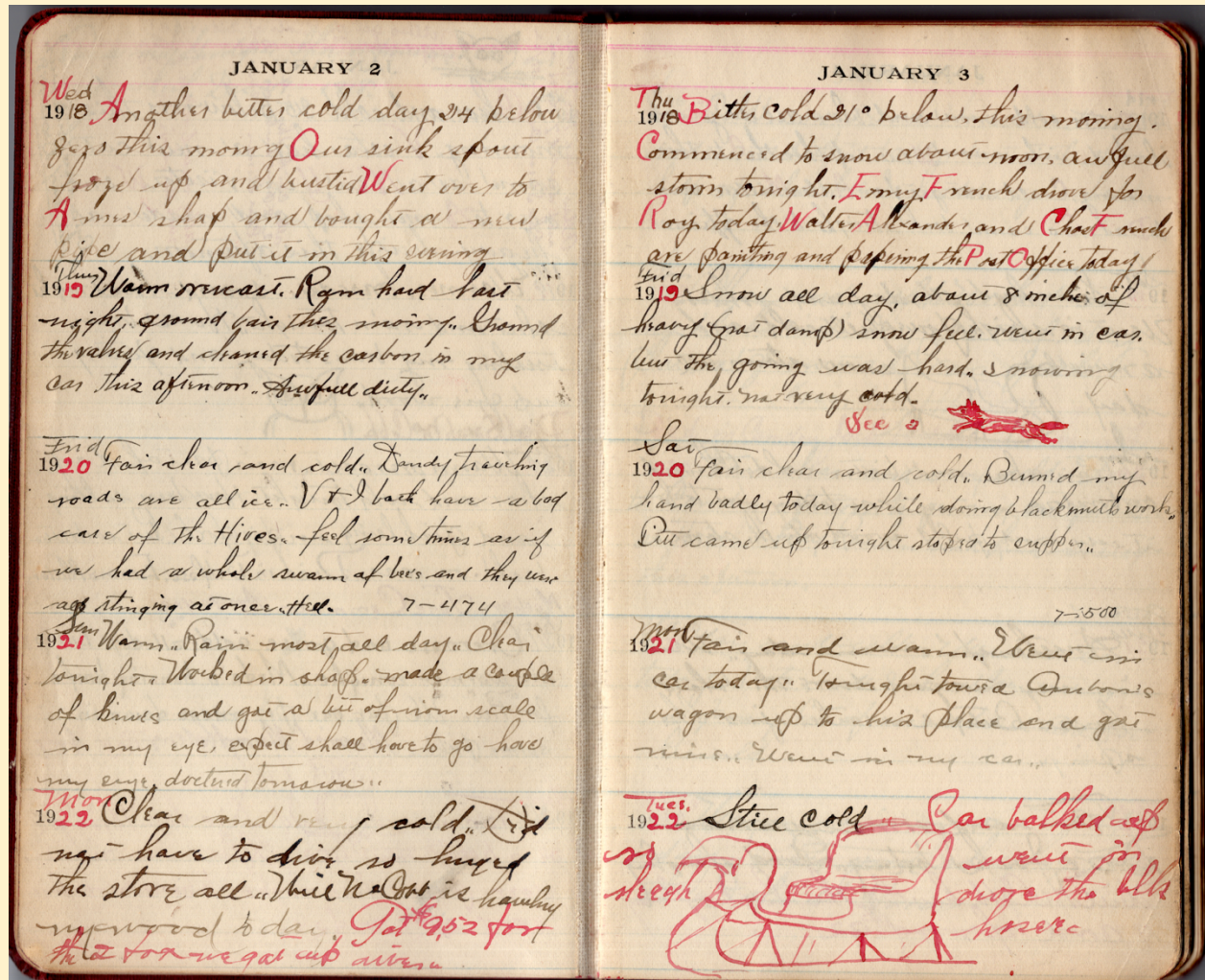


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1918



**Tuesday, Jan. 1** Clear and cold. 25 below zero this morning. Vesta has a new cat came as a New Year visitor. Went over to Ames shop and made a heavy knife this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jan. 2** Another bitter cold day 24 below zero this morning. Our sink spout froze up and busted. Went over to Ames shop and bought a new pipe and put it in this evening.

**Thursday, Jan. 3** Bitter cold 21° below this morning. Commenced to snow about noon, awfull storm tonight. Emory French drove for Roy today. Walter Alexander and Chas French are painting and papering the Post Office today.

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**Friday, Jan. 4** Bitter cold snow and blow all day. Roads blocked with snow. Went up thro the Ctr this morning. Could not get from Allen Miller's over to Dad's. So came back straight to the office.

**Saturday, Jan. 5** Cold snow and blow all day. The roads are drifted badly, but with the help of shovelers I made my whole route.

**Sunday, Jan. 6** Fair and warmer fine day. Have been working around the garage some today laying floor and balling it up.

**Monday, Jan. 7** Warm. Rain and soft snow. Damnable hard traveling. Roads are broken but snow very deep. Raining tonight (39 days sleighing)

**Tuesday, Jan. 8** Warmer. Snow and rain all day. Damnable hard traveling got back so late no time to do any work.

**Wednesday, Jan. 9** Fair and some colder. Startid to build my forge this afternoon. Borrowed \$100 of Hollis Dean for six months.

**Thursday, Jan. 10** Fair and colder. Rather hard traveling. Lots of snow. Worked around the building some this afternoon. Vesta is over calling on Mae Evrett tonight. 42 days sleighing.

**Friday, Jan. 11** Fair clear and cold. 8° below this morning. This afternoon have been building a forge got it started any way. Walter Richards came in stoped tonight.

**Saturday, Jan. 12** Snow, hale and rain all day. Hellish old storm and cussid hard traveling. Rural carrier exam in Belfast to fill vacancy made by Roy Hurd resigning.

**Sunday, Jan. 13** Fair and colder. Vesta and I went out to her home this afternoon. Roads are awfull rough.

**Monday, Jan. 14** Fair and cold this morning. Warmer tonight. Jack has a durned bad nigh hind ankle. Damd the cussid luck anyway. 46



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**Tuesday, Jan. 15** Snow awfull hard all day. Warm and raining tonight about a foot of snow fell making over two feet any place. 47

**Wednesday, Jan. 16** Fair and warmer. Awfull hard traveling, did not get out to E. Searsmont today. Roads not passable. See a fox this afternoon up by Chas Frohock's.

**Thursday, Jan. 17** Fair and not very cold but ye gods the traveling is something horrible. Made my trip all right but it went blamed hard.

**Friday, Jan. 18** Fair and warmer. Traveling a little better. Guss Warren raffled off a lamp big one at "Cobb Store" tonight. Billy Robb got it for 22¢. 50 days sleighing.

**Saturday, Jan. 19** Another fine mild day. Went over to "Ames Shop" this afternoon and fitted up a pair of hind shoes for Jack.

**Sunday, Jan. 20** Fair and cold. Worked a little around in the shop but could not do much work. Too cold. Shod Jack new behind. 52

**Monday, Jan. 21** Fair and cool, rather hard traveling today. Jack Law gave me 100 ft [?] rope for a cloth line tonight.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22** Fair and cold today. Snowing tonight. Borrowed a volume of the town record from town clerk Rankin first volume. Great reading.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23** Another clear cold day. Roads were drifted some. Awfull winter for wild birds. Hundreds of wild duck are hanging around the shore trying to get something to eat.

**Thursday, Jan. 24** Fair and not very cold, only down to zero this morning. Did a little work around the place this afternoon.

**Friday, Jan. 25** Snow all day, about 5 inches of soft snow fell. Went over to Ames shop and got my sleigh draw rod mendid then broke it again putting it on. Hell. Note due Camden Nat Bank \$103.00

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1918

**Saturday, Jan. 26** Fair clear and cold. Wind blowing hard and roads drifted pretty full of snow. Guss & Alta Warren, Vera Andrews, Vesta and I went up to Saturday Cove to a drama & dance tonight. 20° below zero.

**Sunday, Jan. 27** Clear and cold 5° below this morning. Bay was frozen over as far as one could see. Bitter cold tonight.

**Monday, Jan. 28** Clear and bitter cold, 24° below this morning. The bay is frozen over clear across to the islands. Vesta is down to Jack Law's tonight getting Lettie to take part in a sociable she is getting up.

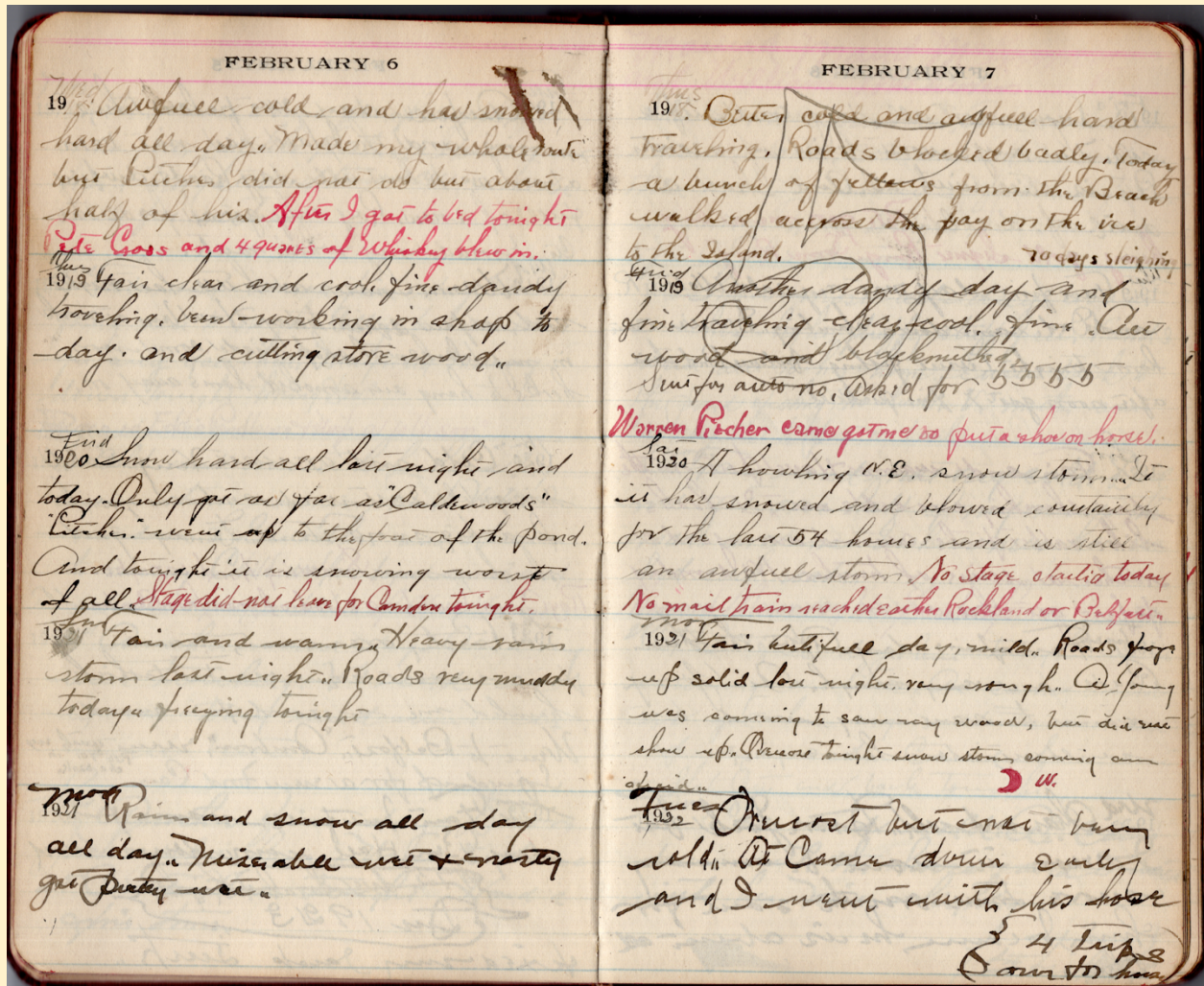
**Tuesday, Jan. 29** Clear and cold. Awfull cold and powerfull hard traveling. The snow is so cold that sleigh runners grind like hawling over bair ground. 61 days of sleighing.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30** Clear and very cold. The roads are getting in good shape again. Hundreds of black duck & mallards are starving to death since the bay froze over.

**Thursday, Jan. 31** Bitter cold, 24° below zero this morning. Have been working about the place this afternoon. Lawry Rankin hawled a ton of hay to Cyrus McKinney's \$13. Days of sleighing 63.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1918



**Friday, Feb. 1** Clear and very cold, 24° below this morning. Very cold all day. Wild duck, Black and Mallard are dying by the dozen this winter since the bay froze over.

**Saturday, Feb. 2** Fair and cold. Way below zero this morning. Tonight Guss & Alta Vesta and I went out to the Hills School House to a Red Cross time Deedie had she made \$12.10

**Sunday, Feb. 3** Some warmer and it is snowing hard and has been all day. Big steamer loaded with cale, trying to buck a passage through the ice today. She can't do it, but she did in time. 66

**Monday, Feb. 4** Cold overcast, about a foot of very light snow fell, just like feathers. Blowing hard tonight and tomorrow will be hell for [??].

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**Tuesday, Feb. 5** Awfull day, 24° below this morning and the glass has not been above 10° below all day. Roads drifted full of snow. Roy only got as far as the Ctr. I made my whole route.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6** Awfull cold and has snowed hard all day. Made my whole route but Pitcher did not do but about half of his. After I got to bed tonight Pete Cross and 4 quarts of whiskey blew in.

**Thursday, Feb. 7** Bitter cold and awfull hard traveling. Roads blocked badly. Today a bunch of fellows from the Beach walked across the bay on the ice to the Island. 70 days sleighing

**Friday, Feb. 8** Snow most all day and awfull cold. The very worst kind of a winter. Pete is still with us. And has a devil of a cold. Pete gave me a big heavy gold Signet Ring. "Some Ring"

**Saturday, Feb. 9** Married Maud McKinney and William Meherven [?] Some warmer, and an awfull snow storm. Commenced snowing this morning, about a foot has fallen snowing hard tonight. Pete went out to the Ctr this afternoon.

**Sunday, Feb. 10** Snow most all day, a fine dry snow. Some warmer. Have a hell of a head ach. Have been shoveling out our paths. Took me most all day.

**Monday, Feb. 11** Fair and quite cold. Awfull hard traveling roads full and the snow knee deep. Did not get back to the office until 4-30 tonight.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12** Warmer, Snow this morning Rain all the rest of the day. Thick fog tonight and warm. Cussid hard traveling, worse tomorrow. V has gone over to Alta Warrens this evening.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13** Fair and not very cold, but the roads are quite slumpy. Darned hard traveling. V has gorn down to Angie Drinkwater's this afternoon. 76



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**Thursday, Feb. 14** Died Charlie (Turk) Pendleton. Fair and warm, but a little better traveling. Charlie Pendleton went into the house of Capt. John Monroe about noon today. Complained of a pain in his heart, then fell from his chair Dead.

**Friday, Feb. 15** Rain like hell all day. Warm. Came out clear, awfull slumpy. Roads so bad I did not get out to Searsmont all day, Damdable. Colder tonight.

**Saturday, Feb. 16** Clear and colder. Roads are very rough. Cussid traveling. V had a crowd of femail women up home tonight rehearsing for her time. I went down to Em's and played cards. 79

**Sunday, Feb. 17** Clear and colder. Snowed a little last night. Ice had broken up pretty well in the bay. Good.

**Monday, Feb. 18** Fair and colder. Roads are very rough. Oscar Gould's barn roof fell in yesterday. Weight of snow took it down.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19** Snow, rain and warmer, snowed a thick soft snow. Tonight it's a howling gail. V had a part of her theatrical company up to rehurse tonight. Days of sleighing 82

**Wednesday, Feb. 20** Blowing great guns. Just rained in buckets last night. Roads were terribly slumpy today. A horse would bury all up thro the drifts.

**Thursday, Feb. 21** Clear and cold and rough? Ye gods, Some thing cussid. This evening V in having another rehursal and I went down to Emrys and played cards.

**Friday, Feb. 22** Raw and cold. Very cold way below zero this morning and the bay is frozen over as far as one can see. Snowing tonight. Have boxed and played pool down at Kobs Store today.

**Saturday, Feb. 23** Fair and warmer. Pretty good day. V went down to the hall this afternoon and swept and cleaned it up.

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**Sunday, Feb. 24** Warm, snow squalls. Very warm tonight. V has a very bad soar throte. Have been working around my Henry Ford this afternoon.

**Monday, Feb. 25** Fair and warm, fine day. V has a rehursal of her time down at Freeman's Hall tonight. Sent a letter up to F Finn's for him to send me a pr of hip rubber boots. 88

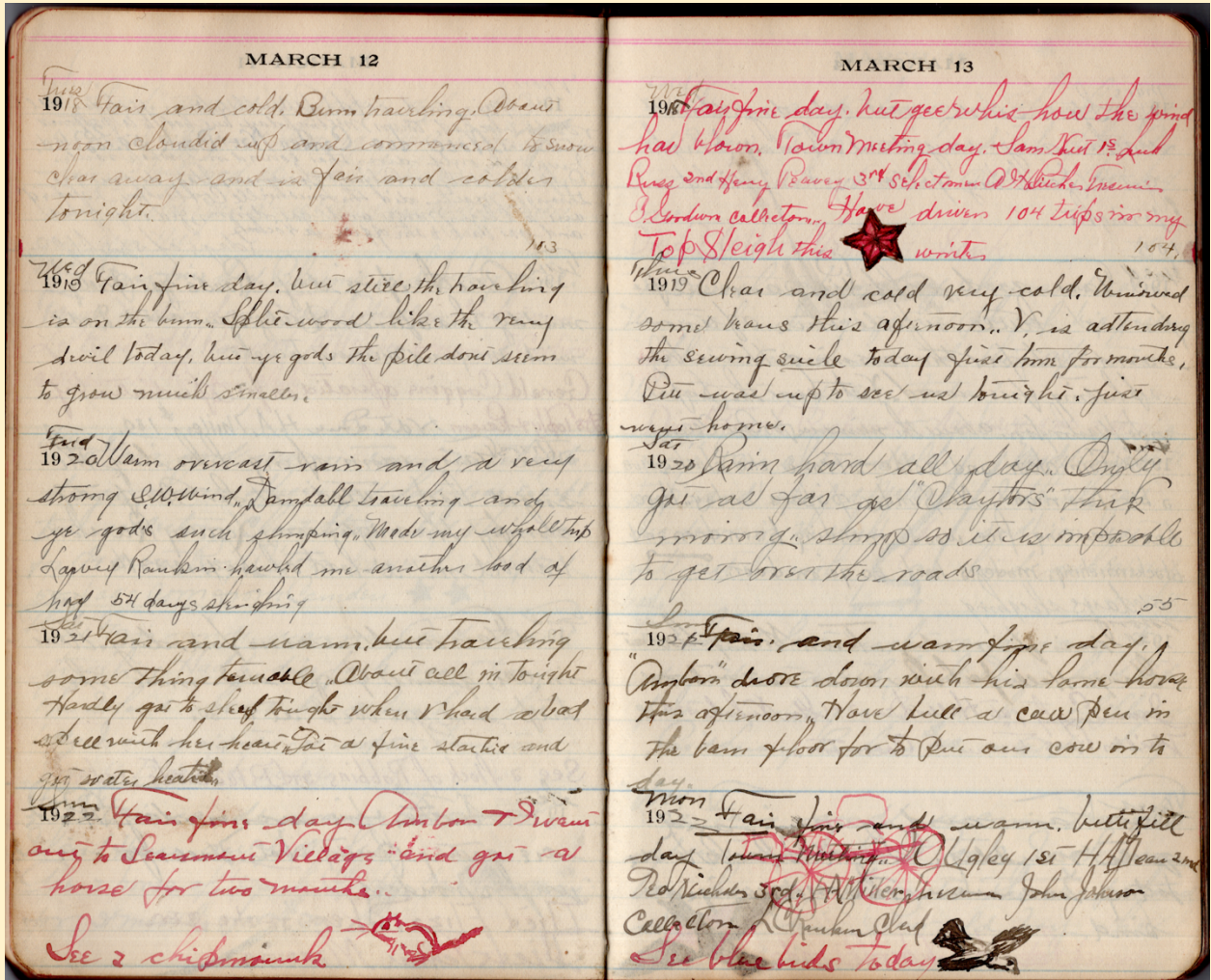
**Tuesday, Feb. 26** Stormy warm and damd slumpy. Rain part of the day hard traveling. Blowing hard tonight and colder.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27** Fair and cold. Roads are awfull rough, full of deep holes. V had a rehursal down at the hall tonight. 90

**Thursday, Feb. 28** Warm overcast, looks like rain. V has another rehursal tonight. Got a pair of rubber boots today from Fred Finn \$5. 91



# RALPH RICHARDS - 1918



**Friday, Mar. 1** Snow most all day, not very cold. Another rehearsal tonight. Went up to Ems this evening and played cards.

**Saturday, Mar. 2** Fair fine warm day. V gave her Red Cross time tonight at Freeman's Hall and cleared \$31.76. Big time took in \$36.36. Goot enough for a (26 year birthday). 93 days sleighing

**Sunday, Mar. 3** Fair but blowing a awfull wind and such a raw cold wind. After last night don't feel very spry today. 94

**Monday, Mar. 4** Fair and warm. Tonight we Guss & Alta Warren V & I went out to the Grange Hall to a dance. Had a dandy time 50 couple.

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**Tuesday, Mar. 5** Fair and not very cold. Nice sleighing. Have got a hell of a cold in my head too much dance. 96

**Wednesday, Mar. 6** Rain, nasty foggy bitch of a day. Clear away and fair tonight. Guss Alta V & I went to Camden tonight to the pictures. A Daughter of the Gods. Annett Kellerman the great swimmer. "She's a wonder".

**Thursday, Mar. 7** Very cold, raw east wind, cold enough to blister one's face. Commence to snow at noon, has kept it up all day. V went to a Red Cross sewing meeting down at Nell Brown's. 98

**Friday, Mar. 8** Snow most all day. Clear tonight. Dandy sleighing. Got 2 lbs sugar yesterday at the P.O. and 4 lbs today from Kobb Bros. We are rich with 6 lbs sugar.

**Saturday, Mar. 9** Fair and fine nice morning. Been a dandy warm nice day. Went down to "Kobbs" store this evening and played pool until ten oclock tonight. 100

**Sunday, Mar. 10** "Cold" very cold. Snow all day strong nasty wind blowing. Just bitter outdoors. Have had the roomiticks in my right sholder for a week can hardly move my arm. Hell.

**Monday, Mar. 11** Fair and cold. Awfull storm yesterday all roads blocked. Town Meeting day but had to postpone until next Wed. I was the only driver that covered my whole route. Belfast & Liberty or Belfast & Searsmont stage did not get through. Neather did the Lincolnville Ctr & Belfast. I stoped out to Eliza Morse and got dinner, fed my horse and got back to the office at 4 o'clock. Days of sleighing 102.

**Tuesday, Mar. 12** Fair and cold. Bum traveling. About noon cloudid up and commenced to snow. Clear away and is fair and colder tonight.

**Wednesday, Mar. 13** Fair fine day but gee whiz how the wind has blown. Town Meeting day. Sam West 1<sup>st</sup>, Luch Russ 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Peavey 3<sup>rd</sup> selectmen. A.H. Pitcher Treasurer B. Goodwin collector. Have driven 104 trips in my Top Sleigh this winter. 104.



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**Thursday, Mar. 14** Storm snow most all day, damd weather anyway. Went clambing tonight got a peck big fellows. Very cold tonight. 105

**Friday, Mar. 15** Fair and blowing a howling gale. And I am sick as a bitch pup. Ate too much clamb stew. Allmost pooched me. Died Wilbur Mahoney "Shock". 106

**Saturday, Mar. 16** Fair and cold, but not as bad a day as yesterday. Feel some better today, but am not feeling very sprightly. Mrs Cilley operatid on for hernier.

**Sunday, Mar. 17** Fair and warm fine day. V and I took a ride out to her home this afternoon, nice sleighing only too much snow. Found a skunk in our hen house this morning. "Shot him" 108

**Monday, Mar. 18** Fair and warm. Dandy day. Have been working like a bitch this afternoon repairing my top sleigh, it is pretty well shook up.

**Tuesday, Mar. 19** Fair fine day, warm. The snow has just schoatid [?] today. Went out and got a load of grain. Nice and warm tonight. Roy Hurd took his 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in Masonry tonight. 110

**Wednesday, Mar. 20** Another fine warm day. I sold my skunk to Wash Tower miskined [?] for 75¢. Snow went like smoke today. See 6 fine big red breasted robbins. Spring is here.

**Thursday, Mar. 21** Fair and warm fine, but ye dog's what a slumpy traveling day. Some thing cussid, two feet of snow every place in the road, with many drifts of 4 & 5 feet. 112

**Friday, Mar. 22** Overcast fog and a drizzle part of the day, but as it froze some last night the traveling was a little better. See many blackbirds and robbins today.

**Saturday, Mar. 23** Clear and cold. Strong west wind been blowing almost a gale all day. We have had now 114 days of sleighing. Frank Pendleton, Cap. of a barge, broke thro the wharf at New London Conn, fell, caught by his neck between two spiles & strangled to death. 114

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**Sunday, Mar. 24** Clear and colder. It has been a fine day but my rumittick is so bad I couldn't enjoy it much and now I have a hell of a cold and a soar throte. Damnation, say I.

**Monday, Mar. 25** Fair and warmer, fine day. Snow melted pretty fast. Took our car tonight and V and I went down to Nell Brown's, first time I have driven the car this year. 116

**Tuesday, Mar. 26** Overcast, cloudy, air quite cold this morning. Looks like rain. Drove out to Dad's tonight and got a load of grain tonight. Full moon and light as day. Good sleighing. 117 days sleighing.

**Wednesday, Mar. 27** Clear and cool, but a dandy morning. Sleighing is getting thin. Lots of Robbins, Blackbirds and bair ground.

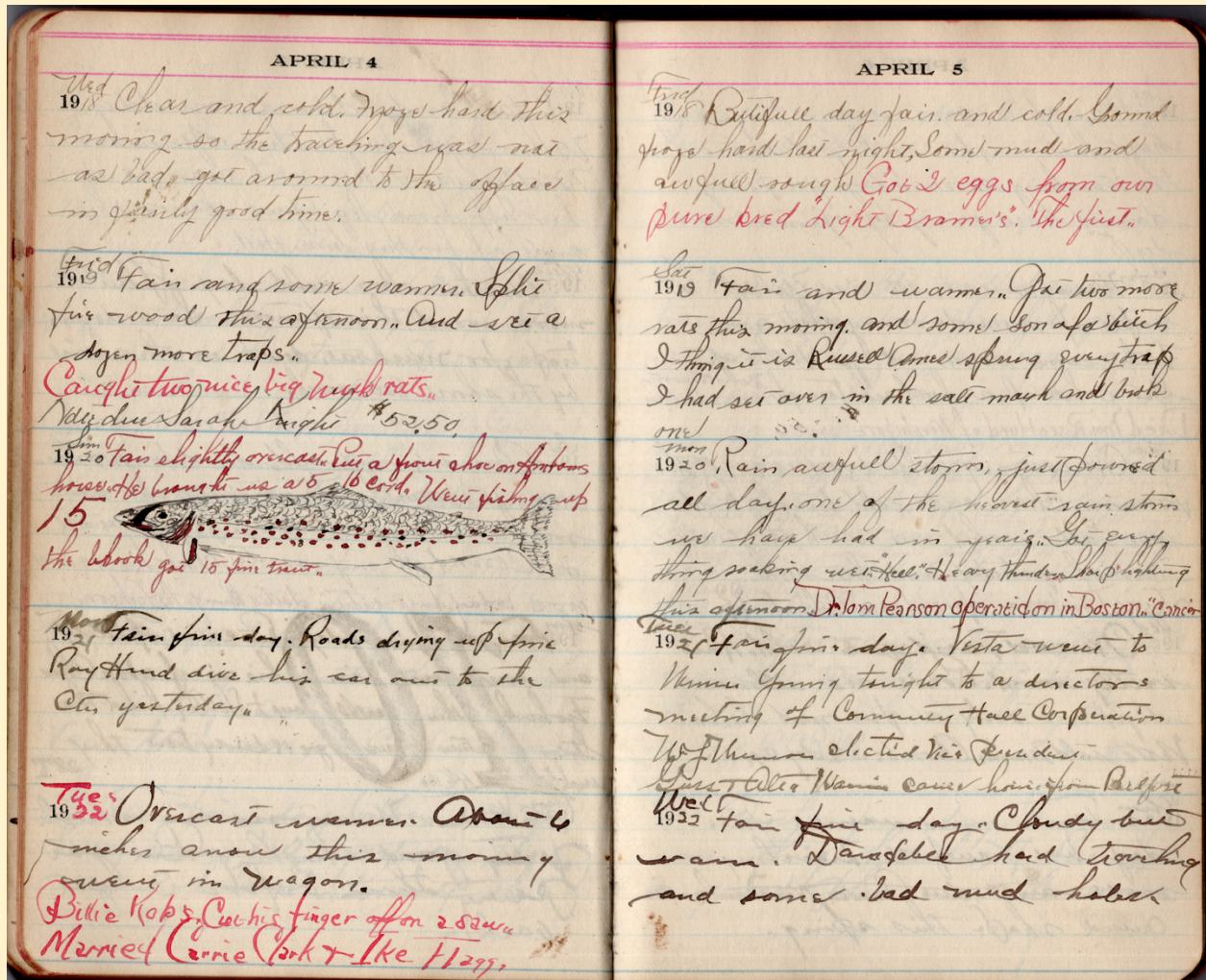
**Thursday, Mar. 28** Fair fine day, but hard traveling thair is so much bair ground. Can't go in a wagon, thear are too many deep drifts.

**Friday, Mar. 29** Another butifull spring day. Clear and cool. Getting to be cussid hard sleighing. So much bair ground. 120

**Saturday, Mar. 30** Fair fine day. Yes very warm. E. French drove on No 1 route today. Clarence Hurd went to day, into the army at Camp Devens drafted. So did Walter Clark. Sidney Young's building burned today, no insurance. Dee came down with me this afternoon. 121

**Sunday, Mar. 31** Another foine day. Easter Sunday. Took "Henry Ford" and carried V and Dee up to church to the Easter convent [?]. Durned muddy from the house to state road. 122 Days of sleighing.

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**Monday, Apr. 1** Another butifull spring day. Roads are very muddy in places and deep drifts in others. Fred Clark has bought the "Coleman Place", and is mooving in. Look out for another house burned.

**Tuesday, Apr. 2** Thick of fog this morning. Warm. Cleared away fine, but mud, mud, mud, frost coming out all over the roads. Terriable traveling. Fred Clark has bought, and is mooving into the Coleman House.

**Wednesday, Apr. 3** Fair and damd muddy. When I got back this afternoon Molly was taken with cramps in her off hind leg. Guess that is the end of her this time. Hell.

**Thursday, Apr. 4** Clear and cold. Froze hard this morning so the traveling was not as bad, got around to the office in fairly good time.

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**Friday, Apr. 5** Butifull day fair and cold. Ground froze hard last night, some mud and awfull rough. Got 2 eggs from our pure bred "Light Bramen's". The first.

**Saturday, Apr. 6** Fair fine and warm. Froze very hard last night, so helped out on the traveling some today. Got pretty damed hard going by afternoon. Mud deep.

**Sunday, Apr. 7** Another butifull day. Heavy freeze last night. Went up the Sleepy Holler Brook this morning fishing and got a fine bunch of trout, caught 40. Some catch.

**Monday, Apr. 8** Fair and not very warm. Have to still use my fur coat. Roads are very muddy, lots of mud holes. Pete Cross came drifting in tonight from Providence R.I.

**Tuesday, Apr. 9** Another fine day, warmer, and blamed hard traveling. Been smashing up my old boat for fire wood this afternoon. Amos Mahoney has bought of Fred Clark the "Churchill Place" and is mooving in.

**Wednesday, Apr. 10** Fair and cold, ground froze quite hard last night. Roads are very rough, and this afternoon were muddy as the devil.

**Thursday, Apr. 11** Fair and cold. Fire broke out in Kobb brothers store at about 1-30 this morning. Burned the Kobb Store, Post Office and store of Roy Hurd, Livery Stable of Ross Fernald, and the brick residence of Ella Pendleton. Loss about \$10,000. Partly Ins.?

**Friday, Apr. 12** Cold as the devil. And tonight it is snowing thick and fast. A regular howling northeaster. Burned in Searsmont farm buildings of Will Wellman no ins. Note due City Nat. Bank Belfast \$103.

**Saturday, Apr. 13** Cold overcast, showers part of the day. Snowed about 3 inches last night, ground white today. Molly my bay mair dead lame right front foot. Damdnation.



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**Sunday, Apr. 14** Cold and overcast raw east wind. Cut down and cut up a few gray [?] birch trees, back of our hen house for fire wood. Born to Cliff Pendleton & wife a daughter 1919.

**Monday, Apr. 15** Fair and warmer fine day. The roads are just damdable muddy. Molly dead lame. Will probably kill Jack this cussid traveling.

**Tuesday, Apr. 16** Fair and warm and the hardest traveling we have had yet, frost coming out all over the roads.

**Wednesday, Apr. 17** Another fine warm day. Roads are a very little better. Strong wind drying them out some. Deedie started teaching the Rackliff school today. She is boarding at Aubrey Collemer's.

**Thursday, Apr. 18** Raw and cold. About 3 inches of snow fell last night. Damdable hard traveling. Drove Molly today first time since she went lame.

**Friday, Apr. 19** Clear and cold. Have been dolling up out around the yard and tonight went up the Gilky Road and got a but cut of white ash to make ax handles. "Kobbs", the German family moved into Gushees house.

**Saturday, Apr. 20** Fair and some warmer. But the roads are still cussid muddy. This afternoon have been mowing bushes.

**Sunday, Apr. 21** Overcast. Showers this morning and raining hard this afternoon. Got Frank Duncan to go up on the mountain with me, and show the corners of several wood lots. Died Leroy Marriner, shock. Age 61.

**Monday, Apr. 22** Heavy showers, clear and cold tonight. Rain hard all of last night. Got a letter from Pitt Kellen this morning. Ice left the Levenseller Pond. Note due Sarah F. Knight \$105.00

**Tuesday, Apr. 23** Showers about every fifteen minutes all day. Cut some bushes this afternoon and fitted up some rubbish for fire wood. Ice went out of the Andrews Pond.



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**Wednesday, Apr. 24** Fair and warm this morning. Came up a regular cyclone. Thunder, rain, hail and a howling bitter cold wind. Lawry Rankin hauled me a load of hay 18.00 @ 70¢. \$12.67. Billy McLoud came back from Boston. Ice went out of the Tilden Pond.

**Thursday, Apr. 25** Fair and a strong gust of wind westerly blowing and it is surely drying out the roads in fine shape.

**Friday, Apr. 26** Another fine day with a strong west wind blowing. This afternoon started work on our driveway culvert. Got to take it all out and put in a new one.

**Saturday, Apr. 27** Fair fine day. Chas French and I have been working on the culvert this afternoon. Got it almost dug out.

**Sunday, Apr. 28** Fair and warm. V and I took our car and went out to her home. I went fishing over in the Trap Stream got a damn dandy big trout. 12 trout. Died Amanda Gardner "shock".

**Monday, Apr. 29** Over cast with occasional showers. Chas French and I got the metal culvert bolted together. Put it into the trench and partly covered. Raining tonight.

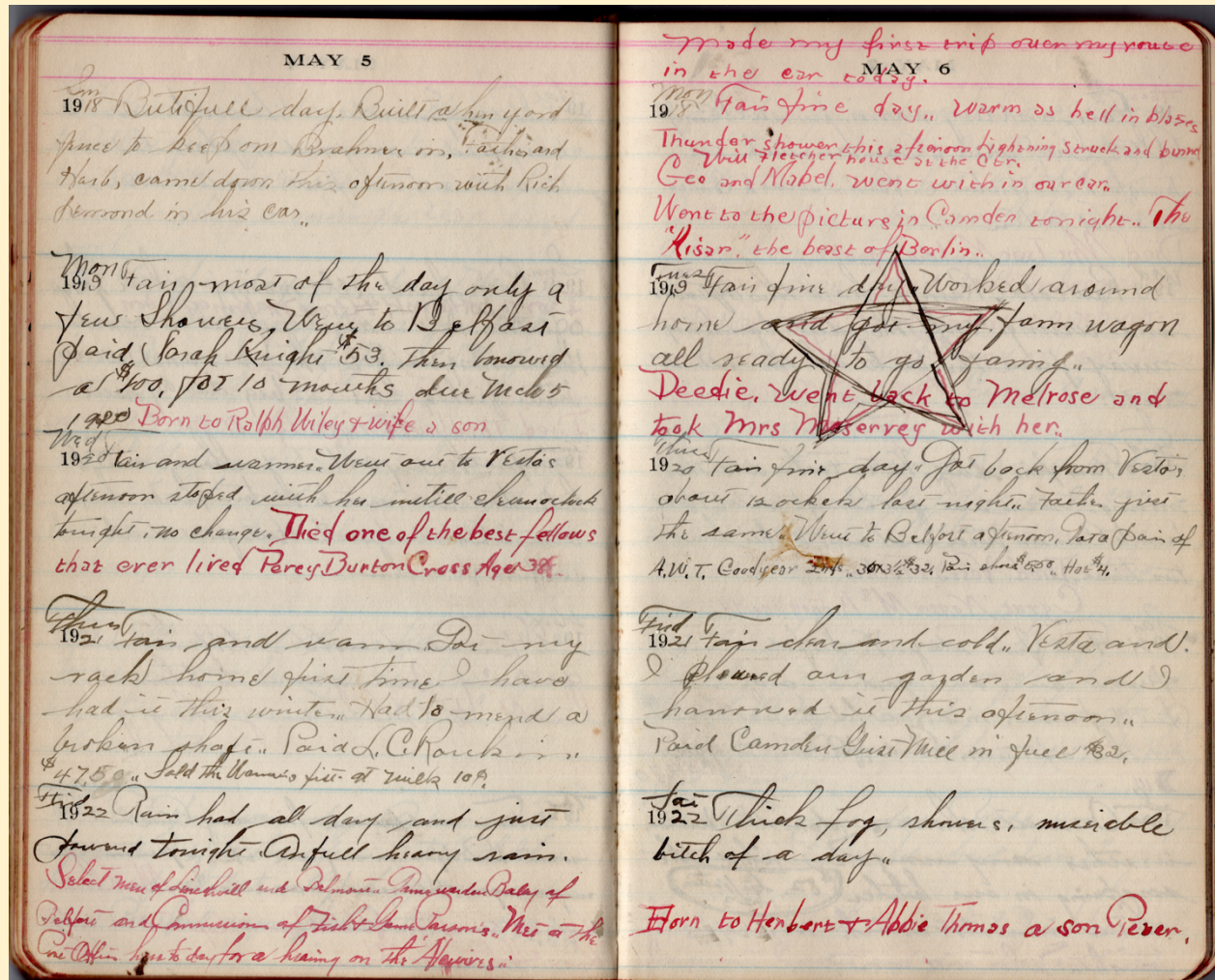
**Tuesday, Apr. 30** Overcast and showers about every ten minutes all day. Rain hard all last night and the roads are full of mud holes again.

**Memoranda** Thursday morning April 11, 1918. Fire broke out in the Kobb Bros Store owned by Lucy Freeman at about 1-30 this morning and destroyed that store, The Post Office and general store of Leroy Hurd, Livery Stable of Ross Fernald and dwelling house of Ella Pendleton. The house of Winnie Young was on fire at two different times, also the brush banking around the Ida French residence caught, but Vesta was right on the spot, with her little broom and soon smothered it, but for about an hour we thought every building in the place would go, our home with the rest. We were bombarded with a perfect storm of burning brands, and had to keep the roofs of house and barn soaking wet. Some firefighters we have or they never could have stopped the fire at "Halletts" as it was the Hallett house caught and burned the east end badly, but was smothered and the fire stopped. If it had not been for

## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1918**

Collier Hills driving home from Camden, who discovered the fire and gave the alarm, we would in all probiltys have burned in our beds.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1918



**Wednesday, May 1** Rain powerfull hard all last night and this forenoon. Chas French helped me finish the work on the culvert. Fred Amborn the new carrier on Route one startid driving today in a rain storm. Born to Alice Dickey Renolds a daughter. Born to Mrs and Mr Miller Ross a son.

**Thursday, May 2** Fair fine day. Worked like the out around the buildings and barn cleaning things up. Died Caroline Prock.

**Friday, May 3** Another fine day. Guss Warren went up to Belfast yesterday and bought himself a big bay horse \$275 and he came over this afternoon and we plowed a garden plot. Good horse to work.

**Saturday, May 4** Fair fine day. This afternoon I harrowed our garden plot so I can plant a few peas and taters.



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**Sunday, May 5** Butifull day. Built a hen yard fence to keep Brahmers in. Father and Herb came down this afternoon with Rich Lermond in his car.

**Monday, May 6** Fair fine day. Warm as hell in blazes. Thunder shower this afternoon. Lightning struck and burned Will Fletcher house at the Ctr. Geo and Mabel went with in our car. Went to the picturs in Camden tonight. The "Kisar", the beast of Berlin. Made my first trip over my route in the car today.

**Tuesday, May 7** Fair and very warm. Just something. Alta & Guss went to Camden with us tonight to the pictures. V and I went to Comics [?] see a Jap picture. Died Mrs Isaac Mathews Age 92.

**Wednesday, May 8** Another fine day. This afternoon have built a new pig pen and a little house for his lordship "Pig". Intend getting in tomorrow. Amborn's car pooched on him today.

**Thursday, May 9** Fair fine day. Went out to Earl Young's this afternoon fished the stream as far as "Gardner's". Got 12 small trout. Got our pig paid \$7. Named it "Gladys". Bought a can milk Hollis Dean 35¢

**Friday, May 10** Dandy day. All but for a few showers. Note due City Nat Bank \$35 93/100. Blowing great guns tonight. "V" and I went out to her home afternoon. Came around by Aubrey Collemer's. Got Dee, she came down with us.

**Saturday, May 11** Fair and warm fine day. Wallace Easton came over from Portland today. Getting the house ready for his mother. Plantid quart Early Morn Peas. Roy Pease of N. Searsmont shot and killed his wife Ellen last night. Married Eddie Kobbs and Bernice Oxtan.

**Sunday, May 12** Slightly overcast, fog and showers. Took the car this morning, drove up to Cobb Mountain, fished the Kendell and big streams. Got 11 fine trout. 3 large.

**Monday, May 13** Thick fog this morning. Got up early to carry "Dee" out to her school. Cleared this afternoon and I plantid a half pk Irish Cobbler Potatoes.

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**Tuesday, May 14** Rain most all day. Clear tonight. V and I took a ride in "Henry". I left her out to her home, then went over to Dad's going to get some Alewives. But Warden Bessie was on the job, so no fish.

**Wednesday, May 15** Fair fine day. Plantid Beets, Lettuce Potatoes and a few Cauliflower today. Tonight Guss Warren hired me to take him up to "Beech Hill" and the "Cove". Promised me two dollars? 8 fellows from this town and Belmont were taken to Belfast today for catching Alewives in Duck trap Stream and each paid a fine of \$11.44.

**Thursday, May 16** Fair a fine day. Strong west wind tonight blowing a gale. Worked around the place some this afternoon. Got some lime from Chas French for whitewashing. Hiram Farrow was running the line today between Father and Frank Patten.

**Friday, May 17** Fair fine day. Game warden "Bessie" of Unity [?] hawled a bunch of fellows from Belmont over to Belfast for catching Alewives in Ducktrap Stream and fined them \$11.46 each.

**Saturday, May 18** Another dandy day. Plantid some more potatoes. V and I drove out and got "Dee" tonight. Put on the kitchen window screen and door. Herb Thomas bought a new Ford car (touring) \$540.00

**Sunday, May 19** Dandy day. Took cilender head off car and cleared carbon out. Bigfire up at Geo Collemer's, carried a crowd out tonight. Carried "Dee" out to her boarding place. Born to Annie and Horace Miller a daughter.

**Monday, May 20** Another fine day, very warm with strong west wind. Been planting potatoes this afternoon and painting window screens. Married Walter Pillsbury and Celia Thomas.

**Tuesday, May 21** Butifull day, very warm. Have been planting this afternoon, Carrots and Radishes. Tonight V and I went out to her mother's and got some milk for "Gladys" (Pig). Married Carrol Wiley and Marion Ranken.

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**Wednesday, May 22** Fair part of the day, and bitter cold. Fogg and showers afternoon. Went out to Dad's fishing. Sam Nut went with me got 8 big fellows. Hiram Farrow finished running the line between Dad and F. Patten.

**Thursday, May 23** Fair fine day. Plantid our cucumbers this afternoon. Then went up to "Pitchers" and we went fishing. See a lot of Alewives running the stream.

**Friday, May 24** Fair and fine dandy day. Have been planting to beat the band this afternoon, got my land all ready for our corn. Got our cucumbers all in.

**Saturday, May 25** Dandy day, carried V out to her mother's tonight then went over to the stream after Alewives. Got 4, caught them with my hands.

**Sunday, May 26** Butifull day, clear and a little cooler. V, Dee and I went out to Coleman City and I fished in the Quarry for salmon and got yellow pirsch.

**Monday, May 27** Overcast, showers, a miserable bitch of a day. This afternoon have been making a net to catch alewives in.

**Tuesday, May 28** A fine day, little cloudy this morning. I went out tonight and got 28 alewives. Roy Richards, Hugh Rossiter, Walter Heal went to Camp Devons. Nat Army today.

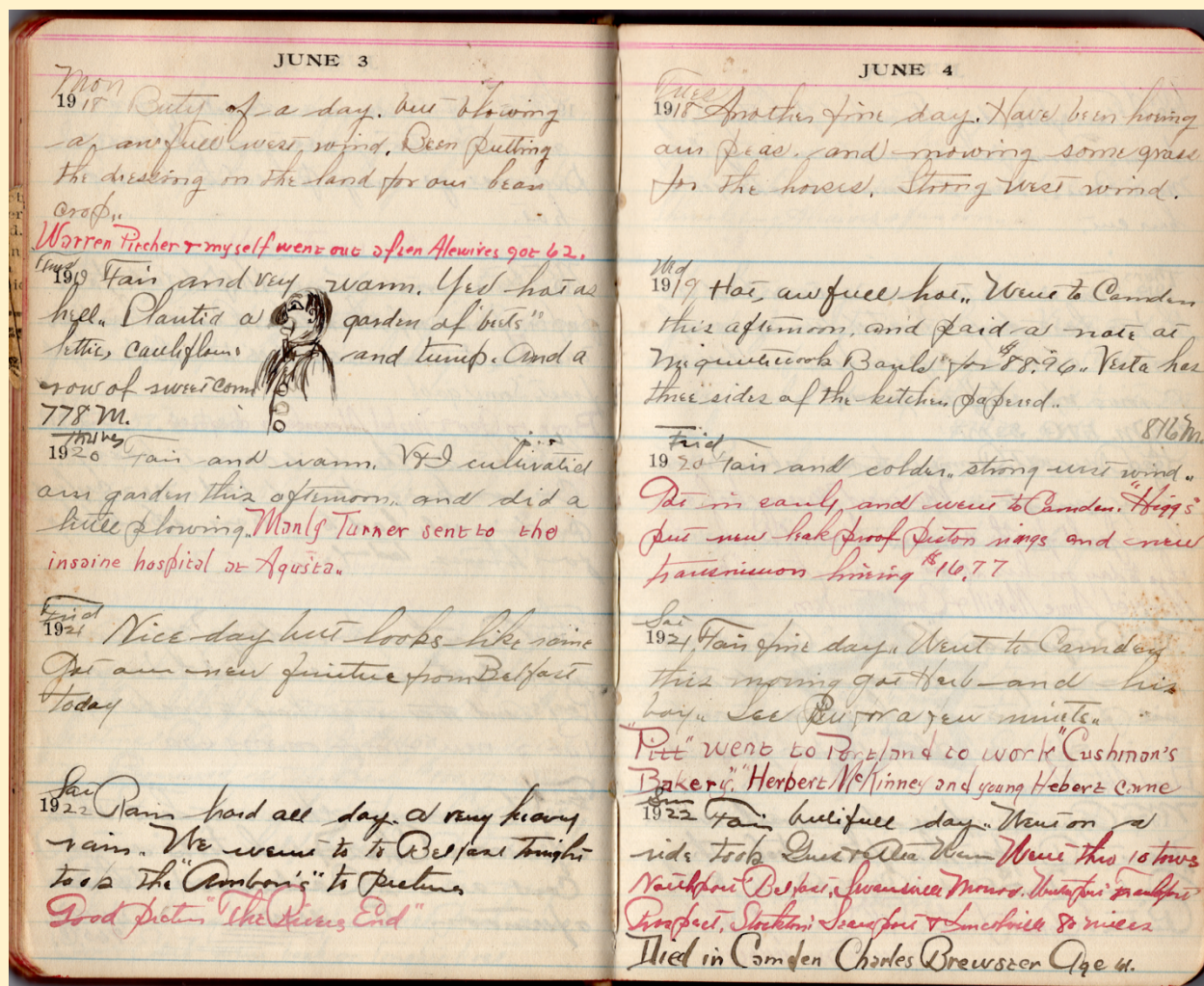
**Wednesday, May 29** Fair fine day. This afternoon went out home. Dad and I went down to the stream and got 80 fine Alewives.

**Thursday, May 30** Raw cold overcast. V and I took "Henry" and went on a long ride up to Northport, Belfast, Waldo, Morrill, Montville and Searsmont.

**Friday, May 31** Butifull day. Clear and not very warm. Finished planting my potatoes this afternoon. Tonight V and I went out to get Dee, but she was up at Dad's. Killed in battle in France Austin Trafton Age 22.



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**Saturday, Jun. 1** Another dandy day. This afternoon I have been smoaking our Alewives have 30 of them takeing the smoak cure. Born to Abbie & Herbert Thomas a son Herbert Perry 12 lbs.

**Sunday, Jun. 2** Butifull summer day. Very warm and a strong west wind blowing. Did not go any place to darned hot.

**Monday, Jun. 3** Buty of a day, but blowing a awfull west wind. Been putting the dressing on the land for our bean crop. Warren Pitcher & myself went out after Alewives got 62.

**Tuesday, Jun. 4** Another fine day. Have been hoeing our peas and mowing some grass for the horses. Strong west wind.

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**Wednesday, Jun. 5** Fair fine day. Finished planting my beans and put in a qt more of Early Morn Peas. Went to Camden tonight got a haircut.

**Thursday, Jun. 6** Another nice day. Cloudid up afternoon looks like rain. Feel about half sick soar throat and bad cold. Smokeing Alewives afternoon.

**Friday, Jun. 7** Rain, yes just poured most all day. Had to get out and put the chains on the car. Got into the ditch once.

**Saturday, Jun. 8** Fair fine day. V and I went out and got Dee called at Pete La Cross, got some books.

**Sunday, Jun. 9** Pretty good day. Went out to Dad's this morning to have Herb put brake bands in car. Didn't have any so went to Belfast and got a set.

**Monday, Jun. 10** Fair today. Rain last night. This afternoon took Warren Pitcher and the two Fred Amborn's and went up the stream after Alewives, got 65 and 10 small trout.

**Tuesday, Jun. 11** Butifull day. Dad hawled me a load of hay from Dell Hall's \$4.85. Have been hoeing our potatoes and peas.

**Wednesday, Jun. 12** Another rain storm just came down in bunches. Had to get out into the flood and put chains on "Henry".

**Thursday, Jun. 13** Fair this morning but heavy showers this afternoon. In between I have managed to do a little hoeing.

**Friday, Jun. 14** Dandy morning, but rain quite hard this afternoon and tonight it is still overcast.

**Saturday, Jun. 15** Butifull day. Broke every [??] in "Henry's" front spring. Got a new one from "Nortons" and put it in this afternoon.

**Sunday, Jun. 16** Fair fine day. Went on a ride out through Searsmont. Stoped at the Levenseller Pond and fished. Never got a strike.

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**Monday, Jun. 17** Overcast. Showers bum day. Did a little work around home but too much wetness for working. V and I took Guss & Alta Warren to Camden to the pictures. "Les Miserables"

**Tuesday, Jun. 18** Fair and warm fine day. V and I cultivated out our war garden this afternoon and hoed our peas.

**Wednesday, Jun. 19** Another nice day. Clear and cool. Put new bushings [?] into our car and hung on a new "Goodyear" front shoe. Died Hattie Farrer.

**Thursday, Jun. 20** Fair fine day. This afternoon took V, Guss & Alta and we went to the big Circus of Walter L Main in Belfast, and it was punk. Heavy frost froze everything out troo the county. Married Mary Coggins & Percy Abens[?].

**Friday, Jun. 21** Another dandy day. Hoed and weedid in garden some. Then went to Belfast, got a load of Grain and was back home in a hour and 40 minutes.

**Saturday, Jun. 22** Rain and blow a hell of a storm and a hellish day. Very cold still raining tonight.

**Sunday, Jun. 23** Overcast. Heavy showers. Went out home to have some work done on Henry, but Herb was away so "Dad" went fishing with me.

**Monday, Jun. 24** Overcast and showers. Bum weather we are haveing now. Been working on "Henry" some this afternoon. Sold \$70. Worth W.S. Stamps today.

**Tuesday, Jun. 25** Another fine day. Pete Cross came down this morning for a little viset. Tonight I drove out home for a bottle of sour milk, aint that hell.

**Wednesday, Jun. 26** Fair and warm fine. This afternoon Pete helped me cultivate my garden. Every thing growing fine, even the cucumber wings [?].

**Thursday, Jun. 27** Fair fine day. This afternoon have been hoeing the garden. Pete La Cross has been helping me he is a fine hoer.



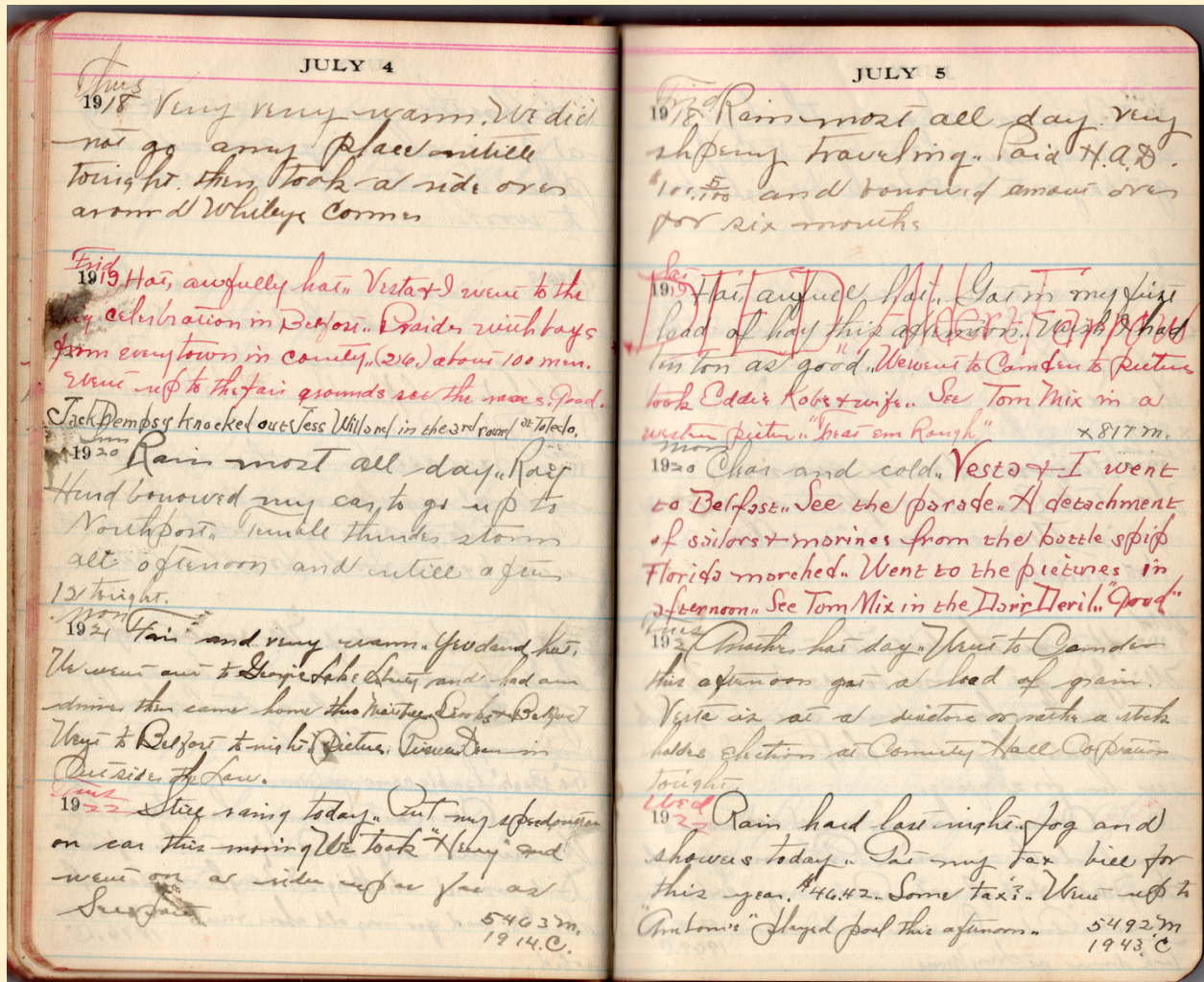
## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1918**

**Friday, Jun. 28** Another fine day. More hoeing, got it pretty well finished and the stuff looks fine.

**Saturday, Jun. 29** Fair fine day. Finished our hoeing and this afternoon carried Pete out to his home.

**Sunday, Jun. 30** Thick fogg this morning, clear away fine. V and I went out to Pete's and took dinner & supper. Went fishing got a big bass.

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**Monday, Jul. 1** Fog almost rain. This afternoon carried V out to her home then went out to the Lawry Pond. Got one big Pickrill.

**Tuesday, Jul. 2** Fair fine day. Have been mowing a little grass and hoeing our garden sass. All looks bully.

**Wednesday, Jul. 3** Another nice day. Did a few choreing around the place but too blamed warm to work much.

**Thursday, Jul. 4** Very very warm. We did not go any place until tonight, then took a ride over around Whileys Corner.

**Friday, Jul. 5** Rain most all day. Very slippery traveling. Paid H.A.D. \$100 5/100 and borrowed amount over for six months.

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**Saturday, Jul. 6** Overcast, showers thick fog all day. Tonight went to Belfast got bag oats \$2.38 back by eight o'clock.

**Sunday, Jul. 7** Rain hard all day. Damdable rain storm. Nothing to do but read and rustle fire wood to keep our fire going.

**Monday, Jul. 8** Rain hard all day and the traveling is something cussid. Mud hub deep, just hellish. Born to Hazel & Clair Pottle a 10 lb son.

**Tuesday, Jul. 9** Thick fog. Awfull weather and the roads are in damdable shape. Smashed my chains and got stuck in the mud. Got 20 box's strawberrys of H. Miller for \$2.00. Got 25 lbs Sugar Leroy Hurd for [??]. \$100 due H.A. Dean.

**Wednesday, Jul. 10** "Fog", fog all day, cussid. Dad hawled me a load of hay from Dell Hall's \$6.60. Tried to rake up what grass I cut tonight.

**Thursday, Jul. 11** Fog, more fog, thick as mud this morning. This afternoon I have taken the shock [??] off the car. Born to Chas Moulton & wife another Kid, that makes 8.

**Friday, Jul. 12** Thick fog this whole forenoon. Clear for a little while fog tonight. V and I have been hoeing in the garden.

**Saturday, Jul. 13** Fog, more and thicker than ever. Damdable weather. This afternoon went out to the Andrews Pond and got 4 W. Pirch and 2 Pickrill.

**Sunday, Jul. 14** Rain, awfull storm just came in a flood, washing the roads away and spoiling the crops something cussid.

**Monday, Jul. 15** Fair but the ground is soaked with water. Roads allmost impassable. Went out to the Ctr tonight fishing with Pete Cross. Got nothing.

**Tuesday, Jul. 16** Fair and very hot. Not good haying weather at that. Mowed a little around the building this afternoon.

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**Wednesday, Jul. 17** Fair this morning and this afternoon it has rained like hell, and still at it tonight.

**Thursday, Jul. 18** Rain hard this forenoon clear at noon. V and I went to Belfast got new set vibrator points for one of my coil units in car. 55¢ A.H. Miller lost a fine cow in pasture. Broke neck.

**Friday, Jul. 19** Fair fine day. Heavy thunder shower this afternoon. Commenced my haying. Chas French mowed former with his machine a home. Born to Marguret and Stanly Cilley a daughter.

**Saturday, Jul. 20** Hot awfull hot. Have been haying. Got in 3 loads. All in that was cut. "So am I". Guss Warren came over and helped me get two loads.

**Sunday, Jul. 21** Hot as blazes cussid warm. Worked today haying, and tonight I am so lame and still can hardly moove at all.

**Monday, Jul. 22** Overcast warm and very muggy. Carried V and Alta up to the Church this afternoon and helped fix the stoves.

**Tuesday, Jul. 23** Awfull hot day. Carried V and Alta up to the Church again and then went blueberrying got a small pail full.

**Wednesday, Jul. 24** Overcast fog and a few showers. Big Lawn Party tonight out at Allie Meservey's. We went and had a bum shine of a time.

**Thursday, Jul. 25** More fog. Bitch of weather. Big "Hallett" musical time at Church. Full house. Went to Belfast this afternoon. 6 Boys from town went away to Camp Devens.

**Friday, Jul. 26** Hot and sultry, just about stifling. Worked a little around home. Too blamed warm to work.

**Saturday, Jul. 27** Blistering hot, a awfull old muggy kind of a day. V and I went out to Fred Marriner Hall in Belmont to a dance tonight. Took Guss & Alta.



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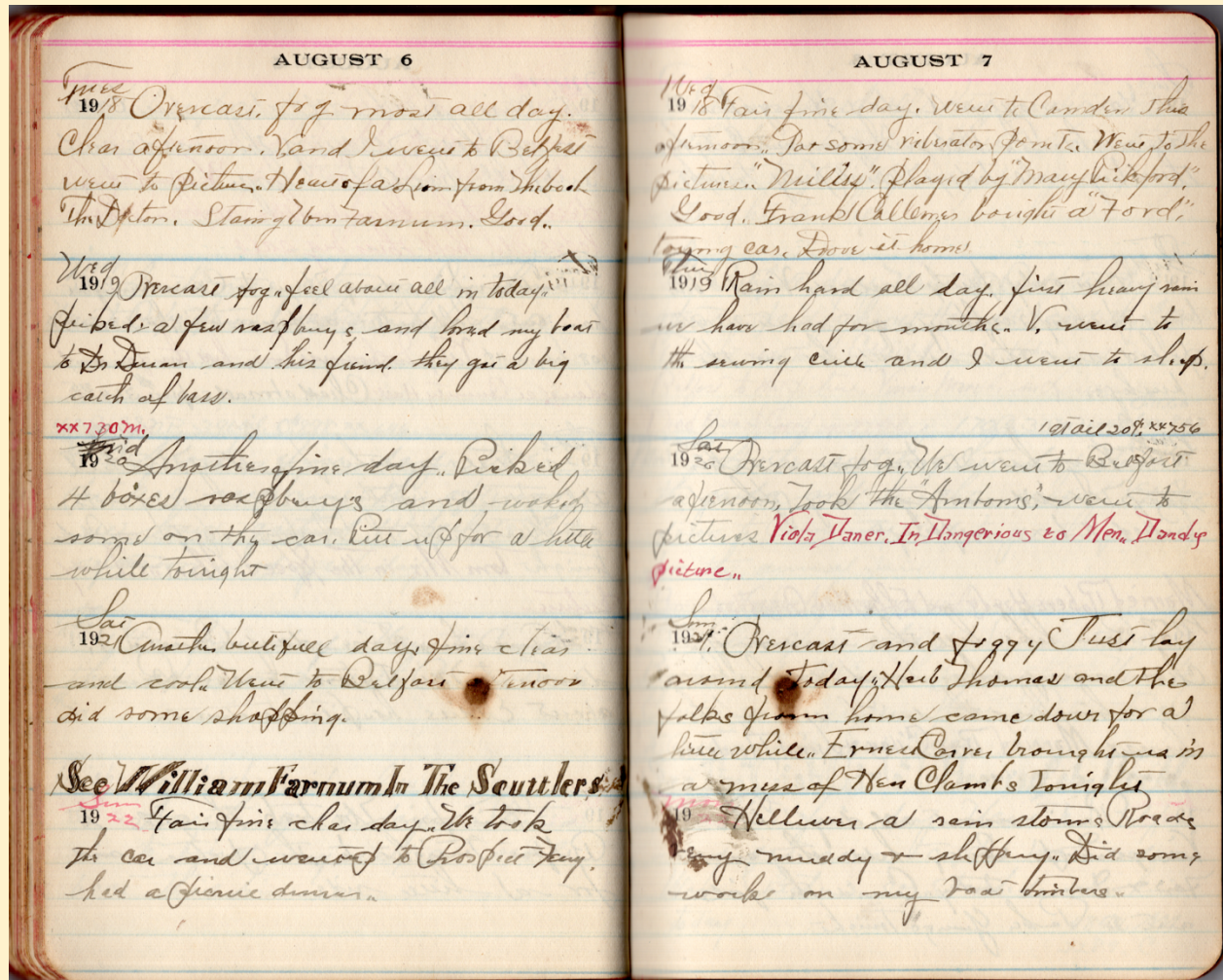
**Sunday, Jul. 28** Awfull hot day not a breath of air, seems if one would suffocate. Had our first mess of green peas and they were dandy. Allso new potatoes.

**Monday, Jul. 29** Thick of fogg this morning. Fair and very warm. Went to Camden tonight to a big Musical Play. "Good". Got a hair cut.

**Tuesday, Jul. 30** Overcast. Heavy shower this afternoon. Intendid doing some haying too much rain. Damdable weather.

**Wednesday, Jul. 31** Clear and very cold. Wind very strong. Have been mowing some this afternoon. V and I went out to her house. She drove most the way home. What will today bring forth? Snow?

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**Thursday, Aug. 1** Fair fine day. Worked about the place some, went on a short ride this evening. And what today?

**Friday, Aug. 2** Another nice day. Carried Guss Warren to Rockland this afternoon gained \$2 out of that trip.

**Saturday, Aug. 3** Dandy day. V and I went to Belfast this afternoon. Went to the pictures. Selfish Yates by W.S. Hart, "German". Burned, home of Austin Knight at the Ctr.

**Sunday, Aug. 4** Clear, fine day. V and I went with a big bunch of people to Dark Harbor to see and hear Teddy Roosevelt speak. Awfull rough crossing. Some pretty sick.

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**Monday, Aug. 5** Rain hard all day, just came in a flood, washing the roads and awfull hard traveling. V is helping decorate the Grane Store, whair the ladys are holding thear big sale.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6** Overcast, fog most all day. Clear afternoon. V and I went to Belfast went to pictures. Heart of a Lion from the book The Doctor. Starring Wm Farnum. Good.

**Wednesday, Aug. 7** Fair fine day. Went to Camden this afternoon. Got some vibrator points. Went to the pictures. "Miless". Played by "Mary Pickford". Good. Frank Collemer bought a "Ford" touring car. Drove it home.

**Thursday, Aug. 8** Fair, most all day. Heavy shower at night. The Village Improvement Society has thear big sale today. Whist party tonight.

**Friday, Aug. 9** Rain hard all last night and all day today. Awfull storm. Roads washed very badly, everything is going straight to hell.

**Saturday, Aug. 10** Raw, cold, overcast. Damdable weather. Clear away fine. V and I went to Belfast got \$200 from bank. Whist Party tonight and we ate too much ice cream. Bought in B, pair shoes \$2.95.

**Sunday, Aug. 11** Overcast, foggy. Dident get up until afterwards and its been a mostly drizzley old day.

**Monday, Aug. 12** Fair fine day. Picked a lot of raspberrys and tonight V and I canned 9 pints of fine berrys. Bought a chair for \$10 of the new community propity. (Littlehale grane building & wharf)

**Tuesday, Aug. 13** Fog, overcast. Went to Belfast this afternoon, carried Alta Warren up to the City she is makeing a viset with her sister Vera.

**Wednesday, Aug. 14** Hot as hell. Yes, more hotter. Shower this afternoon. Got in two load of hay, so did not get much wet.

**Thursday, Aug. 15** Fair butifull day, clear & cool. Went to Belfast this afternoon and had new transmission lineings put in car. First time it has been repaired.

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**Friday, Aug. 16** Butifull day, clear and cold. Went to Belfast and had a look at the pictures. Pretty good. Went out to Belmont to Fred Marriners Hall to a dance. Born to Alice and Don Patten a daughter.

**Saturday, Aug. 17** Another fine day. Dandy good and this afternoon V and I took a ride out to her home. Came back troo the Ctr.

**Sunday, Aug. 18** Butifull day. Clear and cool. V and I took Guss and Alta and we went out to Peavey's. Geo and Mae went with us to Levenseller Mts. Came back to house, took supper and spent the evening.

**Monday, Aug. 19** Butifull day, fair and cool. We have been on to Belfast this afternoon. Went up blueberrying but only got about 3 quarts.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20** Fair fine day. Got in some hay. Tonight went out to V's mother's and killed 6 chickens. They weighed 16 ¼ lbs.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21** Another fine day. Went up to V's mother's, carried her chickens to Belfast and sold them at Browns Market for 45¢ lb, came \$7.31/100. Went to Camden tonight to the pictures. Doug Fairbanks in The Man from Paintid Post. "Dandy".

**Thursday, Aug. 22** Butifull day. Clear and cool. Father hawled me a load of straw \$5. Finished hawling in my hay and pulled the last of my early Peas.

**Friday, Aug. 23** Another fine day, rather warm. Tonight Prof Copeland of Boston gave a piano recital at the church, \$1. per ticket. V and I took "Henry" and drove up, listened a while but soon got a gut full.

**Saturday, Aug. 24** Butifull hot day. Very very warm, so hot that I have felt like a stewed prune. Had trouble with a spark plug this forenoon, but cleaned it and it went all right after that.

**Sunday, Aug. 25** Fair and very warm. Yes hot. Did not go any place. Did go fishing with "Emry" down on the wharf for camers [?] got 12. Went out to V's tonight. Came home by "Trap".



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**Monday, Aug. 26** Overcast part of day. Heavy shower tonight. Big clamb supper tonight at Community Hall. They took \$19. Pooty good. Got a card from [??] he is in France.

**Tuesday, Aug. 27** Another fine day. Am layed up with a game leg. Don't know what is the trouble guess I have a bag spaven [?].

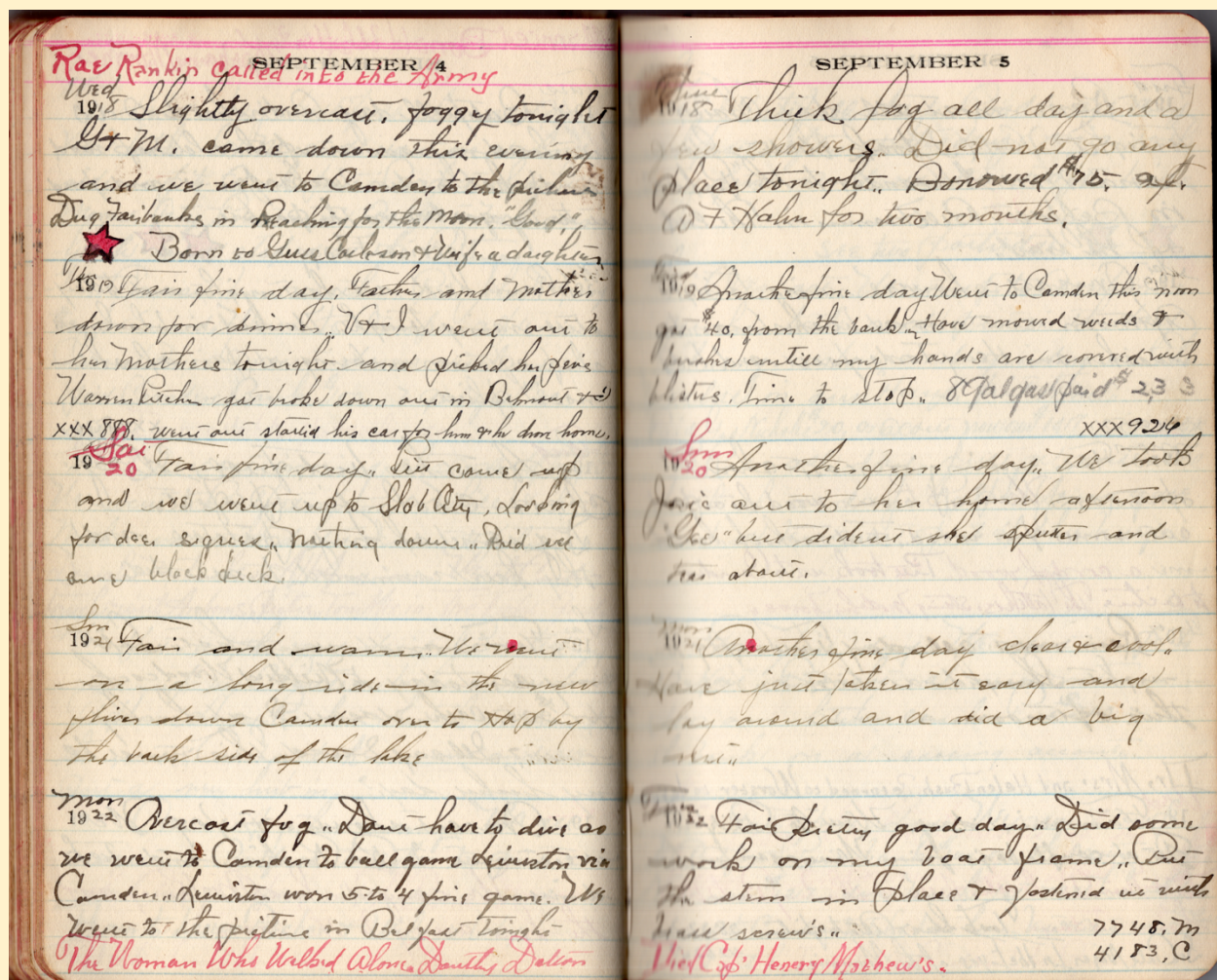
**Wednesday, Aug. 28** Clear and cool, fine. Today 5 more boys left town for the army at Camp Devens. Roger Heal, Fred Dickey, Stanly Gray, Vesper Mahoney, and Lee Richards.

**Thursday, Aug. 29** Fair fine day in the morning rain and fog tonight. Intendid going out to the Grange Hall to sociable but too stormy. Aug F Heal went away to the Army.

**Friday, Aug. 30** Overcast fog, bum weather. V and I went to Belfast went to pictures not much good. Spent the evening at G & M's.

**Saturday, Aug. 31** Fog most all day. Went to Camden to the pictures tonight caried G & M. Phil Thomas locked car in garage had to get Leslie Ames to get it out.

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**Sunday, Sep. 1** Butifull day. Rain this morning early, but cleared away fine. Drove up to the Jessie Priest mineral spring. Then went over to Will Flanders fox farm. See his foxes.

**Monday, Sep. 2** Labor day, butifull clear and cool. V & I took G & M and went on a long ride up to Bucksport, Prospect, Swansville, [?], City Point and Belfast. Took our lunch and stoped at the Pictures.

**Tuesday, Sep. 3** Butifull day. And what did I do but lose my [??] up the old hep road and had to drive back after it. And found it too by gar. &22 in the packet. Serrice Flagg. Married Donald Wadlin and Katherine Marriner.

**Wednesday, Sep. 4** Slightly overcast, foggy tonight. G & M came down this evening and we went to Camden to the pictures. Doug Fairbanks in

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Reaching for the Moon. "Good". Born to Guss Carleson & wife a daughter. Rae Rankin called into the Army.

**Thursday, Sep. 5** Thick fog all day and a few showers. Did not go any place tonight. Borrowed \$75 of A.F. Hahn for two months.

**Friday, Sep. 6** Rain most all day. Cleared tonight. V and I took Walter, Geo, and Mae Alexander to the "Picture" in Belfast. Bill Farmer in The end of the trail.

**Saturday, Sep. 7** Butifull day. Roads are very slippery after yesterdays rain. Took my gun and went out after birds. See two partridges.

**Sunday, Sep. 8** Fair fine day. Did not go any place. Stayed at home and saved gasoline?

**Monday, Sep. 9** Another nice day. G & M came in and took us down to Camden tonight to the Pictures. Wolfville Days. Maine State Election. Republicans swept state.

**Tuesday, Sep. 10** Clear and cool. Went up to Belfast this afternoon. Every store closed. Belfast Fair. So we went to the picture "Cheating the Public".

**Wednesday, Sep. 11** Fair fine day. Clear and cool. Roy and Helen went to Waterville. V & I took Geo & Mae to the picture. "His own home town". Note due Camden National Bank \$150.

**Thursday, Sep. 12** Clear and cool. This afternoon V & I went to Belfast got some grain. And this is Exicution Day. Every man in N.S. 18 to 45 both dates included have to register for service in the army.

**Friday, Sep. 13** Cold overcast. And a unlucky day. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Broke my Wallace Easton pipe and it has just poured all day.

**Saturday, Sep. 14** Fair fine day. Went up to Belfast this afternoon did some shopping. Went to the pictures tonight. Jack Pickford in "Sandy".

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**Sunday, Sep. 15** Another fine day. Have worked on the car all day. Took carbon out, washed and polished it. Killed in battle in France "Bugs" Aubry Meservey.

**Monday, Sep. 16** Overcast fog bum weather. Tonight took Geo Walter and Mae to Belfast to the picture. W.S. Hart in "Shark Monroe". Damd good picture.

**Tuesday, Sep. 17** Another overcast day. Showers this morning. Went to Camden tonight Guss, Alta, V, and Warren Pitcher. Warren went to the doctor. Blood poison in his hand. We went to the picture Jack Pickford in Tom Sawyer.

**Wednesday, Sep. 18** Overcast. Rain hard this afternoon and tonight. Went to Belfast. V attended a Red Cross meeting. I went to pictures. Mary Pickford in "How could you Jean". Roy & Helen went to Munroe Fair.

**Thursday, Sep. 19** Fair fine day. Got up early exercised Molly. Tonight V & I took Geo, Walter and Mae to Belfast to the pictures. See Viola Daner in Riders of the night.

**Friday, Sep. 20** Rain hard all day. Roads very muddy. Went up to the bog Pitcher Pond duck hunting. Not a bird thear. Got good and wet.

**Saturday, Sep. 21** Rain hard all day. This Note due A.H. Miller \$350 no/100 interest 6%. Afternoon I went to Belfast and got a couple bags grain. Made the trip up & back in an hour & thirty minutes.

**Sunday, Sep. 22** Fair fine day. V sick with a bad cold, feels rotten. I have been digging my potatoes. They are rotting badly. Sold my "Hessler" shock absorber to Frank Collemer for \$10.

**Monday, Sep. 23** Fair morning. Showers afternoon. Sam Perry came out to Fathers yesterday. He and his wife Edith went back tonight. Colder tonight.

**Tuesday, Sep. 24** Overcast morning. Rain hard the whole day. Did intend to go to Belfast but had to give it up. Damdnation.



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**Wednesday, Sep. 25** Fair and colder. Went to Belfast tonight with Geo & Mae to the picture. Very cold. Wallace Reid in Less than Kin.

**Thursday, Sep. 26** Rain very hard all day. The roads are very slippery. Went up to Northport, "The Cove", tonight. Got Benton Heal. Awfull storm.

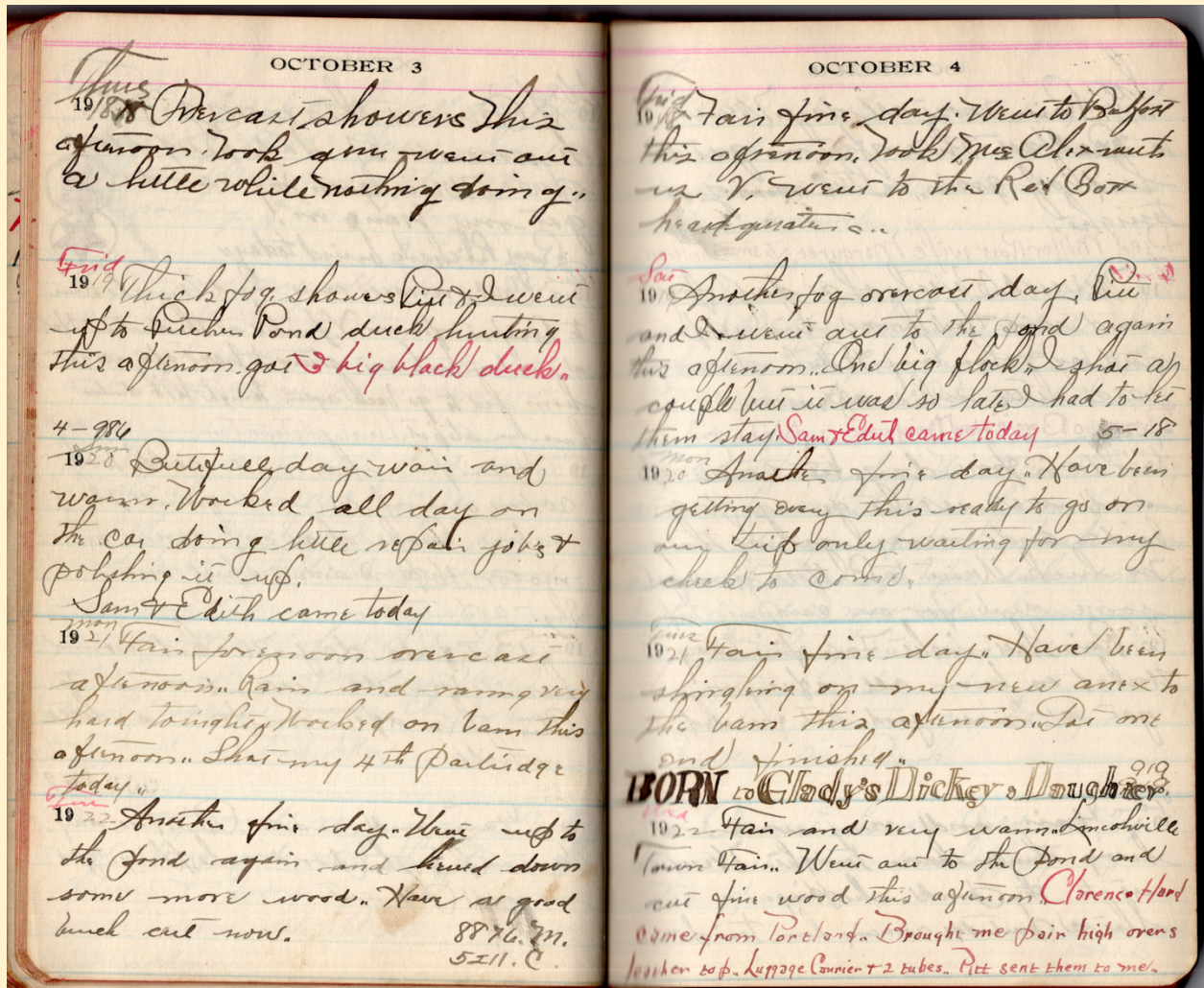
**Friday, Sep. 27** Still raining and raining very hard. Not a moment of let up in the last 24 hours. Hell.

**Saturday, Sep. 28** Fair fine day. Dug some more spuds and tonight we went to Belfast to picture. Took Geo & Mae to see Doretha [*Dorothy*] Dalton in The Mating of Matilda's [*Marcella*]. Married Florence [?] Young & Clymer McDonald.

**Sunday, Sep. 29** Butifull day. Went out to V's home and I cut some birch trees for firewood. V called on Lill Mahoney at Ctr. Died in Camp Devens Roy Richards 130 days in service.

**Monday, Sep. 30** Fair fine day. Dug a couple bushels potatoes. Geo & Mae took us to Belfast tonight to the pictures. "Dug Fairbanks" in Bound in Monaco.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 1** Butifull cool fall day. Have been digging spuds. Have now 10 bushels. Went gunning this afternoon see nothing. Poor hunting.

**Wednesday, Oct. 2** Overcast this morning. Fair the remainder of day. Dug some spuds. Went gunning and got my beans in. Roy Richards buried today.

**Thursday, Oct. 3** Overcast showers this afternoon. Took gun went out a little while nothing doing.

**Friday, Oct. 4** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Took Mae Alex with us. V went to the Red Cross headquarters.

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**Saturday, Oct. 5** Rain most all day. Went to Belfast this afternoon got a load of grain. Still raining tonight. Died Miller Ross's wife Margaret. 5 small children.

**Sunday, Oct. 6** Awfull storm. Rain hard all last night and all day today. Worked about the car some but too cold to do much.

**Monday, Oct. 7** Fair clear and cold. Roads are awfully muddy. Finished digging my potatoes. Have about 14 bshl. Picked a pan of Cranberrys this afternoon. Geo and Mae down this evening.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** Clear and cold, fine fall day. Went up above Geo Collemers and got a load of plank to make a potato box.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9** Another fine day. Took my gun and went out a little while nothing doing.

**Thursday, Oct. 10** Another fine day. Clear and very warm. Went out after birds a little while tonight. Isn't any birds. Damd dry hunting.

**Friday, Oct. 11** Fair and warm fine day. Pulled my carrots and got them in. Have a bushel of fine ones.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** Overcast. Rain tonight. Took Guss Hahn out to Cobbtown to see a wood lot. And this afternoon V & I went out to Ctr. Carried Lill Mahoney out some Red Cross outfit for Vesper. Went to Belfast tonight after grub.

**Sunday, Oct. 13** Fair and warm fine day. Got a bitch of a cold. Do feel bum. Raining again tonight hard. Died in Camden of influenza Philles Owen, Age 17.

**Monday, Oct. 14** Fair and some cooler. Feel like a stewed prune. Guess I have the grip.

**Tuesday, Oct. 15** Clear and cold. High wind blowing a gale. Got a awfull cold. Feel damd bum.

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**Wednesday, Oct. 16** Fair and warm fine day. V & I went to Belfast this afternoon got a load of grain and 500 feet felt roofing paper.

**Thursday, Oct. 17** Fair all day, but now it is night and a very heavy rain storm is doing business. Roy and I went bird hunting this afternoon got 5 wood cock.

**Friday, Oct. 18** Raining this morning. And the ground was white with snow, first this fall. Clear and very cold tonight. Put our potatoes and squash in the cellar.

**Saturday, Oct. 19** Fair fine day. Clear and cool this afternoon Roy and I went over to Whites Corner rang. Roy & I went bird hunting got 3 birds.

**Sunday, Oct. 20** Fair and warm. V & I went up to Camp Rabbit. I cut a half cord fine wood, took dinner out to Dad's. Geo Mathews staped Frank Collmer in his wrist, bad cut. Died Debror French 91 yrs.

**Monday, Oct. 21** Fair fine day. Strong west wind. Took "Henry" and went up to the pond this afternoon and cut some more wood.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** Fair and cool. Built a new house for "Gladys", and put her into it, and gathered my crop of beets. Note due Sarah F. Knight \$105.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23** Fair fine day. Went out to the pond again this afternoon and did some tall slashing of fire wood. Died Frank Rolerson. Died Almond Gushee.

**Thursday, Oct. 24** Butifull day. Went out to the pond. Cut a half cord of wood. Chas Sebring [??] cut me one cord. Went to Fort Williams Portland Me. in draft from Lincolnville, Walter Frohock of Lincolnville and Fred Hall of Searsmont.

**Friday, Oct. 25** Another nice day. Went up to the pond this afternoon and more than whaled [??] down the wood cut about 3 ft.

**Saturday, Oct. 26** Rain hard all day. Tonight V and I went out to Joseph Mullins and got him to fill in my Questioneir (Army paper)



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**Sunday, Oct. 27** Overcast fog. V and I took "Henry" went out to Alleys and V paid "Margurete" \$27. that she had collectid for the Red Cross.

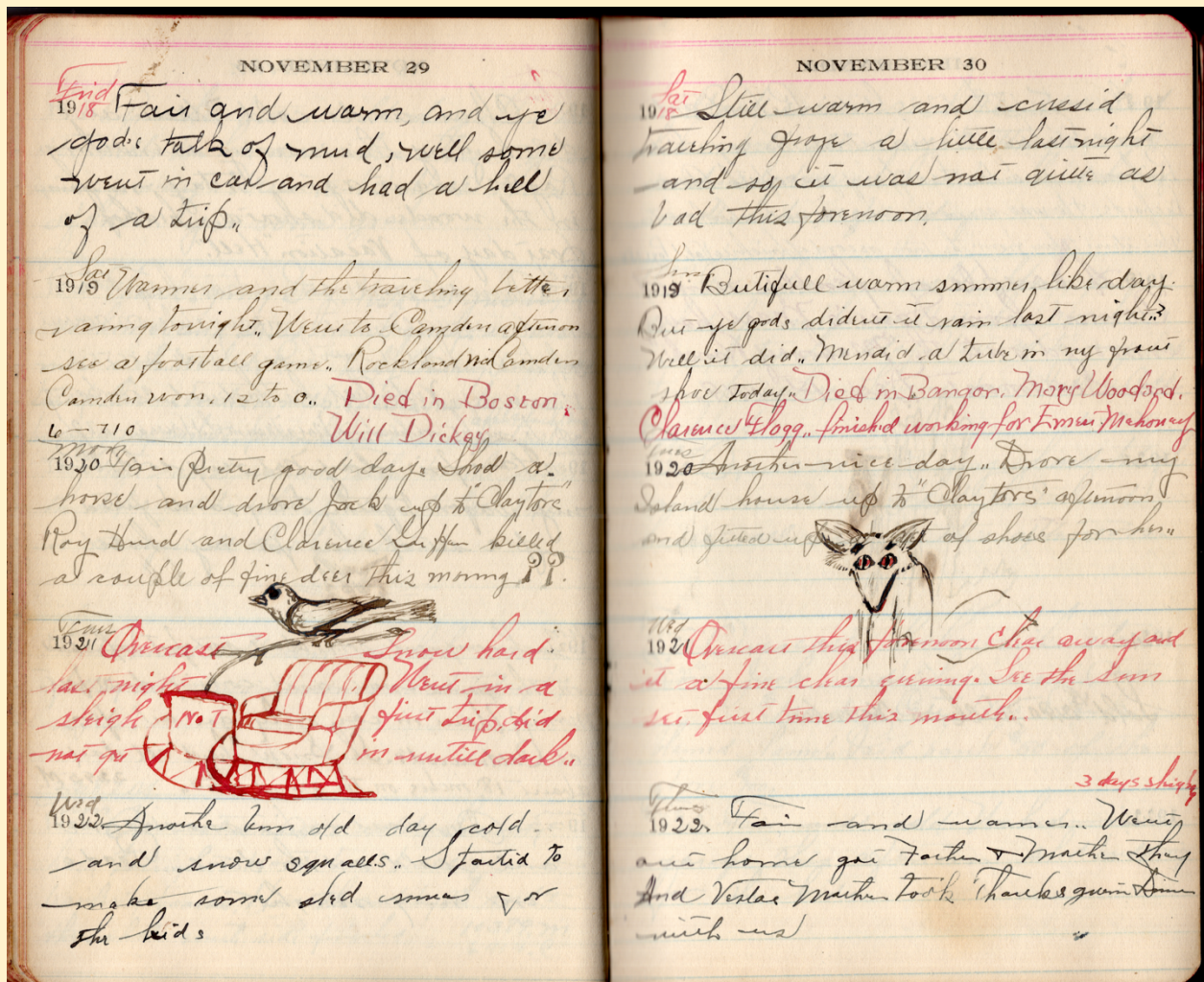
**Monday, Oct. 28** Thick fog. Awfull muddy. Geo & Mabel Alexander came down and got us and we all went to Belfast. Vesta bought her self a new hat. We all went to the picture Billie Burk in the Pursut of Polly.

**Tuesday, Oct. 29** Fair and warm fine day. Roy and I went out to J.S. Mullins and got our papers filled out, then we went bird hunting till dark. Got 4 birds. Roy & I got 3 woodcock & 1 Partridge.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30** Warm, still thick fog. It is fogg most every day. Went up to Belfast this afternoon went to the picture. When we came out it was raining fierce and the car half full of water. "Say Young Feller" Douglas Fairbanks

**Thursday, Oct. 31** Rain hard most all day. Emery [?] went around with me today. Gave him a hell of a good ride. Awfull.

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**Friday, Nov. 1** Fair afternoon. Rain this morning have been working around home this afternoon. Cold and looks like a storm tonight.

**Saturday, Nov. 2** Fair nice day. Went up to Belfast this afternoon got a load of grain for the stock. Came home in 25 minute. Hows that?

**Sunday, Nov. 3** Fair fine day. Went out to home this afternoon and split some log's for fire wood.

**Monday, Nov. 4** Cold, overcast, raining tonight. Looks and feels like a snow storm. "Hell". V went out and see Roger Heal tonight he is home on a 3 day pass from Camp Devens.

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**Tuesday, Nov. 5** Fair clear and cold. Broke a front spring in Henry. Went to Belfast got a new spring Geo Nichols helped put it in. "Damnation". \$75 Due A.F. Hahn.

**Wednesday, Nov. 6** Fair and cold. This afternoon put felt paper roofing on one end of the barn roof. Cut my wrist with my hatchet regular Dell Corson trick!

**Thursday, Nov. 7** Fair and warmer. Picked my apples 3 bushels Bawldin's. Put more paper on barn Roy & I went out to Ben Hall's lower field after deer. Nothing.

**Friday, Nov. 8** Another warm fair day. Chas Seekins [??] has left his wife and cant cut any more wood. Got 5 ½ cords cut. Damdnation wish Chas [??] could have stayed away a week longer.

**Saturday, Nov. 9** Cold this morning looks and feels like snow. Rain some this afternoon. Went out to the Bawest [??] place this afternoon deer hunting See nothing.

**Sunday, Nov. 10** Overcast. Rain last night. Roy Hurd came into the house at about 10 this morning. Said he jumped 2 deer up in [??] pasture. We hunted all day but could not [??] them

**Monday, Nov. 11** Fair, good day. Commenced my vacation. Went to Belfast tonight to the picture. The only road, Viola Dana. The World War endid today. Compleat victor for the Allies. Germany unconditanly surrender's.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12** Clear and cold. Been putting roofing on the barn. Went out deer hunting tonight. Big celebration here tonigt. Big bon fire. An effigy of the "Kizer" hung and then burned.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13** Cold raw nasty day. Went out hunting again tonight. No deer, but did see a partridge and four big black duck.

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**Thursday, Nov. 14** Overcast, showers, sleet and rain. Guss Warren and yours truly went up in the woods got a load of sawdust and banked the house.

**Friday, Nov. 15** Warm this morning, fine. Guss Warren killed two of his pigs today. Went to Belfast to the Pictures. See Rita Jolivet in "Lest We Forget".

**Saturday, Nov. 16** Fair but slightly overcast. Went deer hunting today out to Searsmont Belmont and again tonight down to the "Old Freeman Place". See new tracks of two deer.

**Sunday, Nov. 17** Overcast. Rain hard tonight. Went out to the pond this afternoon and chopped some fire wood. Have about 8 cord cut now.

**Monday, Nov. 18** Rain hard all day. Took my gun and went down to the marsh back of Jack Laws shot 2 muskrats.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19** Overcast and rain all day. Went down to the "marsh" for a little while shot a partridge. Fred Frohock and Geo Collemer hawled me a couple cord of fire wood.

**Wednesday, Nov. 20** Rain hard all day, warm. Have been building a forge today. Got it all finished but the brick arch and chimney.

**Thursday, Nov. 21** Rain all day hard. Worked building forge and getting shop fixed up. Shod Molly new all round.

**Friday, Nov. 22** Rain all day damnable bad weather. Have been working on my forge part of the day. About all finished. Died Frank Rankin Age

**Saturday, Nov. 23** Fair clear and cold. This morning Roy came and got me and we went deer hunting. Then I took "Henry" and went again. No luck.

**Sunday, Nov. 24** Fair and warm. Went out to V's home. Roads are awfull muddy. Blamed hard traveiling.



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**Monday, Nov. 25** Fair fine warm day. Went to Belfast this afternoon took Mae Evrett. God didnt she ramble. Herb Thomas got a new 40 hp engine. Helped him load it.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26** Bitter cold. Some thing fierce. Roy and I went out deer hunting this morning and again tonight nothing doing.

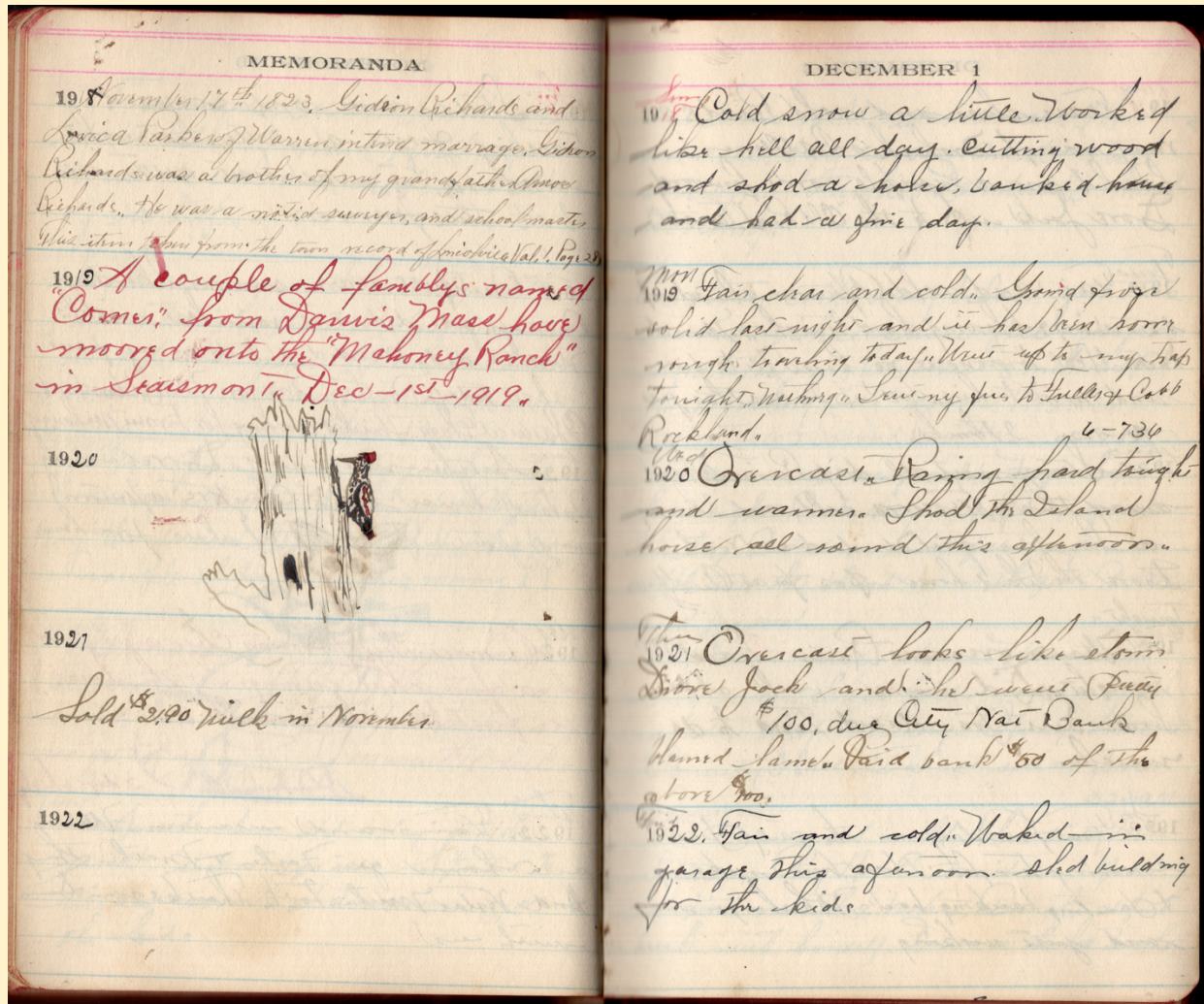
**Wednesday, Nov. 27** Another bitter cold day. God but its hell to live in such a climate. Damd it anyway. Went to Belfast this afternoon got some grain.

**Thursday, Nov. 28** Clear and cold. Went out deer hunting this morning see nothing. Roy & I went again today, no game in the woods. Did shoot a hedhog. Last day of Vacation "Hell".

**Friday, Nov. 29** Fair and warm, and ye gad's talk of mud, well some went in car and had a hell of a trip.

**Saturday, Nov. 30** Still warm and cussid traveling froze a little last night and so it was not quite as bad this forenoon.

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**Sunday, Dec. 1** Cold, snow a little. Worked like hell all day cutting wood and shod a horse, banked house and had a fine day.

**Monday, Dec. 2** Fair clear and cold. Road's are very rough. Frohock & Collemer hawled me a couple cords firewood. Drove Jack up to the "Old Road" tonight.

**Tuesday, Dec. 3** Snow cold as hell and then some. All day snow and still snowing tonight. Damnable hard traveling.

**Wednesday, Dec. 4** Snow all day hard. "Bennett" owner and driver of a big public car, Skidded and went off the Trap Bridge at 11 oclock today 8 men in car. One drown and another got a broken caller bone. All badly shook up.

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**Thursday, Dec. 5** Snow hard this morning. How in hell will I ever make a trip today? Got Guss Warren to take me around my route today with his horse & my sleigh.

**Friday, Dec. 6** Cold. Snow most all day damnable traveling. Drove Jack out as far as Lawry Rankins got his horse to finish the trip.

**Saturday, Dec. 7** Fair this morning. Overcast and snowing again tonight. Drove Roy Hurds horse today. Went out to Will Clayters with Jack tonight.

**Sunday, Dec. 8** Warmer. Snowing again tonight. Have worked like a bitch all day. Fitting up fire wood. Drove Molly out to Slab City and back tonight. See big flock wild gees.

**Monday, Dec. 9** Fair and warm. Traveling improving. Drove Jack the whole route today. Paid A.F. Hahn \$25. on wood lot. Alice Dickey slipped on ice and broke her hip. Born to Helen & Geo Collemer a girl.

**Tuesday, Dec. 10** Fair fine day. Not very cold. Guss Warren went to Belfast for me today got 12 Bgs Oats 4 Bgs Corn 2 Bgs Mx Feed. Got my deed from A.F. Hahn for the pond wood lot.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11** Fair and warmer. Snowing tonight. Roy & I went up by the Chas Frohock place tonight deer hunting. See nothing. Paid tax \$24.95.

**Thursday, Dec. 12** Snow all day. Warm tonight and fog and overcast. Pretty fair traveling today.

**Friday, Dec. 13** Snow and warm. Roy & I went out deer hunting last night but see nothing. Fair and warm tonight.

**Saturday, Dec. 14** Rain and warm. Rain about all day. Bought a hen out home today for Monday dinner that is our pig killen day.

**Sunday, Dec. 15** Fair and warm slightly overcast. Traveling about pooched. Roy and I went up in the "Howe" woods deer hunting killed a good big buck deer God but wasent I tired lugging him out.

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**Monday, Dec. 16** Fair and not very cold. Evrett Wade killed our pig today. Good pig, 34 weeks old. Weighed 240 lbs. Note due B.O. Norton \$34.35.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** Clear and cool. Roads are a little better. Evrett Wade came down tonight and cut up our pig for us it weighed 240 lbs.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** Fair clear and cold. Roads are rough as the devil, but managed to make my route in "Henry Ford".

**Thursday, Dec. 19** Fair and not very cold, went in "Henry" again today got along first class only the roads are very rough. Mail very light for this time of year.

**Friday, Dec. 20** Another fine day. Mild and fair. Went in car. Light mail, very few P.P's and hardly any post cards. Result of war.

**Saturday, Dec. 21** Butifull day fair and warm. Roads got quite muddy this afternoon. Dee and Maynard Meservey drove in for a few minutes tonight.

**Sunday, Dec. 22** Fair and warm. Rain hard tonight. Vesta has a hell of a bad cold, and don't seem to get any better. Hell

**Monday, Dec. 23** Fair and very very warm and awfull hard traveling frost coming out and mud very deep. \$4.05 consultation. Deedy went back to her home in Melrose. Carried her to Rockport tonight.

**Tuesday, Dec. 24** Another mild warm day but slightly overcast. Thick tonight and looks like a storm. Not a very heavy xmass mail this year.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25** Fairly good day. A fine drizzle and awfull muddy not cold. Went with a horse and wagon. Got back at 3 and had a good dinner of roast pork and mince pie.

**Thursday, Dec. 26** Fair and a little colder. Went in car today, roads are awfully rough, but froze enough to hold a car. Light mail this season.

**Friday, Dec. 27** Fair fine day but ye gods how rough the roads are. Went in car. Put on a new "Goodyear" tire rear this morning and got home at 1-30.



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**Saturday, Dec. 28** Colder and snow most all day. Broke a front spring in car and had to put on a new front shoe while on the road. Hell!

**Sunday, Dec. 29** Clear and quite cold. Put a front spring in car. Also put in a set of battery's to help start with. Died in Camden Fred Martin, age 35

**Monday, Dec. 30** Fair clear and not very cold and the snow helped fill up the ruts so the traveling is not as worse. Went in car again today.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31** Cold overcast. Snowing tonight. Traveling pretty good. Went in car today. Sent Chas Seekins \$4. for cutting wood. Threshed my Early Peas. Got a peck or more.