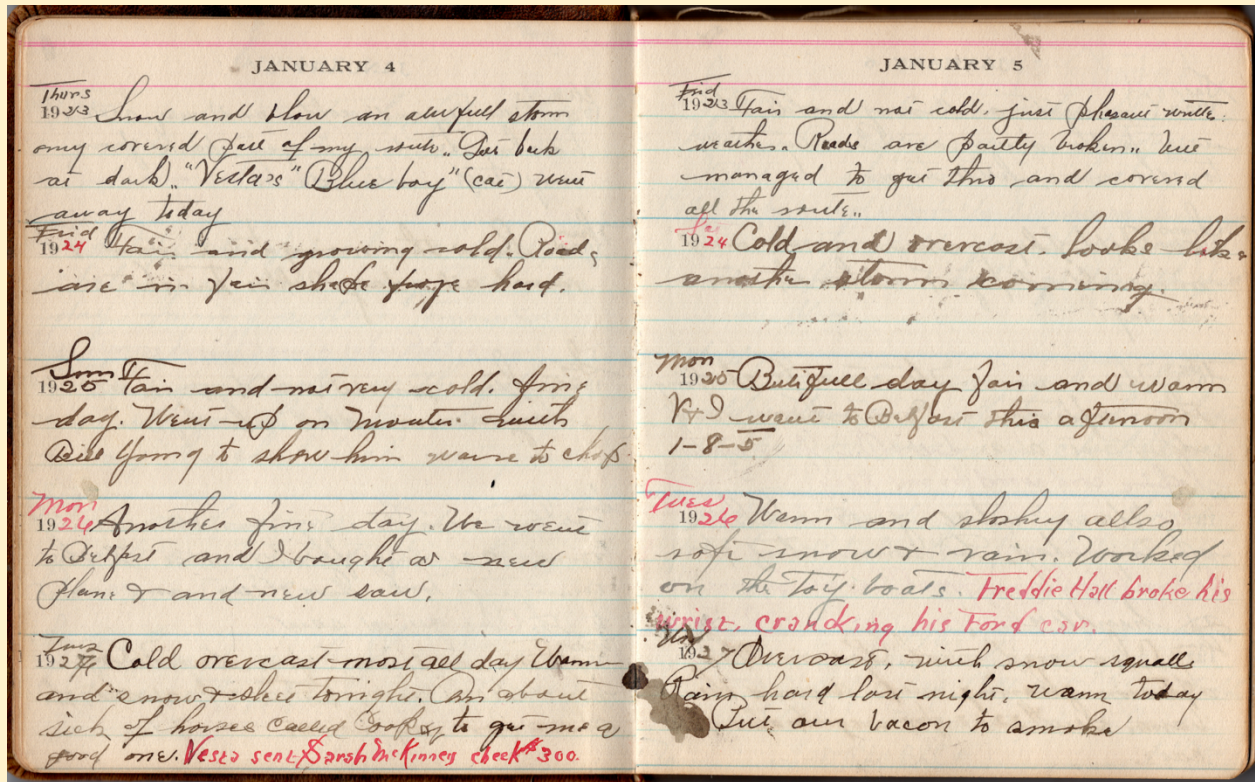


## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Friday, Jan. 1** Fair and warmer. Snow this afternoon. Funeral service for Vestas Mother. Took our car tonight and carried Mrs Howe oil stove home!

**Saturday, Jan. 2** Fair and warm. Did some work on toy boats for Guy Carver.

**Sunday, Jan. 3** Fair and warm. We went and carried flowers out to the cemetery. Took Guss & Alta and went to the Cove got a saw.

**Monday, Jan. 4** Another fine day. We went to Belfast and I bought a new plane & new saw.

**Tuesday, Jan. 5** Warm and sloshy allso soft snow & rain. Worked on the toy boats. Freddie Hall broke his wrist, crancking his Ford car.

**Wednesday, Jan. 6** Warm still just like a spring day. Got some stuff for ax handles. Marion Balff came from China today.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Thursday, Jan. 7** Fair and growing cold fast. Geo Rubin Mathews found dead in his house this morning. See a big red breastid robin up by Burt Collemers this morning.

**Friday, Jan. 8** Fair clear and cold. Have been working all afternoon and this evening on toy boats.

**Saturday, Jan. 9** Snow all day and cold as the dickens. No wind. Finished up what boats I had makeing. 11 now all compleat.

**Sunday, Jan. 10** Butifull mild day. About 8 inches of light snow fell yesterday. Got my snowmobile tuned up took Vesta on a ride up around the squair.

**Monday, Jan. 11** Fair and mild roads are in pretty good shape after the storm no trouble to cover it with a car.

**Tuesday, Jan. 12** Fair and not very cold. Bought a chicken from Nellie Frohock for Vesta's birthday dinner. Guss & I went out to Slab City and cut 3 pine trees.

**Wednesday, Jan. 13** Snow all day but its very light, so that a car rolls thro it pretty good.

**Thursday, Jan. 14** Cold and overcast. The Warrens gave Vesta a little dinner at thear home tonight. Among other presents she has a box of 41 gifts to open one each day.

**Friday, Jan. 15** Another fine day. Some of my roads are rather hard but most of the way fine traveling.

**Saturday, Jan. 16** Butifull day, not cold just fine winter day. Did some very nessary work on our stove pipe. Put in a new damper.

**Sunday, Jan. 17** Butifull day. Worked all day building boats. Have 17 about all ready to launch.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Monday, Jan. 18** Fair this morning Raining hard tonight. Guss Warren cut his foot badly while chopping up at The Farm.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19** Butifull day just like spring and tonight its wonderfull. Have been building boats this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20** Fair fine day. Helped dress the cut on Guss foot this afternoon.

**Thursday, Jan. 21** Still dandy weather mild and foggy. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon.

**Friday, Jan. 22** Snow some and cold as the devil. 24° below zero this morning. Vesta's oil stove ran amuck. Smoked every thing in the room.

**Saturday, Jan. 23** Snow and blow cold as the dickens. Went in my Snowmobile the first trip. See a honest to goodness robin today. Sewing O gave a supper tonight cleared \$17. Roy & Orris Young startid chopping for me.

**Sunday, Jan. 24** Fair and cold. Snow squall this morning. I put in most of the day washing cleaning up from our smoky oil heater.

**Monday, Jan. 25** Fair butifull day, mild and pleasant. Vesta startid taking raw egg's today. Vesta & I went to Camden got load grane.

**Tuesday, Jan. 26** Fair and some colder. Aubry Collemer promised to hawl my wood from the mountain.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27** Another pretty fine day. This afternoon have been scraping [?] a road across the Rodgers lot to get my wood thro.

**Thursday, Jan. 28** Snow all day and tonight its bitter cold and blowing a liveing gale. Made my route O.K. in touring car.

**Friday, Jan. 29** Bitter cold, and blowing a gale all day down to zero or below. Road driftid full. "Amborn" did not get to the Center & Parker Young

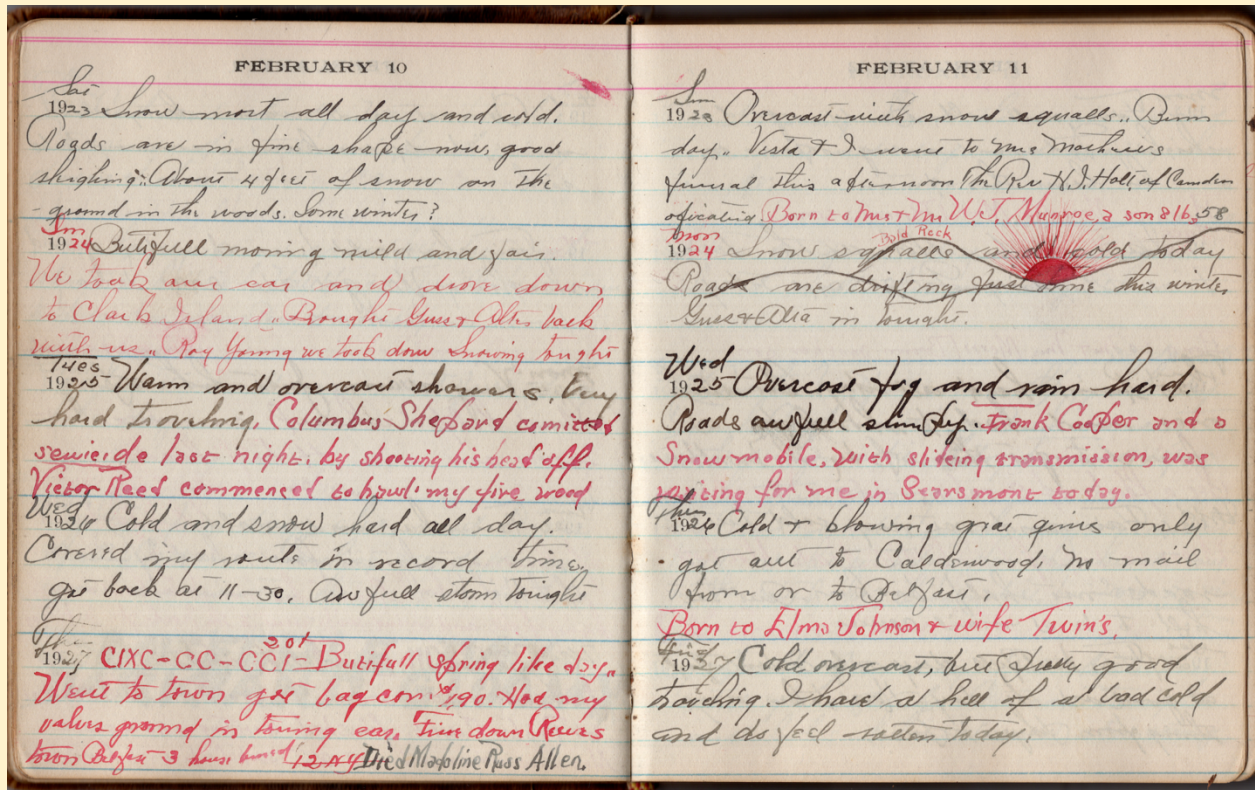
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to Belfast but I covered my route with snowmobile. Guss came over today on crutches first time he has got out since cutting his foot.

**Saturday, Jan. 30** Warmer this morning. Went in my Snowmobile again. Made my route all O.K.

**Sunday, Jan. 31** Warm & overcast. Sawed & split oven wood. Washed the kitchen floor & entertained Ernest Carver.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Monday, Feb. 1** Snow and blow not much snow fell but cold as the dickens. Born to Elenor McLeod Trull, Twins, boy & girl.

**Tuesday, Feb. 2** Fair and cold. Broke roads with my Snowmobile over part of my route. Died Henry LeMay, at Harry Edisons.

**Wednesday, Feb. 3** Fair and warmer. Split up oven wood and did work on Snowmobile. An old acquaintance of Vesta called today. Eddie McCabe.

**Thursday, Feb. 4** Heavy snow storm. Fierce this afternoon. Built a new trough for our hog's.

**Friday, Feb. 5** Fair weather but blowing a gale got out to Sanford Dyers. Roads plumb full & had to come back.

**Saturday, Feb. 6** Fair. Hard traveling. Got out as far as Dale Heals. "Crie" road unbroken had to come back thro the Ctr.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Feb. 7** Fair and warmer. Worked and restid at home today. Split up some extra oven wood.

**Monday, Feb. 8** Fair fine day, clear and bright. Aubry Collemer hawling wood for us from our mountain lot. Guss startid to do a little wood sawing. 3 weeks since he cut his foot.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9** Fair clear and cold. Roy Packard of Seasmont shot in face & hand by Princible of the High School. "Raines" his name. Packard & wife having fight, and [*frightened?*] wife went to the teacher for [*protection?*].

**Wednesday, Feb. 10** Cold and snow hard all day. Covered my route in record time. Got back at 11-30. Awfull storm tonight.

**Thursday, Feb. 11** Cold & blowing great guns only got out to Calderwood. No mail from or to Belfast. Born to Elma Johnson & wife Twin's.

**Friday, Feb. 12** Fair and not very cold but roads not half broken. Ant it hell to be a mail carrier. Went to top of Lamb Hill. Roads blocked.

**Saturday, Feb. 13** Fair and much warmer. Snow tread a little today. Louie Drinkwater cant get thro with his Snowmobile, but I cover 26 miles with mine. Covered all my route with Snowmobile.

**Sunday, Feb. 14** Fair and mild. Spent most of the day digging ourselves out of the snow. Snowing hard tonight. Aubry Collemer hawled me a load of hay. Died Harry Edison.

**Monday, Feb. 15** Snow about 15 inches fell last night & this morning. Awfull traveling only got as far as the center.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16** Snowing hard again. Roads are pretty near inpassable, but covered 20 miles.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17** Cold and blowing great guns roads pretty well blocked with snow. Covered all my route.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Thursday, Feb. 18** Overcast raining late tonight. Very hard traveling but I covered it all with snowmobile.

**Friday, Feb. 19** Rain most all day. The first rain since Dec 6/25. Roads are very slumpy. Had Mellie Dearborn carry me over my route with his horse.

**Saturday, Feb. 20** Fair and a strong west wind. Froze last night so I could go in my snowmobile.

**Sunday, Feb. 21** Fair clear & cold. Put in the day fitting up oven wood.

**Monday, Feb. 22** Another clear cold day traveling is getting fine again. But didnt travel and just took a vacation.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23** Fair and cold as the dicken's. Bay froze over this morning.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24** Fair fine day. Went to Camden this afternoon had some work on my snowmobile.

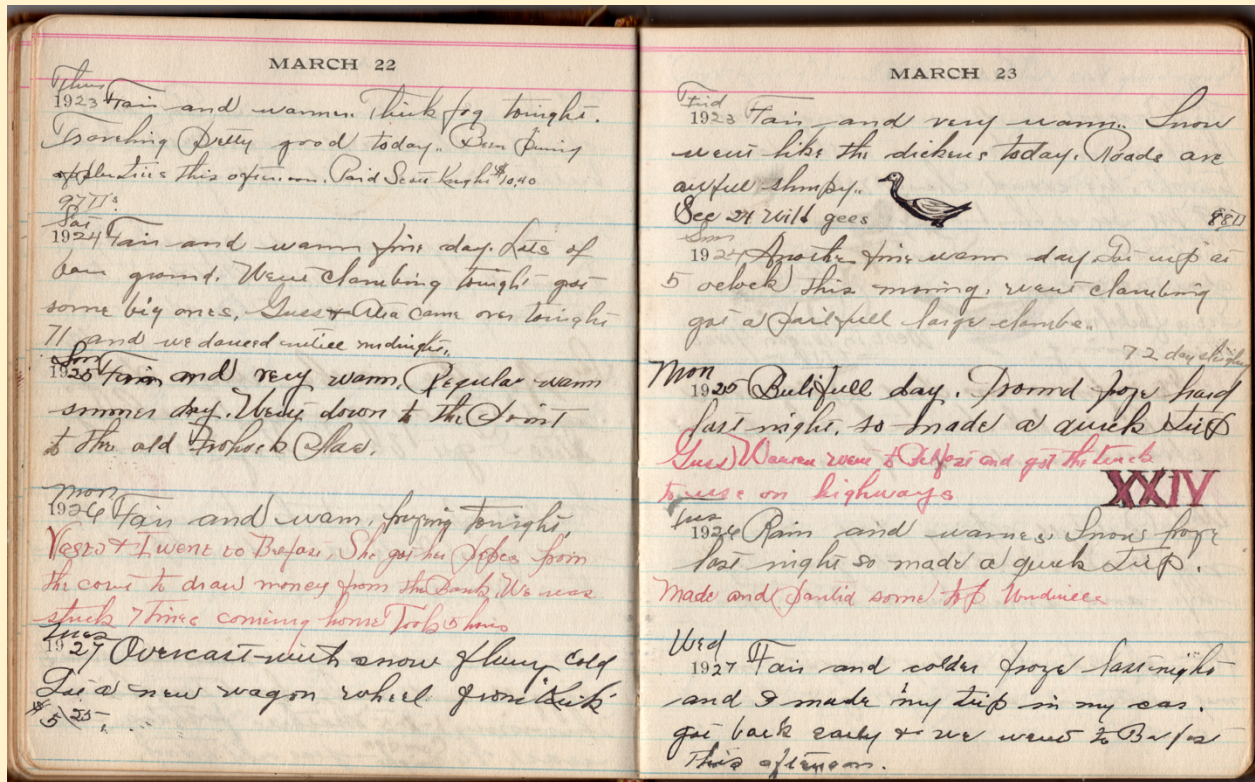
**Thursday, Feb. 25** Fair nice warm day. Tonight it is raining hard. Aubry Collemer still hawling fire wood from the mountain lot.

**Friday, Feb. 26** Warm rain & snow. Harry Frohock & Marion Drinkwater commenced sawing my fire wood, and I busted my back lifting a 12 ft beach log. Ant that hell?

**Saturday, Feb. 27** Snow and drizzle all day. Our sawing crew did not come to saw wood today.

**Sunday, Feb. 28** Butifull day. Split fire wood and babyed my broken back. Gad but it's a powerfull lame [?].

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Monday, Mar. 1** Snow morning allso snow tonight bum weather not very cold.

**Tuesday, Mar. 2** Snow and still snowing just a miserable bitch of a day.

**Wednesday, Mar. 3** Overcast and snow. But the boys Harry Frohock & Marion Drinkwater sawed 13 cord of wood for me today.

**Thursday, Mar. 4** Clear and cold. Aubry Collemer startid to hawl my cord wood from the mountain. Guss had the machine saw his wood today.

**Friday, Mar. 5** Fair and very cold. Dandy good traveling. Startid to split my oven wood this afternoon.

**Saturday, Mar. 6** Fair. Split and piled a cord of wood this afternoon. Box Social tonight at Community Hall. Died at H.M. McKinneys "poor farm" James K. Manning age 75 yrs. Paid Aubry Collemer \$75.00 for hawling wood.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Mar. 7** Snow all day and overcast tonight. Just didnt work much today.

**Monday, Mar. 8** Fair fine day. Town Meeting I. Eugley 1<sup>st</sup> L. Russ 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Nichols 3<sup>rd</sup> Horace Miller treasurer, L.C. Rankin clerk.

**Tuesday, Mar. 9** Another nice day. Went up the mountain with "Aubry" and got the last load of long wood. Alton French gave a "Stag" party tonight. Arthur McCobb out of jale today. Sirved 4 months Bootlegging.

**Wednesday, Mar. 10** Clear & cold, butifull winter weather. Split fire wood this afternoon. Aubry Collemer finished hawling my wood.

**Thursday, Mar. 11** Fair and cold dandy traveling. Two big Tractors and a snow plow opened the road from Belfast to Camden today. Split and piled oven wood.

**Friday, Mar. 12** Another clear cool day. Still splitting oven wood. Have quite a bit split but ye gods what a pile to split? Went clambing this afternoon.

**Saturday, Mar. 13** Clear and cold, fine. Splitting wood all afternoon untill low tide then went clambing again. Got 8 Hen Clambs. Born to Merret Carver & wife Gladys a daughter.

**Sunday, Mar. 14** A butifull day out side. Every thing out doors full of sunshine.

**Monday, Mar. 15** Fair and butifull traveling. Guss & Will Young are helping sawing wood. Harry Frohock & Marion Drinkwater came with thear machine to saw my wood.

**Tuesday, Mar. 16** Another fine day. Will Young & Guss helped put on oven wood. Lettie Armstrong operatid on Waldo Co Hospital Gall Stones. Finished sawing my fire wood 24 cord.

**Wednesday, Mar. 17** Butifull day. Fine, and I just worked like hell all afternoon. Split 3 cord wood this afternoon. Went calling this evening.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Thursday, Mar. 18** Cold raw overcast. But I managed to split 3 cord of wood this afternoon 185. Belfast/night

**Friday, Mar. 19** Fair and a dandy day. Split and piled wood all afternoon.

**Saturday, Mar. 20** Another fine day. Went to Camden got a load of grain. Allso got two box oranges for Roy Hurd.

**Sunday, Mar. 21** Fair fine day took Snowmobile and gave Vesta a ride. Split wood this afternoon.

**Monday, Mar. 22** Fair and warm, freezing tonight. Vesta & I went to Belfast. She got her papers from the court to draw money from the Bank. We was stuck 7 times comeing home. Took 5 hours.

**Tuesday, Mar. 23** Rain and warmer. Snow froze last night so made a quick trip. Made and painted some top [?] windmills.

**Wednesday, Mar. 24** Butifull spring day and my Mothers birthday 75 years of life and smart as a steel trap.

**Thursday, Mar. 25** Fair and butifull sleighing. No bair ground in sight on my whole 26 miles.

**Friday, Mar. 26** Split fire wood all afternoon. Am getting it pretty well along.

**Saturday, Mar. 27** Another fine day. Split wood and made windmills. Put in a right busy day.

**Sunday, Mar. 28** Fair fine day. Fred Frohock got me to take my Snowmobile and carry Gladys Carver & baby out home.

**Monday, Mar. 29** Fair fine day the first spot of bair ground is showing today on the Knights Hill.

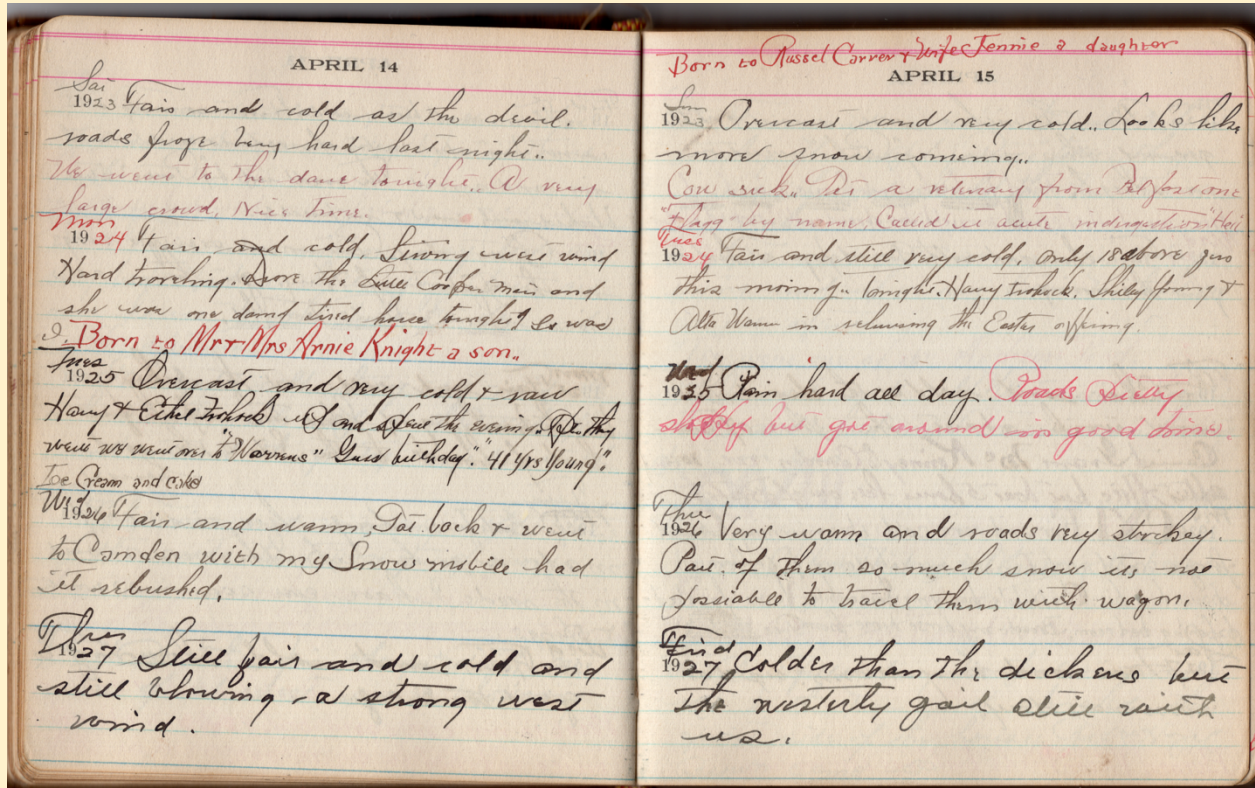
**Tuesday, Mar. 30** Another nice day full moon tonight and light as day. Vesta & Alta makeing the cunniest little Peter Rabbets.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Wednesday, Mar. 31** Fair and a pretty good day. Warm & overcast tonight. Split wood this afternoon.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Thursday, Apr. 1** Snow last night hard and all day today. Went to Camden this afternoon had the low gear put into my Warford transmission.

**Friday, Apr. 2** Butifull warm day. Selectmen met at the post office to take valuation. Vesta & I cleaned out our kitchen cupboard.

**Saturday, Apr. 3** Snow all day, about six inches fell but made a quick trip. Vesta & I cleaned the cupboard in our kitchen. Died at the Center Will Knight.

**Sunday, Apr. 4** Overcast raw cold day. Hell of a Eastor Sunday. Built a couple of boats today.

**Monday, Apr. 5** Warm and overcast. Quite a bit of bair ground and pieces of deep snow. Split fire wood this afternoon. Merrit Carver & Will Young startid work on the Carver Frohock Garage.

**Tuesday, Apr. 6** Snow all day miserable bitch of a day and terriable deep snow drifts.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Wednesday, Apr. 7** Another stormy day snow all day. Roads drifted quite badly. Died Thankfull Griffen.

**Thursday, Apr. 8** Storm rain & snow part of the day. Roads are pretty fair not much mud.

**Friday, Apr. 9** Fair fine day. Getting to be hard traveling. So much bair ground. Died Llewellyn Pendleton.

**Saturday, Apr. 10** Fair and cold as the dickens. Had a hard trip.

**Sunday, Apr. 11** Fair worked all day on machine Guss helped. Put the front wheels on my Snowmobile. Packed and shipped 25 boats to Guy Carver \$25

**Monday, Apr. 12** Fair and very very cold. Lots of the roads have 4 & 5 feet of snow. Went first trip in Snowmobile with wheels in place of the runners. Got stuck up by Lermonds 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours

**Tuesday, Apr. 13** Butifull day clear and cold made a quick trip. The most snow in the roads I have ever seen in 23 winters & springs.

**Wednesday, Apr. 14** Fair and warm. Got back & went to Camden with my Snowmobile had it rebushed.

**Thursday, Apr. 15** Very warm and roads very stickey. Part of them so much snow its not possible to travel them with wagon.

**Friday, Apr. 16** Fair and very cold this morning. Ground froze solid and I made my whole trip before it thawed a bit. Geo Nichols Lineing my Snowmobile. Vesta finished papering bedroom. Brought my horse home from Guss.

**Saturday, Apr. 17** Fair and a pretty fine day. Married Clifton Dickey & Marjory Roberts. "Bubbles" had triplets this morning. One gray & two black. Died in Rockland Orra Thomas, Clark, Sleeper.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Apr. 18** Fair fine day. We took Alta & the touring car, went up to the Shack and called on Frank & Amy.

**Monday, Apr. 19** Another nice day only its very cold. Had Geo Nichols reline my Snowmobile.

**Tuesday, Apr. 20** Overcast and cold. Went to Camden had some new parts for my Snowmobile. Merrit Carver put in two connecting rods.

**Wednesday, Apr. 21** Fair and cold. Vesta getting heafy. We went to Belfast and she weighed 122 lbs.

**Thursday, Apr. 22** Another nice day. Got bothered on the road my belts slack on machine and wheels spin. \$50 Camden NB

**Friday, Apr. 23** Cold and raw. Worked on my fire wood this afternoon. \$378 CNB Belfast

**Saturday, Apr. 24** Fair and warm fine day. Have been working on car this afternoon. Took a link out of the belts.

**Sunday, Apr. 25** Another nice day. Was going up to the Hart place but Vesta has a hell of a cold and do feel bum.

**Monday, Apr. 26** Overcast cold and raw and mud enough to sink the world in. Cussid traveling

**Tuesday, Apr. 27** Fair fine day. Helped Vesta paint in our kitchen. Putting on a new coat of cream colored paint.

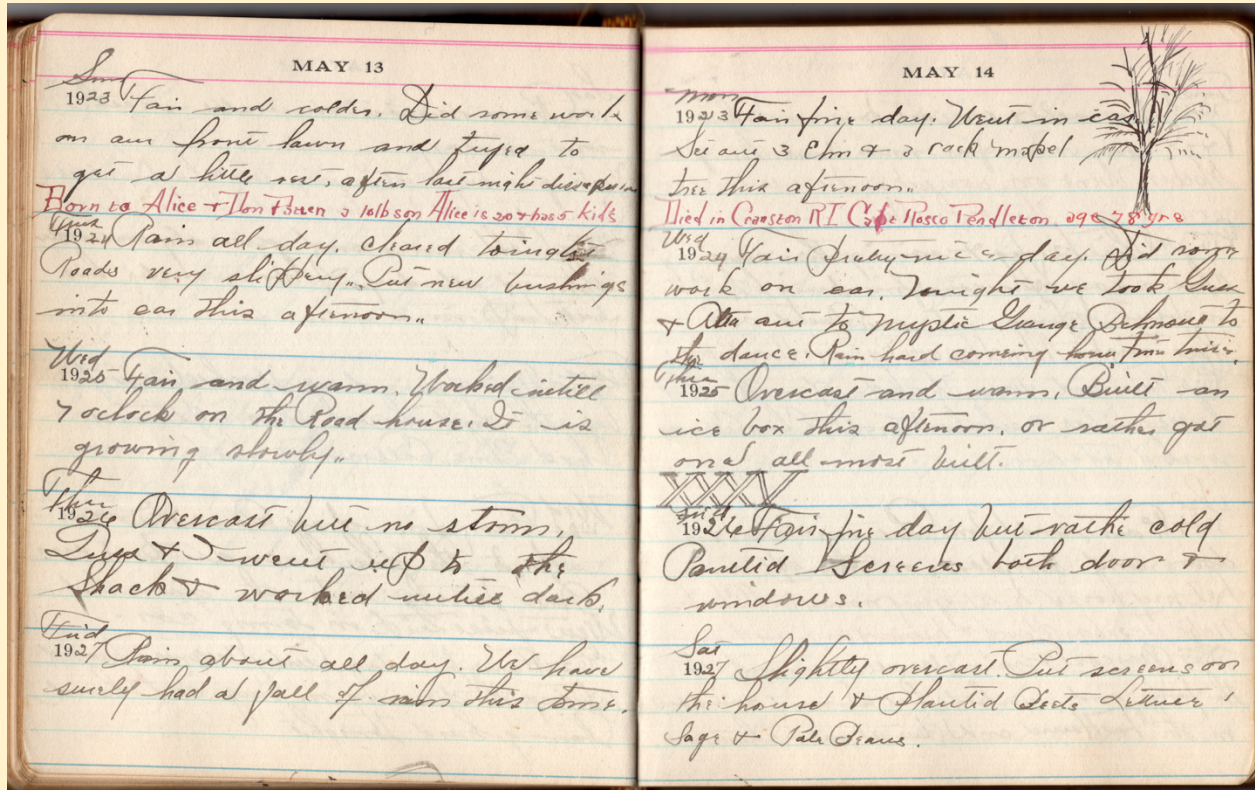
**Wednesday, Apr. 28** Overcast showers last night fair today. Burned our brush and worked [??] our lawn over.

**Thursday, Apr. 29** Fair but a raw east wind that has a cussid chill in it. Put new links in the drive belts of my Snowmobile.

**Friday, Apr. 30** Overcast and cold as the dickens. The roads are in awfull condition mud hub deep and frost just comeing out.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Saturday, May 1** Fair fine day. Roads are not settled yet, miles & miles of mud hub deep. Spring dance Community Hall by Townsend. Ice left Coleman & Corner Ponds.

**Sunday, May 2** Fair and a dandy day. We took Guss & Alta and went up to Shack spread gravel, built a fire place, and burned the bush at Ye Old Farm.

**Monday, May 3** Butifull warm spring like day. Have been cleaning up and burning rubbish. Set out a Linden Tree.

**Tuesday, May 4** Another fine day. Helped Vesta clean up and burn trash out of the chambers. Guss set out 3 oak trees.

**Wednesday, May 5** Worked on car took the belts off and put in new links. They are getting badly worn. Vesta set out a Rock Mapel on our lawn.

**Thursday, May 6** Another fine day. Put fire wood into our barn and cleaned up about the place. Set out 3 rock maples & a elm tree.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Friday, May 7** Fair and warmer much warmer in fact it was hot part of the day. Worked on car untill late this evening.

**Saturday, May 8** Fair butifull day. Dismantled my Snowmobile took the belts & one set of wheels off this afternoon. Guss Warren finished work for the S.H.D. tonight 8 years

**Sunday, May 9** Overcast showers. We all four went to the Hart Place and burned bush this afternoon. Suppa at Shack. Ride up to "Barthers Camps", Searsport.

**Monday, May 10** Fair and a nice day only was a little cold. Went to Camden had generator repaired on my touring car.

**Tuesday, May 11** Another fine day. Did some work around home and more on my truck [?].

**Wednesday, May 12** Fair fine day. Guss & I went up to the Shack and put our gas tank into the ground. Went first trip in touring car.

**Thursday, May 13** Overcast but no storm. Guss & I went up to the Shack & worked untill dark.

**Friday, May 14** Fair fine day but rather cold. Painted Screens both door & windows.

**Saturday, May 15** Fair and fine. Put our screen doors and windows on this afternoon. Let my horse to a guy named Fred Clark. Mellie Dearborn plowed & harrowed my garden.

**Sunday, May 16** Butifull warm day. We went up to the Little House. Guss & I painted most of the out side Vesta & Alta varnished chairs and painted the settees.

**Monday, May 17** Rain most all day thick fog tonight. I went up to the store and painted the gold letters on the sign. Patterson & Sylvester filled our gas tank.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Tuesday, May 18** Fair and warm, but a terrific thunder storm this afternoon. Went up to the store painted on the sign. "Saulsbury" the plumber came down and set our gas pump.

**Wednesday, May 19** Fair and warm fine day. Helped Vesta put up her curtains and drapery. Cleaned out the wood house. Born to Clifton Dickey & wife Marjorie a 9 lb son. Married 17 of April.

**Thursday, May 20** Overcast cold & showers. We went up to the little store this afternoon and did a lot of repairing & cleaning.

**Friday, May 21** Fair and not very cold. Took Richard & Warren to Belfast this afternoon they ordered goods for the store.

**Saturday, May 22** Fairly decent kind of a day between showers but very cold.

**Sunday, May 23** Cold and showers. Rain hard part of the day. We all went up to the Little Store and worked. Built a corner cupboard changed the sink over.

**Monday, May 24** Awfull cold day with shower, almost snow. Carried Vesta & Alta to Rockland to buy their trade goods. Put add on the screen at [??].

**Tuesday, May 25** Cold as the very devil. Stole away went to Cobb Town trouting got 9 butys. B.B. Warner Punched Poked & Choked Ada Wheeler last night. She had him before Judge Doke in Belfast today. Put him under \$1000 bonds Sep court.

**Wednesday, May 26** Still cold, still rain showers and still overcast and a all around spell of cussid weather. Went up and worked at the shack untill dark.

**Thursday, May 27** Same as yesterday only a little more disagreeable all most snow. Worked at the "Shack" this afternoon. Died Chester Dean. Born to L.W. Drinkwater & wife a 9 lb son.

## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1926**

**Friday, May 28** Fair and a pretty good day. I carried the [??] up to the Shack then went to Belfast got good & chattel. Mrs Hurd went over the route.

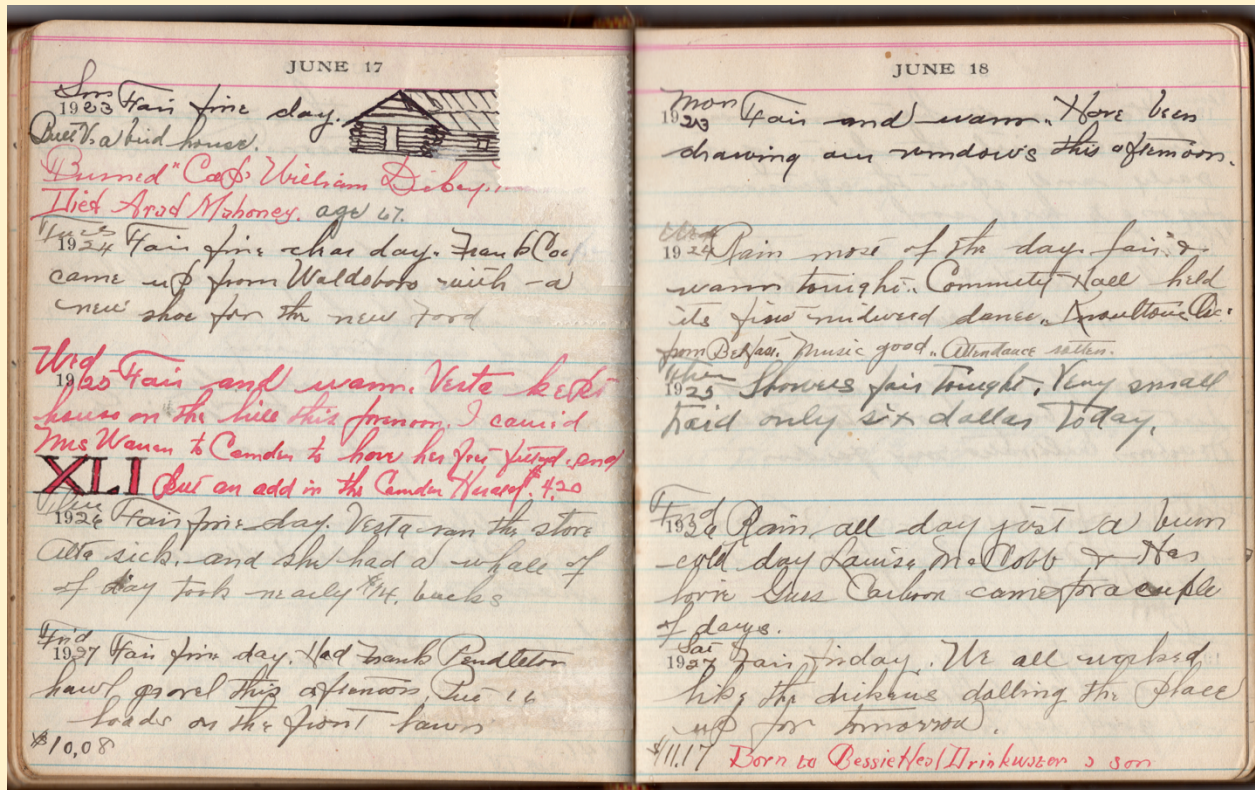
**Saturday, May 29** Fair and warmer. Carried Ice up to the Store and put things in shape to open. Vesta & I went out to the Cemetery at the Ctr. Worked at the Little Store untill after 10 tonight.

**Sunday, May 30** Overcast & Fog all day. Opening of The House by the Side of the Road for 1926. Sold \$16.51

**Monday, May 31** Awfull cold raw & foggy day. No business to speak of to nasty weather. Put the glass under the drain pipe in our Ice Box Leaking. Took \$11.88 today.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Tuesday, Jun. 1** Still fog and mist cold easterly wind. Did nothing at the Shack. Planted my garden this afternoon. Took \$1.06 today.

**Wednesday, Jun. 2** Thick fog this morning clear afternoon. Found "Miss Blanch Russell" a summer vacationist, hanging by her neck dead in her residence at The Trap. She came Sat and supposedly hanged herself immediately. Took \$2.53

**Thursday, Jun. 3** Hot and muggy. We, Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Stopped at the way side and [unfinished entry]

**Friday, Jun. 4** Fair fine clear cold day with a strong west wind. No business only took \$5.50. Went over and worked on the old Hart Place.

**Saturday, Jun. 5** Fair and a pretty good day. Went to Belfast this afternoon, Did some shopping. Paid Harding on feed. Went to pictures.

**Sunday, Jun. 6** Rain and fog, bitch of a day. Guss & I went over and shoveled out the bottom of the old house.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Monday, Jun. 7** Today just like yesterday and every day, rain and fog cold. Not much business. We closed early tonight and went to the Pictures. The Rainmaker in Belfast.

**Tuesday, Jun. 8** Fair but not much of a day for trade. Broke a front spring in car had Nichols put a new one in. Carried ice up tonight for Ice Box.

**Wednesday, Jun. 9** Fair clear and cool, strong west wind. Did a little better today at the "Shack" took over \$5

**Thursday, Jun. 10** Fair fine day had quite a bit of trade took a little over \$6 today. Clear and cold tonight feels like early fall.

**Friday, Jun. 11** Butifull day with strong west wind. Ai Young helped me hew timber this afternoon up at the old farm.

**Saturday, Jun. 12** Clear as a bell. Moketoos & Black Flys are upon us again thick as mud.

**Sunday, Jun. 13** Butifull day. Fair & warm. Did a good business. Sold \$34.40 worth of stuff 49 gal of gas.

**Monday, Jun. 14** Fair and a fine day, but business very slack in fact hardly any body stoped. 200 due C.N.B. Camden

**Tuesday, Jun. 15** Fairly good rain storm it fell a big one all day a stiddy pounding downpwr no let up. Born to my sister Abbie Thomas her 5<sup>th</sup> son 11 lbs (Roland)

**Wednesday, Jun. 16** Butifull warm summer like day. Plantid dalier bulbs at the shack.

**Thursday, Jun. 17** Fair fine day. Vesta ran the store Alta sick, and she had a whale of a day took nearly \$14 bucks.

**Friday, Jun. 18** Rain all day just a bum cold day. Louise McCobb & her lovie Guss Carbon [?] came for a couple of days.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Saturday, Jun. 19** Fair fine day. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon did our Saturday traiding.

**Sunday, Jun. 20** Fair but very cold. Had hardly any trade untill late afternoon then did quite well took a little over \$30 for the day.

**Monday, Jun. 21** Fair clear & cold regular September day. Did \$13 business

**Tuesday, Jun. 22** Overcast fog & showers. Started in big this morning took a little over \$8.00 today. State startid to tar the road today

**Wednesday, Jun. 23** Fair and very warm, fine day. Put in a strenuous afternoon on the old house.

**Thursday, Jun. 24** Fair and warm. Ai came and helped and we raised the old house up about level.

**Friday, Jun. 25** Fair fine day. Ai & Yours Truly got another sill under the old house and a chance to work again. Hazel Parker Brown came thro today on way to Phila.

**Saturday, Jun. 26** Fair all day but rain hard tonight. Went to Belfast this afternoon {\$ day} Went up for a ride tonight

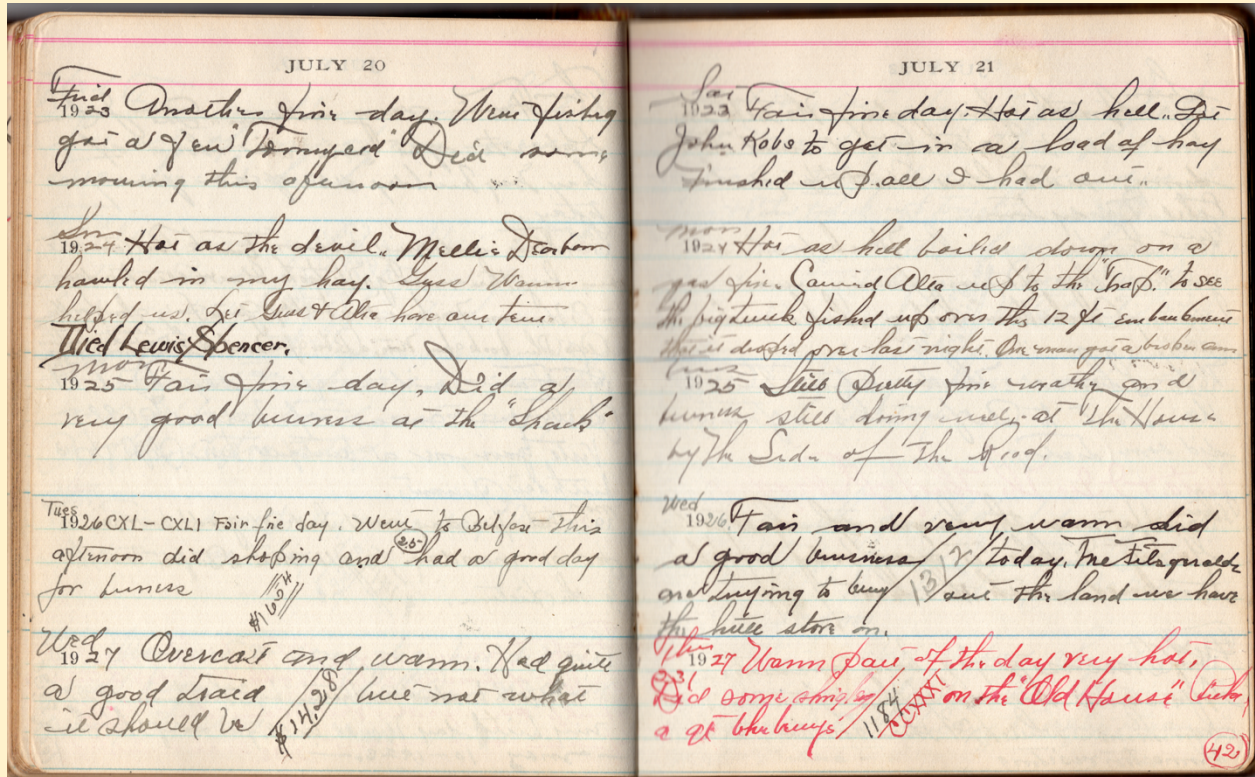
**Sunday, Jun. 27** Butifull day fair and warm did a good business at the Lunch Room Took \$35.82. Burned the Frank Dyer building, The Old Dave Ordway place.

**Monday, Jun. 28** Another fine day and good business took \$13.27 and tonight have a camping party at the old farm from Bristol R.I.

**Tuesday, Jun. 29** Went up to Belfast this afternoon. Left the store at 4-15 back at 5-28. Did a good business \$13.57

**Wednesday, Jun. 30** Another fine day. Hot and good. Ai Young helped me with the old Hart building. We have it nearly new silled & new postid.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Thursday, Jul. 1** Another fine warm summer day. Ai & myself got the last sill under the old house and the corner posts in. \$8.76

**Friday, Jul. 2** Fair and very warm fine summer day. Ai and I worked on the old house today.

**Saturday, Jul. 3** Another fine day, and a good day for buisness. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon. Took in the pictures.

**Sunday, Jul. 4** A dandy day fair and warm. And a good day for business took in \$34.19. Put up some signes this evening.

**Monday, Jul. 5** Fair and hot did not have to drive today. Did a good business at the Stove. Sold out every thing went to Camden tonight got bread. \$33.54

**Tuesday, Jul. 6** Another fine day. Did a good big buisness took \$22.71 today. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Wednesday, Jul. 7** Another fine summer day. Pretty fair buisness. We all closed early and went to Belfast to the pictures Born to the West. \$30.11

**Thursday, Jul. 8** Fair & warm fine day. We all had no buisness to speak of today. Very little. Died Chas Dickey

**Friday, Jul. 9** Rain most all day and still raining tonight. Had a pretty fair amount of traid. Put up a new shelf.

**Saturday, Jul. 10** Rain most all day and fog all time. I have a hell of a cold and do feel bum. Henderson paid me for my fertiyzer tonight \$7.60. \$12.13

**Sunday, Jul. 11** Thick of fog this morning. Had a pretty fair day at the little Lunch Room took in \$26.

**Monday, Jul. 12** Fair and warm. Not much traid. Have mowed the grass all around the Little Store this afternoon.

**Tuesday, Jul. 13** Fair and warm pretty nice day. Hewed timber this afternoon at the Farm and worked on the house.

**Wednesday, Jul. 14** Fair fine day nice and hot did a small buisness today but not near up to last years sales.

**Thursday, Jul. 15** Rain this morning fair afternoon and tonight. Did a little better at the store today. Finished boarding up the front of the old Hart house. \$9.99

**Friday, Jul. 16** Rain hard all day. Still people must eat and quite a few stoped and did so. \$9.91

**Saturday, Jul. 17** Fairly good day with a pretty good traid. Worked on my car all the afternoon putting in new bushings. We all went to Belfast tonight.

**Sunday, Jul. 18** Fair and a pretty nice day. Did a good buisness today \$28.00



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Monday, Jul. 19** Fair fine day and had a good buisness for a Monday. We went to Belfast tonight to the pictures. \$14.19

**Tuesday, Jul. 20** Fair fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon did shoping and had a good day of buisness. \$16.54

**Wednesday, Jul. 21** Fair and very warm did a good business today. The Fitzgeralds are trying to buy out the land we have the little store on.

**Thursday, Jul. 22** Hot as the hinges of hell today. Ga [?] but I like it every body plum tuckered with the heat. \$13.84

**Friday, Jul. 23** Another good hot day just like yesterday good traid. \$14.10 The "Fitzgeralds" have bought the Bullock place today \$25,000

**Saturday, Jul. 24** Fair and warm butifull day. \$19.56 Went to Belfast this afternoon and did some shoping. Got a new pair kake pants. Took \$119.35 this week.

**Sunday, Jul. 25** Fair fine day and they had a good buisness. Wish I could crank my lever [?] and go on a long ride today. \$30.77

**Monday, Jul. 26** Hot a dandy day. Went up to the Shack and did work this afternoon. \$16.57

**Tuesday, Jul. 27** Fair and warm. Went up to Belfast this afternoon got a load of goods and left my watch to have repaired. \$22.65

**Wednesday, Jul. 28** Fairly good day but the traid not near as good as last year, and thear is more of feeling last year of this buisness. \$8.35

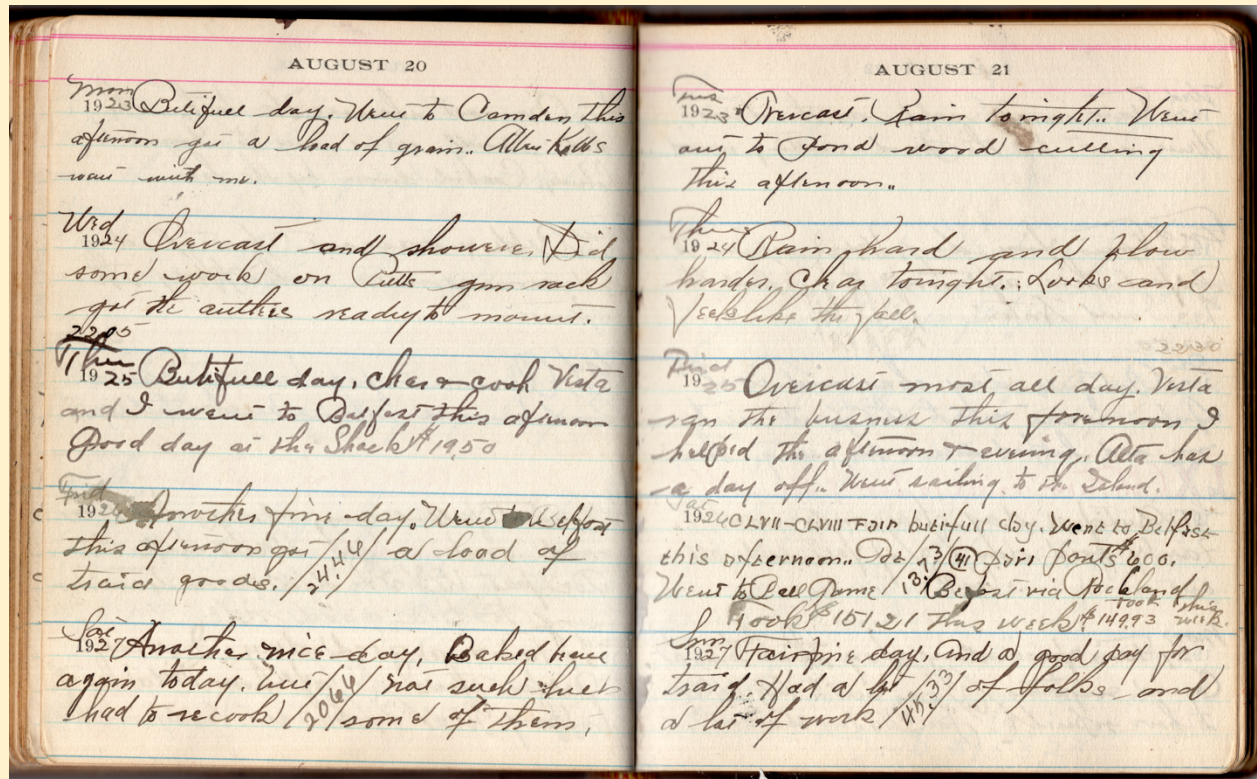
**Thursday, Jul. 29** Thick of fogg and light showers and lighter traid. So may have startid in the [??] buisness that nobody can make any thing.

**Friday, Jul. 30** Overcast and fogg. Not much buisness today. Went over to the farm and worked on the house. \$11.52

## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1926**

**Saturday, Jul. 31** Took \$107.66 this week. Fair but foggy. Had to go to Belfast this afternoon to do a little trading. Finished my 22 second year of driving the mail. \$10.02

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Sunday, Aug. 1** Overcast this morning but cleared away and a fine warm day. Buisness not very good this season. Dr Bush Helen and some friends came today. \$33.64

**Monday, Aug. 2** Thick of fog this morning. Rain this afternoon and tonight. We have 3 camping partys tonight at the old farm. \$9.54

**Tuesday, Aug. 3** More fog and rain. Clear tonight. Worked on the Old House. Alton McCobb came up to the store this afternoon. Jennie David & son came last night. Will [??] got punched [pinched?] today by State Police. \$11.73

**Wednesday, Aug. 4** Fair and hot, very very hot. Went to Belfast this afternoon got a supply of traid goods. \$13.04

**Thursday, Aug. 5** Another fair hot day. Went to Belfast today, and then again tonight. Mr. Fitzgerald bought us out today gave \$2500 for a strip of land 300 ft wide from road to shore. \$10.39

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Friday, Aug. 6** Hot and dry, but a dandy day. We went to Belfast this afternoon and did some traiding. \$8.06

**Saturday, Aug. 7** Fair and very warm. Some people call it hot. Put a new front spring in my car. Took \$103.31 this week. \$16.91

**Sunday, Aug. 8** Overcast showers. Clear away hot had a pretty good day. Heavy shower this afternoon and tonight. Bailed the spring out at the "Farm" \$34.81

**Monday, Aug. 9** Butifull day clear and cool, strong west wind. Born in Knox Hospital to Elsie Collemer a daughter. \$25.77

**Tuesday, Aug. 10** Fair fine day but thick fog tonight. Went to Belfast this afternoon shopping. Big time at Grange Hall tonight. The Drama "Stowaway" G&A D&J went.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11** More fogg and some showers no kind of a hay day. \$22.77

**Thursday, Aug. 12** Fog and showers but no rain. Went to Belfast this afternoon did some shopping. \$10.25

**Friday, Aug. 13** Fog and a little showery. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Frank Bullock went with me. \$10.13

**Saturday, Aug. 14** Fog overcast looks like showers. Did a fairly good buisness. Went to Belfast this afternoon and again tonight to the pictures. Took \$142.03 this week. \$20.00

**Sunday, Aug. 15** Fair fine day. Had a good traid but not up to last year. Aubry Collemer finished my haying today. \$37.34

**Monday, Aug. 16** Slightly overcast fog but pretty good day. We have a camping party on the Farm tonight. \$20.39



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Tuesday, Aug. 17** Fog this morning but cleared away fine. The Village Improvement Society held their annual fair and dance. Opening day of the Belfast Fair. \$19.21

**Wednesday, Aug. 18** Butifull day clear and cool. Vesta & Alta picking blueberrys on [??] first one will go pick while the other tends shop, then reverse the order. \$11.96

**Thursday, Aug. 19** Butifull warm day. Just a good one. Went up to Belfast. V & I did some traiding and took a good ride. \$22.86

**Friday, Aug. 20** Another fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon got a load of traid goods. \$24.46

**Saturday, Aug. 21** Fair butifull day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Got pair pants \$6.00 Went to Ball Game Belfast via Rockland. Took \$151.21 this week. Took this week \$149.93. \$13.73

**Sunday, Aug. 22** Butifull day clear and cool. Fairly good day in fact sold all out. \$36.00

**Monday, Aug. 23** Another butifull day just a little chill in the air. God but to have a little vacation from this everlasting grind. \$14.64

**Tuesday, Aug. 24** Overcast fog and rain hard this afternoon. Not much of buisness. Clear away fine tonight. \$9.37

**Wednesday, Aug. 25** Fog this morning. Clear & hot thro afternoon. I went to Belfast and got a load of freight in my [??]. \$18.21

**Thursday, Aug. 26** Fog and showers, fine this afternoon. Vesta & I went out to the cemetery at the Ctr to see the stone A.S. Heal set for V's Father & Mother \$150. \$9.78

**Friday, Aug. 27** Thick of fog and quite cold. Awfull thunder storm tonight. Lightnin struck & burned Maynard Heals buildings. \$13.17

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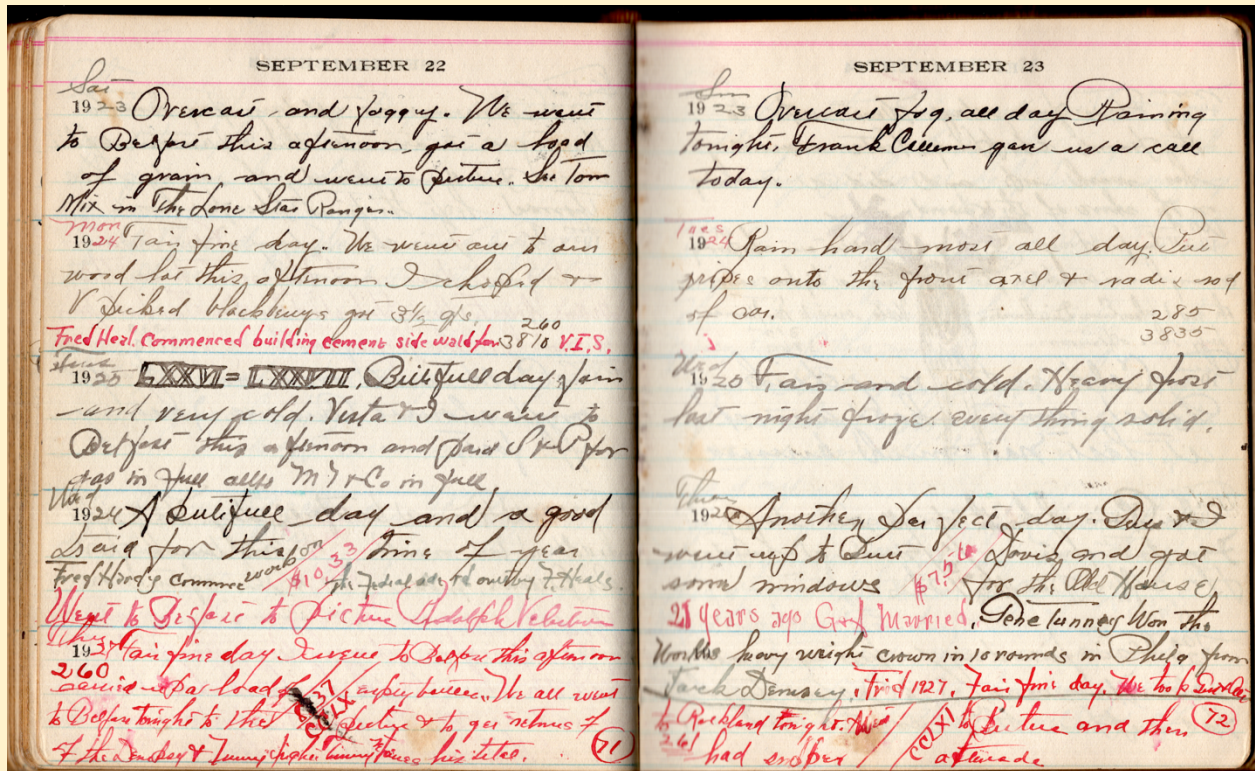
**Saturday, Aug. 28** Fog and overcast all day thick as mud tonight. My esteemed uncle Vinal Haven Richards came tonight and held me up for \$2 planks. Took \$110.34 this week. \$9.17

**Sunday, Aug. 29** Butifull hot hot day. Had a good traid. Not much gas sold but stuff that 41.10 brought money. \$41.10

**Monday, Aug. 30** Another fine day blowing great guns and a good big bit of traid. \$21.34

**Tuesday, Aug. 31** Fair butifull day. Guss went out with me to the Old Farm and we gathered a bbl of Astrican apples. \$27.14

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Wednesday, Sep. 1** Butifull day. Worked this afternoon on a new wheelbarrow got it about half finished. \$15.58

**Thursday, Sep. 2** Another perfect day. Cut fir tips this afternoon to make pillows. \$15.43

**Friday, Sep. 3** Fair fine day. Pretty good buisness at the store today. Went to Belfast this afternoon. \$8.95

**Saturday, Sep. 4** Fair and warm fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon and did our regular traiding. Took \$144.13 this week. \$14.59

**Sunday, Sep. 5** Another wonderfull day. Had a good day of traid. Pitt Keller & fambly called on us this morning. \$33.81

**Monday, Sep. 6** Rain hard all day. Labor Day and I didnt have to work. Very small day at the store. \$5.31

**Tuesday, Sep. 7** Fair fine day. Had a good day of traid. Went to Belfast this afternoon. \$12.23

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Wednesday, Sep. 8** Butifull day fair and cool. Went over to the "Farm" and worked takeing stone wall away. Born to Alice & Don Patten another baby 8 in 9 yrs.

**Thursday, Sep. 9** Another fine day. Have worked cleaning out my garage this afternoon some mess we tell the world. \$11.11

**Friday, Sep. 10** Butifull day clear and fine. Went to Belfast this afternoon did some traiding. \$8.43

**Saturday, Sep. 11** Fair clear & cool. Went to Belfast this afternoon. And again tonight to pictures. Took \$99.48 this week. \$14.04. 55 due City N.B. Paid Sep 7/26

**Sunday, Sep. 12** Fair fine day. Heavy traffick on the road. Countid 160 cars in 30 minuts. Fairly good traid. \$23.41 Married Clayton Pushor & Mildred Deane.

**Monday, Sep. 13** Fair clear and cool. Very small traid. Election of Govener. Brewster R. via McLean D. Guss startid in working on cement side walk beyond the church. \$6.68

**Tuesday, Sep. 14** Fair Butifull day. Went to Belfast paid P & S \$100 full for gas. Fred Hardy building new road up by Town House. Brewster elected Govener of Maine by 18,000 majority. \$11.21

**Wednesday, Sep. 15** Another fine day. We closed the Store early and went to Belfast to the pictures tonight. Bum picture. \$5.07

**Thursday, Sep. 16** Rain and fog all day but for all that had a pretty good business. Worked over at the farm on the stone wall. \$10.85

**Friday, Sep. 17** Fair fine day. Worked like hell building road over on the Farm. \$8.38 Terriable Hurricane in Florida 500 killed 125,000.00 damage

**Saturday, Sep. 18** Butifull day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Ordered 300 gal gas for Monday delivery. V & I went to pictures. \$12.84 Took \$76.44 this week.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Sep. 19** Another butifull day. Carried Dr Bush out to the Pond to sell a cottage lot. Didnt sell. Will Young & fambly mooved out onto Sam Stevens farm. \$25.41

**Monday, Sep. 20** Fair butifull day. Worked on the road at the farm this afternoon. Very warm today. \$4.21 Dr Bush & fambly returned to Wocester.

**Tuesday, Sep. 21** Fair a butifull day. We all had a bee and cut brush for fir pillows, made 4 this afternoon. \$9.52

**Wednesday, Sep. 22** A butifull day and a good traid for this time of year. Fred Hardy commenced work on the federal ade rd out by F. Heals. Went to Belfast to picture Rudolph Valentino. \$10.33

**Thursday, Sep. 23** Another perfect day. Guss & I went up to Burt Davis and got some windows for the Old House. 21 years ago G & A married. Gene Tunney won the worlds heavy weight crown in 10 rounds in Phila from Jack Dempsey. \$7.56

**Friday, Sep. 24** Rain like the devil all day. Fog tonight, made a handel for coffee percola this afternoon. \$2.57

**Saturday, Sep. 25** Overcast & fog part of day. Thunder shower tonight. We went to Belfast this afternoon took in the pictures. Married Guss Mabella [Mahent] (The Frenchman) & Gladys Thompson. \$7.56 Took 67.31 this week.

**Sunday, Sep. 26** Butifull day. Guss & I went clambing this morning got a half bushal. Served clam stew today. \$26.87

**Monday, Sep. 27** Fair and a nice day, but I felt rotten. Sold our Grandfather clock to Mrs Meservey [?] Ducktrap for \$100. Paid \$35 for it, Profit of \$65 planks

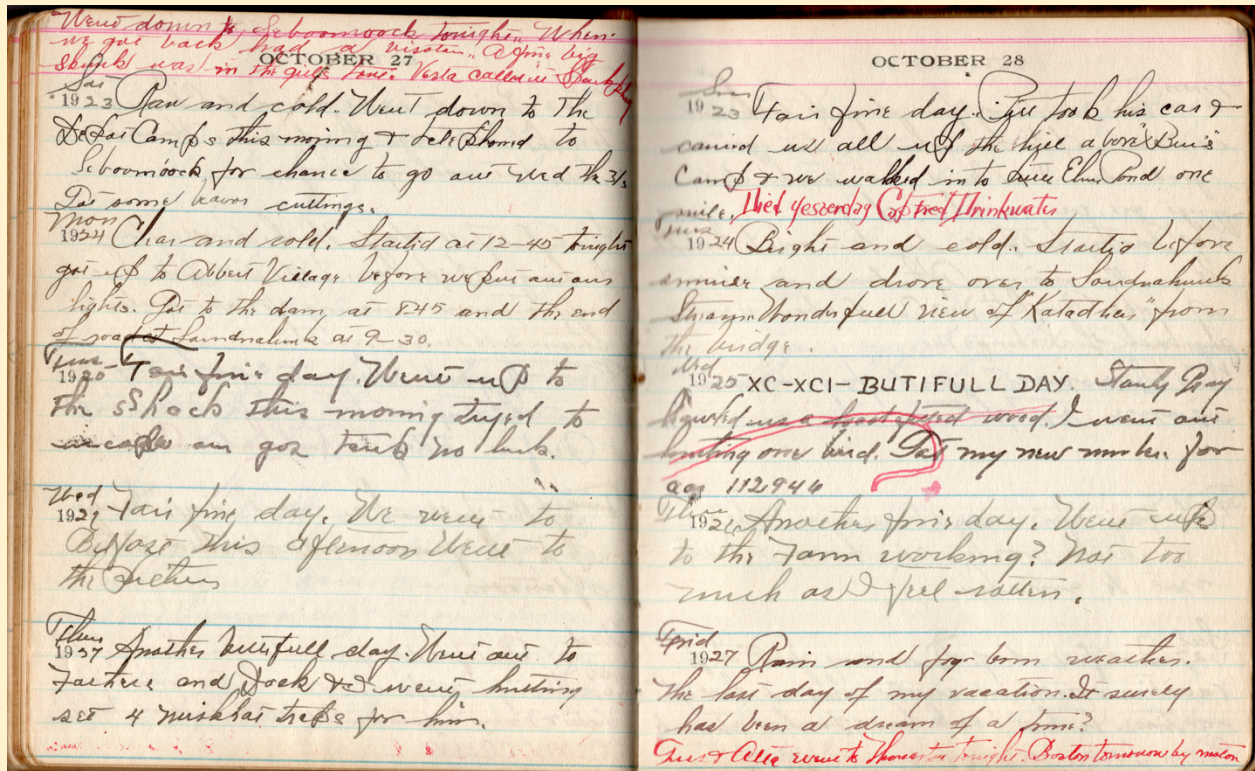
**Tuesday, Sep. 28** Fair and a pretty fine day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Tonight we took G & A to the Picture and then had supper at "Whitcombs"

## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1926**

**Wednesday, Sep. 29** Fair fine day. Vesta & I kept shop this afternoon. Alta carried up her sister Vera to spend the afternoon. \$7.01

**Thursday, Sep. 30** Another butifull day. Went to Belfast this afternoon. Did some shopping. \$4.89

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Friday, Oct. 1** Fair fine day. We Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon Went to the picture. John Wade Jr. went to Boston tonight to join a ship as 1<sup>st</sup> officer. \$10.19

**Saturday, Oct. 2** Overcast with showers with a strong S.W. wind. Piled more firewood in our wood house. Deposited Mrs [Meserveys] \$100 check?? \$6.19 Took this week \$71.85

**Sunday, Oct. 3** A butifull day fair and fine with lots of cars on the roads \$15.86

**Monday, Oct. 4** Another fine day, just as warm as any time this summer. \$5.73

**Tuesday, Oct. 5** Overcast fog & sunshine Herbert Thomas on trial today in Belfast for rape. Found not guilty Went to Belfast this afternoon Paid [SFK] \$118 in full. \$5.72

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Wednesday, Oct. 6** RAIN FOG and generally a mean old day. Carried Alta up to her sister Veras. We all went to Belfast tonight to pictures. Doug Fairbanks in The Black Pirat, dandy picture. \$29.11 \$2.00

**Thursday, Oct. 7** Fair fine day. "Lincolnville Town Fair". Stacked wood in our wood house today. 5.45 \$34.56

**Friday, Oct. 8** Fairly nice day. Went to Belfast this afternoon did some shopping. Roy Hurd traided his Ford for a big 6 Buick open touring 5.88 \$40.44

**Saturday, Oct. 9** Showers fog and a bum kind of a day. Got the heavy cross timbers to set the building on for mooving. 4.25 \$44.69

**Sunday, Oct. 10** Fair fine day. Did a pretty fair buisness today. Closed the door and went out of buisness. The House by the Side of the Road will never open again Walter Dyer and fambly started for Seattle Washington \$26.72

**Monday, Oct. 11** Butifull day. Worked like hell all afternoon and way into the night putting fire wood into the wood house

**Tuesday, Oct. 12** Another butifull day. Ground as dry and free from mud as it would be in July.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13** Still fine weather. Vesta & I went to Belfast this afternoon, took a ride over to Searsport. Butifull day.

**Thursday, Oct. 14** Fair fine day. Put in fire wood all afternoon and tonight untill a shower came.

**Friday, Oct. 15** Another fine day. Guss & I with Ai as a heavy advisor put the shoes under the Shack this afternoon.

**Saturday, Oct. 16** Fair fine day We mooved The House by the Side of the Road with the Old State Truck over to the Old farm tonight.

**Sunday, Oct. 17** Rain like the dickens. But we went on a ride up as far as Stockton Rain so hard we tirmed about and came home.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Monday, Oct. 18** Fair fine day. Guss & Willard Drinkwater started cleaning up and moving every thing over to the Farm.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19** Another fine day which we spent up at the Farm taking the wall away and building a road.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20** Still fair and warm. Went up to the Farm and worked all afternoon

**Thursday, Oct. 21** Fair clear & cool Went to Belfast this afternoon and did a bit of shopping.

**Friday, Oct. 22** Fair fine day. Worked on my wood pile all evening and this afternoon. \$50 Camden Nat Bank

**Saturday, Oct. 23** Another fine day worked putting in oven wood all afternoon and evening Guss & Alta went to Fort Point to visit Frank Brown.

**Sunday, Oct. 24** Butifull day. Raining hard tonight Vesta & I took a lunch and went on a long ride to Lecum in Maine.

**Monday, Oct. 25** Rain like the very devil this morning and a regular flood last night. Merritt Carver carried me around Tradid my Snowmobeile for a new 2 door Sedan

**Tuesday, Oct. 26** Butifull clear cool day. Went up to the farm and worked this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Oct. 27** Fair fine day. We went to Belfast this afternoon Went to the pictures

**Thursday, Oct. 28** Another fine day. Went up to the Farm working? Not too much as I feel rotten.

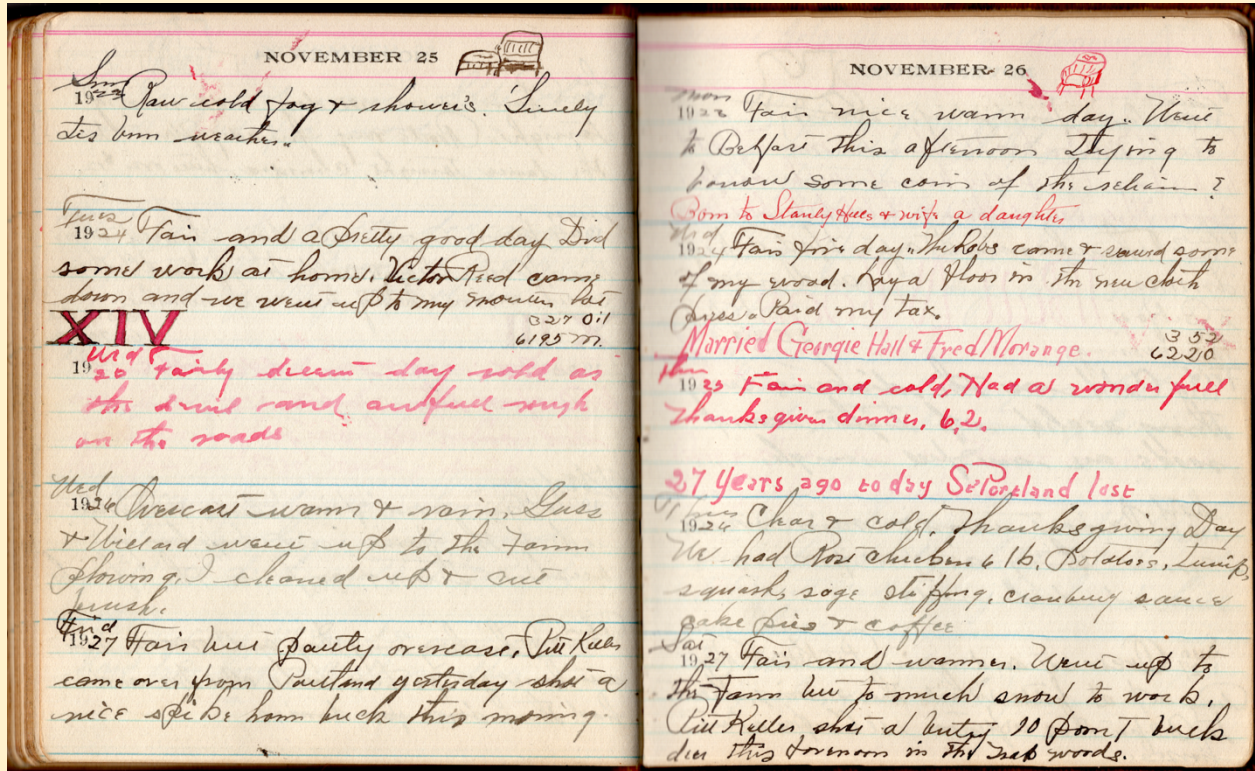
**Friday, Oct. 29** Fair fine and warm did a little work at home but not to much.

**Saturday, Oct. 30** And still another fine bit of a day

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Oct. 31** Rain like the very devil all day. The wanderers returned from thear vacation

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Monday, Nov. 1** Fair fine day. Commenced my vacation. Merritt Carver is driving for Emery.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2** Cold & overcast. Guss & I went up and put the Shack on to the ground.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3** Still foggy. Guss & I Went up to the Farm and piled the stumps in front of the Store. Got my new Ford Sedan from Waldoboro.

**Thursday, Nov. 4** Overcast showers worked around home fixing up for winter.

**Friday, Nov. 5** Fog turning to rain this morning. We Guss & I went up to work had Willard Drinkwater with team. Had to come home.

**Saturday, Nov. 6** Fair fine day. We went to Belfast and did some shopping today. Guss & Willard working at the Farm.

**Sunday, Nov. 7** Butifull day fair and warm. We went on a ride of 116 miles to Woolwich. 48 due Security Trust Co

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Monday, Nov. 8** Overcast fog and showers. Put on our banking boards today

**Tuesday, Nov. 9** Showers and fog raining hard tonight. Went gunning today from Searsmont to Searsport and then some.

**Wednesday, Nov. 10** Fair and cold as the dickens. Worked around home all day

**Thursday, Nov. 11** Fair and awfull cold. We went on a ride up to Fort Knox took our dinner. Went to Belfast tonight to the pictures. Greater Glory.

**Friday, Nov. 12** Fair and cold. Put a new slide door in our garage now its O.K. for two car's.

**Saturday, Nov. 13** Overcast & rain bum day colder tonight looks like a heavy storm.

**Sunday, Nov. 14** Snow & cold as the dickens. We went to Camden this morning & I got medicen for my lame arm. Then we went to Augusta & went thro the capital.

**Monday, Nov. 15** Still very cold and bum weather showers all day with fog. Born to Osborn Wade & wife twin babys boy & girl.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16** Overcast showers yes rain like the dickens. Repaired my slide barn door this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Nov. 17** Three deer and I fired 3 times but never touched one. Butifull warm day left home early and huntid all day. End of my vacation.

**Thursday, Nov. 18** Another butifull day. V & I went to Belfast this afternoon after I made my trip. Gad but the roads are some thing cussid.

**Friday, Nov. 19** Rain hard awfull storm. Roads just rivers of water & mud. Am surely having fine traveling.



## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Saturday, Nov. 20** Cold as the dickens and awfull muddy. Feel that I am growing old fast. Why not? Whats to keep one young?

**Sunday, Nov. 21** Fair and cold. V & I went up to Carmel today. Visetid the Amusement Park. Quite a place. Vesta sick tonight. Only got a couple of hours sleep.

**Monday, Nov. 22** Fair clear & cold. Went to Belfast this afternoon did some very nessary shopping.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23** Warm and rain. Some damd rotten traveling, roads are full of deep ruts & mud.

**Wednesday, Nov. 24** Fair and fine. Guss & I went up to the farm cut banking bush & trimmed up in the park.

**Thursday, Nov. 25** Overcast warm & rain. Guss & Will went up to the Farm plowing. I cleaned up & cut brush.

**Friday, Nov. 26** Clear & cold. Thanksgiving Day. We had Rost chicken 6 lb. potatoes, turnip, squash, sage stuffing, cranberry sauce cake pies & coffee.

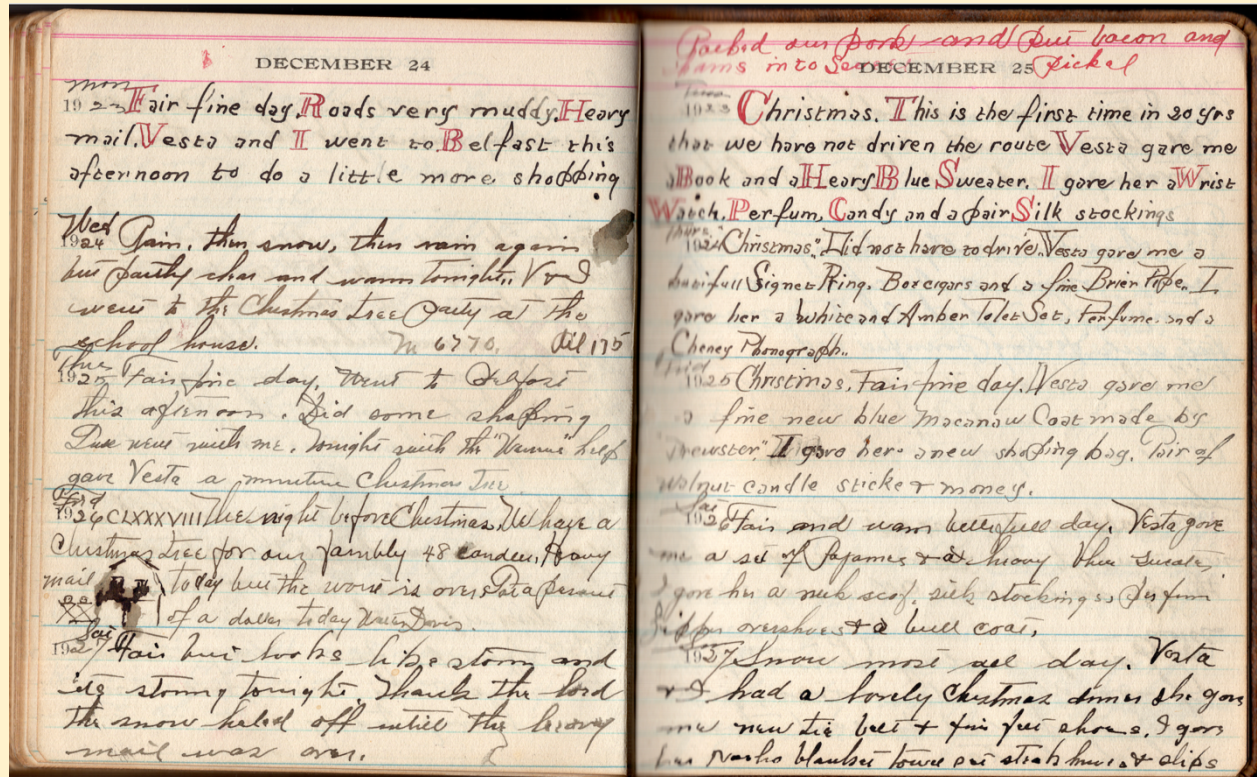
**Saturday, Nov. 27** Overcast warm & rain roads some thing awfull for mud and deep ruts.

**Sunday, Nov. 28** Fair clear & very cold. Yes just damdably cold. Went up to Everett Wades to get him to kill our hog's.

**Monday, Nov. 29** Cold raw overcast. Everett Wade & Guss killed our pig's today. Died at the Center William Henry Harrison Knight. Civil War vetran age 86. 26 Me inf.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30** Rain and warm very muddy. Helped Guss kill his pig or rather get ready to kill. Everett Wade did the butchering. Aubry C hawled me load hay.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926



**Wednesday, Dec. 1** Overcast and very muddy. Terrible hard traveling. Guss & Willard finished our plowing at the farm.

**Thursday, Dec. 2** Fair and colder. Went down to Griffens got to 20 ft length of 5 in pipes for a sink drain at the store.

**Friday, Dec. 3** Cold overcast. Snowing tonight. Don Patten taken this morning to Waldo Co Hospital in Belfast. Blood poisoning in his hand.

**Saturday, Dec. 4** Bitter cold. Blowing a gale of wind and way below zero. About 3 inches of snow fell last night.

**Sunday, Dec. 5** Very cold overcast. Snowing tonight regular blizzard setting in.

**Monday, Dec. 6** Bitter cold snowing hard and blowing a gale. Stage did not get to Camden tonight. I rode horseback to Merritt Carvers got his sleigh.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Tuesday, Dec. 7** Fair and cold. Hired Ray Oxtons horse and took Guss out to E Seasmont, he drove the team back & I finished my route with the horse & sleigh I got of "Cooper".

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** Snowing this morning & warmer. Drove my horse the whole trip got in before 3 oclock.

**Thursday, Dec. 9** Fair and warmer. And the traveling quite a bit better. Got back fairly early. Mail commencing to come in early & heavy.

**Friday, Dec. 10** Warmer & snowing thick as mud. Commence to feel tired tonight. Died Howland Lassell.

**Saturday, Dec. 11** Warmer and snowing. Vesta & I went to Belfast she got "Pitcher's" the lawyer to fix papers for Herbs widow to sign.

**Sunday, Dec. 12** A butifull day mild and bright. Shod a sleigh. Put 2 ½ inch shoes on it.

**Monday, Dec. 13** Butifull spring like day. We went up to the "Shack" painted the store with enamel and out the storm door on.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14** Very warm. Snow went like smoke today, half the roads are bare.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15** Fair this morning. Snowing tonight and much colder. Went in my car today.

**Thursday, Dec. 16** Blowing great guns snow will drift and it is drifting. Aubry Collemer hawled me a small load of hay.

**Friday, Dec. 17** Overcast raw and very disagreeable. Dr French came and floatid my horses teeth \$2.

**Saturday, Dec. 18** An awfull day. Blowing a gale and never more than 7 above zero. "The Bushes" came tonight at 8 oclock left Worcester at 5 this morning.

## RALPH RICHARDS - 1926

**Sunday, Dec. 19** Bitter cold, but fair and bright. We went over and spent the evening at Dr & Mrs Bush's.

**Monday, Dec. 20** Fair and warmer. Dr's Bush & Davis returned to Worcester this morning leaveing Helen Mrs B & Scotty to enjoy the holidays. \$6.44 cancerlation today.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21** Fair fine and cool. Heavy mail all I can carry in my sleigh. Freddy Amborn helping his father takeing part of mail to Center via Camden with car.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22** Fair and a fine cold day. Had a hell of a load this morning all I could pack into the old red sleigh.

**Thursday, Dec. 23** Fair and not as cold. Alma Heal came down with Herb Thomas truck & took our ice house material & two loads saw dust up to the farm.

**Friday, Dec. 24** The night before Christmas. We have a Christmas tree for our fambly 48 candles. Heavy mail today but the worst is over. Got a present of a doller today Walter Davis.

**Saturday, Dec. 25** Fair and warm butifull day. Vesta gave me a set of Pajamas & a heavy blue sweater. I gave her a neck scarf, silk stockings, perfum, slipper overshoes & a bull [?] coat.

**Sunday, Dec. 26** Cold and overcast. Guss & I went up to the Farm and finished the ice house, its all ready now.

**Monday, Dec. 27** Fair fine day not very cold. Heavy mail to deliver. Guss came over and got the ice tools picked up all ready for our ice.

**Tuesday, Dec. 28** Snow all day turn to rain and just powring down tonight. Still have a lot of Christmas mail to deliver.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29** Butifull day after the heavy rain of last night. Worked putting new shoe on car going to Belfast tomorrow.



## **RALPH RICHARDS - 1926**

**Thursday, Dec. 30** Another fine day. Went to Belfast this after Vesta & Alta did some shopping and exchanged Christmas presents.

**Friday, Dec. 31** Fair fine and a dandy warm day. Went again with Jock over my route. Got neverslip shoes from Belfast today. 81 for 1926.