

The East Orford Schoolhouse and Pease History

East Orford Schoolhouse in Newspapers

11\19\1886[LOC] Orford Bradford, Vermont, *United Opinion*

•The school board have arranged to have schools the coming winter in places as follows: Academy, graded school, No. 1 on upper street, Davistown, Halltown, Dame Hill, Palmer Hollow and Orfordville.

5\10\90 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Flossy Carr teaches in Davistown, Maud Riley on the upper street, Bickford district, Angie Pierce primary and Miss Preston grammar department at Orfordville, Nelly Dodge primary and Miss Center at Orford Street. Five schools now where formerly sixteen were taught

9\12\90 East Orford Littleton *White Mountain Republic & Journal*

•The school house has been somewhat repaired the past week.

•Our school commenced on Monday with the same teacher as last term, Miss Florence Carr; she is boarding at Chas. M. Gale's.

7\1\92 East Orford Littleton *White Mountain Republic & Journal*

•Stella Randall and May Gray have the scarletina.

•The appearance of scarletina in this place brought the school to a sudden close last week, two weeks sooner than was intended.

3\20\03 Orfordville Bradford, Vermont, *United Opinion*

•School meeting voted to build a school house in Davis town and raised \$1,000 for the same.

[My grandfather Francis R. Pease hauled some lumber to this school, my brother Gerald lived there for twenty years or so and his step-son Richard Carter lives there in 2015. This is across the brook from the former schoolhouse, the first house on East Cemetery Road.

Francis Pease diary:

8\5\03 *Went to Warren and got a load of boards for the School house had 1200 ft at 3.00 a thousand for drawing*

8\6\03 *went to Warren got boards had 1500*

11/25/1911 West Rumney Plymouth Record

•Miss Ethel Ray has returned from Orford where she has been teaching school. *[She taught the Fall term in Davistown, then married Fred Hall in December.]*

12/30/1911 Wentworth Plymouth Record

•Iva F. McLaughlin is teaching school on Ellsworth Hill and Maud Eaton in East Orford.

4\10\13 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Miss Addie Bedell, who has been teaching at Warren the past year, has been engaged to teach at Davistown this season.

8\27\14 Orford

•Miss Addie Bedell is to teach in the graded school in Warren beginning August 31. *[This may mean that she would only have to teach 4 grades, rather than all 8 if she stayed in Davistown.]*

6\23\21 Orford Littleton N.H. *Courier*

•The graduation exercises of the Orford schools were held in the Orford street school hall on Friday evening. An interesting and well arranged program was carried through by the pupils of the different schools, assisted by Miss Westgate at the piano and Harry B. Preston of Kimball Union Academy, who made the address. The following from the different schools received diplomas; Lula B. Baker, Carrie J. Bean, Eloise C. Chamberlain, Marion L. Chase, Bernice E. Clark, Henry G. Dennis, Myra E. Foster, Mabel J. Greenly, Helen G. Manchester, Clyde B. Marsh, Catherine B. Morrison, Glenn F. Pease and Clarence Willis.

9\4\24 Orford Littleton, N.H. *Courier*

•The schools of the town opened on Monday with the following teachers: Orford street school, Mrs. Annie E. Barrett, grammar department, and Miss Verna Greenly, primary department; Orfordville school, Miss Hazel W. Williams; Mt Cube school, Miss Josie Fadden; East Orford school, Miss Beatrice C. Merrill.

8\21\30 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•The appointments of the Orford public schools for the coming year are: Principal, high school, Gladys P. Twitchell; grammar, Josie F. Bean; primary, Kathleen Keith; Mt. Cube, Edith Stuart; East Orford, Carrie Bean; Orfordville, Rena Morris.

•During the summer the East Orford school has been painted inside; a new stove has been installed in the Mt. Cube school and a new chimney and other repairs have been made at the Orfordville school. The main room of the High School has been painted throughout and a fire escape is being installed. The schools throughout the district are in excellent condition to begin a successful year

5\12\32 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•The New Hampshire State Board of Health will hold a free clinic in Orford at the following schools on May 26th and June 16th: Orford Street, Orfordville, Mt. Cube and East Orford. Dr. Gilson will be in charge, assisted by Lois W. Barton, R.N., of the State's staff of nurses.

Cards to fill out and further information may be obtained from Mrs. Harvey Washburn or Mrs. B.F. Allen.

It is hoped that all children who were not inoculated when the clinic was held 3 years ago will be done this time.

5\11\33 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Alan M. McCurdy plans to be at the schools of the Orford School District as listed below to meet all parents who may wish to consult with him as to the progress of their children or discuss any phase of the administration of the schools. May 17, Orford Street; May 18, A.m., Orfordville; May 19, 9-10:30 A.M., East Orford; May 19, 10:45-12:00 A.M., Mt. Cube.

9\17\36 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•The Orford schools began the fall term, Tuesday, September 8, with a large enrollment. The new sub-master at Orford High School is Andrew Crooker, a graduate of Keene Normal School. The teacher of the Orford Street Grammar School is Clarence Amadon. Miss Alice Bewley is the Primary School teacher. Elson Herrick is the teacher of the Orfordville Grammar School.

Pease Family at East Orford School in Orford Town Reports

1894

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| [2\15] Bertha L. Pease | Roll of Honor [perfect attendance Winter term] |
| Della A. Pease | Roll of Honor [perfect attendance Winter term] |
| Chester W. Pease | Roll of Honor [perfect attendance Winter term] |
| Stella M. Randall | Roll of Honor [perfect attendance Winter term] |
| Nellie M. Randall | Roll of Honor [perfect attendance Winter term] |

1895

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| [2\15] Bertha Pease | Roll of Honor [all three terms] |
| Della Pease | Roll of Honor [fall & winter terms] |
| Chester W. Pease | Roll of Honor [all three terms] |
| Clarence H. Pease | Roll of Honor [winter term] |

[The Randall twins are not listed. Perhaps they were just absent or the family may have moved. They were nieces of Sara Jane Randall Pease, wife of Samuel J. Pease.]

1896

[2\15] Chester W. Pease Roll of Honor [summer terms]
 Clarence H. Pease Roll of Honor [winter term]
[Francis and Mabel Pease had moved to Franconia around this time.]

1897

[2\15] Chester W. Pease Roll of Honor [winter term]
 Clarence H. Pease Roll of Honor [all three terms]

1898

[2\15] Chester W. Pease Roll of Honor [all three terms]
 Clarence H. Pease Roll of Honor [all three terms]

1900

[2\15] Bertha Pease care of school room [Davistown] 5.00
 Bertha Pease Roll of Honor [1 term]
 Della Pease Roll of Honor [3 terms]
 Edna Pease Roll of Honor [3 terms]
 Gladys Pease Roll of Honor [2 terms]
 Stella Randall Roll of Honor [2 terms]
 Nellie Randall Roll of Honor [2 terms]
 Oliver Randall Roll of Honor [2 terms]

[Apparently the Barnard Randall family is back in town or possibly they are living just over the line in Wentworth, and the kids are sent to school in Orford, being closer, with Wentworth paying tuition to Orford.]

1901

[2\15] Bertha Pease Roll of Honor [winter term]
 Della Pease Roll of Honor [winter term]
 Edna Pease Roll of Honor [winter term]

Grampa Pease writes in his 1904 diary about drawing lumber for this school but he is not listed below. Perhaps his pay is under 'C.M. Gale, freight and mdse.' Charles Gale lived on the farm just West of the Sherburn\Pease farm.

8\5 *Went to Warren and got a load of boards for the School house had 1200 ft at 3.00 a thousand for drawing*
8\6 *went to Warren got boards had 1500*

1904 NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AT DAVISTOWN.

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| Laura E. Rollins, land, | \$ 30 00 |
| David N. Eaton, lime, cement and nails, | 19 34 |
| D. W. Tibson, brick, | 9 00 |
| Spencer Bros., material, | 65 95 |
| Parker, Young & Co., lumber, | 61 04 |
| W. H. Daniells, sheathing and lumber, | 52 57 |
| Henry N. Munce, lumber, | 150 00 |
| Horatio C. Blood, shingles and nails, | 40 62 |
| Pike Mfg. Co., clapboards, | 39 90 |
| C. M. Gale, freight and mdse. | 29 26 |
| O. D. Case & Co., blackboards and desks, | 46 78 |
| Fred C. Gleason, paint and oil, | 19 22 |
| Horatio C. Blood, labor, | 69 30 |
| Harry Saunders, “ | 103 87 |
| Francis A. Randall, “ | 93 14 |
| Chase M. Pease, “ | 50 00 |
| C. M. Gale, “ | 36 06 |
| R. W. Bailey, “ | 16 70 |
| Geo. H. Belford, “ | 8 00 |
| Henry H. Pease, “ | 8 00 |
| David L. Goodwin “ | 5 00 |
| Chas. J. Gould, “ | 15 25 |
| T. H. White, “ | 15—\$ 969 15 |

1905

[2\15] Mabel Pease Cleaning schoolroom [Davistown] 1.00

1906

[2\15] Mabel Pease Cleaning schoolroom [Davistown] 3.50

Della Pease Cleaning schoolroom [Davistown] 2.00

1907

[2\15] C.M. Pease Transporting pupils - Davistown] 61.50

Della Pease Cleaning school [Davistown] 2.00

1908

[2\15] Vernie Pease Roll of Honor [2 terms]

Gladys Pease Roll of Honor [1 term]

Dorice Pease Roll of Honor [1 term]

E.G. Pease Care of schoolroom [*I bet this is Aunt Edna*]

1909

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|--------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| [2\15] | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | 20.00 |
| | Gladys Pease | Roll of Honor [one term] | |
| | Vernie Pease | Roll of Honor [one term] | |
| | Dorice Pease | Roll of Honor [one term] | |

1912

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|--------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| [2\15] | Mabel Pease | Cleaning schoolroom [Davistown] | 3.00 |
| | Vernie Pease | Janitor [Davistown] | 10.00 |
| | Henry H. Pease | Wood [Davistown] | 14.50 |
| | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | 20.00 |
| | Dorice Pease | Roll of Honor [Year] | |
| | Glenn Pease | Roll of Honor [Year] | |

1913

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|--------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| [2\15] | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | 25.00 |
| | Mrs. Abbie M. Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 8.00 |
| | Miss Vernie Pease | Janitor, East Orford | 10.00 |
| | Miss Vernie Pease | Cleaning school room, East Orford | 3.00 |
| | Mr. Henry Pease | Wood, East Orford | 10.00 |
| | Mr. Henry Pease | Broom & kindling, East Orford | 1.00 |
| | Glenn Pease | Roll of Honor [2 terms] | |
| | Dorice Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] | |
| | Eva Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] | |
| | Perley Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] | |

1914

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|--------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| [2\14] | Addie Bedell | Teaching East Orford | 80.00 |
| | Dorice Pease | Janitor, East Orford school | 10.00 |
| | Dorice Pease | Cleaning school room | 4.00 |
| | Harry Goodwin | Wood, East Orford school | 14.00 |
| | Henry H. Pease | Broom & kindling, East Orford | 1.00 |
| | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | 35.00 |

[The East Orford school had only ten weeks in winter, as, on account of the severity of the weather, it was thought better policy to add an extra week to the coming school term.]

[Henry H. Pease was a member of the Halltown school building committee.]

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| Glenn Pease | Roll of Honor [Year] |
| Dorice Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] |
| Eva Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] |

Graduates 1913

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| Eva Pease |
| Vernie Pease |

1915

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| [2\15] | Glenn Pease | Roll of Honor [Year] |
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1916

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| [2\15] | Dorice Pease | Janitor, East Orford school | 10.00 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Cleaning school room | 5.00 | |
| | Chester Pease | Wood, East Orford school | 5.00 | |
| | Henry H. Pease | Supplies, East Orford | 1.50 | |
| | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | | 20.00 |
| | Perley Pease | Tuition, 1 term, Meredith HS | 14.00 | |
| | Perley Pease | Graduate, Gr. 8, East Orford | | |
| | Dorice Pease | Graduate, Gr. 8, East Orford | | |
| | Glenn F. Pease | Roll of Honor [Year] | | |
| | Dorice Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] | | |

1917

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|--------|--|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| [2\15] | Henry H. Pease | School Board member | | 30.00 |
| | Mrs. Abbie Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 18.00 | |
| | Mrs. Addie Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 220.00 | |
| | Mrs. Julia Pease | Cleaning, East Orford | 1.00 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Janitor, East Orford | 11.00 | |
| | Henry H. Pease | Wood, East Orford | 13.00 | |
| | Henry H. Pease | Supplies & repairs, East Orford | 2.50 | |
| | Glenn F. Pease | Roll of Honor [2 terms] | | |
| | Clarence Pease [26, farmer] & Addie Bedell [21, teacher] m. 6\28 | | | |

[From the Visiting Committee Report: East Orford had an extra week in the spring to make up for the week omitted the preceding year.

Tardiness: For the year East Orford holds the record with three, being the only school having none for one term.]

1918

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| [1\31] | H.H. Pease | School Board | 35.00 | |
| | Addie Pease | Teacher, East Orford school | 30.00 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Cleaning, East Orford school | 4.00 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor & kindling, East Orford | 8.00 | |
| | Clarence Pease | Wood, East Orford | 28.00 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Tuition Woodsville HS, 1 term | 12.00 | |

[In Superintendent's Report:

In our Roll of Honor for 1916, the name of Glen[n] Pease was omitted. Glen[n] is in the sixth grade and has no mark against his name since entering school.]

1919

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| [1\31] | H.H. Pease | School Board, 4 terms | 51.57 | |
| | Mrs. C.H. Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 30.00 | |
| | C.H. Pease | Wood, East Orford | 28.00 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Cleaning, East Orford | 9.00 | |
| | Glenn F. Pease | Janitor & Kindling, East Orford | 20.00 | |
| | H.H. Pease | Supplies, East Orford | 3.05 | |
| | Dorice Pease | Tuition, Woodsville HS | | |

Roll of Attendance [no absences] 2\15\17 to 8\31\18
 Glenn Pease [four terms]
 Everett Goodwin [three terms]
 Madeline Pease [two terms] *[I don't know who she is.]*
 Bertha May Tallman, b. 12\5, Forest P. Tallman & Jennie Rhodes, [7th child]

[The class graduating July 19, held their exercises at East Orford, in the school room; this was their first graduation and neither time nor labor was spared to make the exercises a success. Because of the severe cold weather and the deep snow, schools were much brokenduring the winter term, especially at East Orford, causing this school to close later than the others.]

1920

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| [1\31] | H.H. Pease | School Board | 50.00 |
| | Dorice Pease | Teaching, Mt. Cube school | 144.00 |
| | Abbie Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 143.00 |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor & kindling, East Orford | 16.00 |
| | Perley Pease | Wood, East Orford | 70.00 |
| | Clarence Pease | Wood, East Orford | 9.00 |
| | H.H. Pease | Flag pole & rope | 3.50 |
| | Dorice Pease | Tuition, Woodsville HS | 31.00 |
| | Glenn Pease | Roll of Honor [1 term] | |

1921

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| [1\31] | Mrs. Abbie Pease | Teaching, East Orford | 576.00 |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor & kindling, East Orford | 21.00 |
| | Glenn Pease | Wood, East Orford | 1.00 |
| | Clarence Pease | Labor on stove, repairs East Orford | 11.25 |
| | H.H. Pease | Repairs, East Orford | 11.07 |
| | C.H. Pease | School Board | 12.50 |
| | <i>[Likely appointed to fill out his uncle Henry's term]</i> | | |
| | H.H. Pease | Repairs | 11.07 |
| | C.L. Pease | Labor on stove | 9.50 |
| | Glenn Pease | Putting away wood | 1.00 |
| | Clarence Pease | Repair work | 1.75 |
| | Glenn Pease | Not absent or tardy in 1919-1920 | |

1922

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| [1\31] | Glenn Pease | [One of three with perfect attendance] | |
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1923

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| [1\31] | Clarence Pease | School Board | 100.00 ? |
| | Clarence Pease | Flag | 1.00 |
| | Clarence Pease | Other expenses | 1.50 |
| | Clarence Pease | Fuel | 50.00 |
| | C.H. Pease | Minor repairs | 1.50 |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor | 27.00 |
| | Dorice Pease | Minor repairs | 6.00 |

1924

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| [1\31] | Clarence H. Pease | School Board | 75.00 | |
| | Clarence H. Pease | School Exp. of Administration | 10.00 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor Service | | 26.25 |
| | Clarence Pease | Fuel | 50.00 | |

1925

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| [1\31] | Clarence H. Pease | School Board | 75.00 | |
| | Clarence Pease | Wood | 50.00 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Janitor - East Orford | 27.00 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Kindling | 2.00 | |

1926

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| [1\31] | Clarence Pease | School Board | 52.00 | |
| | Everett Goodwin | Janitor, East Orford | 27.00 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Kindling, East Orford | 2.00 | |
| | Clarence Pease | Repairs, East Orford | 6.25 | |
| | Glenn Pease | Putting on lock, oiling floor E.O. | 2.00 | |

1930

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| [1\31] | Glenn Pease | Drawing kindling wood, school | 4.00 | |
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1931

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| [1\31] | Glenn Pease | Kindling | 4.00 | |
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Superintendent's Report - p44 [re closing Mt. Cube and East Orford schools]

"It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Orfordville building be installed with a water supply not only adequate for the present enrollment, but also for the pupils at East Orford and Mt. Cube schools. At present sufficient water is only available for a fraction of the time. These three schools in my judgment should be consolidated. Two teachers could give the instruction of the three at present, and, furthermore, teachers who have been trained especially for upper and lower grades could be appointed. Larger classes would ensure more competition and possibilities for group work. As a general thing children do better work and get a broader education in a village than in a small rural school. There is a large room available at the Orfordville school. It would be reasonable to expect that there would be financial gain in the operation of the consolidated school. The objection of difficulty of winter transportation will be brought up. Drift fences will keep the roads open most of the time. Undoubtedly a day might be lost now and again, but this could be offset by special effort in attendance during good weather."

1932

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| [1\31] | Maude Pease | Graduate, Grade 8 [Uncle Horace's daughter] | | |
| | | [Lived in Wentworth; must have been tuitioned to Orford] | | |

Superintendent's Report - p42 [re closing Mt. Cube and East Orford schools]

". . . I am firmly convinced that ultimately the district must follow the path of progress and consolidate the East Orford and Mt. Cube schools with Orfordville, both from the viewpoint of education and finances. During the last ten years nearly three hundred one-room schools in the

state have been closed, and scholars transported to more centralized and more modern school houses."

1933

[1\31] Glenn Pease Cleaning vault [outhouse] 2.00
[My personal favorite – this is cleaning out the outhouse at the school! In Dad's 1932 diary, he writes on Friday, September, 2: "Cleaned out the backhouse down to the schoolhouse."]

1934

[1\31] Glenn Pease Cleaning vault & repairing 3.50
[Perhaps he had to sand the edges of the holes a bit! ;0]

1935

[1\31] Dorice Pease Cleaning, supplies East Orford 10.50

Superintendent's Report - p47-48 [re closing Mt. Cube and East Orford schools]

"It is my recommendation that the East Orford and Mt. Cube schools should be consolidated with Orfordville in September. In June 1929, there were reported 603 one-room schools, and last year 476 in the State. The number was reduced 20 last year. The trend throughout the country is toward consolidation where larger classes and real competition can be effected. A man teacher can very well take the upper grades, and a woman teacher the lower grades, thus bringing more specialized instruction to the children of all three schools. Good roads and transportation are available. The Orfordville school is amply equipped with heat and water. Very little new equipment is needed. The situation seems ideal for consolidation. This would perhaps work some inconvenience to a very few, but the good of the larger number must always be considered. The Board plans to put a fence across the front of the building."

1936

[1\31] Dorice Pease Cleaning, & repairs 5.50
 Glenn Pease Labor 2.00

1937

[1\31] **School Warrant #14: To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to sell the school houses at East Orford and Mt. Cube.**

East Orford Schoolhouse as Mt. Cube Defense Station in WW II

6\26\42 Orfordville [deferred] Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*
•Two years ago, two ladies [*Alice Herrin and Lucy Worthington*], summer residents of East Orford, bought the schoolhouse which had not been used for several years. This year, they decided to make it a First Aid Station to be used in case of an air raid or for persons injured in farm or forest fire accidents. It has four beds, a complete kitchen, electric blankets and equipment for shock treatment. The house has been painted and has the service of a retired surgeon now, an all year resident of East Orford, Dr. Harold Baker, who for twenty years taught in the Harvard Medical School. Everyone is anxious to do all they can for this enterprise and are

proud to have such a fully equipped station in our town. We extend our sincere thanks to the ladies who made in possible.

•Several ladies met at the first aid station in East Orford last Friday and rolled bandages. At an opening in the evening, the ladies who made all this possible served cake and ice cream to a good-sized crowd. *[As a little kid, I loved to go visit Alice and Lucy with Dad and Ma, when they would always give me some ice cream, served in heavy stone or ceramic bowls.]*

7\31\42 Orfordville Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•The first aid class at the Mt. Cube hospital, under the direction of Dr. Baker, is very successful. Thirty were at the last meeting.

9\11\42 Orfordville Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•The lectures at the Mt. Cube Defense Medical Center have been greatly enjoyed because of the large number present.

10\30\42 Orfordville Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•A very interesting quilt exhibit was held at the Mt. Cube Medical Defense Center last Thursday afternoon. 29 quilts were exhibited. Prizes were given for three classes, the best in the oldest group, some of which were over one hundred years old, the best workmanship and the most delightful to the eye. The prize money was turned over to the churches. *[I wonder if Ma or Grammy exhibited any.]*

4\30\43 Orfordville Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•There was a special meeting of the First Aid Class at the Community Hospital in Davistown on Sunday afternoon where plans were formulated for the special events which are to take place on April 30th.

5\6\43 Orfordville Hanover *Gazette*

•The Field Exercise held Friday was termed successful. The warning was received at 2:20 and lasted approximately one hour. Incidents were taken either to the Mt. Cube Medical Center or Mrs. Warren's. The Orfordville School was completely demolished by "bombs," calling for the aid of the Fire Department and medical units. *[I wonder if the War Dept really thought the German's might have or develop a long-range bomber or if this was a generic type of exercise. Don't imagine Orford was on any list of priority targets!]*

5\20\43 Orfordville Hanover *Gazette*

•A meeting of all First Aiders was held at the Mt. Cube Medical Defense Center in order that any mistakes made in the recent Field Exercises could be corrected.

5\28\43 Orfordville [deferred] Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•A business meeting was also held at the Defense Hospital on Sunday afternoon. Preparation is being made for another blackout soon.

10\15\43 Orfordville Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Surgical dressings were made at the Defense Hospital on Friday afternoon when a group from Orfordville joined the East Orford group for another enjoyable afternoon.

•Miss Elizabeth Murray, a member of the State Board of Education, also Deputy Nurse of Medical Defense, spoke on Sunday afternoon at the Defense Hospital before a sizeable audience. The talk was on the importance of careful watchfulness over the school child's health and she gave important facts of work conducted by the State Board of Education that were most interesting to all. These meetings are a source of pleasant relations which we might never have been permitted to enjoy had the war not brought us together.

11\18\43 Orfordville Hanover *Gazette*

•The meeting held at the Mt. Cube Medical Defense Station last Friday was for the purpose of rolling and packing bandages into small bundles.

[The is the last item about the Mt. Cube Defense Station.]

- 10\3\51 Got up about 6:30, built the fire. Finished my letters to Howard and Lucy and then went up to camp. Arthur came up too. I made a cabbage soup for Bertha & I for diner. Packed some of Bertha's clothes and did the dishes. Bill went to Fairlee this forenoon. This afternoon Bertha & I picked over her pantry. Bill brot us home about 5. Irene cut her finger fixing squash. Glenn and G put two or three load of rowen into the top of the silo. Ironed a while in evening and then mended pants for Glenn. Irene went to a meeting over to the church with May. **Gerald had a letter from Lucy with the bill for the schoolhouse.**
- 10\4\51 Got up about 6:45. Built the fire and started breakfast. **Glenn wen to P. to get money to pay for schoolhouse.** I did pails and dishes and Della picked over grapes for jelly & we canned 12 1\2 qts. of tomatoes. Gerald got two load of sawdust. Glenn got home about 12:30. Glenn and G mowed lawns for Lucy. I picked over tomatoes and cukes on piazza. Got a bu. of green ones for pickle and Della fixed them before supper. Bertha and Bill came down about 5. Francis brot their boxes down in truck. I finished the ironing in eve. Glenn went to an N.E.M.P.A. meeting in W. Rumney tonight. Got an invite to Doris's shower from Nellie. They finished capping the old silo.
[Looks as if Dad borrowed the money and Gerald and Doris re-paid him.]
- 11\13\51 Had boiled dinner over to Gladys in eve. Got 11 spruce poles in p.m. Jay went home. Gerald began work. *[For Dad on the farm.]*
- 11\27\51 Got up about 7. Made bread after breakfast and picked over the ironing and hung the ironing on the piazza. Did the sweeping and finished my letter to Howard. Glenn and Gerald are working some more on the tool shed. Finished up Gerald's drawers. Made a few cinnamon rolls. Made a big dish of puffed wheat candy. Gerald took a load of wood out to Brock's. Dr. P. was down to see Hazel and gave her some physic. Glenn went to a P.M.A meeting at the Street tonight. Irene went out with Gerald *[Gerald and Doris lived with her folks on Upper Street after they were married, until they moved into the old school house in the spring of 1952.]* and practiced ball, came home with Glenn. Have had a lame spot in my right shoulder all day.
- 12\31\51 Got up about 7. Irene and Ruth didn't get up till 9. Put the first clothes out about 10:30. It is lovely and warm. Got washing all done and out a little past 12. Glenn is out to the Office today. Gerald, Charlie and Francis cut one of the big pines near the school house before dinner. Arthur and I went over after dinner and watched them start on the other one. Took two pictures *[I have these]*, came home and cut up a little soap and then Arthur and I went back and stayed until it fell. Stanley finished with his power saw. *[I wish she had taken a picture of that!]* Francis got his hair cut at Mertie's tonight. Glenn, Francis, Irene and Ruth started for the Dawn Dance at Warren about 11:45. I went to bed just before they left. Mended Glenn's frock and heavy pants.
- 1\1\52 Got up about 7:15. They got home from the dance about 4:30. Glenn didn't go to bed. I made bread. Guy and Virginia were up a little while in a.m. Gerald and Francis are drawing the logs down and putting in the pond. Glenn helped load. Glenn slept about an hour after dinner. They finished drawing the logs in p.m. Francis took Ruth home. Irene and I ironed and I finished mine. Della copied in the Town book. *[Dad*

kept the Selectmen's books for many years when he was in office and apparently folks at home sometimes helped him copy into the official books. I've seen one or two references to Ma doing this as well.] I made 5 loaves of bread and a coffee roll. Glenn and Gerald took Henrietta out to Dennis' this p.m. Pinned patches on Glenn's old frock in eve. Glenn, Francis and Irene started for Grange about 8. Installation tonight and they are having oysters. Gerald went home with the truck as he had to leave his car at Ryan's this morning.

1\25\52 Got up about 7. Made bread. Put up Glenn's dinner before breakfast so he could work out to the Office. Gerald took the truck after breakfast and went up to Piermont and got a table and chairs they bought and got grain too. Was going to take the horses over in the woods but Charlie came up and said it was too icy so they swamped a new road. I had about 5 loaves of bread today.

2\12\52 Got up about 7 and built fires. Snowed and blowed all day. Charlie came up but they decided not to go into the woods. Gerald started to fix a table up for a mold board for Doris. Glenn stayed around the house all day. We had pork tenderloin for supper. My bread didn't rise very good today, only had 3 and Arthur's. Finished my second white blouse. Irene cut out her red corduroy shirt before supper. Got is all sewed up in evening.

4\20\52 [S] Woke up early with a headache. Got up in time to get breakfast but laid down and stayed there till about 11:30. Felt better but stomach still feels all gone. Glenn did milk things. Doris and Gerald are working down to the school house. Here to dinner. Harold and Mary Johnson came just before dinner. Francis and I went down to Ruth's and her mother and aunt went with us to see Ma and Mrs. Livermore and then F., R., Mrs. L. and I went to show, "The Wild North." Good.

4\24\52 Got up about 7. Gerald brot May up about 8:30. Irene is helping her paper in the sitting room. [*Confusing - she writes on 4\17 that Les and Patch papered the sitting room, Marm's room and their bedroom. Now, she writes that May papered Marm's room and the sitting room.*] Wrote card to Bertha. Had frozen apple pie for dinner. Tom and Edna came about 2 and then Harold, Vina, Louise Reed, Joe and Mary Sherburn came. Tom, Edna and I went down to the school house. They got the papering all done and May went home about 5:30. Was about 7 1\2 hours. Leslie and Olive Belyea came after supper to order 2 pigs. Gerald painted down to the school house and then had supper her about 7. Tom and Edna went home about 8:30. Irene went to Grange at Plymouth on the bus.

5\7\52 Got up about 6:30, listened to Blue Seal program and built fires. Doris came out with Gerald, brot out their linoleum. Glenn and Gerald fenced up to Gould's this forenoon. Doris washed her plastic curtains and ironed two pair others. I made a strawberry shortcake for dinner. Glenn and Gerald plowed out beyond the orchard. Had to give Dick a trimming. Helped Doris take hot water and things down to the school house, Arthur went too. Made up bed upstairs and swept kitchen. Bertha and Bill came about 4:30. Gerald got the linoleum down on the pantry floor before supper and then cut bushes till dark. Glenn went out to the Office to work tonight. I finished my ironing after supper.

5\8\52 Got up about 15 of 7. Bill built the fire. Listened to radio a few minutes. Bertha and Doris did dishes. I made 1 1\2 cream cake for P.T.A. tonight. But they all fell, so we had them for dinner with whipped cream. Bill went down and got May at 8:30 to paper my room. Dr. DeGoosh was here and blood tested the cows this forenoon. Doris don't feel very good. May was all done about 2. Tom and Edna came about 2:30. I made a maple syrup cake and that didn't bake on the bottom but Doris frosted

- it and Irene decorated it, made a flag with colored frosting. Bill helped Doris put linoleum on kitchen floor. Tom and Edna went home before supper. Glenn went out to the Office so I went out to school with Gerald and Doris and Glenn came after me. There were some lovely cakes there. I got a little watering pot as prize. A year ago today Howard, Barbara and I went to Concord.
- 5\9\52 Got up about 5 and woke Irene up. She left about 6:30 for Dover to go to a F.H.A. meeting. I did milk pails and then Glenn, Arthur and I started for Woodsville about 9:30. Glenn bought a second-hand tractor plow of Rowe for \$150. Went up to Edna's for dinner. Left there about 2. They are straightening the road each side of Piermont village. Saw Bill Byers, his wife and baby at Fairlee. Got home about 5. They brot the harrow down this afternoon. We brot down 4 chairs from Tom's for Doris and Gerald. Glenn, Francis and Irene went to Warren to dance tonight. Ruth came home with them after the dance.
- 5\11\52 Got up about 8. Ruth helped do the dishes and then Francis and Arthur took her home and got the paper. Gerald and Doris came out this morning. Doris don't feel very good. Gerald went to the school house and moved things around before dinner. Vernie, Guy, V., Dorice and Charles, Gladys, David and Ray came about three. Glenn, Arthur & I were ready to go see Ma, so we went. She was feeling pretty good. Mabel cow is lame. Called Dr. Powers but he couldn't come till morning. One of the hogs can't get up either.
- 5\18\52 [S] Got up about 8. Jay & Bob called on their way fishing this morning and Mabel on her way home. Doris and Gerald came out. Gerald moved stove, bed and other things. Dorice came up with Francis and then he went down to Ruth's. Gerald, Arthur & I went over and got Ma's oil stove and other things. Gladys went over with us. *[Grammy Howard lived for a few years in a little cottage just west of Aunt Gladys and Uncle David's house.]* Doris was sick all day *[She is pregnant with Harry.]* Henry Wing and his wife called this morning.
- 5\21\52 Got up about 7, did usual work. Washed and got greens ready to can this forenoon. Had 10 pts. Gerald plowed upper side of road above orchard with tractor this p.m. I dug about a bu. of great bib greens below the barn this afternoon and Jay got some too. A man looked at Joyce but would only give \$150 so didn't get her. Sent about 1\2 bu. of greens to Doris' mother. Mended some stockings in evening. Gerald, Doris and her mother came out this evening ang brot the refrigerator that he bought from Harold Lynes. Bill, Irene and I went down with them. Charlie helped move it in, a nice one. Finished and sent Howard's letter today.
- 5\22\52 Got up about 7. I washed greens and Bertha is canning them. Had ___ pints and two more pts. for Gerald. Glenn went up to Woodsville this forenoon to get a wheel that goes on the plow on tractor. Bill went down to schoolhouse with Gerald this forenoon and glued chairs for him.
- 5\23\52 Got up about 6:45. Made bread after breakfast, a strawberry and cherry pie and Della fixed rhubarb for two pies, one chopped. Bertha & I made about 12 lbs. of soft sugar. Glenn & Jay fenced and Gerald plowed with tractor. I had 6 1\2 bread. Arthur and I went to Woodsville with Glenn after dinner after a hose for tractor. Went up through Warren and back through Piermont. They were moving a house where the new road is going in Piermont village. Got home about 3:30. Bertha had bread partly baked when we got back. We had greens for supper. We made about 12 lbs. more sugar after supper. I made a cottage curtain for Doris' kitchen tonight. She is feeling better the last few days.

- 5\25\52 [S] Got up about 7:30. Jay did pails. Bob and the boys came about 11. Richard Downing was up looking for potatoes. Gerald and Doris came about 11:30. Doris feels quite good. Gerald worked down to house all day. Bertha and Irene helped Doris do dishes in p.m. Glen popped two big dishes of corn tonight. Gerald helped do chores and they stayed for lunch. Harold H. was out to fix tractor in p.m., dirt in gas. *[Both doctor and mechanic make house calls – and on Sundays as well!]*
- 5\27\52 Got up about 6:30. Made bread after breakfast. Bertha hung out one basket of clothes and I put out the rest. Bill has gone to Plymouth and Jay is cutting bushes along the brook for Gerald. I soaked 5 big and 1 small white bag. Glenn went down and got Dorice after dinner to take her to Hanover. Bertha & Della went too. Bertha made a chocolate cake before she went. They got back about 5. My bags came out fine. The wind blew so hard it kept blowing my clothes off. Maggie and Newton Mickens [?] called this afternoon. Gerald harrowed different pieces this p.m. I made tomato soup for supper. Marm went out on front piazza this noon. Bertha sprinkled all the clothes. Dorice went home with F. and I. when they went down to Ruth's.
- 5\28\52 Got up about 6:30. Gerald brot out things he picked up on Fairlee dump. *[Interstate dumpster diving! ;-)]* I cleaned up the teakettle Gerald found and washed the 4 colored grain bags. Della & I did dishes & Bertha ironed. Bill & Jay are cutting taters to plant. I ironed some this forenoon. We had fried pork and eggs for dinner. Bill don't feel very good this p.m. I finished my ironing this afternoon. Irene played ball after school today. I wrote a letter, over 2 long pages, to Howard tonight. Made beef soup for supper and 2 frozen blackberry shortcakes. Jay went to Woodsville with Charlie tonight. Bertha called me about 12 and I gave Bill a hypo, he had such a stomach ache.
- 5\31\52 Got up about 7. Helped Bill fix curtain for Irene's room after breakfast. Della fixed last of Baldwins and I made a big and little pie and two pumpkin. Marm and I sent in our "Double or Nothing" questions. Flora, Walter and Jeff "Phyllis' boy, came about 3:30. I made a lemon pie and about 50 big soft ginger cookies. Mabel, Bobby & Billy came and Jay and Bob got back from fishing while we were eating supper. Joe and Ruth H. were over and Gladys and David stayed till most 12. Mabel stayed here, Francis slept on couch, Flora and Walter *[Ma's cousins]* in Irene's room, and the girls had Francis'. Gerald and Doris stayed down to the schoolhouse for first time tonight. *[So, every room in the house was used: Ma\Dad, Bill\Bertha, Jay\Della. Gram, two rooms upstairs, couch in sitting room – where the hell did I sleep? ;-)]*
- 6\8\52 [S] Got up about 8. Gerald is working down to the house. Glenn did pails and I helped fix seat covers on car. Ruth was here to dinner. Glenn, I and Arthur went down to Marjorie's. They were gone, so went to Vernie's and they were there. Brot back Doris' kitten. Francis, Ruth, Irene & I went out to Baccalaureate. I took two pictures of him. Then we went to the movies at Drive-in. Saw "Last of the Mohicans" & "The Great Mike," a horse story. *[Too bad Grammy couldn't go to the movies. She used to go all the time when she visited Aunt Gladys in Woodsville and Aunt Edna in Plymouth.]*
- 6\9\52 Got up about 7. Bertha and Doris did dishes. Doris hung out most of clothes. Glenn went to Bradford to get the car fixed. Had to have a new ring and pinion gear and bearing. Arthur went down to schoolhouse with Doris after dinner. She made pies for supper down there. I did pails and emptied tubs and got in the clothes and Bertha sprinkled them before supper. Francis and Irene got home early. She had supper with

- Doris and Gerald. I fixed the front car seat over. May called to tell me that Stanley & Eleanor [*Chase*] have a boy Timothy Ross.
- 6\15\52 [S] Got up about 7. Glenn washed most of pails. Bill & Bertha went down to Dorice's and Francis to Ruth's. Leamon & Sadie, Gerald & Glenna came about 11:30. Ma came up with them. We had dinner about 1. Took pictures and they started home about 3:30. Ma, Arthur, Doris, Irene & I walked down to Gerald's. Tom & Edna called & we rode back with them. Harold, Aunt M. and Cynthia were here. Tom and Edna went home about 11. Gerald helped do chores. F., R. and I. went to Drive-In at Orford. Soaked clothes in a.m.
- 7\6\52 [S] Got up about 7:30. Irene didn't go to church today. [*Looks as if she went to Atwell Hill Baptist through high school as I did.*] Went down to Gerald's and got lettuce. Evelyn and Cope were up. Ruth and family started home about 12:30. Soaked clothes and we had a picked-up dinner. Rode down to the Flat to see corn. Vernie, Amon and Bruce came about 6. The rest went up to camp. Ruth, Wilfred and children called. The baby is cute. Mr. Thomson and friend called in p.m.
- 7\20\52 [S] Got up about 7:30. Barbara came about 11. We had dinner a little past one. All but Jay & Della went over to Miss Herrin's birthday party at 2:30. They had a white and chocolate cake and lots of ice cream and cold drinks. We left about 4:30. Stopped at schoolhouse so Marm could go in. Glenn, Arthur and I went to salt cattle. Les, Hazel & Lloyd came & got Jay & Della about 7.
- 7\23\52 Got up at quarter of 6 and got the colored clothes ironed before breakfast. My right hand is lame & goes to sleep quick, don't iron very good. Ma don't feel very good this a.m. Glenn did pails and washed dishes and Francis swept kitchen, then Francis, Gerald, Arthur & I went over to Ma's and got a load of trunks, boxes and barrels, got home about 11:30. Bertha was here. Mended a little in p.m. We had a cold supper. Glenn mowed for Miller today. Gerald picked a bushel of peas on his tonight. Went down and helped Doris shell. She has been sick all p.m. Got 6 pts. in cans and came home about dark. Glenn helped Al Fauver get in a little hay. Had a thundershower, rained quite hard and wind blew like time by spells. Agnes and Govey came to Bertha's in p.m.
- 8\5\52 Got up about 6:30. Made bread after breakfast and two blueberry pies. Put a few clothes on piazza and Irene put the rest outdoors. I did the pants. Made a small soup for dinner out of beef bone from Camp. Had 7 1\2 loaves. Irene, Francis and Arthur went blueberrying but it rained and they had to come down. Got about a quart together. Gerald picked about a pail of string beans. Marm fixed some for supper. Irene swept Francis' room. Doris and her mother were up a short time in p.m. Wilfred, June and Theda came about 5. We had ice cream and blueberry pie. Glenn, Francis and Irene went to Grange. The rest of us went down to Gerald's a little while. We didn't go to bed till about 12.