siberia last night,” said Fox this morning. There was a strong wind blowing, fanning the flames. Two fire trucks made it to the house, but the narrow winding road made it difficult to assemble a lot of apparatus and others stood by.

The family is reportedly staying with Brueckner’s parents. Neighbors are gathering today to plan the best method of assembling the family’s needs.

The fire chief said there appeared to be no way of knowing what set the fire off due to almost complete destruction of the building, and the fact that nobody was home.

Meanwhile, a letter appeared at the Freeman this morning that may shed some light on the case. It reads — Dear Santa — Shannen and Jennie Brueckner’s home burned down last night in case you want to know where

to leave their gifts this Christmas its at the Country Gift Sport Shop, Route 28, Boiceville. PS Shannen is 9 – Jennie is 7.

December 23, Tuesday — 26 at 7 AM 20 at 8 PM.
Variable cloudiness & bright sunshine faded into brilliant cloudless PM with northerly wind & some blowing snow.

I remained house bound with cold. Ollie did daily chores. Rec'd and continued writing Christmas cards. This PM Mr and Mrs Julian W Morton representing the Onteora Community Church called with milk & cottage cheese for Christmas. We had delicious variety supper - boiled taters Saltina sardines& tomatoes. Early to bed. A benefit party held at Library this PM for the destitute Brueckner family, clothing more than filled need & a reported thousand dollar pledge for a re- building trust fund in the Shokan National bank

December 24, Wednesday — 6 at 7 AM 6 at 8 PM.
Cloudless still till later PM – overcast evng – snappy Christmas weather. Icy air off reservoir.

Kate Carr cleaned up – set up & attractively decorated spruce Christmas tree & cut my hair. George came for her after work. They are pathetic at swords points. Bob and Mariam also called PM and we had small Christmas party. My cold seems better and I got out in the sun, fed pigger and cleaned pen – went out to trash dump & stacked porch with wood. Ollie and I had good supper & early to bed.

December 25, Thursday — 10 at 7 AM Reservoir appears frozen over. Cold -hazy -foggy – threatening, a messy thickening snow storm settled in early PM and continued heavily into the night.

Ollie & I are quietly spending the snowy Christmas together. Early PM we had a festive call by Charlie and Carol Davis and boys Chucky, Darin, & Jeffrey. I fed pigger and carried wood from shed. 5 o'clock Bob Smith & Bob Longyear came after Ollie & I and after exchanging gifts had a festive supper & evng at Ledgerrock & brought us home. Mariam came along.

December 26, Friday — 32 at 7 AM 40 at 9 PM. Had about 7" snow added. Continued miserable murky and foggy with a cold rain falling AM. Snow stopped during night – stars bright evng. The new snow storm is State wide. – Travel conditions are hazardous.

No caller today. Rained mostly AM – temp only up to 42. A most dismal stay in doors day. Road plowing town and county had a busy day. Ollie has contracted a weakening cold. This Pm I took mail to box, replenished porch wood & fed pigger. We had delicious variety supper, roast venison, mashed spuds, dressing & cabbage 6:30. Snow soft and sloppy. Had hour house walk evng. First in years no card from old ----- friend & Bro Mason Ira Warren in Kingston – I called up -- wife said he broke hip in June & hard to make understand – Ira older than me.

December 27, Saturday — 34 at 7:30 AM 31 at 8:30 PM. Colder – cloudy – snow soft – calm. Gloomy weather.

Unexpectedly Bro Bob Burgher came & did a good job plowing out our driveway – no charge. This PM – Bob & Mariam called also Herbie Rexer. We didn't know they came up in such weather. Also called for a visit was Marty Chores. I fed pigger & got in wood – no other exercise. Ollie and I had usual good variety supper. Thence to bed. We had unexpected call by Herbie Rexer & Frankie Proske. Received letter card from Ada Bell.

December 28, Sunday — 24 at 7 AM 23 at 8 PM. Brilliant - calm - nearly cloudless – became overcast early evng. Crispy seasonable.

Spent the AM with Kingston WGHQ programs. Early PM we called on Herbie & Elsie Rexer. I then carried in wood & fed pigger. Later Mariam & Bob Longyear called. Jean & Bob Smith had left 3:30 for city. We had delicious roast pork & mashed potato supper. This AM Myron Boice's daughter Mrs McInnis of Sawkill called that old schoolmate Nancy Boice Ware died Christmas eve in Pelushy, Va. She had several strokes age about 82.

December 29, Monday — 16 at 7 AM 20 at 8 PM. Serene - sunny winter weather – few clouds. Thawed in sun- crust softened - overcast evng.

Wrote to Harlow McLean, calender & almanac to Lottie Bell & Ellen Herrington. We had PM calls by Lizzie Shader — grand daughter teacher Donna Keef & friend Joyce Eng also by Charlie and Carole Davis &

sons Chucky and (left blank) I fed pig and got in wood. We had excellent supper – rice, brown meat gravy, creamed beans & apple pie.

December 30, Tuesday — 26 at 7 AM 36 at 8 PM.
Cloudy AM & before noon a messy wet rain started falling & continued into the evng.

This PM I fed pigger, got in wood & emptied coal ashes. Mariam & Bob called PM. Ollie & I had good variety supper – white & sweet potatoes & brown meat gravy. We went to bed 8 o'clock.

December 31, Wednesday — 40 at 7 AM 28 at 9 PM.
Mild - variable cloudiness - calm - dismal chilly PM, icy air from snow clogged reservoir. Dark - dismal evng.

Working on income tax. 1st class postage raised from .10 to .13 ounce. Postage to Mexico air mail .10 to .17 – most all mail goes by air. Ollie and I just spent the day quietly with our memories. This date 1931 Little Honey Girl Lillian Ellen was fatally ill with appendicitis - but my experienced eyes were blinded . — Yet still after all the passing years WHY? No callers. Ollie & I had delicious supper – boiled taters, kraut, pork hocks. Received long letter & check for \$25.00 from Cornelia – God Bless her.

This was added to the back of the diary.

56 at 6 AM Friday June 27th, 1975 68 at 9 PM.

Today is my daughter Cornelia (Kay) Herrington's 57th birthday and 61st anniversary of my tragic right hand steam roller gear accident. Somewhat rainy. I was 2 ½

hrs on the operating table at the Winston & Co hospital – by Dr John Hibbard and assisted by Dr. Bibby. Dear Mother came to hospital – someone brought her & staid by my bedside all night. When I woke up from the ether, head clear as a bell, I looked up and said “Hello Ma” She then stayed a week with Mr and Mrs Henry Winchell & came to hospital daily.

I had a rather busy day with general yard mowing & around the garden. We had good variety supper.