

Glenn & Theda Pease Diaries 1970

[Transcribed by Art Pease, 2025]

- 1/1/70 Fair. Went to Warren to dance last night. We had the dance ourselves, made 22.00 apiece, charged 1.50 a piece. Gerald unloaded sawdust pm. Lights off at 6:10, back on a little after 7 pm. Got orders ready to send out to Sonny.
[T] Built fire at 7:30. We watched part of the Cotton Bowl parade and the Rose Bowl. Had dinner about 12:30. Did a little mending in pm. Glenn worked on books. Gerald unloaded sawdust that he got yesterday. Made a few sandwiches and took fruit cake and crackers to Grange – only 10 there. Got home about 11.
- 1/2/70 Fair, about 6 below. Called about wheelbarrow, best buy at Checkerboard. Gerald out to Garage with truck pm to have lights fixed. Got to have new light switch. Went up to Bradford pm and got new wheelbarrow, \$26.00 Gerald got some stuff to rig up truck to milk with, 2.00. *[To run vacuum for milking machines if electricity was off.]*
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Took down xmas tree and put up things. Made sour cream cookies. Gave Doris most a quart of sour cream. We went to Bradford about 1:30. Glenn got a new wheelbarrow and I got quilting for diapers. Stopped at Library at Ville, we got 6 books *[likely for Ma and Aunt Edna.]* Got card from Vernie and letter from Marjorie.
- 1/3/70 Fair, 14 below at Gerald's. Gerald went over in woods to see Robbie Downing but nobody there. He went up to see Pete about getting his dozer to plow out his skidway but can't get it. Split some wood, throwed out chunks, filled wood box. Picked up baler twine, _____ grain, put out some salt.
[T] Built fire at 7. Edna did dishes, changed my bed, did milk things. Filled chunkwood box and Glenn did kitchen one. Washed kitchen floor in pm. Made a casserole of scalloped potato for supper to get money for basketball trip. (Gerald's folk's all went, he milked early) We went to Vernie's at 7, home at 10. Watched TV, went to bed about 11:30.
- 1/4/70 [S] Fair, cold, 10 below. Went down to Vernie's last night. Gerald's folks all out to school to supper for basketball last night. Gerald took a cord of wood down to George Colburn and a cord to the man who lives next to George. Worked on books some today.
[T] Build fire at 7:30. Did usual work. We had dinner at 12:45. I looked a magazines and had a nap in pm. Watched TV in evening and went to bed about 10:30.
- 1/5/70 Fair, 6 below. Gerald plowed out rest of his road out to his skidway today. He went over to see Robbie Downing about getting some wood pm. I went out to see Frances and George pm. Got Head and Yield tax and Bounty sheets signed.
[T] Built fires at 7. Soaked clothes before breakfast. Had a big wash (2 weeks) put most of towels outdoors but rest on porch and starched ones upstairs. Glenn went to St. in pm. I mended on his old gray wool pants in pm, finished in evening. Ice is most all off the wires, still some on trees. *[There has been a big ice storm the end of December.]* A kitten messed on Edna's and our bed, had to take everything off. Washed some blankets. Washed my robe and Glenn's 2 wool work pants in pm.
- 1/6/70 Fair, about zero. Gerald went over to get some wood. Forester came in and told him not to cut any more – he had cut one tree. I went out to Office to meet with Mr. McSwinney, Ruel Webb, Butch Townsend and Walt, George and Everett about ice storm. Went up to Quinttown and got Walt and Everett. Took George home. I guess Leighton came today.
[T] Built fires before 7. Put up Glenn's dinner and they were going to cut wood beyond twin bridges but Glenn had to go to Office to meet state men about ice storm. Washed 4 sheets, 2 spreads and 2 pads, put sheets on porch. Glenn took the rest down to Doris to

dry. Wrote c, Marjorie and Betty. Washed Glenn's heavy frock. Hemmed diapers, got 11 more ready. Edna sprinkled starched things. Got letter from Rita. Got in chunks in am.

1/7/70

Fair, 4 below. We put up a barrel of molasses. Gerald dehorned 6 calves am. He put down some stuff on pantry floor that Edna gave Thed. Worked on SS papers most all day, got most of them done. Gerald and boys over to Gratz' a while pm, getting ice off his roof.

[T] Built fire at 7:15. Made two apple pies and 9 tarts this forenoon. Glenn worked on books. Had a letter from Evelyn, Francis goes to Guam in Feb. *[at least his second deployment there.]* Gerald put rest of linoleum on pantry floor. Hemmed 6 diapers, filled woodbox and made butter *[actually, colored and salted some margarine, then stamped with old butter stamp.]* Made tomato soup for supper. Fixed runs in rayon stockings and we watched TV. Went to bed about 10:30.

1/8/70

Fair, 6 below. Went over where Robbie Downing is logging and got about a cord of wood. Forester called last night and said we could have tops but not to cut anything. Robbie hitched some out for us. *[From Harry, 2/1/25: "Did you ever hear the story about Robbie Downing's death? I remember Dad telling that Robbie and his son were logging together. His son was chopping and Robbie was running the skidder. Robbie went back into the woods for another hitch and found his son dead under a tree. Robbie had a heart attack and died right there with his son."]* Beulah Pease, Royal's wife, died today.

[T] Built fire at 7. Glenn and Gerald took their dinner and went to cut wood. Wrote letter to Francis and Evelyn and Arthur and Judy. Got hucks and corned beef cooking for boiled dish. Edna's knees are awful lame today. Took me most 3 hrs. to fix vegetables. They brot home some wood. Charles and Gerald's folks here for supper. Harry and Gene had to practice, got home about 6:30. Fire meeting tonight. I mended gloves and watched TV.

1/9/70

Fair, 10 below. Gerald went over and got most a cord of wood. They got the John Deere started and they hitched out some I got SS and withholding paper most done today. Sent orders out to Sonny. Surplus came pm. Brad Baker died this am.

[T] Built fire about 7. Gerald is cutting wood. Glenn worked on Town book. Royal Pease's girl Nellie called and said her mother died suddenly yesterday. Sent them a card, one to Les and long letter to Idella. Edna and I ironed in pm. I had 3 dresses, nine aprons, and Glenn had 4 shirts. Grace Woodward called tonight and said Brad Baker died this morning. Mended two thin frocks in eve. We watched TV. Saw "Sole Survivor", went to be at 11:30. *[Wikipedia: **Sole Survivor** is a [CBS Friday Night Movie](#) directed by [Paul Stanley](#) and starring [Richard Basehart](#), [William Shatner](#), and [Vince Edwards](#). . . . While the film follows the fate of the six-man crew of a [B-25 Mitchell](#) bomber, *Sole Survivor* is loosely based on the 1958 discovery of the [B-24 Liberator](#) bomber [Lady Be Good](#) in the [Libyan](#) desert. The Lady Be Good and her nine-man crew had disappeared without a trace in 1943, following its first and only combat mission in [World War II](#). The bodies of eight of the crew were found in 1960. . . . *Sole Survivor* aired on January 9, 1970, and was the first of [made-for-TV movies](#) broadcast on CBS.]*

1/10/70

Fair, cold, windy. We got about 1 ½ cords wood today.

[T] Built fire at 15 of 7. Made bread after breakfast, did milk things, changed my bed, sent a sympathy note to Clara Baker and wrote a letter to Betty French *[Uncle Charlie Pease's daughter, I think.]* Called Peg Young about Beulah. Glenn and Gerald left at 10:30 to cut wood, took their dinner. Had 4 ½ brad. Made a mince, blackberry and 2 small pumpkin pies in pm. Made package of Johnny cake for supper. Washed a white sweater and slips. Ripped 3 gloves and pinned patches on three [I have one of the

- gloves she mended.] Took a bath about 8. Beautiful rose clouds all around, east, south and west at dusk.
- 1/11/70 [S] Fair, cold, about zero. Boys helped finish up chores. Gerald took 2 cord of his wood down to Lyme. Worked on books pm. Split some wood and throwed out some chunks. Chain on saw broke. Gerald went over and got Robbie Downing's saw to saw the rest of his wood.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Did usual work and filled woodbox We had dinner at 1. Had a canned ham Edna brot down. Read in pm. Watched TV in evening, went to bed about 10:30. Glenn worked on Town books most all day.
- 1/12/70 Fair, cold, 6, 12, & 20 below. Gerald went out to Dave's and got chain fixed. Got some oil and file, \$6.30. Got detailed statement most done. Sent W-2 forms today. Sent last order out to Sonny today. Gerald went over in wood pm, got most a cord. Edna, Thed and I went out to Fairlee pm, went to bank. Got a splitting wedge, \$3.00, some stove pipe. Cleaned out sitting room stovepipe, holes in pipe, put up new pipe and elbow.
[T] Built fire at 7, one down cellar too. All thru washing at 11:30. Gerald took chain saw to Dave's to get it fixed. We went to Fairlee in pm. Glenn got a haircut. Both Tiges have been fighting today with some cat. Glenn went over to Richard's tonight. Gerald cut wood this pm. Mended some in evening and watched TV. Went to bed about 10. Trees around the mountain covered thick with ice now.
- 1/13/70 We got about 1 ½ cords wood today. Went over to Richard's last night and got a splitting hammer, \$10.65. They took Evelyn Nutter up to Woodsville hospital yesterday pm.
[T] Built fire at 7:30. Got in 45 chunks, box was empty and got in some kitchen wood. Put up Glenn's dinner and they cut wood. Wrote to Barbara. Made meat loaf for supper. Mended some in evening.
- 1/14/70 Fair, cold, windy. Got a good load of wood today.
[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn took his dinner and they left to cut wood about 10:30.
- 1/15/70 10, 16 and 30 below, 12 below at Gerald's. Unloaded wood. Gerald went out to Dave's to get chain fixed. Went over and got a load of wood pm. Generator quit on truck coming home pm.
[T] Glenn built kitchen fire about 7. Gerald got chain saw fixed for saw at Dave's in am. They went to cut wood in am. I put corduroy around red stool cover to make it bigger in pm. Made biscuit for supper and we had syrup.
- 1/16/70 Fair, cold. Went over and got a load of wood. Then went up to hospital with Charles and Ken. She saw Bunny Sunbury. No Grange last night, too cold.
[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn took his dinner, and they left about 10:30 to cut wood. Charles called and asked me to go to Woodsville to see Bunnie in hospital, so did, at 1:30. Took a bath after dinner. Left books at Library. Saw Doris Page, Bunnie and Evelyn Nutter. Got home at 5. Edna had supper ready, chops with dressing. Had letter and dishtowel from Judy that she had embroidered. Mended in eve. and watched TV, went to bed about 11:30.
- 1/17/70 Fair, warmer. Went over and got a load of wood.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Glenn and Gerald went to cut wood about 10:30. Washed milk things. Washed living room windows, front kitchen ones and back ones both sides. Made 47 soft ginger cookies. Made jello in pm. Started to clean my oven, an awful. Mr. Jewett at Orfordville Store shot and killed John Balch tonight. Mended a little and watched TV, to bed about 11.
- 1/18/70 [S] Fair, colder. Boys helped finish up chores. Got surplus papers ready and got rid of surplus pm.

- [T] Built fire at 7:30. Got in 40 chunks, box was empty and filled kitchen box too. Had roast pork, Ate about 1. Glenn gave out surplus in pm. I figured up Grange books. We went down and got Dorice in eve., stopped at Vernie's a while.
- 1/19/70 Fair, cold, 8,14 & 30 below, 12 below at Gerald's. Gerald went over in woods and truck stopped and he walked home. Went over with his car and it started, and I drove it home. Put louse powder on young cattle. Gerald took generator off old Ply. and took in out and had it put on truck. Got muffler fixed on saw. Went down and got Sal last night. Stopped at Vernie's.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Gerald went over to cut wood but couldn't start truck so had to walk home. They started it with cables. Took it to Garage in pm and got another generator put on. I washed, put all but starched ones on porch. Washed my hair before dinner and curled it after. Sewed a little and then made a choc. cake for Harry, he is 17 today and Francis has been in the A. F. 17 years. Dorice frosted it. Eloise and Hazel went to Pomona at N. Haverhill, 29 there. Poore installed, all officers there. Had 5 bread today. Finished cleaning oven.
- 1/20/70 Fair, cold, 14, 22 & 35 below, 35 below at Street. Gerald went over in woods a little while am, I went over in woods with him pm. We got about 1 ½ cds. Went up to N. Haverhill to Pomona last night. Sal, Eloise and Hazel went with us. Everett Poore down and installed officers, all officers there, 29 in all. They took Evelyn back up to hospital last night.
- [T] Built fire about 7:30. Sprinkled clothes, sent card to Bunnie. Gerald cut wood in am. Ken took Evelyn back to the hospital last night, has to have an operation. Worked on a couple of dresses in am. Glenn and Gerald cut wood in pm. I got in 18 chunks. Mended one glove and put 3 patches on Gerald's in eve. Watched TV and went to bed about 11:30.
- 1/21/70 Fair, cold, 4, 12 & 25 below. Gerald unloaded wood. I drew a few orders, write in account book and filled out census papers ready to copy on other form. Went over and got a little wood, cleaned up what was over there, about 16 cord now.
- [T] Built fires about 7:15. Ironed in forenoon. Sewed some in pm. Dorice and Edna made pizza for supper. *[When Dad was away was the time to have 'different' meals: Ma and I sometimes had pancakes and then pizza tonight. I wonder if Dad ever had a slice of pizza?]* Glenn, Walter and George went to supper at Woodville hospital and meeting about ambulance service. I mended gloves in evening. Glenn got home about 10:30.
- 1/22/70 Fair, cold, 14, 22 & 35 below. Walt, George and I went up to Cottage hospital to supper and meeting last night on ambulance service. Just puttered around all day, too cold to be out. Hinges broke off one gate out by milk house. Gerald went over and pm and pulled Louie out of ditch by mailbox. Evelyn came home today.
- [T] Built fires about 7:15. Got in 30 chunks and filled kitchen woodbox after breakfast. Sent card to Arthur and Judy. Sewed some in pm. Dorice and I made sandwiches for Grange. Only 10 there tonight. Evelyn came home today for a few days. Big circle around the moon.
- 1/23/70 Fair, cold, spit snow a little. Gerald fixed sileage fork handle am He went up to Blake's pm and got 2-speed fixed on truck. Got pick and wedge fixed. Edna, Sal, Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Got out some bacon ready to smoke.
- [T] Glenn built fire about 7:15. Copied recipe for salad to send for Grange books and got Pomona money ready to take to bank. Roasted beef for dinner. We all went to Bradford in pm, got home at 4:30. Gerald took the truck to Blake's to be fixed. Hemmed a dress in evening. Arthur called, said they would be out after the game. They came before 11. Slept on couch.

- 1/24/70 0, 10, & 25 below. Art, Judy and Glenn down last night about 10:30. Smoked bacon, just puttered around. Gerald and boys cleaned out hog house 35 wheelbarrow loads *[who was doing the loading?]* Moved 2 load of hay for young cattle, 180 bales. Art worked for George today.
[T] Built fire about 7. Arthur went out to work for George at 8:30. Judy went to see Mona a while. Made small lemon, apple and blueberry pies for dinner. Did milk things. Arthur and Judy took Glenn to Doris' and she went to St. Went to Evelyn's birthday party at Doris' a 2. Made ½ cream cake with spice. Made brown sugar frosting for 2 layers in eve. A & J came about 7. We watched TV, went to bed about 11.
- 1/25/70 [S] Cloudy, not so cold today. Art cleaned out stable for me. They went home about 2 pm. Don Bean came and got a bu. of taters. Wrote in account book and drew some orders and checks.
[T] Built fire about 7:20. Little Glenn slept from 10:30 pm to 7:15 this morn. Arthur helped to clean stables. We had roast pork. Arthur went with Harry and Gene about 2 and Judy and Glenn went about 3. *[I bet we went out to play basketball.]* I read some. We took Dorice back about 7:30. Stopped at Vernie's on way home. *[Sounds as if Aunt Dorice is staying somewhere east of Aunt Vernie's – perhaps a small rest home?]*
- 1/26/70 Fair, not so cold. About 4 inches snow this morn. Gerald went down to Ireland's and got a load of sawdust, \$8.00. I plowed out some. Went out to bank pm. Helped him unload sawdust. Finished smoking bacon. Took Sal home last night. Stopped at Vernie's a little while.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Took a bath before breakfast. Made bread after breakfast. Started to wash about 9:30, put all but starched ones on porch. Did a little mending in pm. Fixed some rips and worked in 3 nylon jackets for Arthur and Judy. Watched TV and read some in my book, *My Dancing White Horses*. *[I thought perhaps this was the topic: Amazon, "The Autobiography of Colonel Alois Podhajaky Director of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna."]*
- 1/27/70 Fair. Split a little wood. Gerald tinkered around am. He went over where Robbie Downing is logging pm. He got his sawed lumber over to Whitcher's and took in down to Britton's to have it planed. I went out to Dave's and got a dozen cans of oil for chain saw.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Swept and wrote to Francis and Evelyn. Got a letter from Betty. Gerald got his load of lumber at Whitcher's and took it to Britton's to be planed this pm. Gladys and David were over a while in pm. I cut open one of little Glenn's green overalls and set in a piece to lengthen them. Sewed and read some in evening.
- 1/28/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald went over where Robbie is logging and got a cord of wood. Took me until 5 mins. of 12 to get chores done. Edna, Thed and I went to Ply, pm. Got a new sprinkler \$3.85 *[perhaps for pail used to sprinkle molasses on hay]*, got some dairy cleanser and calf meal at Merrimack. Home at 3:30.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Got in some clothes. Wrote a long letter to Walter Horton. We started for Plymouth about 1, got home at 20 of 4. Had note from Donna Glover and invitation to Bill Donnelly's wedding Feb. 7.
- 1/29/70 Cloudy, warmer, snow and rain a little in night. Just puttered around am. Sliced up bacon. Johnston here awhile am. Put wooden-shod sled together pm and went over in sugar place twice pm. Snow came off tool shed roof and I pushed that down in field. Put some salt on back porch roof.
[T] Built fire at 7:30. We ironed this forenoon. Glenn worked on books. Made apple dumpling for dinner. They went over to sugarplace with horses and sled. Edna got oysters yesterday and I made stew in pm. Fixed other pair of little Glenn's overall's Glenn went to Office tonight. Edna and I watched the movie, 9-11.

- 1/30/70 Fair, cooler. Out to Office last night. George sick a bed. Gerald went over to Louie's, then went out and got tire fixed for Harry, he had a flat out by Fillian's this morn. Put 3 wheelbarrows of sand around her pm.
[T] Built fires about 7:15. Swept and fixed 6 lbs. butter. Wrote note with Judy's birthday card. Glenn worked on books some today. Gerald put front shoes on horses in pm. Put zipper in one nylon jacket and finished other one. Edna fixed scalloped oysters for supper. I mended a glove in eve. and watched picture about the beavers. Took a bath and went to bed about 10:15. Picked some lilac buds today.
- 1/31/70 Nice day, about 2 below *[heat wave!]* Went down to Boscawen to sugar meeting, \$2.50 a piece for dinner. Edna stayed down to Vernie's. We had supper at Vernie's when we came back. Home about 7:30. Gerald got out some more logs for himself. Mabel came up today.
[T] Built fires about 7. Did usual work and we left for Boscawen at 9:15. Edna stayed at Vernie's. Got there at 10:40, sugar meeting ready to begin. About 125 there. Had nice dinner, then more meeting and speakers. Left at 4:30. Had supper with Vernie and got home about 7. Watched TV and mended gloves. Went to bed about 10:30.
- 2/1/70 [S] Fair, nice day, about zero. Boys helped finish up chores. Mabel called a little while. Threw out some chunks. Rose *[Fortier]* and Annie Fillian down to see Edna pm.
[T] Built fire about 7:30, Got in 25 chunks and some kitchen wood after breakfast. Roast pork for dinner. Mabel called for a few minutes before dinner. Rose and her sister Annie were here an hour or so in pm. Evelyn went to Hanover about midnight Friday. Gerald, Doris and Ken went to see her tonight. Harry milked. Watched TV and went to bed about 9:30.
- 2/2/70 Cloudy am, rain a little pm. Gerald took over a load of logs to have sawed and then got about a cord of wood. I done up chores, got done about 11:30. Took corn planter X and gears down to Kelton's.
[T] Built fire about 7. Was awake from 2-5, read ½ hr. Gerald took his load of logs after breakfast and will cut wood. Washed and put all but starched things on piazza. Washed two of the nylon jackets I got mended. We left for White River before one, had to have axle of corn planter fixed. Went to Riches and home a 4. Got in all the clothes, about dry. Was raining with east wind. Connecticut open at White River, frozen over north of there.
- 2/3/70 Warm, rain all day. Sold Howard *[Hall]* big cow and a first calf heifer and calf last night. \$225.00, \$200.00, \$25.00. Gerald is going to help Bill *[Quackenbush, carpentering and painting several days this month.]* Out to budget meeting last night. Gerald came home at 12:30. Took some papers out to have Sonny sign, then took stuff up to Gibby for Town report. Gerald unloaded wood then went and got some sand. Got 2 windows for barn, \$12.80.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Gerald went to Thetford to carpenter with Bill Q. this forenoon. He only worked 1 ½ hrs because of rain. I washed milk things at barn and made mincemeat filled cookies. Made bread at 10. Had 4 bread and 20 rolls, some cinnamon. Baked cookies. Mended a glove in evening and watched TV. Went to bed around 11.
- 2/4/70 Colder, windy. Slippery out around buildings. Just puttered around all day. Gerald fixed up Tom's harness. Threw out more chunks.
[T] Built fire at 7. Got in chunks and kitchen wood after breakfast. Sprinkled rest of ironing. Cut out wool plaid overalls for little Glenn in pm and hunted for wall tile and square to put in bathroom but couldn't find them. Mended in evening and watched TV. Cold, with west wind all day.

- 2/5/70 Fair, cold east wind. Gerald went to work with Bill today. I went up to Russell Hatch' to Holstein barn meeting pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Washed milk things at barn. Ironed. Had a letter from Walter Horton. Curled my hair after dinner. Glenn went to a barn meeting at Haverhill in pm. Cut out lining for little Glenn's overalls and got them sewed up. Gerald worked for Bill today. Went to Grange, 15 there. Cliff there, got home about 11.
- 2/6/70 Fair, nice day. Warmed up in night. Gerald helping Bill today. Took Edna and Thed out to Fairlee and to Library pm.
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Got in chunks and some kitchen wood. Washed milk things at barn. Did some hand washing. Had a letter from Evelyn. They can't stay in Rome [N.Y. AFB] so will go to Calif. and wait *there [until Evelyn and Irene can go to Guam to join Francis.]* Expect to leave the 14th. We went to Fairlee in pm, Stopped at Library and got books. Gerald worked for Bill today. Carol pitches out silage. Arthur called and said they would be down after the game in Lisbon. Got here about 10:30.
- 2/7/70 Fair, nice day. Boys helped finish up chores. I went down to Britton's and got Gerald's sawed lumber am. Dug out more chunks pm. Art and Judy came down last night, he is helping George today. Gerald helping Bill today. Bill Donnelly was married pm down to Thetford Hill.
[T] Built fires before 7. Arthur and Judy left about 8. He is working for George today. Made small lemon, apple and big and small mince pies. The boys helped do chores. Glenn went to Ely and got Gerald's planed lumber this forenoon. Wiped up bathroom and pantry and washed kitchen floor in pm. Made choc. layer cake and square one, frosted them, froze square one. Made dressing and got hen cooking. Made Johnny cake for supper. A & J came about 8. Glenn went to caucus.
- 2/8/70 [S] Nice day. Art cleaned out stables this morn. Art helped Gerald and boys stick up lumber and load up a load of logs, then he and boys went out and played ball. Gerald took his logs over pm. Gerald cut and got out some more logs am.
[T] Built fires about 7:30. Finished roasting hen for dinner. Judy and Glenn went over to Mona's and down to Doris'. We ate about 12:30. Arthur helped Gerald stick up his lumber and load his load of logs, then went to St. with boys to play ball. Judy and Glenn left about 2. The girls were in a while today. Read some in pm. We went out to Hazel's about 7 and home at 10:30. Bob and Nellie were there.
- 2/9/70 Fair, cloudy. Gerald helped Bill today. Sent S.S. on Gerald and boys, \$173.57. Called up Grimm Co. and ordered some new Lightning pans, 8 ft. back pan, 4 ft. front pan, stainless steel. We went out to Les' last night, Bob and Nellie were there. Ground some axes pm.
[T] Built fires at 7:10. Soaked clothes after breakfast then washed milk things at barn. *[From Harry, 2/4/25: "I think you have it mostly right. Dad actually milked 7 days a week. He was only off work on Sundays between chore times. Grandpa fed the cows and often cleaned out the gutter while Dad milked. After milking Dad rinsed the milk pails, then went home to breakfast. After breakfast, Grandpa usually washed pails and strainer, and the bulk tank if the milkman had emptied it. He said he was "doing the dishes." Grandpa or I milked on the rare occasions that Dad was away or too sick to. I don't know why on that day Grammy washed the milk pails. And I think she may have actually washed them in the milkhouse. It says "washed milk things at barn." I don't remember her washing milk pails in the house." But, on 2/21, Ma wrote, "Washed milk things at the barn and in here]* Washed, put all but starched ones on porch, had butts emptied at 11:15. Put zipper in nylon jacket for Arthur and pinned up hem in tan coat May gave me. Got in clothes, almost dry except rugs, before supper. Did a little mending and watched TV in evening. Gerald worked for Bill today.

- 2/10/70 Fair, rain at night. Gerald helped Bill today. Went over to Richard's pm, got 16 cans lye. Sam here at chore time.
[T] Built fires about 15 of 7. After breakfast filled both woodboxes and washed milk things at barn. Wrote a letter to Francis and Evelyn. Hemmed my coat and lining in pm. Glenn went over to Richard's in pm. Gerald worked for Bill today. Pinned patches on gloves in evening and watched TV. Glenn went to the Office. Vernie called and said Dorice went to Woodsville hospital in ambulance today.
- 2/11/70 Rain some. Gerald didn't work for Bill today. Edna, Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Got a gal. of paint for sitting room, got a new 8-tined sileage fork, \$8.00. Went to Bank. Howard brought me a 2nd calf heifer been in about 6 weeks, \$290.00. Water all around Elton Woodward's house and garage. They took Sal up to Woodsville Hospital with ambulance today.
[T] Mr. Aubut called about 5:30 and said water in his cellar. Glenn called Larry to pump it out. Built fire, went back to bed awhile. Gerald didn't work today for Bill. Made bread. Sent for wallpaper, green glads and seeds Ordered rug from Sears. We went to Fairlee and Bradford in pm. Had 6 bread, put it in refrigerator and baked it about supper time. Put six patches in a pair of gloves in evening.
- 2/12/70 Fair, cooler. Gerald helped Bill today. Made 8 cans of lye into soap today. *[The soap was put into Dad's old King Edward cigar boxes to solidify.]* Split a little wood. Dot Richard left for Hawaii this morn. *[I bet she went to visit Dickie, who was in the Navy.]*
[T] Built fires around 7:15. Washed milk things at barn. Gerald is working for Bill today. Glenn used 8 cans of lye to make soap in pm. Maurice and Glenn went to Fire meeting.
- 2/13/70 Fair, cold, about zero. Gerald helped Bill today. Took Pug with me out to Fire Meeting last night. Made 8 cans of lye into soap today. Judy called up this morn, said Glenn had been sick this week and so had she. Barbara called tonight.
[T] Built fire at 6:45. Filled both woodboxes and did milk things at barn. Gerald is working for Bill. Judy called this morning and said she and Glenn had both been sick this week. Barbara called tonight and said they would be up Sun. Glenn made 8 cans of lye into soap today.
- 2/14/70 Fair. 12,20, 30 below, 16 below at Gerald's. Gerald helped Bill today. Made 8 cans of lye into soap today.
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Washed milk things at barn and in house. Made a pineapple *[a sure sign that Howard was coming for dinner – his favorite.]* and apple pie. Made a packaged banana cake and put brown sugar frosting on it. Glenn made 8 cans of lye into soap today.
- 2/15/70 [S] Snow all day. Howard, Barbara and kids up about 11 am, left about 4 pm. Cut up soap. *[Cut it into 'bricks' about 2"x2"x8"]*
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Did usual work, curled my hair. Roasted pork for dinner. Howard's folks came about 11, went home about 4. Snowed all day. Doris and kids up a little while.
- 2/16/70 Fair, cold, windy. Gerald helped Bill today. Just puttered around all day. Thed washed some more bags today.
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Built fire down cellar, soaked clothes after breakfast, washed milk things at barn. Washed bedding from front room. Put most of them on porch. Washed my hair and curled it. Soaked 6 grain bags. Made apple bars for Pomona. We left before 7. Eloise and Hazel went with us. We worked degrees for Deputy Poore.
- 2/17/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald helped Bill today. Went up to East Haverhill to Pomona Grange last night. Hazel and Eloise with us. Officers all there but one Ex. Comm. Split a little wood.

- [T] Built fires 6:45. After breakfast, got in chunks, box empty, and filled kitchen box. Washed milk things at barn, got in all but a few clothes, fed birds and wrote short letter to Dorice. Boiled 6 white bags in pm. Worked on couch cover a little, had a nap. Glenn and I left for Landaff for sugar meeting at 15 of 7, 37 there. Visited with Norma, had coffee and donuts. Got home at 12. Had letter from Della. Gerald got thru carpentering for Bill and will paint now. Ammonoosuc is open a ways above Woodsville.
- 2/18/70 Fair, nice day. Went up to Woodsville today. Edna paid for our lunch at Barge Inn. Went to Hospital to see Sal, she is feeling better. Went in to see Harvey Washburn. Thed and I went up to Landaff to sugar meeting last night, 37 there. Coffee and donuts, no syrup. Gerald over to Thetford Center today painting. *[I bet Gerald is working with Bill Quackenbush, as Bill was a painter.]*
- [T] Built fire about 7. Swept. Planted 3 Achimenee bulbs. Washed milk things at barn. We started for Woodsville at 15 of 11. Had dinner at the Barge Inn. Shopped at A & P and I got cloth and pattern for dress for Grange contest. Went up to see Dorice. She is feeling a little better. Dot R. was there. Stopped at Gould's *[store, Piermont]* and got home about 4:30.
- 2/19/70 Snow about an inch am. Gerald painting today. Made 8 cans lye into soap today. Split a little wood. Carol sprained her ankle. Janet fed silage tonight.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Glenn cut up last of pumpkins and Doris came up in forenoon and fixed most of them. I did milk things at barn. Glenn made soap in pm. Carol sprained her ankle in pm. Janet got out silage.
- 2/20/70 Fair, windy, about zero. Gerald painting today. I pitched out silage in both barns. *[There was a small silo attached to the little stable.]* Went out and posted Town warrants pm. Thed out to Library. Stanley down after dinner. Barbara cow has a heifer calf this morn.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Filled both woodboxes after breakfast and washed milk things. Wrote to Francis and Evelyn. Stanley was down after dinner. Glenn went to St., I went to Library, got some magazines. Ironed before supper. Gerald painted today. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came about 7. A & J went to last ball game with Gerald. Glenn went to sleep before 8 on couch and slept till they came home at 11, then went right to sleep. Finished mending a glove.
- 2/21/70 Fair, about zero. Art cleaned out big stable. Art and Judy down last night. Art worked for George today, Judy went to a wedding pm., one of John Tallman's girls. Gerald painting today. Made 8 cans more lye into soap.
- [T] Built fire about 20 of 7. Arthur and Judy left about 9. Washed milk things at the barn and in here and made a big and thin pumpkin pie out of new pumpkin and mixed up filled cookies, had 46. Edna made codfish gravy. Had letter from Evelyn. They were in ____ when she wrote Mon. and her friend has an apt. for them in Calif. Glenn made more soap. Gerald painted today.
- 2/22/70 [S] Art and Judy cleaned out stables and pitched out silage am. Got rid of surplus pm. Gerald worked today Carpenter.
- [T] Built fire at 7. Arthur and Judy helped do chores and then left after dinner for Lebanon, having supper with friends. Gerald is laying floor today. Read some in am and went down to Vernie's in eve.
- 2/23/70 Snow a little last night and this morning. Gerald worked today. Made 6 cans lye into soap. 46 cans in all, about 410 lbs. soap. Art worked for George. We went down to Vernie's last night a little while. Thed and Judy made donuts pm.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Washed a few clothes and then went to barn. Put white clothes on porch, Judy hung some upstairs. We each made about 3 ½ doz. donuts in pm. Little Glenn slept over 1 ½ hrs. in pm. *[No need to be awake until the donuts were fried!]*

- 2/24/70 Wind blew like hell. Gerald worked today. Art came home to dinner and Judy went back with him. Cut up last of soap. Split a little wood.
[T] Built fire about 7. Got in chunks and washed things at barn. We had steak and shortcake for dinner. Arthur came home and Judy and Glenn went out with him and went to Lebanon. Glenn cut up the last of his soap. I boiled 6 bags. Did a little more sewing and finished red couch cover. Arthur and Judy came about 7. Mended a glove in evening. Gerald carpentered today.
- 2/25/70 Snow some and windy. Took Income Tax papers down to Lyme to Sam Hayes pm, then went over to Witcher's and got a load of Gerald's lumber. Gerald worked today.
[T] Built fires at 7. Judy and Glenn went with Arthur at 8. Made bread, washed milk things at barn. Wrote short letter to Dorice. Had four loaves of bread. Fixed butter and set out 24 Achiminee bulbs. Glenn took his income tax things to Sam Hayes in Lyme, then went to Warren and got a load of sawed lumber for Gerald. Edna made pea soup for dinner. Gerald carpentered today. I mended stockings in eve and watched TV.
- 2/26/70 Fair, nice day. 10, 20, & 40 below, 20 below at Gerald's. Gerald worked today. I took Gerald's lumber down to Britton's then went over to Witcher's and got rest of lumber and took it down to Britton's. Thed went out to Wings and done some trading. Ice in gas line on truck this morn.
[T] Perfect winter day. *[Can't say I agree that 10-40 below is perfect!]* Built fire at 6:15. Got in chunks after breakfast and Judy filled kitchen woodbox. Washed milk things. Ironed, made gingerbread. Little Glenn slept most 2 ½ hrs. Glenn took Gerald's lumber to Ely to be planed in am. Arthur came home to dinner and Judy went back with him. Glenn went to Warren in am and got rest of Gerald's lumber and took to Ely. I shopped at Wings. Gerald is thru work till Mon and Tues.
- 2/27/70 Fair, windy, 5, 5, & 25 below. Gerald went to Rumney and got a load of sawdust. Helped me finish up chores when he got back. He unloaded sawdust and opened other silo pm *[There were two big silos side by side on the east end to the barn. They fed out of one and then the second one when the first was empty.]* Let the first silo thaw out. *[Perhaps it was frozen particularly hard toward the bottom.]* We went up to see Sal pm, she is gaining slow.
[T] Built fires before y Arthur is helping George today [I think worked for George all this week of my school vacation.] I did milk things at barn. Judy got in kitchen wood. Gerald got a load of sawdust this morning. Arthur came home to dinner. Glenn, Edna and I went up to see Dorice, she is feeling some better. Gladys and David were here when we got back at 4:30. Arthur and Judy went to Concord to tournament game. Little Glenn was good, let me rock him.
- 2/28/70 Snow a little most all day, didn't amount to much. Smith here am and tested cattle and vac. 10 calves and one older calf. Took 2 ½ hours. Cleaned out calf pen pm. Put rest of soap in boxes *[I think he means wooden crates, about 2'x2'x3.5']* Ripped up some more bags. Art and Judy went to Concord last night to ball game. Orford got beat. Last game, I guess *[Dad was not really up on basketball games/tournaments.]* Went with Gerald's folks. Gerald took generator off old truck pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Arthur worked today and Judy and Glenn went to St. with him. Did milk things and made mince and pumpkin pies. Vet was here 2 ½ hrs. around noon, tested cows and vaccinated calves.
- 3/1/70 [S] Snow 2-3 inches. Went out to Garage and met Gibby, got 525 Town Reports. Thed and I got 245 ready to mail. Gerald is going to take them out to Walt in the morning so he can mail them. Art and Judy went home after dinner. Gerald got out some logs today. Everett here a little while.

- [T] Built fire before 7. Arthur helped do chores after breakfast. Glenn met Mr. Gibby at St. this forenoon and got the Town Reports. Arthur and Judy went home after dinner. Glenn addressed and I stamped 245 reports in pm. Watched TV in evening.
- 3/2/70 Snow a little. Gerald worked for Banker today. [Perhaps this is the Thetford job mentioned earlier] I ripped up the rest of the calf meal bags. Went down to Sam Hays pm to get income tax papers. Got home about 5 pm. He charged \$35.00.
- [T] Built fires about 7. Soaked clothes after breakfast and then washed milk things at barn. Gerald is working. Washed and put most of clothes on porch. Glenn went to Sam Hays' in Lyme in pm and got his income taxes fixed.
- 3/3/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald went out to Garage am with truck. Had to have a new generator, had oil change and greased. Went out pm and had new brake shoes on all 4 wheels of car, oil change, greased and washed, \$71.75. Sent income tax papers today.
- [T] Built fires at 6:30. Filled both woodboxes after breakfast. Gerald couldn't work, didn't have cement. Took truck to Harold's. Glenn plowed some. Wrote letter to Judy, Barb and Dorice. Sewed up seams in my dress. Made macaroni and cheese for supper. Glenn had brakes fixed in car in pm.
- 3/4/70 Fair, nice day. Loaded Ferg on truck and took it up to Blake's pm to have fixed. Generator and voltage regulator went on truck, had to have both new. Went up to Littleton to see about Social Security. *[May of 1971, they would both be 65.]* Stopped to see Sal. She is going down to Campbell's Fri. pm.
- [T] Built fires about 6:45. Did usual work. Gerald took Fergie to Blakes' in pm. We went to Littleton in pm to see about Social Security. Got thread and zipper for my Grange dress. Saw Dorice a few minutes, is going back to Campbell's Fri.
- 3/5/70 Just puttered around am. Went over back of 4-acre field pm and cut a few dead pine and balsam for pulp.
- [T] Built fires about 6:45. Made bread, got 6 bags on boiling. Stitched all around the ruffle on Edna's curtains. She has washed them. Made a package choc. cake with a pkg frosting for Grange. We had 7 big cupcakes. Fussing with my dress a little.
- 3/6/70 Fair. Gerald took sap pail and some buckets out to Larry to have soldered. I fixed about a dozen tin buckets. He went over pm and cut some more stuff. Took Thed out to Library and went down and had Walt sign some papers.
- [T] Built fires before 7. Got in kitchen wood and got 7 bags on boiling after breakfast. Ironed. Glenn took me out to Library about 1:30. Edna is lamer than usual and didn't feel like going. Got some magazines. Hung out bags, didn't look very good. Worked on my dress a little. Gerald cut soft wood for pulp back of 4-acre field. We went down to Vernie's in evening.
- 3/7/70 Fair, nice day. Harry and Gerald moved 2 load of hay for young cattle am. We went over and cut and got out more stuff pm. Harry helped. Harry Franklin brought out my syrup cans *[must have picked them up for Dad at Townsend's.]* 150 gal. and 50 ½ gal. Bill Pierson out am and measured up for Thed's cupboard over *[kitchen]* woodbox. We went down to Vernie's last night.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Bill Pierson came out while we were eating breakfast to measure for my cupboard over woodbox. Changed my bed and did milk things
- 3/8/70 [S] 2-3 inches of snow this morn, wind blows like hell. Harry helped finish chores. We went down to NuBridge and had dinner, then went down to see Helen. Home about 9:30.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Filled both woodboxes after breakfast. Harry helped do chores. We left for Lebanon at 11:30, had dinner at Nu-bridge and then to Helen's. Had a nice visit and lunch. Got home at 9:30. Beautiful day but wind blew like time. Read a while.

- 3/9/70 Fair, nice day, windy, about zero. We went over to Rutland and got 2 new sap pans, 8 ft. back pan, 4 ft. front pan, stainless steel, \$539.00. Got a new 25 bbl. storage tank, \$130.00. Got a new hydrometer, \$4.00 Got 100 gal., 50 2 qt. and 50 qt. cans for Jim. About 80 miles over there, took 2 hrs. one way.
[T] Built fire at 6:20. Gerald and Glenn started for Rutland for sap and syrup pan and sap holder at 9:45. Put all but starched clothes on porch. Wrote card to Arthur and Judy. Curled my hair. Made four brown breads [I wonder who made the beans] for Town Meeting dinner. They got home at 3:30. Had a letter from Francis. He got to Guam OK. Basted the zipper in my dress in evening.
- 3/10/70 Fair, windy, cold. Out to Town Meeting. Polls open one to six, 178 voted by ballot. I got 95 for Selectman, Dave [Thomson] 83 *[Some of the youngsters were looking to get involved – didn't work in this case, as Dad was re-elected twice more until his strokes made it difficult, in 1979.]* Everett [Blake, Road Agent], Hazel [Huckins, Town Clerk], and Sonny [Sunderhauf, Town Treasurer] went back in. Ralph Mack resigned as Chief of Police *[I wonder if this was related to Dad's being re-elected.] [This is when Paul Messer would have been appointed Chief by the Selectmen, with Stanley Smith, Elmer Taylor and Anthony Ryan continuing as part-time officers. Paul had been part-time before this. Franklin Sanborn was also appointed a part-time officer.]*
[T] Short piece of rainbow in east before 7 am. Built fire at 10 of 7. Got in some wood, both boxes. Glenn left for Town Meeting and I did with Gerald and Doris about 10 of 10. Got thru meeting about 3:30. Glenn had to stay and help count ballots after polls close at 6. I made popover and we had with coffee for supper.
- 3/11/70 Fair, windy, cold. Took new pans and tank over to sugar camp am. Thed and I had appointments with Dr. pm. Got a chain hook put back on chain. Got \$39.00 worth of stamps for Town. Got a haircut.
[T] Built fires about 7. Got in some wood. Glenn and Gerald took new evaporator pans and sap tank over to sugarplace. Took a bath before dinner. We left for Bradford about 1. Edna didn't feel like going. We both saw the Dr. I had a physical, don't wee him for a year. Glenn got a haircut. Glenn went to Office at night.
- 3/12/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald took tapping machine down to Aaron's and got it fixed, \$13.35., then he went down to Britton's and got lumber that they planed for him. Walt out pm and got some surplus food for Boyd Jennings. Split and throwed out some chunks pm. Walter Hatch from Canterbury called and said he had a stoneboat to sell for \$25.00. *[Dad may have put a want ad in the Bulletin.]*
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Gerald went down to Shortt's and got the tapper fixed. I wrote letters to Francis and ironed before dinner. Stitched the paper into my dress. Made tomato soup for supper and it curdled. Gerald got his planed lumber in pm. Glenn has quite a cough with his cold. Judy called and said they would be down tonight, came about 7. Planted 36 tomato plants in plastic egg cartons.
- 3/13/70 Snow all day, 8 or 9 inches. Put stuff in receipts and payments book am. Gerald went down and stuck up his lumber that the got yesterday. I plowed some pm. then Gerald plowed, including for Pug, Charles and Myrtle. Art and Judy came down last night. He went down to Hanover today for the school up there. *[I wonder if I actually went to Lebanon, to observe and learn about the mini-course program.]*
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Got in chunks and some kitchen wood after breakfast, then swept. Arthur and Judy left about 7:30. He goes to Dartmouth to see about something for the school *[Dartmouth, eh – perhaps applying for M.A.L.S.? 1970 was when the program began and I was in the first class.]* I cleaned the front end of kitchen windows, etc. Cut out my pink flowered bonded dress for sewing contest this pm. Got beans baking after supper.

- 3/14/70 Snow, didn't amount to much. We put out 400 buckets am. Gerald, Art, Harry, Judy and Carol, 500 pm. Judy didn't go over pm. Gene over about 3 pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Harry, Carol and Judy went over and helped tap this forenoon. Took Glenn down to Doris. I made an apple and pineapple pie, did milk things, made chop suey for dinner. Judy went to Bradford after dinner. Gene helped some in pm. They got out 900. Made birthday cake for Carol and small one for us and frosted them in pm. Judy put Glenn to bed and I layed down with him (but he didn't know it) when they went to dance at Warren. Went to bed about 10:30 with Glenn. He didn't wake up at all.
- 3/15/70 [S] Snow. Put out about 400 am. Gerald, Art, Harry, Gene, Carol, Janet. Went over to Warren to dance last night with Art and Judy. About 100 there, \$15.00. Put out 121 more buckets pm. All done except College Lot, 1421 out now. Set up smokestack, shoveled out for tank a little. Howard up pm alone. He went home about 8 pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn, Gerald, Arthur, Harry, Gene, Carol and Janet put out 400 buckets this forenoon. They put out 121 in pam, all done except College Lot. Howard came up alone in pm. Arthur and Judy went home after supper and Howard about 8.
- 3/16/70 Fair, cold, windy. Gerald plowed Carole and Ralph am. I went up to McLam's and got 3 ½ rods to draw arch together. Went over pm and set up new tank, no frost, dug 2 holes. Tried to drill holed but tapper went too fast, drills got hot. They took Amon down to Ply. Hospital today.
[T] Built fires about 6:30. Washed and put out white clothes on porch, was cold as last winter. Glenn went to Bradford in am and got rods to draw arch together. Curled my hair. Made ginger snaps in pm. Marjorie and Vernon came just before we left for Pomona at the Ville. 22 there. Amon went to the hospital today.
- 3/17/70 Fair. Jim and Marjorie up last night. Out to Ville to Pomona last night, 22 there. Went up to Pete's this morn and got his generator to take over to drill holes in arch. Got holes drilled and rods put through arch and drawed it together. Then went to put pans on and they are about 1/8 of an inch too long. Got pipe hooked up into camp.
[T] Built fire about 7. Got in most of clothes, about dry. They got Pete's generator to drill holes thru arch. New pans are about 1/8 inch too long.
- 3/18/70 Fair, nice day. George, Walt and I went up to School where Art teaches today to Tax Commission meeting. Gerald went to Dump and over and got some plywood to cover tank with. He went over pm and took collar off back of arch where smokestack goes and moved it back an inch. Had to put some 3/8 inch iron under it. They operated on Amon's foot this morn.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Glenn left about 8:45 to go to Lancaster with Walter and George to Tax. Comm. meeting. I washed milk things. I cleaned form living room door back of stairs and part way across end of kitchen before dinner. Looked over some papers and overcast some seams on my dress. Glenn got home about 5. Gerald went to dump and then fixed arch so pans would go on. Worked on dress in eve. Sound and picture went on TV before 9 tonight. They operated on Amon's foot today.
- 3/19/70 Fair, nice day. We went to Littleton today, had dinner at Lisbon. Got to send some more papers up to Social Security office. Gerald made cover for tank am. He broke road over on College Lot pm.
[T] Built fire at 6:20. We did the usual work and started for Littleton at 10:45. Had dinner in Lisbon. We signed up for Social Security in Littleton. Stopped at Wings, go home at 4:30. Gerald made over for new sap tank and broke road into College Lot. Edna and I ate about 5:30. Glenn and Gerald went to Fire Warden's meeting and supper at N. Haverhill. Eloise and I went to Grange with Maurice and Irene. 16 there, got home at 11.

- 3/20/70 Fair, nice day. We had to clean vacuum line am *[for milking machines.]* Went over pm and put plastic over big tank and set up pans and tank in camp. Thed went to Boston to Flower Show with Maurice and Irene today. We went up to No. Haverhill last night to Fire Wardens' supper and meeting, six of us. Wes, Betty and Vernie up last night. Thed went out to Grange with Pug last night. Sheryl has got the mumps this morn.
[T] Built fires at 6:45. Irene called at 7:15 and wanted to know if I wanted to go to Flower Show in Boston. We started at 8:45, got lost in Boston, got to Show at 1. Had dinner there then saw the flowers. All beautiful. Bought a small Plilodendron 51¢. Left there at 4:30. Got lost and got up into Lynn. Had sandwiches, coffee and ice cream in Ashland. Misting, then snow before we got home at 9:30. Edna has been feeling miserable today with a cold. Snowing hard at 11 pm.
- 3/21/70 About 10 inches snow this morn. Harry plowed a while am, then Gerald plowed. Jim, Calvin and Rudy came up last night and got rest of his cans. They gathered some today. Smoked ham and bacon some today. Bill and Dot out pm. He done some more measuring for cupboard.
[T] Built fire at 7. Parboiled beans, washed milk things and changed my bed. Gerald plowed here and other places. Bill came out in pm to measure more for my cupboard, Dot came too. Curled my hair. Made biscuit for supper. Glenn took a bath and we started for Howard's about 6:15. Roads all dry. We were 1 hour and 5 mins. Went with them and saw them graduate after their square dance lessons. Barbara had 2 couples in for lunch after. We got home at 5 past 1.
- 3/22/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Thed and I went down to Howard's last night and went to the dance with them. The class that they were in graduated, 26 of them *[must be Howard and Barb took square dance lessons.]* We went over am and put out rest of buckets. 261 more makes 1682 in all. Gerald, Harry, Gene, Carol and Janet. The girls stayed up here with Edna last night. We got home at 10 past 1. Got rid of surplus pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Janet ate her breakfast and went home before we ate. Carol and Janet helped me get in chunks and kitchen wood before they went to sugarplace. They finished tapping before dinner. We ate about 1. Glenn gave out surplus in pm. I tried to read but was sleepy so had a nap. Listened to news on TV and read a while. Went to bed about 9:30.
- 3/23/70 Snow and rain a little. Just pattered around am. We went down to Danbury to look at some horses and Lebanon and Thetford, nothing, pm.
[T] Built fires at 6:45. Started to wash a little past 9. Put all but starched ones on porch. Glenn and Gerald went to Danbury and Lebanon in pm looking for a horse but couldn't find one. I washed Glenn's frock and heavy blue pants in pm. Soaked 3 big bags and 2 small ones. Planted over 40 Achimenee bulbs. Worked on my dress a little. Glenn went to Office. Had to rip out part of sleeve facing and do them over in evening.
- 3/24/70 Fair. Gerald went over to Irving MacDonald's last night to look at his horse. He called this morn and said I could have him for \$250.00, horse, harness, collar and shoes. We went over and got horse am. Gerald hitched them up pm and went over to sugarplace. Dickie Downing was up here pm. Out to Office last night. Got rest of Town Reports and inventorys ready to send. *[From Harry, 2/9/25: "I don't think Grandpa kept Bob very long. I do remember having Kit (the old mare) down at our barn behind the school house for a while to make room for Bob in the horse barn. We had Champ at the time in the barn, and maybe a couple of heifers also at the school house. We used to keep 2 or 3 heifers down there some winters. I'm not sure, but I think we may have had Tom at that time teamed up with Kit and then Bob. Then I think Grandpa sold both Kit and Bob and got Dan. Tom and Dan were maybe the last team he had."]* [T]

- [T] Built fire at 6:30. Got in clothes after breakfast, all dry. Wrote letters to Francis and Evelyn. Glenn and Gerald went over to Irving MacDonald's and bought his horse, "Bob," bay with black mane and tail. Had picture of boys from Rita and a little Easter card from Bunnie and Arthur and Eloise. Boiled the bags in pm, all done. Gerald drove horses to sugarplace and said they went good. Worked on my dress a little. Edna made tuna and macaroni and blueberry muffins for supper. Finished my dress in evening, all but pressing. Worked on other dress some.
- 3/25/70 Fair. Gerald went and got load of sawdust. I finished up chores, took me until 11:30. Took TV up to Bradford pm and got it fixed. Gerald went over to sugarplace again pm. he took Kit down to his place last night.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Got in kitchen wood and washed milk things at barn. Gerald got sawdust. We went to Bradford in pm and took TV up. Had to have 3 small tubes, \$11.97. Edna got 3 pts. Calif. strawberries \$1, good.
- 3/26/70 South wind. Gerald went over to Whitcher's and got a load of his lumber and took it down to Britton's to have planed am, home about 2 pm. I sifted ashes, smoked bacon. Got some plank ready to start on to paint ceiling am. Painted living room ceiling pm. Gerald moved shelf in kitchen and put on 2 new piece of them. [??/] David and Gladys over pm and to supper. Rain tonight.
- [T] Built fire at 6:30. Gerald got his lumber at Warren, took it to Ely. We ironed and then I finished cleaning end of kitchen, all but drawers. My nose runs a lot today. Took down pictures and covered things and Glenn painted living room ceiling in 1 ½ hours, looks good.
- 3/27/70 Fair, windy. We papered sitting room, got from kitchen door over by TV am. I pasted for him. Finished papering pm and got pictures back up.
- [T] Built fire about 6:30. Fixed butter before breakfast. Made paste and got things out of living room. Glenn and Gerald began to paper about 10:30. I trimmed paper and border. They got all done at 3:30. Gerald put pictures back up. My cold is lots better today. Mended a few stockings in evening. Bud and Marian were down a few minutes in eve.
- 3/28/70 Fair, cold. Gerald and boys went down to the Drew place am and cut some hard pine for 2x4's. They gathered 7 tanks sap pm and I made about 5 gals. *[From Harry, 2/9/25: "The Drew place was down across from the Lower Baker Pond beach. There was a lot of small hard pine in there not too far from 25A. Dad, Gene and I cut quite a bit of it for 2X4s for the ranch house that Dad was building up above the Davistown School House. We moved into the ranch house in June 1971. On Sundays between chores Dad would chop and Gene and I would twitch out the logs."]*
- [T] Built fire about 7. Got in chunks and fixed beans before breakfast. Edna made toast. Made bread. Gerald cut some lumber this forenoon. I made lemon and mince pies and mixed up 1 ½ recipes filled cookies before dinner. Glenn, Gerald and the kids went to sugarplace about 1:30. Had 3 bread, 42 cinnamon rolls and 9 donuts. Did dishes and then made cookies, had 69. They gathered 7 tanks. Sap ran good in pm. Glenn got home about 6:45. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came about 7. We watched TV. Took a bath about 10:30.
- 3/29/70 [S] Fair, cold. Gerald, Art and boys went down and got a truck load of 8 ft stuff for 2x4's and loaded it. They got 3 tanks sap pm. Bob got tuckered out, had to get old mare to get in last tank full. Ice all over pails and strainer all ice. Howard and Barb up to Gerald's to dinner. Art, Judy, Glenn and Thed down to Gerald's to dinner. She sent dinner up to Edna. Made 17 gal. today, Grade A. Art and Judy came down last night.
- [T] Built fire at 6:15. Got in chunks before breakfast. Judy and Glenn went to church. Arthur helped do chores and gather sap.

- 3/30/70 Cold, fair, 2 & 4 above. Gerald took his logs over to Whitcher's and got some sawed lumber and took down to Britton's to have planed. I got sap all in pan, made 10 gals., home about 3:45 pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Glenn took his dinner to sugarplace. I washed, put white ones on porch, rest upstairs. Gerald got his lumber at Whitcher's and took it to Ely. Glenn made 10 gals., home about 3:45.
- 3/31/70 Fair, nice day. Cut up ham and bacon am. Canned 30 gal syrup pm. Gerald tinkered around am. He went down and cut some more pine for 2x4's pm. Pete had the truck pm to go down to Bucklin's and get his tractor.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Got in chunks before breakfast. Used Edna's vacuum to clean Arthur's bed. Made meat pie for dinner. Cleaned a little paint and made Arthur's bed. Washed curtains. Glenn canned 30 gal. of syrup this afternoon. Gerald cut more logs for himself. Got letter from Francis.
- 4/1/70 Fair, nice day. Took Edna down to Dot F. to have her hair fixed then we went listing. Got lower and upper street done. Gerald cut a few pine over back of 4-acre field am. He got 3 tanks sap pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:15. Had breakfast before 8. Glenn took Edna to Dot's to have a perm about 8:30, then he went listing. I washed 7 pr. of curtains am and took care of some things in front room and made the bed up clean. Was busy all day *[I'm not sure there were many days when she wasn't busy all day – not exactly a lay-about!]* Curtains dried good outdoors. Gerald gathered sap pm. Glenn got home about 5:30. We went after Edna in evening. Amon's foot is bad and has pain in his chest some.
- 4/2/70 Snow and rain all day. About 8 or 9 inches snow this morn, snowed hard all am, rain pm. Gerald done chores and cut manes off horses pm. I went over and boiled in what sap I had, made 124 gal. Went down to Vernie's last night and got Edna.
[T] Built fires about 6:30. Glenn took his dinner and went over to boil about 10. Cleaned bottom shelf in kitchen cupboard and the silver this forenoon. Made a big batch of bread, had 6 loaves. Made packaged brownies for Grange. Curled my hair, got in some kitchen wood late pm. Rained hard and wind blew like time *[as close to cussin' as Ma ever got!]* about 6. Eloise didn't go, only 11 there.
- 4/3/70 Fair. Helped Gerald gather a tank full then began boiling. He got 4 more tanks sap today. Made 14 gal. Janet has got the mumps this morn.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Glenn took his dinner and they went over to gather about 10:30. Wrote a long letter to Charlotte. Planted last of my Achiminee bulbs, about 50 in all. Finished cleaning kitchen from cupboard by shed door. We had soup for supper. Glenn got home about 6. Gerald's folks went to Athletic Banquet, Janet stayed home. Glenn and I went to Bradford in evening.
- 4/4/70 Fair. Gerald, Harry, Gene and Carol got 7 ½ tanks sap today. I made 20 gal. Thed and I went up to Bradford last night.
[T] Built fire at 7. Got in some chunks before breakfast. Glenn took his dinner. Gerald, the boys and Carol gathered sap all day. Made a pkg. lemon pie and two medium pumpkin. Did milk things. Census man Richard Pike from Warren here about an hour this noon. Made biscuit at 2 and baked them for supper, were O.K. Washed kitchen floor. Glenn went to Hazel's in eve. to draw jury. We watched TV. I took a bath and went to bed about 11:30. Janet is sick with mumps. Ironed in late pm.
- 4/5/70 [S] Fair, cold wind. Gerald and boys got out pine for 2x4 and loaded it this am. They got 3 tanks sap pm. George Colburn came and got his and Sunderhauf's syrup. *[Mildred Sunderhauf was George's sister.]*

- [T] Built fire at 6:30. Glenn went to sugarplace about 9:30. Gerald and the boys got out a load of logs. George Colburn got 4 gal and 2 ½ gal of syrup. Edna and I had lunch about 1. Read a little and had a nap. Filled the kitchen woodbox late pm.
- 4/6/70 Fair. Gerald took his logs over to Warren am. He canned syrup pm. I boiled all day, got it all in pan, 12 gal.
- [T] Built fire about 6:30. Got in some chunks and built fire down cellar before breakfast. Glenn took his dinner to sugarplace and Gerald took his logs to Warren. Put all my white clothes outdoors and others on porch. Washed big pink rug from front room, put it on gas tank to dry. Gerald went to Dr. tonight for mumps shot. Harry milked.
- 4/7/70 Fair, nice day. Out listing, got most all done. Gerald took syrup over to Richard 10 gal, 10 ½ gal, 12 qts and 16 pts, 6 gal for Ken Whitcher, 2 gal for Berg. Gerald went down and got a load of lumber that was planed pm.
- [T] Built fire about 6:30. Glenn took his dinner and went listing about 9:30. Gerald went to sugarplace and got syrup and canned some pts. Took gals, ½ gals., and pts. to Richard. I cleaned the dish cupboard in pantry today. Glenn, Walter and George at their lunch here, got almost done tonight. Gerald went to Dr. at 4. Nurse said he is immune to the mumps, no shot. Janet is feeling better. Edna made pea soup for supper. Made 3 ½ bread today.
- 4/8/70 Fair. Gerald got 2 tanks sap am and he and Roy Daisey got 6 more pm. I made 17 gal. Got stuck over in 4-acre field with tractor, going over and coming home.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. They went over to gather about 10. Washed bedroom, living room and kitchen windows and put up clean curtains. Washed sink windows outside. Cleaned from dish cupboard around to the bathroom in pm. Roy helped Gerald gather in pm, got 8 tanks today, sap run good. Glenn made 17n gal, got home at 6.
- 4/9/70 Fair. Gerald got 5 tanks sap. I made 15 gal.
- [T] Built fires about 7. Glenn took his dinner to sugarhouse. I cleaned from bathroom to pantry window and 4 shelves today. Made raised donuts about 11. Curled my hair. Cut out donuts, about 11 doz. about 4. Carol came up with Gerald, helped with dishes, set table, etc. Only 15 firemen tonight. Sold 2 doz. donuts. Edna washed all the dishes after. Gerald gathered 5 tanks and Glenn made 15 gal.
- 4/10/70 Fair. Gerald got 1 tank sap down in hole. *[From Harry, 2/10/25: "It's on the lower (North) side of the main sugar road that runs West to East through the sugar place just below the side hill. It's right by the fence line on the Eastern boundary (Prettyman's, now Millers) about halfway between Brackett Brook and the Southeast corner of the property. I still tap some tress along the rim of the hole, but there are only a few smaller maples down in the hole now. It is just inside what was Jesse Currier's 12 acre lot."]* He went to Britton's and got a load of lumber, then he canned some syrup. I made 14 gal. 15 Firemen here last night.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Glenn took his dinner to sugarplace. Gerald got a load of lumber in Ely in am, canned syrup in pm and got one load of sap. Glenn made 14 gal. today. We ironed in pm.
- 4/11/70 Fair, a little snow this morn. Bill came out and put in Thed's cupboard today. Boys helped him some pm. Gerald and Doris took Carol up to Littleton pm for spelling bee. I made 10 gal. Art and Judy down last night. We went out to Fairlee last night and I got a haircut.
- [T] Built fires about 6:30. Arthur and Judy left about 8, he is going to work for George. Bill came out about 9:15 to put in the cupboard. Harry helped Bill and he and Gene helped put it in, then went over to gather. Peterson called. Glenn went to sugarplace. Gerald and boys got some sap am. Made bread and two apple pies, square cake and 6

cupcakes and frosted them. Gerald and Doris took Carol to Littleton to spelling contest. She was 8th in District. Grange at Bath. Eloise, Clara, Emma and Toni went with us, 162 there. Home about 20 of 1.

- 4/12/70 [S] Fair. Froze some this morn. Art helped do chores am. Got out some chunks for Thed. Went over pm and got sap all in pan, made 5 gal. Gerald got out some pine logs over back of 4-acre field am. They had sugar on snow pm. Gerald's folks all up. Maurice Whitcher got 2 gal of his syrup am. Harry and Bertha over pm and got a gal. Art and boys moved a load of hay for me pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Arthur helped with chores after breakfast. Judy and Glenn went down to Doris'. We had ham and eggs for dinner. Glenn went to sugarplace in pm, made 5 gal. Arthur and boys went to St. and played ball. Had first sugar on snow. Doris and kids here. Glenn slept 3 hrs. Harry and Bertha got a gal. of syrup. Arthur and Judy went home about 5. We watched TV in evening.
- 4/13/70 Fair. Helped Gerald get a tank of sap. Began boiling a 20 of 12, made 9 gal. He got 3 more tanks of sap, saps runs some. Thed don't feel good this morn. *[BUT]* She made 8 doz. donuts for Mel pm. Doris came up and fried them tonight. Sent a gal of syrup to Floyd Horton today and a half gal to Amos Whitcomb's wife.
[T] Got up at 5:30 and drank a glass of milk, threw it up after 6. Glenn built fires. Got breakfast. Edna put up Glenn's dinner to go to sugarplace. I laid in couch and didn't get dressed till almost noon. Drank malted milk. Mixed up a big batch of raised donuts for Mel at 1:30. Had naps on couch till after 4. Cut out donuts, had 139. Feel better tonight, ate a little supper. Doris came up after supper and fried donuts. I laid on couch all eve.
- 4/14/70 Fair, froze this morn, about 18. Gerald got 5 ½ tanks sap today. I made 20 gal. Thed put dishes in new cupboard today. I boiled until seven tonight.
[T] Built fires before 7. My stomach feels pretty good. Helen called and got the donuts about 15 of 8. Glenn took his dinner to sugarplace. I washed and put all clothes outdoors. Gerald gathered 1 ½ tanks of sap am. Running good. Made two pie shells for two cans of lemon filling for card party. Gerald gathered in pm. Edna and I ate at 5. Glenn didn't get home till most 7:30, made 20 gal. makes 200. Watched TV a little and went to bed about 9:30. Put brown and blue dishes in new cupboard late pm.
- 4/15/70 Fair, nice day. Sap run some. Gerald canned syrup am. He went to Bradford to Bank pm and then got 1 tank sap. Out to Office all day.
[T] Up at 4 and saw Bennet's comet in N.E. Built fire at 6:45. Glenn took his dinner and went to the Office. Gerald canned 55 gal of syrup this forenoon. Wrote a short letter to Irene with her card and sent her \$2 for her birthday. Finished cleaning from pantry window around over refrigerator. A heifer on horse barn got out this pm. I chased her around. Dug parsnips and horseradish for supper tonight. Stitched a V in back of Glenn's blue pants after supper. We went to Vernie's. Amon is about the same. Talked with Dorice. Just a channel open across upper end of lower pond. Saw a deer.
- 4/16/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald got 4 tanks sap today. He had to unload surplus pm. Big fellow on surplus truck brought me a steel drag head, \$12.00. Made 15 gal.
[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn to his dinner to sugarplace. Gerald gathered 4 tanks sap today. Tip *[Katherine Keith Butson, Aunt Edan's long-time friend from Woodsville]* called about 11 from Dennis'. Had dinner with us. We had a little sugar on snow and Edna and I made over 3 lbs of *[sugar]cakes*. Dug parsnips and horseradish for Tip and us. Glenn made 15 gal today
- 4/17/0 Fair, nice day. Gerald got 4 tanks sap today. I guess this is the last of it, made 13 gal. all Grade B. Got sap all in pan. Kitchen chimney burnt out pm and cracked it. *[It had only been built in 1958! And that is how the house fire started in 1957!!]*

- [T] Built fires about 6:45. Glenn took his dinner and went over to boil. Gerald gathered 4 tanks of sap today. The kitchen chimney burned out after dinner and cracked it. Gerald sprayed it and watched it for about an hour. Glenn made 13 gal today. I cleaned the bathroom today and put up a clean curtain.
- 4/18/70 Rain a little. Gerald took stuff to Dump and got 2 tables and 20 chairs at Town Hall. He took down banking. We took Edna home today.
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Helped Glenn load Edna's things and we left about 10:30. Send Hoard a card, he is 41 today. Unloaded Edna's things and ate at the Barge Inn, then went shopping and took shoes to Wells River to be fixed. Started home about 2:30. Shopped at Wings. Glenn went to the dance at Warren about 8. Picked up, in bedroom and listened to TV. Took bath and went to bed about 12.
- 4/19/70 [S] Fair, nice day, windy. Froze some this morn. Harry helped me finish up chores. Carrol Kenny got out some big pine for Gerald over back of 4-acre field. Moved surplus stuff around some am, got rid of some of it pm. Over to Warren to dance last night, not much of a crowd, we got \$10.00 apiece. Had Julia bred today, Art. *[That's artificial insemination, not me!]*
[T] Built fires about 7. Roasted pork for dinner. Harry helped do chores. We had dinner about 12:45. Glenn gave out some surplus in pm. Picked up some things to get ready for tomorrow night. Started a letter to Walter Horton in evening.
- 4/20/70 Rain some. Gerald went and got a load of sawdust. Took up rug in sitting room. Went up to Woodsville pm to a surplus meeting. Gerald made a crate for 7 qts. syrup pm. Harry unloaded sawdust pm.
[T] Built fires before 7. Glenn, Gerald and Harry took up living room rug, took out woodbox. Gerald got sawdust. Harry helped do chores and filled woodbox. Got 2 ½ recipes of "Monroe" donuts cut out. Sent Arthur and Judy a card, they have been married 2 years. Doris came up and washed kitchen and living room floors. Janet helped to curl my hair. Made 6 ½ doz. donuts. Glenn went to Woodsville in pm. Made over 3 qts of flour into biscuit. Irene helped get tables ready. Had 32 here. Carl Adams and mother, Ralph and Helen Emerson, Scott Eastman, Dorothy McLain. Modeled my dress.
- 4/21/70 Rain some. Gerald and boys moved 2 load of hay for young cattle am. Sent 7 qts. syrup to Scott Gray in Calif. today. Canned up most of syrup pm. Had 32 here for Pomona last night *[always a good crowd when there were donuts and syrup!]*
[T] Built fires about 7. Didn't do much but straighten out some and make coffee jelly. Glenn and Gerald canned most of syrup in pm. I looked over a few old papers. Took pictures of Glenn and "Bob" horse so to finish film and get pictures of my dress.
- 4/22/70 Rain a little. Over to Cemet. today, Gerald, Harry, Gene and I, 5 hrs. Had 3 load of pine limbs. Burnt brush right in Cemet. Done a lot of raking.
[T] Built fires about 6:45. Florence and Dido came about 9 for syrup. Did usual work. Glenn, Gerald, Harry and Carol worked over to Cemetery today. Got over a cord of wood and took over to sugarplace from limbs off big pines. Burned fine stuff. Just puttered around. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came before 9.
- 4/23/70 Cloudy. Gerald, Harry, Gene and Carol picked up buckets today am. They drew 2 tanks of water am *[from brook, to be used in final cleanup of sap and syrup pans.]* Got sap cooked down in whole pan pm. Got it all cooked pm, about 7 gals. 235 gals in all. Gerald, Harry and Carol picked up buckets pm. Art and Judy came down last night, He is helping George.
[T] Built fires about 7. Judy and Glenn went with Arthur. Glenn went over to boil and Gerald, Harry, Gene and Carol picked up buckets. I laid down an hour. Made corn chowder for supper and cream cake and put jelly in one. Arthur, Judy, Glenn and I went

- down to see Dorice, Vernie and Amon in evening. Glenn made 7 gal syrup today, all done, 235 gal in all. Haven't seen Big Tige since morning.
- 4/24/70 Rain all day. Cut horns off yearling heifer and put in Ralph's nose ring. Tinkered around am. Gerald went out pm and got *[Fire Dept.]* pickup insp. Thed and I went down to Kelton's pm. got parts for corn planter and bolts for blower. Arvid Johnson out pm and looked at chimney in shed that burnt out and cracked. Thed, Art, Judy and Glenn went down to see Sal and Vernie and Amon last night. Tullar's folks out to Gerald's to supper tonight.
- [T] Built fires about 7. Judy and Glenn went with Arthur. Did usual work and work a short letter to Edna .Glenn and I went to White River and got parts for corn machinery. Got card party prizes. Judy went to Bingo in Lebanon. Mended a few stockings. Glenn went to sleep about 9. I went to bed about 11:30.
- 4/25/70 Fair. Gerald, Harry and Carol picked up, buckets am. Gerald, Harry and Gene finished buckets pm and got 2 load of wood in shed. I went out pm and went up and had Boyd Jennings sign paper. Took Menta's syrup out but she was gone. Took out a gal for Ruth Hadley and a qt. for Hazel to send to Lloyd. Went down to see Don Reed but he was gone. Stopped to see Carole Lavoie.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Judy didn't go with Arthur today. She washed dishes, swept and filled woodbox, then took Doris shopping. Gerald, Harry and Carol picked up more buckets. I made a anned apple and a pineapple pie. Glenn went to St. in pm. Little Glenn slept from 1:15 till most 4. Gerald and boys finished buckets and cut some wood. Made a boiled frosting for two small cakes. Arthur and Judy left Glenn at Doris' and went out to supper. Had 4 birthday cards. Heard frogs in front of house.
- 4/26/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Art helped do chores am. Washed 5 big and a little milk can *[probably the ones used to bring syrup back to house.]* Cut up bacon pm. Went over and got rest of syrup and washed out strainers. Gerald helped Dickie Downing top out his chimney today. Arvid called today and said it would cost \$285.00 to build new chimney. Herman Chesley's funeral was today. He had cancer.
- [T] Built fires about 7:30. Judy and the girls played ball a while. *[Must have been out in the barn.]* Glenn slept from 10:15 to 12:15 and they left about 1:30. I walked up around the fields. A lot of limbs off big pine at corner of Camp. Glenn sliced bacon *[Damn! We left too soon to get any bacon!]* and got the last of the syrup from sugarhouse. I raked old grass out of bulbs and roses after supper and burned in in living room stove. Big Tige came back this morn.
- 4/27/70 Fair. Cleaned out calf pen. Took flat tire off pickup and took it out and got it fixed. Took 16 ½ gal. syrup our to Menta. Took 2 ½ gal. for Harvey. Had Dave grind chain for saw, got a new file. Went down to Richard Downing's pm and got a little gravel to put in ruts by horse barn. Went over in 4-acre field and cut up some pine and balsam pulp. Grass fire out back of Verne Schauer's place pm.
- [T] Jennie had her kittens last night. Built fire about 7:15. Started to wash about 9:30, had a big one, two weeks. Didn't wash spread or robe. Glenn went out and got tire fixed on fire truck. They cut up pulp in pm. Put tomatoes and geraniums upstairs and some in back room, 3 from down cellar. Got clothes all in before supper. Had letter and card from Francis, card, letter and \$10 from Evelyn *[must be Evelyn and Irene haven't been able to go to Guam yet]* and letter and card from Della. Dug weeds in garden an hour after supper. Glenn went to Office. No fire in living room.
- 4/28/70 Fair, nice day. Went over and set up pans to wash buckets outdoors am. Went out to George's and Fifield's and got a load of wood pm. Took tables and chairs back to Town Hall. Took a load of wood over to sugar camp at night. Out to Office last night. Got Social Security check today for \$753.00. *[I wonder if this is for one month – seems too*

much for those days, based on Dad's earnings.] David and Gladys over at dinnertime today.

[T] Built fires about 7. Did usual work. Glenn and Gerald fixed a place outdoors to wash buckets over to sugarplace. Gladys and David were over this noon, brot me a wash cloth and hand lotion. Opened package from Arthur and Judy and Dorice. Glenn gave me \$10. Glenn and Gerald got a load of wood at St. this pm. Hazel called tonight to wish me a happy birthday *[She was 64.]*

4/29/70 Fair. Took another load of wood over to sugar camp We split some that we got out to George's yesterday. Loaded Lucy *[doodlebug]* am. Took Lucy out to Garage. Took drag head up to blacksmith. Got another load of wood pm.

[T] Built fire about 6:45. Glenn and Gerald took wood over to sugarplace and put it in shed this forenoon. They took Lucy out to Garage in pm and got more wood. Howard Hall here tonight and got his bull.

4/30/70 Fair, nice day. Took 2 load of wood over to camp. Went over on corner and cut another load of wood. Blaisdell down tonight and checked 14 heifers, said they were all with calf. Howard Hall came and got his bull last night.

[T] Built fire at 20 of 7. Made 33 white cupcakes and 36 choc. for Grange tonight. Wrote letters to Belva *[perhaps Forest Pease's wife]* and Edna. Curled my hair after dinner. Made boiled choc. frosting for part of cupcakes and powdered sugar for rest. Tried to make maple but it wouldn't grain. Had 26 at Grange. Mrs. Skinner got her 25 years pin. Jean and Louie *[Gratz]*, Dot Love and Bud and Marian showed slides of flower show, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Niagara

5/1/70 Fair, nice day. Went up on College Lot and got a trailer load of *[wood for]* stakes am. Thed, Doris, Gerald and I got 789 buckets washed pm.

[T] Built fire at 7:15. Did some ironing. Glenn and Gerald cut some ash for stakes. Sent 4 cards about card party. Walked over to sugarplace and back and Doris and I washed buckets about 2 ½ hrs., Glenn washed some. Glenn and I went over in evening and put them in sugarhouse, gone an hour. Had a letter and pictures of Glenn from Judy. No fire in living room since Sun. Daffodils are full of blossoms.

5/2/70 Fair. Thed and I went over last night and put in buckets. Gerald, Doris, Harry, Gene, Carol and I get buckets done at 12:15. I washed pans and spiles then helped on buckets. Gerald and Carol washed out new tank. We went over pm and got everything back in camp. Put in wood that we got out to George's last fall. Brought old big tank and Harry's tank and old back pan home.

[T] Built fire at 7. Glenn, Gerald, Doris, Harry, Gene, Carol and Sheryl went to sugarplace about 10 to wash buckets. I made a choc and white corn starch pudding and made 4 qts. of soup and dumplings for dinner. They got them all done about 12:15. The girls helped do the dishes, Janet cleaned up the house for Doris. Glenn, Gerald and boys got things all taken care of in pm. Dug weeds about 1 ½ hrs. in eve. Watched TV awhile, took a bath and went to bed about 10:30. Pictures came.

5/3/70 [S] Fair. Rain last night and a while this morn. Charles up a while. Paul Messer out am. Went over to Richard's pm and back up by Lake Tarleton and St. Bob and Bill helped Gerald on his house today. Dickie Downing helped pm. Boys helped do chores pm.

[T] Rain form 12M to 9 am. Built fire about 7. Harry and Gene helped do chores after breakfast. I dug parsnips and horseradish for Ken. We had dinner about 1. Went over to Richard's and up by Lake Tarleton. They are tearing down the clubhouse. Took pictures to Florence to go with my dress. Katherine Foss got their syrup. Folks were here and looked at Gerald's house. Put geraniums from cellar on porch.

- 5/4/70 Fair. Phelps and another man from Chelsea over today and dressed a beef and 3 pigs of me, one for Bill Quackenbush, 2 for George. They got here a little before 10 am, left a little before 4 pm. 255-288-298. \$20 to dress 3 pigs and beef. Cut up livers tonight. Put mine down cellar. Bill's and George's hang out in barn.
Built fires about 6:30. Made bread after breakfast. Two men came at 20 of 10 from Chelsea to butcher. Did beef and two pigs before dinner and 4 pigs after, 2 for George and one for Bill Quackenbush. Left at 10 of 4. I washed. Five bread and 6 rolls. Worked in garden 1 ½ hrs. in eve. We got liver, heart, etc, in freezer in eve. Saw two triangle-shaped planes and several others today. Gerald put storm doors in front of plants on porch. Put out rain gage.
- 5/5/70 Fair. Richard came over and we cut up pigs. Bill came out and to his and George was out just before dinner and got his. Gerald cut lard am. He took two load of wood from his skidway over to Camp pm.
[T] Built fires at 7. Made a sunshine cake (for raffle at card party) after breakfast. Richard came at 9:15 to cut up pigs. Was here for dinner. Gerald cut up lard in am. Curled my hair in pm. Made boiled white of egg frosting for cake. Glenn and I wrapped the meat in late pm. Got a roaster and big kettle of lard done before supper. Mane egg and tuna sandwiches. Eloise went to card party with us, 7 tables, made \$13.75. Got home about 11:30. \$4.35 for cake.
- 5/6/70 Rain and snow. Gerald took sausage over *[to Richard's]* and got it ground am. He went down to Kenison's pm and got 3 maple plank for drag, 2 12 inch thick. Made 24 lbs sausage pm. Went to Marion's *[Marion Hook was running the little Orfordville store]* and got some more sage. Ground all white here at night.
[T] Got up about 6:30. Cleaned out under oven and Glenn cleaned out stovepipe, got ½ big pail full out of pipe. Gerald got sausage ground at Richard's in pm. Glenn made it in pm. Snow late pm, ground quite white.
- 5/7/70 Fair. Richard came over pm and got part of beef cut up. Gerald split stakes am. He went out pm and got truck insp. and got Lucy. I filed saw. Sam *[Chickering]* here and got his syrup, 5 gal. Sold him 6 first calf heifers, \$1700.00.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Doris left Sheryl here about 9 and went to rummage sale at Hanover. Richard cut up beef all but steaks in am. Made apple dumpling for dinner. Wrapped 10 roasts. Ironed in pm. Doris came for Sheryl about 4. Same was here in pm, bought 6 big heifers, \$1700.00. 16 at Grange, Maurice and Irene didn't go, Walter Horton came.
- 5/8/70 Fair, hot. Went over and got hamburg *[from Richard; he had taken it back to grind up.]* We set up rig to sharpen stakes. Gerald sharpened them then he fenced a little over to Gratz'. Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Got a new cord put on her iron. Got some staples, 6 penny nails, bolts for drag and drag head. Got the lard from Bill's pig.
[T] Built fires about 7. Picked over two kettles of soup. Gerald sharpened stakes. Glenn got hamburg at Richard's. We went to Bradford in pm, ordered new flag and corduroy for Glenn a jacket, from Sears. Had a new cord put on my iron at Gove & Morrill. Shopped at Wings, got home about 5:30. Glenn went to Office in eve. Hazel, Les, Harold and Ruth Swan called tonight. Picked over two kettles of soup after supper.
- 5/9/70 Fair am, rain a little pm. Gerald and boys went out to Tullar's pasture and up to Al Wilson's and got a big load of wood am. Cut up lard, done up hamburg am. We all went over to Gratz' to fence, rain drove us home about 3:15. Berkley Ray up pm and got 8 ½ gals. syrup. Thed dug greens pm.
[T] Built fires about 7. Picked over rest of soup bones and canned it, had 11 qts. Did milk things and that was about all. Gerald and the boys got another load of wood at St. in am. Swept and washed kitchen floor. They fenced at Gratz in pm. I dug about ½ bu.

- of big dandelions in late pm. Berkeley Ray got 8 ½ gal of syrup tonight. Howard and Barb came about 7:30 till 9:30, brot me a planter with 4 green plants. Took a bath and went to bed about 11:30.
- 5/10/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Howard and Barb up for about 1 ½ hours last night. I made a crate for 1 ½ gal syrup to send to Maryland. Unloaded back pile of wood on truck, had a load to take over to camp, 2 piles in trailer. Sam came and got his heifers am, sold him a calf, \$28.00. Art and Judy here to dinner. They found Jennie's kittens, 3 of them. Had greens for dinner.
- [T] Built fires about 7:15. Sam came about 10 and got his six heifers, they loaded good. Cooked huck with greens for dinner. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came just as we were ready to eat, so ate with us. Afterwards Arthur, Judy and I went to barn and A. found Jennie's kittens up over horses. Has 2 black and a light grey. Arthur helped Gerald a while in pm. I looked over old papers.
- 5/11/70 Fair, windy. Thunder shower last night. Unloaded rest of wood and took a big load to camp. Took off storm windows. Cleaned up battery in Lucy. Took 7 2-yr-olds out to St. to pasture and 2 2-yr-olds and 6 yearlings to Andrews' pm. Fenced from brook back of Charlie to brook by sweet apple tree.
- [T] Built fire at 6:45. Soaked clothes after breakfast. Gladys and David came about 10 for an hour, so didn't get washing done till after dinner. They took 7 big heifers out to St. after dinner and 8 out to Andrews'. Clothes dried good. Had a little thunder shower about 6. Put a V in back of Arthur's heavy pants after supper. Glenn and I went to St. in evening to see Don Read and Everett. Forrest called this evening.
- 5/12/70 Fair. Fenced from sweet apple tree down and up by lane to barn yard am. Fenced from John's trailer up to where Gerald cut big pine in fence pm. Picked up a small load of wood for camp and got some ba__.
- [T] Built fire before 7. Richard came at 8:45, took him 1 ½ hrs. to cut up steak. Wrote to Francis and Evelyn. They fenced part of pasture here today. I dug weeds in garden 1 ¾ hrs. Forgot to wrap steak so Glenn helped me before supper. Dug a bag of greens to take down to Vernie. Harvey Washburn got hurt with tractor today, laid there 10:30 to 6.
- 5/13/70 Fair. Went over to Gratz' and put up new wire that Pete got for us backside of back field and finished up rest of fence. Put 4 yearlings and 5 calves over to Gratz' pm. Thed made some maple cream today. We went over to Richard's last night and got hamburger and then down to Vernie's. Harvey Washburn died this morning. The tractor run on his legs yesterday and he was pinned under the wheel from 10:30 am to 6 pm. Got check from Grange Ins. for chimney, \$217.94. *[Arvid Johnson had quoted \$285, so about 80% covered. Later, \$67.06 from Farm Bureau, so whole cost covered..]*
- [T] Built fires about 7. They finished fencing at Gratz' this forenoon. Helped load 4 yearlings and 5 calves in pm to go to Gratz'. Curled my hair. Made about 8 lbs. of maple cream out of good syrup in pm.
- 5/14/70 Rain a little this morn. Everett here am for an hour. Went out and got a haircut. Took lawn mowers out to Joe's *[I think Alger, in Fairlee.]* They wouldn't start. Went to bank. Gerald went and got a load of sawdust am. He took a load of pine logs over to Whitcher's pm and got a load of his sawed lumber. Harry Franklin here a while pm. Thed made some cream sugar out of B grade, looks good.
- [T] Built fires about 7:15. Made bread and apple pie after breakfast. Gerald to a load of sawdust. Glenn went to Fairlee am, got a haircut, got home about 1. Gerald had dinner here. Gerald took logs to Warren and brot back lumber. Cooked dark syrup and made 5 lbs. cream. Glenn stirred it. Had 4 bread and 15 rolls, some cinnamon. Scraped sawdust

- off Iris. Made dropped cookies. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came about 6. Glenn went to Fire meeting. I fixed olio. Wrote card to Edna.
- 5/15/70 Fair. Gerald took his load of lumber down to Britton's am. I helped him load flagpole for Fire House. He took a piece of pipe off loader and had Larry straighten it. Gerald got mowers at Joe's, \$13.55. Put some sand in waterbars *[in driveway and around end of house?]* Gerald took rest of logs over to Whitcher's pm, also some balsam for me for 2x6. Put up new 2x4 for clothesline and 200 ft. of line *[between house and barn, at west end of shed.]* Art and Judy came down last night. He is down to Lebanon to school today *[this is likely when I visited LHS to look at social studies mini-course program.]* Thed dug some more greens pm.
- [T] Built fire at 6:30. Arthur left for Lebanon at 7. Judy took Doris shopping this forenoon. Glenn had a nap and Judy dug a few weeds in garden. After he got up we all went out for about ½ hr. I dug about ½ bu. of greens. Arthur has been accepted at summer school at Dartmouth *[M.A.L.S.]* I cleaned some greens then we went to Bradford, finished them after. Arthur, Judy and Glenn went to movies.
- 5/16/70 Fair until about 4, then rain. Gerald and Gene finished fence up backside and next to Leighton's am. Harry and I got rest of it done around field. They put electric fence from corner this side of spring down to barway pm. Boys over to Cemet. 3 hrs pm. They got a trailer load of pine limbs and needles and mowed some. Thed and I went to Harvey Washburn's funeral pm. Gerald made a gate to put down the other side of the lane. Got drag plan squared off. Art worked for George today. Went up to Bradford last night and got stuff Thed ordered of Sears.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Judy and Glenn went with Arthur when he went to George's. Made sunshine cake for Gale and choc. for Glenn, did milk things. Curled my hair. We went to Harvey Washburn's funeral at Ville at 2. Church was most full. Masonic service at St. cemetery. Rained hard about 5. We watched Lawrence.
- 5/17/70 [S] Rain about all day. Got drag head bolted onto plank and countersunk rest of holes for bolts. All down to Gerald's for dinner. *[Dad was 64 today.]* Henry Jennison out last night and wants a gal of syrup sent to KY and ½ gal to N.Y. Got check from Farm Bureau for \$67.06 for chimney. Art and Judy went home after dinner. Wrote in account book and diary and drew some orders.
- [T] Built fires about 7:30. Arthur helped do chores after breakfast. Set out some red and pink begonia slips, gave Doris some. We were all down to Gerald's for dinner. Couldn't work in house, rained all day. Arthur and Judy went home in pm.
- 5/18/70 Rain all day. Gerald went down to Kenison's mill and got 2 bundles of hardwood slabs am. He went over to Warren and got a load of lumber pm and took it down to Britton's and brought back load that he took down last week. I went out pm and got car insp. and got tires changed, swapped bolts for some 4-inch ones. Let cows out today. Gerald cleaned out further silo tonight. Sent a gal of syrup and a half gal for Henry Jennison pm *[Just remembered who this is! He was Harvey Washburn's nephew, from TN, I think and was likely here for Harvey's funeral. He spent several summers with Henry and/or Harvey when he was a schoolboy.]*
- [T] Built fires about 7. Washed and put clothes all on porch. Finished Edna's letter. Elec. went off about 11:30 for about an hour. Curled my hair. Made peanut butter cookies in pm for Pomona. Had 27, Dorice went. Gerald got two bundles of hardwood slabs at Keniston's in am and load of his lumber at Warren in pm and took it to Ely. Glenn got haircut and car inspected in pm. Let cows out first time today.
- 5/19/70 Rain a little this morn. Finished up stoneboat and put corn planter back together. Cleaned up cellar am. Gerald went over to Whitcher's and got 4 12 ft, 2 ¼" by 10" plank pm. We got wheelharow, lime spreader, manure spreader and trailers out pm.

Changed oil in lawn mower and moved a little. Fixed Thed's table for clothes basket, put up 3 more clothes lines, *[there was an old rough-wood table, 2'x3' under the clothes line, where Ma would put the basket with wet clothes as she was hanging them up and to put the dry clothes in. I don't know when this table was put there but I always remember it being there.]* Split some wood. Big Tige came home tonight. Down to Rumney to Pomona last night, 27 there. Gale brought me down a shirt for my birthday *[pretty sure Gale's birthday was the 17th as well.]*

[T] Built fires about 7. They finished stoneboat and got out harrows and spreaders. Cleaned all my colored glads in pm and evening. Gale was down tonight and brot Glenn a shirt for his birthday.

5/20/70 Fair. Went up to Bradford, got 22 bags 15-15-15, 15 bags 10-10-10, 12 bales twine, 5 bu. seed corn, 400 seed taters, reel of barb wire, 6 salt blocks, Hot Shot battery and crow dope am. Gerald put 11 bags 15-15-15 over in 4-acre field, 11 bags over to Gratz' next to Bischoff, 11 bags 10-10-10 back of spring. Had blacksmith fix piece of wheelharrow. Went up to Dr. pm. I put 4 bags 10-10-10 and 4 bags 0-10-30 out beyond orchard after supper.

[T] Built fire about 7. Put out new flag first time. Did usual work. Glenn and Gerald went to Bradford and got corn, potatoes and fertilizer this forenoon. Doris came up this noon and washed. We left for Bradford at 1:30. I shopped and Glenn had a physical. Got home at 4. Ironed some before supper and finished after, had two week's ironing.

5/21/70 Fair. We got out shit today. *[Dad sometimes wrote 'shit' and sometimes 'manure.' One time, when President Harry Truman used the word manure in a speech, a friend of his wife Bess's asked her is she couldn't get him to say 'fertilizer.' Bess answered, 'It has taken me 30 years to get him to say 'manure!' As in the title of Harry's memoir, Plain Speaking.]* I used horses. They bothered about starting, used 2-hander *[stick]* and stock prod *[electric]* up in field to start them. *[This may sound cruel to 2025 sensibilities but horses were really TOOLS and the farm needed them to work! I don't ever remember cruelty for cruelties sake but certainly didn't spare the rod when animals didn't do the work they were capable of. I also certainly used a stick on cows who didn't go back to the barn the way they were supposed to and on that damn bull who kicked me ass over bandbox over the handles of the wheelbarrow!]* Manured garden and this side of picked rock in next field. Everett and Si Eastman here pm, signed up to T.R.A. *[Not sure about initials but I think this may be for tile drainage work up in the fields.]*

[T] Built fire about 7. Wrote letter to Francis and Evelyn before he goes back to Guam. Glenn manured the gardens. Horses wouldn't pull together. Had a session with them up in the field. Gerald drew manure with Fergie. Made a few sandwiches for Grange, 16 there.

5/22/70 Fair. Fixed a tug *[on horse harness]*. Vet down and fixed up old cow with mastitis, \$30.00. Got some screens down from upstairs. Drawed shit with horses pm. Gerald went down to Britton's about 3 pm and got rest of his lumber. Surplus came pm from County Farm. *[This is the first time I remember mention of where the Surplus Commodities came from – they were Federal foods and perhaps were distributed to counties, who then got them to each town, based on who qualified for aid in that town. One of the tasks Dad did as Selectman or as Overseer of the Poor was to distribute this food.]* Got checks for milk that was held up by milk order, \$582.75. *[Milk prices to farmers were controlled by Federal regulations – maybe there had been a dispute of some sort over what price was to be paid. Not an unusual event in some years!]*

[T] Built fire about 6:45. Wrote long letter to Idella. Gerald drew manure most of day. Glenn did in pm with horses. Washed bedroom, front room, living room and Arthur's windows both sides. Glenn got check today for \$582.75 that had been held in escrow.

- Helped Glenn put surplus down cellar. Went up to Forrest Hills with Gerald, Doris and Sheryl. Glenn went to Office.
- 5/23/70 Fair. Gerald shit his garden am and some around rock heap. I went out to Ville and helped Pug and Cliff fix diamond at Grange Hall. Took down flagpole and set 2 new posts for flag pole. Art and Judy here at 12:30. Took shovel off H and changed oil and filter. Gerald plowed garden and harrowed his garden pm. Boys over to Cemet. am. Harry moved my lawn pm. Out to Office last night. Thed went up to Forest Hills and Edna's last night with Gerald and Doris.
- [T] Built fire about 7:15. Made a plain and chopped rhubarb pie and 2 turnovers. Did milk things. Glenn helped rake over the diamond by Grange Hall in am. Gerald manured his garden. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came at noon. I made 16 big sour cream cupcakes and put choc conf., sugar frosting on them. Washed and curled my hair. Arthur, J and G here for supper. Glenn, I, Gerald, Doris, Arthur and Judy went to Al and Alma Wilson's 25th ann. Party, lot there, got home about 12. Doris' folks up. Took Amon to hospital.
- 5/24/70 [S] Fair. Unloaded a few 2x6 and stuck them up. Got ready to get rid of surplus and did pm. Gerald worked on his house today. Dickie, Bill, Art, Russell and Bob helped some. Out to Alfred Wilson's last night for 25th wedding anniversary. Don's folks came up to Camp yesterday morn. They took Amon to hospital in night Fri. about 1 pm, not good.
- [T] Built fire about 7:15. Arthur helped Glenn unload a few 2x4. They went to look at Ted's trailer, here for dinner. The stove smoked so had to use electric one. Judy got Glenn to sleep, then went down to Doris'. Arthur is helping along with Bill and Dickie Downing. People came for surplus pm. Vernie called about 11, Amon isn't good at all, took him to hospital about midnight Friday night.
- 5/25/70 Rain some. We puttered around am. Changed oil in hyd. on H. Went up to Stoddard's pm and got a 3-section smoothing harrow, \$220.00. Got a new cushion for Ferg, some chain saw oil. Took lawn mower over to Joe's.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Washed and put clothes all on porch. Glenn and Gerald went up to Stoddard's and bought a new smoothing harrow and a new tractor seat cushion. I sewed a long rip in old one. Gladys and David over a while after supper. Nina stopped and got her maple cream. Glenn went to Office.
- 5/26/70 Fair am, rain about noon and part of pm. Took Ferg out to Woodward's and plowed 4 trip. Gerald, Doris and Sheryl went down to Calvin's pm. I split a little wood, fixed a little fence her below house. Amon died this morn.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. They took Fergie out to Woodward's and plowed some this forenoon. Made bread, 3 loaves and 20 cinnamon rolls. Francis called and said Amon died this morning. Curled my hair. Made corn chowder in pm for kid's supper. Gerald, Doris and Sheryl went to Marilyn's about 1:30. We went to Gratz' about 5:30 for supper. Walter, Ethel, Evelyn, Cope, Maurice, Irene, Ralph, Brian, Delbert, Blendina and Priscilla and Ruth "Kenyon" there.
- 5/27/70 Fair. Done the milking and chores, took till most noon. Went out and plowed 2 ¼ hrs. pm. Went over to Gratz' to supper last night. Walt and Ethel, Pug and Irene, Delbert, Ralph, Brian, Evelyn and Cope, Blendina and Alice Kenyon's 2 girls there. Kids stayed here last night. Gerald's folk's home about 4:30, here to supper.
- [T] Got up at 5:15, Harry at 6. Thot he had to leave for Mass. at 7 but they didn't come till 7:30. The girls made beds and put up their lunches. Glenn plowed some at St. in pm. Roasted beef with carrots, onions, and potatoes for supper. Gerald's folk's got home about 4:30, had supper here. Glenn and Gerald went to meeting about 4th. I went to Neighbor's Night at Rumney with Maurice and Irene, 42 there. Wrote to Rita today.

- 5/28/70 Fair. Gerald went out and plowed 2 ½ hrs. am. I fixed fence below house am. Out to 4th of July meeting last night. Down to Amon's funeral pm. Michael and Edna here a while. Gerald marked out his garden.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Made a sunshine cake for Vernie after breakfast. Curled my hair. Gerald plowed at St. in forenoon. We left for Amon's funeral about 1:20. Church was full. Had lunch at Vernie's after. Edna and Michael stopped here a while after. We had lunch after milking. *[Five of the six Pease sisters' husbands died before they did, some 15-20 years before. Only Aunt Gladys pre-deceased her husband.]*
- 5/29/70 Fair. We loaded harrows on trailer and put roll on truck. Went out and plowed and harrowed all day. I got out there at 11 am. Had a frost this morn. Francis B. said ¼ inch ice in Vernie's birdbath. Ferns all black out to Woodward's.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Glenn took his dinner and he and Gerald went to St. to plow and harrow for corn. Wrote a 'bird letter' to Stacey Cole *[Union Leader columnist, likely a letter story about birds she had seen.]* Made a blackberry and mince pie and two turnovers in pm. Sold 4 gal of syrup. Vernie, Francis, Dot and Jane here in late pm. We went to Bradford in evening.
- 5/30/70 Fair. Out to St. Cemet. and Bradford last night. Gerald and Harry out to Woodward's and Gerald finished plowing and got George's harrow and helped Harry until 2:30. Then he went up to Wheeler's and plowed some. They got Woodward's all harrowed long ways and cross-harrowed it twice. *[What a treat this must have been, to plow w/o hitting rocks – and not having any to pick after!]* They got some quills out of Princess' nose. They marked out my piece back of house. Gene picked stone. We put on screens. I marked out a little garden, put shit on flower garden. Gene took little taters out to barn. Fixed fence out in orchard and let horses out. Planted 6 rows of beans, 4 of peas, one of squash, 2 ½ of taters, most row of beans, cukes, carrots, beets, lettuce, radish, cabbage, parsnip.
[T] No mail. Built fire about 6:45. Gerald and Harry went to St. to plow and harrow for corn on Woodward's. Gene helped Glenn, took little potatoes to barn and picked some stone on garden and helped put on screens. I washed end windows, kitchen both sides. Gene had dinner with us. Made bread, had 3 ½ loaves and 9m big rolls. Made cream cake and 6 cupcakes. Stove don't smoke but don't heat good either, did bake beans. Herbie Wright got his syrup. Glenn went to dance at Warren, Went to bed about 11:30.
- 5/31/70 [S] Fair. Over to Warren to dance last night, fair crowd. Thed set out 365 onion sets and a row of glads am. Planted 4 rows sweet corn and some pumpkins. Went over to Warren to Cemet. pm. Up to Pike by Lake Tarleton, down over hill by pond and over hill.
[T] Built fire at 7:30. Planted 2 rows of onions in garden, 345, and one row of mostly colored glads, 120. Glenn covered them. We left for Cemetery in Warren at 2:15. I looked around for about ½ hr. We came home thru Pike by Lake Tarleton. They have most of the houses down and Clubhouse mostly down. Got home at 5. Stopped to see Gerald's house. Doris came up and washed in evening.
- 6/1/70 Fair, hot. I harrowed all day at Woodward's with springtooth harrow. Gerald finished plowing at Wheeler's. Took trailer up to Wheeler's pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Glenn and Gerald took their dinners, are plowing and harrowing at St. Sprinkled, so put most of clothes on porch. Sent Yankee cookbook back. Clothes dried good on porch, got them in before supper and all but big pink rug before dark.
- 6/2/70 Fair, hot. We both harrowed at Wheeler's, got it all ready to seed. Went over to grain store, got oats and grass seed. They brought down 5200 of fertilizer at we came home. I went out after supper and covered it up with canvas.

- [T] Built fire at 6:30. Put up Glenn's dinner before breakfast. They are working at St. Sprinkled clothes. Sent small package to Evelyn for her birthday and wrote a letter. Cut some stakes on Gerald's for plants. Found Robin's nest with young in spruce tree. Set out 5 dishes of pink begonias and cut off red one. Roasted ribs and got supper on electric stove. Glenn went to Office tonight. Heard Mel speak on TV, says he is running for Governor. Kathy is 16 today.
- 6/3/70 Fair am, ½ inch rain pm. Gerald went out and spread fertilizer. Harry [Franklin] out and seeded a little am. Gerald put seat back on Lucy pm. I took 35 lbs pork over to Richard pm. Sent out ex[emption] blanks to people over 70. Out to Office last night. [T] Built fire at 6:30. Gerald went to St. to help Harry seed at Wheeler's. I set out about 75 small asters, 3 little glads, 4 growing glads, 2 Achiminee and planted Marigold seed in garden. Wrote cards to Vernie and Judy. Rained so Gerald came home about 1. Ironed in pm, 6 sheets, 3 dresses, etc. Glenn took some pork over to Richard in pm. Glenn went to Office. Picked up bunches of grass in garden about ½ hour in eve. Got letters from Edna and Aunt Clara, card from Vernie.
- 6/4/70 Fair, cooler. Gerald went out and finished seeding and rolled piece. He brought H home. We took Lucy out to Garage and brought plows home. Took Ferg and trailer down to Woodward's. I put up electric fence by road beyond orchard, moved a lawn, dug holes for tomatoes, raked over flower gardens.
- [T] No entry
- 6/5/70 Fair. Gerald went out to Franklin's and got a tractor with shovel on it. He drew shit over beyond Baldwin tree. He went about 4 pm and got Lucy, new points and brakes fixed. I went out about 2 pm and waited for Old Fox truck to come with fertilizer, got there about 4 pm. Harrowed piece over with smoothing harrow. *[Sounds as if the truck could spread the fertilizer itself – yup, liquid; see Mas's entry.]* Planted a few more shell beans and another row of peas. Cleaned out calf pen. Thed set out a few tomato plants today.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Gerald went and got one of Harry F.'s tractors to load manure with. I set out half of tomatoes, 19, this forenoon. Glenn went out to St. about 2 to harrow in the liquid phosphate truck brot from Lyndonville. Gerald went to Garage and got Lucy. I set out 17 geraniums, 28 petunias and 2 begonias at end of house. Mended a little in evening.
- 6/6/70 Fair am, rain some pm. George planted corn for me at Woodward's today. I got piece most rolled and it rained hard. Didn't rain much here. Gerald and Harry got 45 load shit today. Old horse spreader went to pieces and Gerald went out to Franklin's and got a spreader. I sprouted some taters. Gene and Carol mowed over to Cemet. am, and mowed my lawn pm.
- [T] Built fire at 7. Glenn took his dinner and went to St. at 10 to roll corn piece. Gerald and Harry are hauling manure. Gene and Carol are mowing Cemetery and here. In pm. I made mince, aspirin apple and pumpkin pies and ½ rule of ginger snaps, 56. Mrs. Nichols got gal of syrup. Rained hard so Glenn couldn't quite finish, got home about 2:30, sprouted potatoes. Didn't watch TV long, 8 wasn't good at all. Forrest called and said that they would be up tomorrow.
- 6/7/70 [S] Fair. Went up to Don Knapp's pm and got 3 pigs, \$54.00. Art and Judy down, they went down to Gerald's to dinner. Howard and Kathy up to Gerald's today. He took home 2 big plants. Gerald and boys went out and cut 2 trees for Mennen this morn. [T] Built fire about 7:30. Curled my hair before breakfast. Howard and Kathy came about 10:30. Arthur, Judy and Glenn called just a minute. Mary cut his hair today. They all ate at Gerald's and helped on house in pm. Got long side all boarded. Forrest didn't

- come. We went to Coring in pm, bought 3 pigs. Went to St. in eve., Glenn finished rolling corn piece. I stayed at Hazel's. I got cows in.
- 6/8/70 Fair. Put two load shit down on Pug's garden and some more over in field am. Put plows on H. Took Franklin's tractor and spreader home pm and went down and got Ferg and trailer. Gerald plowed some beyond lane. Broke a piece on plow, took it down and had Paige *[Wentworth]* weld it. I plowed Pug's garden pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn put manure on Maurice's garden. They out plows on H and Gerald started to plow for potatoes across lane. Washed and put them all outdoors. Gerald took Harry's tractor and spreader home and then they went to St. and Glenn brot home Fergie, harrows, etc. I set out and covered 126 glads. We had cracker and milk. Finished glads after supper, 97, planted old Marigold and some head lettuce in end of row. Glenn went to Office. I got the cows. Sent order to Sears for lining for Glenn's jacket and girdle.
- 6/9/70 Fair. I went down and harrowed Pug's garden am. Gerald plowed. I went down to Camp Pemi pm and put on a ton of fertilizer. Gerald got stuck with a load of stone with Ferg and broke plow. He went out to Franklin's and got a part off a plow to fix ours. Out to Office last night. Harrowed shit in over next to 4-acre field with smoothing harrow.
[T] Built fire at 7. Glenn harrowed Maurice's garden. Sprinkled clothes. Caught Jennie's Maltese kitten and black one with white feet this noon. Put in a zipper and shortened and hemmed a house dress. Got the cows. We went to Vernie's in evening. She is pretty good. Francis and Guy were there.
- 6/10/70 Fair. We picked stone across the lane am and I harrowed rest of the day. Gerald plowed. We went down to Vernie's last night.
[T] Built fire at 6:45. Gerald is plowing for corn and Glenn harrowed across lane after they picked stone. I weeded in garden for an hour in am. Took out some flare from the black and white checked dress. Got the cows, they went out back of Charlie's *[should let me give her lessons on the correct vocabulary for getting in cows!]* Haven't seen Tige or little Tige for several days. *[Maybe the old man is teaching the son 'the ropes'.]*
- 6/11/70 Fair. We picked stone am. I picked a load of small stone across lane pm, then cut a little over 5 bu. taters. Thunder shower late pm. Gerald finished plowing pm and picked 2 load stone. Out to 4th of July meeting last night.
[T] Built fire at 7. Set out rest of tomatoes after breakfast. Gete was in a little while. Wrote short letter to Idella. Had cards form Dorice and Edna. They plowed and picked stone today. Worked on a couple of dresses in pm. Thundered and rained a little around 5. I found 30 4-leaf clovers by porch just by walking along. Glenn and Gerald went to Fire meeting. Maurice is all thru. *[But he apparently rejoined, based on later entries.]* Ironed in eve., 3 dresses and 4 sheets, etc.
- 6/12/70 Fair. Picked a few stone *[no such thing as a FEW stone on our farm!!]* then Gerald harrowed with wheelharrow and I with springtooth am. Gerald picked stone pm. Thed and I went to Bradford, got 16 bags 15-8-12 for corn and 5 bags 10-10-10. Went to Bank, got a haircut. Crossharrowed piece with smoothing harrow. Out to Fire meeting last night. We set up flagpole.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Made bread and curled my hair. Wrote letter to A. Clara and sent card to Ernest Goodwin. Put bread in tins and set in refrigerator and we went to Fairlee with truck. Stopped at Wings, got a watchband for my big watch, \$3.98. Glenn got phosphate.
- 6/13/70 Fair. Planted 5 bu. taters. Harry and Gerald planted corn. Gene mowed lawn. Picked stone on corn piece again. Sowed a few oats across lane. Rolled taters, oats and corn. Loaded harrows and roll on trailer.

- [T] Built fire about 7. Glenn, Gerald and boys planted potatoes, 5 bu., then Gerald and Harry planted part of corn. Made a rhubarb, cherry and apple pie and mixed up four cream cookies. Did milk pails. Gladys, David, and Cathy Currier [must be one of Alice and Norman's kids] called. Baked cookies. Gene mowed lawn, Arthur and Judy came at 5:30 and went to Alumni Banquet. Doris has Glenn. Bud, Pat, Edna, Joe and Glenn played at Thetford Academy tonight. Wiped up, living and bathroom floors. Ray, Millie and Cathy here. Washed kitchen floor after. Took bath.
- 6/14/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Elmer, Forrest and Ed here about 9:15 this morn, stayed until 3:30, got 4 ½ gal. syrup. *[These were the son, grandson and great-grandson of Uncle Horace Pease, lived in Alfred, ME. Ed was about my age.]* Gerald's folks went down to Howard's today. Art and Judy down last night and went to *[OHS Alumni]* Banquet and Dance at Bonnie Oaks. I went to Thetford Hill for dance last night. *[I'm surprised they weren't at the Painted Barn by this time.]*
- [T] Built fires about 6:45. Elmer, Forrest and Ed came about 9:15. Took two pictures. Arthur and Judy left about 10:30. Had dinner about 12:45, roast beef, carrots, onions. Forrest started home about 3. Got the cows tonight. Made out guest list for Millie for Gladys and David Golden Wedding. Went to see cattle at Gratz'. Stopped at Maurice's a while. Frost nipped my Achiminee on back porch but nothing else.
- 6/15/70 Fair. Gerald went down to Greg's *[Gregoire, W. Rumney]* and began plowing. I went to Bradford and got some wheels for grain cart. Went down and harrowed pm. Ray and Millie *[Keneson]* here pm.
- [T] Got up early, saw sun rise at 20 of 6. Made 3 doz. choc. cupcakes after breakfast, 2 doz. for Mel's rally and doz. for Pomona. Glenn went to Bradford and Gerald went to W. Rumney to plow. Washed and put clothes outdoors. Glenn went down to harrow pm. Hade cakes most frosted when Ray and Millie came, over 2 hours talking about the party. Got the cows. Pomona at W. Rumney 26 there, Dorice came, home a little past 10.
- 6/16/70 Fair. Gerald went out to Franklin's and got one tractor. He plowed all day and Harry and I harrowed. Kerr McGee brought down 6960 lbs. fertilizer Gerald put that on and I plowed. Down to West Rumney last night to Grange, 26 there. Gene and Lyle put surplus down cellar pm.
- [T] Got up at 5:30. Pulled weeds from 6:30 to 7:30. Glenn, Harry and Gerald took dinners to W. Rumney. Got Harry's tractor. The girls sprouted potatoes. Pulled weeds 9:30 to 11 and 2:15 to 3:30 in pm. Surplus came in pm. Got the cows. Glenn went to Office. I dug up 7 cucumber or squash plants and 2 tomato in pig yard and put them in garden. Went to Eleanor's, Shirley's and Carol's *[Perry]* to sell Community Calendar's.
- 6/17/70 Fair. Gerald went out and got 12 bags of oats and 30 lbs. of grass seed. Harry and I harrowed am. Harry Franklin out about 11 am with seeder. Gerald took M tractor home and went down to Leb. to *[Atty.]* Bob Jones to have deed made out but has to go again next week. Harry Pease rolled, I crossharrowed with smoothing harrow, didn't quite get done. Thed down to Vernie's today. Use of M tractor, \$25. Carol and Janet sprouted taters, \$2.00 a piece *[per girl, not per tater! Even I would have gladly sprouted at \$2 per tater!]* Out to Office last night.
- [T] Built fire about 6:30, got work done. Went with Glenn and Harry to W. Rumney. Made sunshine cake for Vernie in forenoon and frosted it in pm, came out good. We had a good visit. Glenn came for me about 4. Got supper started then got the cows. Glenn and Gerald went to 4th meeting.
- 6/18/70 Rain a little am. Tinkered around am. Went down and finished seeding at Greg's. Harry came down and got seeder, \$15. I brought H and trailer home. Went down to Lester Gove's and got 3 baskets strawberrys 50¢. Got rest of names on Calendar *am [Likely]*

the Community Calendar, where folks bought space for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Sold as a fundraiser, perhaps for Fire Dept.]

[T] No Entry.

6/19/70 Fair. Worked in garden some. Took front wheels off tractors and greased them. Gerald tinkered on Lucy some. Gerald and Harry cul. his stuff and mine here back of house. He cut off horse hoe pole and we had 3 rows of taters here. Walt Horton here to dinner, had shortcake. Put different cable on lawnmower. Took two calves and cow over to Gratz' am. Out to Office last night.

[T] No Entry.

6/20/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry dug up sink drain and cleaned it out and uncovered septic tank am. Gene and Carol mowed in Cemetery. Got some bacon soaking, put ____ in freezer. Got corned beef out of pickle. Gerald took corn blower over and had Tony heat nuts so could get them off. Worked in garden some. Got surplus placed around. Art and Judy down pm. Went down to Gove's and got 6 qts. berrys. Out to Office last night.

[T] No Entry.

6/21/70 [S] Fair. Art down to Gerald's a while am. Got papers ready for surplus, 8 hrs. Art and Judy went home after dinner. Thed got a few wild strawberrys pm. Erman came up and got a gal syrup.

[T] No Entry.

6/22/70 Fair. Gerald got baler, tedder, conditioner and horse-drawn mowing machine out am, took care of harrow and drag. Took chain out of old horse-drawn manure spreader am. Worked on surplus some am. Worked in garden some. Called Tax Commission about Ex. for Elderly. Took Morey's and Aubut's stuff out. Took salt blocks up to Andrews'. Took a salt block down to cattle at St. Went up to Blakes' about mowing machine, nothing. Went up to Stoddard's and bought a mowing machine for Ferg. Had a Newton Pump put on septic tank am, \$20.00

[T] Built fire about 7. Washed and put clothes all outdoors. Glenn and Gerald went to Stoddard's in pm and bought a mower to go on Fergie. Made a big rule of donuts for 4th, had 82. Got in clothes before supper. Called cows and they came. I worked in garden after supper, weeded row of Asters and two rows of onions, 1 ¾ hrs. Set out last Asters, 26. Mended a little and watched TV a while.

6/23/70 Fair. Went up to Stoddard's, got mower put on Ferg, home about 4:30. Hoed a little in garden.

[T] Built fire at 7:15. Glenn and Gerald left at 9:30 to have new mower put on Fergie at Stoddard's. Made bread for the 4th. Wrote letters to Edna and Millie. Had 4 big loaves and 8 small ones. Ironed late pm. They got home at 4:15. Weeded row of beets and carrots 1hr. Arthur and Judy moved down St. today *[in 2nd floor apt. in Fairlee, on south side of Bridge St, just east of RR crossing,, I think,]* came and got my white bureau tonight.

6/24/70 Fair. Gerald went down to Leb and had Bob Jones make out deed. He mowed on Flat pm. Cows broke electric fence up by Spy tree and all in new stock. Done some hoeing. Wheelharrowed corn piece up by Baldwin tree twice. Crows pulled about all of corn. Smoked bacon.

[T] Built fire about 7:15. Made bread for food table. Gerald and Doris went to Lebanon to have deed made out this forenoon. Wrote letter to Francis and Evelyn. Made big sunshine cake about 11:30. Glenn worked in garden some. Gerald mowed on Flat with new mower. Had 5 big loaves and 6 small. Frosted cake, hulled wild strawberries, had over a pint. Hazel and Les here for supper, have been married 32 years. Glenn went to Office and I went to see Dorice with Les and Hazel, home about 9. Glenn had a billfold for Father's Day from Francis and Evelyn.

- 6/25/70 Fair, windy. Gerald finished mowing Flat, then he and Harry planted corn. I went and got some more crow dope and some poison for crows am. They finished planting pm and he conditioned on Flat and rolled corn. Ground 2 scythes. Belt wouldn't stay on, went out and got a new one and it is too short.
[T] Fairlee am. Bread for 4th.
- 6/26/70 Cloudy. We tinkered on grindstone some and put new sections on a bar. Worked in garden some am. Gerald raked around light pole on Flat and Harry tedded right side of road. Got 133 before it rained. Harry and Gene found 5 black birds over on corn piece pm. *[Sounds as if some of the poison worked!]*
[T] Built fire about 7. Made strawberry, strawberry & rhubarb and pineapple pies this forenoon. Made 83 donuts for food table in pm. Arthur, Judy and Glenn out in evening. Howard and Barb brought Kathy up tonight and Barb enlarged my jacket pattern. Glenn went to Office.
- 6/27/70 Rain most all day, 1 ½ inches. Gerald fixed a ladder for himself am. Charles up a little while. Paul and Barbara here am. We went out and got a small load of trunks pm. Copied some Head and Poll taxes. Howard and Barb brought Kathy up last night. She and Thed are making me a jacket. Don's folks came up to Camp pm. Gerald found 6 black birds on corn piece.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Kathy cut out Glenn's jacket and started sewing it. Didn't cook anything but beans. Helped Kathy a little on jacket in pm. They got in some hay from down on the Flat. Glenn put jacket on in evening and it isn't big enough. Made a packaged nut bread in eve. Went to bed about 11.
- 6/28/70 [S] Fair. Howard, Barb and Ricky up about noon. He and Art are helping Gerald. Bob Quack out, he cut rafters. Dickie Downing up and Phil McGovern. They got overlays all on and some rafters.
[T] Got up at 6, took a sponge bath and curled my hair, built fire at 7. We cut new back for Glenn's jacket and Kathy worked on it. Howard, Barb and Richard came about 11:30. Made shortcakes for dinner. Arthur helped Gerald, they had dinner there. Howard helped. We went down for a few minutes. Arthur, Judy and Glenn here for lunch. Barb got jacket most done. Glenn hoed and I pulled weeds about an hour. My feet were cold.
- 6/29/70 Fair. Mowed upper side of road beyond orchard am. Got 287 bales on Flat pm. Hoed squash. Rain a little about 4 pm.
[T] Built fire at 6.45. Glenn mowed part of hay upper side of road. I washed. Sent address labels to Millie. Set out 8 geraniums by kitchen, a few other things at end of house. Glenn hoed and I pulled weeds about an hour before supper. They got rest of hay on Flat. Weeded 2 hrs. in eve. Set out 6 tomatoes from pig yard. Made out list to call for food table.
- 6/30/70 Rain a little all day. Cut up bacon, got out some more bacon. Put up a gal of B syrup. Made about 60 lbs. of [damp] sugar and most 20 lbs. of maple cream. Gerald went down to Ply. pm. McLoud has sold his rake. He washed 2 milk cans and stirred sugar a little. Folks from Indiana and Kentucky each had a qt. of syrup. A woman from Phil. had a gal. pm. Elmer out to see Gerald pm. Larry Ricker out eve.
[T] Built fire about 7. Made bread for 4th. Glenn sliced bacon. We made about 60m lbs. of damp sugar and about 20 lbs. of cream, cleaned up syrup. Sold syrup to people from Indiana, Kentucky and Penna. Had 4 big loaves and 6 small ones. Did some calling tonight for food table.

- 7/1/70 Rain a little. Tinkered around am, done a little grinding. Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Gerald mowed a little beside road then went to Lebanon to get deed for Belt. *[They have sold the old schoolhouse to Duane Belt.]*
[T] Built fire about 7. Mixed up a big batch of donuts after breakfast. 3 ½ cups of milk made 90 donuts. Did dishes and we left for Bradford about 2. Swapped heavy lining for green shirt for Glenn at Sears. Shopped new Super-Duper, got home about 5. Did more calling for the 4th in evening. Glenn and Gerald went to 4th meeting.
- 7/2/70 Rain. Gerald finished mowing side of road below house. Got a new scythe yesterday and ground that and a knife and some of Harry's scythes. Marilyn Chamberlain died am. Out to St. and helped last night.
[T] Built fires about 7. Made bread for us, had 6 medium loaves. Made choc. cake for Janet and 1 layer for us. Millie called about 1. Curled my hair. 16 at Grange.
- 7/3/70 Fair. Puttered around am. Gerald cleaned up roadside pm and set out some cabbage and carrots for me pm. Gene and Carol mowed lawn, pulled weeds and wheeled off stone. David and Gladys over pm. Edna, Mike and Ruth here pm and supper. Out to Grange last night.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Made bread for 4th. Washed two pair of Glenn's pants and a shirt by hand.
- 7/4/70 Cloudy, rain a little pm. Out to St. all day. Had 29 horses weighed in am, 6 teams in 3000 class, 9 in 3300 class, 9 in Free For All at night. Had a big crowd. Thed made \$141.00 on Food Table. Cows all out. Donna, Betty and Richard put them in.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. We left for St. about 9:45. Gete helped me till after 12. Had a lot of food and could have sold more. All but a few jars of pickle, etc., gone by 3. Rained a little easy in pm. Went over to school at 4 to help Grace on supper. Hazel, Eloise and Siltonia helped too. Ate up most everything. Sat in car while Glenn announced last of horse pull. He left for dance about dark and I helped with hot dogs about 2 hrs. Came home with Gerald about 11:30. Little Glenn went to hospital in pm with croup.
- 7/5/70 [S] Fair all day. Went up and fixed fence where cows got out yesterday, most over to Leighton's. Hoed a little in garden. Thed got a few strawberrys. Went over to Warren last night to dance, fair crowd. Home at 1:30.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Didn't have breakfast till past 9. Washed milk things and took care of food table supplies. Had dinner about 1. Went up in pasture looking for birds and berries. Is going to be some blueberries, found a few strawberries in 4-acre field. Went back with a pail and got them. We went to Dot's and Vernie's in eve but they were gone so went to Marjorie'. Arthur, Judy and Glenda were here. Little Glenn is better, can come home tomorrow. *[I had not remembered that we ever had to leave him at the hospital with croup!]*
- 7/6/70 Fair. Gerald and Gene cul. taters in his garden and mine. Went down and got tedder and tedded piece upper side of road. Mowed up here back of house and went around piece this side of Spy tree 5 times. Went down to see Dot F. last night, nobody home, went down to Marjorie's a while. Art and Judy here when we got home. They took Glenn down to Hospital yesterday pm, Croup. Gerald tedded piece again. He conditioned up here back of house. Harry pounded his thumb last night and he went up to Dr. am and he cut under nail.
[T] Built fire about 6:45, started to wash about 9:30. Gerald and Gene cultivated taters and things out here in am. Glenn mowed piece back of house. Washed rug and tacked it down in Arthur's room. Ted Schofield and wife called here in pm. Timmy got the cows. Got \$6 more for the food table. Made tomato soup for supper. Glenn worked at Office tonight.

- 7/7/70 Fair. Ground a scythe for Gerald. Mowed rest of upper side of road. Gene tedded hay am, Gerald condit. it. Harry raked after dinner and I finished mowing. Had 360 bales this side of run. Gerald tedded up back of house. He and Harry hoed taters then he raked up here back of house. Baled 213 bales after supper, boys got it in. Ground scythe and machine knife. Thed got a few Blueberries and a few strawberries pm. Had Vet down yesterday for sick cow, guess it is hardware.
[T] Was up at 5, then didn't get up till 7:30. Roasted beef with vegetables. Wrote letter to Millie. Made biscuit and we had wild strawberries. Pulled weeds 1 ½ hrs. after supper. Mended a little. Went blueberrying up in field, got about a cupfull and a cupfull of strawberries.
- 7/8/70 Fair. Harry took Thed down to Dot's to have her hair fixed this morn. Mowed next to Leighton's am. We got 433 bales hay upper side of road, run and all. Donna and Jeff helped. I went down about 3 pm and got Thed. Don and Elsie took Tim down to Boston today. *[Tim Crosby, youngest of Don and Elsie's kids, had some medical issues, not sure just what. He grew into adulthood, so don't know if they were cured or something he had to live with.]*
[T] Built fire at 6:45 and did usual work. Harry took me to Dot's about 9:30 for a perm. Got done a little past 12. Went up to Vernie's, she had gone to Bradford. Talked with Marjorie, got some lunch. They came at 2:30. Dorice and Gladys Elliot stayed a while. Glenn came about 4. Finished getting hay above orchard. My head and stomach haven't felt very good today. Glenn went to Office. I picked a handfull of blueberries and one of strawberries below garden. Mended a little on machine. Went to bed at 9. Red sun tonight.
- 7/9/70 Fair. Mowed rest of it around rock heap and little corner. Harry raked after dinner. Gerald condit then I baled. Don drove Ferg, Donna and Jeff helped, 459 bales today. Water pump out to milk house quit today.
[T] Built fire at 7. Picked over cupboard in hall. Made a medium blueberry pie and 15 big cupcakes. Glenn mowed more in upper field. Helped Glenn put bed and bureau back in Arthur's room and I got that straightened out in pm. Don, Donna and Jeff helped get in hay, over 400 bales. We had cracker and milk for supper. Glenn and Gerald went to Fire meeting.
- 7/10/70 Fair. Mowed up to Corner of pasture. Gene tedded around rock heap am. Put Art's bed and stuff back in his room after dinner. Gerald finished condit. and Harry raked around rock heap and little corner. 39 bales in Corner, 337 around rock heap. Chapin came out, propeller gone in pump. Gerald hooked his old pump up out in milk house. Don, Donna and Jeff helped get in hay, all in at 4 pm. Tedded piece at night. Tedded around rock heap last night.
[T] Built fire about 7. Pump in milk house don't work so carried some hot water out and did milk things. Glenn mowed some more in am. Chapin came after dinner but can't fix pump till get a part. Gerald rigged up his old one. Don, Donna and Jeff helped get in hay. We went to Fairlee in eve. Glenn got haircut and I got groceries. We came home thru E. Thetford, Lyme and Archertown, lovely riding.
- 7/11/70 Cloudy, showers pm. Mowed run and above ditch next to Leighton's and above stone by spring and side of road by garden. Ray and Millie here to dinner, they went home about 4:30. Don in a while pm. Went out to Fairlee last night, to bank and got a haircut.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Picked up around after breakfast. Made an aspirin apple pie and apricot pie. Ray and Millie came about 10:30. She brot decorations, paper things, etc. *[50th Anniversary for Aunt Gladys and Uncle David later in summer at the farm.]*
They stayed till most 4. Washed kitchen windows both sides and back ones inside before supper. Hazel called about 6:30 and asked us to come out. Washed kitchen floor

- and took a bath. Norma, Herman, Sharon, Jerry and Norma's sister, Barbara and husband and son came. Got home about 11.
- 7/12/70 [S] Fair am, showers pm. Don's folks went home about 12:30. I tedded hay. Perley Yeaton Jr. and wife and kids here pm, took 4 gal and a ½ gal syrup. Went over and salted cattle at Gratz'. Raked up stuff between wall and garden. We went out to Leslie's last night. Herman and Norma, Sharon and Jerry, Frank and Barbara and Frank Jr. down there.
- [T] Built fire about 7. I found the gray kitten dead in the yard this morning. Glenn tedded hay before dinner. Perley Yeaton, his wife and two little girls and her sister came for his and Charlotte's syrup about 1:30. They left about 3. Arthur, Judy and Glenn here a few minutes after lunch. Bob and Nellie came about 7, stayed till about 11.
- 7/13/70 Fair. Mowed rest of it here at home next to spring. Harry raked before dinner. We got 381 bales pm. Gerald and I raked beside road and baled 7 bales. Went up and tedded after supper. Bob and Nellie up last night. They took 2 jars maple cream and 2 loaves bread. Thed got a peanut butter pail full of blueberries pm *[and she probably didn't fill the bottom of the pail with leaves either]*
- [T] Built fire at 6:45. Washed. Glenn mowed piece above spring. Left to go blueberrying at 1:45, got home at 4:15 and had a peanut butter pail full. Not too thick yet but quite a few green ones. *[Certainly not great picking or Ma would have filled that pail in an hour or less!]* Made meat hash for supper and we had blueberries. We got clothes in after supper. Carol went berrying three times, got about two pails full. I pulled weeds about ½ hr.. They got in hay below spring.
- 7/14/70 Fair. Gerald went down to Harold Brown's and got Pete's sprayer and sprayed corn at home. He raked before dinner, we got in 367 bales pm and he went up and baled 191 for Bud. I fixed shovel and ground scythe and got out some more bacon am. Cut up bacon pm. Milk inspector here pm. Hoed a little tonight. Out to Office last night.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Gerald sprayed corn here with Pete's sprayer this forenoon and raked the hay. They got I 367 bales in pm and Gerald baled some for Bud. Glenn cut up bacon in pm. Milk inspector was here in pm but didn't come in house, said move manure pile in 30 days.
- 7/15/70 Cloudy, rain a little pm. Took knives of baler and ground them. Put bacon in smokehouse *[actually a small box 3'x2'x2' down cellar.]* Greased tedder. Gerald and boys unloaded hay pm. They carried surplus down cellar. We went over to mow beside road a Cem. but it rained. Gerald took chains off old spreader out to Franklin's and to see about cultivator. They took it off Mon. I ground 2 scythes. Sawed out a piece of plywood for table in back room.
- [T] Built fire about 7. I got the back room pretty well cleaned up in pm. Turned big table around and Glenn put plywood on bottom shelf. Picked up some on porch too. They went over to mow Cemetery beside road but rain drove them out.
- 7/16/70 Rain some. Put shovel on tractor. Gerald leveled off some sand for Charlie. Thed and I went to Bradford, had dinner at Bill's *[Restaurant]*, then went to Woodsville, stopped at Stoddard's to see about an manure spreader, no one knew anything about it. Went to see Marjorie Whitcomb but she is on vacation. Went to Edna's. Gerald got out 4 load shit. Boys took a load of old stuff over to sugar Camp eve. Milk inspector here yesterday pm. He says get out shit in 30 days, not approved. *[Likely given 30 days to get shitpile spread or wouldn't be approved to ship milk.]*
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. We went to Bradford about 10, did some shopping and had dinner at Bill's, then went to Woodsville. Took Edna and went for a little ride above Wells River. Got home about 5. Gerald got out 4 load of manure in pm.

- 7/17/70 Fair. Gerald drewed shit am. They brought down a second-hand New Idea spreader, \$275.00. Gerald and Harry drewed shit pm. Hydraulic quit on tractor. Gerald went out and got Franklin's tractor with shovel on it. They got 30 load today. Used Franklin's tractor about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Got about an inch of rain tonight. Mabel here to dinner, had 2 jars cream. I worked in garden some. Gene and Carol mowed lawn.
[T] Built fire about 7. Gerald got out manure this forenoon. Stoddard brot down a second-hand spreader this forenoon. Was writing when Mabel came., stayed for dinner. Made bread today. Hydraulic quit on H, so went and got Harry's. Gerald and Harry got out manure in pm, 30 load today. Glenn worked in the garden some. Gene and Carol mowed lawn.
- 7/18/70 Showers pm. They put chains on Franklin's tractor am., that quit am, gas line plugged, used our tractor for a few load. Gerald cleaned gas line after dinner. They got 45 load today. I finished mowing beside road over to Cemet., raked it up and brought it home. Took a salt block over to cattle at Gratz', Worked in garden some, split a little wood. Pumped out wastewater pipe in barn. Rain hard after dinner. They brought down 288 gal gas and 2 cases oil pm.
[T] Got up about 6. Cleaned out around reservoir *[on end of kitchen wood stove]* and under oven. Made a small lemon pie and smaller custard. Washed milk things. Glenn finished mowing beside road at Cemetery. The gas truck came today.
- 7/19/70 [S] Fair. Finished up chores, got papers ready for surplus and got rid of most of it pm. Art had truck last night to go down to Wentworth to get a refrigerator to use rest of summer. He brought truck home this morn.
[T] Built fire about 7:45. We had tripe for dinner. I picked over some papers. Glenn gave out surplus pm. I went over around pasture, got a good handful of blueberries. We went over to Gladys in evening, but they were gone so went down Buffalo Road to Vernie's. Francis, Betty and Wes were there.
- 7/20/70 Cloudy, looked like rain all day. Gerald and Harry got out 56 load of shit today. I picked up a trailer-load of stone out around shit heap and drewed them off am. Ground a machine knife and scythe pm and tinkered around. Chapin brought back pump out in milk house, It works all right. Went over to David's last night. They were gone so went down to Vernie's a while. Francis, Wes and Betty there.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Started to wash about 9:30. Put all but sheets outdoors. Harry and Gerald got out 56 load manure today. We moved things out of living room and picked up around and got ready for Pomona tonight. Only had 14, bag lunch. All gone a little past 10.
- 7/21/70 Fair, cloudy. They finished shit heap today, 30 loads. 165 loads in all. Apron broke on spreader that I got of Stoddard am. Used Franklin's tractor 14 hours. Helen, Vern, Bev and Todd here about 10 until 4 pm. They brought over 63 horn pout all dressed, had them for dinner. Gene and Carol mowed Cemet., 3 hrs. Mertie Davis died last night.
[T] Built fire about 7. Gerald and Harry are getting out manure. They finished manure pile in pm, 165 load on manure in pile. Hadn't got dishes done at 10 when Helen, Vernon, Beverly and Todd came. Brot 68 Horned Pout all ready to cook. Made a blueberry dumpling. They left about 3. Gardner and Jeanette were up in evening.
- 7/22/70 Fair, nice day. Mowed field done here in front of house, Leighton gave it to me Sat. night. Gerald trimmed and condit. it am. Gerald took Franklin's tractor back home. Boys cul. corn and taters pm with Bob. Harry and Gerald horse-hoed taters. Gerald put up electric fence this side of taters.
[T] Built fire past 7. Glenn mowed in front of house. Gerald took Harry's tractor back. Wrote to Francis. Broiled steak for dinner. Sewed pieces in sides of Glenn's plaid shirt

- and worked on a dress. Grace came out and we planned Grange supper. Harry and Gene cultivated corn in pm. Sewed a little.
- 7/23/70 Fair. Gerald went out to St. am. He mowed back of Fire House and Herb Lawrence's. Harry raked he in front of house am and I helped him rake around outside. Baled 163 bales and boys and Carol got it in. I took baler and Condit. out and we went over hay at Fire House and some at Lawrence's. Gerald went down to Britton's and got some plywood, roofing and some lumber he had 4-sided.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Did dishes, picked about 1 ½ pails of peas. Gerald has gone to St. to mow. Harry raked front of house before dinner. Got about quart of raspberries on rock heap after dinner. Harry, Gene and Carol got in hay. Glenn took baler and conditioner to St. about 2. Shelled peas, had 3 qts., had 1 ½ qts. for supper. Glenn went to Office. Bob is helping Gerald so Harry milked. I picked rest of peas, a good pailfull. Weeded parsnips. Pigs got out, Gerald put them back.
- 7/24/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry took rake and went out to St. am. I ground scythe, smoked bacon, hoed squash, put some oil in Lucy and some brake fluid. Got ropes ready. Finished putting stuff in blotter books last night. Carol, Gene and I went out with Lucy after dinner. Got 207 bales of hay at Fire House and 198 on Lawrence's. They loaded up truck. He mowed on Wheeler's and Harry condit some of it.
[T] Built fire about 7. Millie called this forenoon. Made a big raspberry pie for dinner. Made sour cream cookies. Shelled peas I picked last night (except 2 lbs. Gardner had), 2 qts. Froze them. We went to Bradford in evening.
- 7/25/70 Fair. We got 2 load before dinner and 2 load pm. Got all of it except in back of barn at Wheeler's today.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Fixed beans before breakfast. Made a bowl of cheese, fixed oleo, made sunshine cake, did milk things. Glenn, Gene and Carol went after hay in pm. I frosted cake and made 37 donuts. Arthur, Judy and Glenn called on way to Howard's. Jess Woodward gave me \$5 for a pot of beans and 4 cucumbers. We left for Woodsville about 7:15, got Edna and down and got Vernie, home about 9:30.
- 7/26/70 [S] Fair, hot. Helped Thed pick a few peas, had about 2 bu. She picked some before breakfast. Had 3 qts for dinner. Went up and got Edna and down and got Vernie last night. Went down to look at Gerald's house about 3:30, then went to Bristol, Danbury, Enfield, had supper at Riverside. Edna paid for supper. Stopped to see Bob and Peg Young a while *[in Lyme.]* Home a little after ten. Jess Woodward brought us out 4 cukes last night.
[T] Got up at 6, went out to pick peas before 6:30, got most ½ bu. by 7:15, no one up. Built fire and picked a few more before I got breakfast. Glenn and I finished them after. Had about 2 bu., 10 ½ qts. after shelled and Hazel had 3 lbs. 3 qts. for dinner. We left about 3:45, looked at Gerald's house, then went thru Bristol, up to Riverside. Edna took us to supper. Stopped to see Bob and Peg Young on way home. Got home about 10:30. Made 4 ½ bread today, baked beans in electric stove pm
- 7/27/70 Fair, hot. Gerald went up to Haverhill with a load of bolt wood but they didn't want it. He mowed out to Carole Lavoie's. Harry and I went out pm and raked up back of barn at Wheeler's and baled 18 bales. Then Harry condit. some at Carole's.
[T] Built fire about 7. Vernie and Edna did dishes and picked over beans. I washed, put colored ones on porch. Carol made 8 posters for supper. Gerald and Harry went to St. to hay in am, Glenn, Gene and Carol in pm., got 2 loads, rained a little. Arthur, Judy and Glenn had lunch with us. We took Vernie home in eve. Called at Marjorie's. Vernie gave us some string beans Francis gave her.
- 7/28/70 Fair, hot. Gerald and Harry went out am. Harry took my car out to Garage. Grease and oil OK, plugs and filters, tune-up, \$29.00. We went out pm and Gerald had 116 bales all

ready. They loaded up both rigs and came home with truck, I raked around outside and baled 12 more. Baled 406 at Carole's today. Thunder here about 3:30, began to rain this end of Mt. when I came home and rained hard down the hill. Had to change my clothes. They got all but 24 bales on the 2nd load, didn't rain out there. Took Vernie home last night.

7/29/70 [T] Built fire about 7:15. Edna made a banana cream pie and fixed string beans. I got 12 new beets. Carol made 3 more posters. Gerald and Harry went to St. to hay. Edna and I picked over some Soldier beans. Glenn, Gene and Carol went after hay in pm. I had a nap and sewed a little. Thunder shower around 4. Glenn got soaked coming home with hay. Didn't rain at St. so got about all the hay. Glenn went to Office. I sewed a little. Fair, cloudy, hot. They unloaded 2 load of hay am and we put pigs out in orchard. Took load of shit up in field. *[I think they began to park the spreader under the end of the walkway to the manure pile, so wheelbarrow loads could just be dumped into spreader.]* Thed picked a bu. of peas am. Went up to Dr. pm and took Edna home. Gerald took out 10 trunks and brought home the 24 bales hay, then worked down home. [T] Got up at 6 and picked about ½ bu. peas before breakfast, about ½ bu. later. Had some for dinner, gave Edna some and cooked the rest ready to freeze. Glenn went to Dr. in pm, had to wait. Edna and I stayed in car, was hot. Took her home, shopped at A&P, got home about 5. Glenn took me up to Gould place about 6 and I got a pail and a half of blueberries, he helped me fill second pail when he came for me. *[Don't remember where that blueberry patch was.]* Froze some, also peas. Arthur and Judy here a few minutes.

7/30/70 Fair, hot, thunder shower at 3:45. Gerald went out with truck and Harry with Lucy am. Gerald finished mowing at Carole's and Harry condit. what he mowed the other day and today. I worked in garden some. Went out to see Duncan about his bulk bin but Agway bought it before Elmer told me about it. Went out pm and baled 121 bales at Carole's. We took up some fence out back of Carole's. It began to rain just this side of Schwarz's and rained like hell all the rest of the way home, got soaked, 4/10 inch rain. Thed picked 2 cukes today.

[T] Built fire about 6:45. Gerald and Harry went to St. with truck and Lucy. Gerald finished mowing. I washed Glenn's clothes he got soaked on Tues. this am. Did most of ironing before breakfast, finished after. Sewed a little in pm. Glenn got *soaked [they need to keep an umbrella with Lucy!]* on coming home with hay in pm, rained harder from Schwarz than it did here. I picked 2 cukes today.

7/31/70 Fair. Gerald fixed Art's bedroom door. We jacked up corner of back room 1 ½ inches and cut some off of screen door am. We went out to Carole's pm and got rest of hay, 156 today, 680 in all at Carole's. Took down some more fence up at top of hill. Thed picked a bu. of string beans pm and most 2 qts raspberries up on rock heap. I picked 29 cukes am, gave Gerald 20 of them. Kids got about ¾ bu. of peas last night. [T] Built fire about 7. Gerald cut a little off bottom of Arthur's bedroom door and put in a new door sill outside back room. Wrote long letter to Flora *[Lowd Bauer]* and notes to Theda and Alice F. Glenn, Gerald, Harry and Gene got rest of hay at St. in pm. I picked a bu. of string bean and about 2 qts. of raspberries on rock heap. Fixed beans after supper, canned 14 qts. Gardner, Jeanette, Gladys, David, Arthur, Judy and Glenn here in evening. Glenn picked 29 cukes today.

8/1/70 Cloudy, shower early morn and after dinner. We went out and got rake am. Had a flat tire on the H, left it at Garage. Put load of hay in barn floor. Went out pm and cleaned up some bushes at Carole's and brought H, baler and condit. home. Gerald brought Ferg home on truck. Harry helped pm. Ray, Millie and Kathy Currier *[perhaps Norman and*

Alice's daughter] here to dinner. Gardner and Jeanette up last night, David and Gladys over, Art and Judy out. Thed canned 18 qts beans last night and 9 this morn.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Made bread. Changed bed and did milk things. Glenn and Gerald went to St. and got rake am. Ray, Millie and Cathy brot more things for party, here for dinner and till after 3. Finished canning string beans am, 9 pts. makes 18 ½ qts out of a bushel. Glenn, Gerald and Harry cut a few bushes at St., brot home Fergie, H, baler and conditioner. Got about a qt of blackberries on wall up by Spy tree in eve. Made a pie and raspberry turnover. Glenn went to dance at Drochester. Took bath and went to bed about 12.

8/2/70

[S] Fair, shower about 1:30 for half an hour. Harry milked this morn. Gerald, Doris and Sheryl took Janet down to Marilyn's for 2 or 3 weeks. Richard and Elsie Downing here a couple of hours. Walt Horton here just as we got done dinner. Ray and Millie here a while pm. Herbie Wright's wife and kid here pm. Gerald got back in time to milk tonight. Went over to Dorchester to dance last night, fair crowd. Rain hard coming home.

[T] Built fire about 7:30, had been up about an hour. Harry milked. Gerald, Doris and Sheryl have gone to take Janet to Marilyn's for a few weeks. Richard and Elsie Downing were up before dinner. Ray & Millie, Herbie & Beverly Wright after. Picked currants after lunch. Glenn helped finish them, got about __ qts. Gerald gave us 18 ears of corn he brot home. Had quite a hard shower about 1:30. Walt Horton brot Glenn a big ball of rope he made out of baler twine.

8/3/70

Fair, shower a little after dinner. We made a bunk and fixed up little trailer to feed green oats in am. Gerald took old mare *[This is Kit.]* down to East Thetford to auction pm, brought Champ home *[Sam must have brought Champ up to the auction to transfer to Gerald.]* I took up part of back porch floor pm. Thed got most a pail of raspberries down to Gerald's and 2/3 of a pail up on rock heap pm. Gerald brought back 18 ears of corn yesterday. Dave Weeks picked some string beans yesterday. Walt Horton brought me a roll of rope made out of baler twine.

[T] Built fire at 6:45. Glenn and Gerald made a bunk and put boards on little trailer to feed green feed in. Washed and put them all outdoors. Went down to Gerald's at 2 and picked almost a pint of raspberries. Then I got about a quart on rock heap. Glenn is tearing up the back piazza floor, front end of boards all rotten. Gerald took Kit down to East Thetford auction this pm. Glenn went to Office tonight. I froze a pt. of big raspberries and cooked rest with currants for jelly.

8/4/70

Fair. Gerald went to Concord am to see about water pollution before he can sell house. Worked on porch floor, put in 19 feet of new sill on front side and 2 short cross sills under floor timbers. Changed ends of floor boards and sawed some of them off. Gerald helped me after he got back pm. Pete brought down some green oats last night and tonight. Gerald traded cars today, got a 1968 4-door car. Nutter's folks picked some beans and Alton and Shirley picked some tonight. *[Apparently a good crop of string beans this year, as Ma had already canned at least 27 qts. and several neighbors picked some.]*

[T] Built fire about 7. Set out four rooted begonia slips. Moved plants all off porch. Cooked currants. Made biscuit and two big ones and we had raspberry shortcake. Gerald had to go to Concord to see about sewage disposal at old house. He helped Glenn on porch after 2. Roger Jesseman was down and Gerald traded for '68 white Chevy he has been using. Made 2 rccipes of rasp and currant jelly in pm. Did calling for supper. Shirley and Alton picked string beans and two boys some for Evelyn. Mended a little.

- 8/5/70 Fair. Gerald went down and mowed some at Greg's [*Ray/Gregoire place in West Rumney*] am, some by oat piece and some back of barn. He helped me on porch when he got home about 2 pm. He greased up baler. I ground a scythe and one side of machine knife. Old mare brought \$135.00, I got \$121.50. Carol and Gene mowed lawn tonight. I done some trimming and washed mowers. Thed picked peas, about 4 qts when shelled. Picked a bucket full of cukes last night.
[T] Built fire at 7. Gerald went to W. Rumney to mow, and Glenn worked on porch. I picked a pail of peas before dinner. Got another pail full after dinner. Shelled out most 4 qts. Had 1 1/2 qts. for supper and 4 small new potatoes, . Froze 2 qts. peas. Carol and Gene mowed lawn and Glenn I trimmed around house, then I trimmed tomatoes and pulled a pail of weeds. Then finished picking over soldier beans, about 4 qts.
- 8/6/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald went down and mowed between oat piece and new stock. Harry went down with car about 10:30 and raked. Gene, Carol and I went down after dinner, got 200 bales.
[T] Built fire at 6:45. Gerald went to W. Rumney to mow. Harry and Gene cultivated their garden, then Harry went with car. I ironed a little before breakfast. Wrote letter to Edna and Arthur and Bunnie. Glenn went with Lucy and trailer before 1. Finished ironing in pm and put buttons on Glenn's new brown shirt I let out. They got 2 small load of hay. Made 1/2 loaf sandwiches and took cukes to Grange. 14 there.
- 8/7/70 Fair, hot. Gerald finished piece and went around new stock 6 times and mowed left side of road. Harry took H and baler down and raked before dinner. Gene and I went down pm, put 100 bales in Greg's barn and brought home 255. Jim, Barry and Rudy helped 2 hrs.
[T] Built fire about 7. Picked over soldier beans to bake for Grange supper. Gerald went to W. Rumney with truck and Harry with baler. Glenn and Gene went after dinner, came home with 255 bales.
- 8/8/70 Fair, hot. Went down and got 2 small load am and 2 pm, 398 in all. Rudy raked left side of road and he and Barry helped load pm. Ray brought Millie up today to stay a week. Went out to St. to Grange supper, made \$47.46. Britton lumber brought me some 1 1/8 in. boards for porch floor, \$13.20 for 14 of them. Judy out and picked a few string beans. Jim had Ferg to mow some.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Grange supper.
- 8/9/70 [S] Fair, hot. Put a few boards on floor. Went down pm and baled 332 bales for Jim. They got the rest of it mowed. Thed and Millie stayed with Vernie.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Millie and I did work together. Had dinner about 1. Then we went to Vernie's when Glenn went down to bale hay for Vern. Got home about 6.
- 8/10/70 Fair am, rain a little here pm. Rained hard down in Wentworth woods and down as fare as George Ray's. Went down and baled rest of Jim's hay, 314 bales, nice down there. Gerald mowed some down to Greg's am. He finished up porch floor then worked down home.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Millie did dishes and I washed. Gerald went down to W. Rumney to mow. Glenn, Harry and Gene went in pm, brot back load. Just puttered around in pm. Got most a quart of raspberries on rock heap after supper. Millie put stain on new cupboard door. Went to bed about 9:30. Glenn got haircut in pm. Mona Dennis gave him some corn.
- 8/11/70 Cloudy. We took 2 cows down to Gerald's this morn and went over to Gratz' and got Barbara Hook [*as opposed to Barbara Pease or Barbara Tullar*] Gerald went down to mow some but it didn't look good down there, rained down there last night. Made some steps at end of porch. Got a long flat stone down in pasture and put in for a step in front of porch. Millie cleaned up shed and washed windows today. Gerald and Doris went to

- Plymouth to Bank and met Belt's folks pm and fixed up papers for the house. Dug 3 hills of taters, 7 small ones in all three hills.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Got in some wood before breakfast. Washed living room curtains and Millie washed living room and front bedroom windows both sides in am. Glenn and Gerald put long stone slab for step at side of back porch and Glenn made steps at end. Roasted ribs for dinner. Millie washed sink windows both sides, bath and pantry floors and swept shed. Gerald and Belt met at Plymouth and signed deed in pm. Weeded from 6-7:30. My throat has been a little scratchy all day.
- 8/12/70 Fair. Gerald went out to Bank and down to Britton's am. I cleaned out all of water bowls. Mowed a little back of house. Cleaned up this end of stable for whitewash. We went out pm and got a load of oats. Put sharp knives on corn blower and Gerald made a 2 ft length of pipe for corn blower *[must be going to put some of the oats into a silo.]*
[T] Built fire about 7. Washed living room curtains, took off living room and kitchen screens and Millie washed the windows on both sides.
- 8/13/70 Gerald went down am and finished mowing at Greg's. Harry went down and raked it. They came home with load on truck. Carol and I loaded trailer, had 310 bales *[must have been total on truck and trailer.]* Gerald brought Ferg. Home am.
[T] Built fire about 7. Grace W. called about 8 and asked me to go to Plymouth, so did. Got a pr. of blue canvas shoes and white ones. Got home at 11. They got hay in pm. Laid down a while in pm. Millie washed bathroom and pantry floor and cleaned up the stove. Weeded about 40 minutes in garden after supper. Glenn, Gerald and Bud went to fire meeting with Gardner. Mended a shirt in evening.
- 8/14/70 Fair. Went down and got rest of hay pm, 210 bales. Harry brought truck up, Gerald Lucy and I brought H and baler home. Got all three stables ready to whitewash am, boys helped. *[Main stable, little stable and calf stable in south end of horse barn. Don't think they whitewashed horse stalls.]*
[T] Cleaned out under and over reservoir and built fire about 7:15. Millie peeled apples and I made pies and Gingersnaps in forenoon. Ruth and Carolyn came about 10 and Norman, Alice and children later. All left before dinner. They all went to W. Rumney in pm and got last of hay and brot everything home. Millie washed kitchen floor in pm. Wrote letter to Edna and Rita in evening. Red sun tonight.
- 8/15/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry went out and got a load of oats am. *[Either at Woodward's on Lower St. or Wheeler's on the Ridge.]* He mowed next to 4-acre field pm and Harry condit. it. Wilfred and Ada [Lowd] here pm. Norman's [Currier] folks here pm and to supper. Ray came up this morn.
[T] Built fire about 7. Got beans baking and washed milk things. My nose runs some today. Rayn came about 9:30. Didn't cook anything today but beans and corn muffins for supper. Alice, Norman and children came in pm., helped Millie some, all here for supper. Millie was decorating porch about 7 when Carl and Pat Jackson and 4 children came here about an hour, went to motel for night. We didn't go to bed till after 11.
- 8/16/70 [S] Fair, hot. They made sandwiches am. Ruth up, Ada, Norman and Alice here am. I tedded next to 4-acre field am. Had about 140 here besides kids pm for David and Gladys' 50th wedding anniversary.
[T] No entry
- 8/17/70 Fair. Just puttered around am. Tedded next to 4-acre field pm. Gerald took up electric fence and put it up by corn in run. We went up and cleaned out strainer [on outlet pipe from spring] am. Picked over 2 bu. cukes this am. Got some sweet corn for dinner. David and Gladys got over \$600.00 in money for 50th.
[T] No entry *[likely pretty busy these two days with the party and aftermath.]*

- 8/18/70 Fair. Thed, Ray, Millie, Wilfred, Ada, David. Gladys and Norman's folks went around mtns. today. We got in 231 bales hay next to 4-acre field pm. John Whitney and Don Davis from S.C.S. spot checking me after dinner. Surplus came pm. Wilfred and Ada went home today. Let cows into upper field today. Out to Ville to Pomona Grange last night, 27 there.
[T] Built fire about 7. Norman called about 9, asked us to go thru mountains. Glenn didn't want to go but Ray, Millie, I, Norman, Alice and children, Gladys and David did. Wilfred and Ada went part way then went home. Saw the bears, stopped at Natureland, had dinner about 3. Went to Tramway and watched cars come and go. Got back about 7:30. I went thru the mountains 50 years ago yesterday with Florence and Dewey Chase and Edith Smith. Gardner and Sam here.
- 8/19/70 Fair. Gerald didn't come up am, Robert Downing drilling a well for him. He mowed rowen right side of road on Flat and this side of Spy tree and a little back side of piece above road beyond orchard. I contit. it. We put Cond. in Garage. Ray and Millie over to David's today.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. I did dishes and Ray and Millie went over to Gladys'. I addressed 4 ½ gals. syrup to Gardner. Soaked clothes before dinner. Gerald mowed rowen on Flat and up in field and Glenn conditioned it this pm. I washed. Ray put up clothesline on porch. They went up to Quintown and Millie and dog fell in brook. Clothes dried good. Marked most of my glads tonight and picked 25 for me. Watched a hummer on glads. Mrs. Nichols had 1 doz glads. Glenn went to Office.
- 8/20/70 Cloudy. Took a dry cow out to Andrews' and got a heifer and went down to George's and got 4 heifers. I went up to Wilson's and got a bu. of taters, \$3.00, am. We took machine off Ferg pm and got blower set up a little silo. Tightened up hoops some.
[T] No entry
- 8/21/70 Fair. Thunder shower in night, 6/10 of an inch. Picked half bu. of cukes, Millie took then home. They left about 10:15. Tightened up more hoops on little silo. Gerald and Harry got 2 load of oats pm and put in little silo. I dug up more than a wheelbarrow-load of pussley [*reddish-purple, ground-hugging, tubular weed*]. Took five doz. glads out to Bev Hodge pm. [*For her farm-stand on upper street in Fairlee.*]
[T] No entry
- 8/22/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry got rest of oats at St., one load am. Harry brough tractor and chopper home. They went down to Greg's pm and got two load. I mowed a little under apple tree out in orchard. Tedded rowen pm.
[T] No entry
- 8/23/70 [S] Rain most all day. Art and Judy here a few minutes am. Got rid of surplus pm. Calvin and Marilyn brought Janet home last night. They went home pm today.
[T] No entry
- 8/24/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry took 4 dry cows down to Harold Brown's am. We went over to Gratz' and got dry cow and took her and 3 from here. Then they got a load of oats. They took Sunset's trunks out pm. Took Nancy's and Aubut's surplus and 4 doz. glads for Bev Dodge. They picked up some 2x6 and old plank at Carole Lavoie's for sawdust shed. Tedded rowen again pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Started to wash about 9:30. They took 4 dry cows down to Harold Brown's. Gerald and Harry are hauling oats from W. Rumney for little silo. Glenn tedded rowen. I got a couple of handfuls of blueberries and aobut a pint of blackberries below spring.
- 8/25/70 Fair. They got 2 load of oats am. Drawed jury last night, got Gerald's name for Grand Jury at Woodsville Sept. 10. Harry raked rowen pm. Gerald and I took down sawdust

shed, then I bale 136 bales rowed and they got it in. Piled it out to walk in horse barn. I picked some corn am and husked it. Thed canned 16 pts.

[T] Built fire at 6:45. Made a small blackberry pie. Glenn picked and husked $\frac{3}{4}$ bu. fo corn, got most of it silked before dinner. Wrote card to Barb. Gerald and Harry got 2 loads of oats for silo in am. Boiled vinegar for pickles. Went down to dump, got a few things. They got rowen on Flat and up in field. Last of haying, about 6,300 bales in all. I canned 16 pts. of corn pm and eve. Picked a pan of ripe tomatoes. Marked more glads. Fair, hot pm. Harry and Gerald took old sawdust shed out to dump [*wonder why they didn't take it over for sugar wood?*] and went up to old Bean place and got some old timbers for sills for sawdust shed am [*Perhaps this was the Moses and Esther Randall Bean place on the road to Quinttown, now Baker Road. From Harry, 3/3/25: "Yes, that's the Bean place we got timbers from. I remember because we got into a hornet's nest and we both got stung several times, me behind the ear once, that's the worst sting I ever got. We also looked around the old Hayes Marshall barn, but I don't remember if we got any there or not. I think Mel owned the Marshall place at the time."*] Gave the bull a load of string beans [*wonder if they cooked them with salt pork and put cream on them?*] Thed and I went to Bradford and up to Edna's for supper. They took H down to Greg's and brought Pete's tractor home, then they got a load on out truck and a load for Pete and Gerald chopped a pickup load for Richard Downing. [*From Harry, 3/3/25: "Dad and I chopped quite a bit of green feed down at Gregoires (sp?) in West Rumney. We used Pete Thomson's flail chopper and his truck and Grandpas's truck. We would take Pete a load each time for the use of his equipment. Dad chopped and I drove truck. I drove Pete's truck and Dad drove Grandpa's. One load coming home the brakes didn't work on Pete's truck. I had to down shift to slow down, and coasted to a stop in back of the house here. I was pretty nervous coming through Wentworth Woods. NH DOT had half the road dug up down around icicle rock putting in a new culvert and were stopping traffic. Luckily when I came through they were letting traffic through on my side so I didn't have to try to stop. Turned out it was out of brake fluid. We were chopping oats and grass on the piece where we had corn the year before."*]

[T] Built fire about 7. Gerald and Harry are drawing oats for silo. Got a load for Pete. Wrote card to Barbara. Did part of ironing. We left for Woodsville about 1:15. Stopped at Fairlee and Bradford, got to Edna's about 3:30. We all went to A&P in Wells River. Dorice and I did dishes and we visited till about 8:15. Lightened all the way home, had hard thunder shower at 10:30. My big geranium was partly tipped over, got wet tying it up. Went to bed about 11:30.

Fair. Thunder shower about 10:30 last night, $\frac{3}{10}$ inch of rain. They got a load of oats for us, one for Pete and one for Richard. I washed windows for young cattle stable and put them back in. We got sills ready for sawdust shed pm. I went and got some spikes pm. David here a little while pm. Went over to Gratz' after supper and put in 5 stakes and fixed wire. Picked corn and husked some to freeze am. White heifer had a bull calf am.

[T] Built fire about 7. Fixed a gal of vinegar and made more pickles for Howard. Glenn picked and husked some corn for me to freeze. I froze 14 pts. corn. Sold a doz. glads. Got a letter from June [*nee Fraser*] Patterson in Canada. Gladys and David were over a while in late pm.

Fair. Rain a little in late pm. Ruthie had a bull calf last night. Gerald and Harry got a load of oats and load for Richard. We got sills and corner posts and two pieces of plate on sawdust shed.

[T] Built fire at 7. Gerald and Harry got a load of oats in am. Finished ironing. Made $1\frac{1}{2}$ of cream cake and $1\frac{1}{2}$ of chocolate, put most of each in aluminum pan to take to

- sugar meeting, made boiled choc. frosting for it. They worked on sawdust shed in pm. Rained hard supper time. Arthur was out a few minutes in evening. Sold a doz. glads and a doz. asters tonight. Washed and curled my hair in late pm. Canned my "company pickle." Got No. 2 of Nature Encyclopedia.
- 8/29/70 Fair. Gerald and Harry got oats for Pete and Richard am, then he started shingling down home. Thed and I went down to Townsend's to sugar meeting. Stopped at Maxfield's and got sharp knives for chopper, \$11.00. Got a Hot Shot battery. Art got truck and loaded his stuff and brought refrigerator out here eve.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Did usual work and we started for Lebanon about 10:15. Had summer sugar meeting at Bruce Townsend's. Had beans, casseroles, rolls, pickles, corn, cake, coffee and punch for dinner. Meeting at 2. We left about 4, got home about 6. Had lunch. My colored pictures of the party came today. Watched TV a while.
- 8/30/70 [S] Fair. Harry took truck out to St. and he and Gene went with Art to take stuff up to Lancaster. Julie has mastitis this morn. Vet down about noon. He says Bob has thrush. *[This must be what he had: "Thrush in a horse's hoof is a **fungus infection** of your horse's hoof or hooves. There is often a stinky, rotten smell when you pick out your horse's feet."* Wikipedia] Boys got back about 1 pm. Took Evelyn's, Myrtle's May's and Gete's Calendars to them pm. Gerald is shingling today.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Picked glads for Eleanor for church and some for me. Picked a big panful of ripe tomatoes. Vet was here over an hour around noon. Julie has mastitis and Bob thrush in one front foot. Walked over to Lucy's, Ibby took me thru the house and barn. They have cut all the trees in front of kitchen and barbary bushes are out. Stopped at Gerald's new house a minute. Mrs. Nichols and Shirley Nutter each had a doz glads. Went up to Pete's, saw the new baby.
- 8/31/70 Fair, windy. Thunder shower in night, 3/10 inch. They got a load of oats for us, Pete and Richard am. Duncan came out and got 2 bull calves, \$50.00. Thed canned tomatoes pm. David and Gladys over pm.
[T] Built fire before 7. Washed but put clothes on porch, the wind blew so. Gerald and Harry got two loads of oats, one for Pete. They worked on sawdust shed in pm. Gladys and David were over in pm. I canned 11 pts. tomatoes, bottom came out of one. Mended some of my socks in eve and watched TV some. Thunder shower 2 am, bright lightning, poured a few minutes, 3/10 inch.
- 9/1/70 Fair. They got oats for us, Pete and Richard am. Tinkered on sawdust shed pm. Went down to August King's and got a belt to run blower with am. Went up to see Leon Chase but he was gone. Thed canned shell beans.
[T] Built fire at 6:30. Picked a pail of shell beans to can. Put on overalls and heavy coat to keep warm *[pick faster!]* Wrote long letter to Francis and Evelyn. Shelled beans in pm. Canned 8 pts. Gerald and Harry got 2 load of oats. Glenn and Gerald worked on sawdust shed in pm. I got a cereal dish of blackberries by spring and picked up some Macintosh. Turned up hem on my new robe in eve. Started another letter to Francis and Evelyn.
- 9/2/70 Fair. They got oats for us, Pete and Richard am. Tinkered on sawdust shed pm. Thed canned shell beans.
[T] Built fire at 7. Fixed butter after breakfast then picked more shell beans and shelled them. Roasted beef for dinner. Gerald and Harry got 2 load of oats. Canned 8 pts. beans in pm. Picked up a wheelbarrow of pieces by sawdust shed. Caught Jennie down in field, she has been down to Gerald's since Sunday with the kittens. Weeded in the beans and onions 1 ½ hrs/ after supper. Isn't quite to cold tonight.

- 9/3/70 Fair am, rain a little pm. Went down to Britton's am and got some steel roofing for sawdust shed. Made up 3 more rafters pm. Washed 8 windows and put them back in pm. Gerald tinkered down home after 2:30. Thed canned shell beans.
[T] No entry.
- 9/4/70 Fair part of am, then rain most of day. They got oats for Pete, Richard and I am. Washed rest of windows and put them in, some in horse barn. Cut out about 20 inches of canvas belt and hitched it back together again with some metal splicing. Painted board that goes under stove. Don and Jeff came up pm. Elsie, Donna and Tim up here about 10 am. 1 8/10 inch of rain last night and today.
[T] No entry.
- 9/5/70 Fair. Got rest of oats, not many for anybody. I brought H and chopper home. Harry and Gerald cut some corn by hand *[around edge of piece so harvester could get around.]* They helped unload some stuff for Don. Irv, Rita and boys here about 10 am. Fixed big trailer to feed corn on. Gerald cut some more corn by hand. 8 load of oats for Pete, 8 load of oats for Richard at Greg's. Put some 16 loads of oats in silo. They brought up rest of steel roofing am.
[T] Got up at 6. Took a bath and fixed beans before breakfast. Glenn, Gerald and Harry went to W. Rumney and got last load of oats. Glenn brought tractor and chopper home. Rita, Irving and boys came about 10:15. I made 2 apple pies. Made apple bars and drop cookies in pm. Rita, Irv, boys and I went down to see Gerald's house in eve., then went over to dance about 9. Glenn and I waltzed once. Irv taped a square dance, came out real good. *[I sent email on 3/8/25 to Hal and Mark about this tape – perhaps they have it!]* Went to bed about 11:30.
- 9/6/70 [S] Fair, cloudy, windy. Sprinkled a little pm. Gerald and boys got a small load of corn and we chopped it for cows, put it on big trailer. *[From Harry, 3/7/25: "I don't remember particulars about this, but here's what I think. Even after we got the big Fox River corn chopper, we still cut some corn around the sides and down the middle of the corn piece by hand and with the old John Deere corn binder. Those stalks had to be chopped. I suspect that feed in the pastures may have been getting short and so that we didn't have to set up the old chopper/blower in the silo we chopped onto the trailer and fed it to the cows and heifers. The big blower we got with the Fox River chopper didn't chop the corn. The 2x4s and 2x6s on the side of the trailer would make a low sideboard to hold the corn on but would allow the cows to reach it. If you put the corn on the ground, they would walk on it and waste a lot of it.]* Irv, Rita and boys left about 2 pm. Went over and looked a wood at dump by Pond. Made \$15.00 apiece at dance last night. Thed, Irv, Rita and boys over to dance a little while last night. Coon in corn in good shape past night. Gerald got one side of roof all shingled. 95 pieces luggage, \$33.25, sent bill.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Rita helped with dishes and vegetables. Had dinner about 12:30. They left about 3. Coon sure fixed farther end of corn last night. I picked about 1 ½ bu. A woman from Wentworth got a doz. glads, makes 19 doz. sold. I read or slept all evening *[what, no mending – slothful!]*
- 9/7/70 Cloudy. Got a load of corn and chopped it for cows. Gerald went down home and he and boys finished shingling, got ridge cap on. Split a little wood, cut a little sweet corn. Picked most a bu. of cukes and 2 big pans of tomatoes. Gave Don Crosby more than ½ bu. of cukes.
[T] Built fire about 7. Washed and put white ones outdoors. They cut a load of corn, then Gerald went home to shingle. Glenn cut some sweet corn and picked ¾ bu. of cukes and big pat of ripe tomatoes. I did too. Made a double recipe of Chili Sauce *[Huh?? I never heard of Ma making chili!!]* Made Gladys a birthday cake and frosted it.

We took it over about 7:30, had some with coffee, got home about 11:30. Gerald and boys got his roof all shingled tonight. Froze 3 pts. Squash. Don stopped on way home at noon.

- 9/8/70 Fair. Went over and put in new stakes for barway by barn at Gratz' Took bunk over to feed corn in. Got a load of corn and chopped it. We put some 2x4 on top of 2x6 on trailer. Gerald took some corn over to cattle at Gratz' am. Out to election pm, home a 11:15 pm. Mel got trimmed. Gerald took steel of barn roof for sawdust shed.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. School began today. Carol started high school and Sheryl first grade. *[So Harry the Senior was on school bus with sister Sheryl a 1st grader. I wonder if he got her in trouble like Irene did with me when we were Senior and 1st grade?]* They fixed fence at Gratz' and cut corn for cows and for cattle at Gratz' I canned Chili Sauce, had 11 jars. Glenn left about 12:30 for Primary. I went out and voted with Gerald and Doris. Picked over a bu. of green tomatoes. Had letter from Evelyn, they got to Guam 8:30 pm Monday, Aug. 29. Mended a little and watched TV.
- 9/9/70 Misty all day. Cleaned up baler and put it out back. Took old hay loader down in pasture *[graveyard for old equipment.]**[From Harry, 3/7/25: "I don't remember ever using the hay loader after we got the first baler, which I think was around 1960.]* Put side rake and tedder under cover, pulled Harvester out and put sharp knives on it. Cow next to barnyard had a calf at supper time. Gerald's windows came today. Myra, Beulla Bowles and a Barton and wife here pm. Thed canned some apple pm.
[T] I was watching election returns when Glenn got home about 11:15. We watched till about 1. Mel and Peterson were tied at one time. Did usual work this forenoon. Glenn and Gerald put up some machinery and took out other. Picked up some apples in pm and canned 9 qts. with aspirin. Myra, Mrs. Bowles and a Mr. and Mrs. Barton called here late pm. We went down to Vernie's a while in evening. Wrote letter to Francis and Evelyn.
- 9/10/70 Misty part of day. Gerald up to Woodsville on Grand Jury today. Thed went up and stayed with Edna. I got a load of corn and chopped. Fixed fence upper side of road beyond orchard. Sold 2 qts syrup and 9 glads. Frank Burnham up for an hour pm. Went down to Vernie's last night.
[T] Built fire at 6:30. Got some vegetables to take to Edna. Gerald is on Grand Jury in Woodsville, we left about 9. Got to Edna's about 10. We had a good visit. Bertha and Harry were in. Gerald came about 4. Picked up his car at Blake's, got home at 5. Glenn sold 9 glads today. Glenn and Gerald went to Fire meeting tonight.
- 9/11/70 Fair. Gerald took corn over for calves, then he cut 12 rows corn and we got a load and chopped for cows. Put up rafters on sawdust shed. Out to fire meeting last night.
[T] Built fire at 7. Gerald cut 12 rows of corn and they chopped a load for cows. They got rafters on sawdust shed today.
- 9/12/70 Fair. Harry helped Gerald get roof and steel on sawdust shed. I pulled most 3 stalks *[stooks]* beans. Art and Judy here pm. Got 2 load corn pm. Gerald took some over to calves. Wilfred Lowd's first wife and husband here at night. Duncan out and got a bull calf am, \$25.00.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Ice on Gerald's windshield, no frost. Cold but no sign of frost on anything. Did usual work. Harry helped Gerald put roof and steel on sawdust shed. Glenn pulled the beans, almost 3 stacks. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came in pm. Arthur helped get corn. Marion ("Lowd") Cook and her husband came at supper time, hadn't seen her for years *[neither of them can bring themselves to write "divorce!"]* Visited in evening. They stayed in their little trailer back of shed. Picked glads and asters and covered up tomatoes and some glads and plants. Ironed in evening.

- 9/13/70 [S] Fair. Wilfred's wife and husband here last night in trailer. They left about 9 am. Art helped Gerald am. Walt Horton called a few minutes am. Cut a little sweet corn by hand, split some wood. Girls filled woodbox.
[T] Built fire about 7. Marion and her husband left about 9. Arthur helped Gerald this forenoon. Judy, Carol, Janet and Karen filled the woodbox. I went for a walk up to Camp and down thru the pasture in pm.
- 9/14/70 Rain a little. Gerald cut 12 rows corn and we got a load and chopped it. He took some over to Gratz'. Gerald went down to Ireland's and got a load of sawdust pm. Surplus came before dinner. I went out to Tax Sale. Everett, Walt and Palifka there. Went over to McLam's, got 2 batteries charged.
[T] Built fire about 7. Washed this forenoon. Left white ones in basket, starched one upstairs and dark ones on porch. Gerald got a load of sawdust this pm. Glenn went to tax sale in pm.
- 9/15/70 Rain a little most all day. Gerald went and got a load of sawdust am. I went out and got a haircut and got a clamp put on to hold muffler up. Got a load of corn pm and chopped it. Put chains on Lucy. Gerald greased up Harvester. He got a bale of binder twine at Merrimack am, \$10.95. *[So, not chopping corn as cut but have to chop as they blow into silo or onto trailer for cattle.]* Went over to Gratz' and fixed top wire on fence by feeder. They brought down 288 gal. gas pm.
[T] Built fire at 6:30. I dug two hills of potatoes. Canned 4 qts of tomatoes. Glenn got a haircut and Gerald got a load of sawdust. Two load don't fill the new shed. Worked on Glenn's red jacket some in pm and evening. Picked up most bu. of St. Lawrence in pm.
- 9/16/70 Rain am, fair pm. We got wet cutting corn this morn. Gerald took a load over to Gratz'. Picked squash, 5 big wash tubs and a swill can full. Went out to Carl Streeter's auction pm., bought Walt's tractor, 2 buckets, wheelharow, plows and mower, \$2,000. *[Must be John Deere, from Walt Mack, I think.]* Sold plows for \$144.00. Bought 2 pitchfork handles, \$1.60 each.
[T] Built fire at 7. Had a hard shower around 9:30. Glenn and Gerald got soaked cutting corn for cows. Finished picking over the '69 cranberry beans. Made meat pie for dinner. We ate about 11:45. Went to Carl Streeter's auction at 12:30, mostly junk. Glenn bought Walter's tractor, plows, harrow and mower but sold the plows. Got home about 4. Put my white clothes upstairs. This am. Glenn and Gerald picked the squash, got washtubs full. Carol and I fixed tomatoes.
- 9/17/70 Fair. Got corn. Gerald took some over to Gratz' He put corner boards on sawdust shed am. Thed and I went to Bank, borrowed \$600 at 7% and took \$1,200.00 out of savings. We went out pm and got stuff at Carl's. Loaded harrow and big bucket, put mower on tractor and I drove it home.
Built fire about 7. They got corn for cows. I wrote to Ada [*'Spose she told her about Marion being at the farm – Ada was Wilfred's 2nd wife, whom he met in New Zealand.*] We went to Fairlee about 10:30, home at noon. Glenn and Gerald went out to Carl's and got tractor, etc. Glenn drove it home. I canned 11 qts. of aspirin apple in pm. Made some sandwiches for Grange, 14 there.
- 9/18/70 Rain all day. Took Walt's tractor up to Stoddard's am. Got to have carb fixed and front tire put on and hind tires loaded. Stopped and had truck greased and oil change. Set up stove in other room. Gerald went back home before 2 pm. Gave cows rowen tonight. Picked a pail of cukes pm.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Jennie's kittens are back here this am. Glenn and Gerald took new tractor up to Stoddard's to be tinkered. Washed and tested a box of pint jars. Wrote to Edna. Mr. Kahn got 10 tomatoes and last doz. glads this am. Makes 20 doz. and 9 I have sold. Rainy so Gerald worked down home. Glenn helped me cover buttons for his

- jacket, have it all done now. They set up living room stove after dinner. Am trying to make a cover for Edna's hassock out of old carpet.
- 9/19/70 Fair. Gerald cut 10 rows corn and we got 2 load. He took some over to calves. Got 2 spreader loads of old silage out of silo. Gerald went back home about 2 pm. I went down and bought Harold Brown's belt, 15 ft long double, \$15.00. Took 30 lbs. salt pork over to Richard. N.Y. heifer had a heifer calf last night. *[Maybe one of Sam's.]*
[T] 9/10 inch rain last night. Built fire before 7. They got corn for cows. Changed my bed and did milk things. Gerald worked down home in pm and Glenn took pork to Richard and bought a belt of Harold Brown. Picked up a pail and a half of St. Lawrence. Washed 2 front room windows outside and storm windows and Gerald put them on. Took end living room screen, washed big window and front kitchen ones. Covered up last glads, 4 tomatoes and some geraniums.
- 9/20/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Got surplus papers ready. Got rid of surplus pm. Hackenson came up and got a gal of syrup. Thed picked a few shell beans am.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. I picked a few shell beans for dinner. Mr. Hackenson got a gal. of syrup. We had dinner before 1. I walked over to Lucy', dug up a few Iris, a Foxglove and 12 small glads. Saw quite a few birds, got home about 4. Picked most a bu. of St. Lawrence. Glenn gave out surplus this pm.
- 9/21/70 Fair. Gerald cut rest of our corn here at home and we got 2 load. Set up blower at silo. Went up to Stoddard's pm and got J. Deere, \$60.05.
[T] Heavy fog, no frost. Built fire about 6:45. Gerald finished cutting the corn here this forenoon. Washed and put clothes outdoors. They went to Stoddard's in pm to get the John Deere. I curled my hair. Got, tomatoes, 5 onions, cukes and 2 squash, some plants and a bunch of Asters to take to Pomona in pm. Made sandwiches after supper. Worked the 5th Degree for Deputy Poor, Dido, Clara and Baker joined, 19 members and 7 visitors. Got letter from Evelyn.
- 9/22/70 Fair, hot. Gerald went down and cut corn for Richard, 4hrs. Broke bolt on bottom that works needles and knife that cuts twine. Thed and I went to Ply, got our glasses adjusted. Got some stuff to wash pails with and 100 lbs. calf meal, \$16.00. Up to East Haverhill to Pomona Grange, 19 own members, 7 visitors, last night.
[T] Built fire about 6:30. After breakfast I dug the onions and pulled weeds where they were, hot, made me sweat. We started for Plymouth about 10:30. Neither Vernie nor Dorice could go. We both got glasses adjusted. Vernie has her new oil living room stove in. Gerald cut corn for Richard today, broke piece that cuts the string. Mended a few stockings and watched TV.
- 9/23/70 Fair. Got a load of corn and Gerald took some over to calves. Got truck ready to haul corn. Simpson here pm, ordered 50 gal. oil and 50 grease cartridge. Arvid here pm, left bill for bridge abutment, \$2200.00. Put pipe on Harvester.
[T] Built fire about 7. Fixed 2 big heads of cauliflower to cook and freeze. Pulled weeds where the peas were an hour this forenoon. Pulled weeds two hours this afternoon, had 3 wheelbarrow load, I took to pigs. Glenn and Gerald got blower set up and truck ready to draw corn. Carol came up after supper and helped me fix ½ bu. of tomatoes. Glenn went to Office. I looked over old papers. Topped onions and put them on porch. Man from Wentworth got last 9 glads.
- 9/24/70 Fair, hot., Took Harvester out to Woodward's am and got 5 rows corn. Got a load of corn for cows. Broke end of roll on back of truck, had to change over and put on other one. Got another load pm, 3 ½ rows. Out to Office last night, figuring taxes.
[T] Built fire about 6:45. Got Piccililli on cooking and made one recipe of Chili Sauce. Glenn and Gerald got first load of corn at St. this forenoon. Had a letter from Edna. Pulled weeds beyond light pole 1 ½ hrs. in pm. Canned chile sauce before supper (about

- 8 ½ pt. jars) and pickle after. Got part of a wheelbarrow of weeds in eve. They got a load of corn in pm.
- 9/25/70 Fair, muggy. Got 3 load corn from Woodward's, took some over to calves. Got 2 load on trailer, chopped one load.
[T] Built fire.
- 9/26/70 Fair. Took salt block out to Andrews'. Chopped a load of corn for cows. Took some over to calves, filled bunker up. Got 1 load corn am, got 2 load corn pm. Boys up in silo then they helped Gerald get a load of loose corn. Went up to Bradford last night, got pills and a 12x18 tarp, \$33.00. Judy and Glenn here a while pm.
[T] Built fire about 6:45.
- 9/27/70 [S] Rain all day. Gerald's folks, Howard, Barb and Kathy here to dinner, boiled dinner. Ray and Millie here pm. She took 22 lbs. meat. Peter Green's pond let go last night on the further side of it. Water all gone. *[From Betty Messer, 3/7/25: "Looking at the drive. going onto the property--it was to the right of that, actually right in front of the house he had built. Peter was so mad, he drove his Jeep out in the middle of the mud and SAT THERE....."]*
[T] Built fire at 7:30. Got hucks and corned beef cooking about 8. Howard, Barbara and Kathy came about 10:30. Frosted Sheryl's cake. Gerald's folks came for dinner. Doris don't feel very good, virus infection Dr. Berry says. Ray and Millie were here a little while in pm. Howard took some of his pickle home. They left about 7. Watched TV a little while.
- 9/28/70 Fair, nice day. Got a load of corn am. Went down to George Colburn's pm to see about a sawrig but they sold it yesterday. Bought pulley for Ferg, \$10.)). George gave me a gal of oil for milking machine. Got a load of corn pm, couldn't get it all in silo. Chopped load for cows that got Sat. Big heifer had a heifer calf pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Picked last of tomatoes and got ½ bu. ready for Mrs. Hook. Washed and put clothes outdoors. They got a load of corn this forenoon. Joe and the black kitten are here now. Mr. Hook got his squash and tomatoes after dinner. They got another load of corn, silo is full for now. I dug up 7 geraniums. Got clothes in, about all dry but pants and towels. Carol came up and sewed up some rips. Glenn picked most ½ bu. of cukes, last of the. Glenn went to Office.
- 9/29/70 Rain a little. Rained hard all night, 1 2/10 inches. Gerald cut rest of sweet corn and we got rest of loose corn and chopped it. Put rest of load in silo. Put little corn chopper in garage.
[T] No entry.
- 9/30/70 Rain some. Got a load of corn am. Took some over to calves. Got a little more than half of it in silo. Gerald worked down home pm. Thed and I went down to Kelton's, over to Super Duper and Riverside for supper, then down to Vernie's. *[Big doin's on their 42nd anniversary!]*
[T] Built fire about 7. Curled my hair. They got a load of corn in forenoon but couldn't get it all in silo. Glenn and I left for White River about 2:15, got some parts at Kelton's, shopped at Super Duper. Had our supper at Riverside and went over and visited Vernie a while. Had ice cream and cookies. Have been married 42 years today.
- 10/1/70 Fair part time, rain some pm. Gerald went down and cut rest of Richard's corn, 5 ½ hrs., 9 ½ hrs. in all. Twine \$7.00, \$54.00 for all of it. I dug 2 bu. taters. Took up fence up by corn piece and brought it down here up back of house. Vet here today over an hour, Barbara cow and Bob horse.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Gerald left about 9 to go cut corn for Richard. Glenn dug some potatoes above garden. I mad banana cupcakes in am. Curled my hair and made brown

sugar frosting for cupcakes. Gerald got Richard's corn all cut. Picked up potatoes after supper, a bu. of white ones and most a bu. of Cowhorns, all small. We worked the 1st Degree for Deputy Merrill, Norman, Grace, Emma and Siltonia went, 14 with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill.

- 10/2/70 Fair. Put some more corn up in silo and Gerald took rest over to calves. Then we went out and got a load. Moved over to other silo and put load in there. Fixed pipe where water bowl broke off pm. Took Thed and Irene out to Grange pm. David and Gladys here about 4:15, stayed for supper. Thed didn't get home till most 6 pm. Gerald hooked up fence up back of house and put horses up there. He cleaned up old binder. [T] Built fire about 7. Got big roaster of beans baking at 9, 4 qts. dry beans too much for roaster. They got a load of corn this am. Glenn took Irene and I out to Grange Hall about 1. Hazel, Eloise, Clara and Grace helped us get things marked for rummage sale. Maurice made another rack. We came home with him about 5:30. Gladys was here, David down to Charles'. They stayed for supper.
- 10/3/70 Rain last night and most all day, 1 2/5 inches. Split some wood, sent notices to mortgagees. We dug some holes for posts for tool shed out back. Thed went out to Rummage Sale with pug pm. They made about \$90.00, Rummage and food sale. Irene sold a settee out to Grange for \$50.00. Art and Judy down last night. He worked for Bud Pushee from 7 am. To 7 pm. *[Likely in the store at Fairlee.]* Gerald worked on tool box for J.D. in am. [T] Woke Arthur up at 6:15 so he could Get Bud's store open by 7. Judy and Glenn went with him. Did usual work, my head don't feel just right. Maurice came for me about 12:45 to help on Rummage sale. They made \$23 on food and we got ____ for rummage. Irene sold a settee for \$50. Had a lot left. Packed it in boxes and Maurice and I swept. Had hard thunder shower 4:30-5:30, poured by spells. Got home at 6:30. Mended Glenn's pants and we watched Lawrence. Made birthday cake for Arthur in eve.
- 10/4/70 [S] Fair. Cut some roofing paper to go over silo doors. Art helped Gerald am. I split wood a while, went down to Gerald's a little while. [T] Built fire about 7. Arthur helped Gerald put in windows this forenoon and they ate down there. I roasted beef for dinner. Glenn slept about an hour here in pm. They went home about 4. Gave Evelyn 3 more geraniums and took up the rest of them and my tuberous begonia and more Asters. Sent vegetables up to Edna. We watched TV a while in eve.
- 10/5/70 Fair. Got 3 load corn today. Took Thed out to Grange Hall, she and Clara washed floors upstairs and down. [T] Mostly cloudy. Picked some Asters tonight. Built fire a 7. Glenn and Gerald went after corn. I washed, put starched things on porch. Took hot water, mop, etc., and went with Glenn at 1. Clara and I mopped upstairs and down at Grange Hall. Norman and Earl are painting outside. They got 2 load of corn in pm, got home before 4. Got in clothes before supper and filled woodbox after. Glenn went to Office. Cows got in field below garage tonight, Gerald, Gene and Janet came up and put them back after dark. Arthur is 24 at 1:15 pm.
- 10/6/70 Fair, warm, frost this morn. Got 3 load corn today, silo most full. Finished figuring taxes last night. Built fire about 7. Did usual work. They got a load of corn this am. Curled my hair in pm. They got 2 load of corn in pm. Made a big loaf of sandwiches after supper for card party. We had 10 tables, got \$5.20 for Clara's cake, \$20.85 in all. Clara was on committee with us.

- 10/7/70 Fair, hot. Got a load of corn am, couldn't get it all in silo. Gerald tinkered on barrel to go on back of J.D. I dug rest of taters up here back of house, he picked them up, about 6 bu. We made \$20.85 at card party last night, 10 tables. Got \$5.20 for Clara's cake.
[T] No entry.
- 10/8/70 Fair. Got rest of load of corn in silo am. Elmer *[probably Taylor]* here about 2 hrs. am. We got a load of corn pm and put up above barnyard and got a load and took over to Elmer's. Thed pulled carrots, about 2 bu. Copied taxes last night. Sold Howard Hall Barbara Tullar, \$200.00, she had mastitis again *[He had the vet for her at least twice, so I guess he decided to cut his losses. There were at least two Barbara's he might have named a cow for – Tullar and Pease.]*
[T] Built fire past 7. Ironed after breakfast for most 2 hrs., had 6 rummage sale dresses. Glenn, Gerald and Elmer visited for 2 hrs. today. They got a load of corn pm. My "salads" books came today *[Grange cookbooks to sell.]* They dumped a load of corn above barnyard and got another and took it to Elmer's in pm. I dug the carrots, had over 3 apple boxes, awful big, I didn't have to wear a sweater but sweat just the same. Mended a little in eve. Glenn went to Fire meeting with Bud.
- 10/9/70 Fair, nice day. Went down on Pond Rd. and got Walt to sign some papers am. Copied taxes a while. Put carrots down cellar, dumped taters [in bin under kitchen.] Gerald took Doris down to Hanover Hospital am for check-up. We got one load corn pm. Took some over to Gratz' and got part of it in silo. Out to Fire meeting with Bud last night.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Gerald had to take Doris to Hanover at 9:30. I peeled apples for sauce on back porch, was just like summer. Went to St. with Glenn and Gerald after a load of corn in pm, walked down to the river, a lot of Blackbirds and a few Redwings. Hot out there. Weeded 1 ½ hrs. beyond the garden. We had crackers and milk for supper.
- 10/10/70 Fair, nice day. Dug taters an hour am and 2 hrs. pm. Harry, Gene, Jim, Bruce and Steve Hook picked them up, 20 bu., 2 rows. Gerald put 10 yards cement in his cellar floor today about 30 sq. ft. Bud Hook and Dickie Downing helped him. Put a little more corn in silo. Art and Judy stayed here last night. They left Glenn down to Gerald's and went to Durham to Homecoming weekend.
[T] Built fire at 6:15. Arthur and Judy left for Durham for "Homecoming" about 7. They left Glenn at Gerald's. Took off little screens and washed sink windows both sides. Glenn dug potatoes for an hour before dinner. Bud and Dickie Downing are helping Gerald and the boys put cement in half of his cellar today. Got 10 yds. of Jay Hill. Washed kitchen floor. Glenn finished 2 rows of potatoes. Harry, Gene, Jim, Bruce and Steve picked them up. Sheryl and I did little ones. About 20 bu. of big ones. Arvid here today to look at chimney. Hazel and Les called.
- 10/11/70 [S] Rain am. Finished copying taxes and took book out to Frances but nobody home. Split a little wood. Art and Judy called pm.
[T] Built fire at 7:30. Took a bath before breakfast. Roasted pork for dinner, made a Johnnycake and choc. pudding. Glenn worked on books. We ate about 15 of 1. Read stories in some old "American Magazines" in pm. We went down to Vernie's in evening. Guy came in. Arthur and Judy called a few minutes and left for home about 3. Filled woodbox after supper.
- 10/12/70 Fair. Got a load of corn am., took some over to calves. Everett over there a while *[probably Blake, working on road.]* Old Fox man here at noon. Gerald took Doris down to Hospital pm, didn't have to stay. Put a little more corn in silo and put rest of it up above barnyard. Dumped taters. J.D. wouldn't run.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. Did some hand washing and then washed. Put most of them out doors. Saw a Raven today. They got a load of corn this morning. Gerald had to take

- Doris to Hanover again at 1:30, \$17 for pills for bladder infection. They unloaded corn late pm. Got most of clothes in before supper, most dry. Made tomato soup for supper. I mended some on some dresses in eve. Glenn worked on books.
- 10/13/70 Cloudy, foggy, misty. Got a load of corn am, put a little in silo, full. Put rest of it up above barnyard and got 2 load pm. Put one above barnyard and took one over to Elmer Taylor. 26 load corn now, 29 rows left. Wes and Francis hung Gerald's inside doors today. Went over to Bank pm.
[T] Built fire at 7:15. They got a load of corn this forenoon. Dug some more weeds farther end of peas rows and dug part of my colored glads, 1 ½ hrs. Went over to Mona's a minute to show her how to fix a corner on a spread she is making. Only had a sweater on part of the time. Worked on some house dresses I am fixing in evening.
- 10/14/70 Fair. Got a load of corn pm. Got George's truck and got 2 heifers and Princess from George's and a cow from Andrews'. Gerald took some corn over to Gratz, filled up, silage cart, put rest up above barnyard. Got a load pm and took over to Elmer. Got George and Walt to sign warrant.
[T] Built fire at 7:20. Finished digging my colored glads this forenoon, about an hr. They got a load of corn and had George's truck to bring Princess, a cow and heifer home this forenoon. Dug part of white glads and topped some in pm, 2 hrs. They got a load of corn in pm and left at Elmer's. Gladys and David called about 6, had been up to Arthur's *[Sunbury.]* Figured up my cookbook money, made out order for Sears for 2 girdles and Glenn a union suit and check for Pomona quarterly dues. Warm enough outdoors without a sweater.
- 10/15/70 Rain most all day. Took blower pipe down from further silo am. Gerald went up to see Pete to see if he wants any corn. Picked up 4 bu. taters. Thed and I went to Bradford pm, got camera, \$19.95 to fix it. Got some hinges for tool box. Posted warrants, ordered 1,000 envelopes for Town. Gerald work down home pm. Peg cow we got out to Andrews' yesterday had a heifer calf am. *[Got her home just in time.]*
[T] Built fire about 7:15. We went to Bradford in pm. Got Glenn's camera, \$19.95 to have it fixed. Gerald worked down home pm. Eloise went to Grange with us.
- 10/16/70 Fair, windy. Got a load of corn am, took some over to Gratz', put rest of it up above barnyard. Got another load pm. Moved blower back to first silo, got about 2/3 of corn in. Put antifreeze in Ferg. Pete don't want any corn and Horton don't want any either.
[T] Built fire at 6:15. Arthur left before 7, will go home tonight after working in the store for Bud Pushee. Picked 3 glads just opening. They got a load of corn in am. Wrote 'Thank You' to Alice Bean and letter to Francis and Evelyn. Finished digging my white glads and topped them and got part of them upstairs and plants all in off the porch, 2 hrs. They got another load of corn in pm. Got a new zipper ready to stitch into Glenn's work pants in eve. Shelled two pans of dried shell beans, went to bed about 11.
- 10/17/70 About an inch of snow this morn. Got some new wheels for grain cart and we put new hind wheels on grain cart. Put new screen on door in little bedroom. Got a little more corn up in silo, filled up silage cart. Broke a piece on unloading rig. Gerald took it down to Paige and got it fixed. Perley and Charlotte Yeaton here a little pm. Cow had a bull calf last night. She had twins last year. Harry used J.D. pm to draw off rocks down to Gerald's.
[T] Glenn built both fires. I got up about 7. Snowed hard for a short time several times so ground was real white. Picked over the beans I shelled. Made an applesauce cake, did milk things. Charlotte and Perley were here about 1 ½ hrs. Made bran muffins for supper. We watched Lawrence. Too sleepy to take a bath.
- 10/18/70 [S] Fair, windy. Went up to Edna's about 10:30, left at 3:40. Helen up there today too. Got a bu. of sweet apples up to Indian Corn mill, \$3.75. When I got home cow that

calved Fri. night had milk fever [*Parturient paresis (milk fever, hypocalcemia, paresis puerperalis, parturient apoplexy)* is a disease of adult dairy cows in which acute hypocalcemia causes acute to peracute, afebrile, flaccid paralysis of that occurs most commonly at or soon after parturition.] Blaisdell down and dr. her, \$16.00. She got up just before he came in. Boys got Gerald's inside door casings painted today.

[T] Built fire at 7:30. I called Edna and we left about 10:30. Helen was there, she left about 3 and we about 3:45. When Glenn went to the barn the cow that had her calf yesterday am was down with milk fever. Called vet, was here over an hour. Glenn got a bu. of sweet apples in Haverhill, \$3.75, for cider sauce.

10/19/70 Fair. Got a load of corn am, took some over to Gratz', put rest of above barnyard. Got a load for Elmer pm. Cleaned up around blower. Gerald got stuck with J.D. on silage, couldn't pull him out with Ferg. Sam here, sold him 4 cows, \$1,200.00. \$250 for Princess but he wants me to milk her for a year. Surplus food came today.

[T] Built fire about 7. Washed and put clothes outdoors. The surplus truck came at noon. They got a load of corn in am and left one at Elmer's in pm. Sam was here tonight. Glenn sold him 4 cows and he bought Princess of Harry but wants Glenn to milk her. Made apple squares pm for Pomona at Rumney. Andy Anderson is Master, 17 there. Eloise went with us, we took her home after.

10/20/70 Fair, nice day. Good frost, ground froze a little. Gerald got Pete's dozer to pull J.D. out of silage. Took unloading rig up to Bud's. Got a load of corn for Bud and unloaded it am. Down to Rumney to Pomona Grange last night. Andy Master, me Asst. Steward, 17 there. Went out and got last of corn about 1/3 load. Took some over to Gratz', put rest in barn floor. Got some stuff off truck. Put little trailer together. Corn all done 33 1/3 loads. Elmer had 4 loads, Bud one load, 7 load up above barnyard, 21 in silo.

[T] Built fire at 7. Gerald got Pete's dozer to pull John Deere out of corn pile then they got a load that Bud had. I pulled the beets and picked up 1 1/2 bu. of Baldwins. Made packaged gingerbread for dinner. They got last of corn, about 1/2 load. Gerald brought the H and chopper home and got part of things off truck. I topped the beets, had 3 apple boxes. Did a little machine mending after supper. Found 4 Dandelion blossoms.

10/21/70 Fair, cloudy. We dug 4 rows taters am, went down on Pond Rd. to see Everett. Got 5 bolts and rings back in truck body. Thed helped Gerald pick up taters, 37 bu. good ones, 2 1/2 small. Thed picked a few sweet apples and a few McIntosh. Gerald tinkered on tool box some more pm.

[T] Built fire about 6:45. Did usual work. Glenn and Gerald dug 4 rows of potatoes this forenoon. I helped Gerald pick them up in pm, 37 bu., 2 1/2 small ones. I picked some of the best sweet apples and about 1/2 bu. of Mac's, all there was.

10/22/70 Rain a little in am. Went down to Harold Brown's and got 4 cows. Richard helped us get them. We brought one up to his place for him. Lawrence Hart here am and got 25 bu. taters, \$50.00. Elmer Taylor paid me for 4 load of corn, \$100.00. Gerald took H down to Kelton's and went to Lebanon and got stuff for his fireplace and chimney pm.

[T] Built fire about 7. Glenn and Gerald went down to Harold Brown's and got 4 cows. Lawrence Hart got 25 bu. of taters off trailer, \$2.50 a bu. Gerald took the H down to White River and got brick and blocks for his fireplace and chimney.

10/23/70 Rain some. Gerald unloaded his chimney stuff am. He took some corn over to calves pm and made a door for sawdust shed pm. Went to Ply. pm, ordered 25 25-lb. bags calf meal at Merrimack, milk replacer. We helped wild one have a heifer calf.

[T] Glenn got up at 5:30 so he built the fire, he has the trots. Just pattered around in am. We started for Plymouth about 1:30. Vernie and Dorice went with us. Glenn ordered calf grain and got his glasses adjusted. I went into Newberrys' and Adams'. Got home about 4:30. I hemmed my house dress in eve. and that is all. Watched TV a while.

- 10/24/70 Cloudy. Gerald and boys helped Richard Downing get 10 head of cattle over to Hanley's and put them down to Harold Brown's am. Gerald went down to Kelton's pm and got H and we put bucket on it. I helped Thed pick Spys pm, about 4 bu. Another heifer had a calf last night but calf can't stand up. I helped Harry get J.D. to running pm. [T] Took a bath before breakfast. Build fire at 7:15. Got beans baking, made bread, did milk things, made little apple dumpling and 8 biscuits. Gerald trucked Richard Downing's young cattle in am and went to White River and got H in pm. Glenn shook off the Spies and I picked them up. About 3 bu. of good ones, and 3 of small ones. Baked bread before supper, had 5 loaves and 9 rolls. Had a letter from Mabel.
- 10/25/70 [S] Fair. Went out to see if Walt Franklin would did ditch up above spring. He can't do it now. Bought a saw of old Aubut, \$20.00. Michael, Mary, Edna, and kids here pm. [T] Cleaned out under oven and built fire about 7. Roasted pork for dinner, we ate about 12:30. Glenn went to see Walter Franklin about doing some dozing. Edna, Michael, Mary and kids came about 2, went home about 5. Watched Tv, went to bed about 10:30. Mary bought a Casserole book.
- 10/26/70 Fair. We dug 4 rows taters, 34 bu. Thed helped pick them up. Wesley and Francis began putting Gerald's siding on today. [T] Built fire at 6:30. Washed and put all clothes outdoors. Glenn and Gerald dug potatoes. A young man stopped and bought a Dessert book. Gerald and I picked up most of the potatoes, 34 bu., 3 small ones. Got in clothes and put all my achimenes down cellar before supper. Looked over old magazines in eve. Glenn went to a meeting about ambulance service at Firehouse tonight. Wesley and Francis started to put siding on Gerald's house today.
- 10/27/70 Fair. Finished digging taters, 30 bu., 130 in all. Put trailer under barn, put blower in garage. Out to Firehouse last night to meeting with some from Hanover about ambulance service. [T] Finished potatoes
- 10/28/70 Fair, 24 above. Sam came and got his 4 cows am. Frank Burnham here a little while am. We made some boxes to run cement in for posts for tool shed. Took Thed and Irene out to Grange Hall pm, went and got hair cut, went to Bank and grain store. Went up to Bradford after saws but they are not ready. [T] Hung up rummage at Grange.
- 10/29/70 Fair, 24 above. Walt Franklin came out and put a ditch across above spring [*in pasture?*] and cleaned out ditch up in pasture, 5 ½ hrs., \$55.00. Everet Henson here a while am. Put on 2 storm doors and most of the storm windows. Went down to Vernie's last night, took down some dresses, Sal could wear one of them. Gerald up, in pasture with Walt and Everett most all day. [T] No entry.
- 10/30/70 Fair. We run cement in boxes out back of tool shed for sill and posts. Everett Henson went up and looked at ditch, all right. Went up to Dr. pm, lost 9 lbs. [*Ma wrote '246 lbs.' and bottom of her 10/30 page – I bet it was what Dad weighed.*] Bought a Black & Decker saw, \$25.65. Gerald took corn over to Gratz' and went out to Taylor's to get some old timbers for tool shed. [T] Built fire about 7:10. Picked over 3 ½ qts. beans after breakfast. Glenn and Gerald put in cement posts for lean-to shed back of other one, this forenoon. We left for Bradford about 1:30. We both had flu shot. We left about 7:15 for "The Log Cabin" [*on the right next to Route 5, in Thetford or Norwich. Closed as restaurant for years.*] for the firemen's supper, 8 couples and Bud and Don Reed. Didn't eat till about 9:30, got home about 11. An expensive place to eat. [*A little over \$7.00 apiece.*]

10/31/70

Fair. Lawrence Smith came and got 10 bu. taters am. Gerald's folks up to Lancaster to ball game [WMRHS played OHS in soccer tournament.] Had dinner with Art and Judy. Art's team beat them. [Funny story: we should have won easily but stunk the field up in the first half. At one point Gerald hollered me, "When are you going to put in your first team?" I answered, "They are in but you wouldn't know it, damn it!";. At half time, a couple of guys who had played for me last year came up and asked me if I wanted them to "have a talk with that loud-mouth who was heckling me." I told them he was my brother and they could leave him be.] I went up to Don Knapp's and got 5 pigs, 3 for me, \$25.00 and 2 for George, \$20.00. We went down to the Log Cabin for supper last night, 18 of us, \$133.00 [must be Firemen and wives.]

[T] Glenn built both fires. I got up about 7. Fixed beans, washed milk things and made choc. cake for Gerald's birthday tomorrow. Gerald, Doris and girls left for Lancaster before 11 to see Orford play Arthur's team. Orford got beat by 2 points. I made brown bread, washed kitchen floor and swept up others. Glenn went up to Knapp's and got 5 pigs, 2 for George. Fixed beets, carrots and potatoes for boiled dish before supper and ironed after. Sent birthday cards to Ray and Harold Young.

Coos County Democrat
11/4/70

White Mts. Beat Orford

At Lancaster Saturday the Spartans won their first play off game 2-0 against Orford in a game dominated by the halfbacks and fullbacks.

The Spartans had the advantage, however as they constantly put the ball over the net.

Finally Jay Crawford scored in the third period:

In the fourth period, Dean Skinner got an insurance goal that made the fans rest easier..

Orford came very close to tying it at one goal apiece when Harry Pease, nephew of Coach Pease, took a blinding shot that hit the goal post.

Stan Fillion, goalie for Orford, had 11 saves, while Larry Badger had eight. For Badger, it was his eighth shutout breaking last year's record of seven.

11/1/70

[S] Fair. Cleaned up bulk tank. Took corn over to Gratz', loaded up load for cows [likely from what they put on the ground above barnyard.] Gerald went up to Grossman's last night and got some sheetrock. Leighton's car got afire at the top of the hill last night.

- [T] Got up about 6:30. Glenn cleaned out kitchen stovepipe and I did under reservoir. Cooked boiled dish for dinner. Gerald's folks and Charlie here for dinner. Gerald is 39 today. Glenn and I cleaned up weeds and trash in garden in pm, didn't even have a sweater on at first. Went up to the spring to see the diversion ditch Walter Franklin dug Thursday. We went over to Gladys' in eve. Glenn and Carol mowed parts of front and back lawns.
- 11/2/70 Fair. We put sills on and posts up and timbers across for tool shed today. Gerald took pickup [*Fire Dept. 's, kept in our shed*] out this morn and got brakes fixed. Picked up 8 bu. taters.
- [T] Built fire about 6:30.
- 11/3/70 Fair. Out to Town Hall from 10 am to 11:30 pm. Gerald took corn over to Gratz' and fixed fence this end of corn barn. He tinkered on tool shed some. Ken Bancroft came over last night and got 6 bu. taters.
- [T] Built fire about 6:45. Put up Glenn's dinner then made big pumpkin and medium butterscotch for card party and squash for us. Went out to vote with Doris and Gerald about 1. Just puttered around in pm. Went to card party with Maurice and Irene before 7. Had 9 tables, got home about 11 and Glenn about 11:30. Listened to election results till about 1. Jennie came back in pm, has been gone most two weeks.
- 11/4/70 Fair. Went out to Dump and got some sand. Gerald took the kitchen chimney down today, drew it off in bucket on tractor [*Had a chimney fire last spring/summer, had to have new one.*] They brought 1000 bricks, 10 tile pm. Thed helped Pug and Irend at card party last night, 9 tables.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Let kitchen fire go out after breakfast. Glenn and Gerald got sand for cement for chimney. Gerald started to take in down at 11, all down by 3. Had a letter from Idella. Did some odd jobs of mending on machine in pm. Warmed up hash and tea on living room stove for supper. [*Apparently they don't have the electric stove yet.*] Mel got beat in election.
- 11/5/70 Cloudy, spit snow a little. Arvid brought Calvin Titus out to lay chimney today. Gerald helped him. They got most up to thimble hole [*where stove pipe from kitchen stove went into chimney.*] I went up and got a thimble and a piece of gal. pipe am. Took 5 bu. taters down to Os. Took down fence at end of house. Took load of corn over to Gratz'. Bl. 2nd calf heifer had a bull calf today.
- [T] Built fire about 78. Calvin Titus from Warren came at 8 and started to build the kitchen chimney. Gerald is helping him. I ironed and wrote card to Edna. Did some mending on machine in pm. Made ½ loaf sandwiches and took 18 tarts for lunch at Grange, 16 there.
- 11/6/70 Fair, nice day. They worked on chimney, got up within 4 ft. of roof. I went down on Pond Rd. am, loaded up load of stuff to take over to sugarplace pm. [*Must be branch's Everett had cut along road.*]
- [T] Built fire at 6:20. Mr. Titus came before 7. Made toast and got breakfast on living room stove. Had frozen dandelions for dinner. Picked over about 7 qts. Webster beans this forenoon. Pinned up hem on my good purple dress and worked some on others. Made tomato soup for supper. Mr. Titus brought me a Martha Washington geranium. He got tile up through the roof so can have a fire tomorrow and Sunday.
- 11/7/70 Fair, nice day. Gerald and Gene got cattle from Andrews', 7 of them. I helped load them, then went to Bradford and got 3 saws that had filed, \$3.00. Got 5 bags brick mortar and 50 lbs. lead flashing for chimney. Went over to Gratz' pm and got cattle, 15 of them, 10 calves, 5 yearlings. Brought home bunker to feed silage in, set it up here in field and filled it up. Let cattle all up in field. Gerald cut rafters for tool shed and boys put them up. Gerald and Gene took stuff over to sugarplace and took down electric

fence from orchard up to Spy tree. Pete Green got 25 bales old hay. Didn't let cows out today.

[T] No entry.

11/8/70 [S] Fair, nice day. Done up chores. Took load of shit down on Flat. *[They are parking the spreader under the walkway, so just dump shit into it and spread when full.]* Put some in spreader from hoghouse. Went up on Heights to look at wood, all gone. Went over to Dorchester to Grange last night but nobody showed up. Gerald took load to wood to Hanover today. David and Ray over am and got 10 qts. milk. Cow had a heifer calf pm.

[T] No entry.

11/9/70 Fair. Took load shit down on Flat. Cleaned up a little in hoghouse. Titus and Gerald finished up chimney today. Set bar post over out beyond sawdust shed and put up 4 new bars. Got 2 bucketsfull of stone for tool shed.

[T] Built fire about 6:20. Mr. Titus came about 8.

11/10/70 Cloudy, rain pm. We laid stone under sill at end of tool shed. Dug ditch by end of tool shed am. Horse barn heifer had a bull calf am. Cleaned out sileage bunk and some old sileage off top of pile. Walt here a while am. Al Fauver up am. One fellow came in with a camper right after dinner *[hunters from MA who had a small trailer or two in back yard during hunting season.]* Mona got a small deer down back of the trailer this morn. Down to Baker's River to Pomona last night. Everett Poor installed officers, 23 there. Ordered 8 sheets steel roofing, 16 ft. long, 2 ½ ft. wide.

[T] Built fire about 7. Picked over McIntosh and made some sauce, also our sweet ones, most all bad and washed sweet ones Glenn bought and got some fixed for cider sauce. Had a letter from Edna. She is going down to Ruth's this winter. Got one recipe of sauce cooking in pm. 9 hunters came in pm and evening with two trailers and two pickup campers. Mended a little and watched TV but was sleepy half the time.

11/11/70 Cloudy, rain a little. Gerald drove truck for Everett from 8:30 until 3 pm, then he went down to see Banker about his furnace. I boarded up end of tool shed pm and done chores.

[T] Built fire at 7:15. Arvid picked up his brick, etc., this morning. Picked up in the bedroom. Doris came up and washed this noon. Canned my cider sauce, had 7 pts. Fixed the rest of apples, 1 ½ recipes. Gerald is drawing gravel for the Town for the Pond Road, from Wentworth. Vernie called tonight, Dorice is going up to Woodsville hospital tomorrow for a week, maybe two. No fire in living room today. No mail today.

11/12/70 Fair. We got roof boarded on tool shed and boarded up under eaves. Went out to Bank after dinner.

[T] Built fire about 7. Canned cider sauce, had 15 pts. Worked upstairs a little while before dinner. Had a letter from Evelyn. We went to Fairlee before 1, gone an hour. Did dishes and worked upstairs a little while. Made macaroni & cheese for supper. Mr. Kieney was here in eve. Glenn went to Fire meeting, 5 there. Pete Green helped Gerald on his chimney. Looked over old papers. Went to bed about 12.

11/13/70 Fair. Gerald made one set of doors for tool shed out back. I cleaned out sileage bunk and filled up spreader off of pile. Got a load out of hoghouse and put in a little more. We got sawrig out pm. I put sileage in bunk and on trailer. Hed vet down for horse barn heifer mastitis, \$22.00. 6 out to fire meeting last night, Cope resigned.

[T] Built fire past 7. Wrapped Christmas things for Gladys and David and little Glenn's birthday present to mail. Made a pkg. of brownies and ginger bread for dinner with whipped cream. Gerald is working on the tool shed and Glenn is cleaning out the hoghouse. Ironed late pm. Laid down a while after supper. Helped Glenn put new carpet in bottom of Edna's chair and put clean cushion cover on it.

- 11/14/70 Cloudy. We sawed a little over 3 big trailer loads of wood today, 2 each of slabs and w2 of elm wood. Boys helped. One of the fellows got a small deer today up above the falls, 65 lbs.
[T] Built fire about 7. I threw up before breakfast so didn't eat, laid on couch a while, got Glenn's dinner and did dishes, stayed on couch most of pm. They sawed 6 load of wood today, Gerald had 3. One of the hunters got a little deer up on the mountain. Had some hot milk with crackers in evening. Went to bed about 9:30.
- 11/15/70 [S] Snow am, cloudy pm. 4 of the fellows went home today. I put cattle all in pm. David and Gladys over and got 10 qts. milk this morn. Cleaned up some down cellar. Spread some ashes on garden and on lawn. Howard, Barb and Kathy up at supper time. Put horses in at night. Calvin Perkins got a deer over in Lyme today.
[T] Built fire about 8. Gladys and David came about 9 for milk and brot a few things for us to keep for the winter. My stomach feels a lot better. We had dinner about 1. Glenn cleaned up some down cellar. I unloaded 2 wheelbarrow loads of pieces of board. Looked over a box of things from upstairs. Howard, Barb and Kathy just as we were eating so ate with us. 4 of the hunters went home today. I saw five deer go by on cars today. Put young cattle and horses in barn.
- 11/16/70 Cloudy, cool. Gerald took John Deere up to Stoddard's today and got it so it will start. I went out pm and got car insp., greased and oil change. Gerald got home about 3 pm. Norman [*Currier*] left home Sat. night at 12:30, up here about 8 am, 1700 miles in 31 hrs.
[T] Built fires about 7:15. Washed and put clothes all on porch except sheets. Gerald took the John Deere up to Stoddard's in am to be tinkered, got home at 3. Glenn went to St. in pm, got car inspected. I did a few odd jobs of machine mending in pm.
- 11/17/70 Fair. Gerald let young cattle and horses out this morn and fed them silage. He made 2 more doors for tool shed. I went down to Britton's and got some steel roofing for tool shed, 7 16 ft. and 1 10 ft. piece. Gerald took Doris up to Dr. pm. I cleaned up a load of rotten silage. Sold Howard Hall old strip-faced cow and a calf last night, \$225.00. 3 hunters went home today. Francis and Roger each got a deer this morn.
[T] Built fire at 7. They let the young cattle and horses out again today. Glenn went down to Ely and got steel roofing for tool shed in pm. Norman Currier stopped a minute in pm. Was 31 hours coming from Ala. Went by here at 8 am yesterday. David and Ruth over about 4:30 with more things. 3 hunters went home today. Vernie called, said Dorice might go home Fri. Glenn went down to Lebanon to a sugar meeting at Townsend's tonight.
- 11/18/70 Fair. Gerald put steel on roof of tool shed, got doors all hung but little one am. The other 2 hunters went home pm. I went down to Howard Townsend's to sugar meeting last night. Legislative Committee met. David, Gladys, Ruth and Norman here to dinner. They left about 1:30 for Ala.
[T] Got up at 5:30, made flapjacks, had bacon, eggs, etc. for Gladys, David and Norman but they didn't come till 12:30, so had dinner with us. Left for Ala. at 1:30. Gerald had breakfast with us. Ruth brot more of their things to leave here so ate too. Took pictures again of a calf and one of new tool shed. Glenn went with Townsend's to a sugar meeting in New London tonight. I looked over a lot of newspapers.
- 11/19/70 Rain this morn. Went down to Leb. last night, then went to New London with Howard and Bruce to sugar meeting. Back to Townsend's at 5 min. past 1 this morn. Gerald worked on his fireplace this pm. I put cattle in and cleaned a little out of hog pen. Curt Cassady [*insurance man, I think, from Haverhill*] here pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Made lemon and chocolate packaged puddings. Sprinkled my clothes. Curled my hair and looked over old papers from upstairs. Didn't cook anything,

- took a jar of coffee to Grange, only 11. Grace and Norman are in Florida and Harry and Clara weren't there. Gerald worked on chimney in pm.
- 11/20/70 Rain most all day. We cleaned up a little out under shed am. Gerald went home about 11 am and worked on his fireplace rest of day. I cut some paper to go around house. Thed and I went to Bradford pm.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Worked up over kitchen about 1 ½ hr. thjs forenoon. We went to Bradford about 1, shopped in several stores, got home about 4. Gerald worked on his chimney this afternoon. Mr. Hook was down in evening, says stovepipe is plugged up in back, that's why it smokes.
- 11/21/70 Rain hard last night. Had to lead Lucy and John Deere this morn [*I think Walt's John Deere was a lemon!*] We sawed rest of elm wood today, 8 load, 4 each trailer, 4 here, 4 down to Gerald's. Boys cleaned off silo. Gerald fed the rest of it from above barnyard tonight. Reg. cow had a heifer calf pm. Wind blowed like hell all day. [*hope it was from southwest so the sawdust blew away from sawrig.*] Put some bedding up in orchard for pigs.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Finished last of Mac's, made a big pie, little one of other. They sawed 4 load of wood this forenoon. Doris came up and washed after breakfast. Cleaned out back end of stove damper and stove don't smoke, fire sure burns good. Made 15 spice cupcakes in pm. Power was off about 2 hrs. in am. They sawed 4 load of wood in pm, ready to start on piles by barn [*where was all this other wood??*] TV wasn't very plain tonight. Took bath about 9, then read till 11.
- 11/22/70 [S] Fair. I done up chores, took a load of shit down on Flat. Got rid of surplus pm.
[T] Built fire about 8. Washed the milk things at the barn. Roasted beef for dinner. We ate about 12:30. Glenn gave out surplus in pm. I looked at the old Wentworth Town Reports Gladys wants me to keep for her. Went down to Vernie's in evening.
- 11/23/70 Storm a little, windy. Gerald went down home to see Chet Allen. Then he went up and helped Bud and his father load Bud's mother to take her down to the hospital for x-rays. She fell down last night. We put Harvester in shed out back, moved baler, put roll and springtooth in shed. Cleaned up rotten silage above barnyard and bunker and some out by silo. I cleaned out calf pen and calves. Gerald went up and helped unload Bud's mother, no broken bones. Put horses in tonight.
[T] Build fire about 7:15. Wrote a letter for Glenn and a card to Arthur and Judy. Washed, clothes froze a little on porch, put aprons upstairs. They moved things into new tool shed. Worked up over kitchen about 1 ½ hours.
- 11/24/70 Fair. Snow a little up to Woodsville. Went up to Edna's to dinner. Got a pair of new snow tires at Stoddard's, \$42.00 all mounted. \$29.30 for fixing John Deere. Got a little log binder, \$8.30. Gerald got a load of sawdust down to Plymouth, wet stuff. Then he worked on his chimney. Black cow had a bull calf pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Did work and we started for Woodsville about 10:30. Left rims to have snow tires put on at Stoddard's. Had dinner with Edna, then she went to A&P with us. Got a few things at Forest Hills and got home about 4:30.
- 11/25/70 Fair. Gerald went up to Bradford and got him a pair of re-cap snow tires am. Chain broke on spreader after got all shit out, bar caught on board in bottom of spreader. Put storm windows on down cellar. We put paper around house and put sawdust on it – [*aha – the wet stuff wouldn't blow away!*] Got a roll of paper of Gerald. Put hinges on sawdust shed door. Put spreader under barn and Lucy out in shed. Split a little wood. Art, Judy and Glenn here about 6 pm.
[T] Built fire about 7.

- 11/26/70 Fair, nice day. We all went down to Howard's to dinner, Gerald's folks and Calvin and Marilyn and kids, 21 there. Art, Judy, Thed and I home about 5:20, we done chores. Gerald put paper around his house this morn.
[T] No entry.
- 11/27/70 Fair. We sawed 7 load wood each trailer, Art and Calvin helped. I filed saw last night. I went out to Bank right after dinner. Man from East Corinth came and got 53 bales hay am, \$42.40.
[T] Built fire about 7. Arthur, Calvin and the boys are helping saw wood today. Made a chicken pie for dinner with one fowl. Judy got Glenn to sleep and then took Doris shopping. He slept most 2 hours. Didn't do much in pm. They sawed 14 load of wood today. Judy got back about 5:30. Sleepy so went to bed about 9:30.
- 11/28/70 Rain a little am. We sawed 4 load wood, 2 each trailer. I filed saw again last night. Gerald's places all full. Got one load after dinner, then it rained. Art worked for Bud Pushee today.
[T] Calvin and Marilyn went home am. Arthur built fire and they left at 6:30. He is working in the store for Bud Pushee today. Fixed beans before breakfast. Wrapped Francis, Evelyn and Irene's things and sent their x-mas package today, air mail \$3.35 *[to Guam!]* Walter Horton was out this noon for more string [probably used baler twine, *[from which he wove rope.]* Harry and Gene helped saw wood today, rain about 2 made them stop. Did last weeks' and this weeks' ironing in pm. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came about 5:30. Glenn, Arthur and Judy, Howard and Barb, Gerald and Doris all went to dance at Warren. Glenn was asleep when they left. Janet and Sheryl are staying here tonight. Took bath about 11.
- 11/29/70 [S] Fair am, misty pm. Art cleaned stables this morn, then they went out to Mary's. Went out to Bill Baker's and went up above his place to see where hunters were dumping stuff, called Paul Messer *[police chief.]* Took screens off milk house and put storm windows on and storm door on there and stable. Took down electric fence out by garden. Howard and Barb up last night, went to dance, Art and Judy and Gerald and Doris. Janet and Sheryl stayed up here. We got \$16.75 apiece at dance last night, \$30.00 expenses. Got me a pair of rubbers over to Richard's last night. Freezing on tonight. Done up 5 ½ gal. syrup for Harold today.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Janet and Sheryl had breakfast here. They helped Judy do dishes and fill woodbox. Arthur helped with chores. They went out to Mary's about 11. Looked over magazines for pictures for Barb to paint. Watched TV a while in evening then finished my book, "The Gift of The Deer." *[Amazon: "One Christmas Eve an emaciated deer stumbled across the yard of Helen Hoover's remote cabin in northern Minnesota. Barely surviving the brutal winter, gaunt from starvation, blind in one eye from a hunting wound, he became the central character in Hoover's best-selling book, The Gift of the Deer. The Gift of the Deer, first published in 1966, sold over 50,000 copies and is Hoover's best-selling book."]*
- 11/30/70 Fair. Gerald went up to Pete's to get some rims, got 20 but wrench didn't fit [???]. Went to Hayward's and got a front tire changed on truck. Had truck insp. pm. Went out and paid taxes: prop. \$712.50, Thed, Evelyn and I, Head and Poll, \$21.00, \$733.50. *[Probably Francis didn't have to pay Head and Poll tax as a serving military man.]* Got a haircut.
[T] Built fire about 7. Washed and put all but aprons on porch. Had 4 sheets. Glenn went out and paid his taxes, \$712.50, this forenoon. Gerald got truck inspected. I cut out several aprons out of used cloth pm.

- 12/1/70 Fair. Made little door for back side of tool shed am. Went up to Pete's and got 2 rims, 900-2-, off old International pm. I went up to Stoddard's pm and got a battery for truck, \$24.00.
[T] Built fires about 7:15. Got in most of clothes and sprinkled ironing. Ordered address labels for Glenn. They made little door for tool shed, is all done now. We went down to Gerald's after dinner and each took picture of Gerald's house. Glenn went to Stoddard's and got battery for truck. Gerald fixed chain on manure spreader. Got a nightie for Sheryl and one for Janet planned and partly cut out in pm. Made tomato soup for supper. Worked on nighties some in eve. Wilfred brot the 6 little plates, sugar and creamer to match my set Ruth got for me, this evening.
- 12/2/70 Fair. Gerald got a load of sawdust, then he tinkered down home. I took Thed down to Lebanon shopping today. Put new battery in truck.
[T] Built fire about 7. Did usual work. We started for Lebanon 10:45. Had dinner at a diner, never got a meal so quick. Shopped in Riches and Woolworth's, got home about 5. Glenn went to Office tonight. Gerald got a load of sawdust today.
- 12/3/70 Fair. We fixed chain in bottom of spreader am and put it in. Gerald tinkered down home pm. Paul Messer out pm and I took him out 50 bales hay, \$40.00. Out to Office last night, Cliff and Julia out. Tom Thomson, Sheila and Gete out there. Al Wilson came in. Mona Weeks had another boy this morning about 3 am, Russell Leland.
[T] Built fires about 7:30.
- 12/4/70 Rain all day. Tinkered around am. Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Tried to fix drain from bath and lavatory but had to have more parts, got them pm. Gerald tinkered down home pm. Princess had a heifer calf am, helped her a little.
[T] Built kitchen fire 7:15. Picked up a little. Gerald tried to fix pipe down cellar from tub and lavatory but have to have another part. Sent for Geographic Magazine, wrote card to Vernie. We went to Bradford pm. Spitting snow when we left Bradford, ground was partly white when we got home about 3:30. Took us ashes and built living room fire, no fire since this morning.
- 12/5/70 Fair, windy. Slippery last night. We sawed 2 load wood am, Gene helped. Harry down to Hanover for college tests. Gerald fixed drain from bathtub. Put woodbox in *[living room]* and Gene filled it up. Gerald brought up small trailer of wood. That and rest of mine made a load, put a little down cellar. Sawed a cord for Louie, put it in truck. They got a load on big trailer down to Gerald's, took small trailer load down and put in his cellar, left the other load on trailer. Bob-tailed cow had a bull calf last night. Gerald's folks went to Ashland to a ballgame last night.
[T] Built fire about 7. Got beans in oven before breakfast. Glenn and Gene brot in living room woodbox and Gene filled it. I washed both sides of sink windows, also storm ones and Glenn put them on. Glenn, Gerald and Gene finished sawing the wood today. Put a little down cellar and Gerald had two load in his cellar. Harry took College Board tests at Hanover today. Glenn aches all over. Took a bath and went to bed about 11.
- 12/6/70 [S] About 3 inches snow this morn. Thed washed machines for me am. Got chores done about 11:30. Split a little wood, wrote in diary. Gerald and boys took wood over to Gratz'. He took trailer load down home am, to put in his cellar. Went over to Richard's pm and got me a pair of rubbers, \$13.00. Put hogs in hoghouse yesterday morning.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Made a few sour milk rolls for breakfast. Washed milk things at barn. We had pork chops for dinner about 1:15. Glenn went over to Richard's and got some bigger rubbers. Wrote 44 Christmas card in pm and evening. Watched TV until after 11. Gerald took Louis' cord of wood over in pm.

- 12/7/70 Cold, windy. Gerald went looking for rim for truck am, didn't find any. He went down to Robert Downing's pm and got one. We made some shelves between chimney and woodbox *[out in shed.]* Sold Howard Hall 2 calves, Ayrshire \$17.00, Holstein, \$23.00. [T] Built fire at 7. Washed and put all but starched ones on porch. Stamped and mailed 28 cards today. Mended a little in pm. Glenn and Gerald put in three shelves between chimney and woodbox. Big Tige came back in pm, been gone six months. Is right at home, weighs 10 lbs. *[Guess he had found a place where they took care of him but maybe got lonely for home.]* Edna called tonight, expects to go to Ruth's next Mon.
- 12/8/70 Stormy, cold, 4 above, 20 below, out back, front. Gerald took 4 wheels down to Interstate to have tires taken off but had to leave them. I went over to Richard's am and got pair of rubbers, size 12. I defrosted both freezers pm. Gerald tinkered down home pm.
[T] Started fires at 6:45. Made a medium apple pie and made chop suey for dinner. Mailed 24 cards today. Glenn defrosted both freezers today. I helped a little. Cut a piece and pinned it in back of Glenn's blue work pants. Glen went over to Richard's in am and swapped rubbers, got a bigger pair. Didn't do much in eve, was sleepy, watched a movie about beavers. Went to bed about 1.
- 12/9/70 2 above, stormy all day. We put snowplow on am, took battery out of John Deere. Gerald went down to West Lebanon and got tires and rims that they took off, 4 of them, \$16.00. Got battery charged. Got 2 bags of pellets for cows. He took 25 bales hay out to Carl Streeter. I filled woodbox and split some wood. Cleaned up battery wires on Deere. Gave pigs some bedding.
[T] No entry.
- 12/10/70 Fair, cold. Gerald down home after chores am. I plowed some am and a while pm, plowed Mona am. Gerald plowed pug and Myrtle. Run J. Deere a while.
[T] Built fire about 7:30. Wrote some letters to put into cards. Allen's man is down to Gerald's to start the wiring. Glenn plowed some this forenoon. Sewed a little on my aprons in pm. Wrote a few cards in evening and watched movie, "Shenandoah."
- 12/11/70 Fair. Put little trailer and manure spreader under barn, tinkered around am. Let cows all out today. Gerald went down to Tire Barn at Rumney to see about re-cap tires for truck, didn't have any. Thed and I went up to Edna's pm, got a battery for J. Deere, \$25.35. Got 2 bags corn meal at Merrimack.
[T] Built fire about 7:15. Wrote card to Judy and letter to Barb and sent some more cards. Started for Woodsville about 1. Glenn got a battery for the John Deere at Stoddard's. Edna went down street with us. Got home about 4:45. Glenn had to go out to Hazel's to draw jury tonight. I was writing for over 3 hrs., wrote long letter to Frank *[her brother in CA]* one to Gladys and to Rita. Went to bed about 11.
- 12/12/70 Cloudy. Harry and Gene took truck and went to Dump am. Put paper around Thed's cupboard over woodbox. Put glass over big doors in barn floor. Put new battery in Deere and it started. Just tinkered around pm. Gerald worked down home pm.
[T] Built fire at 7. Fixed beans and made bread before breakfast. Made a mince and apple pie and 2 little turnovers. Made a cream cake into 9 big and 6 small cupcakes in pm. Ironed in late pm. Gerald put paper all over outside of my new cupboard. He worked down home in pm. Harry milked as they went shopping with Janet and Dickie. After dinner I cut out Janet's nightie and P.J.'s for Harry and Gene. Watched Lawrence.
- 12/13/70 [S] Snow a little most all day. Boys helped me finish up chores. Vet down and doctored middle cow in this end. Princess has a blind quarter. Edna called this morn and said she and Mike would be down tomorrow am for a few days. Harry milked last night. Gerald, Doris, Dickie and Janet went to Laconia last night.

- [T] Built fire at 7:45. Harry and Gene helped with the chores after breakfast. Had vet for a cow, says Princess has a "blind" quarter, no milk in it. We had dinner at 1:15. Wrapped what things I had ready in pm. Looked over old cards in evening. Watched TV a little. Edna called this morning, said she and Michael would be down tomorrow forenoon.
- 12/14/70 Fair. Gerald plowed am, Pug, Myrtle, Mona, Leighton and Hudson. Mike and Edna here about 11:15. Mike and Gerald worked down to his place. I plowed out back and barnyard. Surplus came just before dinner.
[T] No. Entry.
- 12/15/70 Fair. Put up pulley-blocks ready to butcher Thursday. Gerald and Mike down home am. He went up to Forest Hills last night to get insulation but no lights up there, so they went up pm and got some. I moved stuff around down cellar some pm. Made out papers for surplus pm.
[T] No. Entry.
- 12/16/70 Fair, nice day. Mike went down and got Sal and Vernie am. I took them home about 8:30 pm. Mike and Gerald tinkered down home all day. They all went up to Williamstown last night to ballgame. I worked down cellar most all day. Washed up jars and sawed up some old stuff in end of cellar.
[T] Build fire about 7. Made a big pumpkin and small apple pie. Michael went down and got Vernie and Dorice about 10:30. Made Johnny cake for dinner. Didn't do much in pm. Glenn took Vernie and Dorice home after supper. Michael helped Gerald on wiring today. Did some machine sewing on P.J.'s and nighties.
- 12/17/70 Snow and blow like hell. Gerald and Mike down home, Allen down there. Finished cleaning up down cellar am. Gerald plowed pm, Pug, Myrtle, Mona, Leighton, Hudson.
[T] Build fire about 6:45. We are having a good east snow storm. Edna helped me fix vegetables for beef stew for dinner. Sent 4 more card. My bird feeder blew off so filled it and tied it on. Got in chunks and Glenn and I filled kitchen woodbox. Made 2 square cream cakes in am, one for Grange. Curled my hair in pm.
- 12/18/70 Colder, snow a little. Phelps and Tom came and dressed 3 pigs, 250-27-300, 1 beef, 500. We put them all down cellar after they left. They dressed a beef for Don. Mike and Edna left about 10:20 am.
[Edna built kitchen fire before 7. They got packed and she and Michael started at 10:15. The butchers came before 10. Wrote a few lines to Vernie and send 5 more cards. They got the beef and 1 pig done before dinner. Was gone before 2:30. The beef dressed 500, the pigs 250, 270, and 300. Worked some on P.J.'s in pm.
- 12/19/70 Snow a little. Began cutting pig about 11 am, got 2 ½ done before went to bed. Gerald cut lard all day. Black cow next to walk had a bull calf pm.
[T] Built fire at 7. Changed my bed before breakfast. Made some applesauce and did milk things. Glenn started to cut up meat about 11 and Gerald cut lard. The cooking dishes I got with stamps came. Finished machine work on nightie. Wrapped some meat. Gerald cut lard all pm. Got mine and Gladys' elec. roaster, 4 big kettles on in pm. I cut some lard in eve. Glenn got 5 pig halves done today. Made buttonholes and finished P.J.'s and nightie. Watched Lawrence's x-mas program. Took bath and went to bed about 12.
- 12/20/70 [S] Fair. Cut up rest of pigs and got lard all done before went to bed. Got rid of most of surplus. Thed cut lard some today. Gave Ralph Marsh the kidneys. Had vet down at night, black cow cast her weathers, \$28.00. *["Casting withers" is an expression that means a prolapsed uterus. Sometimes, when a cow (or a sheep) give birth the womb is turned inside out and forced out through the birth canal. She is said to have "cast her withers" https://www.phrases.org.uk/bulletin_board/61/messages/568.html]*

- [T] Built fire 7:45. Had breakfast past 9. Glenn cut up last half of pig and I cut some lard, before dinner and strained the two roasters full and got more on. Glenn gave out surplus and I finished lard, cut little pieces and wrapped last of meat. Had to have vet for cow that cast her withers about supper time. Ralph and Louise were in a little while. Watched TV and read a short story in magazine.
- 12/21/70 Fair. Took meat over to Richard and ground for sausage 36 lbs. Gerald took his hams down Q_____ pm. Washed dishes a while pm, made sausage pm.
[T] Built fire at 7. Glenn went over to Richard's before dinner and got sausage ground. I washed, didn't put any out till after dinner. They froze hard. Made 5 loaves of bread. Glenn washed dishes, roasters and part of squeezer. Curled the sides of my hair. Dot will make a cake for Grange for \$7. Have had cramps by spells and some "trots" for a few days. Pomona at Mt. Cube tonight, 17 there. Christmas tree. I didn't make anything, took scraps. Got home at 11. Cold tonight.
- 12/22/70 Snow some, 10 below. Richard came over about 9 am and I helped him and we had beef all cut up at 12:10. Gerald made a cover for bacon jar. He got a small X-mas tree. He plowed for Carol Perry pm and drained water tank down cellar. We took sides off truck and he put bunks on. I went over and got hamburg, big kettle, canner part of big canner and 10 qts. pail kept the 10 qt. pail, about 24 lbs. Made pickle for corned beef, washed squeezer [*likely means the apple press used to squeeze lard*], tub and big table, done up hamburg.
[T] Built fire 7:15. Richard came and 9 and he and Glenn got beef all cut up by dinnertime. Made apple dumpling. Richard went home after dinner. Glenn wrapped the meat after dinner and I marked it. Then he went over to Richard's and got the hamburg. I got in some chunks and kitchen wood. Put suet out in lilacs. Wrapped the last of my gifts in pm.
- 12/23/70 About 6 in. snow, about 10 above and snowing. Elmer came with grain today. Gerald plowed am, Pug, Myrtle, Mona, Leighton, Hudson. Thed and I went to Bradford pm. Stopped to see Lloyd and Claire. Had George sign some papers, left papers at Walt's to sign and post. Gerald down home pm. Got a balling gun of Palmer, \$4.80. [*Perhaps to force pills down an animal's throat.*]
[T] Built fire about 6:30. Elmer visited a while when he brot grain. Have 6 or 8 in. of light snow and Gerald is plowing. We left for Bradford 1. Stopped at Hazel's short time, Lloyd and Claire were there. Shopped at Super-Duper, got home at 5. Patched 2 aprons in eve. Got letter from Edna, she and Michael got to Ruth's at 1 Friday.
- 12/24/70 Snow hard all day, about 10 or 11 inches. Gerald down home am. Burnt up some baler twine, fixed X-mas tree, took car of meat boards. Gerald plowed snow until 2:30, Pug, Myrtle, Mona, Leighton, Hudson and Os. I plowed here until 4 pm.
[T] Built fire about 7. Made bread after breakfast and mixed up some pie crust. Had two loaves of bread and about 30 cinnamon rolls. Made 2 2-qt. casseroles and part of loaf pan of cracker pudding. Curled my hair in late pm. Carol and Janet came up before supper and decorated tree. Bud came about 6 and took me to Wilson's and I got a Poinsetta and Kalanchoe from the Firemen. Arthur, Judy and Glenn came about 8:30.
- 12/25/70 Fair. Art's folks down last night, Howard's folks up about 11 am, Gerald's folks up to dinner and supper. Harry plowed down home some.
[T] Got up at 5 and got fresh ham on cooking in electric roaster. Fixed potatoes and squash and Judy fixed onions before breakfast. Made dressing. Howard's folks came about 11. The broth got scorched so couldn't make any gravy. Had the tree about 3. We all had lots of nice things. Howard's and Gerald's folks went home after chores.
- 12/26/70 Fair, snow a little pm. Gerald plowed Nelson am and around here. Duncan out and got 100 bales am. \$80.00. Gerald down home pm. I plowed barnyard and some out back of

- house pm. Art cleaned out calf pen and shoveled off back porch roof am. Howard Hall here pm, sold him a calf, \$35.00 He took cow that cut teat half off and got mastitis. *[Perhaps to take to auction to sell for beef.]* Ernest Canfield got bu. taters pm.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Arthur helped do chores. They went to St. after dinner, home at 6. I got beans baking and did milk things in am. Pm I washed kitchen floor and wiped up others, then made 3 doz. donuts before supper. Mended two aprons and watched TV in evening. Went to bed about 10:30.
- 12/27/70 [S] Fair. Split some wood, Judy filled both woodboxes am. Split some wood and kindling down cellar. Wrote in account book and diary. Drawed some orders, wrote in big book some.
- [T] Built fire about 7:30. Didn't eat till after 9. Judy filled both woodboxes and I did dishes. Glenn slept over 1 ½ hrs. before dinner. We ate about 1:15. Arthur, Judy and Glenn went to St. after we did the dishes. Looked over some old papers in pm. Watched TV in evening. We watched "The Cardinal," story of a priest, over 3 hrs. Glenn watched most of it, went to bed about 12:15.
- 12/28/70 Fair, snow a little, 10 above. Wrote in big book some am and eve. Went to Ply. pm, got a metal basket to feed silage in. Gerald fixed water bowl in calf pen. He was down home pm. Boys shoveled snow for Miller today.
- [T] Built fire about 7. Judy did dishes and I washed. They left about 10:30. Put clothes on porch. We started for Plymouth about 1. Called at Vernie's. Dot was giving she and Dorice permanents. Got 2 vegetable dishes and 4 little plates to match my dishes at National. Stopped at Vernie's a little while. Finished overalls I started for Glenn last winter in evening.
- 12/29/70 Fair, 10 above. Gerald took 25 bales hay out to Carl and took a load of logs up to Haverhill for him. Man from East Corinth and got 50 bales of hay am, \$40.00. Gerald got most of his insulation. R.E.A. hooked up juice to house and Allen's man down a while. I went to Bank pm, got a haircut. Got 2 recap tires at Harold's for car, \$29.00.
- [T] Built fire at 7:15. Judy washed dishes, then filled both woodboxes. Arthur helped do chores. They left about 10:30 for Hanover, Arthur wanted to see about courses for summer school *[M.A.L.S.]* Gerald drew load of logs for Carl and got a load of material for himself. Glenn went to Fairlee, got haircut. I stitched a little on brown aprons. Wrote a short letter to Francis and Evelyn. Finished my brown aprons in evening.
- 12/30/70 Fair. Art's folks went home am. Harry broke his nose playing ball last night. Worked on books today. Gerald down home pm. Harry went down to Hospital pm and they fixed up his nose again.
- [T] Built fire at 7:15. Judy washed dishes and they started for home about 10:15. Washed some slips and table mat. Arthur and Judy both played in the Alumni basketball games last night. Carol was best girl player, Gene best boy player and Harry got his nose broken. Took him to Hanover to have it set. Bob and Nellie were up in evening. Sewed some on 6 aprons in pm.
- 12/31/70 Fair. Out to Office all day. Gerald took truck out to Garage pm, had it greased, oil changed, new plugs and points.
- [T] Built fire about 7:30. Put up Glenn's dinner, out to Office for the day. I filled the bird feeder and washed milk things and tank this forenoon. Made carrot and marmalade cookies, also half a rule of thick ginger cookies in pm. Gerald got truck tuned up in pm. They both got home about 5. Howard and Barbara came up about 8:30 to go to dance at Warren. Glenn left at 9:30. I slept on couch till 11:45, then watched Guy Lombardo's New Year's Eve party till 1.