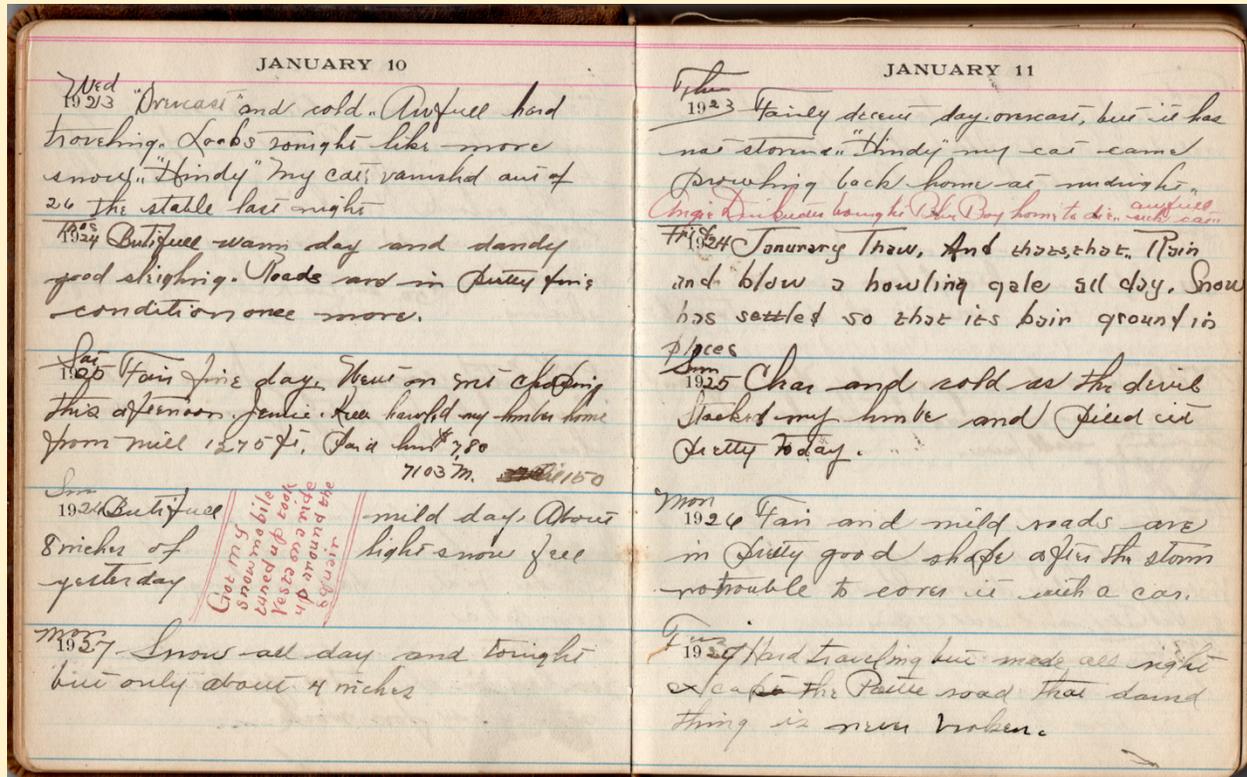


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1924



**Tuesday, Jan. 1** Wish you all a Happy New Leap Year. Fair fine morning clear as a bell not very cold.

**Wednesday, Jan. 2** Butifull day fair clear and cold. 6° below zero this morning. A cloudless day, meaning a storm tomorrow. Herb Thomas bought a new 4 tube Radio set.

**Thursday, Jan. 3** Snow this morning turn to rain & rained all day. Colder tonight.

**Friday, Jan. 4** Fair and growing cold. Roads are in fair shape froze hard.

**Saturday, Jan. 5** Cold and overcast, looks like another storm coming.

**Sunday, Jan. 6** Cold. Flying snow and a curse of a mean old day. Just stoked the stove all day.

**Monday, Jan. 7** Another cold day. Hard traveling roads drifted some. Had to go thro the field in one place.

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**Tuesday, Jan. 8** Fair, very cold this morning. Traveling a little better. Amborn called as witness on the Geo French auto accident. Leroy Rankin hauled me load of hay 1880 lbs \$14.10 Paid

**Wednesday, Jan. 9** Fair and warm, very warm. Snow melted today. Pretty good sleighing. (\$50 due Frank Cooper Paid Dec. 28)

**Thursday, Jan. 10** Butifull warm day and dandy good sleighing. Roads are in pretty fine condition once more.

**Friday, Jan. 11** January Thaw. And that's that. Rain and blow a howling gale all day. Snow has settled so that its bair ground in places.

**Saturday, Jan. 12** Fair and not cold. Snow most all left us. Lots of bair ground. We went to the dance tonight. \$150 Due H.A. Dean. "Oscar Johnson" came up from Clark Island. Went to the dance with us.

**Sunday, Jan. 13** Fair and warm, very mild. Sharpened the shoes and shod a horse today. "Johnson" left for Clark Island after dinner.

**Monday, Jan. 14** Warm. Snow all day, a soft damp snow. V's birthday 39. Gave her a Rinstone Barrett for her hair. Guss & Alta came in with a heap of cake & candy.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15** Butifull day clear and cold. Down to zero this morning. "Johnson" got fired at Clark Island. Came up stopped at Guss tonight. They were all over spent the evening.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16** Overcast cold this morning but raining hard tonight. Regular flood. "Johnson" the [??] stranger. Went this morning to Bangor? 19 days of sleighing.

**Thursday, Jan. 17** Butifull day. Fair and warm. All the snow gone and the grass on the lawns is bright green. Went in wagon today.

**Friday, Jan. 18** Fair and colder. Went in my car. Only got out of the road twice. We gave a Corned Beef & Cabbage party tonight. Guss & Alta took supper with us.

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**Saturday, Jan. 19** Raw cold & overcast. Went in car today. We took supper with the Warren's and all went to the dance together.

**Sunday, Jan. 20** Rain hard last night. Overcast and warm today. Just like spring. We kept open house again today. Had eleven callers.

**Monday, Jan. 21** Bitter cold. The coldest day yet. Blowing a gale N.W. Every indication of a howling snow storm. Went in car again today.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22** Clear & bitter cold. 20° below zero this morning. Roads bair ground & nickle plate of ice. Overcast tonight, looks like snow. Went in car today. 4<sup>th</sup> trip.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23** Fair and mild, fine day and nice traveling. Went in car. Masonic installation at The Trap tonight. We were invited but did not go??

**Thursday, Jan. 24** Fair fine day. Not cold. Worked all the afternoon repairing a rear mud gard on "Henry"

**Friday, Jan. 25** Snow and then snow harder. Tis a regular old switcher. Went in sleigh. This makes the 20 day of sleighing.

**Saturday, Jan. 26** Clear and cold. Roads were only partly broken. Very crusty. Hard traveling. We went to the dance tonight. Way below zero. Couldn't keep warm.

**Sunday, Jan. 27** Awful cold day 20° below this morning, and it's been 8° below all day. But I still got 14 eggs, cold as it is. Sun set in the "Notch" tonight.

**Monday, Jan. 28** Clear and bitter cold. 28° below this morning in E. Searsmont and a bitter night tonight.

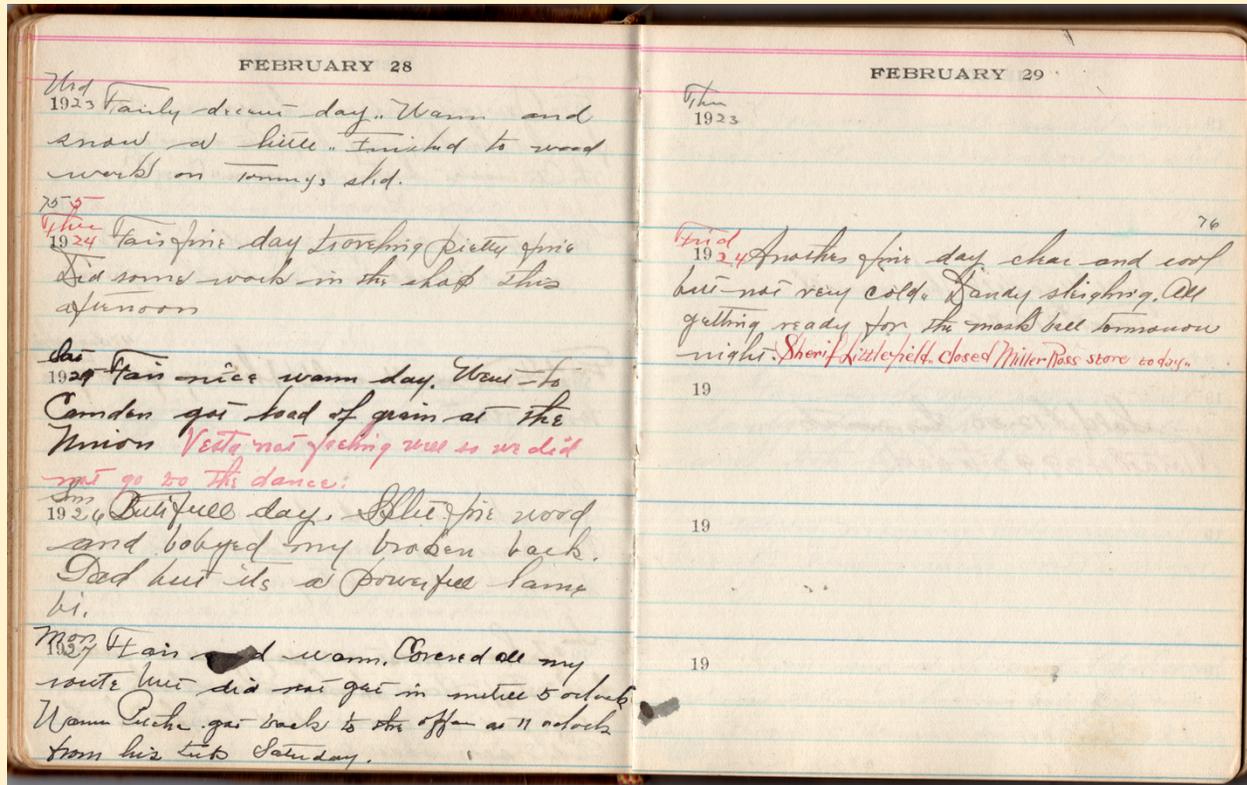
**Tuesday, Jan. 29** Fair and much warmer. It's a butifull day 40° above zero. "Davis" Elizabeth and the baby called this afternoon. Died Clarence Collemer, age 17 yrs.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 30** Very warm and overcast. Snow melted fast. Roads getting bair again. 25 days sleighing.

**Thursday, Jan. 31** Fair and pleasant. Roads slushy as the dickens. Got into the ditch once and got Edalphas [?] Flagg to hawl my car out. Went in my car today.

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**Friday, Feb. 1** Fair fine day. Roads are in pretty nice condition. Mostly bair ground. Clarence Collemer buried today. Poor lad only 17. Drove car on route today.

**Saturday, Feb. 2** Fine day, partly cloudy, mild. Sun shone part of day. Pretty fine wheeling. Went in car again today.

**Sunday, Feb. 3** Colder and partly overcast. Did some work in the blackship shop. John Willett came up for a little while today. Died Ex President Woodrow Wilson???

**Monday, Feb. 4** Fair fine day. Dandy traveling and tis fine weather we have had. Went in my car again today.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5** Dull gray overcast day. Roads in fine condition. Oscar Johnson came down from Bangor. Stopped for dinner? Went in car today.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6** Cold and stormy. Snow that was all most rain froze as it fell all day. Went in sleigh.

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**Thursday, Feb. 7** Snow squalls overcast & cold. Traveling not bad. Car's running all time on the main road Belfast to Camden. Lawry Rankin hawled me load hay 2480 - \$18.80 Paid

**Friday, Feb. 8** Squally some snow fell last night about a half inch. Will Young & Aubry Clark went out to the camp at Andrews Pond fox hunting. Fred Frohock brought me load grain from "Stovers", Camden \$20.05

**Saturday, Feb. 9** Fair clear & cold but dandy good sleighing. We got 26 eggs today from our hens. 29 days sleighing

**Sunday, Feb. 10** Butifull morning mild and fair. We took our car and drove down to Clark Island. Bought Guss & Alta back with us. Roy Young we took down. Snowing tonight.

**Monday, Feb. 11** Snow squalls and cold today. Roads are drifting first time this winter. Guss & Alta in tonight.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** Fair and cold as the devil. Fine sleighing. Got 22 eggs today. Born to Mr & Mrs Merrill Brown another son.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** Fairly good day, overcast and blamed cold this morning. Clear tonight.

**Thursday, Feb. 14** Another fine day. Dandy good sleighing. \$75 due S.I. Co Camden. Alta over tonight. She & Vesta making paper caps for the supper tomorrow night.

**Friday, Feb. 15** Fair clear & cold. All the roads are fine. As smooth & Hard as glass. Only about 6 inches snow on the ground.

**Saturday, Feb. 16** Fair fine day but cold as the dickens. Wind blowing a gale. Vesta gave her Big Night Cap Social. It was a howling success. Cleared \$11.64

**Sunday, Feb. 17** Still fair and still cold. But looks like a snow storm coming. Lets hope it won't come. Died Geo W. Lermond Sr. age 81 yrs

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**Monday, Feb. 18** Fair and cold. And elegant sleighing. Some different from last winter. "I'll say it is" Geo Mahoney back from California. Visiting at Emery French. 38 days sleighing.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19** Another fine day. Clear & cold but just wonderful winter weather. Smoking a ham for Guss Warren.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20** Snow. Regular blizzard. Worst storm of the winter. Sold \$7.40 [??] to date. Dr. Hart came and carried Elsie Collemer to the Hospital in Rockland. 40 days of sleighing to date. We have sold to date \$308.40

**Thursday, Feb. 21** Snow all day and ye gods what traveling. About three in snow fell and blowed into drifts. The froze with a curse. Covered my route. Warren did not get to Hope. Center stage did not go.

**Friday, Feb. 22** Clear and cold. Don't have to drive. Cold as the devil. Just kept the fries [?] on the bring [?] side all day.

**Saturday, Feb. 23** Fair fine day, but cold as the dickens. Big dance at the hall tonight but only a few thear.

**Sunday, Feb. 24** Another cold day. Some warmer this afternoon. Did some work in the shop fixing our to be radio? Died in Lewiston Hiram Heal age 97 yrs 9 months

**Monday, Feb. 25** Fair fine day. Traveling some better. Carried Vesta to Lill Woosters this afternoon. Born to Elsie & Aubry Collemer in the Knox Hospital a daughter.

**Tuesday, Feb. 26** Butifull day fair and warm. And pretty good sleighing. Sold 10 doz eggs to Roy \$3.60. Married Doris Heal & Percival Sawyer.

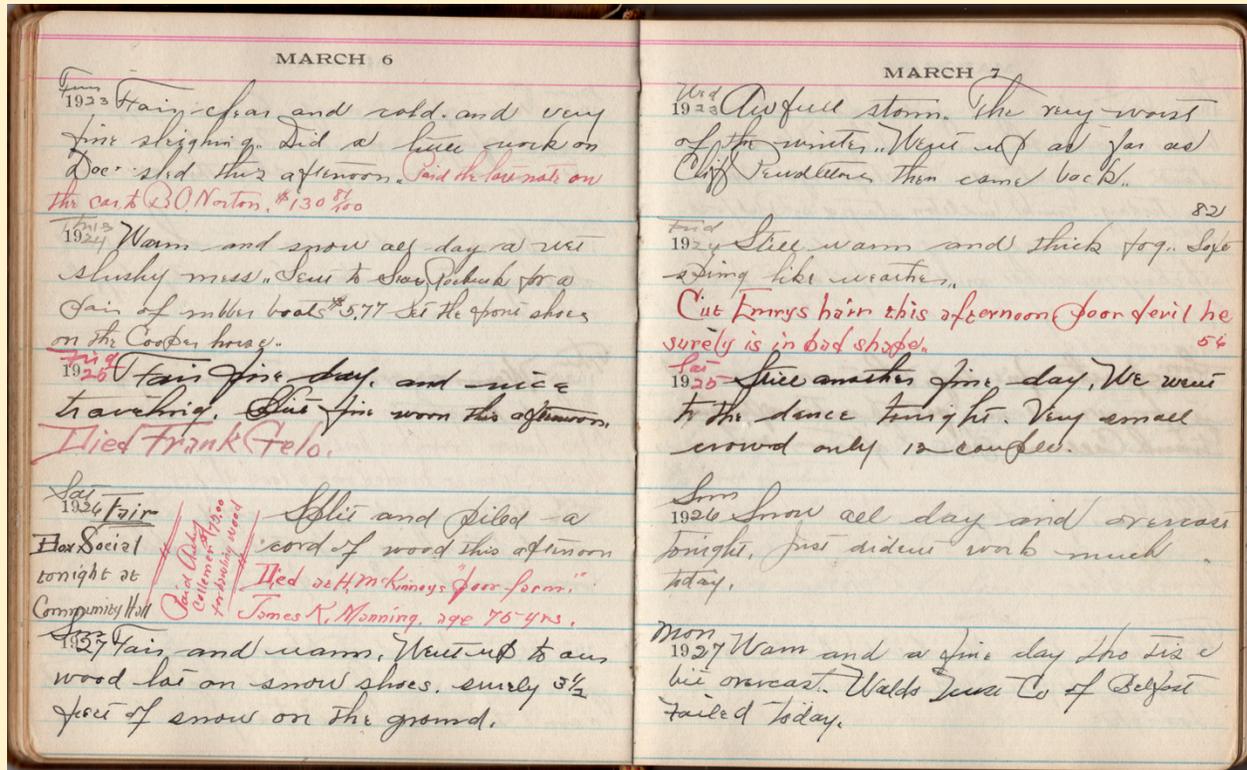
**Wednesday, Feb. 27** And still fair and fine. Did some blacksmith work this afternoon. 47 days sleighing

**Thursday, Feb. 28** Fair fine day traveling pretty fine. Did some work in the shop this afternoon.

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**Friday, Feb. 29** Another fine day. Clear and cool but not very cold. Dandy sleighing. All getting ready for the mask ball tomorrow night. Sheriff Littlefield closed Miller Ross store today.

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**Saturday, Mar. 1** Fair fine day. Big Mask Ball tonight at Community Hall about 20 couples masked. Had a whale of a time. I went dressed as a woman nobody knew me. Alta, dressed as Martha Washington.

**Sunday, Mar. 2** Slightly overcast, not very cold. Feel rather poor. Johnson chopping wood, came up this afternoon. Dr Hart of Camden lanced an abces on Emery French leg today. 51 days sleighing

**Monday, Mar. 3** Another fine day. Dandy good sleighing. The horse I got from Cooper dead lame in both fore feet.

**Tuesday, Mar. 4** Fair fine warm day. Nice sleighing just a few spots of ground bair on the roads. Warm tonight.

**Wednesday, Mar. 5** Warm and overcast. Snow all day, just a damp nasty drizzle almost rain.

**Thursday, Mar. 6** Warm and snow all day a wet slushy mess. Sent to Sears Roebuck for a pair of rubber boots \$5.77. Set the front shoes on the Cooper horse.

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**Friday, Mar. 7** Awfull storm. The very worst of the winter. Went up as far as Cliff Pendletons then came back.

**Saturday, Mar. 8** Snow all day a dirty nasty stickey mess that meltid as fast as it fell. Last dance of the season at Community Hall cleared \$8.80

**Sunday, Mar. 9** Butifull bright mild day. Just like spring. Repaired a sleigh runner.

**Monday, Mar. 10** Fair fine day. Horizon Star reprints "Geo Nichols" his star has set. Town Meeting Eugley 1<sup>st</sup> Bert Collemer 2<sup>nd</sup> LS Russ 3<sup>rd</sup>. Horace Miller Tresurer LC Rankin Clerk Fred Hardy Tax Collector. 59 days of sleighing.

**Tuesday, Mar. 11** Raw & cold. Guess a storm comeing for sure this time. Died at the Ctr Mrs Adelbert Drake.

**Wednesday, Mar. 12** One hell of a day. Snow squalls, and blowing a liveing gale, just howling. Wind easterly. Some wind. Got up to the "Lermond Place" Trees across the road could not get thro had to come back. 61 days of sleighing.

**Thursday, Mar. 13** Blowing a gale. Roads are blocked got out to Searsmont. The Crie Road full of snow and no track, had to come back thro the Ctr.

**Friday, Mar. 14** Fair fine day quite a big wind all day. Covered all my route but it only half a road at best. Six mastid schooner of Portland the "Wyoming" lost with all hands on Nantucket Shoales.

**Saturday, Mar. 15** Fair fine clear cold afternoon, but this morning ye gods didnt it snow, twas a howling northeaster. Gus & Alta came over tonight and we jazed untill midnight. Some dance?

**Sunday, Mar. 16** Cloudy and rather cold. Blowing to beat 3 of a kind. Guss came and got thear Phonograph. Died Geo Bullock age 73 yrs.

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**Monday, Mar. 17** Fair and blowing a gale of wind. Guss Warren went to Camden got me a load grain. Road out to Seasmont blocked. Lawry Rankin hawled me a load of hay.

**Tuesday, Mar. 18** Fair and strong wind howling. Roads drifted pretty bad. Lawry Rankin hawled another load of hay 2480 lbs in all \$18.52 67 days sleighing

**Wednesday, Mar. 19** Fair and some warmer the snow settled quite a bit today. Drove the black Cooper horse. Dead lame.

**Thursday, Mar. 20** Raw cold overcast. Warm up this afternoon. Snow went today. Ordered a new car of Frank Cooper for delivery May 15 \$433.

**Friday, Mar. 21** Very warm and very slushy. Durned hard traveling. Startid in to take my old car apart this afternoon.

**Saturday, Mar. 22** Fair and warm fine day. Lots of bair ground. Went clambing tonight got some big ones. Guss & Alta came over tonight and we danced untill midnight.

**Sunday, Mar. 23** Another fine warm day. Got up at 5 oclock this morning, went clambing got a pail full large clams. 72 days sleighing

**Monday, Mar. 24** Fair and warm. Snow about all gorn. See a flock of robins this morning. Went in wagon first trip.

**Tuesday, Mar. 25** Another fine warm day. Pretty muddy. Drove the black Cooper horse very lame.

**Wednesday, Mar. 26** Still fair nice weather. Roads are getting pretty sloppy in places.

**Thursday, Mar. 27** Another fair day but awfully cold. Jennice Kellers birthday 31 yrs old. Burned Clarence Woodburys Buildings only \$1,100 insurance.

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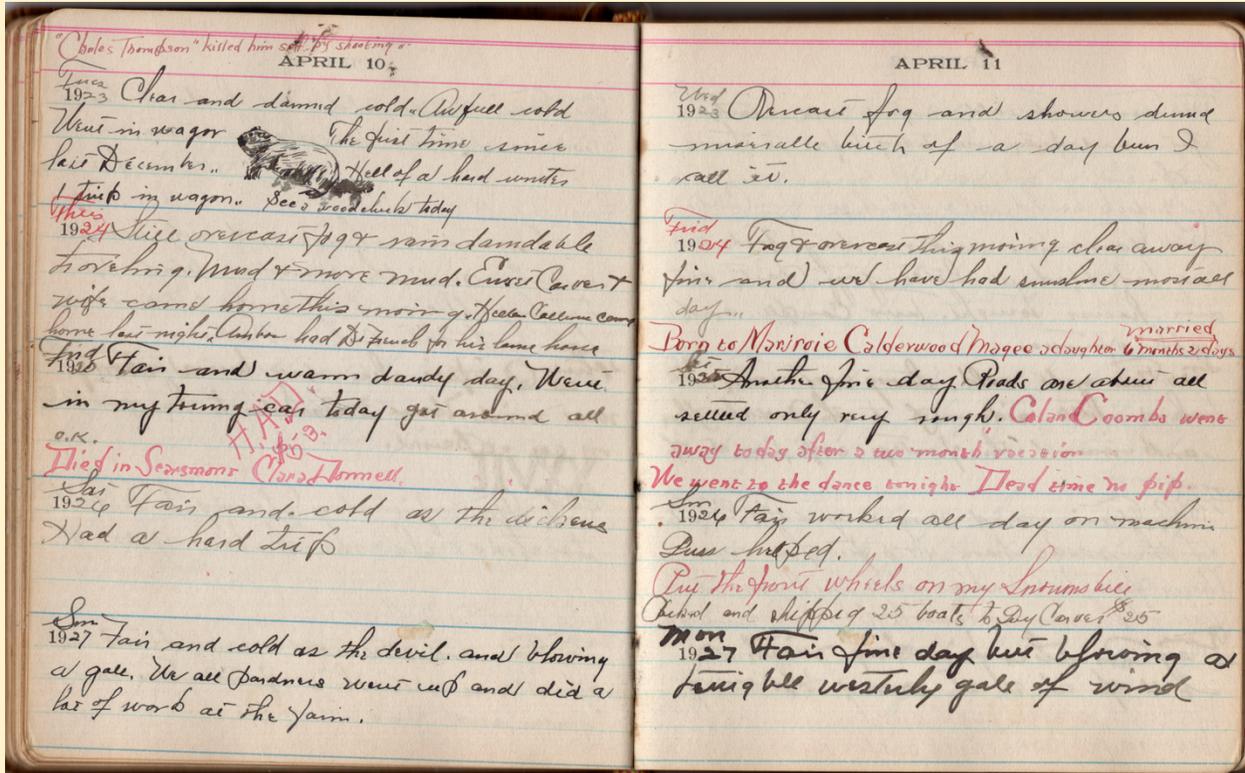
**Friday, Mar. 28** Fair but not very warm. Traveling not so bad. Lots of ice and snow in the roads yet.

**Saturday, Mar. 29** Another pretty fair day. A few places breaking thro in the Roads. We had another two couple dance (Guss & Alta) "Cooper" sent another old scab of a horse for my use today.

**Sunday, Mar. 30** Overcast showers & snow squalls today. Did a little work in the shop, but to blamed nasty to stay out of doors.

**Monday, Mar. 31** Fair and warmer. Frost comeing out quite a few places and mud quite deep. Married Geo Staples & Florence Flagg?

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1924



**Tuesday, Apr. 1** Fair, very cold last night. See a big flock of Black Birds this morning. The first this spring. Drove that old clipped runaway out to Searsmont got a little small mair.

**Wednesday, Apr. 2** Snow hard all last night & today. Alta over making a new coat for Vesta. Dandy. 73 days sleighing

**Thursday, Apr. 3** Overcast, cold. Went in a sleigh again but the snow went like smoke this afternoon. See a blue bird today. 74 days of sleighing.

**Friday, Apr. 4** Fair and warm, overcast. Tonight looks like rain. Went in wagon today. See a red wing black bird today.

**Saturday, Apr. 5** Fair and warm. Frost coming out in many places. Hard traveling. Borrowed some records from Clifton Dickey & we had another little 2 couple dance Guss & Alta.

**Sunday, Apr. 6** Overcast and cold. Very cold raw east wind. Worked on car took pistons out & put in new rings. Died in Camden Lovica Young 79 yrs.

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**Monday, Apr. 7** Rain hard all day and blowing a gale. Roads breaking up. Guss & Alta in tonight & we jazzed for a while. Amborns Cooper horse awfull lame.

**Tuesday, Apr. 8** Rain most all day terriable traveling frost comeing out all over the route. Nell Morse sent out a S.O.S. today for cut the [stanells?] and droped two cattle into the barn celler, one dead, choked to death. Died Mrs. Rose Pillsbury.

**Wednesday, Apr. 9** Overcast, showers, damd bum weather and the cussedest kind of traveling. Alta went to Camden to take cair of her brother Foster. Sick with Pheunomia.

**Thursday, Apr. 10** Still overcast fog & rain damdable traveling. Mud & more mud. Ernest Carver & wife came home this morning. Helen Collemer came home last night. Amborn had Dr French for his lame horse.

**Friday, Apr. 11** Fog & overcast this morning clear away fine and we have had sunshine most all day. Born to Marjorie Calderwood Magee a daughter. Married 6 months 2 days.

**Saturday, Apr. 12** Fair nice warm day. Roads are very bad. Had a little jazz party at our house tonight. Two couple and supper afterward.

**Sunday, Apr. 13** Pretty day. Put new oversize rings in the pistons of Henry. Got them all in. Set 3 Hen's tonight.

**Monday, Apr. 14** Fair and cold. Strong west wind. Hard traveling. Drove the Little Cooper mair and she was one damd tired horse tonight? So was I. Born to Mr & Mrs Arnie Knight a son.

**Tuesday, Apr. 15** Fair and still very cold. Only 18 above zero this morning. Tonight Harry Frohock, Shirley Young & Alta Warren in rehursing the Easter offering.

**Wednesday, Apr. 16** Fair, clear and cold. Ground froze as hard as flint this morning.

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**Thursday, Apr. 17** Fair and quite warm. Nice day drying mud up a very little. Worked on car all afternoon. Ice went out of the Andrews Pond.

**Friday, Apr. 18** Butifull morning, cloudy and cold tonight. Roads are drying up a little, but still very bad. Took banking boards from house this afternoon. Ice went out of the LI'seller Pond.

**Saturday, Apr. 19** Rain hard all last night and it snowed hard all day today. About 4 inches fell, hellish traveling.

**Sunday, Apr. 20** Fair fine day. Went to church this afternoon. Easter Concert. Quite a crowd at the service. Guss the French fisherman got a seal in his nets this morning.

**Monday, Apr. 21** Fair fine day. Got back quite early and put in the afternoon assembling "Henry Ford". Got it running like a Waterbury watch.

**Tuesday, Apr. 22** Rain hard all day. Awfull storm, very cold. Drove a horse out to Searsmont for "Amborn" and swaped for another skate.

**Wednesday, Apr. 23** Still rain very cold, a miserable bitch of a day. Got good and wet.

**Thursday, Apr. 24** A miserable bitch of a day rain and snow mixed in with sleet bum weather.

**Friday, Apr. 25** Overcast, shower & hale, bum weather. Mud drying up some worked on car this afternoon.

**Saturday, Apr. 26** Fair and some warmer. Dance at the Big Hall tonight. Big crowd, but a bum time.

**Sunday, Apr. 27** Fair butifull spring like day. Pitt came over from Portland today. He & Louie up spent the evening.

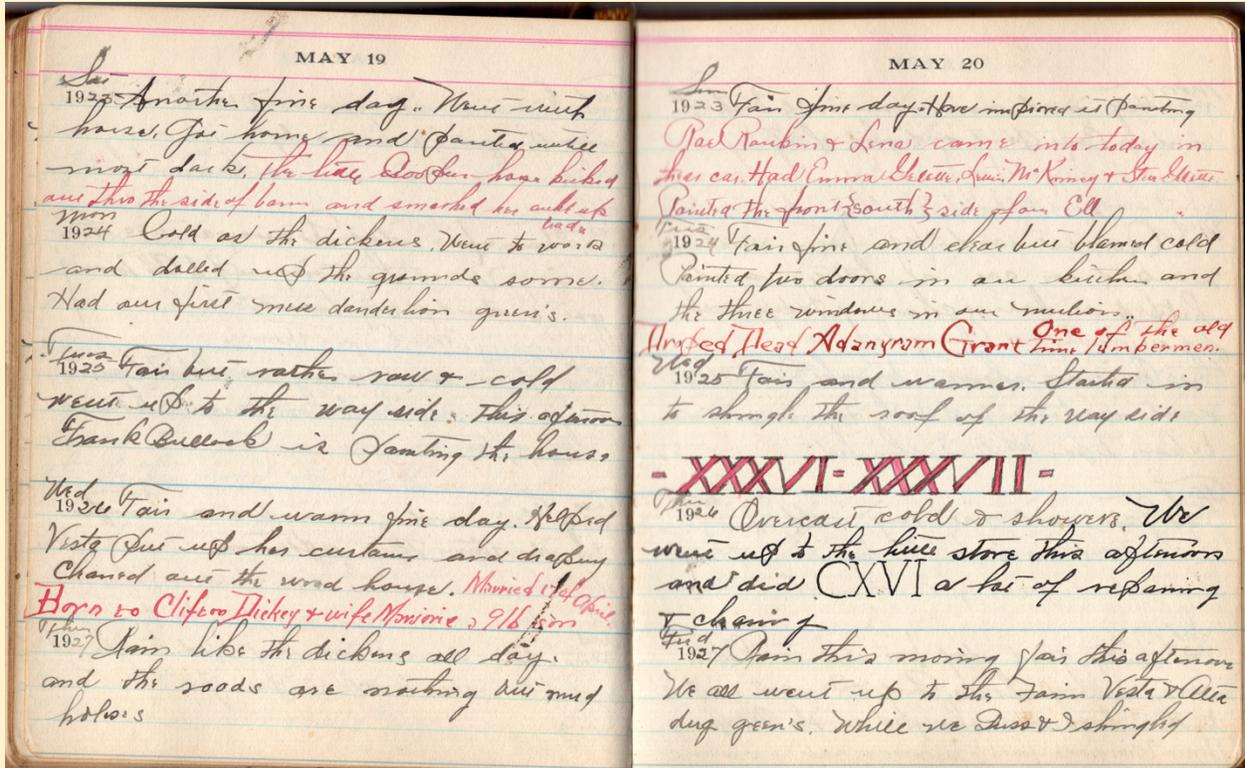
**Monday, Apr. 28** Fair and warm. Vesta startid house cleaning. Maynard & Dee with thear boy came & stoped with us tonight from Hollis Center. Maynard on crutches. Bustid ankle.

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**Tuesday, Apr. 29** Cold overcast, looks like rain and feels like snow. Set out 3 dwarf pear trees. 2 Bartlett 1 Duchess

**Wednesday, Apr. 30** Still very cold and overcast. Still the mud is slowly drying up.

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**Thursday, May 1** Rain just poured last night and this forenoon. Cold storm.

**Friday, May 2** Fair pretty fine day. Went in my car first time. Only got into the mud a couple of times.

**Saturday, May 3** Fair nice day. The Cooper horse got gay and tried her damdest to kick my wagon to pieces. Went to dance at Community Hall tonight

**Sunday, May 4** Overcast, showers bum day. Guss came over & we made an strap of wrought iron to hold his tool box on the big truck.

**Monday, May 5** Fair nice day but feels like late fall. Got a headach and feel like a stewed prune. Went in car today second time this spring. Got 21 chick from 3 hen's.

**Tuesday, May 6** Fair and cold. Went in car again today. Did go fishing took Roy Hurd and we fished the Geo Heal mill stream only two trout.

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**Wednesday, May 7** Butifull spring day, fair and warm. Finished washing our kitchen celen. Vesta finished papering one of the chamber rooms.

**Thursday, May 8** Fairly decent kind of a day but still very cold. Did some work on car. \$50 due Sarah F. Knight. Paid May 8/24. Set 4 hen's tonight.

**Friday, May 9** Still its cold and commencing to rain this noon. Storming tonight.

**Saturday, May 10** Overcast fog and rain. We went to the dance tonight at Community Hall. Supposed to be a poverty ball. More silk, than rag's present. Big crowd.

**Sunday, May 11** Overcast cold. Got up at 3 oclock this morning took Bill Young and we went trout fishing up to Cobb town. Stream very high.

**Monday, May 12** Cold rain and gennaly miserable. Stormed all day. Amborn made his first trip in a car.

**Tuesday, May 13** Rain all day, cleared tonight. Roads very slippery. Put new bushings into car this afternoon.

**Wednesday, May 14** Fair pretty nice day. Did some work on car. Tonight we took Guss & Alta out to Mystic Grange Belmont to the dance. Rain hard comeing home Fun time.

**Thursday, May 15** Thick fog & raining this morning. Clear away afternoon fine tonight. Put a front spring into car. Bustid one last night. Married last night Pitt Keller & Dasey Roberts?

**Friday, May 16** Cleared away at last. Did some work cleaning up our yard. And putting it in dress condition.

**Saturday, May 17** Another fine day. We went to the dance at Community Hall tonight. Last dance given by the Village Imp Society.

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**Sunday, May 18** Fair fine day. Got away at 3-30 this morning. Went trouting up to Cobb Town got 6 dandy big trout. Died in Somerville Mrs Eugene Thomas.

**Monday, May 19** Cold as the dickens. Went to work and dolled up the grounds some. Had our first mess danderlion green's.

**Tuesday, May 20** Fair fine and clear but blamed cold. Painted two doors in our kitchen and the three windows in our mullion. Dropped dead Adanyram Grant one of the old time lumbermen.

**Wednesday, May 21** Overcast and fog, bum weather. Worked on car a little and helped at house cleaning. Ladys wash day at Community Hall. Cleaning hall.

**Thursday, May 22** Fair fine day. Painted some in our kitchen.

**Friday, May 23** Fair fine day. More paint on the kitchen finish. Vesta & Alta down at Community Hall this afternoon dusting.

**Saturday, May 24** Overcast and cold as the devil. Spring dance at the Hall tonight. 100 couples V & I went rotten time

**Sunday, May 25** Rain hard most all day. Slept & smoked the day away. Guss & Alta in tonight.

**Monday, May 26** Fair pretty good day. Painted all afternoon. Sam & Edith Perry came today. Scott Knight smote Miller Ross right lusterly upon the eye & nose breaking & blackened same.

**Tuesday, May 27** Fair fine day. Roy Oxtan plowed our garden for us this forenoon. Finished painting our kitchen.

**Wednesday, May 28** Rain hard as the dickens most all day so could not do much out door work.

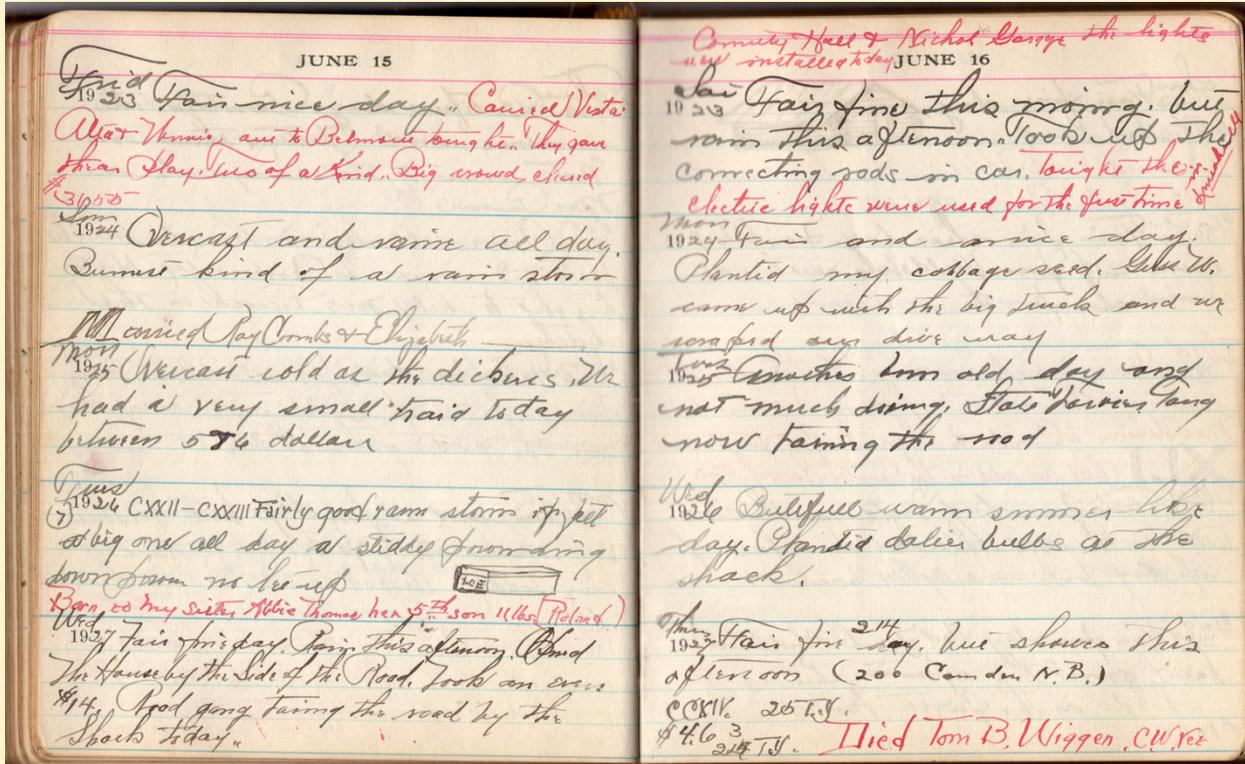
**Thursday, May 29** Rain some more. Did not get to the dance in Belmont after all our planting.

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**Friday, May 30** Fair & cold. Got up at 12-45 this morning. Amborn & I took our "Cooper" horses back to Searsmont. See a big raccoon comeing back. We took Guss & Alta up to Ft [???] to see Frank Brown spent the day on his barge.

**Saturday, May 31** Still blowing a westerly gale. And I have one rotten cold. Head feels like a water bucket & twice as large.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1924



**Sunday, Jun. 1** Fair and still blowing. Frank Brown came back from Bangor to attend the dance last night??? Born to Mattie & Ernest Heal a daughter.

**Monday, Jun. 2** Another fine day. But feel like a pickled prune, got a rotten cold. Some better I hope.

**Tuesday, Jun. 3** Fair and warm. Still have my cold with interest. My nose feels & looks like a seed cucumber! Burned Lee Goss farm buildings & 4 horses 3 cows, hens & hogs.

**Wednesday, Jun. 4** Fair and warm. Have felt punk all day. Durn a cold anyway. Went to Marriners Hall to dance last night to Guss & Alta.

**Thursday, Jun. 5** Fair fine warm day. Roy Oxtan came and harrowed furrowed & put the dressing on our garden.

**Friday, Jun. 6** Hot as the hinges of hell and then some.

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**Saturday, Jun. 7** Fair fine day. Broke another front spring in car. That makes two in a month. President Coolidge vetoed the salary increase today for postal employees. Ant that hell?

**Sunday, Jun. 8** Butifull day. Put a new front spring into Henry Ford. V & I took a little ride of twenty miles this afternoon. The "Bushes" came this morning.

**Monday, Jun. 9** And still butifull weather. Put the finish coat of Kinze on our dining room floor this afternoon.

**Tuesday, Jun. 10** Fair fine clear day. Plantid potatoes and small garden [??] this afternoon. Born to Alice & Don Patten a son, 6 in six years.

**Wednesday, Jun. 11** Butifull day. Did some mowing & choring up about the buildings. Washed the car. Four girls came down on the boat to go back with Dr. Bush, returned to Worcester.

**Thursday, Jun. 12** Another fine day. Did some work on the car.

**Friday, Jun. 13** Fair fine day. Broke another front spring in the car. That makes 3 this season.

**Saturday, Jun. 14** Overcast, rain hard tonight. Vesta & I went to Community Hall tonight to help Mrs French in the kitchen.

**Sunday, Jun. 15** Overcast and rain all day. Bummet kind of a rain storm. Married Ray Coombs & Elizabeth [blank]

**Monday, Jun. 16** Fair and a nice day. Plantid my cabbage seed. Guss W. came up with the big truck and we scraped our drive way.

**Tuesday, Jun. 17** Fair fine clear day. Frank Cooper came up from Waldoboro with a new shoe for the new Ford.

**Wednesday, Jun. 18** Rain most of the day, fair & warm tonight. Community Hall held its first midweek dance. Knowltons Orc. from Belfast. Music good. Attendance rotten.

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**Thursday, Jun. 19** Fair and warm, sultry. Tonight we, Guss & Alta V & I went to Hope to a dance. Very small crowd.

**Friday, Jun. 20** Hot as the devil this morning. Varnished our kitchen floor with "Valspar" the varnish that wont turn white.

**Saturday, Jun. 21** Overcast this morning with every indication of rain. And its raining hard tonight.

**Sunday, Jun. 22** Fair fine day. V & I took a ride up to Searsport this afternoon and to Camden this evening.

**Monday, Jun. 23** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast to do a little shopping this afternoon. Alta W. went with us. Tonight we took G & A went to a dance in Searsport. The Thistal [?]

**Tuesday, Jun. 24** Hot as hell and twice as sticky. Just sweltering, musky and mucky.

**Wednesday, Jun. 25** Still hot and looks like thunder showers.

**Thursday, Jun. 26** Fair hot and sticky. Hoed in garden. And finished work on Tommy's wagon wheels.

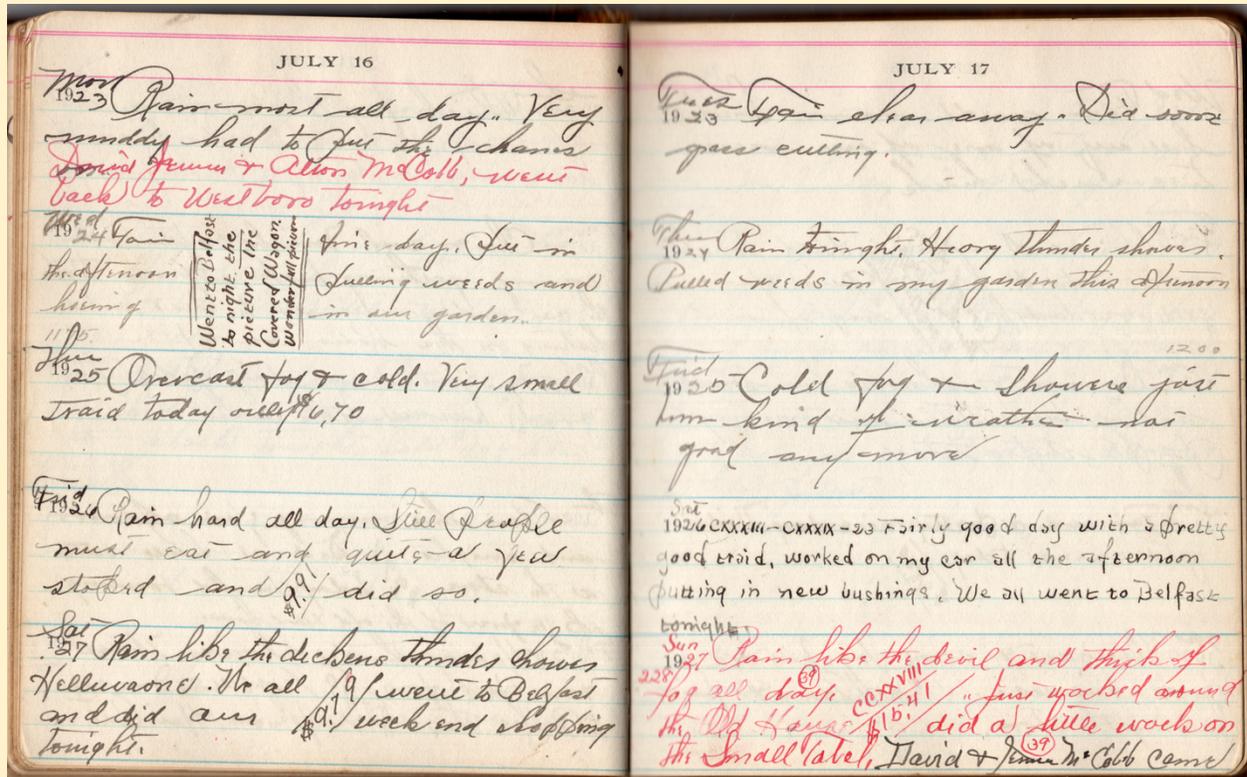
**Friday, Jun. 27** Fair and very warm. Went over to "Warrens" and built a door frame and hung their screen for it.

**Saturday, Jun. 28** Thick fog this morning. Hot this afternoon. Went to Camden this afternoon got 2 bags c corn & 1 of mx feed.

**Sunday, Jun. 29** Rain hard all day. Put new oil into the new car and cleaned it up a little.

**Monday, Jun. 30** Fair and very warm. Yes hot as the dickens. We went over to "Warrens" spent the evening and danced on the "back porch".

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1924



**Tuesday, Jul. 1** Fair fine warm day. Hoed our garden and cut some grass.

**Wednesday, Jul. 2** Another fine day. Very warm. Worked in the garden. Got to have some one cultivate for sure.

**Thursday, Jul. 3** Fair and rather warm. Did some buying for our dinner tomorrow. Washed the car.

**Friday, Jul. 4** Fair and hot. Just broiling. Vesta & I took our dinner and went on a two people picnic. Up to Hampden via the Atlantic Hy came home cross country. A 100 mile trip.

**Saturday, Jul. 5** Fair fine day. Had a hell of a head ach all day. Better tonight. We went up to Geo & Moes & listened on their radio.

**Sunday, Jul. 6** Very warm. This afternoon took Guss & Alta we went up to "The Thistel". Had ice cream & soda. Tonight we all took a ride to Camden then up to Northport to her brother Bentons.

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**Monday, Jul. 7** Hot, hottest day of the summer up to this time. We went up to "The Thistle" to a dance tonight had a dandy time but very small crowd.

**Tuesday, Jul. 8** Fair, showers last night. We went to Belfast this afternoon. Took Mrs. Bush up to see Stanly Cilley, who is sick in WC Hospital. Bought a new \$3.75 rain coat and a chamois [?] undervest.

**Wednesday, Jul. 9** Hot as the very devil. This afternoon heavy thunder shower. Heavy thunder but not much shower. We took Guss & Alta to Belfast to pictures tonight. The Fighting Coward. Ruby Coombs 26 years old today 1924. Bought of H.W. Clark & Co Vest 13.50 Coat 5.95 Pants \$ 5.00 \$24.45

**Thursday, Jul. 10** Hot yes just boiling. Enough to stew fat out of a oak knot.

**Friday, Jul. 11** Another powerfull hot day. Cut a little grass & hoed in garden.

**Saturday, Jul. 12** Fair and very warm. Went up in the woods this afternoon got the maken's for a rose trellis.

**Sunday, Jul. 13** Rain most all day. Fair tonight. Made an ax handle today and finished the rose trellis.

**Monday, Jul. 14** Butifull clear and fine. We took Guss & Alta Warren tonight and went up to "The Thistal". No dance, no music?

**Tuesday, Jul. 15** Clear & cool. Tonight after our [??] gathering broke up we took the car and went up to Geo & Mabels listening on thear radio. Came in fine.

**Wednesday, Jul. 16** Fair fine day. Put in the afternoon pulling weeds and hoeing in our garden. Went to Belfast tonight. The picture The Covered Wagon. Wonderfull picture.

**Thursday, Jul. 17** Rain tonight. Heavy thunder shower. Pulled weeds in my garden this afternoon.

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**Friday, Jul. 18** Fair and warm. Hoed tonight untill dark. Got a fair garden & a dandy crop of weeds. Carried Altas Mother to Belfast to see Dr Tapley.

**Saturday, Jul. 19** Fair and very warm. Frank Pendleton cut our hay this morning. We took Guss & Alta to a dance in E Union. Fine time. My birthday. Got a pair gloves from Warrens, a Auto Blue book from Vesta, a Bibel [?] from Mother & the canteen my grandfather carried in the Revolution from Dad.

**Sunday, Jul. 20** Hot as the devil. Mellie Dearborn hawled in my hay. Guss Warren helped us. Let Guss & Alta have our tent. Died Lewis Spencer.

**Monday, Jul. 21** Hot as hell boiled down on a gas fire. Carried Alta up to the "Trap" to see the big truck fished up over the 12 ft embankment that it droped over last night. One man got a broken arm.

**Tuesday, Jul. 22** Still fair and hot. Worked in our garden this afternoon pulling weeds and hoeing. "Charles Warren" had a shock is unconscious.

**Wednesday, Jul. 23** Heavy thunder shower last night. Hot and sultry today. Carried Guss & Alta to Camden this afternoon. Vesta collectid \$27 for flowers. Died this morning Charlie Warren.

**Thursday, Jul. 24** Another fine day but very warm. Went to Belfast this afternoon got a butifull piece of flowers for the community for Charlie Warren \$10.

**Friday, Jul. 25** Fog this morning. Shower and a bright afternoon with a howling gail N.W. tonight. I carried the bearers to the yard.

**Saturday, Jul. 26** Another fine day. Carried Mrs Warren's both Sr & Jr up to the yard this afternoon.

**Sunday, Jul. 27** Butifull day Vesta & I took a ride went up to the "Thistle" Had 6 dishes of ice cream. Put new oil in the crank case of our car.

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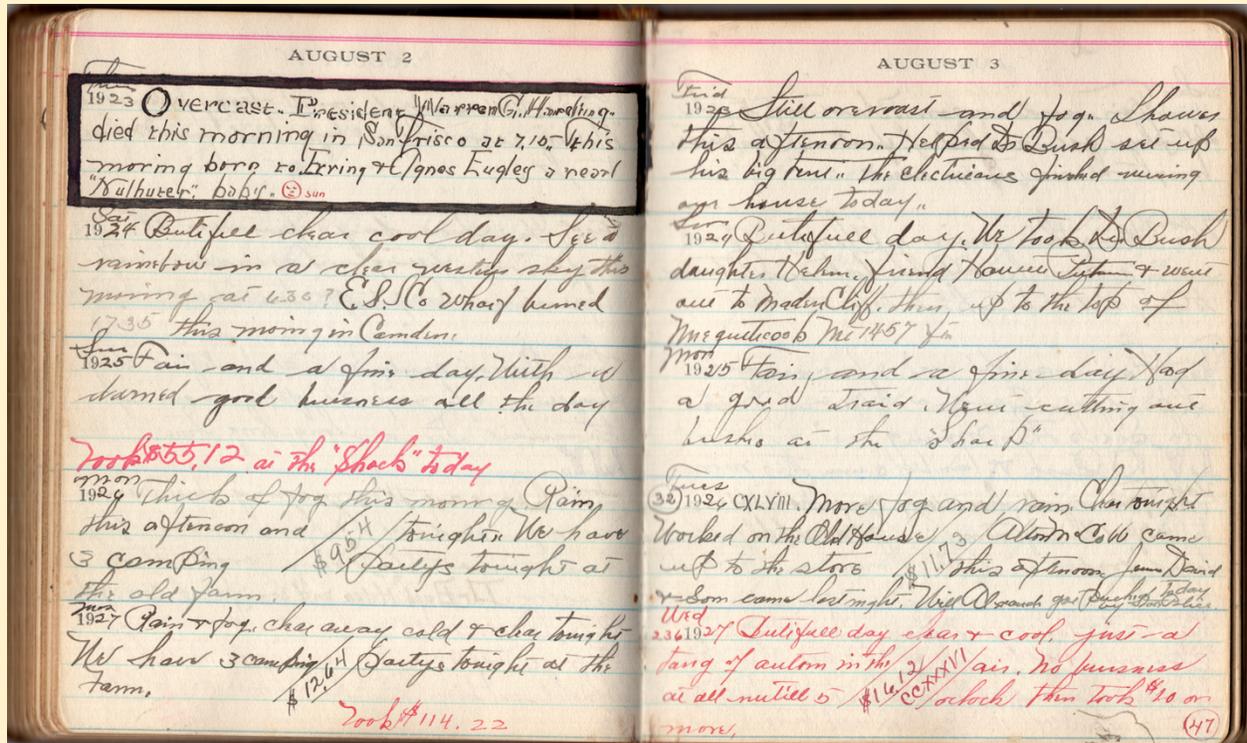
**Monday, Jul. 28** Fair and hot. We went to Belfast this afternoon. Took in the picture Lillian Gish in "The White Sister". Vesta got a dandy pair shoepacs [?] for only \$3.

**Tuesday, Jul. 29** Hot as the dickens. Pulled some garden weeds but its far to warm for strenuous work like pulling weeds.

**Wednesday, Jul. 30** Hot as blazes. Vesta & I went to the dance at Community Hall tonight. Indian orchestra from Old Town.

**Thursday, Jul. 31** Another fine day. Vesta had the sewing circle to entertain this afternoon. I built a bird house for the Fair.

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**Friday, Aug. 1** Fair fine day put in the afternoon fitting up a radio outfit got it working & got two stations tonight.

**Saturday, Aug. 2** Butifull clear cool day. See a rainbow in a clear western sky this morning at 6.30? E.S.S Co Wharf burned this morning in Camden.

**Sunday, Aug. 3** Butifull day. We took Dr Bush daughter Helen, friend Harriet Pittman & went out to Maden Cliff, then up to the top of Megunticook Mt.

**Monday, Aug. 4** Fair this morning. Cloud up and raining tonight. Dr Bush took Miss Pittman to Bayside tonight to take the boat.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5** Fair and sultry. Everything just sweltering. Worked a little in garden, went to Camden this evening.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6** Another hot & sultry day. Fog coming in and looks like shower's.

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**Thursday, Aug. 7** Thick fog this morning. Hot & sultry heavy thunderstorm this afternoon. Have been helping doll Community Hall up for the fair tomorrow.

**Friday, Aug. 8** Fair and warm. Village Improvement Society held their annual fair & dance.

**Saturday, Aug. 9** Fairly decent day. Slightly overcast and muggy. Borrowed \$100 Camden Nat Bank due Feb 9, 1925.

**Sunday, Aug. 10** Overcast shower's. Raining tonight. Just took it easy and tried to rest up a little.

**Monday, Aug. 11** Showers and fog. Did some work in the shop & ground an ax. Put new oil in car.

**Tuesday, Aug. 12** Fair and warm. Went out to our wood lot at the pond and started the cutting of a years wood. Geo & Mae down tonight Radioing.

**Wednesday, Aug. 13** Fair but sultry. Went up to pond chopping this afternoon. Have a half cord piled up now. The "Chatauqua" is in section.

**Thursday, Aug. 14** Overcast fog & shower's. Went out to the pond and tried fishing. Got two small bass & a perch. Listened to Pres Coolidge speech of acceptance over the radio.

**Friday, Aug. 15** Fair and warm fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon every store closed tight. Carried V's watch up to the jewelers. V & I went to the Belfast Fair this afternoon. No good.

**Saturday, Aug. 16** Fair fine day. Carried "Amborn", Frank Collemer, Everett Wade & Will Young up to Northport. We had a bee to help Clarence Woodbury. Went up to Clarence Woodburys & helped out the roof on his new barn.

**Sunday, Aug. 17** Overcast but a pretty good day. Showers tonight. Vs been sick all day. Guss Warren cut his thumb half off with an ax I did up the cut.

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**Monday, Aug. 18** Fair and warm. Went up to our lot chopping this afternoon.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19** Colder & overcast part of day. Did some more chopping this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20** Overcast and showers. Did some work on Pitts gun rack got the antlers ready to mount.

**Thursday, Aug. 21** Rain hard and blow harder. Clear tonight. Looks and feels like the fall.

**Friday, Aug. 22** Fair fine day. V & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Paid the \$133 I owed "Norton". Went to pictures Mildred Davis in *Condemned*. No good.

**Saturday, Aug. 23** Fair fine day. Went out to pond chopping again today. Still trying to put up a 13 ft pile.

**Sunday, Aug. 24** Fair pretty nice day. Went all over Henry oiled & greased it in thoro shape. Guss & Alta in listening to radio tonight.

**Monday, Aug. 25** Thick of fog this morning. Went up chopping this afternoon.

**Tuesday, Aug. 26** Rain hard all day. Just powred this afternoon. Blowing a gale tonight. Dr Bush & fambly returned to Worcester today.

**Wednesday, Aug. 27** Butifull day. Went up to the pond chopping this afternoon. Got some all ready to cut up into cord wood.

**Thursday, Aug. 28** Fair fine day. We went to Belfast this afternoon. Did some shopping & went to the pictures.

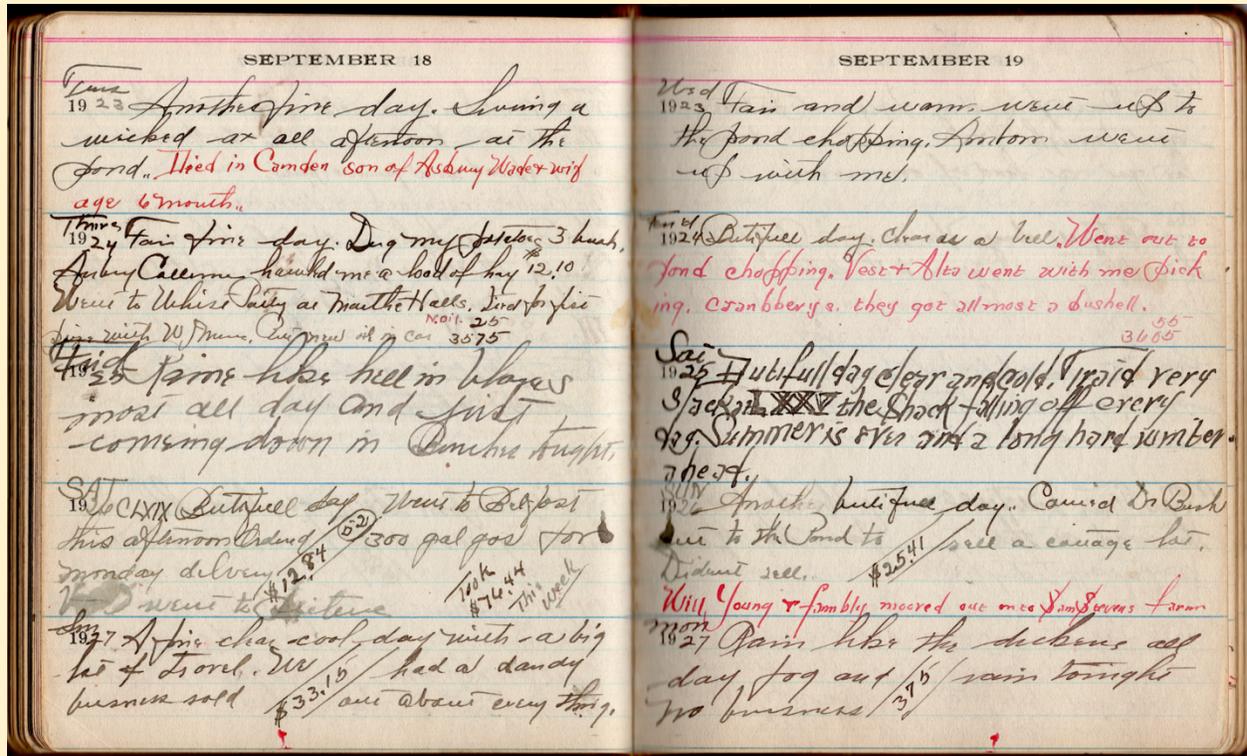
**Friday, Aug. 29** Fair butifull day. Went out to the pond this afternoon and washed the car. All packed and ready for a early start in the morning.

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**Saturday, Aug. 30** Fair fine day. We, Guss & Alta Vesta & myself startid for Repogenus Dam at 6 oclock this morning. Got our tent pitched at about 3.30.

**Sunday, Aug. 31** Overcast fog. Went into Rip Dam this morning. Walked down to the Big Eddy. Fished a while in the gorge. Terrific thunder shower tonight.

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**Monday, Sep. 1** Very warm. Yes hot. Broke Camp and got started for home at 8-45 this morning. Came by way of Skowhegan. 243 miles.

**Tuesday, Sep. 2** Fair this morning. Thunder storm this afternoon & tonight. Carried Mrs Heal to Belfast to the Drs.

**Wednesday, Sep. 3** Fair fine day. Did some work around home. Father & Mother went home tonight.

**Thursday, Sep. 4** Butifull cloudless day. The V.I.S. held election of officers at Community Hall. Grace Munroe president.

**Friday, Sep. 5** Overcast fog and allmost rain. Did some blacksmith work for Jonny [??] made a lobsty [?] for his boat.

**Saturday, Sep. 6** Fair fine day. Did some work about home. Did not go chopping this afternoon.

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**Sunday, Sep. 7** Another fine day. V & I sneaked away from our friends and took a long ride. Went over to Augusta, the state capital. Took dinner tonight at The Sunset Tea Room. Damariscotta Lake.

**Monday, Sep. 8** Butifull day. Went to Camden this afternoon got 2 bags C corn. State election. V & I carried Guss & Alta out to vote with us tonight.

**Tuesday, Sep. 9** Fog and showers bum day. Did not go out to the pond everything too wet.

**Wednesday, Sep. 10** Fog & rain just helped around the place. Just a rainy afternoon. Born to Nellie Patten Chapman a daughter.

**Thursday, Sep. 11** Fair fine day. Went out chopping this afternoon. Have 2 cord cut. Warren & I went to Camden to a K.K.K. meeting tonight.

**Friday, Sep. 12** Butifull day. Went out to the pond chopping. Picked a pail of blackberrys. Alta & Vesta went up to see Mrs. Wade.

**Saturday, Sep. 13** Another fog and rainy day, did not chop any. Worked around home. Born to Helen Howard Collemer a son.

**Sunday, Sep. 14** Butifull day. Went on a long ride up to Bangor Old Town & Milford. We took Guss & wife took our dinner had a picknic.

**Monday, Sep. 15** Fair fine day. Went up chopping. V & Alta went with me and picked cranberrys they got a half bushal of fine berrys.

**Tuesday, Sep. 16** Overcast. Did not go chopping, but spent the afternoon working on our radio. Roy & Helen Hurd startid for Canada on a viset with the Davis family.

**Wednesday, Sep. 17** Overcast looks and feels like rain. Carried the Three Merry Widows up to Northport Mrs Warren Mrs Heal & Mrs Martin.

**Thursday, Sep. 18** Fair fine day. Dug my potatoes 3 bush. Aubrey Collemer hawled me a load of hay \$12.10. Went to Whist Party at Martha Halls. Tied for first prize with WJ Munroe [?]. Put new oil in car.

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**Friday, Sep. 19** Butifull day, clear as a bell. Went out to pond chopping. Vesta & Alta went with me picking cranberrys. They got allmost a bushell.

**Saturday, Sep. 20** Butifull day. We went to Belfast this afternoon. I went to the dentist, V to picture. "Dr Jennys" filled 2 front teeth with gold and pulled another for me this afternoon \$9.

**Sunday, Sep. 21** Fair fine clear day. V & I went on a long ride. Went over to "Wiscasset" to see D. McMillens Artic Exploring Ship the "Bowdon". Just back from 15 months in the frozen north.

**Monday, Sep. 22** Fair fine day. We went out to our wood lot this afternoon. I chopped & V picked blackberrys got 3 ½ qts. Fred Heal commenced building cement side walk for V.I.S.

**Tuesday, Sep. 23** Rain hard most all day. Put grips onto the front axel & [??] of car.

**Wednesday, Sep. 24** Fair fine day. Went out chopping. Comeing home at 5 oclock tonight met a big bull moos in the road below Ernest Drinkwaters. Vesta went to Mrs Thomas party this afternoon.

**Thursday, Sep. 25** Fair clear as a bell. Went out and cut wood again this afternoon. Mrs Thomas & Miss Jenkerson returned to Massachusetts this morning.

**Friday, Sep. 26** Another fine day. Went out to pond fishing with an ax & saw. Cut wood untill 5 oclock.

**Saturday, Sep. 27** Fair fine day. We went up to Belfast this afternoon shopping. Got wire screen to make a rat proof box for our vegetables?

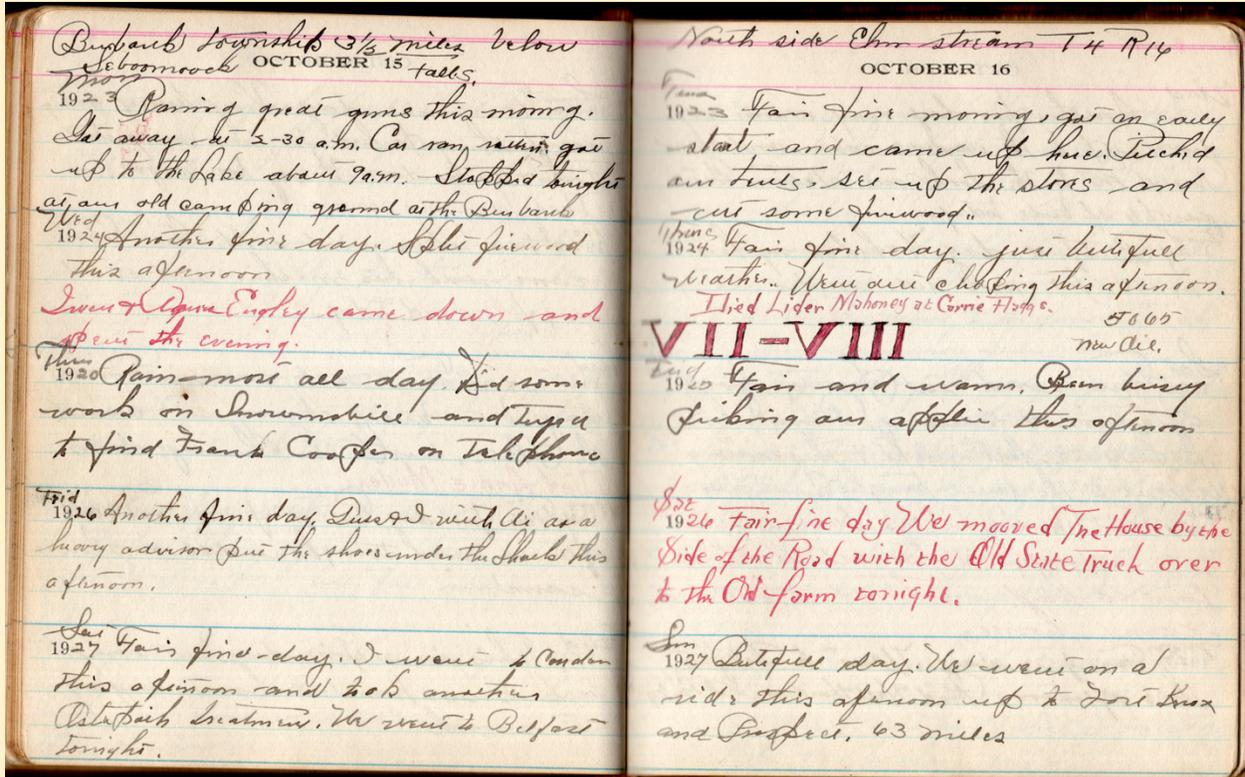
**Sunday, Sep. 28** Thick fog this morning cleared away fine. We went on a picknic & clamb bake with the Warrens Fernalds & Simmons [?] down on the out shore.

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**Monday, Sep. 29** Another foggy morning & a fine fair day after. Fred Frohock brought me 2 B C Corn & 100 bran. \$7.95. Broke a front spring in Henry today.

**Tuesday, Sep. 30** Overcast fog. Heavy rain and gale of wind tonight. Carried Vesta & Alta up to Mrs Wades this afternoon. Went over to Warrens spent the evening.

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**Wednesday, Oct. 1** Nice kind of a day. Went down to Will J Munroes got some lumber and built a rat proof potato box. Roy & Helen Hurd got back from their 1500 mile trip thro Canada.

**Thursday, Oct. 2** Butifull day. Went out chopping this afternoon. Did a right bit of work.

**Friday, Oct. 3** Fair and fine. Went out chopping this afternoon. Tonight tool Guss & Alta to Belfast to the pictures The "Spoilers".

**Saturday, Oct. 4** Fair and warm fine day. V & I went up to Belfast to do our Saturday shopping.

**Sunday, Oct. 5** Another fine day. V & I went up to Searsport to the "Thistle" this afternoon.

**Monday, Oct. 6** Butifull day fair and warm. Built a wire covered box and put our potatoes down cellar.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 7** Awfull cold with a gale of wind. Gathered our vegetables beets & carrots, and picked some of our apples.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8** Cold overcast & showers. Fred Frohock hawled me a cord of wood from our pond lot.

**Thursday, Oct. 9** Overcast and a glae blowing rain this afternoon & tonight. Finished Pitts gun rack. Sent to S.R. & Co for hardy gun & records.

**Friday, Oct. 10** Another cold windy day. Blowing great guns and cold as the dicken's. Lucy Gardners body washed ashore at Pemiquid Point today.

**Saturday, Oct. 11** Very warm fine day. We went to Belfast this afternoon. Got a couple of windows for the house 12 x 24 of "Cooper".

**Sunday, Oct. 12** Fair clear and cool. We went down to Spruce Head & Port Clyde. Got lobsters cooked them on the shore & had a feast. Pitt came up for a little while this morning. Died Ella Wiggin.

**Monday, Oct. 13** Butifull clear and cool. Put one of my hen houses in place for the winter. No visetors tonight.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14** Fair clear and cold. Guss Kobs came with his machine and sawed my firewood today.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15** Another fine day. Split firewood this afternoon. Irven & Agnes Eugley came down and spent the evening.

**Thursday, Oct. 16** Fair fine day, just butifull weather. Went out chopping this afternoon. Died Lider Mahoney at Carrie Flaggs.

**Friday, Oct. 17** Butifull day. Worked on my hen house put new sills under it.

**Saturday, Oct. 18** Fair clear and cold. Worked all the afternoon putting a floor in the small hen house. We went to the dance tonight pretty fair clown show Seekins & Bennett.

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**Sunday, Oct. 19** Fair clear & cool. V & I went down to the Fish Hatchery today got my guide licence papers signed by "Libby" the warden.

**Monday, Oct. 20** Monday fair and cold. Picked apples and worked around the place all day. First day of my Vacation.

**Tuesday, Oct. 21** Clear and cold, blamed cold too. Froze the ground last night.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22** Fair and cool. Split fire wood and worked moving my hen house. Guss pulled it into place with his truck. Got my guide licence. Geo Rube took cow out to Josh McKinneys.

**Thursday, Oct. 23** Fair fine day, just dandy. V & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Did some trading.

**Friday, Oct. 24** Butifull warm sunny day. Worked about home fixing things up for our get away soon.

**Saturday, Oct. 25** "Hot" awfull hot. And I am feeling pooched. Dont know what ales me. Going to have a baby perhaps.

**Sunday, Oct. 26** Butifull day. Worked all day packing up for our trip. Will pull out early tomorrow morning for Sourdnahunk Stream 210 miles north.

**Monday, Oct. 27** Clear and cold. Startid at 12-45 tonight got up to Abbett Village before we put out our lights. Got to the dam at 8-45 and the end of road at Sourdnahunk at 9-30.

**Tuesday, Oct. 28** Bright and cold. Startid before sunrise and drove over to Sourdnahunk Stream. Wonderfull view of "Katadhin" from the bridge.

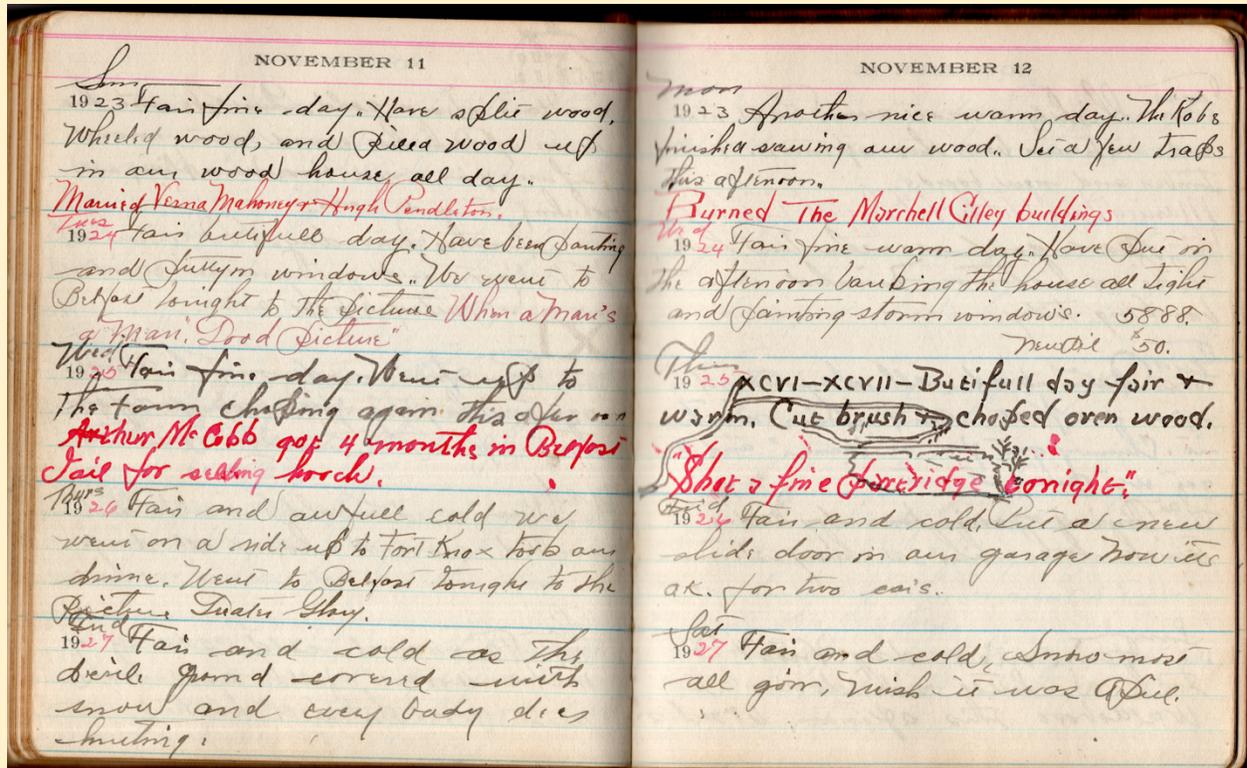
**Wednesday, Oct. 29** Another butifull day. Went over to Sourdnahunk Stream this morning. After dinner we went up Soper Brook to No 3 Camp about 4 miles clear back of Sorbingo Mt.

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**Thursday, Oct. 30** Clear and cold as the dicken's. Eugley & Russ Heal broke camp and went to Cuxabexus Lake. We pulled up and crossed the dam at Ripogenus camped tonight by the Fire Maden Cabins.

**Friday, Oct. 31** Clear and bitter cold. Broke camp and startid out at 8 oclock this morning. Came home by way of Milo & Lagrange.

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**Saturday, Nov. 1** A butifull warm summer like day. Just loafed around home all day.

**Sunday, Nov. 2** Another fine day, but showers tonight. Went up to Will Flanders this afternoon to see his black foxes.

**Monday, Nov. 3** Clear and cold, very cold. V & I went to Belfast today got 4 storm windows and 50 feet of sheathing. Herbert Thomas & Abbie with the older boy Pearson went to Boston.

**Tuesday, Nov. 4** When we got up this morning the ground was white with snow about 2 inches on the ground.

**Wednesday, Nov. 5** Butifull day and the last of my vacation. We went to Belfast this afternoon to the pictures which was rotten.

**Thursday, Nov. 6** Back on the old job once more after a fine vacation. Have been banking the house & fitting storm windows this afternoon.

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**Friday, Nov. 7** Fair and very warm, just like summer and tonight its allmost hot. Have been busy banking the house and getting ready for my last winter of living.

**Saturday, Nov. 8** Fair clear and cold, and tonight its growing colder. Will be bitter cold before morning.

**Sunday, Nov. 9** A fine clear cold day. Pitt Keller droped in to see us at 2 oclock this morning on his way to Ripogenus.

**Monday, Nov. 10** Another fine day. V & I went up to Belfast and got another window for our pantry 4 light 12 x 25.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11** Fair butifull day. Have been painting and puttying windows. We went to Belfast tonight to the pictures. When a Man's a Man. Good picture.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12** Fair fine warm day. Have put in the afternoon banking the house all tight and painting storm window's.

**Thursday, Nov. 13** More good weather but looks like a storm. Finished our banking today.

**Friday, Nov. 14** Overcast and warm. Heavy thunder storm tonight. V sick got a powerfull headach & sore troat.

**Saturday, Nov. 15** Fair and warm fine day made a quick trip got back at 10-230. How's that?

**Sunday, Nov. 16** Fair and very warm. Guss Warren went out to the pond lot helped cut some trunks.

**Monday, Nov. 17** Clear and bitter cold. Left water in the car last night and it froze solid & busted my radiator so the water runs out as fast as one can put it in.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18** Very cold, everything frozen in sight. Fred Frohock hawling my fire wood today.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 19** Cold as the devil but warmer than yesterday. Fred Frohock finished hawling my wood this afternoon.

**Thursday, Nov. 20** Fair and warmer. Put a new radiator on the car this morning. Found the head light out at Rodney Thomas I lost yesterday.

**Friday, Nov. 21** Another fine day. Worked about home some and went to Camden got some grain.

**Saturday, Nov. 22** Fair fine day. Vesta & I went out to the Old Place to the sheriffs sale and bought it in for \$60. Went to Belfast this afternoon paid E.L. Harding \$33/44 in full.

**Sunday, Nov. 23** Rain hard all day and we did not get up until 10 o'clock this morning. Why should we?

**Monday, Nov. 24** Rain most all day. Snowed some this afternoon clear & cold tonight. Frank Cooper called on me today to sell a Snowmobile.

**Tuesday, Nov. 25** Fair and a pretty good day. Did some work at home. Victor Reed came down and we went up to my mountain lot.

**Wednesday, Nov. 26** Fair fine day. The Kobs came & sawed some of my wood. Lay a floor in the new cloth press. Paid my tax. Married Georgie Hall & Fred Morange.

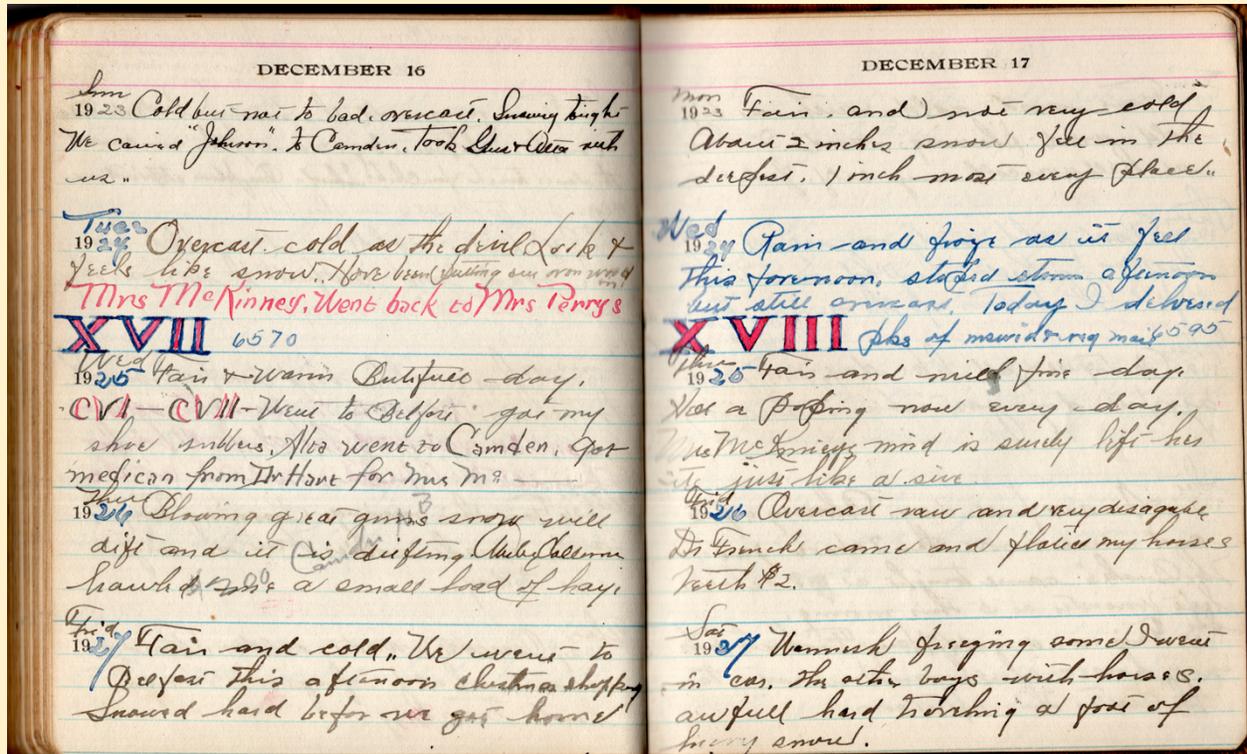
**Thursday, Nov. 27** Thanksgiving Day. Had a big dinner and went to Belfast to pictures this evening.

**Friday, Nov. 28** Fair fine day. Slept all the afternoon after my last night labor.

**Saturday, Nov. 29** Overcast, rain tonight. Went to Belfast this afternoon did our trading. Vesta's mother fell and hurt her arm she is now at our home Groning hell all day [?].

**Sunday, Nov. 30** Overcast and cold. About a foot of snow fell last night. Everything buried with it this morning.

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**Monday, Dec. 1** Overcast and cold. I went in my car, but Amborn & Pitcher drove horse's in sleighs. Had a hard trip but got back at 1-30. About a foot of snow fell.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2** Fair and windy. Frank Cooper brought up a Snowmobile for me to try out. Went pretty good?

**Wednesday, Dec. 3** Fair and some warmer. Went in the Skooter today got along O.K. Frank Collemer came down tonight brought his radio it came in fine. Went to Camden.

**Thursday, Dec. 4** Fair and cold. Went in the Hell wagon today got back to the office at 12-20. Guss came over & we put up the frame of the ice house.

**Friday, Dec. 5** Fair and warmer. Went in the hell skooter today and made good time.

**Saturday, Dec. 6** Overcast and warm. Went in the Snowmobile. Ran out of gas & had to walk from Slab City to Geo Collemer & send a S.O.S. to Roy Hurd.

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**Sunday, Dec. 7** Overcast fog & a few showers. Guss & I went out to Russ Carvers to get a horse but did not like it.

**Monday, Dec. 8** Warm and rain like the dickens. Worked this afternoon around the place fixing every tight & dry.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9** Fair and warmer. Split oven wood this afternoon and wheeled it in tonight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10** Fair fine day. Too blamed good roads very muddy and it cussid traveling.

**Thursday, Dec. 11** Fair and rather cold. Did some work on the ice house and split fire wood.

**Friday, Dec. 12** Cold as the dickens. Snowing tonight. Went to Belfast this afternoon did our Christmas shopping.

**Saturday, Dec. 13** Warmer rain most all day. We went to the dance tonight Vesta & Alta served. Very small crowd, but they made \$8.89. I had requested letters.

**Sunday, Dec. 14** Fair and rather cold with a strong west wind. Guss came over and we worked on the ice house. Got it mostly finished.

**Monday, Dec. 15** Bitter cold and ye God but the roads are awfull to ride on. They are cut up so rough.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16** Overcast. Cold as the devil. Look & feels like snow. Have been putting out oven wood in. Mrs McKinney went back to Mrs Perrys.

**Wednesday, Dec. 17** Rain and froze as it fell this forenoon. Stopped storm afternoon but still overcast. Today I delivered pks of insured & reg mail.

**Thursday, Dec. 18** Raw cold and overcast all day. Guss & Jen Keller hawled saw dust to fill the bottom of the new ice house.

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**Friday, Dec. 19** Cold and raw, bum kind of a day. Had a very heavy mail today. Married Merret Carver and Gladys Brown.

**Saturday, Dec. 20** Fair but growing cold fast, tonight its very cold. We went to the dance at the Hall quite a few people there cleared about \$9.

**Sunday, Dec. 21** An awfull day. So cold that water will freeze at any time & in any place in our kitchen. 12° below zero with a howling westerly gale.

**Monday, Dec. 22** Cold as the devil. Only 8° above zero all day. Had a very heavy mail. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Delivered 23 insurid pks today.

**Tuesday, Dec. 23** Fairly good day, still rather cold. Heavy Christmas mail. \$7.54 cancelation. Worked down at the offace tonight and had insured packages to deliver tomorrow.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24** Rain, then snow, then rain again but partly clear and warm tonight. V & I went to the Christmas tree party at the school house.

**Thursday, Dec. 25** "Christmas" Did not have to drive. Vesta gave me a butifull Signet Ring, Box cigars and a fine Brier Pipe. I gave her a White and Amber Toilet Set, Perfume, and a Cheney Phonograph.

**Friday, Dec. 26** Another partly stormy day some rain, and clear weather tonight. Last of the Christmas mail. Vesta sick feeling powerfull bad.

**Saturday, Dec. 27** Fair and warm fine day. Did not go to the dance tonight. V sick and feeling rotten.

**Sunday, Dec. 28** Clear and cold as the devil. Bitter cold this morning way below zero.

**Monday, Dec. 29** Fair and warmer but still cold as the Dickens. The traveling is very good. Roads nickle plate with ice.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30** Butifull day fair and warm. Guss Warren went up and helped cut timber on the mountain lot today.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 31** Fair and colder. Went on the mountain chopping this afternoon. Went to the dance tonight Community Hall. Danced this year out and the new one in. Good By 1924 You are finished.