

14 Nov⁴ Oct. 19 1922
to Nov 20
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RECORD



W.G. DeLoach

Papers, 1911-1964

Diary III, 1922-1927

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Standard Blank Book

No. 67½

Journals Double \$ and Cts. no Units

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Day Books " " " "

S. E. Ledgers " " " "

D. E. Ledgers Full Page Form "

Long Day Books "

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Thursday October 17 1922.

Thurs. 19 Picked cotton all day on, Servatus place.
Began to rain just at night.

Fri. 20 I think rain fell all night. Things
were wet this a.m. I took cotton
to gin, stored it till later.
Came home in p.m. I had letter
from J. P. could not let me
have the money. Am in a
shape I never was before.
Can't see light any place.

Sat 21 Took Dobbins to Merrieth's pasture.
I went back to town. Sallie
will go to Oklawaha tomorrow.
I need \$200.00 Nice day.

Sun 22 Was up at 4 a.m. Took Sallie
to depot. Cloudy rained a little
this a.m.

Mon 23 I met train Sallie did not come
home. we dug some more potatoes.

Tues 24 Same as yesterday.

Wed 25 Finished up a little patch of cotton
Sat 25th. Took it to gin met Sallie.
She borrowed \$700.00. Gined my
cotton out. Finished about 12.30 a.m.
Sawd seed will sell them for planting
seed.

Thur 26 went back to gin weighed seed, tagged
them. Sold cotton for 27.20 cts a row.
Talked with Mr Condon about my
Nate land.

Fri 27 Took the boys to town. Sold for 8 cts.
He had \$49.20. Put that in bank.
Took girls to pie supper at school
house. Bought two pies. Two of
the prettiest girls etc. them with me
and the girls.

Saturday October 28. 1922.

Sat 28 Hauled some hay, from Martins barn was fire damaged. Hauled out some lumber. Will wall south side shed.

Sun 29 Hauled up some grit for chickens. Covered up potatoes. Looks rainy.

Mon 30 Finished hauling hay from Martins. His store house burned and he gave me the hay.

Tue 31 Mr Condon came up, we measured my land. Went to town to have deed fixed up. Rained some. Cold to night. Wet Tuesday. November 1 1922.

Wed 1 Scattered Manure on Cotton land. Went up town. Looked Mr Byrd a few potatoes. Will apply on account.

Thur 2 Plowed up a few potatoes A.M. Went down town paid Mr Condon \$500.00. Got my deed. The little home seems near as new.

Fri 3 Got up at 5 A.M. I helped Mr Marsh haul out his feed. Killed calf sold him out netted \$12.00.

Sat 4 Rained some. Made new roost for chickens. Had letter from Okla. Come see about stock.

Sun 5 Stayed home all day. Boys signed up the foot cor. Called on Chance and wife we played dominos.

Mon 6 First Monday. I went to town. Lots of "Cracklins" for sale or trade.

Saw for Merckth, He will pasture my stock, will send to Okla for them at once. Harrell & Best picked Cotton for Chance.

Tue 7 Election day. I did not vote. Picked Cotton all day. Would not to Okla for now.

Wednesday Nov. 8, 1922.

Wed. 8. Went down to town, helped Chance with his coal. That he ordered from the mines.

9. Labeled out coal for Chance. Harold did not come in.

10. Helped with the coal. Harold did not come in. The wind is blowing to the think will rain soon.

Sat 11. Nearly finished the coal. Harold came by Meridith's pasture left the stock there. Cecil Drake came home with him as did Evart.

Sun 12. Cold & wet rained near all night. We picked some green tomatoes. Chance & I hauled some bridge timbers for wood. Cold to bite will frost or freeze.

Mon 13. Helped Chance with his coal. Some ice this A.M.

Tues 14. Pulling frost more ice. Helped Mr. Hawland pick some cotton @ \$2.00 per cut.

Wed 15. Fixed up my potatoes. My little finger gave me fits. Picked some more cotton for Mr. Hawland.

Thurs 16. Rained near all "nite" and near all day. Went to bank to see Mr. Piper. Cold & wet.

Fri 17. Worked on shed & chicken house. More cold shed. Nice day.

Sat 18. Went to town. Fixed up my note at Bank. Dewy May 18, 1923. Nice warm day.

19. Went down helped Hawland load up. They are moving to R. R. Chance & I went duck hunting.

Mon 20 Monday November 20 1923.

Picked cotton for Chance. Helped him kill a hog in p.m. Fine weather for sowing meat.

Tue 21 The same as yesterday. Only we did not kill any hogs.

Wed 22 Picked cotton all day. Cold.

Thur 23 " " " " " "

Fri 24 " some cotton went down on river. hauled up some logs for wood.

Sat 25 Helped Chance finish his bale cotton. Went down town in P.M.

Sun 26 Went down on River to get some moss logs but did not get them.

Mon 27 Picked out remainder of cotton on the Sever's place 100 lbs sold at \$8.00 per cut.

Tue 28 Harold & I went to Acme. I wanted to get a job for the 29. We will have nothing to do for 2 or 3 months. Cold as the devil all day.

Wed 29 I went to town to make some arrangements for money. to pay my fruit trees out. The nursery man brought the bill out. Nice

Thur 30 ~~truss~~ I went to town to pay the nursery man. Paid him \$25.00. Made note for \$28.50. to be paid in 60 days. We worked on cellar. Finished except door. Paid Mr. Servatus his rent 20c.

Fri 30 Friday December 1. 1923.

Fri 1 worked all day. Putting out my fruit trees. Nice little orchard now if they all live.

Saturday December 2, 1922.

Sat 2 Finished setting out my duckpond. Drove 500. Worked about house balance of day. Looks a little raining wish I could get a job at some thing to make expenses. Will have to get one of some kind soon.

Sun 3 I went down on the river hunting but did not shoot any thing. Mr Chance came over for us to go riding. We got ready. went over. But Mr Cantelberry came out so they could not go. They (Chances) called in evening.

Mon. 4 Went to town to take cotton seed up town to sell. But rained. I could not do so. Helped in the City Meat Market in P.M.

Tues 5 Harold & I went back to town. Helped in City Meat Market.

Wed 6 Chance & I went to town in A.M. Rained some. Cleared up before "Mite".

Thurs. 7 Worked about yard. Helping Sallie put out some flowers. Banked dirt about the house. Took some runs to town and then for 130. Eggs 50. etc. Harold helped on cement bridge.

Fri 8. Worked about house in A.M. Pulled cotton for Chance in P.M. Call to "Mite" put dirt on potato hill. do not want them to frost bite.

Sat 9 Awful cold. did intend to pull cotton for Chance. Made door for hen house. went to town in P.M. went down on river for land wood.

Sunday December 10 1922.

Sun 10 - C.O.S. could not go out. Chances
father came over for us to go
motoring. But was too cold.
We called on them in evening.
Played some dominos.

Mon 11 I went down on the works
where Harold is. But did not
get on. Helped a fellow out
of a fog.

Tue 12 Came up. N.E. wind. Cold
Oh! My. Froze my fingers.

Wed 13 Went up on the river to see
if I could get on the works.

Could not find them. Came back
took Harold's dinner to him.

Foreman told me he would
put me to work Fri. still cold.

Thurs 14 Worked about house. So cold
I could not do much. Sent
letter to Star-Schramm for
my paper.

Fri 15 I started in on the bridge
work. For Foreman & Johnson.
Worked 9 hrs. @ 25 cts per hr. Small
wage. But may be
better if I make good.

Sat 16 Same as yesterday cold as the devil.
The boys and I went to town
after night.

Sun 17 Was so cold we stayed in house
all day. The cranks we ran
yesterday froze up.

Mon 18 Worked on the road 9 hrs. My Star-
Schramm came in today.

Sunday Dec. 19, 1922.

Sun 19 worked all day, cold. Things are
all going up.

Wed 20 Same as yesterday.

Thur 21 " " " "

Fri 22 " " " "

Sat 23 worked till noon. Went to town.
Came back home, and all went
to town after 'Nite' Santa Claus
did not do much for us this year.
He could not. The old boy only
getting \$2.00 per day. Santa had to have
a new pair shoes.

Sun 24 Went up town to see if I could
collect \$2.00. Mr. McHenry gave
me. Did not see him.

Mon 25 Christmas day. Mr. Brumblaw
came out for me to help run
the structure. We worked 5 hrs.
Harold & I. was not much drinking
done.

Tues 26 We went out to work. Harold
was laid off. Don't know what the
trouble was. Was too light for the
kind of work.

Wed 27 worked all day on road.
Sure am tired.

Thur 28 Same as yesterday.

Fri 29 " " " " Bags dug up
some plant fossils, put them
out in yard. Nice weather now.

Sat 30 Stayed at home. No where to go
No way to go.

Sun 31 worked all day on bridge.

Monday January 1, 1923.

Mon 1 A. New year. Hope I will accomplish more this year, than I did in the one that has just ended. I worked on bridge all day.

Tues 2 Same as yesterday.

Wed 3 " " "

Thurs 4 " " "

Fri 5 " " "

Sat 6 " " "

Sun 7 We stayed at home, the simple reason. We did not have any way to go.

Mon 8 Worked all day, on culverts.

Tues 9 " " "

Wed 10 " " "

Thurs 11 " " "

Fri 12 " " "

Sat 13 " " "

Sun 14 Mr. Marton came by, looking for his chain tongs. I did not have them. Fine weather now.

Mon 15 Worked all day on culverts.

Tues 16 " " " "

Wed 17 " only 7 hrs.

Thurs 18 Worked all day. Bad sand storm. Harold has been working for grading out pit.

Fri 19 Worked all day. 9 hrs.

Nice day. warm & pleasant.

Snow will bud out if we do not have some cold weather.

Sat 20 worked all day, and till 10 P.M. on big bridge near Albert. Mr. Finner wants me to go to Wishitafalls on Sat. Sat.

Sunday Jan. 21 1923.

Jan 21 Went out to big bridge. Stayed
Near all day floated it down.
I will go to Wichita falls tomorrow.
Call to night. I do not like to leave
home. But he raised my pay to
37.5 per hr.

Mon 22 We started for Wichita falls about
9 A.M. Two trucks loaded with
a Mixer and other equipment.
Call as the devil, began to snow
on us after we passed Law Park.
We stopped at the Burns Cafe.
Had a drink of "fake." My first.
We went out on Seymour Road
unloaded Mixer. Came back
to town. Look rooms at the
Mansion Hotel. (Will be more
said about Mansion hotel later)

Tues 23 We worked on runway and stands,
at C.D. Shamburgers Lumber yard.
Wet and muddy.

Wed 24 The teamster ~~and~~ Mr. Chaney⁹ went
out on the job. Made opening
at first location.

Thur 25 The same as yesterday. The traffic
gave us lots of trouble. One tank
truck turned over.

Fri 26 Worked all day. ®

Sat 27 " " " I did want to
go home. But did not.

Sun 28 Staged about the hotel all day.
was up in town a time or two.
J.C. Baumblau went out and
brought back some clothes for
me. Rainy looking all day.

Monday January 29. 1923.

Mon 29

Rained No work.

Tues 30

worked 7 hrs. wet & cold.

Wed 31

Rained last night some today
no work. Room rent & board due.
Can't make good this way.

Thursday Feb. 1. 1923.

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another birth day. 43 yrs young
we worked all day. Cold & wet
Came up cold wind this p.m.
Had letter from home.

Fri 2

Came a big rain but 'Nate' could
not work to-day. I hate to see all
this rain, from a work stand point.
But will save the wheat crop.
Fix the ground for a corn crop.
I met one Bill Abbott, a Man that
was shot on the plains in the
year 1917. (See July & August records
of 1917) was some what surprised
to see him.

Sat 3

Cold Oh! bad. Stayed in hotel till
3 p.m. Mr Brumblow & I started
for Vernon we stopped at Iowa
park warmed up a little, then
beat out for Electra. Arriving
home about 9 p.m. found things
O.K. all well.

Sun 4

We came down town in afternoon.
J. C. B. & I started for Wichita fall
3 p.m. Arriving at hotel about 6.15
p.m. Still cold.

Mon 5

We went out on job. Baled water
and ice out of forms. So cold we
could not work to do any good.
We quit just as we got to town snow
began to fall. Snowing hard 9 P.M.

Tuesday Feb. 6. 1923.

Sun 6 The morning came in clear & cold. Mr Brumblaw & I went to Burk-burnett. He had some business I just went along. I saw a person that I did not want to see. She looked as if she had had a bad day.

Wed 7. Could not work the ground had thawed up and was so muddy, that we could not get the truck out. I went out this P.M. to light the lanterns on the barricades. Only had one left. The oil field truck drivers had stole all of them but me.

Thurs. 8 Nice day we worked 9 hrs. was some muddy & cold when we started to work. Think there will be a few days of pretty weather now.

Fri 9 Worked all day. Not so warm.

Sat 10 Worked all day. Run over first bridge on this job. Did think would rain but did not.

Sun 11 I stayed up at bridge all night. Had to watch it. The traffic would have tore the forms away. Had bed. Night cold & damp. Worked till noon. Came into Hotel. Shaved. Now I will try to sleep a little. Cloudy, looks like rain. ®

Mon 12 worked all day.

Tues 13 " " "

Wed 14 " " "

Thurs 15 " " "

Fri 16 " " "

Sat 17 " " " Started for home at 5 P.M. was home about 9 P.M. & also all work.

Sunday Feb. 18. 1923.

Sun 18 Had letter from Brother J.P. DeLoach at Eldorado, Okla. Stating Hardy with had died at Lubbock, Tex. on Feb. 14. Of course was sorry to hear of his death. Ate dinner came down to Vernon & on to Wichita Falls.

Herald came down with me. He will work for outfit. The boarding "block" told us at supper, we would have to take our meals out. As he was closing dining room. I do not like to eat at the restaurant

Mon 19 worked all day.

Tues 20 " " "

Wed 21 " " "

Thur 22 " " "

Fri 23 Rained could not work. Cold & sloppy

Sat 24 Could not work. Board & room not going on

Sun 25 " " " " " " " " " " " "

Mon 26 Went out on job. Could not do any thing cold and wet. I got up sick had "fluor." Moved my boarding place to 200 west Bee street. Nice place to stay \$7.00 per week. Mrs. Katie Walker manager. of home. Cute little woman. I took Herald with me.

Tues 27 I am still down. Suffered all night.

Wed 28 Stayed in home all day

Thursday March 1. 1923.

Thurs. 1 Went out worked all day. did not feel good. But stayed.

Fri 2 worked all day cold and dandy.

Sat 3 Rained all night. Can't work. I would like to go home. have not had letter since I came back. worked 4.5 hrs in p.m.

Sunday March 4. 1923.

Sun 4. Worked in afternoon. Harold drove the truck.

I arranged the lumber for big culvert

Mon 5 Got up and was raining. We had to stay in all day.

Tues 6 We went out worked all day. Cold in fore noon. Had letter from Sallie she did not write much of a love letter. down in the mouth cant blame her.

Wed 7 She stays home now goes any place. wish I could show her a better time worked all day.

Thurs 8

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Fri 9

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Sat 10

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till noon. or about 1.30 came in J. C. B. and I started for Vernon.

Got home about 8.30 P. M. found all well. little cold on road. Dear old Sallie sure did look good. Dear old girl. Dorothy was down with the "flu."

Jimmie, Bud and Billy were up ok.

Sun 11

We were up late, cold & cloudy.

We talked nearly all night. Oh! yes

we talked all night. Some. ha! ha!

One love that know how to appreciate one

mate till one, is gone & who.

I looked over place. Bud saw it in

good shape. Chance & I went to town

I wanted to see Firmin. Met him on

road. We had started out to see me.

Sallie's incubator got too hot killed

all the little chicks. but 9.

Mon 12

Killed them H. B. went down town

Firmin and I started for W. falls

at 7 A.M. Arriving at Bontham

at 8.47. Trial was put off.

went to hotel changed clothes, went on job.

Sunday Mech. 13. 1923.

Sun 13 worked all day.

Wed 14 " " "

Thur 15 " " "

Fri 16 " " "

Sat 17 " " "

Sun 18 Oh! My the colder spell, hit here about 11 P.M. last 'nite' every thing froze up. I nearly froze in bed. Harold went home. I did intend to work too cold. Harold reported folks down with flu. But better when he left.

I hope they are better now.

Mon 19 Started in to take our meals across the street. Nice place to eat.

Carl could not work the truck froze up and bursted. Lots of cars did the same.

Tues 20 Went out in P.M. worked.

Wed 21 worked all day.

Thur 22 " " "

Fri 23 Firmin's low suit came up to-day was over by 2 P.M. I decided to go home with him to Vernon. Got home at 6 P.M.

Sat 24 Truck called for me at 6 A.M. to help run the big bridge near Oklaunion. Mr. Firmin came out just as we finished it. He told me he wanted me to take charge of the Beaver creek job. He & Mr. Johnson & I went down to look the ground over.

Sun 25 Came down town to hire some sand & rock teams. But did not trade any.

Mon 26 Harold came in last 'nite from W. Fall. Brought the old truck out. I bought a radiator and went to see some men at Oklaunion to haul sand.

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Wed

9 years.
to-day I started
this diary.

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Sunday March 27, 1923.

Tues 27 Called at Starnes and another guyes.
Took them down to the dam site.
They will haul my sand, or at least I
traded with them to haul it.

Wed 28 Loaded up a few things on wagon.
Took one man boat it for dam.
Bud came in with mules & wagon.
Harold brought the truck and
camping outfit.

9 years.
to-day I started
this diary.

Thurs 29 Started two men to getting out stone.
Mr Bacon & Bud. I had to go and
see the sand pit man. Will haul
80 yds hauled out.

Fri 30 Did think I would have to go to
Whita falls. But Mr. Firmin
came up.

Sat 31 I met Mr. Firmin in Harold's
fixed up the little business.
Came back to camp. After dinner
Harold & I started for Vernon.
Sallie & kids were expecting to
go to town, but did not.

Sunday April 1, 1923.

Sun 1 Saw several fellows about hauling
stone kind what I needed. Came
back to camp about 8 P.M.

Mon 2 Worked all day on the shed.
Have it in good shape now.
I think I can keep the cement
from getting wet. Looked like
rain in fore noon.
Mr. Firmin came out at night.
Henry Burnett came in with
Pump just at mte. Nice day.
Have camp on working basis now.

Thursday April 3 1923.

Thurs 3 Went up to Harold to get a few things we were out of. Several of the rock men came out today. Surlos loads of sand were hauled. At that rate we will get sand hauled in a few days. Was a little cold to-day.

Wed 4 Started some more men to breaking stone. I had to go to Electra. Saw a few people I knew. Among them MacBryre, Fears, Mc Clung. Last but not least Mrs. Ann Grant.

Thurs 5 More Rock hawlers came in. "White" I now have 7 wagons & one truck. Will not take long to get the stone on the ground. 15 loads of sand come in.

Fri 6 I had to go to Harold, when I came in the wagons had caught up with the men that were breaking stone. I took a few men, went on west side of creek. They hauled the rock. It broke about 100 yds.

Sat 7 Started excavating for dam. I had to go to town to settle with the sand men. But I started for Vernon about 5 P.M. Things were all at home.

Sun 8 Stayed at home till after noon. Came by Harold picked up the stone mason Charley Mathews from Comanche, Tex. Got to camp at 3 P.M. Harold & the crew went to Electra. 40 yds stone was hauled up to day. Will start laying stone soon.

Monday April 9, 1923.

- Mon 9. worked on excavation all day.
 Tues 10 worked till noon, I had to go to
 Vernon to get some more men.
 Only got one. Cant keep them on
 this pick & shovel work.
 Wed 11 worked all day. Came up nice
 rain just at 'ute. Had to
 move in. But did not better
 matters a great deal. The old
 shack leaked.
 Thurs 12 All mud. Started for Harold but
 could not get out of pasture.
 Came back stayed on job balance
 of day. went to town in P.M.
 Fri 13 Was all day on work. Doing fine.
 Sat 14 " " " " " "
 Went home. Harold & I Dick) put
 and need. wife came in afternoon.
 Sun 15 Came back to work some. But the
 men had scattered & so, I could
 not get them together.
 Mr. Timmings, G. Bromblaw &
 Carl Sullivan came out. took dinner
 in camp. I went to Electra in P.M.
 Mon 16 Went over to Electra for a sledge
 hammer & some dynamite.
 Tues 17 We started to putting down stone
 to day.
 Wed 18 was on job all day. Nice
 weather now.
 Thurs 19 Made a good showing to-day
 Laid several yds rock.
 Started Harold & Troy Barnes to
 laying stone. I think they will
 make good. Looks rainy.
 Did come in hill of a rain.

Friday April 20, 1923.

Fri 20 The creek came down. Could not work. Harold & I went to Electra. The roads were in bad shape. Came hard rain. Harold & Bud went home.

Sat 21 I started home. Bud had my car locked. I could not go. I had to send to Vernon for my key. Arriving home about 'nite'.

Sun 22 Sallie & little ones & I started for Okla at 6:30 a.m. / hr & 3 m. on road I went up to Chutee to see Dewitt Horton. We started for home at 3 p.m. Jimmy lost her purse had blow out. did not get home till 'nite'.

Mon 23 We baled & pumped water all day. Laid a few stone. The creek fell some.

Tues 24 Laid stone all day.

Wed 25 Came big rain. Could not work. We want to Electra like to have not made it.

Thurs 26 The Creek is running bank full. Our excavations are caving in. Will ruin them.

Fri 27 The creek is falling some. The excavations are all caved in.

Sat 28 Could do nothing at the dam. Firmin came down to see how things were. We got out a nice stone to have lettered and dated Will have W. T. Waggoner 1871 to 1923. Put on it sent it stone cutter at Vernon.

Sun 29 Came out worked bal. day. some of the crew did not come back.

Monday April 30, 1923.

Mon 30 We put down some stone to day.
fine days work Firmin came
out was well pleased with progress.

Tuesday May 1, 1923.

Tues 1 The harder wind blew all day.
I had to go to St. Harold in P.M.
Could not see road for sand.

Wed 2 Worked all day, cleaning mud out.
getting ready to lay stone.

Thur 3 The same as yesterday. Only
we put down a few stone.

Fri 4 Worked all day.

Sat 5 " " " I went home
things were ok. at home.

Sun 6 Tired at home most all day.
Came an other rain just as
we were coming into camp.

Mon 7 On the job all day.

Tues 8 " " " " " " "

Wed 9 " " " " " " "

Thurs 10 " " " " " " "

Fri 11 " " " " " " "

Sat 12 " " " " " " " I went home
stay over night.

Sun 13 We rode around some. Started back
to the dam about 4 P.M.

Mon 14 On job all day. ®

Tues 15 " " " " " " "

Wed 16 " " " " " " "

Thurs 17 " " " " " " "

Fri 18 " " " " " " "

Sat 19 worked till noon Or the crew did.

I went to Electro. A car run me
down. Hurt me between the house
and gate. I could hardly go.

Sunday May 20, 1923.

Sun 20 I was hurt so bad I could not go home last nite. John Patterson drove my car home for me. This P.M. did not go back to dam. Sent Harold & Ben back.

Mon 21 Sallie got for Patterson to drive me back to dam. She & little ones went with me. The flood gate & pipe were nearly covered in stone when I got back on the job.

Tues 22 Put down stone all day. I suffered with my hips, when the car bumped into me.

Wed 23 Same as yesterday.

Thurs 24

Fri 25

Sat 26

Sun 27

Mon 28

I went home. Stayed at home all day Dr. my hips.

Liked a few hrs work. Came up the creek bed and rained. The creek came down, over the dam I stayed up till 2 P.M. and was I did the creek would have made a new channel if I had not been on the job. Left Harold & John on the job.

Tues 29 The creek was a raging torrent all day. The crew is nearly all gone. Since they cant work.

Wed 30 Was on the job. Could not work creek too high & no crew.

Thurs 31 Same as yesterday.

Friday June 1, 1923

Fri 1 Harold & Iroy Barnes are finishing the stone work. Chas. Matthews left for home. The high water did not damage the wall any. We have a few days more work to do and the "Child will be borned."

Sat 2 I cleaned up the camp. We leave Harold & John Patterson to do a little patch work on the dam. Sent the cement sacks up to Harold, six to be shipped to Dallas six.

Sun 3 was at home all day, making preparations to go to Wichita Falls. → Old Loby found another steer calf.

Mon 4 Mr Bacon & I started for W. Falls stopped at Harold shipped a bunch cement sacks to Dallas. On to W. Falls put up at the Mansion Hotel.

Tues 5 Came rain last night. Could not go out on the Irrigation project Sam Barry & I went to ball game. Dallas & Wichita Falls. Dallas beat. We went out to Hays park for a swim. We had a little 'corn'

Wed 6 Went out on the job. I was put in charge of an excavating crew. Making openings for "Dead gates". I had a part of my old crew.

Thur 7 On the job all day.

Fri 8

Sat 9 Rained Could not work. Went home.

Sun 10 was home till after noon.

Sold some cotton seed to the Pearson boys 17.5 bu. @ \$1.75 per bu.

Monday 11 June 1923

- Mon 11 was on the job all day.
 Tues 12 " " " " " "
 Wed 13 Rain. Did not go out unit to ball game. Wichita viz Baumont.
 Thur 14 Worked all day. Luss is getting hot. Harold & John Peterson came over from Oom. They will be with us soon.
 Fri 15 Worked all day.
 Sat 16 " " " " I went to Vernon.
 Sun 17 was home till afternoon. Come back in time for supper at Munion hotel.
 Mon 18 worked all day.
 Tues 19 " " " " " "
 Wed 20 " " " " " "
 Thur 21 " " " " " "
 Fri 22 " " " " " "
 Sat 23 Worked 5.5 hrs. I went home as new things are beginning to need rain. Did not they have a good crop.
 Sun 24 was at home till in P.M.
 Mon 25 worked all day.
 Tues 26 " " " " " "
 Wed 27 " " " " " "
 Thur 28 " " " " " "
 Fri 29 " " " " " "
 Sat 30 " " " " " " I started home & told and I. He quit. wished he had worked on.
 Sunday July 1. 1923.
 Sun 1. Did not go back to Wichita. Made ready to go down to see home fall. Luss go with J.P.D.

Monday July 2, 1923.

Mon 2 Helped Sallie & Bud chop in the cotton J.P. did not come. Cotton looks good only needing rain.

Tues 3 Helped in cotton again. J.P. & folks came about 4 p.m. We went to town get some ice cream. I did not know that he was taking Maggie & Ruby. or I would have went in my own car and taken Sallie & girls. But was too late as I wanted to work on my car before I started out in it.

Wed 4 We started for Snyder, Tex. about 7 A.M. arriving at father's about 8 P.M. was tired but happy.

Thur 5 We help father chop his cotton out. 4 of us. Ed did not come. Dad is getting old to chop cotton. But he stayed up with us till near 'nite' when he went for water. I told him to stay at home. He did so.

Fri 6 We shored and went down to an oil well they brought in just south of Dad's place. came back had dinner & J.P., Tom, Bowden Dad & myself. started for the plains. we found Dave & Tom Manton at Slaton Tex. they live near there.

Sat 7 We all went over to Curtie's. She was surprised to see us. I took J.P. car and Curtie's girls went down to see Frank & his folks. Old friends of mine Aunt Lizzie sure was glad to see me. Dear old thing

Sat. 7 cont- from page 23. after staying there
a while we went back to Curtie
and on on to Lons & Octave to
spend the day. coming back to
Curties for the 'rite'. I had too
so I could catch the stage to
Floydada. Dear old Mother was well.

Sun 8 I left Curties for home. Stopped at
Palls a few moments, on to Floydada
on to Luanah, Tex. Had to wait
for that 'mid'rite' train. I got home
about 2 A.M. Was glad to see folks.

Mon 9 Left home at 10 A.M. for W.F.

Tues 10 Went out on job worked all day.

Wed 11 " " " " " " " "

Thur 12 " " " " " " " "

Fri 13 I took crew started in on a
Siphon under the ^{Wabash} Valley Rail Road.

Sat 14 On Siphon all day.

Sun 15 " " " " " " " "

Mon 16 " " " " " " " "

Tues 17 " " " " " " " "

Wed 18 " " " " " " " "

Thur 19 " " " " " " " "

Fri 20 " " " " " " " "

Sat 21 " " " " " " " " I went home

Sun 22 Was at home till near 'rite' back to W.F.

Mon 23 was on Siphon all day.

Tues 24 " " " " " " " " ®

Wed 25 " " " " " " " "

Thur 26 " " " " " " " "

Fri 27 " " " " " " " "

Sat 28 " " " " " " " "

Sun 29 " " " " " " " "

Mon 30 " " " " " " " "

Tues 31 " " " " " " " "

Wednesday August 1, 1923.

Wed 1. was on job all day.

Thurs 2. " " " " " "

Fri 3. " " " " " "

Sat 4. " " " " " " I went home

John Patterson & I. He drove my car
we came near turning over near
home. We started to pass a fellow
in a big car. We saw we were going
to pass him. So he crowded us off forward.
Some large sun flowers in all that
kept us from going over.

Sun 5. We started back after night. Bud &
Came back with us. will start
him to work. altho the work is
nearly finished.

Mon 6. On the job all day. We moved our

Tues 7. " " " " " " working place to

Wed 8. " " " " " " Mrs Walkers.

Thurs 9. " " " " " "

Fri 10. " " " " " "

Sat 11. " " " " " " (John, Bud and

I came home after nite.

Sun 12. We came back near nite. Getting
to Mrs Walkers just at dark.

Mon 13. On job all day.

Tues 14. " " " " " "

Wed 15. " " " " " " all the boys were

Thurs 16. Laid off except J. L. Bromeland,
Carl Sullivan, Mr Bishop, Tom Brown
and my self. John Patterson

→ We pulled nails and stacked
lumber all day.

Fri 17. we backed filled on siphon

Sat 18. " " " " " " John P & I

started home about 4 P.M. John
was laid off.

August

Sunday Aug 19 1923

Sun. 19. was at home near all day. Harold
Came back with me to take car back
home.

Mon 20 Back filled head gates.

Tue 21 " " " "

Wed 22 " " " "

Thu 23 " " " "

Fri 24 " " " "

Sat 25 " " " " I went home.

Sun 26 Stayed home till near 'nite' came back.

Mon 27 Installed head gates & radial checks

Tue 28 " " " "

Wed 29 " " " "

Thu 30 " " " "

Fri 31 " " " "

Saturday September 1 1923.

Sat 1 Worked till noon I went home
after noon.

Sun 2 Had nice time at home, came back
to Wichita Falls at night.

Mon 3 Labor day. We worked till noon
and went in to town.

Tue 4 On job all day.

Wed 5 " " " "

Thu 6 " " " "

Fri 7 " " " "

Sat 8 " " " " I went home

Sun 9 Stayed home till afternoon.

Mon 10 On job all day.

Tue 11 " " " "

Wed 12 " " " "

Thu 13 all hands & Foreman were layed
off to day. Firmin retained
me for a watchman at \$100.00
per mo.

Friday September 14. 1923.

Fri 14 Went out to store ground.
Did not do any thing. (Lollet contents to here)

Sat 15 I took bedding and started for home in the truck

Sun 16 Harold & I came back to W. Falls

Mon 17 Went out and stayed over night out on the store ground.

Tues 18 Harold went back home.

Wed 19 Was out to see about things

Thurs 20 I had letter from Mr Firmin wanting me to go to Vernon to attend to some "biz".

Fri 21 We went to the Fair and carnival had good time the kids seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sat 22 Stayed about place. Bud & I put in a wash sink for Sallie. Went to show at "Niti".

Sun 23 Billy & I started for W. Falls after noon getting here about 4 P.M. Mrs Walker & her little boy were gone to Bawie to see her people.

Mon 24 Billy & I went out to store ground. He is lonesome since the little boy is gone. It is rather dull since she is gone to. I miss her.

Tues 25 They did not come in today. Billy wants us to go after them he told grandpa to phone for them. I have not heard from Mr Firmin yet. Don't know whether he got that contract or not.

Wednesday Sept 26 1923.

Wed 26 Mr Firmin came in. He did not get the job in Falls county. I've did want him to get that job.

I went out to his rooms, helped him pack up. He stored his belongings.

Mrs Walker came in to day.

We will get something to eat now.

Mr & Grandpa are not much on the patching 'big'. Any way we all seem better when the lady of the house is at home.

Thurs 27 I went and made a trade with Mr Chaney, to do some hauling for us. Will move the mixers in. I want to get every thing moved from out there tomorrow. Billy seems to enjoy himself. They play all the time.

Fri 28 Mr Chaney came out moved the mixers in. Also brought the steel cutter. I brought two loads of old lumber in. Will be glad when I get all moved in. Billy sure has had the time of his life. Does not want to go home much. Mr Firmin left this A. M. for Calgate, Okla.

Sat 29 Went out to store ground, brought in one load. Billy & I started home about 1 p. M. Arriving home about 5. We all went to sleep.

Sun 30 Rained near too noon. Lallie & Bud have out one bale cotton. Will not gin now. Cotton looks good.

Monday October 1, 1953.

Mon 1. Harold & I started for W. Falls. Stopped at Electra, to see a man about a wagon. Saw Oss Grant ate dinner at his house. We got to Wichita Falls. I took some Long (spear) Staple Cotton on exhibit. Goodman Braunblau came and wanted Harold & I to paint on some more works near Halliday. I can't go till Thurs & Fri. We went out to Call field. That is how the fair goes.

Tues 2. Fixed up spring on truck. went up town. tanked up. Came back ate dinner. went out to store ground. Hauled two loads into town. will finish tomorrow.

Wed. 3. Came one hard rain during 'nite'. Could not do any thing. Did intend to finish moving to-day. Took wheels & axle up to town to have new axle made for small mixer. Harold did not work today. He is working for Calahan cont. Co. at Halliday.

Thurs. 4. Stayed at B. house in A.M. Had some work to do re mixers. went to see the wagon man at Electra. He said he would take \$15.00 for wagon. Had letter from A.C. said \$20.00 was too much for it. So I got him down to \$15.00. Had a little 'chock' bar. was a little sour.

Friday Oct. 5 1923.

Fri 5

Did not do any thing to-day.
Spent out to 'store ground'.
Was down town for a while.

Sat 6

Harold & I went to picture show
Started for home, stopped at Electra
ate dinner at Mr. Grants. Had
a few drinks 'chuck beer'.
Arrived at home about 5 p.m.

Sun 7

We enjoyed the Sunday at home.
The boys were out near all
day.

Mon 8

Harold started for Holiday
about 5 a.m. I went to town.
Picked cotton in afternoon. The
folks has cut 1 1/2 bales.
Can't pick much before noon
so much dew.

Tues 9

Started for W. Falls, put add.
in Vernon Record, Wichita
times & Wichita Record, to sell
my place. Date to sell, but
it is not what I need.

Wed 10

Hauled in equipment all day.
Made 3 loads. Sold me bad
wood or kindling.

Thurs 11

The same as yesterday. Made
3 loads. I ate dinner at Mr.
Baldings house. Nice feed.
Took rammy to wife.

Fri 12

Went out to Allendale where I
had storeroom. Loaded up the
week truck. brought it to town.
Sold the balance of wood to a
farmer. One lone morning.
Sun does look rainy to-mite.

Friday October 19 - 1923.

19. I bought a nice ring for Dorothy sent it to her. Some shoes & hose for Sallie. Mrs. Walker went up town and made the selection. Good man Bronblow came down while I was gone and took Mr. Firmans truck off and has not brought it back yet.

I wish he would lay off of things here. He might ask one that is in charge of them. Harold is using my car to go back and forward in to his work out to Halliday.

20. Harold & I went up to Vernon. We all went to the show at night. Sallie did not get her shoes. They did not come in. She was somewhat disappointed.

21. Went down town a few minutes. We did intend to go riding. But Harold kept the car out all day.

22. I came back to Wichita Falls in P.M.

23. I went up town bought the girls a coat each. Billy a suit of clothes. Started for Vernon about 10 A.M. Stopped at Electra ate dinner at Oss Grants. Arrived home just before dark.

24. I picked cotton all day. Sun is hard to pick. Looks rainy.

25. Rained near all day.

26. " " " "

It's a fine day

Sunday October 28, 1923.

Sun 28 Rained off and on all day.
Surr is some wet cant do any
thing only sit about and look out.

Mon 29 I came as far as Electra on
train on to w. falls. on line car
was a good thing I did not start
out in the truck. I guess I
could have made it O.K. But
would not have done the truck
any good. Found things shut up
again as usual. When I leave
seems they take the advantage
of me. Brounlow and Strange came
and got the mixer and I had
a letter from Firmin not to
let any of the equipment out.

Tues 30 went up town. saw J. C. Brounlow
about getting the mixer. He said
he would not have took it at
all, if he had known. I had
letter from Mr Firmin telling
me not to let out any of the
equipment. Still it rains.

Wed 31 was up town saw Mr Miller.
He was going to Vernon. So I
went with him. Rained on us
to Electra. The roads are some
bad. Muddy and sloppy.

Thursday Nov. 1 1923.

Thur 1 Still raining. I went up town to
see Mr Condon. My last rate came
due to-day. Put off payment till
the 15 of the month.

Fri 2 Cant do any thing. still raining.
Rains every nite and some in
day time

Saturday November 3. 1923.

Sat 3. Still it rains. Rained nearly all day. I went up town in P.M. The cotton market is up $\frac{1}{10}$ or per bale. We all went up town to the show. Had night to be out. Harold came in from W. Falls. All mud. The "hoaxie" sun looks muddy & bad.

Sun 4 Nice day. Clear & cool. Harold went back to W. Falls on mid-night train.

Mon 5 We picked cotton all day. Am sure tired. This cotton picking is some hard work. Cool & clear.

Tues 6 Picked cotton all day.

Wed 7 " " " " Till 3 P.M. finished. Still it opens some more.

Harold sent 2 1/2 bales. Bud & I started out to Mr. Pearcy's after my mules. But could not get out there in the truck.

Thurs 8 Bud walked out to Pearcy's for the mules. I started for W. Falls. Had car trouble all the way down. was arrested for speeding between Electra & Iowa Park. The motor cop ran up behind me, and told me I was running to fast. The dirty cuss. That truck will not make 30 miles per hr. Stopped at Electra for awhile ate saum at the hamburger joint. Had one big @ and bottle of milk. Found things all O.K. when I got to W. Falls.

Friday

Thursday Nov. 7th 1923.

Fri 9

Went down town. Went to Andrew Young's place for some licks & keps. Cost \$2.50. Went over to give to weigh truck. The County atty. told me if the truck weighed less than 1 ton. They did not have any case against me. The truck weighs 1980 lbs.

Sat 10

I started for home about 11 A.M. when I got to Vernon, I took sample of my cotton up town. Sold for \$31.15 per cwt. Seed checks were \$25.90. I put \$412.90 in bank. Looks rainy.

Sun 11

Rained near all day. Could go nowhere.

Mon 12

I went up town. Made payment on my place. or I left \$400.00 in Herring Nat. Bk. in favor of James Condon to be applied on note. Came back home Bud & I hauled off some tin cans. Rained near all p.m.

Tues 13

I could not go yesterday on account of raining. Well it came the papa rain last night. The river came down. Bud, Billy and I went down to see it.

Wed 14

I started for W. Falls at 9 A.M. The roads were a' hell of right. I got to W.F. about 3 P.M.

Thurs 15

I had some business to attend to saw J.C. Bromblew. I told him that I would be ready to start in to work for Mr. Stroop.

Fri 16

I went out on the Stroop work. The work was new to me since I have not done any work since the 13 of Sept.

Saturday Nov. 17. 1923.

Sat 17. Mr Firmin came in last night. Just in time for his trial in the law suit. Clemmens vs Firmin. The trial was put off till Monday. I went out to Stroop's work. But did not work. Put enough stone on the ground. Came back to town. Firmin & I went to show my first check
 \$25.00 due from Mr Firmin. That & am having to wait on. But he is good. Harold came in from Call field lateral job.

Sun 18 Harold and I went to town. I did want to go home but could not. Wanted to work. Looks rainey to night.

Mon 19 The Firmin trial came up to day. They beat us. I did hope he would win out in that law suit. After the trial I went out on the Stroop job. worked all after noon. They run the last pier on that bridge.

Tues 20 We sure did do a days work on the Stroop job to-day. I got my pay for Friday. \$5.60 for 9 hrs. My rate is the same as on the Firmin works. 10 hrs. \$6.25 and \$4.00 makes \$10.25. That is not bad. Firmin pays me \$25.00 per week.

Wed 21 worked all day. Harold gave me a \$7.00 pr pants and a \$4.00 wool shirt. I loaned him a tool box. He took it out on the Calikan job. where he is setting farmes. Looks rainey to "Nite". Had letter from dear old Sallie girl.

Thursday, Nov. 22, 1923.

Thurs 22 We worked all day, on Stroup job.

Fri 23

Sat 24 Worked till noon & came in to go home. Norall came in. We started about 3 p.m. Went by Mrs. Kelley for some rose bushes. I took home eight. Mr. Firmin owes me \$50.00 we got home about 6 p.m. we all went to show.

Sun 25 I helped Lallie put out the roses. The yard looks good. I left the truck at G. & I came back in my car. The rear end is in bad order. Logs are shipping. Came a cold north wind. Norall could not go out to his job in car.

Mon 26 Went out on job (Stroup) Worked all day. Cold this a.m. but was warm & nice in p.m.

Mrs. Walters mother from Bowie Tex is visiting her.

Tues 27 Worked all day, was cold. Rained some. was cold near all day.

Wed 28 Worked all day. was cold all day.

Thurs 29 The same as yesterday. I ate Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. Stroup's camp. sure did have nice dinner. Was cold all day.

Fri 30 The big fight this morning. was cold up to near noon. We worked all day. Run concrete one pier and one floating. We had a lot trouble this morning and at night too as we came in I think I will go boarding out there. Cold and long ride.

→ Mr Firmine was me \$75.00 to-day.

Saturday Dec. 1 1923.

Sat 1 was cold and disagreeable all day.

We were concrete on Strop job.

Just at night when we were ready
to run footing, the excavating
covered in. Was raining some as
I came in to town. Harold was at
Mr. Walkers when I got home.
He & I went to town at 8 p.m.

Sun 2. we did intend to work to-day.
But was raining when we got
up. Was raining near all day.
Cold and sloppy. Harold went
back to his camp at Call field.
I did want to go to Pernon. But
I could not unless I went on the
train. Well try to fix my car up
to-morrow if we can't work. and I do
not think we can, unless it clears
up, for things are muddled all
there.

Mon 3 Did not think I (or we) could work to day.
Did not rain as much out on the
Charlie Road as it did in town.
was cold, sloppy and disagreeable all day.
Had letter from Mr Firmine when
I got back to Mrs Walkers.

He asked me to meet him at the Pernon
Hotel. I did. We talked things over
and then went to the show.

Nice play at the 'Mission' Running 11 p.m.

Tues 4 Rained near all 'nite'. Went out on the
job. Had tin trouble all way out.
Cold all day. Clear but windy.
Had letter from Lillie she said
they had Cotton about out.
I want to go home. Sat Nite.

Wed.

Thurs

Fri

Sat

\$100.00

Now less
from a & c
Firmine

Sun

Mon

Wednesday Dec. 5, 1923.

Wed 5.

We worked all day on Charlie Road bridges.

Thurs 6

Fri 7

Sat 8

I worked till 11.30 A.M. Came in to town Made ready for the 2.25 P.M. train to Vernon. Getting home about 5 P.M. we went to town to the show. Lure did have a good time at home Ok! yes! Indeed \$25.00 from Sallie & Bud had finished the catton. Sold \$225.00 worth will have a few more bales.

Sun 9

I made out a check to James Coydon for \$116.15 Bal. on my bond Note #1. Passed him \$20.00 in cash \$96.15 Check.

Sent Texas Nursery Co Sherman Tex. Check for \$6.25 bal. on Note for Nursery stock. Made out order for another bill of trees. Sent C. D. Shamburger Lumber Co. Check for \$15.00 on Lumber acct Bud came back to Wichita Falls with me in the truck a North wind put Ned bleed up Ned 8. P.M.

Mon 10

I woke up about 5 A.M. was Raining. Lure did come a big rain and rain all day. Turned Call about Noon I sent Bud home. They had no coal. So he went home on train had rained so much he could not go home with the truck. Did intend to take a load of apples home. The \$100.00. although no good.

\$100.00
now due
from A.E.
Firm

Tuesday Dec. 11. 1923.

Tues. 11 Still raining. The roads are in bad shape. Cant get the truck out. will try to get my car fixed. Two pretty girl friends of Mrs. Wallen came to visit her.

I went to town to see about making a car trade. would like to trade my Roadster for a touring car I have two trades on hand. I have not been out on the works since last Sat. noon. It dont look as though we will get to work any more this wk. would like to put in full time till the holidays. Mr. Firmin not paying me. and losing time on the Stoop job. Makes it somewhat bad for me.

Wed 12 Still raining Cant stop. Cant work at all. Good God! the funny discussion of the human anatomy. To be remembered long ago.

Call and muddy still raining some.

Thurs 13 About the same weather conditions. We went out on the job but was too cold we could not work. Came back to town. worked on my car in afternoon.

Fri 14 We went out worked part day. Poured two slabs of the bridge. was cold all day.

Sat 15 Well one year ago to day I started work for Firmin & Johnson in Wilbarger Co. and have been with them since.

Sat 15 Saturday, Dec 15, 1923.

We finished the floor of the big bridge on the W. falls and Charley Road. It has been cold all day. Did not get in to town in time to clean up and go down town. Mr Walker and family and two young "Virgins" are out in town. I did want to go home but did not get my car fixed so I guess I will work tomorrow.

→ Mr Firmin owes me to date \$25.00

Sun 16 Mr Hailey came over, we worked on my car. Finished it up. Mrs Walker and the girls drove it to Electra. Harall wanted it. But I had already promised it to her. I hauled a load of wood to Mrs Kelley. Mr Walker & I went to the American Refinery for some boxes. Had letter from Firmin stating, he had a contract at McRaney in Collins Co.

Mon 17 Worked all day. Had Mr Stroop bring the mine out to the gravel road. I sent the balance of our things, that he had to turn. I came in to B. house. Found W. E. Kerr. After supper he & I went up town. Went to show. we talked things over about the Collier Co job. He is to pay me \$175.00 per month straight time.

Thursday Dec. 18. 1923.

Thurs. 18. W. E. & I went up to Elctra. He was some what down in the mouth on way back to Wichita Falls. We ate dinner stalked about some. He decided to beat it for Ft. Worth. Said he would write me when to loaf out.

Wed. 19. I worked about store yard in fore noon. went down town for a while in after noon. The two young ladies begged me to take them to the show or in other words to go with them. I did not care to go. Since I am married. But could not refuse them. ha! ha! "fuller bull!"

Thurs 20 I went up town to get mail. Had telegram from Fannie. Will load out as soon as car is spated. Went out on balahan for saw. Harold. went to see about collecting some little bills. did not collect them.

Fri 21 The car was spated this A.M. Started loading. Hauled all heavy things. \$16.00 for hauling. did not get done.

Sat 22 I loaded some things. Had to unload the old truck or pay \$7.00 extra on it could not afford to do that. Sold it for \$12.50 and then dig it out of car. would have cost me \$500 to have it taken out if I had not sold it. Donald & I started for Vernon at 3 p.m. Folds came out town to show.

\$15.00
W. E. & I
P. S. - some more.

Sun

Mon 2

Tues

Wed. 2

Sunday Dec 23, 1923

Sun 23 I looked the New orchard over
 nice trees I cut them back
 Lallie & Bud did not get them
 all in line. But good anyway.
 Harold, Bud and I started for
 Wichita Falls at 4 p.m. ate supper
 at Smiths Cafe. Came out to Walker
 found them all gone, except the
 two young ladies and Grandpa.
 Harold & Bud took the girls
 to the movie. Bud did not know
 what to think when I said they
 could take the girls to the show.
 We will finish loading out
 the car and try to get back
 to Vernon by 2 p.m. tomorrow

Mon 24 Harold, Bud & I finished loading out
 the car. I fixed it out for McPenny.
 Bud & I loaded up truck with some
 scrap lumber and hauled it for home.
 Harold made a car trade and came
 in at 2 a.m. Tues.

Tues 25 Another Christmas. Lallie fixed up
 a nice little tree for the children.
 Mrs. Roark and her two little kids
 were there. We went to Okla for
 Christmas dinner. Met at Dick
 Newtons. Called at Smiths house
 for supper. Arr home about 10 p.m.

Wed 26 Harold & I took leave of the folks
 at home for McPenny. We stopped
 in Wichita Falls picked up a
 few things there. Made Belvoir.
 No lights. Could have gone on to
 Bowie. But did not want to
 take any chances. Got road.

Thursday Dec 27. 1923.

Thurs 27 we started out of Bellows at day break. We bought at Bawie I bought Mrs Walker a sugar stand for Xmas gift. Look it by her fathers gave it to her. she said it was "sweet."

We came on to Ft. Worth ate dinner, on to Dallas and to McCombs getting here about dark.

Fri 28 Mr Fairman took us out on the first location. Will be nice work I think.

Sat 29 we started in unloaded the car. took some of the equipment out on the job. am boarding with a Mr Shipman. Nice place to stay I do not like the location of the room. too small and no table and have to go through another room to get to mine.

Sun 30 We slept late this a PM. I did not feel very good. I had head-ache. Harold and I drove out in the east side of town I picked up a few pecans. Came back to hotel. The North hit her about 4 PM. was cold when she came up. I would love to see Sallie & Tridies I sure do not like this staying away from home. But will stay with it for a while longer any way.

Mon 31 The last day in this 1923. Sun was cold when I awoke this morning. Things were froze up. I could not go out on the job. I did not feel like it and besides it was too cold to be out much.

\$175.00
to date
Mr Fairman

Sun.

Wed

Tuesday January 1, 1924.

Tues. 1.

Another New Year. Well if the New Year is as good as the old year, I can't complain. I have had plenty to eat, payed my rate on my little home. Things could have been worse. at any rate I am thankful for the good health we have enjoyed. No sickness to speak of. No accidents excepting Bud getting his arm broken. Made nice little crop on the little place. Can't say that I feel any older than I did 10 years ago. However, I know that I can't stand the hard work I did then. Got up and things were all frozen up. Cold as the devil, we took the little mixer out and worked all day. Was cold and bad.

Wes 2

Another bad day. The team man did not go out but I took one man and worked all day. Harrell hauled lumber out. Was cold but we can't wait for pretty weather. It seems like it has been a month since I saw the fall. We left home a wk. ago to day. Dear old Sallie I guess gets lonesome. I know I do. Will soon be a year since I started work in Wichita Falls. I have been gone from home since then only go home every two or 3 weeks. We are shooting the Rock bed in Stones Creek 4 mi south of McKinney.

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1924.

- Thurs 3. We worked all day. Was awful cold. The team man had to be in the water all day. I would not feel hard if he were not to come back.
- Fri. 4. Another awful cold day. But we worked. Am not doing much good. Too cold. The team man quit at noon. I can't blame him.
- Sat 5. The coldest day of all. We did not get started till 9 o'clock and then it was too cold to do any thing. We did not have any team out. He came out but did not stay. Said was too cold for him. I started shooting out floating on South side creek. Bitter weather. Wish I could hear from home. I know it is cold out there.
- Sun 6. Things are still froze up. Had letter from Sallie. She said the cold was something awful. Jimmie and family had called. I guess they had nice time. Hope they did at any rate.
- Mon 7. Worked on the excavation on Sloan's creek all day. Things were froze up stiff.
- Tues 8. About the same as yesterday. Only colder.
- Wed 9. Worked till noon. Came to steam main had to quit at 1:30 P.M.
- Thurs 10. Worked all day. Had letter from Sallie. She was worrying about money matters. I do not see what they do with all the money I send home. All I get is my board. Well I guess she has to have something to have about.

Fri

Sat

Sun

Mon

Friday Jan. 11. 1924.

Fri 11. Was not so cold today. But my feet were wet all day. The water is bad in the excavation I am making. Gosh I wish I were at home to write. It seems like it has been a year since I left home. My mail tells me I am taking call. I guess I will have my own spell of call soon.

Harall seems to be enjoying himself so well. I separate with the little widow every night to the show last night and the 'Nite' before. So the commencement of Bayl's Sr. school class to write.

Sat 12 We worked all day on excavation was cold all day. Things were froze up some. We quit at 4 PM. Snowed some before night.

Ate supper shaved and went to the show. Sure is cold.

Sun 13 D & I sat up till 7 o'clock. I read over all day. Harold & Bill Wright book "The Whining of Barbara Worth." Sure is a nice clean story. Harold & I went out on the job. I drank the steel laying of that job. Was cold all day. To office.

Mon 14 Well another wedding anniversary 21 years ago to day. Lallie & I were married. I sure do wish I could see her and be at home all the time. I miss the companionship of my wife and children.
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Jan. 14 1924 Monday.

Mon. 14

I some times I think I will give up this work, and go home. But I know there is nothing to do there, and \$18.00 is not to be turned down each month.

21 years ago to day I felt like a fighting cock. Well I do not feel old now. Was married about 3 P.M. at parson Blair's near Duke, Wyo. The day will long be remembered. I thought then and do yet that I got one of the best and dearest girls in the world. She has always been just what a good wife & mother could be to her husband and children. It seems I never did do what a man ought to do for a good woman. But I want to live to see her enjoy life as she wants to.

So much for the "War contracts"

Tues 15 21 years ago to day I did not feel like the fighting cock. Only the cock that had been fighting. We worked all day. Wanted to be ready to pour concrete. But did not was cold all day.

Wed 16 Was off all day cold could not work.

Thur 17 I was out on job all day.

Cold could not do much. Harold went out at 12 mid night to pump water out of floating. He came in at 4 A.M. I ate supper at Mr. Frimms to night I think I will change my boarding place. These people seem to be tired of getting up so early.

Fri

Sat

Sun 2

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Friday Jan. 18 1924

Fri 18 We put the steel in footing did
extend to our footing, but decided
was too cold.

Sat 19 We started pouring concrete. Was
nice and warm when we started.
A cold North wind started to blow
about 10 A.M. and sure did get cold
quick. The Mixer gave us trouble all
day. We did not finish till 10:30 P.M.
And things were all ice then. Had
1/2 cord wood hauled out and kept
a fire going. Turned the water on
the footing so it would not freeze.
I came in near 12 midnite. was
cold & tired. We were short handed.
I had to work in the concrete.
Had letter from Sallie dear old
girl would love to see her. She
stated was bad cold weather at home.

Sun 20 We went out on job. The concrete was
off. The water froze all over it. That
alone saved the day. I stayed in
my room all day. am near sick.
Harold stays with the young girl.
He is Nat Co. for me any more.
Sure is cold to-nite.

Mon 21 I did not get up this Morning. I
sure did have the "flu" or something
else. I could not go out on the works.
The truck driver let the engine freeze.
Burst the head. Harold was have
to look after it from now on.
Can't have any more of that. I ate 2 doz
raw oysters to-day. Have not felt
any effect from them yet. Don't
know what time I'll have to go home.

Tuesday Jan. 22 1924.

Tues. 22 Well one year ago, I started for Wichita Falls to do the culverts on the Seymour road. It does not seem so long.

I have been away since only to spend the work ends, and now I do not get to do that at home.

Next Sat 26 I will be away 1 month. Well maybe I will be fixed some time when I want have to go away from home to work. I would not mind if I had my place paid for.

Wed 23 I got up thinking, I would go out on job. we went up to filling station, tanked up got ready to start out. Started raining and has been raining all day. I sure have been feeling bad. I took some 'Calobars' and they sure have made me worse.

I am not satisfied down here. No one to tell my troubles too. And no one to confide in. Harold of course is here with me. But that is not like ones life partner. Well I hope it will not be that way all the time.

Thurs 24 was raining this morning when I got up. But cleared up soon. We did not go out till after noon. Mr Fismie discharged Mr Durham. Too much "fakie".

I think we can handle the outfit ok.

I am not well yet. But seems like I feel better than when I do not work.

Fri. 25 Worked all day. Things were muddy. We had to make over a lot of the work Mr Durham did. He must have been "fakie" up all the time. Had litter from home.

Sat 26 Made verry good progress. The work is now just where it ought to have been when Durham was discharged.

to here

Sunday Jan. 27, 1924.

Sun 27. She did not get up till 7 A.M. Stayed in house all day. Could not go any place did not have any clothes.

Mon 28 She worked all day, thinking all time we could pour concrete.

Tues 29 We decided we we would get things in shape and pour the abutment tomorrow. The inspector came out and checked the forms, made a few minor changes.

Wed 30 The weather report was not favorable so we did not pour to day. I bought 26 sack trees sent them home. to be put out. we found a few batches concrete.

Thurs 31 We started at 7:30 A.M. poured about 1/2 of the abutment and the old mixer turned over, stripped a cog. so we could do nothing more. Firmin and Harold started for Dallas. They got back at 7:30 P.M. Could not get the cog wheel. That left a "day joint" in the abutment. I came in to town sent a night letter to Columbus Ohio for the repairs.

Friday February 1 - 1924.

Fri 1 Well another birthday, 44 years young. We finished the abutment to day.

Mr. Firmin went to Fort Worth. Left me all alone. I sure did feel good when I put in the last batch of concrete. Had letter from "Dear Lallie" she asked me not to read so much. H.G. has gone to the show.

Sat 2 Worked all day. Looked down some of the forms. The concrete is all O.K. Some of the "honey comb" show up. But don't think will amount to much. We quit at 5 P.M. The boss was tired. The tea

Sunday Feby. 3. 1924.

Sun 3. Harold went out to patch the inside wing walls. He and Mr Nugent. I stayed in house all day. I took several naps. Some colder this P.M.

Mon 4. Was to call to go out. Sun did get call. we went out to job. Worked 2.5 hr. Came in. Firmin & I went to Delta.

Tues 5. I did not take the crew out. Harold and I went out. for a while we like to have pigs. We went out on the North side to see the next location. Sun in call.

Wed 6. We went out at 8.30 A.M. worked fat day. was nice day after the sun came out. I did expect to get a letter from Sallie. But did not. She usually writes so I can get the letter on Wednesdays.

I think I will be going home soon.

I do want to see the folks so bad.

Thurs 7. Was on the job all day. Did very good days work. Think we will be able to put the steel in footing by Saturday.

Think we will have to hand finish the whole front face of pier. That will be some work, if we have to do that. Mr Lawther came out hard boiled. He found some faults or at least he had to have something to "Chaw the fat" about. We ate Hughes up. So Hughes. He came out and ate Lawther up. (to us.)

Fri 8. Well we had worked the face of the whole inside pier.

Sat 9. Finished footing. Set steel and are just about ready to pour concrete Mon.

Sunday Feb. 10 - 1924.

Sun. 10. Harold and I went out to get. We put up the "schuter" some caller to day.

I have been in house all day. I do not feel good when I do not take my daily exercise. But there is no place to go. I was intending to go to church. But they did not deliver my laundry. No clean clothes. No go any where. I let a Mr. C. L. Kinsinger have \$250. He left this suit and two shirts and a hat one of these "jelly bean" hats I mean that I never will wear the hat. The suit alone is worth the money. If he redeems them he is to send me \$15.00 that is good interest. He may send the money. I think I will be going home soon. In fact I spoke to Lennie about going home on the 23rd. But I do not know now if I can go or not.

Mon 11. Raining when I awoke this A.M. decided I would go home. Caught the 8:15 Intermountain car to Denver. Took the 'Katy' to Wichita Falls. Arrived there at 3:40 P.M. went up to Elctra on service car. On to Vernon on another service car. Was at home by eight P.M.

The folks were reading when I came up. I scratched on the window. Bird came out. was very glad to see the children's Ma. We had a pleasant time.

Tues 12. We decided to rent the place out and move down to my work.

So we went out to see a Mr. Weaver. But he could not take my place. We came back home and ate dinner and I went to see Mr. Baird.

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I let him (Mr Percy) have my Mules
and let John Percy have my
Car. We all went to show at Night
Sallie could not see show for looking
at Jack Horie to bad.

Wed 13. We all started for Wichita Falls
after I made a trade with
Dave Chance I let him have
my place on the third and fourth
flats. I think he will look after
it. We ate dinner at Mrs. Walkers.
Katy sure did spread things.
I took N.W. & D. train for Fort Worth
We supper in F.D. took Interurban
for McFarney. Arrived here
at 11 P.M.

Thurs 14 was on job all day. They had
the footing poured. Nice weather
now.

Fri 15 The same as yesterday.

Sat 16 Rained last night we went out
and worked from 9:30 to 5:30
did not get home. Had letter from
Sallie telling me she would
start for McFarney Sunday.
an. wind will rain and get the
roads bad.

Sun 17 Harrell and I went out to see if we
could find a house or some rooms.
We did not. Harrell, Bellie & Mrs. Shipman
and sister went to Dallas in P.M.
Calif.

Mon 18 We did not work in the morning
went out in afternoon was
Calif. and bad all day.

Sunday Feb. 19 1924

Sun 19 We worked all day. was rather cold
Wed 20

Had letter from Sallie she is still at her father's in Okla. He is sick. will start from Okla. Thursday.

Thur 21 we made ready to go to the pier. But was freezing so we could not. We left the crew and went north of town to start on other big bridge.

Fri 22 we worked all day running the large pier. Finished about 9:30 P.M.

Sat 23 we worked all day, hard finishing the pier was in bad shape not enough sand. We did not get done.

Sun 24 I took some of the boys out and finished the job, rubbing down the concrete.

Sallie and folks came in. getting here about 8 P.M. was flat so cold they were all tired and was on the road all day. We did not go to the rooms, but stayed at Mr. Shipman's where I board.

Mon 25 Got up and the ground was covered with snow. and continued to snow some all day. we moved to our rooms in afternoon. Made bill for \$18.75 for boots 7.95 Mattresses, beds and springs and 3 chairs \$4.75 But we will make it Ok. if we sleep well.

Bed is such to nite.

Tues 26 Went out on job at 1/4 time, was some slick out there. But we put up floor form. The folks are at our rooms now. A little crowded.

Wed needay Feby 27 1924
Wed 27 We worked all day. was nice day.

But is still on the puney list.
Thurs 28 About the same as yesterday. I made
a trade with Hays to haul the
crushed rock out to new location.

Fri 29 The last day in this Feby. we worked
all day. But started in to work to day.
It seems as though we ought to clear
some money, \$14.00 per day.

Saturday March 1 1924.

Sat. 1 was out on job all day. Nice weather
now. We did think we would get the
slab on Monday. But we did not get
the steel in place to day.

Sun 2 Harold, Bud and I went up to Gunter
in Grayson County to see Uncle Bud
Bowden, Mother's brother. I had not
seen him since September 1898.

I believe I would have known him
though. We did intend getting home
before 'dark' but we did not.

Sallie and girls were a little
fearful.

Mon 3 we finished placing steel in
bridge. I was not on job much of
the time. I had to look after the
gravel. We had 5 cars to come in.

Tues 4 We finished up the Sloan creek job.
Was done by 6.30 P.M. I was out at
the North side job most of the day.

Wed 5 was on the North side job all day.
Will be a slow job. so much mud.

Thurs 6 We worked all day on footing.
Can't make much of a showing.
was out to Sloan Creek bridge to
day. Good job. it we have tomorrow.

Friday March 7 1924.

Fri 7. We worked all day, on excavation North of town. Looks rainy.

Sat 8 Only worked about 1 hr. began to rain. We moved some steel in P.M.

Sun 9 was cold all day. Sallie, Mrs. Welch and I went out to the south bridge. Bud made a few snapshots of the work we put up some baricades, when the Mixer stood.

Mon 10 Worked all day. Not doing much good. Can't get the footing done on account of so much mud.

Tues 11 Worked all day. was cold and sloopy.

Wed 12

Thur 13 when I awoke the ground was covered with snow. went out to North location put up 2 flumes to take care of the water from melting snow.

Fri 14 We went out to South bridge loaded the Pump on the "little Mixer" truck and brought it to town. worked on it some. will take it out on North job. to handle the water out there. Am afraid the water brake a little dam.

Sat 15 went out to North job. The snow washed out the "dam". we started to taking the Mud out of footing. the snow began to rise and we had to quit. Came in to town and payed off.

Sun 16 was rainy all day. some call too.

Mon 17 Rained all rite. water every where. Have not been out to job. will go see what damage has been done. Bud I am afraid.

Thursday

Monday March 18. 1924.

Tues 18 Went out on the job. The high water had washed the dam out, and left the mud in the footing. All to do over again. Surr is hard luck.

Wed 19 We finished mud out of footing put in another flume. Started raining about 10 A.M. and less than an hour the dam was gone again. I stayed out then ate dinner at Mr McElmurray's. The cars were sticking all along the road. Snowed all after noon and into night. But the wet ground melted it about as fast as it fell. Surr is some hard time on contractors.

Thur 20 We did not do any thing to day. was to cold and muddy.

Fri 21 Had two cars of gravel unloaded in for noon. Moved near all the mud out of footing. I am not a bit well. Have been taking medicine. Got my feet wet. Is cloudy to date am afraid will come again before we get footing good.

Sat 22 I could not go out to day. was sick all day. Rained some all day. Mr Firmin took the men out to day. They finished footing made a new dam. I am feeling bad. I sent Mr James Gordon my checks for \$100.00 in all on my interest on my land notes \$62.50 to day.

Sun 23 Was home all day. Only in after noon Mr Eady and wife came over and spent the afternoon. Then we went out to the south side. Nice bridge.

Monday Mch. 24. 1924.

Mon. 24.

Tues. 25

Mch. 24.

We worked all day, to get the floating ready. We did not quite get it ready. Went out early. Started mixer at about 8 A.M. Only poured a few batches and the dam broke, run mud and stuck all over concrete and steel. Sun did have a mess. Had to build a new dam clean mud out of floating, clean and take out steel. Got started again at 12 Noon. Had to work till 12 at Night. Sun was a tired and wore out crew.

Wed. 26

I took a part of the crew out on the south side. wrecked the false work in the big box culvert. Sun was a dangerous job. The crew was all in all day.

Thurs. 27

Finished wrecking false work. Did not get any body hurt. Nice work not to get some body hurt. Balance of crew on North job. Setting forms.

Fri. 28

To day one year ago. I took charge of the Beaver Creek job in Webster. Building dam for J.W. Waggoner.

10 years ago to day. I started this diary. My aim was to make accounts of each day. Which I have done only about 90 days in 1915 while I was in Oklahoma. June, July and August.

I now will start in for another 10 yrs. That will mean 1924. If I live to do that I will be 54 yrs old.

This is the third Ledger that I have written up, or I am writing.

Saturday 29. 1924.

Sat. 29 We worked out on the South bridge
wrecking the form. The floor slab
form. It is a fine job.

Sun 30 We started for Dallas. Had blow out
near Plano. Turned back ~~near~~
out of gas near Allen. Borrowed some
come on to a filling station, on to
McKinney.

Mon 31 was out on the south job all day.
Making excavation for apron and
tee wall.

Sunday April 1 1924.

Tues 1 We finished on the south job.

Wed 2 we were out on north job to lay.

Thur 3 Started on the excavation at the
Power plant North of town.
Could not so much rained off and on
all day. Came a cyclone near Richard-
son. Killed one. An old man.

Fri. 4. We worked all day. on the power plant
job. Sure did move some dirt.

Sat 5 About the same as yesterday.

Sun 6 We had Mr Eady & wife for dinner.
He, Bud & I went out fishing in
am. We all went to see the cyclone
wreck at Richardson. I never saw
as many cars at one place as was
there. They were as thick as could be
for as far as you could see each
way down the road. The storm sure
did wreck things, was a sad sight.
Peoples homes all blown away.

Mon 7. I was on the power house job
all day. Sallie & Dorthy came out
on the job in P. M.

Sunday April 8, 1924.

- Sun. 8. All day on power house job. The water is causing us lots of trouble.
- Wed 9 I did think I could get ready to pour footing tomorrow. But the rock is harder to get out than I expected.
- Thur 10 About the same as yesterday. Will pour concrete tomorrow.
- Fri 11 We found the footing on the P.H. job to-day. Was a hard 'bat' lots of water. One cow in. Not enough to amount to anything.
- Sat 12 I took crew and Mixer to Stone creek. Poured an apron or spill way. Finished about 4 P.M. Looked Rainy near all day.
- Sun 13 Mr Firmin and I were out on all the work in forenoon. Mr Lallie & the kids went over to Mr Eads in afternoon. Took the kids to the City park. They had an enjoyable time swinging and playing.
- Mon 14 We poured the floor slab on the McQuinn job to-day. Mrs Welch has been real sick since Sun morning. This was the first real spring day this year.
- Tue 15 worked on the spill way. Had to take out an old metal culvert. To drain an old tank.
- Wed 16 worked at the same place.
- Thur 17 " " " " " "
- Fri 18 " " " " " "
- Sat " " " " " " we all went to show. Bought kids some new shoes. Since tomorrow is Easter Sunday,

Sunday April 20. 1924

Sun 20 Sallie, Dorthy, Jimmie, Billy and I started early for Grapevine arriving at a Mr. Wells an old acquaintance of hers about 12:30 we had dinner. Later we went to see her Mother's grave.

We came by Dallas on way home the highways and streets were sure crowded.

Mon 21 Was out on Strangher job all day. Looked a little like rain.

Tues 22 Was on the same job all day.

Wed 23 We found the J. H. job. Sure was a fine man. Did nice job on it.

Thurs 24 Was back on the Strangher job to-day. I had to make different arrangements. Had to build a scuffle to lay mud out of hole. It is a muddy job. Came a rain about 5:30. Had to come in.

Could not make it all way. Had to stop at Mr. McFarney's hay shed.

Fri 25 Was raining when I got up.

I went out to see if we could work. Did intend to work in afternoon. But a cloud came up and sure did rain. The creeks were all out of banks.

Sat 26 Went out to see what the high water had done for us. It did a plenty washed all of our wet excavating out. Could not do any thing.

Sun 27 Stayed home all day sure did feel bad. Went to church in evening. Jimmie & wife called in P.M.

Mon 2

Tues 2

Wed 3

Thurs 1

Monday April 28. 1924.

Mon 28

We were out on job all day. I went down to Stone Creek to see what the high water did. It washed out the big pile of rock that we would have had to move with a team. That is fine. would like to get a good months run. We have made a good run this month.

Tues 29

We just about finished the spillway excavation. Will try to finish it to-morrow. We want to pour the little $3 \times 2 \times 29$ also. The wind sun did howl to day. I feel safe in saying the wind and sand walked about in Vernon to-day. Harold cut his finger with a saw blade to-day. I don't think it is a bad cut.

Wed 30

Cold all day. Poured the little 3×2 culvert. Finished the spillway. That is the excavation. Harold was caught in the crank shaft of the mixer was in a good place to get killed. However it did not kill him. Thanks to the all age of the coat he had on. It was torn off him. Cut a bad gash in his head, and other wise bruised him up. His girl came down and he seemed to get better at once. I consider him lucky to come out as he did.

Thursday May 1. 1924.

Thur 1

was out on the Straughn job all day. Harold is not hurt as bad as I thought he was. We are thankful for some.

Friday May 2. 1924.

- Fri 2 Still working on spillway. We had to change our plans. We made a cushion of gravel & stone for a base. That did away with the 'muck'. We had to pump last night and also to night. I guess Hamell is not so badly hurt as he went fishing to-day.
- Sat 3 We found Spillway. Made nice job out of it. I am sun tired to-night. We went up to town.
- Sun 4 I went out covered spillway with dirt and wet same. Sun was a nice spring day. Harold & Bud have been gone all day. I did intend to go to Greenville. But they took the car and left. Not asking me if I wanted to use it. Oh! well I do not want to do any thing that is not right.
- Mon 5 On the Spillway all day. we did not get the toe wall good. Had to come in and see about getting some sand hauled out. We started the job on the Frisco Road to day. with Henry Heword in charge. I think he will make good. H. G. was on the job to day.
- Tues 6 Went out to job. Had to come back to see a Negro about hauling some sand. Made a ditcher with him. He will do all my hauling. We got the toe wall to day. I am truly glad that job is done. Had letter from Chaucer folks to day. They state things are all O.K.
- Wed
Here 7 The Negro hauled sand all day. was chilly. Did think I would get ready to go for footing on Spillway. But did not.

Thursday, May 8, 1924.

- Thurs 8 about the same as yesterday.
- Fri 9 Raining. Harold & I went out early to see about some new openings. Some one had slid off in the hole. Could not get footing steel was not placed right. Harold will go to South job.
- Sat 10 We got footing of $5 \times 5 \times 32$, and Curbs of spill way was cast all day.
- Sun 11 I went out on job early, to float down the spill way curbs. Found a car had turned turtle off of the temporary bridge. No one hurt. Paul driving. I went out on South job to get Mr. Firmin. His car broke down. Came back to dinner. We went out to Princeton to a singing convention. Mrs. Welch went with us. I sure did enjoy the singing. Some of the sweetest songs I ever heard. Made me think of the singings I used to attend when I was a boy. Ballie, Ed, Billy and Mrs. Welch have gone to a Negro Meeting to Nite.
- Mon 12 I layed out two new footings. Started men on them. Also started two men and a helper to building forms on the spill way culvert. The firmen are coming in to Nite. They plan a great time tomorrow.
- Tues 13 The town is full of fire fighters here from all over the state. Was on the go all day, getting material on the ground. and looking after two jobs.

Wednesday May 14. 1924.

Wed 14

We made one footing ready and one joint of Metal Culvert out on another. Will have one bridge and two footings ready by tomorrow "nite" and maybe 3 footings.

The Farmers Convention is in high glue to nite. Looks awful rainy to night. I hope will not rain.

I saw Jim Stey from Vernon.

Several of the Vernon boys are here. They seem to have a good time. Mr. Forman failed to get the Lowery crossing job. of paving. I hope he will not be as long getting another job as he was getting this one. I was so in hopes he would get that job.

Thur 15 I did not get ready to run the Spillway, bridge. Sent for the mixer.

Fri 16 We decided to do some other work and not run concrete today.

Sat 17 We got the Spillway job today. I did intend to pour a footing. but the inspector was not on the job in afternoon.

Sun 18 Sure was a fine day. We stayed home all day. Harold took my car and did not come back till about 10 p.m.

I am sure tired of the way he does about the car.

Mon 19 We poured a footing today. did intend to make two. But had to change the steel and could not get to it.

Tuesday May 20 1924

Sun 20 Was on the job all day. It seems we cant be doing much. It seems even shing is going wrong.

Wed 21 About the same as yesterday. All seem to work hard enough. but just cant get any work done.

Thur 22 We Poured a footing and are making excavation on a large bridge.

Fri 23 was on the job all day.

Sat 24 We Poured another bridge today. and bid intend to pour another footing. But when I got ready for the steel it was not cut or bent. So when I got the steel on the ground, and placed, it was too late to give it. Harold took to himself. on a wife. A widow with one child. Hope he will treat the child as he would his own. Because if he does they will be all O.K. But if he does not, if she is the mother she ought to be, she will not stand for a man to mistreat her child.

They will start for Vernon tomorrow.
Sun 25 I had to take a part of crew and haul dress the culvert we poured yesterday. Harold and his bride of "One Night" started for Vernon & Oklahoma today. We all went to church to net. Dorothy joined the Christian Church and was baptized to "net". I think she is a little young. But I never want to be a stumbling block in the way of any one in their Religious belief. I truly hope she understands what she is doing and will live up to what she believes. and will live a Christian life.

Monday May 26 1974.
 No work that is, Not a full crew.
 Sun did come some rain last nite.
 The excavations were all full of mud.
 we worked some. we took out the Metal
 Sun 27 drain on the spill way dam.
 finished it at 11.30 p.m.

→ finished getting Mud out of
 floating. Jores same in after noon.
 I took temporary bridge out. at Spillway
 Left Howard in charge of Mixer.
 Wed 28 Sent Mixer to Looe for job. in p.m.
 we went out in P.M. the inspector
 would not let us go for bridge. Could
 not go it before nite. Good thing
 we did not. Fell an awful hard
 rain from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.
 would have ruined it if we had.

Thurs 29 put in a tempo. bridge on 4x5
 opening. Had Weaver to cut
 Champion on east end of McKinney
 bridge. I started to Looe for job.
 got stuck in Mud. Finley backed
 out. Mr. Finnie and I went to the
 show to nite. Harold & wife have not
 returned yet.

Fri. ³⁰ 30
 Cloudy and threatening rain. I went out on
 North end. Got Stewart to move some
 gravel for me. we started for South job.
 did not get out then came up a rain.
 Came back home. Made out pay roll. went
 to bed. Dan been sick for several days.
 Harold & wife came in today.
 was sick abd. Since noon. A.E. went
 out and found top on Looe for road.
 The big Bridge on west end
 of Looe for road.

Saturday May 29 31 - 1924

Sat 31 I did not get up this A.M. was sick all day. Some of the crew worked today. Harold found a room. He and wife moved in. They seem to want to get to themselves. That is the thing to do. W.E. left for Robertson County today. I do not know what kind of a job he is bidding on.

Sunday June 1 1924

Sun 1 Another hard rain last night. will have a lot of work to do over. We went out after noon with Mr. & Mrs. McCreaney. Harold and Della came over for a while to "nite".

Mon 2 Went out on job. things seemed to be lowed up. Sat things started Ok. made very good progress. After I got them started, found extension. Had to clean out two footing excavations before I could start forms. Look for Mr. F. back tomorrow.

Tues 3 The boys started to work on forms again. The holes have been cleaned out 3 times now. I think Maby we will get to pour them tomorrow.

Wed. 4 Was up & down on the job all day. I went out to pile driver. I did think I would have my piles drove up. But on second thought, I decided they would hurt. I feel bad with the piles bothering me. Will pour concrete tomorrow.

Thursday June 5. 1924.

Thurs 5 made ready and poured little 3x3.28
near Mr McKennys to-day. Mr J.
came back last P.M. He did not
get the Robertson County job. Too high
I had to go out and move the mixer
out of the road to make. Warm and
bath raining in N. W. Hope will not
rain until we get the other Culvert
poured. On the North end.

Fri 6 We got started early. poured the 5x4x34.
was afraid would rain before we
finished but did not.

Sat 7 The crew or a part of them wrecked form
and dressed Culvert. I was down to
McKenny bridge where Wilds is
back filling. They want us to get
to shooting old bridge out.

Sun 8 Mr Timmie & I looked up Masters
Could not do any business with
him. Lallie, Dorthey, Harold & wife.
and I went to Greenville in
P.M. I felt awful bad could not
find the place where I used to
play when I was a little kid.
The stand pipe and smoke stack
and dam at the water works
on Sabine river was all I saw
that I could call to memory.
But I left there 37 years ago.
As we came home. The ford began to
break. No oil. Altho a filling station
man told me I had plenty of oil.
The truck came out and took
us in. The folks came home in
a brother's car of Harold wife.

Monday June 9 1924.

Mon. 9. We started shooting big bridge and the form builders were out on South end. The have a $3' \times 2' \times 28'$ ready.

Tues. 10 We made very good speed on the bridge shooting it down. Poured a top out on South end.

Wed. 11 Poured footing on an other $3' \times 2' \times 28'$ worked on big bridge shooting. I started Eady on repairing my car. Will have it put up in shape. They are cutting. But I suppose it is all right as that is some pleasure.

Thur. 12 Worked hard all day on working the bridge. The form setters are getting on nicely on the $3' \times 2' \times 28'$ form. Worked on the bridge till

Fri. 13 Noon $\rightarrow$ Poured top on $3' \times 2'$ in P.M.

The boys are all getting sore at one another that is a very bad way to do. Put "Red" on my car.

Sat. 14 Cleared up wreck floated down some other work. Have the spill way the final touch. A.E. lift "Red". Did. He finished repairing car.

Sun. 15 Sure was a hot day. We went out on Sloan creek.

Mon. 16 The mud sure is bad in the Cottonwood job. I sent all the crew to Cottonwood job. would love to pour it before it rains. Horatby took sick this P.M.

These rooms are sure hot. If A.E. gets the paws job we will be gone from here soon.

Thursday June 17. 1924

Wed 17 Worked all day on Cottonwood job. It seems we will now get it in shape to pour.

Wed 18 The Inspector came out gave us grade we had to dig it out 7" deeper. I swear that is one muddy job. Hope will not rain before we get the footing poured. A hard rain sure would put the finishing touch to that job.

Thurs 19. We made ready and poured the footing in P.M. Started at 3 PM finished at 9.15. I sure was glad. Mr Worrell did not want me to pour it. But I insisted on pouring. A.E. has not shown up yet. I have not heard from him since he went away last Sat.

Fri 20. Morales crew started to setting forms. I want to finish the work, now till he gets them done. I want to pour top before June 20. I started J.B. Mills on the other mud hole. I have been trying to see Mr Purvis.

Sat 21 I have Pay roll made out and I cant find him to sign it. I took crew out to job. I came back saw Purvis, got the money for the Pay roll. Deposited it in The First National Bank of McKenney. Made out checks. went back to job. I did not stay out long, and up a rain would be to have poured the other footing. But cant.

Sunday June 22. 1924.

Sun 22. Stayed home till noon. Mr. Lirmin and wife called in P.M. we had quite a talk. Mr. (my folks) went out north of town. As for as Anna & Malissa the rain did not amount to much.

Mon 23 We started 4 men on the Catten wood job. forms. would like to get it poured this morn. will be ready for the other muddy footing soon.

Tues 24 Billie was sick near all night. We did not get the footing poured. Mr. Worrell would not let them start too near Nite.

Wed 25 We poured the footing. Finished about 10 A.M. I took crew back to Exall Highway.

Thurs 26 Made a New excavation, started teams on Finlee Road. 6.5 hrs. work. The team work is to high. Cant afford to hire them much. Biler is better Jimmie is sick to night. One devil of a crowd here. I am trying to write, out on the porch. The bugs are so bad I cant do a law thing. The drought is getting something awful. Sallie attended an opening of the Stewart & Benson wholesale house. They gave away a few things and all the women were there. Some got some things and some did not get any thing.

Fri 27 Finished the excavation. 5 x 3 x 20. The folks are all getting sick. Some kind of throat trouble. and so hat. A. E. called. Dr. & I went to see Purvis. at his home.

Saturday June 28. 1924.
 Sat 28. We set the steel in place in
 a.m. Had a Mr Strickland
 to move the mixer. We found
 footing in p.m. I thought I would
 be short handed. We went
 home sick. Harold has boil on
 hip. An 'ing' on form builders.
 We poured footing quick when we
 did get started. Mr Firmin
 went to Mineral Wells to get
 that work started. He gave me
 a bull pup. One of old Busters
 sons. [Took Harold and wife out
 to one of her brothers. will go
 for them this save]. I sure do hope
 will not rain at least till
 I can pour that cotton wood
 job. But has launched in the
 string music. Having bought
 him a mandolin.

Sun 29

Mon 30 Was raining when we went up to
 filling station. we did not go out.
 I bought a wagon sheet to cover
 cement. Williams and I went out
 and covered cement. But being sick.
 Harold too. Firmin came in from
 Mineral wells.

Sunday July 1. 1924

Tues 1

The crew was on job all day.
 I had to come in to town to attend
 to some business.

Wed 2

I had to come in and go to bed
 have been sick for several days.
 Made ready to pour cotton wood
 bridge.

Sat

Fri

Call for this
time-year

Sat

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Thursday July 3, 1924.

Thurs 3 The crew went out at 5:30 to get an early start. The inspector would not let them pour. Said not enough sand on ground. I have been in bed all day. Had phone call from A.E. at Mineral Wells. He seemed to be disappointed because we had not poured the cotton wood job. All the crew came to work with coats on.

Fri 4 The crew went out and poured the pier and wings of the cotton wood job. Rained nearly for forenoon. I am still in bed feel bad. Will have to treat it from this part of the state. All of us seem to be down & out.

Sat 5 Am feeling some better now. They finished up the cotton wood job today. I had to get the pay roll money from Frank Purvis.

Sun 6 I went out on the job. We hand dressed the big bridge. worked 8 hrs.

Mon 7 Started a crew on the Exall A. way. Mr Weaver on the 8 x 8. Sam on the 5 x 3. On the Lovejoy Road.

Tues 8 Was on the job all day.

Wed 9 Made ready to pour 8 x 8 But when Mr Worrell came out for the inspection, He had Mr Weaver to change some steel. So we could not pour it.

Thurs 10 Poured the 8 x 4. I bought some steel from Mr Abbott and stayed in town to have it cut and bent.

Call for this
time again.

Friday July 11, 1924.
 Fri 11. I took the men out to job. Harold had a man to move the mixer. I stayed with Tull Mills and Marshall. I had them work on old bridge wheel curb and wings. I shot them a little too hard cracked the wall.

They poured the 5x3. Came up an awful hard rain when they were about half done. But finished after the rain. A. E. F. called me up. wanted me to send truck over to Mineral Wells. But I can't send it yet.

Sat 12. I put out one more man on the new bridge to rub it down. He did a good job. and makes a good foreman. I had to let Eddy go. He got to smart.

Sam McClellan put. Good riddance a bad rubbish.

I had to go to Dallas for a bill of steel. Cost \$2.00 and some cents. We got back at 1:30 P.M.

went to 8x4 I rubbed some on it. Red had dressed it down. But the hard rain washed all the latter off. Hauled two loads of gravel to Highway.

Had telegram from Mr. Hermin to send Harold Sunday. so he can go to work Monday.

Sun
 Mon 13

I went out to Mr. Stewarts North of town. Harold started for Mineral Wells sure was hot, we drove around some.

Monday July 14 / 1924.

Mon 14

Finished the 4x3x34 footings
Poured same in p.m. was as hot
as I ever saw. for a while.
I did not get to see Mr Purvis
and some of the checks were
turned down. No way for him
to do.

Tues 15

was out on job all day. I let
Mr Abbott have the pump.
I also got some sand and
gravel from him. There was
some hot today. But just came
in threw some shovels down
on the floor a cow could not
make any more fuss.
we went down to the park.
But there was not anything
more than usual.

Wed 16

I think Weavers will have the forms
ready by tomorrow noon. Not so hot
to-day.

Thur 17

I had to take down some more
of that old bridge. I wish I could
get Mr Caution out to see it
maybe I would not have to take
down so much of it.
We poured top on 4x5x34 this
p.m. Firmin called me up
to 'nite'.

Fri 18

worked on the extension and moved
down the bridge we poured yesterday

Sat 19

Had Bud hauling lumber from
Caution wood job. put steel in
extension. Will not have to
take down any more of old bridge
we went out to town.

Sunday July 20. 1924.

Sun 20 Bud & I went out on Frisco Road
tore the forms off the $4 \times 8 \times 24$
sure was some stinking place
Harold came back from Mineral
wells this p.m. we do not like
over there.

I am having to get some gravel
& sand from Mr Abbott.

Mr Wilcox will haul it for me.
I wish I was done here.

Mon 21 I started on extension work proper
Cleaning up. Poured footing on
extension. Dug two excavations
for head walls.

Tues 22 Worked out on Frisco Road all
day. Mr Firmin came over from
Mineral wells. He made a
deposit in Callie County National
Bank, to take care of the checks
I had out on the Payroll.

Wed 23 We poured footing for wheel curbs.
Poured two without an inspector.
He came out for the third one.

Thur 24 We poured top on extension, Harold
& Mr Weaver started on forms on
wheel curbs. sure is some of the
hot.

Fri 25 I dressed extension down. The
boys H. L. & W. W. stepped up
two of forms for wheel curb.
Harold took wife & Berthy & him to
a K.K.K. meeting out in a pasture

Sat 26 We poured the wheel curbs today.
sure was hot

Sun 27 Bud & Harold took Mr Firmin's
things and started for Mineral wells

Sunday July 27-1924

Sun 27 I did extent to work on the wheel curbs. But decided later I would not. We went down to Finch park. That being the coolest place we could find.

Mon 28 I only retained one man Mr Marshall. He and I went out striped wheel curbs.

I came back to town to see if Mr. Finnie had been credited with the weekly pay role.

He had. Harold came back with Buf. Finnie had shut down at Mineral wells for 15 days no bricks. But bought 60 water melons. Sold 20 this P.M.

Tues 29 I took Mr Marshall out to Catton wood job. I came back to town we went to picnic. They had an old tinners grade. The boys took their melons to Princeton could not sell them to do much good. They sold them for 15¢ per. That is not good business. Pay 25¢ each haul them 100 miles and take a 10¢ loss.

Wed 30 Buf & I went out on job. Harold went with Mr Worree to make final inspection. The report is we will have some minor work to do, we all went down to Picnic ground. Lillie & I stayed in car. So many people some large crowd.

Thursday July 31. 1924.

Thurs 31 We. Bud & I were on the job all day. I went out to see Abbotts man about my pump. We did not go to picnic today or to "rite" either.

Sure is hot. I want to get finished so we can make our trip.

Friday August 1. 1924

Fri 1 We finished rubbing culverts today. And I am not sorry for I am tired and wore out.

Sat 2 The boys gathered up some loose stuff that was scattered around.

I bought a trunk and box, and other wise made ready to move to Mineral Wells tomorrow.

Sun 3 we started out from McKinney at about 8 A.M. Had some tire trouble in Dallas. Had to buy a second hand car. Came on to Ft. Worth. Ate lunch in Tourist Camp. Arrived in Mineral Wells about 4 P.M. The place does not look like the same place. Altho it has been nearly 20 years since I left this part of the country. We stayed at Garlands place.

Guess I will rent 3 rooms over mine. I do not like to pay so much for rooms. But cant beat it I guess.

Mon 4 We rented the upstairs rooms \$25.00 per mo. I will not start to work now. Bud & I went out in the Garres settlement saw several old timers. Had stool for a family reunion tomorrow. I will go & guess

Sun,

Wed 6

Thurs 7

Fri 8

Tuesday Aug. 5. 1924.

Tues, 5. Lallie Biley and I went out to a Mr Sullivan, to a family dinner. We sure did have a good time. I boarded with Mr Sullivan in the summer of 1904. I was prospecting with a diamond drill for the Texas Pacific coal co. of Cherokee, Tex. A Mr Doyal and I. So I was glad to see these old people. I saw a Mr Deaton he worked for the same drill for a while.

Wed 6 But I went down in Parker Co. where I used to live when I was a kid. Things sure did look lonesome. Nothing looked the same as it did then.

Sat 7. Sent to McEwen for my Bal.

Will start on my vacation as soon as it come in.

Thurs 7. My Bal. came this A.M. we made ready. Started for west Tex. At 2:10 P.M. Had a blow out some 5 mi. west of Mineral Wells. on by Palo Pinto, Gordon, Meigs, Strewn, Ranger and Cisco. we stayed in Laurel Park at Cisco. sure did have a hard bal. we did not take much bedding. Traveling light. Lite

Fri 8 we were up by day light and drove to Baird 28 miles west. Here we cooked breakfast. on to Dade arriving about 4 P.M. They were not looking for me. some surprise

Saturday Aug. 9 1924.

Sat. 9. We all went up to Tom Martins and Octavio. They were supposed to see us too. Had cream and water melons. Very nice time. We went back to Dad's after supper.

Sun 10 Tom & Lave came down. we went to church. Heard a good sermon. went to singing in afternoon. and church again at night.

Mon 11 we stayed at Martins till 3 o'clock we then went up to Martins

stayed over night. Lave & Tom came back down to Dad's.

^{we stayed at home all day} ~~Sun 12~~ * * * * * we left for Custer

~~Wed 13~~ we did not start to Custer till

~~Thurs 14~~ we left for Okla. early. Paces, Floyd-ada, Matador, Paduca, Llanah, Eldorado, Okla. and Custer we got to Mr Newtons about sun set. He had one of his sick spells had to send for the dr.

Thurs 14 I stayed about the place. all day. He did not feel like getting up.

Fri 15 I went down to the ranch place with Mr Newton brove his new Sudan.

Sat 16 we all went to Altus in P.M. Came back Dick & his wife were there

Sun 17 Stayed at his house all day.

Mon 18 we started for home came by saw the mulco. on to Chavers. saw the place. on to Wichita Falls saw Katy. shot on the range.

Sun.

Wed 2

Thurs.

Fri 2

Sat. 2

Sun 2

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Tues 2

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Thurs.

Sunday Aug 19 1924

Sun 19 we were up and started by sun rise made Henogeta for Breakfast South by Locksborough and to Mineral Wells. Arriving home about 3 P.M. Dad flew out. Just outside city limits. That made two on the trip found things ok.

Wed 20 was out on the job. But did not take charge, and wait till next Tuesday. Sure is some hot.

Thurs 21 Things are not like, I thought they would be. we went out past the job. But I went down to all Bennett's brick yard. I worked there in 1900. Things did not look as they did then.

Fri 22 we all went out on the river got a few grapes. thought I would make some wine. But I could not get enough to fool with.

Sat 23 I went out on the job. my first day on the job. I do not like it as well as concrete work.

Sun 24 we made water, to go out on the river for dinner. sure was hot things were busying up. one of the hottest days I ever saw. We went in swimming several times.

Mon 25 was on the brick job all day. (I forgot to mention the election of Mr Ferguson for Governor.)

Tues 26 The same as yesterday. Not

Wed 27 " " " " " "

Thurs 28 " " " " " "

Friday Aug. 29, 1924

Fri 29. We put down brick all day. That is I was on the job all day. The brick crew had to quit. No sand. It seems there is something all the time to stop the work.

I went to hear Rev. Culpper preach. He "found it out". A good sermon.

Sat 30 we worked till 3:30 P.M.

I went out to all miles north of town to see some sand. We will have to haul sand from there.

Sun 1 was up town for a while out to sand pit. Ned, Bud and Billy was a hot day and is not to write. We ordered a Negro from Ft. Worth to set brick. I met the 6:15 train but Mr. Rig did not come.

Monday Sept. 1, 1924.

Mon 1 I went out to sand pit, but the team started. Loaded Bud up, and came in town. Went out on job. Mr. Firmus was out and I told him I would rather quit. Since I knew nothing about the brick work. So I am out of a job now. The first time since Dec. 15, 1922. when I started working for him. We all went out to Ballew springs fishing in P.M. we did not catch any fish.

Sun 2 I was up town in forenoon out on the job in afternoon. I drove out to Inspiration Point in P.M.

Tuesday Sept. 2 1924

Tues 2 That sure is a nice place and one can get an eye full of the loveliest scenery. The Brazos river looks like a ribbon down in the valley.

I went up to the office to check up with Mr. Firmin he owes me quite a lot. But he is not going to be able to pay me, \$110²⁰ in all.

Lillie and Mrs. Lubbo have gone to the Culpepper meeting to night.

Wed 3 was about town all day. I am not doing any thing but not up have been off now 1 month.

Thurs 4 About the same as yesterday.

Fri 5

Sat. 6 Was awful hot to day. Pay day. Mr. Firmin payed me a check for \$50.00 on account. That leaves a balance of \$60.20

Sun 7 We went up to the show route. Harold, Bud and I went down to Thubor. That being the town Harold was born in. 21 years this 19th of December. I did not think to show him the house we lived in then. Maybe it was torn down. The place does not look like the same place. But 20 years changes lots of things. We got a few bottles of home brew. Had some kick. Came by Palopinto. Della was mad, at H. & S. They will soon get over that way.

Mon 8 made a few arrangements to leave here. I will go on the train and look out a location

Tuesday Sept. 9. 1924.

Tues. 9. I took the 7:10 train out of Mineral Wells for Seymour, arriving there at 12 noon. Could not do any good there. So I walked out on the Wichita Falls road, caught car to Halliday. I got to Wichita about 7 p.m. Met Mrs. Walker down town. She asked me to spend the night with them. So I went out to their house for the night.

Wed. 10. I was out on the J. Q. Brownlow's job a while. Stayed over night with him.

Thurs. 11. (J. Q. B.) → Went out to his job. Came in. Had lunch. Caught 1:30 train to Vernon, Tex. Stayed over 'nite' with Syd Parker.

Fri. 12. Was about town all day. Did not feel like walking out to place. Slept at Syd's.

Sat. 13. The same as yesterday. Saw Chance. But he did not come for me to go out home with him.

Sun. 14. Was about town all day. Sure is lonesome, in a place where you do not know very many people.

Mon. 15. I went out to place, went down in field where Mr. Chance was picking cotton. He seemed to be sick. The folks came in about dark. We stayed at the Frisco Rooming house. They were tired down.

Tues. 16. But I went out north of Vernon to see a fellow about picking cotton for him. Saw Mr. Pearson. Had 'phone call from Okemah, Okla. Jennie wanted us to help her pick out her cotton. We started over there about 3 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 17. 1924. 87

Wed 17 Came a nice rain last nite
We went up to Aluttee to see if
any negroes came in to pick cotton.
The naps did not get any, so we made
a trade with them to pick cotton
for them. We had a few drinks of 'corn'.

Thurs 18 We were here at home all day.

Fri 19

Sat 20 Sam Osborn came by, for me about
6:30 A.M. to go to Vernon. I had to
go over there to see about my house-
hold things. They were at the depot
I gave Syd Parker \$10.00 to take them
to Aluttee or to Mr Newton's place.
We did not get back till near 12 o'clock.

Sun 21 Jennie & Sallie & kids went to
Leda Brokers for dinner.
They reported a nice time. I took
Mr & Mrs Newton over to see
Olie Dines at Chesley Moore's home.
Olie is an old friend of ours.
He is very low, but fast seems
he has I.B. of the bone, but think
he will last long.

Mon 22 We tacked paper on walls of the
little house in for noon. Sallie
Jennie & I went to Aluttee in p.m.
I bought sacking @ 26¢ per lb.
24 yds. \$9.90 groceries.

Tues 23 Put up store and made ready to move
in little house. Mr Newton went up
to see Bob Harper about a drill.
Back home we ate our first meal
at home to day. Mrs Newton is out
in the cotton patch picking
old Nick row! 9:30 at nite.
I don't know what they are going

Wed Tuesday Sept. 24. 1924

Wed. 24. We started in to pick cotton for Price Wilkerson. I would not pick cotton at all, if I did not want to make payment on my place at Vernon.

I sure did get tired, we all picked about 600. #.

Thurs. 25. We did not pick all day, for Price. His cotton got too thin. We finished the day in Orakes cotton.

Fri. 26. Bud & I picked for Sam Osborne. Some better picking than Wilkerson's cotton.

Sat. 27. We picked till noon or Bud did. I picked all day. The Laufflin kid is here tonight.

Sun. 28. We sat around till noon. Mr. Newton & I went down to the pasture, back by town. Out to see Olie Deane. Some cooler.

Mon. 29. We started in to picking in Jennie Cotton. Not much good picking. How ever I picked more than any day before. 271. #. Sure am tired and wore out can't get it like I used to.

Tues. 30. Picked Cotton all day.

Wednesday, October 1 1924.

Wed. 1. Picked Cotton all day.

Thurs. 2. " " " "

Fri. 3. " " " "

Sat. 4. " " till noon we all went up town in P.M.

Sun. 5. Mr. Newton and I went to Vernon to see the new oil field. They sure have an oil field over there this time.

Monday Oct 6. 1924.

Mon. 6. We started in, Price Wickersham
Cotton again. Came up a rain
about 10 A.M. and rained near all
day. Billy started to school to-day.

Tues. He seems to like it fine.

→ I took kids to school, and went
from town to a sale at the home
of Herman Goffman secured.

We bought an oil stove. Think
it will be some better than the
little old coal stove. We could not
pick cotton. Sam Shrack wanted to buy my place.

Wed 8. Came another rain last night.

→ We did not pick any cotton till in
after noon. was a little wet under
foot.

Thurs 9. We picked cotton all day. was some time.

Fri 10. " " " " " " " " " " " "

Sat 11. We picked cotton till noon. Mr Newton and
I went to Altier in p.m. Came back
and we went to show. or Sallie and
kids did. I did not care for show.

Sun 12. Sallie, kids Mr Newton and I went to pick.
we went by Lipton, Snyder and New Brandenburg
we got back after night. Missed road near
Frederick. The old lady is over to Sam
Abornus.

Mon 13. we picked cotton all day. I picked 205
we all picked 927 @ \$1.50 per hundred.

Tues 14. The same as yesterday.

Wed 15. " " " " " " " " " " " "

Thurs 16. We picked cotton for Fannie to day.
Old lady is on a high horse.
The sheriff came out to see what
the fuss was. Don't think she is
our sister. Mr Newton seems to be all in

→ they are on way to Carmine in Fayette County
A.E. wanted me to finish the dam on Ream
creek.

Friday Oct. 17. 1924.

Fri 17 We picked cotton all day. Things
seem to have quieted down some.
The Dr. said they were not getting on
very well. I think that is all there
is to it. Harold & Mr. Timmie came by.

Sat. 18 we picked till noon. They all want
to take Sat. afternoon off. I had
just as soon pick cotton, as go to
town.

Sun 19 I went up town to get a paper.
Came home, had dinner, took Lillie
and Jennie up to Mrs. Drake's.
She is a very sick woman.

Mon. 20 We picked cotton all day. 10 32 7
I am sure tired.

Tues. 21 Came a hard rain last P.M. Could
not pick cotton. I went over to Deer
for some barley seed. Mr. Newton
had him order. We went up to
town. Things are sure wet.
I sure did want to make a good
week. This and next week. and
meet my Mate. I have not heard
from Mr. Percy or Castlebury.

Wed 22 We picked cotton all day.

Thur 23

Fri 24

Sat 25

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

till noon went over to
Oliver in afternoon. Had a fuss when we
got back home. I asked for more money
on this cotton picking. They could not pay
it they said.

Sun 26 We had a few drinks of "corn". went
up town to see Mrs. Drake. She
is about to die. Went down to ranch
to see wheate & stock.

Mon. 2

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Thur 3

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Monday Nov. Oct. 27, 1924.

Mon. 27. Started in to make a good week picking cotton for I will need all the money, I can get, to make my land payment next Sat.

Tues 28 Picked cotton all day.

Wed 29 " " " "

Thurs 30 " " " "

Fri 31 " " " " I went over and set up with Olie Dines all 'nite' Mr Newton & I.

Saturday Nov. 1. 1924.

I sure did feel bad setting up all 'nite' with Olie Dines. He died at about 8 a.m.

poor fellow is better off. But he wanted to live so bad. Bud & I went up town, I got a shaver. Checked up at the bank and started for Vernon Tex. arriving there about noon. I found that I had a bal. at Waggoner bank of \$98.52 paid off my Land Note # 2. We or I started home about sunset. Bud stayed over with a friend Jim Key. Syd Parker and two of his boys came home with me. I took Syd folks up to Mr Drakes. Mrs Drake is no better.

Sun 2 I went up helped dig Dines grave. came back ate dinner went to the funeral in P.M. and on up to town. Sallie has gone back to set up at Drakes to night.

Mon 3 Picked cotton all day. Cant do much good cotton is so hard to pick.

Tues 4 Election day I did not vote. sent check ^{extract} ~~to~~

Wed 5 Picked cotton all day. } to earth bury

Thurs 6 " " " " " " } at Vernon

Fri 7 " " " " " " } on land notes.

Saturday Nov. 8. 1924.

Sat. 8. Had Election returns. Coolidge was elected. Davis did not run at all. "Ma" Ferguson was elected governor of Texas. So March for "former Jim" picked cotton till noon, we went to Altus in P.M. Sallie & I did. Mrs Newton went with us.

Sun. 9. The night watchman at Eldorado was killed by a negro. Last night. Mr Newton & I went down to ranch to see about stock. The wheat all looks good. a little cold to nite. Had a little frost Sat 'nite.

Mon 10 we picked cotton all day.

Tues 11

Wed 12

Thur 13

Fri 14 Raining & cold all day. The roads were awful muddy. I bought me a leather coat.

Sat 15 we made ready to start early for the plains. But we did not get off till 10 am.

Mr & Mrs Newton Cecil Drake and I we made it to Vernon by 12 Noon. On by Wichita Dam and to Seymour. and to Munday. We left her at her sister's. Then we went on to Hasdall. Stayed for the night.

Went to the show.

Sun 16 ate breakfast and left for Snyder, Tex. Getting there about 12:30. ate dinner and went on to Mother's. They were fixing to eat dinner. we ate some more dinner. Tom Martin & wife were there. we went down to the oil well. think they have a good well.

Mon 1

Tues 18

Wed 19

Monday Nov. 17. 1924.

Mon 17. We had breakfast at Dad's & mother and started for the plains about 8 A.M. Stopped at Sale in Borden county to feed Mr Newton since he eats no breakfast. We had dinner at Odonaugh. Then we went on to Wilson. Saw Mr Gung. He told us where a nephew of Mr Newtons lived. We drove out there to stay over night. Cecil the three Newton boys & I went to show at Tahoka (these Newton boys were sons of the Negroes)

Tues 18. We started about 8 A.M. for Littlefield in Lamb County. By way of Slaton, Lubbock, Shallowater and Littlefield. Arriving about 12 Noon. The Thompson Land Co Men took charge of us. They took us to restaurant for dinner, and then in P.M. took us out to show us their land. Mr Newton bought one "Laborer" 177.1 A. @ \$38.00 Per A. Out from Sudan. We come back to Littlefield had supper, and went to show. The Land people payed all expencies.

Wed 19. We early started for Lubbock. Stopped a while for minor repairs on car. We then went on to Sisters Curtie Witt Wagoner. Had dinner. Sure did enjoy the 'feed'. We stopped for a while at Rales. I used to know every body in Rales. Now I do not know but few. I saw Lewis Chance a very good friend. (that one may see our business and social dealings by offering back to Ledger #2. The year 1916 & 1917.) We then started for Floydada in Floyd County, arriving there at 4 P.M.

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Wednesday Nov 19. 1924.
Wed. 19. we decided to stay in Floydade, as the distance to Luanah was too much to make. We stayed with an old friend of mine Mr A. V. Haynes. Mrs Haynes made a date for Cecil with a neighbor girl to take her to the show. We all went to the show Mr Newton claiming we "stood him up." We were royally entertained till 11.30 P.M.

Thur 20 They were up early. Had the early feed. Mrs Haynes ~~had~~ fixed us up a nice lunch which was highly appreciated at high noon on the Court house ☐ at Paduca in Cattle County. After tacking up we started for the last lap of our trip making Luanah in 2.5 hours.

Put on a new fan fully. Then hoped off on the last leg of trip.

Making the "Poor house" a little after dark. The folks had a story to tell about Uncle Geo. Talliver

coming up and bawling them out about "stealing his wood." Had supper and retired about 10 o'clock a tired man. But now the less I saw mama Oh! well. 3 (in the morning.)

Fri 21 We picked cotton all day. I could hardly pick. The hard trip, was too much for me. "Knackered" my damper down!! How ~~was~~ I will be Ok. day after tomorrow nite.

Sat 22 was up early, did intend to pick cotton. After breakfast I decided to go to Fredrick Ok. I wanted to see Bowden, But could not

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Saturday Nov. 22 1924.

Sat 22 find him. Bud went with me. we came back by Altus. They went up town to show.

Sun 23 We were up by 5 A.M. to go to the Comanche Indian Reservation Near Lawton to get pecans. The wind was out of the North cold as the devil. We started about 7 o'clock. 3 cars. We got to the pecan grove about 9.30 A.M. we stayed a while at Dick Newtons. I had a drink of "Corn." we gathered over 50 # nuts. Back home by 8 P.M.

Mon 24 Picked cotton all day. was cold in A.M.

Tues 25 " " " "

Wed 26 " " " " Came the

Frost

hard killing frost. Some ice. the latest frost since I have kept any record of it. Since 1914.

Thurs 27 Thanksgiving! No picking to day. was cold any way. We had a nice dinner at home. Drake folks went to the old man Drake for dinner.

Fri 28 We picked cotton all day. was cold in for noon. I did. say one I never would pick any ^{more} cotton. My hands hurt all the time when I am picking.

Sat 29 We picked cotton near all day. Sallie & kids went up town to show. Dick Newton is in jail at Lawton making boys again well he is just going to make it any way.

Sun 30 Was cold all day. I straightened up a lot of papers. Stayed home all day.

Monday December 1, 1924.

Mon. 1. Pulled (or picked) cotton all day.
I think they will start pulling
bales.

Tues 2 About the same as yesterday.

Wed 3 We pulled cotton all day. Pulled
something near 2000. # Came a rain
and some hail just before 'nite

Thurs 4 was wet and cold all day. we did
not pick any cotton. too cold.
was up town bought underwear
for all. That alone, is an item
in the support of a family.
Let alone the 'eater'.

Fri 5 picked cotton all day, after about
10 Am. Did not do much. was
cold and damp. Lemmy killed the
fatted pig. Had ribs for supper
I fixed the "button". "Oh! 'Button' where
is 'thow sting'."

Sat 6 We picked cotton near all day.
Bowden came over to spend the
night. He lives at or near French
Bnd and girls went to the show.

Sun 7 Mr Newton, Sam Osborn, Bowden and
I went down to the ranch. Mr N.
wanted to sell me four mules.
we did not trade any.

J. P. A. wife, Ruby and an other young
lady came over in P.M.

Mon. 8. we went picking about 10 A.M.
was cold. Mr Newton threw a fit.
this Am. Bawled the Drake family out.
some dif. about the wheat pasture

Tues 9 The whole dam works are all fixed
up today. Cold and stormy we
pulled a little cotton. But quit.

Wed.

Thurs.

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Wednesday Dec. 10. 1924.

Wed. 10 We pulled cotton all day. Was not so cold to day.

Thurs 11 About the same as yesterday.

Fri 12 Pulled cotton all day. That in the kids did. I helped the boys pull the pump and fix it. We had to go to town and get a few repairs.

Sat 13 We finished the well and pump, about noon. Cleaned up and Mr Newton, Lallie, Billy and I went over to Olton in P.M. She did a little trading.

Dick Newton came over, to make an early start for the plains tomorrow.

Sun 14 Newton and Dick came up, we ate breakfast about 5.30 A.M. and started for Lamb County. Tex. Went by way of Duke, Wallace, Childress, Matador, Floydada, plain view, and on to Olton the county site of Lamb Co. arriving there about 10 P.M. We put up for the night at Olton. One devil of a place to stay.

Mon 15 was up and on our way. By 6 A.M. On to Sudan, out to place Mr N. bought. Looked that over saw a well man then went to see a man to break the soil. He will have to pay him \$2.50 per a. Back to Sudan, ate dinner and then down to Littlefield, across to Levelland in Stockley Co. Then to Meadaw. in Terry Co. Saw the man Dick wanted to see. Then back to Littlefield. ate supper, Lanked up. Made Floydada today at 11.30 P.M. Lined and were out.

Tuesday Dec. 16. 1924.

Sun 16 Was up by 6 A.M. Had breakfast "Phoned". Tanked up started for home at 8.30. Had a blow out, down in the "Madador" pasture. Ate dinner at Childers. Rained some along the route. Got home about 5.30 P.M. Bad looking weather.

Wed 17. Everything froze up. Slept all over everything. Can't get out. Mr Newton & I went up town in afternoon. My ridador froze going to town. Sun is a bitter night.

Thurs 18 The worst spell of cold and sleet is raging now, that we have had for some years. I don't think we had as bad a spell, last winter.

Fri 19. The blizzard is still on. Some reports of people freezing. It is cold enough to freeze any thing that happens to be out in it. Can't do any thing but stay by ^{the} fire. I went up to the mail box, Had to wait for the carrier. I went over in the Cemetery to see house, and made a fire.

Sat 20. Harold birth day. He is 21 yr. old. About the same thing, today as yesterday. If any difference, it is colder. Lallie went up to Olustee with Jimmie and Cecil. They had a cold time of it.

Sun 21 Some warmer this A.M. but cloudy. Looks rainy. Think will rain some. I would like to get finished pulling cotton. So we could move home after Jan. 1. Mr Newton let his car freeze up he came near having a colt. No one to blame but himself. Aught to have let water out.

Monday Dec. 22. 1924.

- Mon. 22. The same kind of weather ever thing all
 froze up. Cant do any thing. Sallie
 Jimmie and kids, all went to Altus.
- Tues. 23. Things all froze up yet. Some little
 "fog."
- Wed. 24. After we had breakfast we went
 to Altus. Mr. H. and I. we had
 a few "corns" before we started. a drink
 of "fake" at Alustee. on to Altus.
 Harold came in I turned the the
 little 'ford' over to Harold. I bring a
 little "indisposed". We got back home
 about dark. The first time I have been
 "soured" in several yrs.
- Thurs. 25. Another Xmas. Sure seems they come
 fast. We had dinner down at Mrs.
 Drake's. Sallie cooked her dinner down
 and spread it with her. No drinks.
- Fri. 26. I helped Jimmie's top. Sallie hogs. Was sure
 cold. We killed 5 hogs. They were nice
 size hogs. The old Lady Newton
 threw a fit last P. M.
- Sat. 27. I packed the meat down in the
 sugar cur. Nice lot of meat. still
 cold to day. The longest bad spell of
 nasty weather I ever saw in this part
 of the country.
- Sun. 28. was in and about the house all
 day. This staying in the house all
 the time sure is getting old.
 I believe I would get down sick,
 if I had to stay in doors, all time
- Mon. 29. we all went up to Buckner's sale
 Sallie hid on a dining table.
 was carried to high \$19.00. Jimmie bought
 a saw. \$56.00. Kids started to school

Tuesday Dec. 30, 1924

Tues 30 We made a trip to Vernon. Sold our little place. Made the deed. Got the money and back home by 8 P.M. I did hate to sell it. But I made up my mind I could not promise my self any thing more than a little money. Sold for \$275.00 per A. I payed \$225.00. I did not make any thing on it. Kids are going to school now.

Wed. 31 ~~was~~ Awake this A.M. was cold and sleety. The weather sure is some bad. wish I could go to work now. I would like to make some money to take care of daily expenses and not have to draw on my bond money.

Thursday Jan. 1, 1925.

Thurs 1 was cold as the devil. I want to start picking cotton. (or pulling) but it is too cold and damp. Mr. went up town. No body out much to cold, and slow day too. I payed Lutton bro. co. \$75.00 the bro. acct sure done stack up. I payed Mr. Newton \$281.00 that I borrowed. I also payed First National Bank at Alhertee \$15.00. and Farmers State Bank at Vernon, Tex. \$100.00 sure done take money. And seems you cant make any head way saving up any thing.

Fri 2 I was sick with a bad cold. Helped Sallie work. was cold all day. Harold & Bud went to Vernon to move what things we had left at the place I sold. They moved them in to town. will pick them up later.

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Sun 4

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Saturday January 3, 1925.

Sat 3 Harold decided he would go back to McSkimney. So I took him down to Wichita Falls. All the trains and Buses had departed except the "Katie" out to Denison. So we ate a hasty dinner and he left at 4 P.M.

I shaved. Stayed over at Walters when I used to board.

Sun 4. We had dinner and drove out to Call field. I felt bad all day.

Mon 5. I went out in South W.F. to see J. C. Brumblow. Left Wichita near noon. Ate dinner at Burdaburnett. Arriving home about dark on the rim. Had a puncture near home.

Tues 6. I pulled cotton all day. I sure did feel bad. We have decided not to move out on the plains. will move to Wichita Falls soon. I did not feel like tying up what money we have in a piece of land and then having nothing to live on. I think I will go in the cement business in W.F. If I move.

Wed 7. Pulled cotton all day. was some warmer. My cold is some better. I will be glad when I get away from here. My goodness alive. I do not wonder at this place being a "bug house". It is not one thing. it is another. The old Lady or the kids

Thurs 8. Pulled cotton, not all day, for it was too cold. I am not so in favor of The Wichita move. I had rather invest my money in land.

Friday January 9. 1925

Fri. 9. Pulled a little cotton to day.
Sat. 10 Cold, and we could not do any
things. I wish we could work and
get through with this cotton.
I would like to get settled down.

Sun. 11. Clear and cold, we went up town
at near 'nite' Had to ride around
a little. The kids cant stand to stay
in doors all the time.

Mon. 12. Pulled cotton all day.

Tues 13 " " " "

Wed 14 " " " "

Thurs 15 " " " "

Fri 16 Cold, to day. Mr. N. Jennie, Cecil,
Lallie and I went to Altus.

I saw Bowden, and Pruitt.

I have been cold all day.

I have decided, I would go out
on the plains, and get near to
Wichita falls.

Sat. 17. I went up to Alustee to see
Mr Chas. Hensley about renting
the Old Man Hensleys place. But he
will move out on it himself.

Cold as old red to day.

I went back to town near night.

Bowden came in on the 6:10 train.

Sun 18 We did not get up, till near 10 A.M.

The ground was covered with snow.

and snow has been falling all

day. I did want to meet Scorsed

in Wichita falls, But cant afford

to get out in this kind of weather

Maybe he will come on to Alustee

But is meeting 6:10 train.

Monday Jan. 19 - 1925

Mon. 19. Still cold and sloopy. The snow is melting off. The kids came in to Altus. Harold called up and said they came in to Altus last night.

But and Lallie went over to Altus for them. Quite a load coming back. Lallie, Harold, wife, Junior, But and Floyd Drak. Bowden and I fixed a little dinner. Biley did not go to school.

Tues. 20. But took Bowden to Clustee he caught a car to Altus, we stayed in doors near all day.

Wed. 21. I went down to the "O.X. Ranch" with Mr Newton. he wanted to see about his stock. Left town in afternoon. The snow is near all gone. Did not snow south west of town very much.

Thurs. 22. Junior was sick last night. Had the cramp. Was a little excitement. Harold seems to be more attached to him now, than he was in the summer. Helped Lallie wash to-day. Harold, But picked some catten for a Mr Norwood. They picked 80 and 90 # respectfully.

I do not know just what to do. I am afraid I cant hold down a place like I want, and finance Harold too. I want to help him all I can. But we cant live in the same house. He is too high strung.

Fri 23 I think I saw the largest foot, this A.M. I was sew. The ground was covered, like a snow had fallen. Biley was sick all 'nite' high fever. His throat was all swollen up. He is better 'tonite'.

Fri Jan. 23 1924.

Fri 23 we picked cotton for a Mr Norwood this A.M. pulled for Cecil this P.M. I told him I would have to pay me $\$17.50$ per C.W.T. from Navon.

I can't make any money at $\$100$. per C.W.T. They are paying 17.50 all about here now. I guess we will start next Sunday. I do not know whether I will buy any land or not. I have got to do something soon, though.

I would like to go to some big town and do something that would not be out in all kinds of bad weather.

Sat. 24. we picked cotton near all day. The bales are scattered. I want to get done with this cotton and get settled down at something steady.

Sun. 25. We stayed home all day. Harold went for the mail. Bud went down to the ranch. I made a walk out in the river bottom to see if I could find some wood. Did find quite a lot.

Mon 26 Oh! Gee! Come up an awful North wind, some time in the night. Saw some of the cold. I pulled a few bales. I wanted to see if the boys had the 'gats' to get out. They did not. Started in snowing about 4 P.M. And is still snowing 10 P.M.

Tues 27 Clear but cold. We went up to a salt sale. up at Mr. Morgan's. On the Crow place west of Clustee. I bought a few things. Plow wagon and a team of horses.

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Sat 3

Wed Tuesday Jan. 28, 1925.
 urf. 28. Helped Drake boys kill hogs. We
 killed two. They were not fat, much.
 I went up town in afternoon to
 settle for the wagon & plow I bought
 at the sale yesterday. I paid for
 them took up my Darn Draft at $1\frac{3}{4}$.
 I did not take the horses. I did not
 want to pay all cash, and he did
 not want me to take them out of
 the state, so I let the other man
 have them. The boys brought
 the wagon and plow home.

Thurs. 29 A Very Nice, morning. Not so cold.
 Gulled some cotton, decided it
 was too wet, or tough. Beans our
 bull dog, departed this life, some time
 last night. I do not know what
 was (is the) matter with him. He was a
 good dog. I hated to see him die,
 but I never had a dog, that I could
 say thing for, that lived long.
 We did aim to start for west
 Texas, this A.M. But decided we
 would wait a few days longer,
 on the weather. I may go alone.
 I want to go to Dawson Co. I
 would like to see that part of
 the country.

Fri. 30 Gulled cotton, a part of the day. Mr N.
 and I went over to Sam Osborne. Their
 little girl died about 4 P.M. we stayed
 till 12. Or I did he stayed all night.
 dug the grave and helped at the
 funeral.

Sat 31 Gulled cotton near all day. Lallie & I
 went up to town. New boots & pants.

Sunday February 1 / 1925.

Sun 1 Another birth day. 45 years young.
Now what do you know about that?
We went down to the ranch Newton,
wife, Sallie and Oellie.

was at home the balance of day.

Mon 2. we pulled cotton all day. I am
anxious to get this cotton done.

I want to get more now.

I will have to go to Wichita falls.

I want to get me a truck. I can't
afford to pay out so much for P.R.
freight. I can use a truck for
moving and for other things too.

Tues 3 pulled cotton all day. Sun is fine
weather for pulling. We heard
just at night that Mrs Drake
had died. She was an old
timer in this part of the country.

wed 4 Cora & I went up and helped dig
the grave for Mrs Drake. The burying
took place about 4 p.m.

Thurs 5 Bud & I started for Wichita falls.
I wanted to buy a used truck.
but when we got down there
about 3 p.m., and looked the
used cars & trucks over, none that
I wanted. We put up at the
Mansion hotel, went to the show.

Fri 6 Decided to buy a new truck.

They went over to Burk Burnett
brought a new one back.

But they made me sore and
I would not have it. We came
on to Vernon, I settled with
the Bank. Drove my money
on home. Went out to South Wichita

Saturday Feb. 7. 1925.

Sat. 7. Mr. Newton & I went over to Altus made contract for a New Truck. will take it out when I come back from Lamb County. I expect to start tomorrow. Old uncle Buck got his in damn to go with us. Harold, Dellie Dorthy, Jimmie, Junior and Billy have gone to the show.

Sun 8 We got off about 8 A.M. went down by the ranch. On to Eldorado. The old man & Parker got a pt. of bust skull. They were good and drunk when we got to Luananah. We ate dinner at Paduca. On to Ralls. Mr. N. and I stayed over night at Frank Lee's. Buck stayed in Ralls. I stayed

Mon 9 at Curties for a few minutes. We ate dinner near ^{Shallow} ~~Shallow~~ water. Then on to Littlefield. Then out to the place. The wind walked about for a while. We stayed over nite at the Thompson Land Co. Office.

Tues 10 We went out to Sudan. Measuring the land. the man broke. 81.90 a. Then we came out as for as Curties and stayed over "nite".

Wed 11 We started for home. I drew \$200.00 at Ralls. Came on to Floydada bought a few things for dinner we ate dinner at the old stack mill under the cap rock. Then we started for home. Arriving about 8 P.M.

Thurs

Friday Feb 12. 1925.

Thurs 12

I was sick this a.m. I stayed in bed till near noon. Got up and had dinner. went to Altus, bought a new Truck. They delivered it town here. But it is a low speed and I bought a high speed. will take it back. and have them change it.

Sat 13

Fri 13

The boy took the truck back to Altus. changed it for a high speed. I went up town afternoon. Every body has the "flu". I feel awful bad.

Sat 14

Fri 14

Stayed about the house all day. Snow is dry. We need some hard rains to ensure crops. The wheat is all blow up now. The boys worked on

Mon 15

Sun 15

The boy went up the truck bed all day. made a good job of it.

Sun 15

Fri 15

We worked on the truck bed. Did not have enough lumber to finish it. But made very good progress. No rain yet.

Mon 16

They finished the bed for the truck all but painting. I was sick near all day. I pulled a sack of cotton for boys.

Tues 17

I painted the truck a cold black. I helped them pull some cotton in the afternoon. Some colder to-day. The old lady Newton is on a high 'kass' again.

Wed 18

I helped finish the cotton. they had 490# sold for 3.25. No we did not finish.

Thurs 19

This is the day we finished. Had 810# sold for 3.30 per cwt. Sallie is down sick. The 'flu'.

Fri Feb. 20, 1925

Fri 20 I wrecked an old sinder for the bats and taps. Put some glass in the truck. Lallie is still sick.

Sat 21. I sent the boys to Vernon for some things I had over there. They got back about 7 P.M. Came a nice rain. Think it rained hard North & West. We went up town in afternoon. Lallie is some better to nite. I am not just exactly satisfied with the way things are going. Haralp does not want his wife to go to town, or any place for that matter. I do not see what he wants to be that way for. Why should I worry.

Sun 22 We made ready to start for Sudan, Tex. Loaded up truck. Moved it up to the house. I think we have too much on it will weigh it and see.

Mon 23. We got started about 8 A.M. A little bit heavy loaded. I bought 5 bridge checks at the river. Paid \$1.25 for them. Five crossings for 25¢ more than the regular price of one crossing. We (Haralp & Robert and I) ate dinner on Peace River. Made Floydada, arriving there about 7.30 P.M. We stayed in the Tourist Park for the nite. Slept warm enough, but the bed got hard before morning.

Tues 24. We started down west from Floydada. Made Littlefield about 1 P.M. We drank some coffee. Talked to the office "Strag." Went on out to the place. Unloaded truck. Went up to Sudan. Saw a lumber man. On out to Amhurst.

Thursday Feb 24. 1925.

~~Tues 24~~ Talked to another lumber man. They all have their heads together on prices. Came on down to Littlefield Had supper. Talked to a "lumber bootlegger". He could not do any better when he submitted his bid. I thought he was trying to 'hijack' me. Looked for a 75¢ per ft. well man. Could not find any. Found one for 80¢. But he would not move out for one well.

Wed. 25. We had breakfast. Came on back to Sudan made deal with Pandhandle Lbr. Co. Also White the well man. Took out load of lumber. Started work on house. We slept out on ground. Also calf.

Thurs. 26 We worked till about 4 P.M. Came up a calf N.E. wind. We quit and moved camp over to little shack. Was some better. Our neighbor a Mr Morgan let us have a little store. The boys went for some coal.

Fri 27. was awful cold this A.M. We did not start to work till 11. Not so cold to night. We pulled some Russian thistles or tumble weeds for a bed. They act as mattress, springs both.

Sat 28 We made good progress. Came a sand storm in P.M. I thought would blow the house down. The boys went to town for some eats. The well man did not get moved out. So windy & gross.

Sunday March 1 1925.

Sun 1 Cold after the sand storm yesterday. I do not feel as well as I would like to. We drove out to the Newcome land. Town Bulah

Monday Mich. 2 / 1925

Mon 2 we were up early and out by seven. I went to Sudan for a load of lumber. Brought out the wind mill. The well men started this a.m. made about 45 ft.

That is making money.

Made good time on house. I saw a Mr Cook. He will help me put up my mill and I will help him. No rain yet would like to see a good rain.

Tues 3. I went to town for casing & pipe some sucker rod. I bought a dresser for \$15.00. They will finish well today. Sent Harold over to help cook build his tower. They did not finish well.

Wed 4 Sent H.G. back to cook. We went back over and ate dinner at Mr Cooks. I helped him raise his mill. The well is down 150. Had to make another trip to town for more well supplies. We are just about done the house.

Thurs 5 We were out early. I have been in a high tension to-day. The well is now down 170 ft No water to speak of yet. Just a seep. Will have to get some 3.5 in. casing (steel) to lower in bottom. Mr Newton will be disappointed in the depth of well. He thought he could get water at 115. Bought a lot of hance wharf goods. Kitchen C, oil stove, chairs, beds, springs and some other junk.

Fri 6 We moved the little shack over to-day. The well men pumped the well 4 or 5 hrs. to day. Seems to be plenty of water.

Harold bought \$31.15 worth of pipe

Pipe \$27.90 Perforating \$3.25.

Had to get it at Higgins & them & Borell

Saturday Mich. 7. 1925.

Sat 7. I settled with wree man. That is I Oked.
his statement to Newton for \$196.00
We started on sawr. Built it had it
raised and two legs anchored down
by sunset.

Sund We started work on wind mill
about 9 A.M. Had her pumping by
1 P.M. A cloud came up had quite
a little shower.

Mon 9 We finished every thing that
we could see to do. Scrubbed the
floors and walls of the shack.
Made ready to start for Okla
to-morrow.

Tues. 10 We were up by 4 A.M. Had a
bite and some coffee. Started
for Okla at 6.10 A.M. Made it in
by 6 P.M.

Wed 11 I went to a farm sale at Jim Vickery
4 miles N.W. Clustee.
Bought a cow \$66.00 Less 3%
discount. Came nice rain.

Thurs 12 I worked all day on wagon and
earner for 4 head. The boys went
for cow. to day.

Fri 13 I went up town bought some
"shot gun" harness. \$7.90
On down to ranch. worked one
of old filler mules home.
I eat the other mule I bought
of Newton. Loaded up the wagon
Come up a cold & other.

Sat 14 we were up late. Started Haral about
11 P.M. the folks all went to town
I worked on Tourst. some.

Sunday Mich. 15 1925.

Sun 15 we were up by 4 a.m. did not have a breakfast. Had a 1/2 mile out of Mr N. fruit jar. Started for Sudan, Tex. a little before sun up. Had quite a lot of minor stops. Harold was a few miles out of Inmanah with a broke down wheel when we passed him. Helped him get on the road again. Made it in to Floyd ^{Mo} by 6 P.M. Started for Littlefield and dark grabbed us near Wake Center. My lights got to cutting up and we got off the road. But we made home bout 10 p.m. a tired bunch we unloaded the car. she was tired too.

Mon 16 We did not get up till 10 a.m. Had breakfast. We all flew in and straighten up house. Helped with the floor covering. Went to town for some Caw feed and oil. Would like to see a good rain. ^{coal oil} Bought 55 gallons oil. Just as well buy it by the drum as in 5 gal. lots.

Tues. 17. Worked about the house. That is we did what we could. The wind & sand was something awful. Went up town for some post and wire. Bought 40 Post ^{25¢ each} 6 27 # wire. Since I came home, I find that will not be enough to fence what I want in pasture. 7 corner Post. 60 cts each.

Wed. 18. We set what post we had. But went for some more. Got 30 more post @ 25¢ each. Bought 55 gal. Lardene. @ 19 cts per gal. We put down all the post on the main line.

Thursday Mich. 19. 1915.

Thurs. 19 We stretched wire all day. Made a good fence. Have not heard from Harold yet. Guess he will be coming in tomorrow I guess. The gas man comes by for his check \$10.45
Sallie washed to-day. Says the water is like rain water.

Fri 20 Bud and I finished the fence. That is all we could, till we fix the lot and shed. Harold came in about Eleven A.M. The mules seemed to have made the trip fine, except the mule with the burn eye. She had a bad foot, and the rough soap hurt that more. We put the John Deer plow together. I sent the boys for some feed. They got 50 binds of cane @ 5¢ per bind. 50 binds of maize @ 6¢ per bind. The cow seemed to enjoy the cane. The wind sure did howl to-day. I want to paint the house just as soon as I can. Have to wait for a Calm day.

Sat 21 I mixed paint and painted the house. The boys went for a load of bundle maize. They got 200 binds. Built a stack lot.

Sun 22 Finished stack lot. unloaded feed. The stock want eat the maize stalks to do any good. The little Nancy mule was out this morning. But not far away. She crawls out. I put a chain on her foot. We went riding this P.M. Sprinkled some. Would like to see a good rain come. Things would even up. Things now are on a stand still

Mon. 2

Tues. 2

Sunday Mch. 22. 1925.

I had Lallie cut my hair, and shaved. I think I look some better and I know I feel better. They went over to Cooks for some milk, but did not get any. They are feeding their skimmed milk to hogs. But went to town for some tobacco. Money seems to go to where I want. Now I am just about broke.

I guess I will make it some way.
Mon. 23 Harold bought Mr Morgans two room house. They moved it to-day. But took the mules and harnessed soap. They tore it up pretty well. (They could not) Oh! hell, fire I cant write with all this confusion. The mules get tired. The dust is something awful.

I started a tank, But I could not do much on it.

Tues. 24 Started But to work. Helped Harold on his house all day. This living in the house with kids after they are married is not what it is cracked up to be. It does seem that things change so that. No house is built large enough for two families. If there are only two in one.

Had letter from Mr C. C. H. He stated he would be out soon. I wanted to see a good rain come before he came out. Two years ago to-day, A. E. Girmin put me in charge of the Beaver creek job. The work consisted of building a dam, for the W. T. Waggoner cutthroat. I stayed in the capacity of foreman for a little over a year. Had the utmost of confidence in Girmin. But I found him to be a crook.

Wednesday Mch 25 / 1925
 Wed. 25. Harold made a trip to Sudan for some
 more supplies, for his house.
 But is still harrowing. I helped H.S.
 built a feed trough. My mules waste
 too much feed, where I feed them on
 the ground. Sun does look like rain
 to-mite. Oh not much either. A new
 moon. The wind blows like the
 devil in day time but shuts off
 at night. I do not know just when
 Harold will move.

Thur 26 Sent to town for some, more lumber
 and other supplies, for Harold's
 house. Snow did have a strong
 North wind. The sand did not
 blow much though.

But is still harrowing. We have
 the house about ready for them to
 move in.

Fri 27. We put the roof on to-day. Scrubbed out
 and made ready for immediate occupancy.
 The wind came back from the south
 cool and choppy. Yes it chaps one's
 hands. No school to-day. Since no mail.
 Have been reading the Gallar
 murder case at Wichita falls. He
 killed one 'Buster' Robertson.
 Cold blooded murder I think.

It seems that the defense, has no
 excuse only attacking the good name
 of deceased's mother, & hard working widow.
 A daily Newspaper is no good, when
 one has no Rent. I hope we will get
 a Rural free delivery Route soon.
 Bought some beef from young
 Webb. \$1.90 worth.

Sat 28

Sun. 29

Mon 30

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Saturday March 28 1925.

Sat 28 I went to Lubbock. To see about getting a stock of groceries. Figures on a bill come to \$270.00. Will put the stock in if I can get the money. I can't afford to put the last cent I have in a business and turn it over to some one else. run.

I want to do what is right by G.H. But things will have to change some. Saw an oil man at Lubbock. Also saw, one at Arkanum. Can get a pump furnished. But it takes some cash to handle the deal. And it is up to me to furnish the cash. The wind sure did walk about to-day. It blew the top off my little Ford. But tried to plow the garden. But was too dry and hard. 11 years, today, I started this diary.

Sun. 29 I worked on wind mill some. Tried to take the truck out of it. I finally got the mill running smoothly. You can't hear it run now. I do hate to hear a wind mill making a smacking sound. I made an inspection of the old land. If we do not get a rain soon I can't do any thing with it.

Mon 30 We got up and a fog was falling. The moisture ran off the house. Maby soon a good rain will come. We went uptown to see the Independent oil man. He will furnish me with a gas pump gas tank for pump. Lube drums and pumps. I want to fix up an attractive station. Harold moved today. He and his wife. Moved down to the filling station.

Tuesday March 31. 1925.

Tues 31 I painted the house. That is, I put the second coat on. It does not look so bad. Bud Harwood would dig the pit for gas tank at "King But" filling station. I think that is what I will name the station. Sun does look like rain to night. I would like to see a gentle rain come. I found a few patches of Bleed weeds on the south side of place. I did not think that we had any Bleed weeds on place. I do not think they amount to much.

Wednesday April 1. 1925.

Wed 1 I worked in the garden or on the garden land. I have quite a lot of it not sown. Will sow it maybe so tomorrow. The wind started blowing about 10 A.M. and by 3 or 4 P.M. believe me it was doing 60 mi per hr. Oh not that much. But seems like it any way. I went for some sudan hay. will buy some if the mules eat what I bought. Bud stayed in field till near night. The rain prospects are all gone to nite. The sand storm blew all rain clouds away.

Thurs 2 worked on my garden land. I went up to town in afternoon. Took my disc rod to have another one made like it. Cost me \$1.25 to have it made, and now I wish to file it down; was too large.

Fri 3

Sat 4

Sun, 5.

Mon 6

Tues 7

- Jamies

Friday April, 3, 1925

Fri 3. worked on the garden land all day. I will soon have it all watered, so I can break it. Broke and harrowed a nice little block. It is just like a flower bed now. This is the third day of the high wind. I think yesterday was the daddy of all the sand storm days. Harold & wife & fr. came up for the day. They washed. Real cold 'to-nite' But finished harrowing all the tractor plowing. Was a little strip on the east side.

Sat 4 worked about house all forenoon. was up town in P. M. I will say that I took the "blues" when I had my Bank statement from Rell. It is getting desperate. No rain No money. and good appetites. All feed well.

Sun, 5. we stayed home all day. I watered the garden. The third day of the hard wind & sand.

Mon 6 Helped Buf rig up dice. He broke up the balance of garden, ditch it up. I went down to Littlefield. Sallie and Buf, Edlie and fr. Came down in the afternoon. was not much to do, but see sand blow. They had nothing to give away. I want to tell the world that the people are getting "cold footed." and will be more so. if it does not rain soon. But broke up some more of the garden.

Tues 7 We did not do any thing more than usual. worked some about the house. I went up town with Mr Morgan. The sand sure did blow about some. Had letter from Mr C. C. Newton

Jimmies. wanting to know wheather I had bought the-

Wed 8 Wednesday April 8, 1925.
 Put the two row planter together.
 Planted some garden. The days are warm, but the nights are real chilly. One can sleep all he wants and eat the world up.

Thurs 9 We put out a little more garden. Moved tools and junk to another place. Harold & wife came up to wash but the mill would not run. No water will make a dirt tank, will have to fix up the one I have started. It leaks went up town for a few things among them the girls new hats from Nat. cloak & suit co. We spent the evening at Mr & Mrs Morgans.

Fri 10 Started building a dirt tank. The boy broke the evening. No wind. No water. Worked all day on dam. Made a very good surface tank. Will turn water in to it tomorrow. Made a shed for my car. The young people gathered here to 'nite' for a little party, they seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sat 11 I watered two rows of beans. Then let the water into tank. Harold & Della came up to day. I went up town drew \$20.00 will take Harold and see if I can get him located in some place where he can make a living. We will start tomorrow if nothing happens. Bud has gone to town. To the show I suppose.

Sun 12 Harold & I started for Wichita Falls. Vis. Arnhurst, Olton, Plainview, Rustagua, Turkey, Lakeview and Childress. We stayed in tourist camp at Childress.

Mon!

Sat 14

Monday April 13. 1924.

Mon. 13. We were up and out by 6.30 A.M. We drank a cup of coffee at restaurant. Looked about town to see what was going on. Childress is a dull dump. An old man wanted to ride to W. Falls with me. He gave me a lamp for the ride I would not have charged him any thing, but I thought I had as well have the lamp, as for him to give it to some one for nothing. We started about 10 A.M. Picked up an other tramp just out of town. We stopped out of Kirkland and cooked a bite of breakfast. The two "passengers" would not eat with us. However I think the old man was so hungry that he could have eaten a bull. On trip Goodlet, DeMa, Luanaah, Chillicothe, Talbot, Vernon, Oklaunion, Harrell, Electra, Iowa Park and Wichita Falls. Arriving about 3 P.M. We ate a light supper at the Limboz Cafe. Went to the show. and then drove out near the Wichita Wagon bridge and made our bed in the truck.

Just as we were ready to go to bed we heard the carnival people, "cutting up" and we got up and went to the carnival grounds. we did not stay long.

Sat. 14 I went out to see J. C. Brumblew about a job on a new house he and Goodman his bro are building. He gave me a job. Told me to come out tomorrow. He is a fine old boy. He was 15-1922 to Sept. 13. 1923 we worked together all time.

I finished down on the 15th. I except April 8 May, June

Tuesday April 14. 1925

Tues. 14: We had to get up and beat it to town, an awful looking cloud was coming up. We ate some breakfast, did intend to go out to Brumblaw's job, but it began to rain and rained till near noon. We went out in afternoon helped the boys on a paint shop they were putting up. They finished it and moved out to the new building site. We went back to town ate supper, to show and over to river bottom and to bed.

Wed 15 We had breakfast about 6.30. Harold went out to the job with me. When we got out there J. C. could not get any material out. So we could not start work. J. C. told Harold he could not use him. (He and H. News could get along together) We came back to town a little bit blue. The high cost of eating. I have decided to send Harold back home. I can feed him cheaper at home than I can in W. Falls. Guess he will start for home in the morning. We went down to the Carnival grounds. I took a violent headache. We retired about 10 P.M. at our sleeping quarters under the concrete bridge. Head even did give me fits.

Thur 16 Harold went out, got \$3.00 from Goodman and he started for Vernon to get Lady Law or trade her for cotton seed. J. C. B. sent me word to come out to the job

Thur 16

Fri 17

Sat 18

Thursday April 16 1924

Thur 16. So about 1.45 P.M. I took Lake car and went out to see him. He gave me an order to Walker the contractor. I felt something slip when he told me to see Mr Walker. I wished then I had not started I would have. for I knew I would get no job. But I went on to City Nat. Bank Bldg. waited for Mr Walker. when he came in he told me he was not going to employ any new men. Well I felt like I could fly. I was so "liti". I then went down to the place where I had made arrangements to board. and the little land lady gave me \$5.00 that I had payed her for a room for a week. I could not blame her. Then I went to long distance phone called Vernon. Told Syd Parker to stay home. and hold him till I come. I caught a cab, to Electro and a service car to Vernon. Donald met me at the Bailey Hotel. He had gone out and traded lady cow and her calf for 30 bu. cotton seed half & half. So we started for home at once. Made Crawell before we slept.

Fri 17. We were up and on the road by six o'clock. Made it in home about 6.30 p.m. The folks were somewhat surprised. However, no rain. Ate dinner in Floydade

Sat 18. we worked in garden some, went up town in P.M. bought 1000 onion slips. \$1.50

Sunday April 19, 1925.

Sun/19. We all had an early dinner, then we started for the old "y" flow house head quarters. The high wind mill. I guess it is the highest wind mill in the world. In fact I have read that it is. Not much a doing about the old ranch head quarters now. We used to see lots of fun, but now it is all cars & tractors. No more cow boys hanging about the "dog house". This new bunch of would be cow boys I doubt if they would know what a "dog house" is or what it was for. Billy is sick to "nite". His throat is out of order. He waded in the tank yesterday. Harold & wife, Jr. I guess they will stay here. It seems that way. I don't think they like to stay down at the house. Oh! Well.

Mon 20 I worked in the garden all day. I will have to make some garden truck, to eat. We had a hard south west wind all day. It sure want rain as long as the wind is out of the S. W.

Tues 21 I sent the boys up to Mr Robertson for some cane. The wind was so hard and cane so dry they could hardly haul it. The hard wind broke my wind mill. The boys went for a new piece. We had the pump going in about an hour. They (Bud & etc.) contracted for a boy, of Mr. Robertson. Will kill it tomorrow. I worked in the garden. It is looking good. No rain

wed 22

Thur 23

Fri 24

J. V. and I went
to see a
to men

Sat 25

Wed 22 Wednesday April 22. 1925.
 I worked in garden all day. The boys
 went up to Mr R. Killed the beef.
 But the wind and sand was so
 bad they did not sell any. Clouded up
 like would rain. But alas! it passed
 on by.

Thur 23 The boy started out to peddle their
 meat. They sold a little over half of
 it. The wind raged all day. I planted
 some water melons. I put them where
 I could water them from the tank.
 Jimmie has the throat trouble, she
 is out of school. We heard about
 dark that Mrs Cook a neighbor
 was about dead. She has pneumonia.
 will have to go see her. Heard a good
 rain fell at Lubbock and on east.

Fri 24 I took Lollie & Mrs Morgan over to
 Harold set up with Mrs Cook. The conditions of
 and I went that family is something awful. I think
 As a city. with out a doubt, they are the filthiest families
 I ever saw. The filth alone is enough to kill
 any human. I worked in the garden some

Sat 25 Sent Harold over to Cooks for his mother and
 Mrs Morgan. But they could not come, till
 they cooked some breakfast for those kids.
 They did not eat a bite or have any
 water. Things were so nasty. I went
 for them about 9 A.M. I went up town
 in afternoon. When I got back home
 Harold had moved. He left in a "snappy
 way." They cant live in the house with
 us satisfactory. Had rather not under-
 take it. But went up to the show.
 we are threaten with a rain to "nite"
 But did not rain much.

Sunday April 26 1925.

Sun 26. Have been threatening rain all day. In fact has showered some. Not enough to do any good though. But so long as it is cloudy and the wind out of the east and it thunders I am in hope will rain. My garden looks good. Have lots of tomato and pepper slips to put out. I want to have a nice garden.

Mon 27. Harold & I went up town for some coal oil. oil → bought 55 gallons. Took the gas. drum back. Looks a little like rain. But I do not suppose it will do any thing like rain. Mrs Cook is some worse.

Tues 28. Ben? started over the ground again with a harrow.

→ H. B. & I went down to Lubbock. Harold got a job at 50¢ per hr. Came up a cold north wind. I did think while at Lubbock it had rained it some. But when I got back home, no rain.

Wed 29. We went by town I went on date for Harold. He borrowed \$20.00 from Banker tanked up and left for Lubbock about eleven o'clock A.M. He got down there in time to go to work at 1 P.M. I went down town found a boarding house. That was not hard to find. \$8.50 per wk. (Sallie went over to Mr Zooks. I don't think his wife will live two days out.)

Thurs 30 Cold all day some sleet on the streets of Lubbock. No work yet. Harold did not work. They said was too cold.

Friday May 1. 1925.

Fri 1 Some frost this 2 M. So I heard & did not see any. I got tired of sitting around that dump. 30¢ per meal. No rain.

Sat 2. Harold got off about 4 P.M. we started for home at once. Arrived at home about 7 P.M. Lallie said Mrs Cook died the day we left (Wed. 29) He (Mr Cook) bought a \$12.00 box to put her away in. I did not know they sold so cheap & coffin any more. No Pain.

Sun 3. Lallie, Dorothy, Billie and I went up to Eugene to see the Dr. about her (Dorothy's) throat. He said was the mumps. She seems to catch every thing. Harold took the truck and went back to Libbock. I think he and Billie are thinking of going back to McKinney. I hate that he spent his money for the little house, and have to get up and leave it. But there is nothing to do here. If he can get him a job, that he can make a living at, he will be better off than here. Billie & I are here now. No rain.

Mon 4. We did not get up till late. Dorothy did not go to school. She is under the weather. The wind sure did blow out N.E. No gas! No Money. No Pain. Not much grub. It is beginning to get dark. I can't see much light.

Tues 5. Worked in garden in forenoon. I went up town in afternoon. I made a stop at the little "Home Guard Bank" to get some money. But they did not seem to know me. Altho I handed over \$200.00 through them.

Tuesday May 5. 1925.

He wanted me to give him reference of all the banks I ever did any business with. I did not thinking any thing about it. Then he told me I would have to wait till he could get in touch with these banks. So I did not get the money. The first time I ever went to a bank and could not get a little money. Well I do not know just what I will do now. Oh! I will make it some how. "Levee does look rainey, 'to-nite'"

Wed 6
Rain

Well the long looked for rain started falling some time from 12 m. to 1 a.m. and rained on till about 7 a.m. the ground is wet from $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to 4". I finished breaking up the garden, dices & harrowed it. Riced up the old John Deer lister, and started Bud to listing up the old land. I would love to finish breaking the sod I want to break. I sure hate to plow mules all day and then not feed them grain. But I have none and cant get any with out the money. and it seems I cant get that. We planted some water melons, squash, sunflowers, Carter beans, Celery, Okra, beans, spinach and cucumbers. The garden looks all Ok. what we have up.

Thurs 7 Bud started to planting cotton. I do not like the way I am planting. But it is all I can do. Harold came in from Lubbock. He and Durie & Jr. will start for Mc Kenney Sat.

Fri

Sat 9

Sun

Rain

Mon

Tues
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Friday May 8 1925.

Fri 8 Bird planted cotton all day. Can't "ball the jack," like I would like for him to do. Too much sod grass. Harold and I went up to Sudan. Bought a drum of gas. Had to take a drum ~~on~~ none. Harold had to have gas to go to McKamey. I bought 5 gal of "Lube" also. Had it all charged to me. 55 gal. gas @ 19¢, 5 gal. "lube" @ 60¢ all = \$10.45. He paid a \$1.70 gro. bill and a \$3.80 gas bill.

Sat 9. Donald and his folks started for McKinney, Tex.
 Bud went to fetch car back. Young Morgan,
 went with Bud will be co. for him on the
 return trip. I hated to see them go back.
 But there is nothing doing out here.
 We could have made it fine if it was
 not for Jrs. disposition. He would not
 let one play, or treat him right.
 I feel sorry for the boy. May be he will
 out grow the high temper he has.
 I planted cotton all day. Came up
 a cloud at night but did not rain
 much. Was about quit now. 7.30 P.M.

Sun 10 I went up town to see Mr Hay. He being
the manager of the Panhandle Lbr & at Duda.
We lay around and read the papers. Cloudy and
looked like rain all day. About 5 p.m. sun
did come the "Hot Daddy" rain. The ground
is thoroughly wet now.

Mon 11 I went up to Sudan to get a Plow sharpened.
Lots of Mud on the road. I came back started
break sod. with a walking plow. This is
the first sod I have broke since 1917.
In East plains. in Crosby Co.

Sept 12 I plowed all day. I am sun tired.

Wed 13 I cant walk
and play like I used too bad came in.

Thursday May 14. 1925

Thur 14 Bud broke sod. I rized up a scratcher and scratched my cotton, I maybe able to save it.

Fri 15 we listed up or started in to list up the balance of the old land.

Sat 16 Cloudy and raining all day. Came a good little rain in P.M. I went up town. Had letter from Mr P.C.N. But did not get the list done.

Sun 17 Nice day. I will get a good stand cotton on old land. We went over to Amherst to a ball game. Sudan vs. Amherst. Did not stay till game was over.

Mon 18 Listed up old land. I plowed till noon. Bud went up to Mr. Robertson for some cane bought 125 @ 5¢ per bush. I went to Bulah in afternoon.

Tues 19 Bud finished up the plowing. I made a milk box cooler. Put it up at wind mill. Keeps milk just like an ice box. Mr. Hay and the Manager at Paulsboro Ice Co. came down. I made a note for \$44.70 Bal. due on lumber.

Wed 20 I started Bud planting cotton with the two row planter. But I could not get it to cover it. So we looked on to single row and he planted cotton balance of day. I went up town about 12 noon. I borrowed \$100.00 at bank. Bought a few things came home. Took the old planter back to town. Bought 895 # Maize @ \$1.37 per cent. Bud and the girls have gone to the closing exercises at the school. We went last "rite".

Thursday May 21 1915

Thurs. 21. I went up to Sudan. Billie & I. I had to get my planter fixed. Mr. Smith charged me \$4.70 for making them. We got it fixed up and started planting just before night. It does not do as good work as I would like.

Fri 22. We worked on the two new planters did not plant but about 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fixed up to tomorrow or I will not see it any more. It causes me too much trouble. I did want to get some planting cotton this week. Do not ^{know} whether I will plant to-morrow or not.

Sat 23. I planted cotton all day. Bud took the folks up to Sudan to the opening of a new store. They had a blow out. Threw twelve pens from the top of the store building and several other things. Among them the guessing at the amount of money in a show window. The ground is getting dry, but I think I will get a stand of cotton up. My old cotton will be up to a stand or near so. Would like to see a light rain that would help the garden and other crops too.

Sun 24. I went up in the field to see how my old cotton looked. I think a lot more of it will come up and with what is already up there will be plenty.

We went up to Mr. McKee's to see if I could get some brown maise.

Monday May 25 1925

May 25 Bud went to planting cotton. He finished about noon. Started in to plant feed. Planted 'higier' (I suppose that is the way to spell it) I irrigated the garden. Took all the water out of the tank.

Tue. 26 Planted feed all day. I went up town to have some go-devil blades cut off. Came back by McNeelys for some dwarf maize. I got 127# will exchange some of mine for it. Look a little rainy, to-night, would like to see a slow rain. The cotton will not come up to a perfect stand until it rains. I planted some water melons.

Wed 27 Planted feed all day. My cotton will not all come up until it rains. I took Mr Coopers lumber back that I had borrowed, to make forms for a concrete drinking trough.

Thur 28 Planted feed all day.

Fri 29

Sat 30 Finished planting feed about noon. All but my sod. feed. Will plant that later on. Started the go-devil in cotton on east side. Could not work 3 mules.

I worked in the garden. An old cow stayed in the garden last 'nite'. She ate the cabbage off. She did not care for beans. The kids have gone to the show.

Would love to see a slow rain fall.

Sun 31 Sunday June 1. 1925.

The strong south west wind all day. was hot in afternoon. The cotton sure did look sick. The rain clouds left us dry.

Monday June 1 1925

Mon 1 I helped But get started to go deciding cotton. I went up town for some post to fence my garden some screen wire and 4 screen doors. The Panhandle Lbr. Co would not let me have them, unless I would say for 30 days. I could not do that. So I went over to the Whaley Lbr. Co. I never saw the Manager or any of his help before. Got what I wanted. So of course the Panhandle people will lose my trade from here out. The S.W. Winds are howling today. Things will sure burn up, if we do not get rain soon. It seems that 17/7 will be repeated.

Tues 2 The S.W. wind is still fixing it up. We have coal "mites" that is what saves the day.

Wed 3 I put up one screen door and latched the screen on the windows.

Thurs 4 Had out to harrow down the sod will dry plant it and take chance on the rain. Planted sad land about 10 A.

Fri 5 Harrowed down the cotton on East side place. I worked in the garden. The folks on the river do not bother so much when they do not have to borrow. This is the 6th day that the high wind is blowing.

Sat 6 We worked about the house and garden in the forenoon. The wind sure did blow till about 5 P.M. I went up town, had letter to box of scraps or mill ends he sent from McKinney. A good little rain 9 P.M.

Rain →

Sunday June 7. 1925.

Sun 7. We went to Sunday school. This is the second Sunday we have attended.

I seem to enjoy going. One gets the habit of going, it will be natural for him to get ready each Sunday.

We went to singing in afternoon at M. Church.

The rain that fell last 'nite' will not do much good. The high wind will have it dried out by 'nite'. Silvin turned the water out of the tank and milk cooler filled, and ruined all the milk.

Mon 8 I went for a load of barn yard manure. But hauled two loads in for noon. I helped work some frames at the Baptist Church.

In fact I helped all day.

I do not think my late cotton will amount to any thing will plant it to maize in a few days.

It does not seem that it will ever rain any more.

Tues 9 Got up with the blues. Things were so dry. Not a good stand of feed or cotton. Started Bud to planting cane on south side field. Was hot in afternoon.

Rain a cloud came up from S. E. and banked in North. About dark the wind got in to it and came back. Land in the lead. Rain following. Cant tell just how much it rained. But we had a good one.

That will be Ok. for stuff that is not up. Sallie made Bud a pair of pants out of some of the cloth Dorrell sent.

Wednesday June 10 1925

Wed 10 The rain that fell last night did not wet as deep as I thought. However it was thankfully received. All seed in the ground that is not spoiled, will come up.

But finished planting cane in forenoon. He harrowed this P.M. The balance of us hore weeds out of the Maize the old Russian thistle. Better known as, "Stumbling weeds" The Rev. Lipsit came down this P.M. wanted me to help unload a car of sand & gravel, tomorrow.

I will go or send Bud.

Thurs 11 I worked about house in forenoon. I took the truck and went up to Sudan in P.M.

Helped unload some sand & gravel for the B. Church. Bought a little more feed. The night wind still blows. A rain does no good. It all dries out.

Fri. 12. We cut a few weeds. Bud harrowed some in the Maize where we were boring. Hot & dry.

Sat. 13 We worked in field till noon. The kids wanted to go to Sudan to the first "Trade's day." They had a real nice program. Bud "scratched" the cane, that he planted before the late rain.

The cotton I planted with the two row planter will never come up. The seed are all spoiled. Will plant it to Maize.

Sun. 14. We did not go to Sunday school to-day. We had a hard S.W. wind all day. Sure does wilt the little cotton.

I went with Bud over to Amherst or near Amherst. To see a fellow that gave them a hot check for beef. Could not find him.

Monday June 15 1925

Mon 15 Started Bud to planting, Maize where I had planted cotton. He planted all day. The birds & chased weeds out of the soil maize. The old "tumble weeds" they are the 'Russian thistle' they mature and blow all over the country, scattering "seeds of blindness."

Tues 16 We rigged up the cultivator and started plowing cotton on east side of place. Bud is making a good job of it. The cotton looks good. I do not think I will plant any more of the seed cotton. Not for a few days any way. we see if any more of it comes up. We cut weeds, watered & beans in garden. We had our first mess of beans (string beans) today. The S.E. wind is blowing. Wish we could get a good rain. Things would snap out and look good if we could.

Wed 17 I walked and drove a harrow, Levee did get tired. Hot and dry winds blowed near all day. I went up town to get some feed. But did not get it. "The house was gone". Come home hore a few weeds out of maize.

Thurs 18 was cloudy in for noon hot & sultry.

Rain Bud finished plowing cotton on east side come up a cloud from east. Came a good rain. I think the cotton will come up now. unless the wind dries it out too quick. Sent Bud to town for some lumber to build me a drink trough for the stock.

Friday June 19. 1925

- Fri 19. Bud and I built the drinking trough. The folks cut a feed weeds. The flies are bothering me. They make me so weak.
- Sat 20 Bud started the harrow, on the sod maize. We cut weeds out of maize. I think I will have to plant the sod cotton in maize. The wind is not blowing any. Have not filled my stock tank yet.
- Sun 21 We looked over the crop, made chain for the cow staked her out. The grass is so much better out side than in the pasture. Mrs Morgan came down for some coal oil. They were do borrow lots of things.
- Mon 22 Started Bud to planting maize on the ground where I had planted cotton. The first he planted is coming up. we cut weeds out of the maize. The flies are bothering me today.
- Tues 23 Bud can only plant till noon each day. No feed. No money, and lots of work. Came up a cloud in afternoon but did not rain much a slow rain fell till 10 or 11 P.M.
- Wed 24 Still raining a little this am. I went up to Sudan to see if I could get some money to get some feed. But Barron had not come back. He must have gone a long way off that to get back in 10 hrs after a rain. Bud planted till noon. We cut weeds in P.M. My flies are hurting me 'to bits'. We have a fine season in the ground now. Had letter from Harold & wife. They want to come back.

Thursday June 25 1925.

Thur 25 Planted feed in forenoon. We all cut weeds in afternoon.

Fri 26 About the same, as yesterday.

Sat 27 I cut a few weeds in forenoon, went up town. Touches the Bank for 50.00 bucks. Bought some maize.

Sun 28 We made a slide go devil. If we had bought it new, would have cost \$25.00. It is the go-devil I bought at Ralls, Tex. in 1914. We never did use it much. The runners were all that was worn out. The mules are enjoying their maize now, since they have been out for two weeks.

Mon. 29 We pond it on to-day. Chopped weeds out of cotton on east side. But harrowed same. The cotton sure is coming to the point.

Tues 30 We hork in the cotton till noon. Then we went back to the maize field in afternoon. I want to get that bunch of weeds out of the maize.

Wednesday July 1. 1925.

Wed 1 cut weeds out of maize. But plowed and harrowed. We watered the garden 'to-nite'. I am going to have a part part of the land Horn broke (or dident brake) listed up and planted over. So much sod grass came out that the feed I have planted, then will do no good. It was a bad job on the wind up. He ought to have quit if he couldnt do a better job.

Thur 2

Fri 3

First Corn chug

Sat 4

Rain

Thursday July 2, 1925.

Thurs 2

Plowed, harrowed and hoed weeds all day. We are beginning to need a little shower. Things would get up and snafout if we could get a little nice rain.

Fri 3

We finished what weeds I intended to cut out of soil maize. will list and plant about 4 or 5 in late maize when it rains, if not too late. A Mr Simmons from Krons, Tex called this P.M. He and wife and 4 chaps.

Mrs Simmons is Sallies own cousin. They never saw each other till today. He has some land near Olton. They did not stay long. We were cutting hair and I was shaving when they drove up. We were shocked, did not know who they were. They did not tell their names till they were in the house and then we did not know who they were. Was glad they came and would have been delighted if they would have stayed over night.

Went up town for mail. Had letter from Mr Newton also one from Harold. He stated the birth of an eight pound boy at his place. Well I am 'Grand Pa'. I don't mind that it makes me feel any older. Looks a little like rain to me!

Sat 4.

The "Glorious Fourth." Came in (or when we woke up!) Raining and fell a good rain before I got up. Things are in fine shape now.

We did intend to go to the picnic at Muleshoe. But the rain. We had cotton and harrowed in afternoon. We all went to a fair show, at Schoolhouse

Rain

Sunday, July 5 1925

Sun 5 Rained some more during night. Not much. We went up town to see if I could trade car for some cows. Did not get to see them. Went back in P.M. Came up a cloud, and did rain at Sudan. Did not rain as much at home as it did yesterday. We have a good season in ground now.

Mon 6 I went up town for some wire and post. Will fence some more grass at stock have eaten the little pasture out. We dug a string of post holes before noon. We all chaped cotton in P.M. finished cotton on east side.

Tue 7 I started Bud to plowing, he plowed a strip of sod maize. We put on a head to cultivator, plowed cotton in P.M. I dug post holes, cut weeds in maize. Sallie got sore and said she was going to the field Morning, Noon and Night. I think she was just preting. Had to tell Bud a thing or two about letting the mules stand in the field. My matter is if they get to where they cant go, take them out and turn them in the pasture.

Wed 8 I finished the fence and will let the mules out in the new grass to bite. Bud plowed cotton today. Sallie and Sids cut weeds out of maize. They said that maize field will be long remembered. well it has been a weedy field from the start. sure is hot today. May so. will rain again soon

Thursday July 9 1925

Thurs 9. We cut weeds, plowed and godwiled all day. Still and hot. Think it is raining North of us tonight.

The mules & cow seem to enjoy the new pasture. Sallie watered the garden today. Bud made a trip to town for some Prince Albert. Still awful hot. a little cloudy all day.

Fri 10 We plowed hard and godwiled today.

Sat 11 Godwiled in for noon. Looked rainy at noon. Came up a cloud and fell a very good rain. we went up to town.

The weather is some cooler. Planted quite a patch of popcorn.

Sun 12. Rained a little this a.m. Bud & I went up town, had fine rain at Sudan. Made ice cream. Mr & Mrs Walker called and spent the afternoon. I went over with Mr Walker to see his feed over west of me.

Young Wilson is staying overnight with Bud. He is a son of F.W. Wilson a friend of mine when I was a kid. The candle flies are thick tonight.

Mon 13 Bud worked in field. I went up town in afternoon. Bought a milk cow. Made note for \$40.00. We use lots of milk & butter and the cow I bought in Okla is due to freshen this month. I think she will be a good cow.

Tue 14 I have saw lots of hot winds blow, but I never saw hot wind from the North before. sure did blow some today. Bud is about finished godwiling.

Wednesday, July 15. 1925.

Wed 15. We worked some in field but devoted young feed in south side field. The wind is still out of the North so is taking the sap out of the ground. The feed wilts and twists up like a shoe string. Not so hot as yesterday.

Thurs 16 about the same work as yesterday. The wind still flows from the North and N. E. though not so hot. I went up town with Mr Morgan. It is in the pessimist class. But I feel sure we will get a good rain that will save the day, soon. The new cow is making the grade O.K.

Fri 17 a little cloudy this am. Think maybe will rain some time today. would love to see a good rain.

Sat 18 No wind so far. 11 am. Sun was hot, and the hot winds were something awful. Things cant go long at this rate. crops will some burn up. A cloud came up from N. E. but did not rain any.

Sun 19 I believe this was as hot as I ever saw. Alth we were spared the hot winds. We drove up town for the mail this am. Had dinner and we drove over to Mr Rhodes Wilsons. He has good crop if he could get a rain soon.

Mon 20 we did not do any work. Hot and the wind did blow.

Tues 21 we watered garden. went up town to see about getting an other cow. did not get her. Raining @ 10.30 P. M.

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Thurs

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Wednesday, July 22 1925

Wed 22 Came a good rain. Not no 'flood' by any means. Bud harrowed maize and plowed some cotton. plowed up some weeds along the road and on back side of field. I chopped a few weeds out of feed. Is a little cloudy to 'nite'

Thurs 23 Worked in feed to day. Bud plowed.

Fri 24

Sat 25 Bud plowed. The kid chopped some white weed out of feed. Bud & I went up to Sudan in afternoon. Things are sure getting tight. The Bank is some tight. The merchants are afraid to step out. I am out of money no credit. I did manage to get a bill of \$10.00 of Sturge. I had letter from Harold he sure is wanting to get back out here. I would send for him, if I had the money.

Sun. 26 We stayed at home all day. had several papers that needed reading. sure is hot. the crops look fairly good.

Mon. 27. I put up some fence on north side of place. The "4" just north of me is fenced on all sides except the west. and that is a catch all. Stock come down the lane and turn in and come out on my feed. Hence the fence.

A good looking cloud to 'nite'. and sprinkling some. would like to see a good rain. altho we have some moisture yet.

Thursday July 28, 1925

Tues 28 It came a nice little shower some time last 'nite. Not so big rain. But finished plowing the cotton. I cleaned up a bean patch and will plant it in turnips. Cloudy think will rain some more to 'nite.

~~Wed 29~~ Had letter from Mother she wants us to come down. I would love to go if I can get off. I guess the only way one can get off is to just get up and pull out.

Wed 29 Did come some more rain last 'nite with all these little showers and the cool weather. Things are doing fine. We have not had any hot days now, in some time. Rhode Wilson came by, I went up town with him. was looking for a letter from J. S.

Thurs 30 We had a fine rain last night. Every thing is in fine shape now. The older maize has suffered so, I don't think it will do much. The "sucker" crop make the grade. Looks like we might have more rain. I put 15 lb Sudan seed will plant a small patch. But broke out. was real cold this p.m. I had to go to bed. I got chilled coming from town. will plant my turnip patch soon.

Fri 31 Fixed up clothes line. Sowed what turnip seed I had. Crops look good to-day. Cleaned up my tool yard. I am not feeling very well. We went up town for some gas & oil.

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Sun

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Tues

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Saturday August 1, 1925.

Sat 1 We all got ready for the big picnic at Amburst. Buf did not go. We had a blow out. Near home had to come back for another casing. I knew that was bad luck to have to come back. I took the cramp or I had it before I left home. It grew worse all day. I stayed in car. Did not enjoy the dinner. Could not eat any of the good meats they had. The best looking barbecue I ever saw. We came home early. I went to bed.

Sun 2 Was sick all last night, and all to day. Could not eat any thing.

Mon 3. Am some better to day. Buf placed the cane and young maize. Lallie & I took out \$25.00 insurance apiece to day. Lubbock people.

My crop look good. Maize is Oh, now I think. My late cotton could be better. Had first Watermelon yesterday. It was not as ripe as I like. But it was good. Cook came over and wanted me to go and walk over his crop with him. He and his man are fussing now about the crop. I did not go. Don't think that I will.

Tues 4 Sure did come the rain of the year last night. Every thing ought to come alive now. Buf took some black eyed peas to town sold them @ 7¢ p #. Had letter from J.H. He said they were still alive. That is good. I am sure weaker. Am some better.

Wednesday Aug. 5, 1925.

Wed 5 We rized up sad plaw, and broke
sad on east side. planted Hyggina
every 3 round. Harrowed it down before
leaving at night sure does plaw
good. We all cut weeds in forenoon.

Thurs 6 Bud took some more pease & beets to
town, but could not sell them. We
cut weeds out of maize in p.m.
We plawed sad & planted Hyggina & corn
in afternoon. Rained all around
us till away in the 'nite'.

Fri 7 We finished up the weeds this a.m.
excepting a few scattering ones.

Bud broke sad and planted all
the cane seed he has, except maby
enough to go on ather round.

Looks rainy this noon, am starting
on a round of Calomel. I know
it will get my goat, but I
feel so bad and such a taste
in my mouth.

Sat 8 Rained a little last 'nite'. Bud broke sad
till noon. I planted some Sudan in a
blue weed patch. We went to Sudan
in afternoon. Sure did come a hard rain
the whole face of the earth was covered
in water. I feel better now since the
medicine.

Sun 9 Came another rain about 8 a.m.

as much or maby more than last p.m.
But I went to the old Circle back
headquarters in afternoon. The foreman
has a lot of pigs to sell, but he
wanted the cash and I did not
have it. Raine and is raining now
& p.m. We have had a plenty.