

ALTON “Tonny” and ANN CALDERWOOD’S DIARY

January 1 to December 31, 1948

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| Jan. 1, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Happy New Year. Delivered milk. Was back home at 12:30. Started power plant so Nan could iron. Worked over to Tumbledown the rest of P.M. Finished the last part of the original sheep pen so to let the sheep into that. |
| Jan. 2, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nasty, snowing Northeast. Worked in the ground mew at Tumbledown until 3:00 P.M. Finished laying floor, put in door stool, and put up hay cribs. Uptown to get Pat when school let out. William came back with us to spend the night. Brought his guitar down and we had a nice time singing. |
| Jan. 3, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> About six inches of damp snow fell last night. Got ready to start with the milk about 10:30. Got as far as Tumbledown to start up Banks’ Road when we started finding snow banks. Had to shovel about an hour above the barn and another hour beyond Ern Whitmore’s driveway. Had no trouble the rest of the way. Then didn’t get the snow plow working until noon. They came down here just after dark. Took Nan up to Christmas tree party at Burgesses this evening. Pat, Willie & I went to movies. Shirley Temple in “Honey Moon.” |
| Jan. 4, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nice Day. William & I launched the double-ender after doing chores and rowed to Calderwood’s Island. Took my snowshoes and skis along and walked around over the island to look the sheep over. They all seemed to be in good condition. Got home about 2 P.M. Had a lunch and then took William uptown. |
| Jan. 5, Monday | <i>Tonny:</i> Cloudy and raw. Delivered milk. Nan went with me. We had dinner at the Burgesses. Helped Harvey cut up his fore qtr. beef after dinner. Then drove down to Morrow’s to watch Emery Hopkins haul out pulp wood with a caterpillar tractor and a slewgle [?]. When we came home we brought along to Tumbledown one of our sheep that Malcolm and George found in the Gillis woods yesterday. They left her in the old Gillis icehouse last night. |
| Jan. 6, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> After chores Tonny went over and cleaned out Tumbledown Garage, brought home what sawdust was left, and old lime bags and so forth which he burned on dump. |
| Jan. 7, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Delivered milk and came right home, hauled a bull for Lloyd down to the Ferry, one he had sold <i>Tonny:</i> Sukeforth. Received from Lloyd Crockett hauling bull to ferry landing \$2.00. |
| Jan. 8, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> After chores Tonny got his tractor out, hooked up his sled and hauled his lumber and stuff from Emery’s over to Tumbledown garage. |

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| Jan. 9, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and I delivered milk, had dinner at Harvey's, picked Pat up at school on our way home as it was such a nasty day raining and snowing by spells, quite slippery. We spent the evening at Don's and Cynthia's. |
| Jan. 10, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Raw and cold. Tonny did chores and then went over to Frank's to work on cribs with some lumber up to Jim Brown's to have planed. Pat and I walked over, helped to feed sheep. Cold tonight, will be zero by morning so Tonny stayed up until 11:30 to keep fires going. <i>Tonny:</i> Sent our insurances this morning by money order. \$25.14 to Conn. Gen., Life Ins. Co., \$47.56 to Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. |
| Jan. 11, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Zero this morning, wind blowing hard. <i>Tonny:</i> I delivered milk. Nan and Pat stay home. <i>Annie:</i> Ton worked on Income Tax until Don and Cynthia came. They stayed to supper with us. Harvey got the Generator off the back rake engine to go on his sawing machine. <i>Tonny:</i> Pd. Lester Sherer 1 doz. eggs .65, bought 5 sheep L. Sherer - 25.00, bought 100 sheep pills Sherer - 3.00. |
| Jan. 12, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Clear, clouding rapidly, wind So. West - blowing hard. We washed clothes, didn't dry awfully good, uptown to get Pat form school. Road were quite slippery. Boat didn't go today as water circulating pipe froze. May had her Bossie today - a bull. |
| Jan. 13, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Overcast and warm. |
| Jan. 14, Wednesday | [blank] |
| Jan. 15, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Cold, zero this morning. Tonny delivered milk. I went along as Alta had invited us to dinner. Pat came down from school and had dinner with us. |
| Jan. 16, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Snowing hard at time today. Tonny did chores and then fixed his old overcoat into a chore coat. |
| Jan. 17, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> Overcast, snowing this P.M. Had Harvey come down with the ferry scow to get the sheep off of Calderwood's. Got Kenneth G. to go down with me in the double ender so that we could have the wire lead ready when Harvey got there. He brought Stanley Waterman and Donald Stone down with him. Had a little trouble getting the animals onto the scow. Had trouble coming home as the engine wouldn't pump. Owe Harvey \$5.00 and each of the boys \$2.00. |
| Jan. 18, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> We were snowed in today. Snow plow got down around four. Carver went uptown tonight so as to be uptown to go on the boat in the morning. It's blowing hard. |
| Jan. 19, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk and visited with Mr. Merriman & Herman, did chores on way home. |
| Jan. 20, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Not so cold today. We washed and they clothes dried pretty good. Tonny did his chores over at Frank's, had trouble getting the car started as the battery cables were loose. |

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| Jan. 21, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Overcast, starting to snow before dinner, changing to rain tonight. Nan delivered the milk while I hauled a cow from Malcolm's to Hiram's. Nan had dinner at the Oldroyd's. Frank Sampson brought Pat home as the school bus broke down by Malcolm's. Hauling cow for Malcolm from his place to Hiram's \$2.50. |
| Jan. 22, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Warmer today, quite a lot of snow. Rained off during the night. I got my ironing all done this afternoon. Tonny worked over to Tumbledown getting the cribs made and put in place. |
| Jan. 23, Friday | [blank through February 3] |
| Feb. 4, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Delivered milk. |
| Feb. 5, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods. Weather stays cold. |
| Feb. 6, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Delivered milk. Snuffy worked in woods. I was in what time I had this P.M. |
| Feb. 7, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Snuffy and I worked in woods. Nan and Pat walked over and had dinner with us. Left off early this P.M. to go uptown to get a hair cut. |
| Feb. 8, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan and Pat went to church. I delivered milk. Rested this P.M. other than doing chores. |
| Feb. 9, Monday | <i>Tonny:</i> Lovely day but cold. I hung out wash for Nan. Snuffy loaded the truck with the wood in Uncle Will's wood shed and we filled our wood shed down here with it. In woods this P.M. |
| Feb. 10, Tuesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Cold but sunny. Delivered milk. Had to have base of engine thawed out at garage as it was frozen up. Had the oil changed. Also had a set of new cross chains put on chains. Worked in woods what little time I had this P.M. Snuffy in woods all day. |
| Feb. 11, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Wind out S.W. Snuffy worked in woods. I went in what time I had after going up to Beach bridge to meet boat. Ralph W. sent me over 5 one bu. boxes of N. Sky apples. Geo B., ORay B., Nellie B. and Lewis Burgess each had a box. Took Nan up to choir rehearsal this evening. Pat and I visited at Jennie B. Snowing when we came home. Apple \$2.50 per bu. plus freight. |
| Feb. 12, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Today's Birthdays: Abraham Lincoln. Delivered milk. Snuffy tore partitions out of horse stalls at Tumbledown while we were uptown. Saw North Haven II come in to beach bridge. Had lunch with Don and Cynthia. Put Black Leaf Forty in all the sheep this P.M. Red Twin calved this A.M. - bull calf. Don and Cynthia down this evening. |
| Feb. 13, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> 8° above this morning. Clear and not so cold. Worked in woods after grinding two axes. Malcolm down after Libby this P.M. |
| Feb. 14, Saturday | [blank through February 21] |
| Feb. 22, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny, Pat & I went to S.S. Pat and I stayed to Church. Tonny delivered milk. Harvey, Shirley & Floyd down tonight. Tonny cut Floyd's hair. |

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| Feb. 23, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Snuffy in woods. Cold, disagreeable day. We didn't wash. |
| Feb. 24, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk after we washed. Pat and I walked over to visit the men folk in the woods in the afternoon. Up to V.L.'s tonight to pay excise taxes and get registration papers. Had a very nice time. |
| Feb. 25, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Rather disagreeable day, snowing by spells. Snuffy worked on limb pile until eleven when Tonny took Elsie and trailer uptown to Brown's to have trailer fixed. Snuffy bagged up four bags of shavings while there. Tonny, Pat and I down to Malcolm's tonight. |
| Feb. 26, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Nice mild day. Pat and I went on milk route with Tonny. Tonny took Elsie and trailer in woods this afternoon to break a road out about hauling wood out, hauled out two loads, brought home part of load of limbs. |
| Feb. 27, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Sunny and spring like, temperature about 24 this morning. Tonny started out his wood today, about five cords. Johnny and Spinney [?] hauled three cord home to Earl Marden. Cynthia, Dickey and Delma Mills down this afternoon. I went to choir rehearsal. Tonny and Pat spent evening at Frank Beverage's. |
| Feb. 28, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Cold! Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny and Smitty finished hauling out the wood. Johnny (Nip) hauled four cords home to Jim Tallbutt. |
| Feb. 29, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Cold. We all went to S.S. and church. Lewis. Alta, Roseanne and Sheila here this afternoon. Lewis put the electric motor on washing machine. |
| March 1, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Shirley Calderwood, Rose Ann Burgess, Mellie Gillis, Douglas Stone. Town Meeting. A long town meeting. The North Haven broke two holes in her planking, bucking ice this morning. They had to beach her on Reel Calderwood's beach until the Snohomish came and towed her to Rockland. |
| March 2, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pretty fair today. I washed the towels and underwear with my electric washing machine. It is some quieter than the gasoline engine. Tonny and Snuffy marked all of the sheep, black leafed them, ear marked those that weren't ear marked before and picked out five that may lamb before long from V.L.'s barn. |
| March 3, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. I went along. We didn't get home very early. Snuffy cleaned out the Eastern sheep pen while we were gone and fed the sheep. The Mary A. brought the freight this afternoon. Tonny had Malcolm haul his grain for him. |
| March 4, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Snowing a little about all day. Tonny and Snuffy marking individual sheep pens in the old horse stalls over to Frank's. |
| March 5, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> 4 below this morning. Tonny & Snuffy went with milk, fed the sheep on way home, did chores here early as Tonny was going to the "Community Mens" supper at K. of P. They had 45 there. Had clam chowder for supper. Pat stayed at Aunt Alta's and I went to Viola's with Barbara to work on the children's daisy dresses. Snuffy spent part of evening anyway at Harvey's. |

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| March 6, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> 3 below this morning. We washed. The motor on washing machine not working good so we had Lewis and Jimmy come down and look at it while it was working. Lewis going to take that motor ff and put the motor on that came with the outfit. Took Snuffy uptown this afternoon. Harvey couldn't take him across the thorofare as he is boarding at the Lodge. |
| March 7, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> About 28 above this morning. We all went on the milk route. Had a very nice dinner at Alta's. Fed up sheep on way home. Snowing this evening. |
| March 8, Monday <i>Tonny's birthday</i> | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: A.S.C., Don Stone, Thelma Burgess. About 26 and still snowing some. Snowed about five inches during the night. I made an Angel Cake to take up to Don's tonight. Also made a cake for Tonny. Made Ice Cream to take up to Don's also. Tonny churned four churnings and I made up the Butter. Tonny and I went up to Don's tonight. Thelma, Don and Tonny celebrating together at Don's. Fourteen there. |
| March 9, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> 4 above this morning. It warmed up fast to a lovely day. Tonny and I went with milk. Had our first lamb this morning from V.L.'s ram. I stayed up to Mercedes today and worked on Pat's Daisy dress. Tonny dilly dallied around until it was time to bring Pat home. |
| March 10, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Terribly foggy and frosty this morning. Temperature around 30. Tonny went over to feed the sheep, found three more lambs making four altogether. Tonny took a walk up through the upper pasture looking the lumber situation over. Went on his snowshoes, quite a lot of snow in the woods. Went to choir rehearsal tonight, about nineteen there. Tonny & Pat stayed at F. Beverage's. |
| March 11, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Temperature 28. A nice sunshiny morning. We washed and then delivered milk, started snowing while we were uptown. We waited for Pat by the time we got home it was snowing real hard. We have five lambs now. The "Mary A" brought the freight this morning and took quite a number of passengers over. The Vinalhaven came this afternoon. |
| March 12, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> 11 above. Beautiful day after the snowstorm. It snowed about 6 or 7 inches altogether. Tonny over to Frank's Barn marking lamb pens in horse stall. Another lamb today. I cleaned all the snow off of the porch. Got all the ice off too. Went to movies tonight. "The Bachelor and the Bobbie Soxer." It was good. We stayed a little while to the Boy Scout Dance which was held afterwards. |
| March 13, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Nellie Baird. Cold, 11 above. We all went on the milk route and waited up for the mail. Did chores at Frank's on way home. The Bull fell into the spring tonight. Lewis and Jimmy came down to help Tonny haul him out. Harvey and Preston Lincoln came down too but they had him out by then. He didn't seem to be any the worse for his dip. |
| March 14, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Fair today. Tonny cleaned out the spring after the Bull took a bath in it last night. Afterwards Tonny went to Dalon's wood chopping. He said that there were about 24 there altogether. |

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| March 15, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Overcast. South West wind. We went with milk. Had a flat tire up by Dalon Brown's. Tonny walked in to Dalon's and got a jack to change it. We didn't get home very early. Fed sheep on way home. Little Thorofare opened up today for the first time since the last of January. Edwin Thayer and Ruth Babbidge here this evening. |
| March 16, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Raining hard by spells today and blowing hard South West. It has certainly taken the ice out of Little Thorofare. The snow has practically disappeared. Tonny did chores at Frank's after he washed our bedroom ceiling and hall ceiling. This afternoon he kem-toned them and they certainly look nice. Cynthia down this afternoon. |
| March 17, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny went with the milk and didn't get back until after four. Did his chores up and took me up to choir rehearsal. |
| March 18, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Pretty nice day. As soon as we had our morning chores done, Tonny helped me finish papering the bedroom. We got along good. We just have the border to put on now. |
| March 19, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny went with milk. I washed the clothes, dried quite good. Tonny didn't get home until late. Had to hurry to get his chores done so as to go to the supper. Pat and I stayed home. |
| March 20, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Tonny did his chores and then went over to Frank's and worked, changed the sheep and lambs into a pen altogether to make the chores easier. He then went up to Bob Beverage's to cut some wood for Bob. Lewis, Jimmy, Hiram and Chester were there. They are having a wood cutting bee for Bob tomorrow. Tonny and the others couldn't go tomorrow so they went what time they had today. |
| March 21, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Beautiful morning but breezed up raw this afternoon. We went with milk and then went to church. We got stuck in the culvert out here by our telephone pole. Tonny hauled the panel out with tractor. We then got out of gas this side of Gay's coming home. We walked. Malcolm was down with his heifer this afternoon when he went back Tonny went with him taking over what gas he had for the panel. Got her going and started home when he got out here by the blackberry patch the front wheel dropped in and hauled her into the ditch. So there she is now. It is raining some this evening. |
| March 22, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny fixed the culvert down here by the telephone pole, put Carver's culvert into it. He also dug out that big rock by the road. We put the sled skis and fur coat up over head and I did some cleaning through the house. |
| March 23, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Wilson Beverage. Tonny went with milk. I stayed at Cynthia's, I washed my hair and Cynthia set it. Tonny took car into Garage to have the points fixed,. It took them all afternoon. Tonny didn't call for me until 5:30. Was I jittery? Got our chores done and went to Wilson's party. There were about 36 there altogether. We had a nice time. |
| March 24, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny sheared sheep at Lamont's after he done some chores over at the Barn. |

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| March 25, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny helped shear sheep at Lamont's what time he had after chores. I delivered milk and I visited with Mercedes until it was time to pick Pat up and call for Tonny. Choir rehearsal tonight. Tonny and Pat visited at Harvey's. Tonny took a bath. |
| March 26, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny ground some axes after doing chores. Went over to Frank's to see if he could haul out the scrap wood. Couldn't do a thing. It was so soft so he cleaned up in the choppings, clifted the white birch and collected the tools. Worked in the lambing pens. Hauled home the scrap lumber. |
| March 27, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went with milk. Tonny had a hair cut. We didn't get home until after mail time. Up to rehearsal tonight. Tonny and Pat spent evening at Uncle Grover's [?]. We got stuck this side of the carriage house coming home so had to walk. |
| March 28, Sunday | Easter Sunday. About 28 above this morning, spitting snow occasionally. We went to church. Didn't get to S.S. Around 150 at church. We went to church tonight. We sang the "Risen Savior" and there were five baptized. Lena Dickey, Curtis D., Corinne Mills, Viola and Betty Joy. We visited at Burgesses a minute afterwards. Frank and Orilla called there too. I talked with Mam this afternoon. They are all well. |
| March 29, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> About 24 this morning. Everything quite frozen. We delivered milk and didn't get home very early. |
| March 30, Tuesday | [blank] |
| March 31, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. |
| April 1, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Malcolm sheared Hiram's sheep today. Tonny sheared about 5 hours. V-8 in garage to have brakes fixed. |
| April 2, Friday | [blank] |
| April 3, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Pat worked on fence over to Frank's. Also gathered up the sheep that hadn't shown up last night. They were up on Mrs. Pease's. Pat and I uptown this afternoon. Pat and I went to choir rehearsal tonight. |
| April 4, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Pat delivered milk. I went to church. We were invited to Orilla's to dinner. Frank, Tonny and Paul looked at the wood lots where the Men's Club are going to cut some wood to have on hand for another year. |
| April 5, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> I washed. Tonny fixed fences over at Frank's and then went up to Lester's after the hay rack and rake that Lester gave him. Up to Nebo Lodge to a party that the choir gave from Monty and Barbara, a good crowd there. Elmer Carver kept house for us. |
| April 6, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny planned to burn "Frank's" Eastern pasture. Had Lewis, Miriam & Chester there to help him but it came into raining so hard it wouldn't burn good so he quit. He sheared one sheep. Found one dead single lamb this morning and one single that has something wrong with his neck. |
| April 7, Wednesday | [blank through April 13] |

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| April 14, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. I went along. Had lunch at Alta's. Tonny went uptown after his plough this afternoon. It was raining and cold. |
| April 15, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on culverts after doing chores. I went to auxiliary tonight. About 26 there. |
| April 16, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. I washed and what a washing I had? Tonny hauled two loads of gravel from the Beach to put on new culverts. We went to movies tonight to see "So Well Remembered." Nothing to brag on. Brought home seven bags of grain. |
| April 17, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> We had a little snow fall this morning and this is written in by guess who. Pat. |
| April 18, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went with milk. I had a cold and didn't go to church. We had our dinner at Aunt Ell's. Roast Pork & Cold Turkey. Bernard, Edith & Alden, Mary, Owen and Stan all here this afternoon. Mary, Owen and Stan had supper with us. |
| April 19, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> I worked in the house most of day. Tonny worked on his plow some, took it up to Garage and had something straightened on it. Tonny & I went to Community Mens dinner tonight. It was Ladies night. Had a nice time. |
| April 20, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. We called at Zimmerman's on our way home to get our fruit trees that came last night. It was raining hard. Tonny dug holes for them while we were gone and also cleaned out the toilet. We set the trees out after we got home. |
| April 21, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I ironed on last week's wash today. Tonny worked on his shearing outfit. Adams down this forenoon to put the finish on the house so as the swallows couldn't build anymore. Pat and I went to rehearsal tonight. |
| April 22, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Pretty nice day. I washed. Tonny delivered milk and worked over to Frank's what time he had afterwards. Cynthia & Dickie here this afternoon. I went alone to Auxiliary tonight. |
| April 23, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I got our ironing all done. Tonny took a cow of Malcolm's to boat this morning. Did his chores at Frank's on way back. Hauled a load of alders from Uncle Will's down here for us to burn. |
| April 24, Saturday | [blank through April 30] |
| May 1, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Hope and Buddy were married tonight - a very nice wedding. Reception at Nebo Lodge afterwards for 150 guests. |
| May 2, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. Pat and I stayed home. Had dinner ready by the time he got home. Took a nice nap this afternoon. |
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| May 4, Tuesday | [blank] |

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| May 5, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on line fence between Mrs. Pease and the Gillis farm. Put the older sheep and lambs up there afterwards. |
| May 6, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny plowed the garden while I was gone. I had the car greased on my way home. We went over to Mrs. Pease's and got a load of hay this afternoon. Olive and I went to Auxiliary tonight. Election of officers. Lena Stone elected President, Elsie Brown Vice, Jessie MacD 2 nd Vice, Shirley & Enna re-elected. Alta, chaplain. Dot Howard, historian. Dot Quinn & myself sergeant at arms. |
| May 7, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Harvey came down this morning and took the three heifers over to Stimpson's Island Afterwards Tonny and I went over to Frank's and separated the yearlings and the bucks from the big flock. Put them in the pasture back of the barn. Kept the lambing flock in the barn as it was raining. Put the new lambs in the eastern end of the barn. Tonny sheared a few sheep before he came home. |
| May 8, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk, sheared sheep on his way home. Pat and I went over to the Barn awhile this afternoon, turned the sheep out around Frank's house and ten of them deliberately went around the tide fence into Mrs. Pease's. Tonny got them back again and put them in the big field. |
| May 9, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Mothers Day. Today's Birthdays: Shorty's, Jennie B., Winona Brown, Jimmy Brown. We all went to church, a good crowd there. Had a lunch. After we got home and then took a walk out on the Point. Up to church tonight, had a special Mother's Day Cantata, quite a few there. Tonny and Pat treated me to a steak supper at Johnny's tonight. It was very good. Monday |
| May 10, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Raining and very calm. Tonny went with milk as Pat stayed home from school as she was hoarse this morning. This morning we had a little baby chicken in the hen house and have got another one out of the shell. Tonny went to the special Town meeting tonight. They voted to pass over the article. Pat and I went to the piano recital. Some of it was good and some not so good. Johnny Riddle's restaurant caught on fire last night. Everything pretty well smoked up and damaged by water. |
| May 11, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Drizzling by spells. Tonny walked the Mullen line fence this forenoon, repaired any bad places he found. Sheared some this afternoon. I washed. |
| May 12, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. I went along. Tonny hauled a load of hay this afternoon. |
| May 13, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Sandra and Hiram B. Malcolm here to help Tonny shear sheep. They sheared twenty-six altogether. I went to Auxiliary tonight. Tonny and Pat visited at Frank Beverage's. Harry Baird operated on today at Bangor. |
| May 14, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. I went along. It was raining all the time so as we came along home. We got the lambing sheep into the barn. The lambs were pretty cold. |

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| May 15, Saturday | [Patsy] Today I bought a sheep and lamb from my father. P.C. <i>Annie:</i> Raining at times today. Pat and I worked all forenoon tidying the house. Uptown at boat time. Tonny hauled a load of hay from Mrs. Pease. |
| May 16, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny went with milk. Olive went along to church. Shorty, Greta and family here to dinner. Had ham and dandelion greens. Found a lamb in the eastern pasture whose Mother had died. Brought him home and put him with Peggy. We named him "Loney." |
| May 17, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Raining hard all day. Tonny went over to Frank's to shear. Sheared four and quit as they were still quite wet. He went uptown in time to get Pat. Tonny went to the last Community Men's supper tonight. They had a nice time. Tonny, Albert and Hiram went down to Harvey's and played one game of 83 until 10:30. |
| May 18, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> 50 th anniversary of A. Whitmore. Raining hard at times. Sun peeked through for just a minute. Tonny delivered milk. I went along. Saw the boat come in, the "Mary A" as the No. Haven is hauled out over at Rockland to be painted, etc. H.P. Baird on danger list all night. |
| May 19, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Sprinkling at intervals this (early) forenoon, clearing some later in the day. Tonny hauled a heifer for Malcolm that he bought from Lamont. Then Malcolm helped Tonny get his sheep down to Island. Orilla and Florence Thayer down to dig greens. Had tea and visited a little while afterwards. |
| May 20, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny helped Malcolm get his sheep down to the Island (10 sheep, 17 lambs). Malcolm helped Tonny get a load of hay afterwards. Olive and I went to Auxiliary tonight, not very many there. |
| May 21, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tagged and marked the lambs that were in the barn. Turned ten sheep and lambs into eastern pasture along with 19 already in there. Took 5 sheep and lambs up to Mrs. Pease along with remaining sheep that were in big field. Buried two sheep and spread three bags of Ammonia Nitrate in big field before it rained. Raining hard now. |
| May 22, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. Didn't get home until after two. Took us uptown to do some shopping. Dad went to movies tonight. "Man From Rainbow Valley." He said it was very good. |
| May 23, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Jean Dyer. We all went to Church. Legion Sunday. Called on Owen and Lena, also Lawrence and Alice. |
| May 24, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny dug in the culvert above barn. Hauled a load of hay from Mrs. Pease's and built tide fence in the late afternoon. |
| May 25, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Did chores here and Tonny got ready to haul manure. Had to mow around manure piles and so forth. Got Wilson to help load after dinner. Got out 18 loads, made quite a showing. <i>Tonny:</i> Spread 13 loads on observation post piece and 5 loads on piece across road from O.P. piece. |

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| May 26, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny and Malcolm hauled manure from here over to Frank's. Tonny spread eleven spreaders full. Tonny had to fix the cow yard fence. The cows broke it down getting down into the lower part of cow yard. <i>Tonny:</i> Spread one load just across road in big field from sheep barn and ten loads on rape patch in top of field. One of Malc's loads made two spreader loads. |
| May 27, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Foggy this forenoon clearing to a nice warm day. Tonny and I went up to fix the cemeteries as soon as our chores were done here. They were setting Grampy's stone when we got there. It's a beautiful stone. We mowed the Calderwood lot and it looked nice when we finished. Also mowed Uncle Rye's lot. We then went down and fixed Uncle Will's lot. Leveled it all off and clipped it around. It looked quite a lot better when we got done. |
| May 28, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny hauled five loads of manure in the trailer over to Frank's and loaded it into the spreader and spread it. |
| May 29, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Wilson helped Tonny in afternoon to spread manure here. Thirteen loads. <i>Tonny:</i> Spread eight on the piece across from O.P. piece. Went to movies. "Romance of Rosy Ridge." Quite good. Then spent remainder of evening at Burgesses. The three pair of Oldroyd's were there. It was senior Oldroyd's 50 th wedding anniversary. |
| May 30, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Memorial Day. We joined in the Parade this forenoon. It was a nice one. It started raining just as soon as it was over. Tonny had to deliver milk afterwards. Came home, had lunch and went back to the Service at 2:00. A very nice service. We visited the cemeteries a little while afterwards. |
| May 31, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Fixed kitchen screen door and put a new screen on milk room window. Today uptown to see the J.O. leave and while we were there Don and Cynthia came along to go lobstering. Cynthia invited us to go lobstering with them. Tonny felt he couldn't go so Pat and I went. We had a very nice time. Don stopped here to leave us off. Asked Tonny if he didn't want to come aboard and finish hauling so he did and had a good time. Cynthia and Dickie came ashore with us and Don came back down after taking his boat home, cleaning up etc. and we had a lobster supper. Owen and Lena came while we were eating and <i>Tonny:</i> spent evening. |
| June 1, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny hauled manure over to Frank's - <i>Tonny:</i> 5 loads in trailer. Pitched it into spreader and spread it along side of rape piece. |
| June 2, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan washed. I hauled a load of hay from Mrs. Pease's. Then hauled 5 loads of manure over to Tumbledown and spread it. |
| June 3, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan delivered milk. Did chores. Mowed for cows. Malcolm came down and we painted boats. He also helped me plow Bill's garden. After he left I harrowed our garden put the plow back on the Twin and went uptown and plowed Earl's two gardens. He paid me \$12.50. |

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| June 4, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny furrowed part of the garden out by the house and got it ready to plant as soon as he can get some fertilizer. Uptown by one o'clock to see the grade schools doing their swinging and dancing. It was all very good. Tonny got his grain while waiting for us. Tonny planted two rows of peas, one of beans and corn after coming home. Owen and Lena here this evening. They called on Carvers but they were not home. |
| June 5, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Raining hard until late afternoon. We all went on milk route. It was late when we got started so we waited up for the mail, watched the boat come in. Tonny also got a hair cut. We went smelting for the first tonight. Pat had [a] few, catching most of what we got which was a good mess. We got them down to Kyers' Creek. |
| June 6, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Westly wind. Went to BaccaLaureate service. Very good. Came home, had dinner and rested. Mowed enough grass to feed tonight and tomorrow morning. We visited the Grumpy's a few minutes before doing milking chores. Ken G. brought us in a mess of smelts tonight. |
| June 7, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk and Mercedes gave me a Toni. It looked nice when she got it done. Tonny put manure in some rows. Harrowed Bill's garden, painted his double ender and so forth. |
| June 8, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Dicky Witherspoon. As soon as Tonny did his chores he took Elsie to the Garage and had a new plow hitch put on. I went up to Mercedes and she combed my hair out and I went from there up to Cynthia's, picked Pat up at school and took her along. Dicky had a nice party. |
| June 9, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> High School Graduation. Curtis Dicky, Lena Stone, Don Stone, Almon Ames and Danny Pendleton. A big dance at Calderwood's Hall, a Bath Orchestra, a big crowd there. Tonny delivered milk as it was raining cats and dogs. |
| June 10, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk to Pulpit Harbor. Came home and washed as it was a nice day. Tonny hauled ... |
| June 11, Friday | [blank through June 25] |
| June 26, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny finished plowing rape patch. |
| June 27, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk and had dinner at Alta's. Dad helped Malcolm shear Ray's sheep. They got them all done before dinner. They had dinner at Ray's. |
| June 28, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny went to Rockland with Malcolm to help him with Cabot's cattle. He had 3 heifers, 1 cow and a bull, all Guernsey. |
| June 29, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny double disced the rape patch twice and some of it he disced cross ways - it is about a two acre piece. We went to movies tonight to see "Home Stretch." |
| June 30, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gregory. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny dragged down the rape patch. |

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| July 1, Thursday | [blank] |
| July 2, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk, came home and washed. Washed the spread pad and blankets off of one bed, spread and pad of Pat's bed as well as our regular wash. It was a beautiful day and they dried lovely. Went over to Frank's and done a little dragging for Tonny while he picked rocks. Got both pieces planted to rape and harrowed and dragged down. |
| July 3, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk after we helped Tonny drive sheep on Mrs. Pease's. He wanted to and did get the seventeen sheep that weren't sheared, sheared and got the lambs ear marked. It was a long days work. One of Lester's sheep lambded during the forenoon. We went to see "Mother Wore Tights." It was quite good. |
| July 4, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk while Pat and I got our picnic together. Malcolm and Nettie came down ad we all went down to Calderwood's Island. It was a beautiful day. We picked strawberries before eating and looked the sheep over afterwards. They looked nice. |
| July 5, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny worked on the Orchard all day getting it ready for millet. Had to dig in the pieces that he couldn't plow, mow grass around edges and so forth. Jessie and Elmer made us a nice call this evening. |
| July 6, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk as it was raining. After dinner he started for Hiram's to haul a cow down here for him and Elsie broke down so he had to go to the Garage. Took them about all afternoon to get her fixed. Pat and I went to movies tonight to see Margaret O'Brien in "Tenth Avenue Angel." Fair. |
| July 7, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Pat delivered milk. Tonny cultivated the vegetable garden and weeded the carrots and beets. Edna and family, Nellie and Dazie with Jimmy and Rosanne came down to go on a tea party on the shore. Pat and I were picking strawberries over on Frank's so they called for us. We had a nice tea. After supper. Tonny, Pat, Robert and I went over to Frank's and got a few more berries. It was quite dark so didn't get very many. |
| July 8, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny worked on vegetable garden setting out tomato plants and so forth. Also did some grading up around the end and back of house and plowed several furrows on the lower end and shop side of the orchard. |
| July 9, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny harrowed seeds to millet and dragged the piece back of Frank's house. Dragged and harrowed the Orchard, couldn't get it leveled to suit him so he went up to Dalon's and got his grader and graded it level. |
| July 10, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Overcast and sprinkling at times. Tonny finished grading the Orchard. I drove for him what time I had before going with the milk. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny got millet sowed this afternoon and gave it its final dragging. It looks nice. After supper we took Dalon's grader home and called on them a minute. |

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| July 11, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Very hot day. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny worked on Barn yard fence, made some gates to keep the cows out of the front of the barn. Ben and Lottie Ames and Paul made us a nice visit this afternoon. Peter Beverage here a minute also. Took our supper on the shore. Had a small thunder shower while we were down there. |
| July 12, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Another hot day. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny sharpened a cutter bar and mowed around Frank's house and the junk above the smelt brook. Made a new yard for sheep, drove them and picked two lambs for the stone and one sheep for ourselves. |
| July 13, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Overcast. Tonny took two lambs and _____ to stone, took 17 lambs pelts and a cow hide to boat. Saw Arthur & Anna and family off in boat. Put manure spreader under cover. Brought rake down from Mrs. Pease and sheared five sheep. Late when we got through. |
| July 14, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Mercedes Oldroyd, Floyd Calderwood. Foggy this morning, clearing to a beautiful day. Tonny and Peter raised the western scaffold a bit. Got it all finished but putting on some iron braces. Peter also cleaned off the eastern scaffold, getting it ready for hay. Peter helped Tonny rake the hay before going home. Tonny mowed some hay on either side of road up as far as the barn. Pat and I went to Mercedes' party this afternoon. |
| July 15, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Another beautiful day. Tonny and Peter worked in barn until 10 o.c. Then went over to Frank's and re-raked the hay and shook it up by hand. Hauled home two load. Had a flat tire on hay rack just as we got the last load ready to haul home. Left Peter home. |
| July 16, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. |
| July 17, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Smoky Southwester. Tonny teddered "the spring rye patch" twice. |
| July 18, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked in garden until Don and Cynthia came. Pat and I delivered milk. We had steamed clams, hot dogs and hamburg on the shore with the Witherspoons. Beautiful night but weren't the mosquitoes thick. |
| July 19, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Tonny mowed the Observation Post field quite a crop of hay on it. He went uptown to interview Bill Warren. He is supposed to be coming to work for us tomorrow. After supper we went down and cleaned the top part of the shanty getting it ready for the hired man. Lewis came down and put a light up there for us. We worked on it until eleven o'clock. |
| July 20, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Mowed around Uncle Will's house and part of his Orchard. Got in a load off the Observation Post piece. We went to see "Deep Waters." It was disappointing. The hired man didn't show up. Tonny before mowing this morning, he swept down and out the shanty room, made it look mighty nice. |
| July 21, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny mowed the hay down below our orchard. Also finished mowing the hay around Uncle Will's and above the shop. Got in two small loads off the Observation piece, cleaning that all up, scatterings and all. |

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| July 22, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Pat and I delivered milk, brought Bill back with us. He is going to help Tonny afternoons for a while. Tonny mowed the well field and had the hay around Uncle Will's all ready to go in. They got in a small load, hoisted it off and stowed it away. Also hoisted off and stowed away the one that was on the rack. |
| July 23, Friday | [blank] |
| July 24, Saturday | [blank] |
| July 25, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. |
| July 26, Monday | [blank through July 31] |
| August 1, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went on the milk route and to church in the old church. Afterwards came home, had lunch and rested awhile. Lawrence and family called a minute. Tonny raked the toilet field and around Uncle Ted's house. |
| August 2, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny re-raked the hay on the toilet field and around Uncle Ted's that he raked last night. Sharpened mower knife and finished mowing western field. We hauled in the hay around the old cellar above barn and in the corner by pasture gates, scatterings off of the frog pond piece and the hay fro the toilet field and around Uncle Ted's. Two good sized loads. |
| August 3, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. I helped Tonny re-rake the "Old Clover Patch" and around old cellar in western field. Bunched it and hauled in two loads. Had to hoist one off and do some stowing away first. |
| August 4, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Took 17 sheep and 19 lambs down to Shaw's Island. Over to Tumbledown to shut sheep up in barn this morning. When Don Witherspoon came in from hauling he went over with me. We tied the sheep and lambs up and hauled them over in the trailer in two loads. Nan and Pat went to the island with us. Had a lunch there. As soon as we got home we hoisted off yesterday's last load of hay and hauled in the last one from western field including scatterings. Mowed hog pen piece and part of Carver's. Nan canned four jars of mackerel. |
| August 5, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny raked dump piece and hog pen piece and finished mowing out Carvers. We hauled in a load off the dump piece and a load off the hog pen piece. I went to Auxiliary, the first meeting they had in their new building. Tonny and Pat went to movies, "Call North Side 777." |
| August 6, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Sheila Burgess. Foggy in the morning, drizzling at times. Tonny and Pat delivered milk. I stayed home and did some housework. Pat and I went to Sheila's party and a party for Aunt Helga. Tonny cut some alders and then got Lawrence to help him put the heifers up on Mrs. Pease's. Foster down working on electric light plant engine. Elsie spent evening with us. |
| August 7, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny raked scattering, raked Carver's, sharpened mower knife. Mowed out Emery Hopkins' estate, hauled in a load and a half off of Carver's, cleaning the place up. Had to hoist off the load first that we hauled in Thursday night. |

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| August 8, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> North west wind changing to South West in afternoon. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny mowed Stanley Gay's ranch while we were gone. Hoisted off and stowed away our last load from last night and hauled a load of hay from Emery's cleaning the place up except for four bunches. Von and Ethel Godfrey called on us a little while. They were over visiting Sampson's for the day. |
| August 9, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny struck out a junk to the westerd of Frank's house above brook. Didn't have time to finish it. Hauled home a good big load from Gay's. Left several bunches for tomorrow. |
| August 10, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny mowed down below Frank's house and finished the junk. He struck out yesterday. We hauled home what hay we left on Gay's, filling the rack with some from Frank's. Stowed it away and went back and filled our hay rack and the Lester Sherer rack and towed them both home together. Hoisted ours off and left Sherer's in the barn. |
| August 11, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. We got in one load of hay into Tumbledown, came home early so as to pick our beans and peas. Had a half bushel of each. Pat and I delivered milk today. Stowed away and hoisted off the Lester Sherer rack of hay before going over to Tumbledown. |
| August 12, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Pat delivered milk. I stayed home and canned 30 pints of string beans, peas and Swiss Chard. I picked the Swiss Chard after I got my first two canners going. Storming hard easterly tonight. |
| August 13, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went with milk as it was not a hay day. Called at Dalon's on our way home. Tonny took the Lester Sherer hay rake up to the garage to have welded. Found the eastern pasture sheep out when he came home. Tonny also killed and dressed two broilers that we [got] tonight from Mary. We planned to go to the dance tonight but Kenneth Mills and his wife came and stayed until after eleven. |
| August 14, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny hauled a cow to the boat for Malcolm and then hauled an engine and some other junk from Frank's down to the boat for Sam Cohan. Came home and drove the sheep at Mrs. Pease, took out two lambs and two mothers. Tonny dressed them out making us quite late. We went to the movies and did the milking when we came back. |
| August 15, Sunday | [blank through August 18] |
| August 19, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Peter hauled in three loads from the junk above the old apple tree and next the road. Mowed the junk to the westard of the apple tree and up to the little garden. |
| August 20, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Hauled in a load of hay to the westard of the old apple tree and Tonny mowed some top of the hill. They had to stow some hay away and so forth. |
| August 21, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny finished mowing top of the hill. Got it all raked up and hauled in. One medium size load. Peter cleaned some in the sheep pens. We all went along when we took Peter home. Went down town and had a Coke. Watched the traffic a few minutes. |

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| August 22, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went with milk. Stayed uptown until after four watching the sights and so forth. Called at George Brown's to see his goats and kids. Tonny went over to Frank's and mowed an hour after milking. Everything mowed to the westard of the swamp. |
| August 23, Monday | [blank through August 29] |
| August 29, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful hot day. Nan delivered milk. Malcolm and I took two half molasses barrels down to the islands. Calderwood's and Shaw's and bailed up water for the sheep. Saw a big mink in the well on Calderwood's. Had quite a job beating to windward coming home. Had to two from the end of Stimpson's as the wind breezed up so. Rode up to Arthur Beverage farm to watch Malcolm mow for Lloyd C. |
| August 30, Monday | <i>Tonny:</i> Pete worked for me. We mowed and cleaned up F. Waterman place. Also along side my garage and in back of barn. The barn isn't even full to the eave girts. Only about eleven load off of my big field. |
| August 31, Tuesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Today's Birthdays: P.A. Calderwood. Received a new bicycle as present. Almost a shower this morning. Mowed fodder for cows and then patched on barn roof. Planned to go see the movie - "The Yearling" but Binney came over and spent the evening so we didn't go. |
| Sept. 1, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Pete helped me this P.M. Mowed fodder for cows and then worked patching barn roof until 2:15 when I took the hay racks in tow and went up to Isa Beverage's. Malcolm mowed her place out for me. I went down to Wayside, got my Lester rake and raked up Isa's place before coming home. Nan took Pete home. He worked cleaning sheep pens this P.M. |
| Sept. 2, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Pete helped me. Nan delivered milk. Pete and I bunched the hay at Isa's and loaded both hay racks. Cleaned it up. Put both loads in sheep barn. Pete stowed the hay away and I sheared two sheep that I missed at shearing time. |
| Sept. 3, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Nice day after the fog cleared. Tonny worked on barn roof after he got the chores done here. Pat and I delivered milk and then washed up to Mercedes. |
| Sept. 4, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Nan came back to play with Pat. Tonny worked on the barn roof. We all went to movies to see "Good News." Not bad. Nancy decided to spend night. |
| Sept. 5, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Very warm day. We all went on the milk route, watched traffic uptown until the boat left, then Harvey took us down to the Islands to water the sheep. We had a nice trip. |
| Sept. 6, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Labor Day. |
| Sept. 7, Tuesday | [blank through October 19] |
| Oct. 20, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Took "Jones Libby" down to Calderwood's Island. Nan went with me. We kept on down to Shaw's and got a few cranberries. |

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| Oct. 21, Thursday | [blank] |
| Oct. 22, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Bought new Ford Tractor with 2 way plows tonight \$1634.00 not including insurance and carrying charges. Chester B. and Lawrence G. helped me haul hay today from Zimmerman's. 2 loads in the barn here and two at Tumbledown. Mr. Heald from Union was G. Payson's representative. Payson is the Ford tractor dealer in this locality. Heald spent the night at Forest Adams. He demonstrated the tractor and plows about an hour on the frog pond piece until darkness stopped us. The ground was so dry and hard it was hard to tell whether the outfit was doing what it should or not. |
| Oct. 23, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan delivered milk. I took the plows off of the new tractor, went over to the other farm on it. Pitched off the load of hay we left in the barn floor onto the eastern scaffold. Showed the other load of hay into the barn and brought the empty hayrack home. |
| Oct. 24, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Albert Beverage called this P.M. I went after water after he left. Harrowed the Sudan patch this A.M. with the new tractor so I could turn the cows into the western field tomorrow. |
| Oct. 25, Monday | [blank] |
| Oct. 26, Tuesday | [blank] |
| Oct. 27, Wednesday | [blank] |
| Oct. 28, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan and Pat started for N.Y. Nice chance across the bay. Down to see how Malcolm's outfit was plowing in his southern field. Helped him make some adjustments on his plow but still couldn't get them to work as they should. |
| Oct. 29, Friday | [blank] |
| Oct. 30, Saturday | [blank] |
| Oct. 31, Sunday | [blank] |
| Nov. 1, Monday | <i>Tonny:</i> Supper with Carver at Carver's. Steak, peas, etc. Very good especially the etc. |
| Nov. 2, Tuesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Harry came down with the ferry scow. Prescott Lincoln came with him. Brought the heifers home from Stimpson's this A.M. The Babes Durham heifer had already calved: heifer calf. Mercedes, James & Jimmie down tonight and spent the night. Lottie got us a nice supper but James had to go to Legion supper. |
| Nov. 3, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> The Oldroyds stayed down again tonight. |
| Nov. 4, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Supper at Hiram's and then we balanced our acc'ts to date. Ended with a credit due me of \$12.85. |

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| Nov. 5, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan and Pat returned from N.Y. "Hurrah." Worked in house washing bottles etc. until nearly noon. Pulled some more alders and stumps out in the pasture and widened out the plowed piece fifteen or twenty feet. Jimmie Brown down this afternoon to see the new tractor. Let him drive to pull some alders. Uptown at boat time to get the girls. Harry G. sent me a qt. of Carstairs. |
| Nov. 6, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> I delivered milk as Nan felt so mean from her trip. |
| Nov. 7, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Today's Birthdays: Malcolm Crockett. <i>Annie:</i> Raining hard at times. Pat and I went to S.S. Tonny finished our chores in the house while we were gone. We made out bills this afternoon. Tonny made several trips out into the pasture to find the Button heifer he finally found her with a Bossie. Don and Cynthia here a minute to pay their bill and get a qt. milk. We went to church tonight. Buttons heifer had her bossie "Bull" yesterday. |
| Nov. 8, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Tonny and Malcolm hauled nine tons of Tonny's lime. Put all but one load in Frank's barn. One load here in Uncle Will's garage, left 1 ton in freight shed to take down to Calderwood's Island. <i>Tonny:</i> Hauled a load of water when we came down with first load of lime. This turned out to be the last load for the season. |
| Nov. 9, Tuesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Turned "Mac" the Hampshire out with the sheep at Pease's. <i>Annie:</i> Overcast but mild. Tonny helped Malcolm all day hauling lime and spreading it. They hauled and spread six tons. I stayed at home other than when I took some milk up to Erma's and Nellie's and got some gas for the electric light plant. <i>Tonny:</i> Spread 6 ton lime for Malcolm with Elsie. Used his spreader about 5 hrs. Called it even for him hauling my lime yesterday. Before we started hauling Malcolm came down to Mrs. Pease's and helped me drive the sheep into the pen so to have them all together about turning the Buck out with them. |
| Nov. 10, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Viola J. Stover. Rained during the night, foggy this morning. Nice and mild but breezing up during afternoon. Raining again tonight hard. We went to Grange Fair and dance. Not much to brag about. <i>Tonny:</i> Finished plowing in the pasture and then plowed on the frog pond piece until the rain drove me. This rain tonight started the well filling a little. |
| Nov. 11, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Armistice Day. Blowing hard. No West, nice and sunny tho. Pat and I worked in the house. Tonny plowed on the frog pond piece until dinnertime after which he went over and plowed in the big field. Shorty came down and gave him a few pointers. Pat and I went up and got the mail. Our coats came. Olive and I went to Auxiliary tonight. We had a covered dish supper which was a good success. |
| Nov. 12, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Today's Birthdays: Albert Beverage. 42° this morning. Took Nan up to wash and then delivered milk. Visited at Albert B.'s a few minutes. He is living alone as Julia is up taking care of Virginia who is having the measles. Came home as far as Tumbledown, left truck there, walked home to get the new tractor. Plowed on the piece in the big field until time to go uptown after Nan at 4:00. Albert down to supper. Had Harvey, Hiram & Elmer C. come in this evening. We played 83. Had a good time. |

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| Nov. 13, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> Drizzly by spells this A.M. Rained hard all of P.M. and part of night. Over to Tumbledown this A.M. and pitched off the load of hay on the rack. Uptown with Nan and Pat this A.M. Had hair cut. Herman Crockett died suddenly last night. |
| Nov. 14, Sunday | <i>Tonny:</i> Blew a gale of wind N.W. last night. Delivered milk while Nan & Pat were at church. Came right home and spent the P.M. hunting for the "Jill Heifer" and her calf born last night in the pasture. Finally found them on school house hill. Cynthia & Dickey here this P.M. Then Dalon & Mary Brown with their family came. Dalon down clamming. Jill heifer had a nice bull calf. Jill heifer calved in pasture last night. |
| Nov. 15, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny plowed on junk in big field from 10:00 to 4:00. Made quite a showing. I canned the Aunt Eda pears. I had seventeen pints. Got through around two when I took Tonny over a lunch and then went up and got Pat. |
| Nov. 16, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Blowing some but clear this morning. Temperature around 30°. It rained some during the night. I delivered milk, got home around 1:00. Tonny finished plowing the junk in his big field and dug in the middle furrows uptown to get his grain afterwards. |
| Nov. 17, Wednesday | [blank through November 24] |
| Nov. 25, Thursday | <i>Tonny:</i> Thanksgiving. Worked at the barn this A.M. Cleaned out calf pen, put up crowder poles between some of the cows and watered up. Kept the cows in for two day feeding first time this fall. |
| Nov. 26, Friday | <i>Tonny:</i> Nan delivered milk. After getting squared around here I started plowing on the Stan Gay farm. Plowed over 1/2 acre between his driveway and the eastern swamp. Up to Don and Cynthia's anniversary this evening. Garnet & Clara Thornton, Lawrence & Alice Grant, Austin & Barbara Joy were there. Garnet showed his colored pictures. Had a nice time. Finished feeding out head scaffold and started on eastern scaffold. At least three weeks ahead of schedule. |
| Nov. 27, Saturday | <i>Tonny:</i> Rained all A.M. and up to 1:30 or so. Up town with Nan and Pat as soon as dinner as Pat went to 4-H meeting. Visited on street until mail was open. |
| Nov. 28, Sunday | [blank through December 12] |
| Dec. 13, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Malcolm killed our Bull after dinner today - <i>Tonny:</i> Jill's two year old one - half Durham. Hauled the black cow up to Hiram's this morning and then went down to Malc's to see if he could help me kill the bull this P.M. Sold the black cow for \$120.00 Pd. |
| Dec. 14, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny and I delivered milk and also Bull. Gus Whitmore family had a hind quarter. Johnny Riddle had a fore, the other side went into Hopkins' store. We didn't get home until almost four. <i>Tonny:</i> Bull weighed 494 lbs. @ \$.34 1/2 . |

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| Dec. 15, Wednesday | <i>Tonny:</i> Took the spreader over to Tumbledown and started hauling out the sheep manure in the cow yard. Spread 5 loads on the big piece. I plowed in the big field this fall before I stuck the tractor. Had to walk home and get Nan to come over with Elsie to haul me out. |
| Dec. 16, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk and then helped Alta pack some boxes for Togus. Brought Pat home with me from school at six we took her up to Junior Choir. I went to the Adult Choir. Tonny visited at Frank Beverage's. We had our first snowstorm tonight. It was all gone by morning as it rained during the night. <i>Tonny:</i> Got my lamb - check for the 22 lambs from Woodbridge that Hiram & I killed - \$215. |
| Dec. 17, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny got his chores done here and then went over to Frank's to haul out manure. Got the barn yard all cleaned up and tried hauling out the manure from in back of barn but it was too soft on top. Burned some brush on the plowed piece in the pasture and looked the wood over that he didn't get hauled out last winter. Olive and I went to the school Christmas tree. It was good. We were up to Albert's tonight to supper. Gerald was over from Rockland. <i>Tonny:</i> Spread this manure on this year's rape patch. |
| Dec. 18, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Tonny went with milk. Pat and I did housework and went out in woods. Got some fir for pillows. Tonny didn't get home until after mail. We went to bed early tonight. |
| Dec. 19, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> We all went to S.S. and church. Quite a good crowd to church. Patsy and Gertrude sang the verses of a hymn together. The rest of the Junior Choir sang the chorus. We wrapped lamb for home this afternoon, half a lamb to each family. Gram G., Sam & Peg, Nim & Ned, Jim & Connie. Harvey, Shirley and Floyd here this afternoon. Also Bill and Olive on their way home from Stimpson's Island. Tonny made out checks tonight to Isa B., Taxes, Ray B., Malcolm & Ralph W. |
| Dec. 20, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> Cool and breezy. A lot of snow in N.Y. and Boston today. Went out to sea before getting up here. Thank goodness. Tonny and Pat went with milk. We got some Christmas cards ready to mail tonight. Don and Cynthia down. Cynthia made me a batch of fudge. |
| Dec. 21, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Alta Marie Burgess. A perfectly beautiful day. Pat and I washed. Tonny, Malcolm, Harvey and his scow down to Calderwood's to get sheep. Tonny was two sheep short. Malcolm one lamb. They were able to drive them aboard the scow which made it quite easy. They took two ton of lime down there to spread on the island when there is a chance. We went to the High School play tonight. "Here Comes Charlie." Nothing to brag on. Snowing some tonight. |
| Dec. 22, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Leah Beverage, Dorothy Howard. Snow didn't amount to very much. This has been a nice day. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny and Harvey went down to Shaw's to get the lamb that jumped out of the pen the day they got the sheep. They found that one and another one but didn't get them as they took to the woods. |

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| Dec. 23, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Snowed a few flurries. Tonny spread two ton of lime on the big piece. He plowed in the No. East corner of pasture. Over to "Tumbledown." Pat and I went up to Cynthia's to make some fudge. Downtown and got mail. Had eighteen cards tonight and a package of fruit from Mrs. Fay. |
| Dec. 24, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> 11 above this morning. We all went on milk route, collected and delivered Xmas presents, did some shopping and waited for the mail. Up to Xmas tree tonight. Quite a nice crowd there. Down to Harvey's afterwards to sample Shirley's port wine. Erma & Mrs. Gertrude Grant there. Only 8° above tonight. |
| Dec. 25, Saturday | <i>Annie:</i> Christmas Day. 7 above this morning. Vapor flying a little. We opened our package after breakfast. Had some nice ones. Uptown to get the mail this afternoon. Down to Harvey's a little while, then home. Elmer and Olive here a little while. |
| Dec. 26, Sunday | <i>Annie:</i> Above 7 here. Pat went to S.S. Tonny delivered milk. I stayed home and done a little housework. Don, Cynthia and Dickie called on us this afternoon. Early to bed tonight. <i>Tonny:</i> Took cows over to pasture spring for first time today. Very small amount of water in ground. |
| Dec. 27, Monday | <i>Annie:</i> About 16 above this morning. Not a very good drying day. I ironed my last week's clothes. Tonny built fence around spring and fixed some watering troughs out there. Tonny had to go to a business meeting at the church. Pat and I visited at Alta's. |
| Dec. 28, Tuesday | <i>Annie:</i> A beautiful day. I washed the clothes, dried swell. Ton delivered milk. Didn't get home until around 2 oc, watered cows and so forth and then went uptown for his grain. We went over to Bill's and Olive's a minute tonight. |
| Dec. 29, Wednesday | <i>Annie:</i> 32 above overcast - wind south. Harold Young died tonight suddenly. Tonny sold his lamb pelts to Sam Cohan today. The telephone man and Lewis run a telephone line up over the ledge and down along the shore to Olive's today. It's temporary until spring when they plan to set some poles. I did my ironing today. Orilla and Frank here this morning. |
| Dec. 30, Thursday | <i>Annie:</i> Raining cats and dogs by spells. Our telephone was out this morning. We had a dead battery this morning as Tonny left the switch on when he pumped Tues. We towed the panel to the garage with Elmer. Had a battery put in and delivered milk downtown on way back. Tonny stopped at garage and changed Elmer's oil and I went to Pulpit Harbor with milk on my way out from Sherer's. I had a blow out. Tonny had to come down home here and get a wheel and bring it up and put it on. Shorty helped him. I did not go to Auxiliary or choir - too much storm. |
| Dec. 31, Friday | <i>Annie:</i> Southerly rain storm - what a storm! The boat didn't go at all. Tonny started to the funeral but the car broke down up by Mrs. Pease's and he had to walk back. Frank came down and brought us some bottles out of the car and we went back with him to the movies. "Give my regards to Broadway." Fair. We stopped at Frank's on way back and played cribbage until [a]most twelve. Had a lunch and saw the New Year in. Frank let us have his other taxi to come home in. Happy New Year to everyone. |