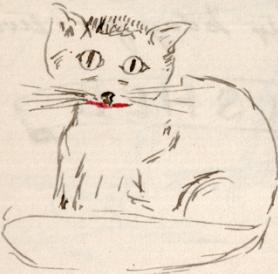


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January	1928	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	January
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<b>22</b>	<i>Fair fine day. Got out to go and this afternoon and slide. We took the big sled and slid down across our field on the snow, first time in years this has been a snow solid enough to slide on.</i>		<i>Bitter cold, 18° below zero this morning and the glass hasn't been above zero all day and most of the time from 2 to 8 below. One of the worst days I have ever driven in my twenty four winters on the road. But comes up only a hundred days now to the first of May. Some people will probably like to see it.</i>	<b>23</b>

**Sunday, Jan. 1** This is the New Year. Hellow, Prime looking little fellow. Fair and very warm, just like a summer day. Let us hope it will keep up the rest of the year. One of my horses got to kicking last night and smashid the end of the stabel out. Some kicking.

**Monday, Jan. 2** Clear and cold. Dont have to drive mail today so startid the New Year by going up to our wood lot on the mountain and cut fire wood all day. Have two good load cut and piled mostly oak and mapel.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3** Another clear cold day 3 below zero this morning. Took my ax and hoofed it up the mountain cut another six feet of fire wood. Harold McKinney hawled a load of hay for me this afternoon and tonight Aubry Collemer hawled me another. Much hay now.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** Fair clear & cold. More fire wood fell to my trusty ax this afternoon got three cord cut and piled now and its surely great wood. Oak Beech Birch and mapel, that's been growing fifty years or more.

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**Thursday, Jan. 5** Still fair clear and cold. Put in a busy afternoon on the mountain cut a cord and piled it up in less than three hours. Getting some dandy wood oak, beech, birch and maple.

**Friday, Jan. 6** Fair and warmer. Went up chopping this afternoon. Harry Frohock came and sawed what wood we had at the house. About a cord I split and put it into our wood house tonight after supper. Hired Guss Warren to help Harry

**Saturday, Jan. 7** Warm, just like a spring day. Took the car and Vesta & I with Guss & Alta went up to the Farm. Cleaned out the ice house and then we all went to burning brush and did a whale of a good [twitch] at it.

**Sunday, Jan. 8** Butiful day. Vesta feeling not very well so we took a short ride to Camden and up to the Farm. This afternoon the weather was so perfect we went up the [Delby] Road for a little walk and tonight went over to "Warrens" and spent the evening. Found dead in his home alone this morning Fred Moody.

**Monday, Jan. 9** Warm and light rain all day. Thick fog tonight. Frost comeing out of the ground and the roads are getting muddy. Have felt like a stewed clam this afternoon and blocked out an ax handle. Had a fire in my forge repaired a set of ice tongs, sharpened a ice chisel and drew out an ax.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10** Fair and warm. Some of the time boiling hot. Had all kinds of trouble with my car. Punctured shoe, and a spark plug to clean. Went up to the Farm this afternoon and cut bushes. Guss was chopping shear all day. Dr Hart opened Emery Frenchs foot on top. They are afraid they will have to take the foot off.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11** Warm and rain. Colder tonight and clear. Carried Guss & Alta up to the Farm this morning. Guss to chop, friend wife to burn brush. Vesta & I went up and got them after we had our dinner. Did some work in the shop this afternoon. Made a bush hook. Know what that is? It looks like this. Virgel Hall put a new set of spark plugs into my car this morning.

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**Thursday, Jan. 12** Fair and warm finest kind of weather the sky looks and the air feels just like April. (Wish it was) Carried Guss & Alta up to the farm this morning and after dinner Vesta & I went up. The feamales of the firm burned bush while the male portion cut it. Allso a little fire wood. I carried up the bush hook I made and it workes O.K. Bert Knight went to Bangor today and got his wife Bessie from the insane hospital. Clifton Fletcher carried him

**Friday, Jan. 13** Fair and warm. Had to stop at the Center this morning and have Virgel Hall put a new set of spark plugs in my car. This afternoon I went to Camden, got some repair parts for my car and a couple of hundred pounds of blacksmith coal. Tonight warm and overcast. Roads today muddy as the very dickens.

**Saturday, Jan. 14** Fair fine day. Vestas birthday and she had Guss & Alta over to supper. Mrs Warren gave Vesta a sofa pillow. Allso a box of handkerchiefs, Guss a slab of bacon done up in a dozen or more boxes and wrapping, and Alice Dickey sent her a very pretty set of holders and a case to put them in. After supper Alta & I did the dishes and we all went to Belfast to the pictures. Snowing hard when we came home.

**Sunday, Jan. 15** Fair and cold as the dicken's. Put brake rods on my Ford this afternoon and doubled the cross chains on the skid chaines. So blamed cold we could not go up to the farm and cut bush or any thing elce. Guess a spell of good weather is over, but we should be thankfull for what we have had. I am.

**Monday, Jan. 16** Very cold. 20° below zero in E Searsmt this morning. 4° below here. Went in my car. No trouble alltho thear is 4 or 5 inches of snow that fell Sat night. It helped smooth out the rough spots on the road. Thick & overcast tonight. Looks & feels as tho we would have a regular blizzard before tomorrow night. Snowing 10 P.M.

**Tuesday, Jan. 17** Clear as a bell and cold as the artic this morning. About 6 inches snow fell last night. And ye Gods how it blows. Startid with a car but after covering a couple of miles gave it up came back and took a horse and sleigh. Awfull hard traveling part bair ground. Got back to the offace at 2 oclock.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 18** Fair and not very cold. Drove the gost mair today and got back before one oclock. Aubry Collemer startid to hawl my fire wood from off the mountain. Got down one very small load in 4 hours. Guss went up to the Farm choping today. I took the car and went after him tonight. Aubry got another load of wood down tonight after dark some of the long wood I cut this winter.

**Thursday, Jan. 19** Cold as the dickens and bum sleighing. I towed my wagon down from Father this afternoon. If it dont snow will have to go in it tomorrow, but tonight it looks like a regular blizzard. Went up after Guss this afternoon in my car. Aubry still carting wood for me from the mountain. Will finish the five cord I cut tomorrow, and then to try and get the 10 cord of dry down. Helluva job? Freddy Hall and Christine Marriner were married today. I think she is allmost 13 years old and he is about 33.

**Friday, Jan. 20** Snowed last night about 5 inches fell tirn to rain then cleared off cold and froze a heavy crust. Fair today and bitter cold. Aubry finished hawling my long wood got 5 cord of good fire wood any way.

**Saturday, Jan. 21** Fair and bitter cold.  $4^{\circ}$  to  $8^{\circ}$  below zero all day and blowing a gale tonight. God knows how cold it is for the bottom seems to have droped out of the glass. One of the coldest days and tonight we are allmost frozen. Aubry Collemer startid to hawl Guss wood from Slab City today got two loads down.

**Sunday, Jan. 22** Fair fine day. Got Vesta to go out this afternoon and slide. We took the big sled and slid down across our field on the crust. First time in years thear has been a crust solid enough to slide on.

**Monday, Jan. 23** Bitter cold.  $18^{\circ}$  below zero this morning and the glass hasent been above zero all day and most of the time from 2 to 8 below. One of the worst days I have ever driven in my twenty four winters on the road. But cheer up only a hundred days now to the first of May. Some people will probily live to see it.

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** Fair clear as a bell and quite cold. But nothing like yesterday. I spent the afternoon sawing up fire wood and putting same under cover. Got a little bit ahead but cant say I like this saw to store way of doing

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buisness. If it ever gets so I can use a car again shall try and cut a few cords more. Hears Hopeing!

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** Awfull wind. Blow all day. Rain in torrents this morning. And tonight its cold again and freezing every thing up solid. Sleighing all gorn. I went in a sleigh and draged it over about twenty miles of bare ground. Startid with a car this morning came back & took a horse. Amborn went in a wagon. This is what I should have used today [sketch of a boat].

**Thursday, Jan. 26** Fair and cold as the devil. Went in my car today and had no trouble. Most all the ground is bare. Aubry still at work on my fire wood and perhaps if the winter is long enough he will get it all down. Riley Mathews the last civel war vetran in town had a bad fainting spell today. Yesterdays gale did lots of damage blowing hen houses over doors of the building breaking down trees and chimney off from houses.

**Friday, Jan. 27** Butifull day fair and cool. Aubry still hawling wood. Guss went up to the Farm again today and I went up and got him this afternoon. And tonight we had a caller in the shape of Percy Wellman and when I got back Alta & Guss helped entertain him. Vesta gave him his supper and then he left for a six mile walk.

**Saturday, Jan. 28** Fair and cold. Went up to the Farm and got Guss on the way home borrowed Frank Collemers saw rig and we towed it home with my Ford. Allso borrowed a bag Crack Corn. Rigid up the dinged thing and sawed a little wood to last over Sunday. Aubry did not hawl wood today. Died Emery French age 66 years 9 months.

**Sunday, Jan. 29** Snow and blow a hell of a blizzard only thing good about it not much snow fell. But its been so cold today we could hardly keep warm with two stoves going wide open. Went over to Warrens tonight

**Monday, Jan. 30** Fair and cold. Just a little snow flurry last night. This afternoon Guss and I rigid up the [Fliver] with the sawing rig and sawed a couple cord of dry fire wood. I dont think much of the outfit but its way a head of pushing a buck saw. Married Clarence Drinkwater and Lydia Herrick.

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**Tuesday, Jan. 31** Butifull mild day. Went to Emery French funeral this afternoon. Rev Homan of Camden preached, and the Mason allso held a short service. Guss let the black horse [*Margoin*] to the stabel door Amos Pitcher then led her up to the burying place and Roy Hurd met them and startid her on her long sleep with a 30-30 bullet. So mate it be. Died George Coombs.

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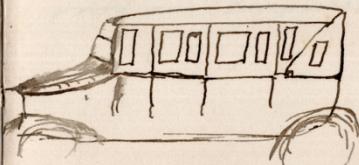
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Another fine warm day. **16**  
Dicky Callmer finished hanging  
my wood tonight. This  
afternoon I went to Lander  
and had a new glass  
put in my wind shield  
~~and~~ new light screwed in  
the side curtains and a  
new horn button put on the  
steering wheel.



**Wednesday, Feb. 1** Warmer, with a soft snow fall part of the day. Guss & I sawed wood with my car this afternoon. Have all the dry wood cut for the stove now, all that Aubry has hawled from the mountain about 6 cord. Alta & Hazel in this afternoon to see Vesta. She Hazel takeing orders for dress goods.

**Thursday, Feb. 2** Clear as a bell and cold as ----. Blowing a gale of wind. We put up our ice, it is slippery and nice Thank God its finished again. We bought it of W.J. [Muse] and had it delivered today. 112 cakes of ice each weighing 400 lbs. Guss & I packed and stowed it. Ralph Brown pet sow had a litter of 6 pigs last night 3 of them froze to death.

**Friday, Feb. 3** Overcast and warmer. Had a broken front spring hanger when I got in to the office so went to Camden and had some repair work done on car. Coming home, "Bang" and I had a burned out bearing, had to go back to Camden left my car at Garage

**Saturday, Feb. 4** Overcast and rain. Went to Camden this afternoon and went to the pictures while having my car repaired. Burned out a connecting

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rod bearing and so that cost me \$10 buck to have it repaired. Had valves ground & carbor take out.

**Sunday, Feb. 5** Fair and cold. This morning we all the company went up to the Farm. Guss & I covered the ice with sawdust & Vesta & Alta cut & burned brush. We had dinner at the store and did a fine bit it landscape gardening. See two real red breasted Robbins this morning in our field and the black bird that has winter hear was with them.

**Monday, Feb. 6** Fair and awfull cold this morning 10° below zero and a cold that just filled the house. Worked like the dickens putting fire wood under cover all this afternoon, have enough now to last untill May I think. Our chimney got afire this morning and I put ten lbs of salt, pound of soda and 2 boxes soot remover into it.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7** Butifull day. Mild and warm and dandy traveling. Practically all bare ground and the ruts and holes filled and frozen with Ice. Vesta has an awfull bad cold and soar throte so bad that she has a big pork rine around it tonight. Guss & Alta in tonight and Guss is pooched with a lame side & sholder.

**Wednesday, Feb. 8** Rain and sleet all day. Warm but ye Gods isant it icy. Had to get out of car a dozen times or more and melt the ice from my wind shield. It stormed so I could not work on our fire wood so put in a buisy afternoon in the blacksmith shop sharpening and tempering tools. Died Edger Pottle age 82 yrs.

**Thursday, Feb. 9** Overcast and colder. And tonight it is snowing hard. Carried Guss to Camden this afternoon to see doctor Green and he found he has a nice case of shingles, whatever that is. Guss Mathews wife Gladys called on Vesta this afternoon. I bought Vesta a pair of bedroom slippers in Camden allso a pair silk stocking to go with them.

**Friday, Feb. 10** Overcast with a soft downy snow all day. Not more than an inch fell and just like frost. Dandy traveling, roads are better now than any time last summer. We see a bunch of Robbins this morning in our orchard.

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**Saturday, Feb. 11** Fair and colder. Still butifull winter weather. Did some more blacksmith work this afternoon. Made a very long and very thin steak knife and put a buck horn handel on it. Some knife.

**Sunday, Feb. 12** Another butifull day. Did not take a ride, too cold for the misses. Got the big car all tuned up with the chanes on and then decided it was more sensable to sit by the fire and continue to grow old in comfort.

**Monday, Feb. 13** Fair fine day, warm and very slippery. I skidded twice and rolled the tires of my driving wheels and blew the tubes, and this afternoon had a regular [??] of patching tubes and mounting tires. Put a spair shoe on carrier, allso an extra tube in the car.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14** Fair and warm a very fine day. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon. She went to see Dr. F.C Small and got a good big assortment of medican. Got a load of grocerys. Guss was marooned in town and came back with us, and I got a hair cut at last. Vesta went to Dr Small.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15** Warm and rain most all day. Rained hard all last night. And the traveling is some thing to be remembered allmost impossible to keep a car on the road. Guss came this afternoon and we made a pair of ice creepers for him.

**Thursday, Feb. 16** Another fine warm day. Aubry Collemer finished hawling my wood tonight. This afternoon I went to Camden and had a new glass put in my wind shield allso new light sewed in the side curtains and a new horn button put on the steering wheel.

**Friday, Feb. 17** Butifull warm day. I made a quick trip and got back before it thawed then this afternoon carried Mrs Warren to Camden to take treatment from Dr Pettapiece. While Alta stayed with Mrs Warren Vesta & I went on a little ride over to Rockport.

**Saturday, Feb. 18** Snow a light snow has fallen all day. This afternoon I carried Mrs Warren to Camden for her second treatment by Dr Pettapiece. Went in our big sedan and went fine. Tonight Creamer & Betts plowed the road out right down to the tar and the State Road is as smooth and bare as any time in summer.

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**Sunday, Feb. 19** Fair and colder. Blowing and the air full of flying snow. A few car's out today bucking the snow drifts but not many.

**Monday, Feb. 20** Fair and warm fine day. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon. She went to see Dr Small, and surely he is helping her, I can see she is better in only a weeks time since she went to him. Drove a horse over the route today.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21** Fair and bitter cold blowing a gale. Drove my Ford on my route today. Got stuck a couple of times, but every thing all right after that. Carried Mrs Warren to Camden this afternoon to see the doctor. She is in bad shape.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** Fair and not very cold didnt have to drive today. Went to Camden this afternoon, got a new spair rim for my car. Raining hard tonight. After I got back shifted and mendid a pair of tires on the Ford.

**Thursday, Feb. 23** Fair and warm just like spring the snow went today like smoke and the traveling is fine no snow to bother on the whole route.

**Friday, Feb. 24** Fair and very mild all day untill about 3 oclock then it turned cold and its bitter tonight. We had Manly Turner for dinner again today, and a person that will eat no flesh fish or fowl its rather hard to find any thing he can eat. Sister Abbie gave birth to her seventh child and sixth boy today. Carried Mrs Warren to Camden to the Doctors this afternoon.

**Saturday, Feb. 25** Fair and colder, made my trip in record time today. And this afternoon Guss & Amos Pitcher helped saw fire wood and gee ant I lame tonight my old soupe bones surely ach. We got all the dry cord wood cut and have the long green wood to do tomorrow between 5 and 6 cord of that. Awfull cold. Tonight and blowing a gale.

**Sunday, Feb. 26** Clear and bitter cold 18° below zero this morning. Had a duce of a time to start my car this morning. Guss & I got it startid and went up to the Farm. Got a gallon of oil, then we rided up the sawing outfit and sawed all day. Finished my fire wood about 15 cord. Amos Pitcher helped again today. Paid him \$4.00. Carried the saw rig home to Frank Collemers tonight.

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**Monday, Feb. 27** Fair and warmer. We Vesta and I went to Belfast this afternoon. She went to see doctor Small, and I did a little shoping bought a new felt hat light gray in color with a \$4./98 price.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28** Another fine day. Went to Camden with Mrs Warren this afternoon and while she was receiving treatment, Vesta and I went on a ride down to Thomaston. Dandy traveling no snow and the roads dry.

**Wednesday, Feb. 29** Warmer slightly overcast. Split and piled fire wood this afternoon and kept at it untill 9 oclock tonight

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March	1928	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	March
Sat				Sun
<b>24</b>		Slightly overcast a shower and a half storm. Roads froze hard last night and today it was overcast and I made my trip before it got muddy. See a chipmunk today. Fried ham sh. with 30-30 at a flock of gulls.		<b>25</b> Warm overcast and showers all day. Took banking from back of the house and burned it. We went over to Guss for a little while this evening. See another flock of geese and hundreds of blk birds & robins today

**Thursday, Mar. 1** This is a fine day warm and spring like went up to the Farm this afternoon. Then went to Belfast. Put my checks in the bank and did a little shoping. Albert Dean finished sawing Guss fire wood. Sent a telegram to S.W.P. asking him for a sworne statement for Salon Bartlett concurring the McKinney property.

**Friday, Mar. 2** Fair fine day. Went to Camden this afternoon. This evening we all had a caller. Percy O.M. Wellman came took supper and spent the evening. I split and piled fire wood untill after 9 oclock tonight.

**Saturday, Mar. 3** Fair and colder. Nice traveling. I covered my route yesterday & today without chains on the car. Split and piled wood all afternoon. Albert Dean and Guss finished sawing Chas French's wood and mooved the machine down to Eunice French.

**Sunday, Mar. 4** Fair and not very cold but a strong S.W. wind blowing a gale tonight. Split and piled fire wood about all day. Made a freezer of [fruit] ice cream and we carried some over to Mrs Warren and fambly tonight.

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**Monday, Mar. 5** Fair and cold as the dickens. Split fire wood this afternoon and this evening. Finished splitting my green wood. Now have about eight cord of dry mountain wood to split and put under cover.

**Tuesday, Mar. 6** Fair and cold, nice day. Split and piled wood this afternoon. Carried Mrs Warren to Camden her eight trip to the doctors. Vesta did a wash this forenoon so did not feel like makeing the trip to Camden.

**Wednesday, Mar. 7** Overcast. Snow this afternoon and tonight. I went to Camden for Herb Thomas with 85 lbs dressed chickens. He hauled me a load of hay.

**Thursday, Mar. 8** Fair but cold as the devil. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Put some money in the bank and got some medican for Vesta from Dr Small. Borrowed \$25.00 from Hollis Dean for a week and a day.

**Friday, Mar. 9** Overcast and cold a raw east wind and it cuts to the boan. This afternoon carried Mrs Warren to Camden to the doctors this makes the ninth trip she has taken. Harry Frohock cut his foot badly. Had to have 3 stitches taken in it.

**Saturday, Mar. 10** Fair fine day. Split fire wood all this afternoon and have a goodly bit piled against the wood house all ready to put under cover.

**Sunday, Mar. 11** Fair butifull warm spring day. Put a lot if wood in the house. [Orresa] Youngs house got afire but we put it out without much damage.

**Monday, Mar. 12** Fair fine day. Split fire wood and put a lot into the wood house. Town meeting day. J.S. Mullin 1<sup>st</sup> Lawrence Rankin 2<sup>nd</sup> Geo Nichols 3<sup>rd</sup>. Horace Miller Town Clerk & Treasurer. Town raised \$14,350

**Tuesday, Mar. 13** Fair and very warm. Roads are muddy as the devil and the frost is comeing out. Carried Mrs Warren to Camden this afternoon, the tar road is breaking up.

**Wednesday, Mar. 14** Fair and warm the roads froze a little last night, so I got around in my car before they thawed up very much. Pooched one of my

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new tires this morning. Drove a sharp stone thro it. Died at the Center Old Charles Drinkwaters wife "Cancer".

**Thursday, Mar. 15** Fair and colder and ye gods isant the roads rough. Well a plowed field is smooth beside them. Guss has a job of cutting & burning brush for Geo Allen up on Crehore [Patent].

**Friday, Mar. 16** Fair and warm, nice day. Went to Camden this afternoon carried Mrs Warren to the doctor this made her 11<sup>th</sup> trip and I be darned if I think she is as well an she was a month ago. Picked a nale up and had to go to Jamesons Garage and have tire changed.

**Saturday, Mar. 17** Snow squalls but a rather nice day. Punched a hole in one of my new tires today. Ant that hell? Havent driven the dinged thing more than a couple of hundred miles.

**Sunday, Mar. 18** Snow most all day about 4 inches fell and tirm to rain tonight. Just took it easy today and read untill I couldent see to read no mo.

**Monday, Mar. 19** Fair and warm the snow helped out the traveling quite a bit, filled up some of the holes so a car didnt buck quite so badly.

**Tuesday, Mar. 20** Another nice day. Split wood all the afternoon, slow job. Big wood, old man hell of a combination

**Wednesday, Mar. 21** Fair fine day. Got back early and we went to Camden had my transmission relined and we went to the pictures. Ben Hur.

**Thursday, Mar. 22** Rain this afternoon and tonight. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Vesta went to her doctor Small and I went to my doctor Jennace (dentist) and he yanked (and yanked is right) out a couple of teeth and damded near bustid my jaw. Ant it hell to grow old and loos ones pep and teeth?

**Friday, Mar. 23** Fair and warm. It got pretty muddy before I got back. Split wood this afternoon, but dont feel very well. Got the dropsy I guess for I seem to want to drop into every chair I see.

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**Saturday, Mar. 24** Slightly overcast a shower and a hale storm. Roads froze hard last night and today it was overcast and so I made my trip before it got muddy. See a chipmunk today. Fired four shot with 30-30 at a flock of wild gees.

**Sunday, Mar. 25** Warm overcast and showers all day. Took banking from back of the house and burned it. We went over to Guss for a little while this evening. See another flock of gees and hundreds of black birds & robins today

**Monday, Mar. 26** Warm and fog, thick as mud all day. Roads are very muddy frost comeing out of the ground. Darn the spring any way. Drove a horse today and surely had a hell of a buggy ride.

**Tuesday, Mar. 27** Warm fog and rain colder tonight. Drove a horse again today and my god what a long long road it was. About all in when I got back to the offace.

**Wednesday, Mar. 28** Fair fine day. Drove my car on route today. It froze solid last night and I made the trip before it thawed much. Had all kinds of tire trouble today and skidded into the ditch once but managed to drive out without trouble.

**Thursday, Mar. 29** Another fine day froze hard again last night and I hustled over the route, but came in on two flat tires rear. One came off so I could not get into the yard. After dinner I put a pair of tires on and got into the garage at last.

**Friday, Mar. 30** Overcast cold raw wind. Went to Camden this afternoon and had new springs front and rear put in my car a new pair Firestone tires on rear a new torcion rod put in. Snowing hard tonight. Roads very bad between the Beach and Camden.

**Saturday, Mar. 31** Overcast and cold a blamed cold wind blowing with a few small snow squalls. Drove my car again today. First trip with the new skid chanes and Firestone tires. About 4 inches of snow fell last night and that made the traveling rather bad.

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April Fri	1928	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	April Sat
13 Fair and cold but nothing bad. Strong west wind.			Raw cold overcast Commence to rain about 4 o'clock this afternoon and tonight stormy hard.	14 Guss Mannen and Alta in tonight. Also this friend Ralph Brown, this is Due 44th birthday
<i>German aviator Birman took the air at 6-30 this morning in a biplane and landed on an island in the Strait of Belladonna at 10-30 this morning, out of gas</i>				

*Born to Merritt Clegg and wife  
Phadys, a son. Third child in  
three years.*

**Sunday, Apr. 1** Fair and some cold, with some snow squalls and some wind. We all didn't do anything today but read and play the phonograph.

**Monday, Apr. 2** Fair fine day covered route with car. This afternoon took Vesta & Alta up to the farm and we all burned brush. Guss went up this morning and repaired [fish] the fence. Gave my note to Mont Heal on Security Trust Co for six months \$79./90

**Tuesday, Apr. 3** Fair fine day. Went in car today roads getting too muddy for [?] rideing, and Oh God so rough. Went up to the Farm this afternoon and helped Guss saw his fire wood. Robie Ames sawing outfit. Billy Creamer helped. Died in Walpole Mass Emily H Munroe wife of Cap. John Munroe age 84 yrs

**Wednesday, Apr. 4** Warm and hazy regular spring weather. Roads very very muddy. Went with a horse and will have to drive them the rest of the month. Died Jerry Young, Age 74 yr's. Signed a \$150./00 note with "Amborn" on the Camden National Bank for six months.

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**Thursday, Apr. 5** Fair and very warm a fine day. Roads very muddy frost comeing out. Pulled a front shoe from one of my horses today. Went to Camden this afternoon got 3 bag oats \$6.15 Bag flour Ham Pot Rosts, and some other grocerys. See a fox out by Chas Dickeys.

**Friday, Apr. 6** Fair and hot. 82° in the shade at 11 oclock and the hardest day for mud I ever drove. Stoped at Eliger Morse fed and restid my horse for 45 minutes got back to the offace 4-25 tonight. Hellever trip.

**Saturday, Apr. 7** Fair and warm. Awfull traveling. Pulled a shoe from my mare today. Got as far as Chas Dickey place at 12-10, and fed my horse gave her 45 minutes rest then paddled on got to the offace at 4 oclock.

**Sunday, Apr. 8** Fair butifull Easter Sunday and so I took a day off rest. Took away the last of the banking, put the banking boards under cover, filled in the ruts dug by auto wheels in our lawn. Built a scaffold in barn, put our light wire back in place, cleaned out the barn. Built a new floor in one of the horse stalls and took a bath. Gee twas all hard work even the last.

**Monday, Apr. 9** Fair and colder. Ground froze some last night and the roads are a little better today. Special Town Meeting today to raise money to repair the Youngtown road so called. Votid to expend \$1,000 on said road. Allso votid to build a new cement bridge at Wiley Corner. Ice went out Andrews Pond.

**Tuesday, Apr. 10** Fair and cold. Froze solid last night. I got back at 2 oclock and Vesta & I went to Belfast. I went to Probate Court in regard Em French will by its [??]. he gave his girl Gertrude \$200./00 and the rest of his property if he had any went to wife Eunice.

**Wednesday, Apr. 11** Fair and still cold ground froze hard again last night but thear are so many broken spots that I can't use a car.

**Thursday, Apr. 12** Rain a cold rain that is allmost snow & sleet, and bitter cold. Traveling improved a little for the mud has hardned up a bit. Ice went out Levenseller Pond.

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**Friday, Apr. 13** Fair and cold but nothing bad. Strong west wind. German airplain Breman took the air at 5-30 Thurs morning in Iceland. Landid on an island in the Streights of Bella Isl. Labrador at 10-30 this morning. Out of gas. Born to Merritt Carver and wife Gladys, a son. Third child in three years.

**Saturday, Apr. 14** Raw cold overcast. Commence to rain about 4 oclock this afternoon and tonight storming hard. Guss Warren and Alta in tonight. Allso thear friend Ralph Brown. This is Guss 44<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Sunday, Apr. 15** Fair fine day. We went up to the Farm and put in the day burning brush. Did a lot of it. Burned the field over allso the bushes across the road. Amey Wade sick had two doctors today. Hart & Hutchens. They taped her & took over 3 qts of liquid from her. Ice went out of the Corner and Lawrey Ponds today.

**Monday, Apr. 16** Fair and bitter cold. Ground froze 3 inches last night, and never thawed out today. Awfull rough. Mud can never settle if it freezes more than it can thaw. Gave Frank Cooper my note for \$167.50/100 for six months.

**Tuesday, Apr. 17** Fair and still bitter cold. Wore my fur coat and I was none too warm. So blamed tired couldent do much work, but did try and start my broken down Ford. No good.

**Wednesday, Apr. 18** Another cold day but a little warmer. Went to Camden this afternoon had my mair shod new. \$1.75 Got two bags oats and a bag C Corn \$6.70. Don Patten hauled me a load of hay from Herb Thomas. See a big buck deer this morning up by Carvers corner.

**Thursday, Apr. 19** Cold raw and heavy showers. Hale to beat the band. Startid takeing my old car apart. Striped the gears in the rear and got it partly apart. Finished this morning.

**Friday, Apr. 20** Fair and cold. Very cold tonight. Ground freezing solid. Went to Camden this afternoon got a new master and new pinion geer for the car. Put it partly together this afternoon.

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**Saturday, Apr. 21** Overcast and showers. Went to Camden this afternoon got a new set of bolts for [??]. Put the rear end in and took head of engine cleaned carbon.

**Sunday, Apr. 22** Snow last night over 4 inches snow on the ground. Showers cold as the dickens. Bum kind of a day. Snow and sleet all day. Snowing hard again tonight.

**Monday, Apr. 23** Cold awfull with snow & sleet about all day. Worked on the car this afternoon. Got it running but my battery has pooched out.

**Tuesday, Apr. 24** Another miserable bitch of a cold snowy rainy day. Startid in this afternoon to wash the kitchen ceiling. Some little bit of a neck breaking work.

**Wednesday, Apr. 25** Still cold overcast and generally cussid weather. Mud still deep cant dry out too wet and cold.

**Thursday, Apr. 26** A little better today some sunshine and a little warmer. Still putting in my repair time playing I am a fly, washing the ceiling.

**Friday, Apr. 27** Fair and a little warmer. Washed the roof of our kitchen this afternoon have it more than half cleaned now.

**Saturday, Apr. 28** Heavy snow storm all day. Overcast and rain fog and cold just as bum weather as ever could be dished out. Got wet thro and nearly frozen one of the worst trips I ever drove.

**Sunday, Apr. 29** Overcast and showers carried Vesta & Alta up to see Mrs Wade. After we took a little ride up as far as Bangor. Took supper in Belfast.

**Monday, Apr. 30** Rain fog and cold. Amborn sick and Freddy is driving in his place.

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May Wed	1928	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	May Thur
9	Fair fine day. Helped Vesta clean house this afternoon, we all feel absent all in tonight		Fair fine day. Dr. a new pair Sebbs Corp tires for the Ford. Put them on and had to go to Camden for a new screws, bushing for a front wheel. Stepped on a nail and tore it up tho my right foot, Died Lillian Miller Aged 63 yrs.	10

**Tuesday, May 1** Cold awful cold and showers most all day

**Wednesday, May 2** Rain cold raw and overcast. Awfull weather and awfull traveling. Went to Belfast this afternoon and ordered flowers for Mrs Wades funeral. Dies Amy Wade. Jode Miller & his wife closed the house and went to Mass to die with thear boys Fred & Ralph.

**Thursday, May 3** Fair and not as cold first day that it hasent rained for three weeks. Broke a wagon spring on the road today and had to put a new one in this afternoon.

**Friday, May 4** Fair and a rather fine day at last. Got back early and took Vesta & Alta up to Mrs Wades funeral. We went to Belfast after the service and I got a couple bag oats \$4.40.

**Saturday, May 5** Fair fine day. Roads getting pretty well settled. Put in the afternoon and evening in rakeing up our yard and burning the old junk and litter. Drove a fast trip with a horse today I hope?? Will Claytor mooved his fambly to Tenants Harbor.

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**Sunday, May 6** Butifull day real warm and plesant. We all went up to the Farm this afternoon and burned brush. Went over to the Warrens and took supper. Herb Thomas hauled me another load of hay.

**Monday, May 7** Fair fine day. Put in the afternoon washing our kitchen celing, got it finished at last thank God. Tomorrow it the dineing room roof to wash and whiten. Drove my car, over the route, first time since the beginning of our mud time. Roads dry enough but ye God some rough.

**Tuesday, May 8** Fair and warm fine day. Did our dining room ceiling washed and whitened it that's that. Guss had Fred Frohock haul his fire wood from the Farm today.

**Wednesday, May 9** Fair fine day. Helped Vesta clean house this afternoon, we all feel about all in tonight

**Thursday, May 10** Fair fine day. Got a new pair Seblin Cord Tires for the Ford. Put them on and had to go and had to go to Camden for a new roller bushing for a front wheel. Steped on a nale and drove it up thro my right foot. Died Lillian Miller Age 63 yrs.

**Friday, May 11** Fair and warm. Ye gods how my hoof achs. Never sleep a bit last night. Drove the route today. Vesta went over to Guss this morning and borrowed his crutches.

**Saturday, May 12** Fair fine warm day. Feeling pretty bum foot hurts like the devil and is swelled to twice its normal size. Some Foot?

**Sunday, May 13** Fair clear & cold went up to the farm this afternoon. Vesta & Alta worked cleaning up. I painted the gilt letters on the sign. Guss played the gentleman and lofed. Died Adelaide V King Age 77 yr's.

**Monday, May 14** Fair fine summer like day only so very cold that it seems like fall. Foot a little better I hope. Trying to make myself think it is anyway.

**Tuesday, May 15** Still fair and hear I am tyed down with a punctured hoof and so much work to do I will never catch up.

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**Wednesday, May 16** Fair and warm cant do any work. Damd and double damd every thing.

**Thursday, May 17** Another fine day I guess, the sun is shining and the world is turning green, but hear I am on crutches with a foot big as a sofa pillow. Hells bells. Went to Belfast this afternoon and had our car washed and greced. Died Harold Inman, Lydia Heals husband. New oil put in Chrysler 21,456 miles. Change again when it registers 22,000

**Friday, May 18** Fair fine day. Another of rest and fret. The blue [*devil*] have me for sure. Why in hell must I put up with this any longer?

**Saturday, May 19** Overcast fog looks like rain. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Vesta did the shopping while I looked pretty out of the car. Buried Lydia Heals husband Harold Inman, they were married six months ago tonight. Nov-19-1927.

**Sunday, May 20** Overcast Raining hard tonight. Harry Frohock came up and I took him out and gave him a lesson in driving a clutch car.

**Monday, May 21** Overcast fog rain. Went to Camden this afternoon got the battery for our Chrysler and put it into the car.

**Tuesday, May 22** Rain hard all day. Roads just a sea of mud. Awfull hard traveling. Pitcher got stuck in the mud once.

**Wednesday, May 23** Thick of fog and rain about all day. Another Special Town Meeting to vote to shift the Federal Aid Road from Rackliffe to the Beach. Beach won 105 votes to 99

**Thursday, May 24** And still raining and more mud, can just wallop a car thro.

**Friday, May 25** Fog & overcast this forenoon. Cleared this afternoon fine tonight. Helen Collemer went to the Knox Hospital to be operated on for apendicitus.

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**Saturday, May 26** Rain hard last night thick fog all day today. Went to Belfast this afternoon.

**Sunday, May 27** And still it wont clear away for good. We went up to the Farm and plantid some flower seed and did a little painting.

**Monday, May 28** Rain and fog bum as can be. We all are about mildewed.

**Tuesday, May 29** Thick of fog and rain part of the day. Roads thro this county are as muddy as thos twas the middle of April.

**Wednesday, May 30** Fair fine day. At last the sun is shining. We all took a ride of 278 miles. Went up to Millinocket The Great Northern Paper Co's paper town.

**Thursday, May 31** Fog and rain. Feel pretty bum today after our strenuous trip yesterday.

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June Tues 26	1928 283	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston CCCXXVIII	1928	June Wed 27
<p>And still it rained - and still the fog is thick and still every body feels well drugged I built a chimney this afternoon out in the Old House for the Old Hams 3 feet square each way. Mainly stones and Reasons Thomas called this afternoon.</p>				

**Friday, Jun. 1** Fair fine warm day. Mowed our lawn and we canned greens this afternoon. Vesta has 7 1/2 qts put up.

**Saturday, Jun. 2** Rain this morning hard. Cleared by noon and a fine afternoon and evening. I went to Belfast this afternoon, got some garden seed. Ernest Carver sharpened our lawn mower today. 50¢

**Sunday, Jun. 3** Fair fine day. We was going up to work at the Farm but it was two o'clock before we startid and then G could not go. Vesta & Alta plantid some more flower seed and got thear vegetable patch ready to plant. While I finished painting the sign. Had it in away from the black flys in on the Ice Box.

**Monday, Jun. 4** Fog and rain just as bad as it can be this morning. This afternoon cleared and I went up to the Farm paintid chairs a bright red and I think got. A hell of a cold. Died Emery Griffin Age 77 yrs.

**Tuesday, Jun. 5** Partly overcast. This afternoon I plantid Beets and Lettuce, the first seed I have put in the ground. Mellie Dearborn harrowed the land at the Farm one time today.

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**Wednesday, Jun. 6** Rain all day, and I have a bitch of a cold feel cussid but as that's a natural condition its nothing strange.

**Thursday, Jun. 7** Fog and rain, thick as mud clearing tonight. We went up to the Farm this afternoon and went to cleaning things up. Vesta and Alta put the store in pretty good. While they cleaned, I put canvas bottoms into chairs. They took thear stock in traid out of storage in the Ice Box

**Friday, Jun. 8** Butifull day, just fine at last. We went up to the farm again this afternoon and paintid. Vesta & Alta cleaned the Old House and even took all the plaster of the celing cleaned it all out and took the curtains in and washed and ironed them. Edith Perry came today out to Dad's.

**Saturday, Jun. 9** Overcast fog and a few showers. Did not work at the Farm any today, but found enough to do to keep myself busy at home.

**Sunday, Jun. 10** Fair fine day. Just a dandy. Vesta & I went on a ride and had a little picnic all by our twosome. Went down to Nobleboro. Stoped in Thomaston and hunted up the [*building*] place of General Henry Knox.

**Monday, Jun. 11** Fair nice day. Worked at the Farm all afternoon. One fine kind of a day, I'll tell the world.

**Tuesday, Jun. 12** Fog and a heavy shower tonight.

**Wednesday, Jun. 13** Still overcast fog. Perhaps some time the sun may shine again but I am beginning to doubt it.

**Thursday, Jun. 14** Fair fine day. We all went up to the Farm and put in a busy afternoon, fixing things for to open some time.

**Friday, Jun. 15** Butifull day fair and warm. We went up to the Farm and cleaned house. Wheeled our barn wood in and stowed in the Old House 25 barrow loads. Mother went back with Edith on tonights boat. Mellie Dearborn came over harrowed and furrowed out my garden this afternoon.

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**Saturday, Jun. 16** Fair and warm. I went up to the Farm this afternoon and plantid 2 quarts early morn peas & a peck potatoes. Went to Belfast got a hair cut and went again tonight and did some shopping.

**Sunday, Jun. 17** Fair butifull day. We all went over to Augusta via Belfast & Liberty, spent the afternoon looking over Old Fort Western came home by Waldoboro 120 mile trip

**Monday, Jun. 18** Another fine day carried Vesta & Alta up to the Tea House then went to Belfast and ordered a lot of goods from M.T & Co.

**Tuesday, Jun. 19** Fair fine day. We all went up to the Tea House and put in the afternoon. Got in a supply of traid goods all put in place with the Ice Cream packed in the new cabinet. Allso the Ice Box iced.

**Wednesday, Jun. 20** Overcast, rain this morning. Carried the firm up to thear Tea House and they opened for buisness. Bum day and a small traid as might be expectid.

**Thursday, Jun. 21** Fair fine day. Mellie Dearborn came up and mowed the farm for us this afternoon. We all did our bit with the lawn mowers. I plantid this afternoon 200 hills sweet corn, row of lettuce, and 20 hills of cucumbers.

**Friday, Jun. 22** Fair fine day. Doing buisness at the Tea House but not much. Awfull dull. Nobody stoping to eat, most of the traveling public takeing thear lunch along with them. Plantid more garden truck this afternoon, about all finished now.

**Saturday, Jun. 23** Another fine day but very small traid. Put in the afternoon rakeing up what Mellie Dearborn mowed. Have it all raked and put up into good hay cocks now let it rain. And I think it will tomorrow all right by the way it looks tonight.

**Sunday, Jun. 24** Thick fog and ye Gods how it has rained. Carried Guss & Alta up to the store this morning they did the part of Maine host. I came back, dug my plow out of the wood pile and put a new handle in it.

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**Monday, Jun. 25** Fog and rain bum as it can be. Not much buisness at the Tea Room but how can anybody do buisness this weather

**Tuesday, Jun. 26** And still it rains and still the fog is thick and still everybody feels milldewed. I built a chimney this afternoon out in the Old House 3 feet square each way. Manly Turner and Pearson Thomas called this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jun. 27** Still this fog but along toward night it has cleared up and the sun came out, but it hasent cleared away for good yet. We have a camping party tonight. A man his wife and two boys from Milltown N.B. they are the first to camp this season

**Thursday, Jun. 28** Overcast fog & rain and everything about drowned out. Did some work this afternoon in the Old House and got the chimney partly paintid. We went up to Jessie [Powers] Mineral Spring & got a jug of water tonight.

**Friday, Jun. 29** Still fog and rain. Bum weather and bummer buisness. I put in the afternoon working as usual. Fitted & [??] a screen door. Painted part of a chimney. Banked with earth the two toilets and made new covers for the seats. Died in Bangor Annie Harkness Age 65 yrs

**Saturday, Jun. 30** Still it's a foggy day allmost rain. I started off this morning on the wrong foot. First had to repair my number plate holder that was all loos and hanging. Then the roller bearing in a front wheel let go then I had a blow out on the road. Had to send to Camden for new parts. Helluver day. Leona Small & Harold Brownell came today.

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<b>30</b>	<p>Another beautiful day just like September clear and bright with a tang in the air, just wonderful. Vesta went across the road a little while this afternoon got a bowl full of blueberries. The huge store did a good business today. Fred Hardy started building the new cedar side road at the beach today.</p>		<b>31</b>

**Sunday, Jul. 1** Slightly better some fog and a few showers but not so bad as it has been for the last ten days. Took over \$24/00

**Monday, Jul. 2** Fair and warm fine summer day and the girls had a good day at the store took over \$22.00 David McCobb Jennie and their friend Frank Winters came today.

**Tuesday, Jul. 3** Fair fine day. Hung a screen door. Built a platform and put a new pin in the spring. Painted some on the chimney and put ice in the Ice Box.

**Wednesday, Jul. 4** Fair and hot as the devil. We four went up at eight this morning. Put up the refreshment sign. Stopped at Robie Ames got a 11 lb salmon had a salmon dinner with green peas out of a can. Put a tub of beer on ice in the Old House.

**Thursday, Jul. 5** Fair and very warm. Not much doing today. Amos Pitcher came up to the Farm and dug a ditch for drainage down by the spring. Bad auto accident out Robie Ames. One woman badly hurt. The little Fitzgerald boy run over. Mr McCobb returned home today.

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**Friday, Jul. 6** Another fine clear day fair and very warm. I put in the afternoon installing an outside light on the Front Porch and tonight came home and had our well pumped out a man by name of Fitzgerald from Camden did it. Mellie Dearborn cultivated our garden at the Farm. Piled up the Tonic Boxes in the Old House. Some busy day. Took \$13.91

**Saturday, Jul. 7** Fair fine day. Worked like hell at the store. We all intended going to Rockland this evening but I ripped the gears out of my Chrysler so we went to Belfast in the Ford. Clarence Paul came and towed the Chrysler to Belfast.

**Sunday, Jul. 8** Fair and hot as the devil. I carried Vesta & Alta up to the Tea Room and got them settled for the day and then came back & worked on my Ford until five o'clock. Put a new spring in and new bushed the front wheels. Guss had his well pumped out this morning.

**Monday, Jul. 9** Another fair and very warm day. Dot McKinney came down and spent the afternoon with Helen Bush. Went up to the Tea Room this evening with me and will spend the night with us.

**Tuesday, Jul. 10** Fair and very warm. Dot went up with us this morning and this afternoon I went out to Lena Rankins and got Alice. Vesta is having the time of her life with her two nieces and I'm glad of it. We all went down to the [Rink] tonight.

**Wednesday, Jul. 11** Fair and hot as the very devil. Had a heavy thunder shower tonight. Carried Alice & Dot McKinney out to Parker Youngs this afternoon.

**Thursday, Jul. 12** Fair fine day. A little fog this morning and a little shower tonight. Worked on the chimney this afternoon. About ready to set in place. Did some very necessary work in the garden. Will have to tear out part of the Old House to get the chimney out. Took today \$17.40

**Friday, Jul. 13** Another fine day. Did a lot of work in The Old House and in the garden. Things seem to be [??] all right now but trade has been slack this season up to now.

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**Saturday, Jul. 14** Fair but slightly overcast foggy tonight. Finished the chimney for the Old House this afternoon. Tonight we all went to Rockland. Vesta bought for my birthday present a pair of light gray knickers.

**Sunday, Jul. 15** Fair a butifull summer like day at last. Wore my knickers today and felt like a damd fool in them. Wow. Had a good day at the store took over \$30./00 mostly on food stuff.

**Monday, Jul. 16** Fair fine day. Put our chimney up on the Old House today. Looks pretty good. We have two camping partys tonight. The two Simon La-Gees have sure kept Uncle Tom on the jump today.

**Tuesday, Jul. 17** Hot and then some one of the hottest days of the summer. Took it easy, built a shelf for the kitchen allso put up another long tabel, allso built a bench to sit on, and did a little hoeing.

**Wednesday, Jul. 18** Hot very hot and sultry. Just a small shower this afternoon and a bit cooler tonight, but still worse than the devil. I worked out in the Old House a while but its so blamed hot I gave it up.

**Thursday, Jul. 19** Still fair and very hot. Butifull weather to get hay. My 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Vesta gave me a pair if gray knickers and stockings and a pk of Blackstone Cigars Mrs Warren 3 handkerchiefs, Guss 2 neckties Alta a quart [?] butter Father a new pipe. John Wade came home this morning.

**Friday, Jul. 20** Another fine summer day. Very hot but nice for hay makeing. Everybody improveing the chance to get thear hay. Jennie McCobb, Louise & Ada with little Tom at the wheel returned to Mass, this morning. Van Thompson wife Marion & the children returned to Conn today.

**Saturday, Jul. 21** Fair fine day not as hot as yesterday. A cloudless sky this forenoon meaning a storm soon I think. Patterson & Sylvester put 750 gal, gas into thear tank this morning.

**Sunday, Jul. 22** Overcast, Rain hard this afternoon and tonight. No buisness at the Tea Room untill tonight then had a rush They took \$24./75 Our 7<sup>th</sup> camping party stoped tonight. Mass car.

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**Monday, Jul. 23** Fair and very warm part of the day. Foggy tonight. Very small traid. We all took a little ride tonight up to the cove and over the new road. Some road it is?

**Tuesday, Jul. 24** Overcast fog this morning cleared away fine this afternoon. Guss bailed our spring out this forenoon and I scraped the mud and silt out of the bottom. Made two new signs out in The Old House. That is now my workshop.

**Wednesday, Jul. 25** Fair and very warm yes hot. One of the hottest days of the year. Painted signes in the Old House this afternoon. That was the coolest place on the Farm.

**Thursday, Jul. 26** Fair fine day. Startid in to build a bean hole oven this afternoon. Got blue clay and sand to make a clay mortor to lay it up in. Vesta went blueberrying this afternoon and got a bowl full of fine big berrys. Gene Tunney of New York heavy weight champion of the world of pugilism knocked out Tom Heeney of New Zeland in 11 rounds at the Polo Grounds in New York.

**Friday, Jul. 27** Overcast and raining tonight. Very small traid today \$5.55. Built a brick oven for our baked beans to bake in the ground. Got wood from the Old House one time and built a fire in it. Alta went blueberrying across the road today and got two bowls full. Guss brought up a mess of green peas this afternoon.

**Saturday, Jul. 28** Fair fine day but it just powered rain all day long. Raining hard tonight. Not much buisness at the store every body got the blues.

**Sunday, Jul. 29** Butifull day with a strong west wind blowing today. Had a good day of traid at the Store took \$34.04. Died Adalade Wade Howe Shock, Age 64 yrs.

**Monday, Jul. 30** Another butifull day just like September clear and bright with a tang in the air just wonderfull. Vesta went across the road a little while this afternoon got a bowl full of blueberrys. The little Store did a good buisness today. Fred Hardy started building the new Federal Ade road at the beach today.

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**Tuesday, Jul. 31** Fair clear and cool, a very fine day. Went blueberrying up on the ledges and found a very few. Last day of July and this finished my twenty fourth year of driving mail. Some miles I have driven since July 31- 1904. "God", but I am growing old.

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August Wed	1928 307	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	August Thur
15 Another scorching hot day. Mellie Dearborn finished mowing my day. All the machine work done now.			16	Slice has an awfully warm Mellie Dearborn finished my haying this afternoon we got in the last load of hay. Gee but it is hot here the barn strong full and can pack it in.

**Wednesday, Aug. 1** Fair fine clear cool day. Not much traid some way tho traffic isant near as heavy or the people as libral as in previous years.

**Thursday, Aug. 2** Very warm one of the hottest days of the summer. Did a good buisness today. The travel is increasing some now. Had our 9<sup>th</sup> camping party tonight. A woman & her two children from Sharon Mass. Took \$17.04

**Friday, Aug. 3** Hot as blazes this forenoon. Cloudy with a thunder shower this afternoon. A car from Bangor got stuck across the road and I helped get it out.

**Saturday, Aug. 4** Still hot as the dickens. With a very heavy thunder shower this afternoon and another this evening. We all went to Belfast tonight and it just powred down. Not a drop fell here at the beach.

**Sunday, Aug. 5** Overcast fog & rain. Bum day. Raining hard this afternoon and tonight. Had a good buisness for all that a mighty scramble some time between the store & Ice Box. Our 10<sup>th</sup> camping party tonight. People from R.I.

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**Monday, Aug. 6** Still overcast and showers. Not much traid today. Vesta & Alta each went and picked a dish full of blueberrys. Lost my jack knife have looked every place for it. Even under the Ice Box. We have two camping partys tonight. Both Massachusetts people. This makes 12 to date. Took \$11.34

**Tuesday, Aug. 7** Fair fine day. Did some very nessary work in our garden and helped mow the lawn around the Tea Room. \$14.01 Two more camping partys tonight. One from N.Y. one from Mass. makeing 14 in all.

**Wednesday, Aug. 8** Fog and more fog small buisness and light trafic. Came home early tonight only made and took down \$8.13

**Thursday, Aug. 9** Still overcast and thick fog. Bummest kind of weather. I went to Belfast this afternoon. Paid half of the girls gas bill \$128/75. Got a peck of bean's for tomorrows bakeing \$2.10 5 lbs 94¢

**Friday, Aug. 10** Fog and showers bum kind of weather small traid and every body fed up on this weather. Another camping party tonight makeing 15 so far this season

**Saturday, Aug. 11** Still fog and rain bum weather. We have another party tonight that makes 16. Ada & Alton McCobb & Tom Andrews blew in this morning from Westboro. Ada took Mrs Warren to see Dr Heart in Camden. They are afraid she has a cancer in her intestines.

**Sunday, Aug. 12** A butifull day clear and cool. Just perfect. Did a good bit of buisness at the Tea Room took \$41./47 The Misses Legrees kept me buisy lugging beer from the Old House and water from the spring. Ada & Alton McCobb and Tom Andrews went back to Westboro today.

**Monday, Aug. 13** Hot yes awfull hottest Aug 13 since 1872. We all did roast for sure today. Mellie Dearborn mowed my heavy grass. We have a hen that stole her nest away come out this morning with 8 chicks.

**Tuesday, Aug. 14** Hotter today than it was yesterday. Carried Mrs Warren up to stay with Alta, Vesta came home and washed. Mellie & I got in 3 big load of hay 6-8-2

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**Wednesday, Aug. 15** Another scorching hot day. Mellie Dearborn finished mowing my hay. All the machine work done now. After closeing tonight we took a ride up to Belfast. Our 17 camping party tonight. A man & his [maid]; no married couple just out for [??], Maine car No 34964. John Tower killed tonight car turned over broke his neck.

**Thursday, Aug. 16** Still hot awfull warm. Mellie Dearborn finished my haying this afternoon we got in the last load of hay. Gee but it is hot have the barn stowed full as I can pack it in.

**Friday, Aug. 17** Still very warm. Awfull hot still. Today is as bad as any we have had yet. Luged wood out of the Old House and put it into the bean hole. Hell of a day to build a fire. Have our 18<sup>th</sup> camping party tonight. Maine car.

**Saturday, Aug. 18** Fair and still very warm. We all went to Belfast tonight and did some traiding and got home just as it startid to rain and ye gods dident it just power tonight.

**Sunday, Aug. 19** Fair fine day cleared away and its been a dandy day \$41./30 in traid. Ralph, Hazel Frank & Eve Brown at the Tea Room this afternoon.

**Monday, Aug. 20** Butifull day clear and cool. Alta went blueberrying across the road this afternoon got a bowl full of blueberrys. I took my car out back of the Old House and did some work on it. Had our 19<sup>th</sup> camping party tonight. Mass car.

**Tuesday, Aug. 21** Butifull day clear and cool. Alta went to Camden this afternoon took Mrs W to Dr Heart. Veddie & I kept house. Small traid \$15.45 that's all.

**Wednesday, Aug. 22** A butifull day clear and fine. Went up in the woods this afternoon got cedar bords to build chairs. Split one of them out in the Old House. Vesta & Alta each went blueberrying across The Road and both got a bowl full of fine berrys. Good day at the Tea Room took \$22/33. Married Harry Collemer and Genever Mahoney.

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**Thursday, Aug. 23** Fair pretty good day. Fog tonight looks like rain. Small buisness today not much travel. Went across The Road and picked two bowl full of fancy Huckleberrys. Married Dorris Marshall & Roy Allen

**Friday, Aug. 24** Overcast fog and rain. Punk day and very few cars on the road. Put in a tough afternoon lugging wood from The Old House to the bean hole. Ground so wet that it takes a lot of fire to warm it up.

**Saturday, Aug. 25** Fog and rain all day. Miserable kind of weather.

**Sunday, Aug. 26** Overcast and fog a fine rain or heavy mist falling all day. Not much buisness today.

**Monday, Aug. 27** Cleared away fine after four days of fog and rain. The Two Ladies have kept Uncle Tom buisy today. Mowed the lawn [*cleaned*] up the Old House Emptied the garbig barrell and brought a big load of rock down in my Ford for our new driveway.

**Tuesday, Aug. 28** Fog and showers bum weather and not much traid. Nobody wants to stop in this kind of weather.

**Wednesday, Aug. 29** Hot as the devil just a scorcher. The only cool spot I have found today was in the Old House. We have our 20<sup>th</sup> camping party tonight.

**Thursday, Aug. 30** Another hot day with quite a heavy thunder shower this afternoon. I took my Ford out behind the Old House and took the carborator off cleaned the feed pipe. Now will it run any better? Benton Heal & fambly returned to Phila. today.

**Friday, Aug. 31** Butifull day fair and warm. Tonight a frosty chill in the air makes one think of whats comeing. Bakeing beans again today. The Lagrees have kept this Uncle Tom buisy lugging wood from the Old House to keep fire. Died Lewis Frohock.

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Fri		Sat
14. <i>Fog and rain had part of day no business and a bit kind of a day</i>  <i>Put our beans on to bake or rather, put them into the ground. Haile They looks but doubt it Ground so wet</i>		15 <i>Fog and rain same old kind of weather we have had for a week past. Very small traid and not much chance to improve now it is getting so</i>  <i>John Wiles went away today or rather tonight on the Boston Boat</i> 

**Saturday, Sep. 1** Butifull day clear & cool. Our baked beans didnt bake well this time, had to put them back in the ground for more bakeing. Alta went to Belfast with us tonight. Guss could not go on account of Mrs W. condition. They had Dr Heart to see Mrs W this forenoon. She is in very bad shape. All the Browns called at the store this afternoon including Frank. Then Alta was in bad shape.

**Sunday, Sep. 2** Fair clear & cool just a butifull day. Biggest day at the Tea Room they have ever had. Took \$65.00. Sold 86 gal of gas. Helen Bush & her friend Virginia returned to Boston on tonights boat. Pitt Kella & fambly down from Portland for the holiday. We went to Camden tonight to Dr Hart got medican for Mrs Warren. She has a bad attack of [??].

**Monday, Sep. 3** Labor Day dont have to drive. Rain like all hell all day just a regular downpowr. Small traid only took a little over \$13.00

**Tuesday, Sep. 4** Cleared away fine and its been a perfect day. Took my car out behind the Old House and put a new steering rod in it. Dug our first potatoes this afternoon.

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**Wednesday, Sep. 5** Butifull day clear and cool. Did quite a good buisness.

Patterson & Sylvester put 500 gal gas into our tank today. Alta picked huckleberrys across the road and Veddie tendid store this afternoon. Manly Turner took Father & Mother on a sight seeing tour over to Augusta today. Fred Hardy finished work on the road at the Beach today 1700 feet completed.

**Thursday, Sep. 6** Slightly overcast but a fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon carried up a load of emptys for Hatch & M.T. Co. Allso paid P & S \$257./50. Guss & I went out "Eugleys" tonight got 2 gal. vineger. Dr Bush paid his milk bill tonight \$12.00. Fred Hardy commenced building our drive way rock & gravel, its hard work to get Across the Road as it is now.

**Friday, Sep. 7** Fair fine day. Had quite a traid but not as much as it ought to be. Put in a busy day carried my car over to Paul Griffins and he took up the connector rods. Vesta & Alta each went blueberrying across the roads.

**Saturday, Sep. 8** Another fine day and a busy one. Put Ice in the Ice Box and tonight we all went to Belfast tonight to do our shopping.

**Sunday, Sep. 9** Fair a butifull day. Had a good big line of traid today. Had a fine big auto smash up at the store. A Chandler sedan from Bangor driven at high speed left the road in front of the Tea Room and plowed into our Pine Tree and turned over. Smashed the car badly but nobody injured.

**Monday, Sep. 10** Another butifull day clear and cool. The two "Lagrees" sold two small boxes of huckleberrys today for two bits. Alta went across The Road and picked them. We closed the shop early and went out to vote. Took ice for the cream from Ice Box. We four went and votid by way of Camden.

**Tuesday, Sep. 11** Rain hard all day just a steddy rain tonight it has rained very hard with thunder and lightning. Republicans carried the state at yesterdays election but over 85,000 mejority. Tudor Gardiner elected governor Fredrick Hale U.S. Senator

**Wednesday, Sep. 12** Rain hard all day. All last night it just powred in bucket full and still raining tonight. Very small traid at the store only took a

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little over \$3 dollars. We came home early took a [sneak] before dark. Awfull cold storm we all sit around in Chairs and hugged the stove.

**Thursday, Sep. 13** Thick fog and rain. Very small traid today. The season is surely about over for sure. \$5.37 Went out in The Old House and took a partition down gee but I wish the old chimney was O.K. blamed if I wouldebt repair the side of it.

**Friday, Sep. 14** Fog and rain hard part of the day no buisness and a bum kind of a day. Put our beans on to bake or rather put them into the ground. Hope they bake but doubt it. Ground so wet.

**Saturday, Sep. 15** Fog and rain same old kind of weather we have had for a week past. Very small traid and not much chance to improve now it is getting so. John Wade went away today or rather tonight on the Boston Boat.

**Sunday, Sep. 16** Still its fog and rain with corresponding small buisness not much traid any more. Dug some potatoes today and stored them in The Old House.

**Monday, Sep. 17** Still we have a good big bank of fog over everything. It hasent lifted for the day here on the shore tho it was bright out back in the country.

**Tuesday, Sep. 18** Still its fog and rain eight days of it in a stretch we have had this time, but thank the Lord we don't live in Florida. Awfull [??] and storm now rageing thear.

**Wednesday, Sep. 19** Cleared away and the sun came out this afternoon. Fine evening with a butifull red sunset. Still it looks like another storm tomorrow. Veddie and Alta each went across The Road and picked a couple bowls of Huckleberrys.

**Thursday, Sep. 20** Rain hard all day and some wind but not much. Wallace Easton came in and spent the evening. Brought his views from Scotland. Very interesting. Mrs Rose Heal, gone to Mrs Dinsmore in Belfast. Born to Freddie Amborn and wife Alice a son.

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**Friday, Sep. 21** Fog and still fog all day. Just before sunset it cleared away and people began to stop and eat. Took \$13./10 today.

**Saturday, Sep. 22** Overcast but no storm. Fair and fine tonight. Did a pretty good buisness at the Tea Room today. Phebe French Wade had a shock today. Cut away the trees in front of the Tea Room, and now we can see the bay. We went to Belfast tonight did some shopping then went to the picture and took supper afterward. Helluva blowout.

**Sunday, Sep. 23** Butifull day clear and cool. Good traid at the Tea Room for this time of year. Took \$29./58 About cleaned out the Ice Box of all the eats. Veddie picked the prettyest boqet of wild flowers down by the spring this forenoon I ever see.

**Monday, Sep. 24** Butifull clear cool day. Cut and trimmed to extend our view of the bay. Stuck a broken limb into my right eye bad puncture. Broke a rear spring in the Ford. Went to Camden had a new one put in.

**Tuesday, Sep. 25** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon got some medican from Dr Small for Veddie. Went to Rockland to Dr Ellenwood eye specilist he remove a few pieces of bark from my eye \$3. We can now see Owls Head Light from my cutting across The Road.

**Wednesday, Sep. 26** Rain all day and still doing buisness. We all closed the Tea Room and came home early. Freddie Amborn taken very sick on the route yesterday and his Father went out and got him.

**Thursday, Sep. 27** Fair day with several small showers. I put in the afternoon cutting and burning brush across The Road.

**Friday, Sep. 28** Fair and cold with a couple of heavey showers mixed with hale throne in for good mesure.

**Saturday, Sep. 29** Slightly overcast but still a pretty good day. Had our 21<sup>st</sup> camping party two men from Massachusetts. Altas 45 birthday. We gave her a bottle of toilet water & a nice box of female gegaws. Was awfull pretty and usefull about keeping clean. That's all I know about it. Mame Coombs taken very sick rushed to Hospital.

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**Sunday, Sep. 30** Overcast and cold but still a fine day. Not much buisness took a little over \$11 today.

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22	<p>Another fine day. Started building stairs. Cut and fitted the risers today.</p> <p>Dad came to Camden I went and borrowed his bar &amp; saws again.</p> <p>First day of my vacation and it's a good one.</p>			

**Monday, Oct. 1** Butifull day not cold. Had a heavy frost last night. I am still the invalid of the fambly. Vesta went across the road chopping and I restid my eye in the Car and on the Ice Box. Sent to Sears Roebuck for a new tire for Ford

**Tuesday, Oct. 2** Fair fine day. Went to Rockland this afternoon to the eye doctors. Ellinwood on vacation so I had to go to Dr [Tweedie].

**Wednesday, Oct. 3** Fair and warm fine day. Lincolnville Town Fair. God how my eye pains.

**Thursday, Oct. 4** Fair fine day Frank Pendleton my new sub carried me around my route today. Amborn drove me to Rockland to the doctors this afternoon.

**Friday, Oct. 5** Fair fine day we all have been busey cleaning up and packing things away in The Old House for winter. Got a awfull eye on myself.

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**Saturday, Oct. 6** Fair fine day but ye gods how my eye and head has pained. Got Loyed [Lloyd] Pitcher to carry me to Rockland to the eye doctors this afternoon.

**Sunday, Oct. 7** Butifull day fair and warm. We all went up to the Tea House and sold what we had to sell Took allmost \$18.00. My sick eye has felt a little better today.

**Monday, Oct. 8** Butifull day clear and cool. Got Lloyd Pitcher to drive me to the eye doctor in Rockland this afternoon. Sent to Sears Roebuck for another tire.

**Tuesday, Oct. 9** Fair fine day. Cloudy with shower this morning. Went to Belfast this afternoon. See Cooper and had my note for \$166/50 extendid for 6 months.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10** Butifull day clear and cool. Still doing time with a sick eye. Went over to Warrens got a hook to hang a plant on. Went up to the Coombs cottage see Guss laying a floor.

**Thursday, Oct. 11** Overcast rain. We went to Rockland this afternoon. I went to the old eye doctor and had him test my eyes. He pronounced them both punk.

**Friday, Oct. 12** Overcast and showers put in the day tearing out the old stair way if nothing happens we are going to have a set of new stairs in our house. Commenced on our stair way tearing out to get ready

**Saturday, Oct. 13** Fair fine day and I improved it cleaning out our garage. Put in the day and have it about half cleaned below.

**Sunday, Oct. 14** Fair butifull day cold as the dickens. Vesta & I went on a ride up as far as Hamden. Bought a peck of Mackintosh Red Apples, dandys 75¢

**Monday, Oct. 15** Very cold this morning. Froze ice. Overcast and warmer thro the day. Went over to Warrens this morning. Was going to Camden to

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get medican for Mrs Warren. They did not need it so did not go. Veddie and I went to Belfast to see about our new front stairs.

**Tuesday, Oct. 16** Warm and overcast. Raining tonight. Worked on our front stairs today tearing away to find a place to build them. Big German Dirigibel Zeplen "Graf" with 20 passengers and a crew of 40 men arrived at 5 P.M. last night at Lakehurst N.J. after a 5000 mile trip from Germany 112 hours on the journey.

**Wednesday, Oct. 17** Fairly good day overcast and warm. Veddie & I went to Rockland. She went to "Bengees" and had her self fitted for glasses. I went to "Tweedies" and was fitted. Paid him \$11/56

**Thursday, Oct. 18** Fog and rain. Went to Belfast. Ernest Carver went with me. I ordered new stairs allso new brick for our chimney 1100 \$27./50 for bricks. Cement Lime & Lead.

**Friday, Oct. 19** Fair and colder pretty nice day. Coopers truck brought our stair and chimney material down today. Bertie Carver Ernests wife went to Bradbury Hospital Belfast today for an operation

**Saturday, Oct. 20** Fair and quite cold. Startid to tear out our front hall. Ernest Carver came up and showed me what to do first in stair building.

**Sunday, Oct. 21** Fair fine day. And a busey one for yours truly put in a very strenuous seccion. Droped dead in Bath this morning when getting out of her car, Ethel Robinson, ne Collemer, ne Wagner. Age 31.

**Monday, Oct. 22** Another fine day. Still building stairs. Cut and fitted the risers today. Guss went to Camden I went and borrowed his bar & new spaid. First day of my vacation and it's a good one.

**Tuesday, Oct. 23** Butifull fair and mild one fine day. Got up early this morning went to Belfast got our brick mason and his helper and had them all ready to go to work at 7 oclock. Startid building our new chimney.

**Wednesday, Oct. 24** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast this morning got our two masons. This afternoon Veddie & I went and I drew \$50 from the Bank

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and tonight I went again carried the masons home. Died John Butler age 89 yrs.

**Thursday, Oct. 25** Fair cold with a strong wind. Went to Belfast this morning got our two masons. Frank Hoag & Herbert Ellwell finished building our new chimney. Took 3 Bags Cement 1 Bbl of lime 1100 Bricks and 25 hours of labor. Cost Labor \$35.00 Went to Camden this morning got lead round trip 20 minutes.

**Friday, Oct. 26** Fair and cold as the very devil. Cleaning up today shingled in our new chimney and cementid the outside of the old.

**Saturday, Oct. 27** Butifull clear cool day. I put in the forenoon working on our new stairs. Veddie & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Got 3 bags flour at 93¢ a bag. Opening day of the new Woolworth 5¢ & 10¢ store in Belfast. Guss helped Ralph Brown kill a hog.

**Sunday, Oct. 28** Overcast cold and raw. Worked all day on our stairs. They commence to look like the real thing now.

**Monday, Oct. 29** Fair and very cold. I picked what apples we will want Spys and Wolf Rivers. Worked on our stairs the rest of the day.

**Tuesday, Oct. 30** Fair and bitter cold. I was glad to stay in and build my stairs. Cut and fitted the treads and put the noseings on them.

**Wednesday, Oct. 31** Butifull day fair and mild. Worked on my stairs this forenoon. This afternoon we went up to the store and put things in shape for the winter. Dug 5 pails full of potatoes and a bucket of carrots.

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13	Bulifull day fair and not cold. Had a flat tire on the road this afternoon. Went out to the County to Vig's Halls to fix carburetor on Ford. We were over to Gee's tonight. Alta went to Camden today and cleaned her self to a #6. lid which she started in for Vesta to look on.		14 Tori and Iann a fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Vesta drew \$80.00 from bank. Paid Cooper Co for our chimney material \$7.50 Veddie bought a new blue silk dress & pretty little thing. Roy Thund, Louis, Frankwet, and Mahoney came back from Sebas with their deer.	

Died Alice Mahoney Dickey, age 65 yrs.  
Died Adelia Duncan Buzzell.

**Thursday, Nov. 1** Fair and warm, fine day. Went to Belfast this forenoon got a hair cut had my car greeced and oiled new a [??] put on \$9.25. Vesta & I went to Rockland this afternoon to have our glasses adjusted she paid \$15./50 and I paid \$10./25 makeing \$21./50 my storm fronts have cost.

**Friday, Nov. 2** Mild yes warm. Worked on my stairs about all day. Tonight Vesta & I went over to the school house to a school entertainment.

**Saturday, Nov. 3** Warm and raining it has rained about all day. Set the upper newel post and put the rail and six banesters on our stairs. Ralph & Hazel Brown startid for Woodland for thear hunting trip.

**Sunday, Nov. 4** Fair fine day. Veddie & I took a long ride. Went to Bangor and out to Carmel comeing back to Bangor out steering geer broak and we were held up for about three hours.

**Monday, Nov. 5** Fair not very cold. Went to Belfast and got material for our stairs. Alice Dickey operatid on at Waldo Co Hospital. Cancer of the throat.

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**Tuesday, Nov. 6** Partly overcast with showers. Election Day. I took Guss & Alta and Mrs Ida French with us out to vote. We went over to Guss and listened on the radio to the returns tonight. Herbert Hoover Republican electid President over Alfred Smith Democrat. Hoover carried 40 states with 444 electoral votes. Bucking the so called solid south for the first time in our countrys history.

**Wednesday, Nov. 7** Fair and warm. Worked on our new stairs this afternoon. Went to Camden got bag Mix Feed and a bushal of cracked corn.

**Thursday, Nov. 8** Fair and cold. Put a new back curtain on my Ford car. Drove my first trip since the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. 5 weeks ago. Vesta and I went over to the Warrens tonight listen to the radio.

**Friday, Nov. 9** Slightly overcast and cold. W.J. Munroe hauled me a load of 2 x 4 lumber. Helped Guss put up a new areal for his radio. Louie Keller & Jessie Drinkwater called this afternoon. Hobbs & Brown Lumber dealers of Camden burned out tonight \$25,000 loss small ins.

**Saturday, Nov. 10** Fair clear and cold. Have been putting fire wood in today allso put on our last storm door and the storm windows. Went to Camden tonight or rather this afternoon on a wild goos chase.

**Sunday, Nov. 11** Fairly good day some cold and partly overcast. Worked about the place all day

**Monday, Nov. 12** Fair fine, nicest kind of a day. I put our banking board about the house this afternoon. Broke a rear axel in my Ford out by A.H. Miller came back to the office with Amborn. V. Hall out in new axel \$5. Leo Crooker shot a 10 point buck up back of Amborns on Trap Mt. Ralph Brown returned from his hunting trip in Woodland with a 225 lb buck with 12 points.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13** Butifull day fair and not cold. Had a flat tire on the road this afternoon. Went out to the Center to Virgel Halls to fix carborator on Ford. We went over to Guss tonight. Alta went to Camden today and blowed her self to a \$5 lid which she strolled in for Vesta to look on. Died Alice Mahoney Dickey age 65 yrs. Died Adelia Dunton Buzzell.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 14** Fair and warm a fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Vesta drew \$80.00 from bank paid Cooper Co for our chimney material \$87.13 Vddie bought a new blue silk dress a pretty little thing. Roy Hurd, Louis Drinkwater & Geo Mahoney came back from Sebois with three deer.

**Thursday, Nov. 15** Butifull warm summer like day. I finished cleaning up the bricks and mortor from the old chimney. And cleaned out our toilet. Went up and got Guss at the farm. Tonight we went to Geo Mahoneys to a supper party for [Geneva] & Holly.

**Friday, Nov. 16** Fair and warm. Shingled on the back side of the barn this afternoon trying to get everything tucked in for winter.

**Saturday, Nov. 17** Rain and warm. Guss came over and we put the celing of Sheet Rock up in our front hall. Carried Guss to Camden tonight to take some food down to his sick mother-in-law. Fred Frohock hawled our banking brush from the farm today.

**Sunday, Nov. 18** Rain fog and much colder today. Worked on our front stairs about all day. Finished putting the wall board on the hall and the finish on the stairs.

**Monday, Nov. 19** Fair and colder. Shingled on the back of the barn this afternoon used up all my shingles so had to finish the day on our stairs.

**Tuesday, Nov. 20** Overcast and showers still I managed to get the brush all around the house this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Nov. 21** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon and ordered a lot of building supplys for our hall and the rooms upstairs. Guss went with me and got a set of battery for thear radio. Bought a new ax \$2.00

**Thursday, Nov. 22** Snow most all day about 4 inches fell turned to rain and made the traveling durned slippery. Could not get up the Knights Hill had to borrow a set of chains of Virgel Hall. Went over Warrens tonight listen to thear radio it came in fine.

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**Friday, Nov. 23** Overcast and cold. Roads very rough. What snow fell yesterday has about all melted. Put the last of the banesters on the front stairs today.

**Saturday, Nov. 24** Fair and not very cold. Traveling better today. Got a new set of skid chanes of Hall Hardware Co \$5./10 Worked this afternoon putting wall board on our hall.

**Sunday, Nov. 25** Fairly warm and a pretty good day. But tonight its snowing. Alta came over for Vesta to go up on the mountain after evergreen plants. We went up the Gilkey Road and got a lot of [Princess] Pine and Boston Ferns.

**Monday, Nov. 26** Clear and cold. What little snow fell last night helped fill the ruts a little. Cooper Co sent down a load of material for my house building job. 15 sheets wall board 100 ft flooring  $\frac{1}{4}$  M shingles door frame and enough furring strips to finish the upper hall. 30 years ago tonight the steamer Portland lost.

**Tuesday, Nov. 27** Fair and cold. Guss came over and helped put up the celing of our front hall. We got it all in place and a couple of 4 x 8 strips of wall in place.

**Wednesday, Nov. 28** Fair not so cold. Have been laying floor in the upper part of the house this afternoon.

**Thursday, Nov. 29** Thanksgiving Day. Dident have to drive. We Vesta the cats (4 of them) had our dinner together. Rost Chicken Rost Pork, white potatoes, mashed Squash mashed Turnip Onions boiled in milk, Cranberry Sauce, Mince & Apple Pie, Chocklet & [Frosted] Cake, Tea & Coffee. Do ye give thanks? Went over to Guss tonight and listened to the radio. Not very good

**Friday, Nov. 30** Fair and not very cold. Thick overcast tonight dark as a pocket with strong N.E. wind. We all went up to the Farm and burned brush this afternoon.

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December Fri	1928	FIELD & COWLES INSURANCE 40 Broad St., Boston	1928	December Sat
7	Fair and some warmer. Duse came and helped put the wall board in place in our upstair hall. Did Peter Pan, Vesta cross-eyed blue cat.		8	Cold rain overcast snowed some this afternoon. Guss built a cubby for one of my house cats this forenoon. I have been laying a hard pine floor aloft Will McEbb fell from the roof of his house and broke his leg.

**Saturday, Dec. 1** Fair and warm. Roads very slippery. I went to Camden this afternoon, got 3 bags grain \$6.35. And the material for our lights to put in our front hall. Bad auto accident up by the Mansfield School House. Two came together face on. Nobody hurt. Went over to Warrens tonight listen to the radio. Good.

**Sunday, Dec. 2** Fair nice day not very cold. Ralph Brown came up and we wired the upstairs hall with a two way switch system.

**Monday, Dec. 3** Overcast snowed this afternoon rain hard tonight. Guss went up to the Farm burning brush. I went after him when it commenced to snow. Have been laying floor upstairs this afternoon. Our property as I listed it for City National Bank

Our home 4 acres of land & buildings	4000.00
Our woodlot with 200,000 [??] lumber	600.00
Lot at Pitcher Pond 8 acre	300.00

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[Remainder] 14 acre Hart place 500.00

Died in Camden Mary Thurlow age 72 yrs.

**Tuesday, Dec. 4** Overcast fog and rain. This afternoon I did some more wireing and putting in a couple of switches.

**Wednesday, Dec. 5** Fog and overcast. Rain like the dickens this afternoon. Got Guss to help and put up the studding in our upper hall. W.J. Munroe brought 16 pieces of 8 x 2 x 4 lumber

**Thursday, Dec. 6** Fair fine day quite cold but clear as a bell. Took Vesta & Alta to Rockland this afternoon to do shopping.

**Friday, Dec. 7** Fair and some warmer. Guss came and helped put the wall board in place in our upper hall. Died Peter Pan Vesta's cross eyed blue cat.

**Saturday, Dec. 8** Cold raw overcast snowed some this afternoon. Guss built a [cubby] for one of my horse stalls this forenoon.

**Sunday, Dec. 9** Stormy. Snow and sleet. Put in the day carpentering. We went over to Warrens tonight. Radio not very good.

**Monday, Dec. 10** Still stormy. Snowed some today, allso sleet trees covered with ice.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11** Butifull day bright and warm. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon and did some Christmas shopping.

**Wednesday, Dec. 12** Another fine spring like day. We went to Belfast again this afternoon to do more shopping. Alta went with us. I got a big can of Plastic wood for our finish.

**Thursday, Dec. 13** Another wonderfull bright warm day. Still working at our carpentering have been laying more chamber floor this afternoon and studding up a cloth press.

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**Friday, Dec. 14** Fair and warm. Worked all afternoon and untill late tonight putting on wall board and finish.

**Saturday, Dec. 15** Fair and very warm. Put in a busey afternoon on our carpentering job up stairs. Killed in a auto accident in Northport Louis Knight. Post Master Helen Knight Hurds brother.

**Sunday, Dec. 16** Another butifull spring like day. Warm and very plesant. I enjoyed it by takeing my Ford apart and putting a new front frame in. It took about all day but it's finished tonight.

**Monday, Dec. 17** Warm overcast. Raining hard tonight. This afternoon I ut finish on our upper hall and around the stairs and hung a door that opens into the east room chamber.

**Tuesday, Dec. 18** Warm and overcast. Rained all last night and today the traveling was some thing cussid. Frost comeing out and mud from three to six inches deep. Got stuck repeatedly. Got back at 1-10. The other carriers had thear trouble allso smashed thear tire chanes all up.

**Wednesday, Dec. 19** Fair fine day. Froze last night and tho the roads are very rough the traveling was much better. Had quite a heavy Christmas mail today.

**Thursday, Dec. 20** Warmer. Rain this afternoon and tonight. We went to Belfast this afternoon to do some more of Christmas buying, but everything compleat. Guss & Alta went with us. Rain hard in town like the dickens.

**Friday, Dec. 21** Colder snow and rain some last night about an inch of snow fell and froze. Right in the midst of Christmas mail now. But at our offace its not as heavy as last year. Vesta and I went to Belfast tonight to do a little more Christmas buying.

**Saturday, Dec. 22** Fair and cold. 8° above zero this morning. My old Ford dont want to start after a night in a cold garage. Its getting old, like myself. Went to Camden this afternoon got a new battery from Waldoboro Garage. Guss & Alta went with me.

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**Sunday, Dec. 23** Fair and warmer. Put my new battery in the Ford this morning.

**Monday, Dec. 24** Fair and very mild finest kind of weather. Heavey Christmas mail. But not as much as last year.

**Tuesday, Dec. 25** A wonderfull day fair & warm. Did not have to drive. Vesta got up last night and came down stairs and decorated a Christmas tree for me. First one I ever had and when I got up this morning I was simply speechlis. She gave me two suits of pajamas, pair fine slippers 2 pr stocking two neck ties handkerchiefs. I gave her a new [??], bath salts & face powder. We went after to Warrens Guss & Alta gave Mrs Warren a Christmas tree. They gave Vesta a new silk bedspread and I got a new shirt & tie.

**Wednesday, Dec. 26** Butifull day fair and as warm as spring. This afternoon I shingled on the back side of our barn. Just as warm and plesant as any time this fall. Guss burned the tubes out of his radio last night.

**Thursday, Dec. 27** Warm and overcast. Raining hard tonight. Shingled on the back of our barn this afternoon. Allso put in a new two light window so one can see about in our wood house.

**Friday, Dec. 28** Overcast rain warm. Hard traveling roads have thawed up so, but got thro O.K. Put in the afternoon filling nail holes with plastic wood in our new hall.

**Saturday, Dec. 29** Fair and fine a little bit colder tonight clear as a bell and cold. Went to Belfast this afternoon ordered a new door built at Cooper for the closet at the stair head. Two panel. Guss went with me got his Radio condenser mendid.

**Sunday, Dec. 30** Clear & cold as the very dickens. Had to take a frozen front shoe from off my Ford and patch a tube. Then put it back on again. Some little trick. Loned Guss my Peerless battery for his radio

**Monday, Dec. 31** Butifull clear fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Alta went with us. Veddie went to see Dr Small. I got 2 bags flour 2 lbs butter 2 qts beans 1/2 lb cream tartar \$4.00. We went over to Guss and watched via

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Radio the death & birth of year year's. Come in good. He has just shifted the set over to wet tubes & storage batterys. We all heard Trinity Church New York City welcome the new year with America played on its chime bells.