

## **UC Davis Special Collections**

### **D-022 5:9: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1917**

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#### Preliminary notes by transcriber:

In "Notes for 1918", "Cash Account" pages, and "Bills Payable" pages at the end of this volume, Pierce has various accounts and notations.

#### Glen Alpine

On title page of this 1916 diary Pierce has made the following notations about the Glen Alpine Deed. "Made August 26th 1896 - Executed May 29th 1897." Sue filed Glen Alpine Deed in Placerville on Tuesday the 13th of February. On Monday 26 February Pierce paid \$25.00 to Federal Reserve Bank for rent of forest reserve for Glen Alpine. On 24 April Sue went to see Chas Swisler on Glen Alpine matters. Did the same on 3 May. Sue and Eva called on Chas. Swisler [possibly Snisler?] relative to Glen Alpine on May 19th. Sue saw Swilser again of the 24th of May. Sue and Eva saw Swisler on the 26th of May and the 29th of May, also on Glen Alpine matters. On 2 October Sue went to Sacramento to see about sale of Glen Alpine to "warring?" partner -

#### University Farm

There are several entries throughout about visits to State Farm, and visits from State Farm people to Pierce's ( e.g. State Farm boys). Some trade with State Farm, visits to campus, and programs there, short course, and some work by State Farm people pruning at Pierce ranch. From March 8 through March 12th Pierce was active in arranging transportation of members of Legislature to visit the State Farm on Monday the 12th. On 20 April Pierce talked with Clarke Wood in South Dormitory about State Farm History. On Saturday 28 April Pierce and party attended Picnic Day. There was a disagreeable wind, but a large crowd. 30 April, Mr. Tavernetti phoned that he had a student on the Farm who could run a tractor for Pierce. Mentions Commencement on 18 May. Calls it "U. C. Farm School". Gardner took a tractor short course in early November, probably at the campus.

#### World War I

First mention of it in Pierce diary is on Wednesday 4 April, when he notes that the Red Bluff Home Guards left for the front on that day. May 5 attended Yolo County Defence meeting in Superior Court Room. (Possibly related to War.) One or two other

references that might have to do with the War. 20 Oct. Pierce mentions a Liberty bond meeting to be held in Davis that evening. But very, very little about the War here. On 26 October Sue went to lecture in San Francisco on Belgian food conditions.

On the Title Page all the following notations:

Water ordered of Y. P. & W Co

for June 10th      Sept 1st

July 25      Oct 20th

"weather conditions may change above schedule."

Water delivered

May 17th

Mrs. Joe Tallman

3774 Broadway

Oakland

[At foot of title page]: Glen Alpine deed

Made August 26th 1896. Executed May 29th 1897

Mon 1 Jan 1917

Cloudy most of day -

George & Gardner went to Highway bridge and got two loads of lumber

- 17 pcs 8 x 8 - 16 ft and a load of scanting and plank.

Went to Davis after loading up rigs -

George got another load - 8 x 8 - 10 & 12 some 2 x 2 and a heavy sled, in p.m.

Worked on gate hinges in p.m.

Gardner went to Davis for Huron Ashford -

Later Dix went for George Lewis -

Tues 2 Jan 1917

Rained all last night -

Worked on corral fence at sheep barn -

Wed 3 Jan 1917

Went to bridge in a.m. riding as far as the highway corner with Sue, Dix and Frank who are going to Woodland.

In p.m. George, Gardner, Huron Ashford and myself took two teams to nursery and got 17 pcs. 8 x 8 pine timber -

Mildred Porter came out with Dix -

Mr. Muller, agent for the Edison phonograph was here and spent the evening -

Thurs 4 Jan 1917 [Pierce misplaced this entry in the space for Jan 5th.]

Gardner, George & I went with two teams to nursery - tore down tank tower

I brought one load of timber from frame around the road - George & Gardner came up with other team through field -

In p.m. got two more loads of lumber -

Mr. Peterson has about finished the bridge and has moved most of his belongings -

Dis went to Davis in p.m. met Miss Lucile Welch of Woodland, who is to stay over Dix's party and Mrs. Ailor the cook -

Frank Lewis [the rest of this is in the space for January 4th] went to Davis on wheel - registered at Farm school -

Frid 5 Jan 1917 [Misplaced in space for Jan 4th.]

Heavy fog - rained this a.m. a little.

Boys went for two loads lumber.

Went to Davis - got bolts meat, butter, etc.

Peterson finished Highway bridge and left for San Francisco

Went to Davis in p.m. to Wool Growers' meeting - home at 5 p.m. Took Gardner and Harriet to 6.38 p.m. train to Sacramento - Attended Wool Growers banquet - Dix gave dancing party to some sixteen couples. Had Edison Graphophone for Music & Mr. Muller for operator.

Sat 6 Jan 1917

Fog early and heavy north wind later -

George got two loads lumber etc from Nursery

Went to town - met Gardner & Harriet at 8.38 train, also man from Samson Iron works, who put governor on engine

Huron Ashland took man back to town in p.m.

Built fence at bridge -

Sun 7 Jan 1917

Gardner, Harriet & Huron drove to Woodland -

Lucile Welch and Frank Lewis rode to Davis to train for Woodland -

Gardner returned with George Fizell

The with Sue, Dix and Mildred left - the last three to go to Mrs. Simpson's Woodland -

Mon 8 Jan 1917

George & I worked at Nursery until noon.

I took cream to Davis then went to Woodland to annual meeting of stockholders of Bank of Yolo -

Got box apples, cashew etc.

Home via Davis - got meat -

Tues 9 Jan 1917

Did not feel well today - worked in shop a little -

Sue, Dix, Harriet & Mildred went to Sacramento in the afternoon -

Gardner pruned -

In p.m. Mr. Owens and Mr. Shepherd called to see sugar beet land and Gardner & I went with them to nursery

Made them an offer of use of land for two years, with buildings at \$1500.00 per year - terms \$500 down \$1000 in fall say Oct 1st with the Alameda Sugar Company as security -

Wed 10 Jan 1917

Dix and i went to town - Dix with mules - got 18 - 1 x 4 - 16 - and 9 - 1 x 4 - 18 ft. and 1 bbl "Buggo"

Worked on gates in p.m.

Gardner is not well today

Dix took Sue & Mildred to Van Norman's to card party.

Dix got a gobbler from Mrs. Swingle -

Took cream & got butter, bread yeast and 230 bolts -

Thurs 11 Jan 1917

Worked in shop - Finished up two gates and took them to creek corral -

- made a 16 ft gate for house yard at old buggy shed - Made hinges for large gate at creek corral -

Gardner hung up cable and put trough on cement foundation in cow corral -

Foggy

Fri 12 Jan 1917

Boys worked at putting water pipes in yard at creek barn -

Hung big gate at creek barn

Went to Davis in a.m. - took cream -

Met Mr. Owen of Alameda Sugar Beet Co. and Mr. Richardson of Los Angeles at office of Forrest Plant to arrange for rent of nursery land - back at 12.30 - got bolts meat, flour, crackers, rice etc. - lost sk flour on road & had to return for it -

Gardner & I took Harriet, Dix and Mildred to 1.36 Berkeley train - Came back by way of nursery - later hung gate and laid water pipe -

Foggy -

Sat 13 Jan 1917

Gardner & George finished laying water pipe at creek barn in a.m. They ran spray rig on orchard trees in p.m.

Strong north wind in morning - south wind at night - very strong late in evening -

Tried to start auto about 9 a.m. to go to Sacramento, but it would not start - finally cranked it - ran to Sacramento - exchanged batteries - Had intended being present at Legislative meeting of Fruit Growers but was too late - Got seed spuds, corn etc. ham, soap gloves and ordered frog [?] for Columbian gan[g]? 401. Stopped at Mrs. Swingles and paid 5.00 for turkey gobbler -

Sun 14 Jan 1917

Heavy fog again -

Mon 15 Jan 1917

Very heavy north wind and fearfully cold -

Gardner started tractor intending to dig nursery trees, but broke a casting. He came after me at nursery for car and went to Woodland for repairs - He got back at 4.15 George and I got a load of lumber and George got another in p.m. -

Went to Davis, met E. Will Richardson who paid \$500.00 on lease of land 100 acres (old Nursery) for beet culture -

Tues 16 Jan 1917

Gardner started the Samson tractor this a.m. with two spring tooth harrows on wheat land opposite Jeff's - I ran for him from 1 to 3.30

Chas Hamilton came and tried to buy my spring clip of wool. First bid 25c later 27c which I declined - and he went away.

At supper time he called me up and offered me 30c which I accepted -

George took culvert pipe to gate near Fisk place & opened fence for Gardner. We got our load lumber, mattresses bunk boxes, etc from Nursery.

Went to Davis in p.m. and got Mervyn Bish sent by Breslau as general ranch hand -

Miller came and got Edison phonograph

George cut suckers in old orchard.

Wed 17 Jan 1917

Wind not so high this morning -

Very cold all day - Ice has frozen on the canal to a thickness of two (2) inches -

Put Mervyn to picking up brush - He helped at various jobs -

Gardner fixed up Samson tractor - finished up spraying and put spray rig away -

Niles P. Searls, Farm Advisor came about 11 a.m. and began pruning almond trees in east orchard with George and Gardner -

Butchered one of the red pigs gotten of Drury -

Tinkered about place -

Sue and I attended a card party at the University House, given by the Ladies Improvement Club for the benefit of the "Arch Fund".

C. Hamilton sent \$100 deposit on wool -

Thurs 18 Jan 1917

Gardner and Mervyn ran tree digger on nursery land

George cut water shoots -

Fri 19 Jan 1917

Went to San Francisco to Almond Exchange meeting - back at 8.30 p.m.

Gardner ran tree-digger -

George worked with Niles P. Searls who came to prune again -

Sat 20 Jan 1917

Went to Sacramento - attended Sacramento Valley Development Board Colonization meeting -

Heavy north wind -

Gardner finished spring toothing first time 40 acre piece opposite Jeff's -

Sue & I went to "500" meet at Van Norman's -

Gardner finished tree digging at noon - and started Samson with spring tooth in afternoon - 2d time over -

Grieve got the bulls -

Sun 21 Jan 1917

Nice day but cold -

Sue & I went to Sunday meeting at the Farm - Two young ladies from Sacramento sang -

[Notation added here at a 60 degree angle to the page]:

Tree digging for Geo C Roeding with engine -

day 1

2 1/2

1/2 plowing

4 days -

Two men & team

2 days in fall

1 1/2 days in Jan

2

1 1/2

3 1/2

Mon 22 Jan 1917

Gardner ran over the 40 acre piece opposite Jeff's with the two 9 ft spring tooth harrows -

Boys sacked about 60 sx barley -

George hauled out barley and we started sowing in a.m. - finished in p.m.

Graham & another man inspected the engine -

Took Sue to Davis to Mrs. Campbell's at 2 p.m. Went after her at 6 p.m.

Anguin came begging telephone wire

Nice day

Tues 23 Jan 1917

George, Mervyn, & I put culvert in on state highway road at gate opposite the Fiske place -

Got 3 timbers 1 - 10 x 12 & 2 - 12 x 12 about 30 ft long -

Put lambs and ewes from barn into pasture on creek -

Fixed broken Columbian Gang plow -

Standard Oil Co. left 245 gals distillate -

Sue & I went to Davis about 5:30 got plow bolts.

Gardner had trouble with his engine - I had to solder his distillate tank this morning and this evening his fan belt broke - He was cross harrowing - got through all but head lands

Wed 24 Jan 1917

Gardner plowed spud land in a.m.

In p.m. went to nursery land and tried to pull a cultivator they have with the Samson but could not do it -

George & I fixed creek fence at Glides -

Took Sue to Mrs. Read's card party -

Went to Woodland to see about street assessments - got \$1.00 worth of washers -

Later went to Sacramento and attended U. C banquet to U. C members of the Legislature

spoke there - staid at Sutter Club -

Sue rode home with the Hamels -

Thurs 25 Jan 1917

Got vegetables, belt for Samson Tractor etc. -

called at Lorenz's - they had a serious house fire -

Home at about 12.30

Fri 26 Jan 1917

Boys hauled off dead sheep about 18 -

George sowed to barley the barren spot on old orchard ground toward Glides - then gathered roots and sprouts from field -

Mervyn poisoned squirrels and finished gathering brush in west orchard -

Gardner ran Samson and spring tooth harrows - the fan belt bothered him -

T. R. Pope of Standard Oil Co. called relative to barrel of Heavy Duty Zerolem and authorized us to take sufficient to try it -

Sue & I went to Davis - took cream -

- got sk sugar, 50# American Wonder seed spuds, cheese etc. -

Sat 27 Jan 1917

Cold this a.m.

Started Mervyn at brush burning

- he got what was in yard, vineyard and little orchard in forenoon and in east orchard in p.m.

Chas. F. May, "Delegate of Tax Payers Association and Lake County Water District" called and tried to interest me in the Lake County v.s. Yolo Water & Power Co fight -

Dr. H M. Pond of Alameda & U. C. '76 called and had lunch with us - later went to Woodland.

Took Sue to Shakespeare Club in Woodland. Home via Davis -

James Nolan drew \$10.00 and went to Davis

- we met him returning as we went to Woodland

Sun 28 Jan 1917

- Strong south wind - looks rainy -

Sue & I attended 4.30 p.m. meeting at U. C. Farm - Dined with Dean & Mrs. Van Norman -

Mon 29 Jan 1917

Gardner plowed in west orchard with Samson -

Mervyn burned brush and George gathered wood in west orchard -

In p.m. took Sue to Davis - had a flat tire - Went to garage and got 2 new "All Weather" oversize Goodrich tubes and casings -

Sue went with Louise Schmeiser to Mrs. Wilbur's to Leisure Hour Club -

Took cream - got butter, flour, salt meat etc.

Tues 30 Jan 1917

Sprinkled a little last night - looked rainy this a.m. but by 9 o'clock the wind was in north and blew quite hard the rest of the day -

We took both engines out and loaded up harrows from nursery field and brought them in -

Gardner replowed the ornamental nursery stock land and brought plows home at night ---- [name not given] Richardson got 30 H. P. Best tractor on cultivator on beet ground -

Niles Searls was here pruning again today -

George Atkins and Mr. Smith, John Deere agts. called.

Took Sue to Mrs. Ed Bullard's to a party.

Went to Woodland - got spark plugs, engine roller meat cranberries etc.

Wed 31 Jan 1917

Mervyn and I went to nursery - dug trees - got mattresses (12) wire, junk etc.

Gardner and Mervyn hauled out 3 dead sheep - got up water gates in canal and began hauling dirt into Hindoo houses.

George cut water shoots from East orchard

Took Sue to Mrs. Greene's - went to town

back to Mrs. Green's - had dinner and got home about 8.30

Searls finished pruning

Very cold north wind

Thurs 1 Feb 1917

Worked in shop in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. - put beet Lease in safe deposit.

Took Sue to Ladies Aid meeting -

Saw Del Grieve about bulls

Flint called me up about bulls -

Gardner shot 4 ducks - plowed orchard in p.m.

George finished cutting water shoots.

Niles Searles and Prof Cocheron called to see pruned trees.

Cold - Got Mervyn a watch \$2.50

Fri 2 Feb 1917

Burned brush in slough north of creek barn - got little bulls back into barn and curried them -

Del Grieve came to see bulls and bought the three for \$170.00

Fixed fence at creek corral -

George is hauling gravel for bridge foundations -

Sat 3 Feb 1917

Started Mervyn brush burning in east orchard.

Del Grieve had man from Yerrington Nevada to look at bulls -

Will Richardson came and asked for Gardner to go with Samson to harrow for him -  
Came about 10 a.m. Gardner got ready and started at once -

Gardner was plowing in west orchard and was about 2/3ds through -

Ran for Gardner at noon - then went to Davis - took cream & eggs.

Sue & I went to 500 meet at Will Chiles -

Sun 4 Feb 1917

Worked at clearing out desk most of the day -

Beautiful day - light north wind.

Mon 5 Feb 1917

Started Mervyn at brush burning

George at plowing vineyard and orchard -

Went to 7.50 train for Gardner who returned from Berkeley -

Tues 6 Feb 1917

Took Samson tractor with spring tooth harrow and supply wagon to sugar beet field - ran rig in forenoon -

Gardner took tracklayer and 3 plows and plow in a.m. He ran Samson in afternoon -

Took Gardner to work after dinner-

then took Sue & Mrs. Henry Hand to Frank Chile's to a party - took cream - got check \$11.90. Got spark plug - took it out to Gardner - went home fixed 2 horse plow beam -

Went to Chiles' for the ladies - took Mrs. Hamel home.

Wed 7 Feb 1917

Ran Samson on ornamental nursery ground in a.m.

George & I measured ground plowed by Gardner.

Sue and I went to funeral of Henry Timm at Dixon - lunched with John Rice - Home via new bridge and Davis -

Killed pig -

Thurs 8 Feb 1917

Sent George to town with wagon for 3 barrels tree dip or spray - 16 sx cement 125 ft 3/4 pipe, 1 bbl lime & 20 fence posts -

Richardson came for roller and I sent Mervyn with same and 4 mules -

Took cream & eggs = 25c shells, Wyandotte coffee etc. - paid Davis Garage bill - had blowout - Saw Forrest Plant about Yolo Water & Power Co.

Gardner ran Samson for Richardson.

Fri 9 Feb 1917

George went to town with wagon - got 3 bbls Rex Spray, 1 bbl lime, 16 sx cement and 20 fence posts -

Mervyn went with roller and 4 animals to roll beet ground for E. W. Richardson -

Made docking irons and furnace for heating irons -

Sat 10 Feb 1917

George & I docked 290 lambs 118 ewes and 172 bucks -

Took Sue to Davis en route to Woodland - She went over on train, back by jitney -

and rode out with the Snyders -

Gardner brought supply wagon up from beet field - He did not finish spring toothing as he had expected to -

Was very tired tonight -

Sun 11 Feb 1917

Salted meat & made sausage -

It rained a little this a.m.

Mervyn drew \$10.00 and went to Davis -

Mon 12 Feb 1917

North wind

Tues 13 Feb 1917

Sue and I drove to Placerville 69 miles.

Left home at 7.55 arrives at Placerville 11.40 a.m.

Stopped at Davis for tire inflation, in Sacramento to have glasses adjusted, in Folsom about 5 minutes - Lunched at Ohio House - Sue filed Glen Alpine Deed

Called on Hugh Pierce at Placerville and on the Lovlesses at El Dorado -

Came back through Orangeville - Home about 7 p.m.

George & Gardner are spraying almond trees - also family orchard and vineyard -

Quite strong north wind

Wed 14 Feb 1917

North wind.

Boys finished spraying in a.m.

Began cement piers for bridge near sheep barn - got one in -

Took cream and eggs to Davis -

Thurs 15 Feb 1917

Went to Davis - ordered car for sheep for Roeding - Fresno -

Got up sheep and separated 45 head young ewes -

Went to 12.06 train to meet Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Couvel of Freewater Oregon -

In P. M. Sue, Gardner, the Couvels and I attended the sale of thoroughbred Berkeshire hogs at the Farm.

Sold Dick & Kate mules to W. F. Elgin of Los Angeles for \$250.00.

North wind - Boys got wagons ready for sheep hauling -

Fri 16 Feb 1917

Gardner & George hauled sheep to Davis - Shipped 40 yearling ewes to Geo. C. Roeding Co. Butler Station Fresno Country. They were sold at \$10.00 per head -

Sue & I took the Couvel's to Sacramento in car - Sue & Mrs. C lunched at the Quaker Cafeteria and Mr. C & I at the Sutter Club - We visited the Capitol and Sutters Fort and went through the fine residence districts of Cutter avenue -

It rained a little about 12.15

Home about 6.30

Dixwell came home from Berkeley with a Chester Crittenden of the Sigma Pi fraternity in Crittendens car -

Sat 17 Feb 1917

Mervyn ran roller on 40 acre piece opposite Jeffs -

The Couvels [?] left for home today on the 10.12

Dixwell & Chester ran to Farm and got Frank ---- Wilkinson and ---- Bosche students for a visit -

Wilkinson & Crittenden ran into Sacramento.

Sue & I attended 500 meet at Dr. Schoff's -

Sun 18 Feb 1917

Looks rainy -

Sue and I took the three Farm boys to Davis, then went to Mrs. ----- [name not given] nee Merritt to dinner, where we met Mr & Mrs. Edwin Bullard and Mrs. Elston -

Dix and Chester went back to Berkeley -

Mon 19 Feb 1917

It rained a little last night and this a.m.

Boys did not work this forenoon -

Gardner and fixed gate at Creek barn -

Put 12 yearling heifers in north pasture -

At 1 p.m. took Gardner and Sue to Mrs. Brewster's to 500 club -

George, Mervyn & I put in second cement foundation at slough bridge near sheep barn

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H. Hamel brought Sue out and I met them on knoll

It show[er]ed at times this afternoon -

Tues 20 Feb 1917

I rained some early in the night

Boys and I put in three piers for bridge - finishing the job -

H. R. Spooner of Union Oil Co called offers Motor Ease at 48c -

Prof Tuft and Farm boys here

E. W. Richardson called have settlement for work done on beet land -

Sue & I went to Davis - took eggs - got flour -

Wed 21 Feb 1917

Rained most of last night - gently - and at intervals today - We have had about 1.15 inches this storm - still shy of average fall -

Boys did nothing today -

Got sheep out of alfalfa field -

Filed large saw -

Went to town in p.m. in rain -

took break and eggs - got meat, tea etc.

Son after 10 p.m. Alice Brigden phoned Sue that Harried had just had a daughter born to her at sanitorium in Berkeley -

Thurs 22 Feb 1917

Boys and I worked on creek barn bridge - Cut and put up the two center piers and got the other well along -

The University boys worked on almond trees -

Took Sue out to road where we met Hartman Hamel with his mother - he took Sue to Wilbur's -

Went to Davis at 6 p.m. for Sue who stopped at Mrs. Campbell's -

It sprinkled once for a few moments today.

Fri 23 Feb 1917

Rained at intervals last night and is could this a.m. with strong S. E. wind -

Boys and I worked on bridge in a.m.

- got frame nearly all in - It began sprinkling about 11.15 and rained most of p.m.

boys did not work after dinner -

Gardner came home at noon riding out with Mr. Burr -

Took Sue to Women's Improvement Club meet at Mrs. Bower's - Got hair cut, meat groceries etc. -

After getting home Gardner & I went out to north gate with car, letting water off road -

Sat 24 Feb 1917

Rained most all day - hard with high wind - Boys did not get out -

Gardner & I put braces on bridge in a.m. and got pretty wet - In p.m. put chains and cables on to hold bridge in case of high water.

Went to town about 4.30 for mail - Opened up drains for water on grain - there is much water on grain and sloughs are running high -

The creek is high and rising - watched water

Sun 25 Feb 1917

Watched water until 2.15 a.m. - when it began to recede - Heavy wind all night - Bright this a.m.

Gardner & Sue went to Woodland for Mrs. Judge N. A. Hawkins, who is visiting at Mrs. McConnell's -

Mon 26 Feb 1917

Boys and I worked on bridge in a.m.

- got stringers on and posts in to ward off drift wood - boys worked there in p.m.

- George fell of the bridge -

Gardner pruned fruit trees -

Took cream & eggs to town - got asparagus

Sent \$25.00 to Federal Reserve Bank for rent Forest Reserve for Glen Alpine -

Mrs. Bertha Greene got 1 cord wood -

Took Sue & Mrs. Hawkins to Mrs. Beard's to Idle Hour Club - then drove about Farm and Davis - Later met G. P. Hurst - taking him drove to Woodland leaving Mrs. ["Mrs." repeated] Hawkins at McConnell's - Reached home about 7 p.m. Had light shower in p.m.

Tues 27 Feb 1917

Heavy frost this a.m. Boys put some plank on bridge platform

took forms from cement foundations in early morning - Later one hauled manure from cow barn and the other from horse barn -

Gardner and I went to Woodland to attend hearing of Willow Canal complaint against the Yolo Water & Power Company before Mr. Encil of the State Railroad Commission - was called on to testify.

The morning hearing was held in the Supervisor's room, the afternoon in court room -

Gardner & I looked up auto trailer -

- got bridge spikes -

Sue visited High School & saw dentist -

She & I took tea at the Dopkings - Gardner at Lawheads -

Home via Davis -

Wed 28 Feb 1917

Light frost - temp 36 degrees at 5.30

James Nolan drew \$150.00 and went to Sacramento. He came back late having had a tooth pulled and was bleeding badly. Gardner helped him with his milking -

Gardner & I went to Water hearing in Woodland - going via Davis with cream & eggs -

G. got gloves - sent Geographic subscription -

North wind came up this evening

Men are cleaning barns.

Thurs 1 Mar 1917

North wind, cold. temp 38 degrees at 5.30 a.m.

Gardner fixed door lock in living room.

George got lumber etc from Nursery camp -

Fri 2 Mar 1917

Went to Sacramento on 10.10 a.m. train to attend Legislative Committee of Fruit Growers - also intended to go to Chico for almond meeting but met Mr. Tucker in Sacramento who informed me of the postponement of the Chico meeting -

Out on 6.05 train - Gardner met me-

Sat 3 Mar 1917

Sue & I went to 500 meet at Mrs. Fissell's -

Sun 4 Mar 1917

North wind -

Sue and I went on 8.30 train to Berkeley to see Harriet and the baby -

Took lunch with Dix at the Sigma Pi 2627 Ridge Road -

Missed the 3.48 at University Ave - and took 5.42 train -

Mon 5 Mar 1917

Took Gardner to 8.30 train for Suisun to attend tractor school of Samson tractor at Graham's Garage - Gardner afterward went to Berkeley to see Harriet -

Went to Woodland to hearing of Willow Ditch before the Railroad Commission - looked up iron for building - rice sacks for barley

- got rice, nails meat etc. -

Home via Davis - Met Gardner at 7.50 train

Engaged shepherd dog -

Tues 6 Mar 1917

Gardner & I started Samson and spring tooth rig in alfalfa ground -

North wind blew a gale -

George dug out Himalaya Blackberries in yard - later planted same in creek bank where it is washing -

Chas G. Johnson & Del Grieve called and bought spring lambs @ \$7.00 and old ewes @ 6.50 - ewes taken after shearing when fat -

Wed 7 Mar 1917

Tinkered in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. took eggs and cream.

Sold my last year's crop of wheat 171 sx 20 x 25# to C H. Cutter @ \$2.60 per cwt -

Thurs 8 Mar 1917

Marked lambs in forenoon - had 30 bucks and 28 ewes -

Put 8 large old bucks in East orchard -

Gardner ran over east alfalfa field the third time - Mervyn hauled manure in p.m. and George plowed alfalfa ditch -

Went to town in p.m. Tried to engage autos to bring members of the Legislature to Davis on Monday next -

Fri 9 Mar 1917

It rained a little last night -

Fixed long plank in south side of sheep barn.

Gardner took me to 9.55 train for Sacramento. Went to see W. A. Beard of the Sac. V. Dev. Ass. about trip of Legislators to the U. C. Farm on Monday next -

Took 2.55 N. E. train for Chico.

Met T. C. Tucker on board -

Stopped at Park Hotel room 44 -

Mr. Wrangham & daughter and Mr. King of Fairoaks were there -

Sat 10 Mar 1917

Weather cold - much smudging is being done in the orchards -

Our company drove in autos to Durham where we addressed about 30 groups. Col. H. Weinstock of the State Market Commission joined us at this point - meeting at 10 a.m.

Held meeting in Municipal building in Chico at 2 p.m. - very large attendance -

We organized a local Associa[tio]n of Almond Growers with 84 charter members -

It sprinkled in afternoon

Tucker left at 7 p.m. Weinstock at 11 -

Sun 11 Mar 1917

Left Chico at 6.20 Twas very cold and smudging made atmosphere disagreeable -

Got to Davis 10 a.m.

Mon 12 Mar 1917

Went to Davis took cream & eggs - Sue went

George took 3 empty barrels for shipment - one to Bean Spray Pump Co - two to Rex Spray -

Went to Sacramento to work with W. A. Beard to bring members of Legislature to Davis

Tues 13 Mar 1917

George harnessed up to hitch to the road scraper, but it sprinkled so he hauled dirt for a time when it rained and both he and Mervyn quit -

They worked in p.m. Mervyn cutting wood

Gardner worked all day on the regulator to automatic pump -

Sue & I went for mail in evening -

Am not well today -

Wed 14 Mar 1917

George and I ran road scraper on road to north county road over knoll -

In p.m. fixed road past shops to creek -

George planted Early Rose potatoes as our first planting of American Wonders has not come up -

Sue and I ran into town for mail -

Thurs 15 Mar 1917

Both men and I worked on creek fence on Glide line, hauled load of wood cut by Mervyn, gathered 3 sks oakballs, fixed fence at packing house, and hauled wheat to chickens this a.m.

In p.m. we worked on south approach to new bridge at creek barn - got dirt up to floor of bridge -

Gardner finished repairing Samson and re-plowed land for scraping - then finished cultivating alfalfa.

The Davis Meat Market ran an auto delivery with meat -

Fri 16 Mar 1917

Gardner replowed land for scrapers three times and harrowed windmill field -

Boys bucked dirt to south end of bridge -

Leithold sent 5 gals bi sulphide of Carbon -

Sue and I went to Davis - Sue to party at Mrs. Campbell's -

- took cream & eggs -

Got groceries, meat & a box of oranges send by unknown giver -

Got new 34 x 4 Goodrich Smooth tire of Hoag \$23.94 Home via beet field & bridge

Geo. C Roeding sent balance due \$355.00

Jas Mills was in Davis & went to Hecke's for night.

Sat 17 Mar 1917

Helped boys fill on bridge in a.m.

Sue & I drove to Sacramento, called at Governor's office - met Governor Stephens and Private Secretary Madsen -

Met James Mills in the Assembly -

We lunched with the Mills' at the Traveler's Hotel - Mills spoke to me relative to Tom Judkin's charges against Dean Van Norman -

Had intended going to Colonization meeting at Sac. Va. Development Assn. but was too late -

attended to shopping out about 4.30

Mr & Mrs. Mills came to spend night with us - Boys finished fill at bridge -

Sun 18 Mar 1917

Beautiful day - Had delightful day with the Mills' -

Louise Schmeiser came and brought James Mills Jr. and a Mr. Hammon of Fresno, both student at the Farm for dinner -

Mrs. Mills left for Berkeley on 3.50 train

We attended sunset meeting at Farm at 4.30. Guttman of Willows spoke on Making Money Makers -

Mon 19 Mar 1917

George worked on ditch in alfalfa -

Mervyn poisoned squirrels -

Gardner ran Samson with spring tooth -

Took Sue to Mrs. Campbells Leisure Hour Club -

Took cream & eggs -

Tues 20 Mar 1917

[Above this entry, at top of the page: "Corporation election in Davis -"]

Boys and I worked on bridge -

put plank floor down and side standards -

Two gentlemen from Woodland called relative to Woodland lots

Indar, Singh, Hindo for C. H. Steinberg's, Woodland came and I hired him at \$2.00 per day -

Tucker called up and wants me to go to Sacramento tomorrow -

Went to town at 5 p.m - took eggs -

- got things for Sue's party tomorrow -

W. E. Richardson paid \$204.00 due for work on beet field - He wants me to send disc harrow down as he must re-seed -

Wed 21 Mar 1917

Strong north wind - George went with 8 animals and disc harrow to nursery - He quit at noon as it was too heavy for his team, they having put 500# dirt on rig - Gardner ran engine on harrow in afternoon

Went to Sacramento to meet Tucker, Wrangham & ---- [name not given] - We went to Almond plant in a.m. and to hearing of Senate and Assembly - joint hearing of the Market Commissioner bill -

Got Cord Goodyear tire -

Took Janus Mills to 7.10 train

Home about [sentence not finished.]

Thurs 22 Mar 1917

Gardner took Sue and me to 8.30 train en route to San Francisco.

Stopped at Stewart 308 -

Sue went to Berkeley to see Harriet

Called at Almond office and General Electric Co's office for pump extras -

Sue and I went to Alcazar to hear Kalb and Dill in "The High Cost of Loving"

Fri 23 Mar 1917

Went to Hotel Oakland 649

Went to Berkeley to attend Charter day exercises - Lunched with Dr. Meade at Faculty Club

Called on Harriet at 2223 McKinley Ave -

Attended Alumni banquet at Hotel Oakland -

Sat 24 Mar 1917

Sue went to Piedmont and met Frankie & Mildred at Park St - then went to Mrs. Fishers -

Went to City shopped attended luncheon of Commonwealth Club at the Palace Hotel with W H. Cobb & Mort Smith.

Called at 311 California - met Tucker and Mrs Allis [?] our broker in Portland -

Left on 2.46 boat - Sue got on train at 16th St Oakland -

Gardner met us at Davis -

Sue & I went to 500 club meet at the Wilbur's. Sue won first ladies prize and I second gentlemens

Sun 25 Mar 1917

North wind -

Took in place -

Gardner went to Davis in evening -

Mr. R. Mack came with Mr. Matroni cement worker of Woodland looking up cement post business -

Mon 26 Mar 1917

In a.m George hauled brush from yards and lumber, posts etc to bridge -

Mervyn bucked some more dirt to south end of bridge

Went to town with eggs & cream -

- got nails, extras for automatic regulator etc-

In p.m. three of us worked on bridge -

Gardner plowed in west orchard -

North wind -

Tues 27 Mar 1917

Sowed Mellolotus [?] in windmill field -

Gardner & George ran spray rig in a.m. Rig got out of order and Gardner spent afternoon on it -

George plowed piece in stock yard and sowed Harding Grass -

Mervyn and I worked on fences and gates at south end of bridge -

Wed 28 Mar 1917

In a.m. George hauled fencing from north vineyard to Harding Grass patch on creek - Then worked with Gardner on spraying rig - they finished before noon.

Mervyn bucked dirt to south approach to bridge in a.m.

In p. m. both men worked on fence at county road in windmill field - connecting fence to bridge on county road -

In p.m. took cream to town, Sue going looking for help for house to take Lida's place while she is on vacation -

Poisoned squirrels in east field opposite Burr's -

Thurs 29 Mar 1917

Boys and I fixed fences out north

Tagged bucks and put them (11 head) in north pasture field - in a.m.

In p.m. worked on bridge fences approaches etc - nearly finishing -

Fri 30 Mar 1917

Boys worked in yard - spading etc. -

Gardner ran spring tooth harrow in west orchard -

Took cream to Davis in a.m.

Sue, Gardner and I attended the "Archway Show" given by ladies of Davis - at the auditorium -

Frost this a.m. North wind

Lida Ailor settled to date and went away on vacation.

Sat 31 Mar 1917

North wind - very cold

Boys in yard -

Took cream to Davis -

Went to Woodland - got casting, broken by Gardner as he ran into a tree, welded -

meat, vegetable and Milo Maze seed -

Tried to see Berryessa and John Campbell -

Took Sue and Mrs. Fizzell to Mrs Wray's to party - Home via Davis -

As Gardner had disable engine, he worked in yard and got supper for men -

Sun 1 Apr 1917

Nice day -

Harriet the baby and Mrs. Brigden came up from Berkeley - Gardner went after them at 4.55 They stood the trip well and both Harriet and the baby are looking well.

Mon 2 Apr 1917

Cloudy.

Mervyn worked on approach to south end of bridge for almond hauling -

George worked in yard -

Gardner ran Samson.

Helped Sue wash -

Tues 3 Apr 1917

Gardner took me to 10.10 train en-route to Corning to attend an almond meeting - Stopped at the Maywood Hotel - Mr. Woodson took me to see the section -

Mr. Beresford spent evening with me at Hotel -

Wed 4 Apr 1917

A phone message from Joe Davidson informed me of Mr. Wrangham's operation at Oakland for appendicitis and Mr. Tucker's inability to be at Corning - Consequently our proposed meeting was postponed -

I called on Mr. Beresford at the Maywood Packing Co's plant and he agreed to notify members of the postponement -

Left at 10 a.m. on motor for Tehema - took train from Sacramento via Chico - Arrived at Davis 3.50

Gardner & Harriet came for me -

G & I took gun and car and ran out to gate and killed 2 Jack rabbits and 1 polecat - Red Bluff Home Guard left for front today.

Thurs 5 Apr 1917

Gardner and I looked up gravel for cement - Went to town - got sx cement - poisoned squirrels in north windmill field -

In p.m. took run into Dixon section for bucks - called Curreys

- got ---- [name not given] to look me up some -

Home via Davis -

Gardner and men put in cement culverts in east alfalfa field -

Mervyn drew \$60.00 - goes tomorrow to ----- [place not given.]

Fri 6 Apr 1917

Went to Sacramento with car -

Mrs. Brigden went to visit friends on 26th St. Mrs Smith -

Had auto top and sight glass in front fixed - got ham, spuds etc.

Sat 7 Apr 1917

Gardner took me to 8.30 train to Sac -

from there left on "Traction" 9.15 train for Stockton connecting with 11.37 Santa Fe train for Oakley -

Attended annual meeting of Oakley Almond Warehouse - Dixwell came up to Antioch on train - then rode up in auto to Oakley with a University acquaintance.

Dix and I left on 4.17 Santa Fe train for city - We dined at Hotel Stewart -

Dix left for Berkeley about 9.30

It sprinkled a little this evening -

Sun 8 Apr 1917

Tried to find Prof ---- [first name not given] Bojorques, masseur -

Went to beach - met ----- [first name not given] Frank of U. C 77 [?] -

Talked with Tucker over phone - po[s]tponed Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Left on 3 p.m. train for Davis -

Gardner met me -

Mon 9 Apr 1917

Gardner and George planted Milo Maize in west orchard -

Went to look for bucks about Dixon -

Harris agreed to look some up for me and let me know about them tomorrow night -

Mrs. Brigden went with me -

Mervyn Bish came out in auto late this evening

Tues 10 Apr 1917

Boys put away implements and worked on headgates

Weds 11 Apr 1917

Mervyn poisoned squirrels and cleaned barn -

Gardner poisoned, pulled mustard and moved sheep from upper barley field to east orchard -

George went to Woodland for three cement headgates, made by Barnes and Son -

Went to creamery - then to Woodland -

It rained a little at intervals -

Mr. Geo. I. King of Fair Oaks, staid over night here -

Thurs 12 Apr 1917

Clear today - Mr. King went to Dixon -

Took lettuce to A & R. 20 cement sx to Davis Lumber Co. flowers to Mrs. Fizzell and sent to Mrs. J Cecil -

Gardner & men put in new headgates -

Jims 3 calves got across creek and he got them this p.m.

Sue and I went into Solano county in the afternoon - Sue called on Mrs. Phillips - Saw Sol Fountain - went to old Church place saw Jas Marshalls bucks & met Marshall and Harris in Dixon - think can trade with Marshall for bucks - Returned via Davis - got channel, iron and 2 sx cement

Boys finished head gate work - save one

Fri 13 Apr 1917

Gardner and men worked in yards planting potatoes beans etc. -

Took cream & eggs to Davis - got carnations from San Mateo for Gardner.

Went to Woodland - saw Berryessa and shearing crew as they were leaving Merritts - arranged for their coming Sunday -

Called at Motroni's for cement posts -

- got meat and vegetables - syrup etc

Got puppy from Goodin, the butcher -

Sat 14 Apr 1917

George Reid drew his wages and went to Sac.

Started Mervyn with team to Marshalls for bucks but they phoned Marshall was not there so went after Mervyn and brot him back from Snyder's -

Mervyn then hauled wood, refuse etc

The Stallion was here today.

In p.m. took cream and eggs -

- got beans corn starch oil -

Took Sue to Mrs. Greene's - later called for her - took dinner at Mrs. G's -

Union oil tank was here -

West wind - somewhat cloudy -

Sun 15 Apr 1917

Mrs. Brigden went home on the 3.45 train - Gardner and Harriet took her to Davis -

Harriet to[ook] baby Muriel to Davis for first time -

George Reid came back -

Julian Berryessa Dick Bambridge and another sheep shearer came this evening -

Mon 16 Apr 1917

Began shearing sheep -

In p.m. Sue and I drove into Sacramento, stopping at the Land -

Attended hearing of the Market Commissioner bill before Assembly Committee and argued for its passage -

Met T. C. Tucker - by appointment.

Sue spent evening at Mrs. Lorenz's -

Tues 17 Apr 1917

Bought 2 sx spuds at 5c per lb - and 2 sx sugar @ 9.00 per cwt. and other groceries, also bread & rolls -

Bought baby buggy for Muriel at Burgess Furniture Co -

Home in time for dinner -

Gardner has men working about yard -

Wed 18 Apr 1917

Gardner took me to 12.06 train for Sacramento - Took 2.10 train for Stockton - Took 4.30 motor for Oakdale where by appointment I met T. C. Tucker and Joe Davidson - Attended annual meeting of the Oakdale Almond Association -

Tucker and Davidson drove in from San Francisco and drove back after meeting leaving Oakdale about 11 p.m.

Staid at Oakdale Inn Room 9.

Thurs 19 Apr 1917

Left Oakdale at 7 a.m. on Stockton motor - Stopped in Stockton until 9.25 when I caught a delayed train for Sacramento.

While in Stockton visited the Samson Iron works and tried to get information concerning certain difficulties we are having with our Sieve Grip -

Left Sacto at 1.15 - Got hair cut in Sacramento

Gardner & Harriet came for me -

Fri 20 Apr 1917

Poisoned squirrels in west orchard -

Took cream and eggs to Davis -

got chick food, etc. -

Mr. Geo. S. King of Fairoaks called on his way to Winters -

Called on Clarke Wood at Room 26 south dormitory relative to State Farm history -

Went to Mr. Halliday's residence where was organized Winters Almond Grower's Association, about 23 members -

Sue went to Mrs. Schoff's to party with the Hamel's -

Sat 21 Apr 1917

Took cream to Davis - Brought Mrs. Van Norman out to ranch -

About 11.25 left of Hays Gable's place north of Esparto, distance 38 miles, with Sue and Mrs. Van Norman -

Home via Davis - dined with the Van Norman's and attended 500 party at Weise's, taking Mrs. Fizzell - Won second prize on score of 3100 -

It began light rain at Weise's about 8 p.m. - at home it began about 10 p.m.

Gardner prepared ground for corn melons etc. -

Sun 22 Apr 1917

Rain stopped before sunrise - It was a nice shower - but too late and too light to be of much benefit.

Gardner & Harriet went to Davis in evening - calling at Frank Chile's -

Mon 23 Apr 1917

Gardner & men docked lambs - 91 head 50 bucks and 41 ewes -

Mervin poisoned squirrels in a.m.

Went to town sold barley in granary for \$2.50 per hundred to C. H. Cutter -

Had boys sack and load barley -

Gardner & Harriet took Sue to club meet at Mrs. Haye's -

Went after Sue - took lettuce to Mrs. Fizzell

Sue and I went to Winters - I addressed the Winters Odd Fellows lodge -

Tues 24 Apr 1917

Helped sack and load barley -

Took Sue to 10.12 train en-route to Sacramento to see Chas Swisler [?] on Glen Alpine matters and to attend Tuesday Club -

Helped unload George's first 6 horse load of barley then went to Woodland -

Paid 2d inst Taxes \$686.87, looked up posts & sacks - Back to Davis

Took out accident policy for Gardner -

George had 70 sx on 2d load - 180 sx 18051# @ 2.50 \$451.27 -

Met Sue at 6.45 motor -

Gardner planted melons -

Wed 25 Apr 1917

Gardner took me to 7.28 train -

Took Shattuck Ave. car to Berkeley -

Attended funeral of J. B. Wrangham -

His body was cremated in Oakland Crematory -

In p.m. met Dix at Benjamin Ide Wheeler Hall. We dined together at The Shattuck - Later I went to city and to Stewart 610 - Went to Orpheum for a time

My left foot was very sore and troublesome this afternoon -

Dix drew \$60.00

Thurs 26 Apr 1917

Was in Almond office most of day -

Had a Directors meeting in afternoon.

Mr. Tucker is to act as Secretary and I am to put in more time at office than heretofore. For this I am to be allowed \$100 dollars per month and travelling expenses -

Left on 5 p.m. train -

Gardner met me at Davis -

Fri 27 Apr 1917

Heavy north wind -

Going via Davis with cream - went to Woodland where I sent George with 4 horse team - got 58 cement posts, Vance type of J. C. Motroni & Co. -

Home via Davis - met Grandpa Brigden at 5 p.m. train - Martine Peters came to Davis on same train and rode up to Mrs. Sanders with us -

Sat 28 Apr 1917

Heavy north wind - Boys unloaded posts -

Mervyn dug post holes - George hauled brush from east orchard, poisoned squirrels etc.

Gardner overhauled mowing machines -

Sue, Grandpa Brigden and I went to U. C Farm picnic - The extreme wind made it very disagreeable -

A large attendance was on hand -

Sun 29 Apr 1917

Moderate north wind.

Sue & I attended funeral of Berlin Cecil age 72 - Funeral from George Gordon's -

Gardner, Harriet and Muriel went to Davis - Called at Gordon Anderson's -

We drove to Woodland, called at Dr. Lawhead's then drove to Hecke's to see a Scotch Collie -

Mon 30 Apr 1917

Took cream to town also eggs -

Tried to get man to run small tractor - phoned Sieber at Woodland -

Home about 3 p.m.

Nellie mare had colts last night -

Tavernetti of The Farm phoned he had a student who could run a tractor -

Sue & I went to Davis - taking lettuce to Mrs. Fizzell and eggs to store -

Got Mr. Simkins to run tractor.

Got hay carrier, cable, chisels, files etc of George Hoag -

Began mowing alfalfa -

Tues 1 May 1917

Mervyn & I set cement posts north of lawn in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. Sue and Grandpa Brigden going -

Got job lot mower extras of Hoag -

Met Joe Davidson in Davis - He is on trip for Almond Exchanges

- goes to Roseville tomorrow -

Simpkins got over orchard once and began crossing -

Wed 2 May 1917

Went to San Francisco on 8.30 train, Gardner & Harriet taking me to Davis -  
Lunched with Tucker at Masonic Club, Palace Hotel -

Spent afternoon at Almond office -

Left at 4.40 for Davis - Tucker met me at mole [?] -

Dean Van Norman was on train and we dined together -

Gardner and Harriet met me at Davis at 7.45

Lady, mare, had mare colt -

Thurs 3 May 1917

In forenoon George, Mervyn and I set cement posts and fixed fence on east side of yard.

Boys raked and shocked hay in p.m.

Sue and I took cream to Davis -

then ran into Woodland -

Got extras for haying and engine outfits.

Lady (mare) lost her colt by getting caught in fence -

Fri 4 May 1917

Sue and I drove into Sacramento - left car at Traveler's Garage. Called at office of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company for deposit made by Gardner - did not get it -

Went to Chas Swisler's [?] Office with Sue on Glen Alpine business -

Left on 11.45 S. P. train for Lodi to attend meeting of Lodi Almond Grower's Ass'n.

Left Lodi at 4 p.m. on Traction Co's line

Met Sue at Hotel Sacramento - Left Sac about 6.30

Met Mr & Mrs W. H. Cobb and two of Clara (Smith) Snow's children at 7.45 train -

These people are on visit to ranch -

Sat 5 May 1917

Simkins [Simpkins] ran tractor in orchard again today -

Went to creamery - got butter, ham, cheese, bread cake etc. - Boy went with me -

About 10.15 Sue the Cobb's and two Snow children (Clara's) went to Dixon picnic -

Saw the parade and heard the speaking -

Jack Neylan was speaker - Saw May Pole dance -

Drove to old Briggs reservoir site and lunched -

Ran into Woodland - Will Cobb and I attended Yolo County Defence meeting in Superior Court Room - Ladies visited Mrs. Lawhead and others.

Home via Davis -

Sun 6 May 1917

Took Cobb's over farm buildings -

Took Cobb's and Grandpa Brigden to 3.38 San Francisco train -

Sue & I called at Frank Chile's -

Gardner & Harriet started after 8 p.m. to go to Earl Chile's - got back about 1 p.m.

Mon 7 May 1917

Very calm at 6 a.m. Soon after a howling north wind set in and blew all day -

George raked fox tail in yard -

We made and hung gate at N. E corner of carriage house -

fixed railing on new bridge - put in one gate at bridge in a.m.

George helped Gardner at shop -

Mervyn cut dead trees -

Went to Woodland via creamery -

Attended meeting of Sac. Valley Electric R. R. Co. They decided to enjoin sale of property. Home via Hecke's and got scotch Collie dog - back via Davis -

Tues 8 May 1917

North wind (strong) in a.m. about 3.30 it turned south and blew strong and cool

George hauled fox tail, then fixed hay pens -

Mervyn and I put in water pipe at packing house to new kitchen - then put in doors in new houses.

Put sheep in packing house lot -

Boys hauled 3 loads alfalfa ion p.m.

Sue and I went to town - took cream and eggs. On way back went down to nursery bridge - then to see wheat, which is largely oats - found Scotch Collie that had gotten away from Gardner.

John Rowe Jr. disappointed me as harvester runner.

Lloyd Burr called Simpkins, then came for him after he was in bed -

Wed 9 May 1917

Went to Sacramento with Sue -

took 1.05 O. A & E. train for San Fran -

Stewart 317 - Dix came over and we went to the Columbia to see John Drew -

Thurs 10 May 1917

Was in Almond office in a.m.

Held annual meeting of Almond Exchange in Sheldon Building - was re-elected President -

Home on 5 p.m. train -

Fri 11 May 1917

Went to Sacramento

Presided at meeting called to discuss labor conditions held at Red Men's Hall -

Home at 6.10

Met Dix at 7.45, Gardner coming for us -

Sat 12 May 1917

Sue, Dix and I went to Madison to rice festival - with others spoke on organization of growers.

Colonel Weinstock came home with us had dinner and boys took him to 7.23 San Fran train

Boys delivered 178 lambs, 46 ewes and 5 bucks to C. Johnson - Del Grieves agent - lambs \$7.00 and ewes 6.50 bucks 7.00

Mervyn Bish left -

Sun 13 May 1917

Sue, Huron & I went to concert at Farm -

Got another man to help in hay.

Mon 14 May 1917

Boys finished hauling fox tail -

Huron & I went to Woodland - paid interest at Bank of Yolo - insured grain

got 4 bundles grain twine - had sluring [?] clutch lever fixed - got bread cake, macaroons, ice cream, butter etc for Sue who had ladies Leisure hours club -

Huron & I shut water out of east field from Anguin's irrigating -

Tues 15 May 1917

Began mowing around grain fields and in old alfalfa field

Huron took Mother and me to Davis - Sue went to Sacramento -

I took 9.40 train for Lathrop -

At 12.15 took train for Bakersfield arriving at 6.05 Lunched at Lathrop - dined at Southern Hotel in Bakersfield - Back to depot and got aboard sleeper at 9.30 p.m.

Grain crops are very light owing to lack of spring rains -

The peach crop is good.

Wed 16 May 1917

Awoke at 4.15 at Palmdale - arrived at Los Angeles at 7.35 Took Taxi to Hayward Hotel - room 805. Breakfasted at restaurant near hotel on Spring St -

Met Geo. R. Farren, attorney for Almond and Walnut Associations.

Met at Realty Building 6th and Hill Sts with meeting called to inquire into labor conditions - some 200 delegates - spoke on subject -

In evening rode out to Edenvale and attended Orpheum -

Thurs 17 May 1917

Left on 8 a.m. Coast Line Limited -

had seat 22 in Pullman Observation car - rode outside from San Louis Obispo until past San Miguel some distance -

It began sprinkling at Paso Robles -

Arrive in San Fran at 9.59

Took bus to Stewart 3.35 -

Fri 18 May 1917

Spent day in office 311 California -

Tucker was in Sacramento - came in about 3.30 Looked up expense account, signed checks, wrote up Resolutions of respect for J. B. Wrangham, etc. -

Left at 4.40 for Davis - took box cherries

Sue & Huron met me -

Grace Rogers Cecil was buried today - also was Mrs. John Drummond

The U. C. Farm school held Commencement exercises

Sat 19 May 1917

Helped shock hay in N. E. corner of place

- looked over grains - etc. -

Gardner Took Huron Ashford to 10.10 train -

Sue and I went to Davis to meet Mrs. John Ramsay who came on Portland train at 2.40 -

Sue, Eva and I drove into Sacramento - The ladies called on Chas. Swisler relative to Glen Alpine.

I shopped - got extras, called on Red Cross employment agency etc.

Got home about 9 p.m.

Muriel is having the colic this evening -

George tried to mow in east nursery field but there was too much water along canal - He mowed opposite Jeffs.

Sun 20 May 1917

Strong north wind.

Mon 21 May 1917

Dix raked hay in east field -

Gardner took Mrs. Ramsay and me to 8.30 San Francisco train -

Stopped at Palace Hotel 411 - lunched at Stewart - Called at Almond office and attended Farmers meeting at Palace Hotel - spoke on Farm labor -

Attended banquet here -

Tues 22 May 1917

Shopped in early morning -

attended Farmers meeting until 3.30

Left on 5 p.m. train for home -

Wrote much of the way up -

Dr. Schoff was on train -

Dix met me -

Wed 23 May 1917

Spent most of forenoon in hay field with George directing the mowing -

Helped fix wagon, finish gate and put on hay rack -

Remington quit - went to town with Mrs. Pierce and me - took cream - got separator oil, laundry etc also tobacco & matches for Ward -

George finished mowing

Dix and Ward hauled one load hay -

Gardner is fixing hay carrier rod in horse barn. Motroni, cement contractor called - Sue & Dix went to Robson's -

Thurs 24 May 1917

Gardner, Dix & I worked on hay carrier cross head in horse barn in forenoon -

Boys hauled two loads hay from east field - unloaded one -

Took Sue to 3 p.m. train for Sacramento to see Swisler

Went to Woodland bought 3000 second hand rice bags for barley -

Melville Ward in turning derrick fork over on ground stuck a tine in his foot - turpentined it well -

Fri 25 May 1917

It rained about a quarter of an inch

Melville has sore foot and laid off -

George took the three fat hogs to got to Covell' slaughter house while on his way to Woodland, but made a mistake and left them at the old Harby place -

He then went to Woodland and got 3000 grain bags of Globe Grain & Milling Co - rice bags bought yesterday -

J. G. Motroni and two men laid cement floor in laundry- were very late getting done - He brought 14 sx cement from Woodland - I got 8 more from Davis where Sue & I took cream & eggs. I had to go again for 4 more sacks - Dix & I went to look up hogs left by George at Harby place - Covell had gotten them

- the 3 weighed 278 - 248 - 150 676# sold at 12c -

Sat 26 May 1917

Dix [took] milk to creamery for separation as we cannot get to our separator an account of fresh cement floor.

Sue went to Sacramento on 8.30 train to see Eva and their lawyer Chas Swisler -

In p.m. Harriet, the baby Muriel and I drove into Sacramento - Took Muriel to Mrs. Jones on 26th St bet H & I -

Left Harriet there and after going down town and finding Harriet's purse in rig drove back and got Harriet - took her to W L. & Cos shopped - got meat, berries vegetables cakes, bread etc. -

Met Sue, Harriet & Eva at W. L. & Co's - too Sue & Eva to the Cathedral, Harriet to Jones - Got Muriel picked up others and started home - back about 7 p.m. Men unloaded one load hay -

shocked in forenoon - hauled in p.m.

Sun 27 May 1917

Strong south wind - looks rainy -

Worked on article for W. D. Egilbert Secretary of First practical Farmers meeting of Monday last -

Muriel has a cold - fear she added to one she already had by her trip yesterday -

Mon 28 May 1917

Tinkered - Began to get laundry ready.

Ran cream separator at night for first time -

Cal Covell paid \$81.12 for 676# hogs @ 12c

Mr. & Mrs. . . . [name not given] took dinner with us on way from Willows to Berkeley -

Mrs. . . . was Miss Gilmore a brother [sister] of Walter Gilmore and Cousin to Sue and Eva -

Tues 29 May 1917

Tried to get water truck back and other things in place in laundry - but could not finish it in time I had -

Gardner went to dentist Campbell in Woodland - taking Sue, Eva and me to train at Davis 9.50 Ladies went to see their attorney Swisler relative to Glen Alpine -

Met T. C. Tucker at almond plant 19th & C. Sts at 11.05 - Morris Brooke took me out in his car - Lunched at S. Club with Jesse Poundstone [?] and Elmer Arnfield [?] -

Called at office of Horticultural Commissioner.

Called on Governor Stephens in inters of Senate bill No. 76 (Market Commission bill) out at 6.05

Eva - went to San Fran - Dix met us.

Ran cream separator at night Dr. Schoff came to see Muriel -

Wed 30 May 1917

Got laundry ready - folks washed -

Took cream to Davis -

Went to Woodland to Decoration Day exercises - they were good - Mrs. Aurelia Henry Reinhart of Mills College and Jack Neylan of State Board of Control were the speakers -

Home via Davis - Lee LaRue rode out with me -

The Leithold's of Woodland drove over for a call -

After dinner Sue, Dix and I went to Davis and called at Dean Van Norman's -

Discussed labor situation.

Thurs 31 May 1917

Dix and I put carrier into creek barn

Took cream to Davis in p.m.

Saw Cutter relative to selling 1000 sx barley

Heard from Wm. L. Evans of Winters who is to come for engineer this harvest -

Fri 1 June 1917

Breslau phoned he had a separator man also sack sewer for me at \$5.00 & \$3.00 each

We killed and skinned the cow that got hurt in calving -

Men broke tine in derrick fork -

Went to Davis - took cow hide to C. A. Covell - got vegetables etc and medicine for the baby -

Saw new Oakland car - rode around block (Sue & I) Later Percy Hoag came out to ranch with it - to show Gardner - P. brought his family -

Sat 2 June 1917

M. Ward gave notice of quitting tonight

James Nolan drew \$140.00 - goes to Sacramento.

Gardner took me to 10.15 train en-route to Wilbur Springs - Lunched at Williams Hotel - Stage left about 2 p.m.

Had a blow out -

Mr. Mohr of Mohr & Yoerk was a passenger -

Took tub bath -

Sun 3 June 1917

Took bath and massage in p.m.

Mon 4 June 1917

Walked up to mouth of old tunnel near sign before breakfast -

Had bath and massage -

Tues 5 June 1917

Up to No. 10 before breakfast -

Had massage and bath

Walked up to old got mine now about to be reopened - just above school house -

Wed 6 June 1917

Left on 7.30 stage - lunched at Williams - met Mr. Vann of Grain Grower's experience

Took train at 12.30 - Met Tucker and Ralph Taylor on train

Reached Corning about 3 p.m.

Stopped at Maywood Hotel - No. 9 -

Held meeting of almond growers in the Library building - Organized a new association called the Tehema County Almond Growers Assn. 22 members -

Thurs 7 June 1917

Tucker & Taylor left at 5 a.m.

Joe Davidson and I drove over to the river and out west of town -

Took 10 a.m. train for Tehema - thence to Sacramento arriving at 3 p.m.

Dix & Sue were in town

Dix and Leo Wilson went to a dance in Woodland at Ruth McGriffs -

Dix afterward took Leo home -

Fri 8 June 1917

Started two mowers on alfalfa -

In p.m. Sue and I went to Davis then to Woodland - got oxyacetaline welding done oat Thairs [?] -

Home by Davis - got ice, berries etc. -

Sat 9 June 1917

Took cream in a.m. and helped boys at shop.

Put stove in Hindu cook house.

Boys finished mowing began raking and shocking -

Gardner moved harvester into knoll field and got rig together -

Fred Moedinger went home to Woodland

I took him to train - Harriet going with me -

Sun 10 June 1917

Ran 30 sheep out of east field and fixed fence - Jim got on rampage -

- fixed sleeping apartments for men -

Dix got sack sewer, Baker, from Davis -

Evans, engineer came -

Mr & Mrs. Sullivan and Elsie Laycock called -

Sue and Dix went to Davis

- took Miss DeVilbiss [?] -

The Wolls called -

Mon 11 June 1917

Started harvester in N. E. corner -

George finished raking - then went to machine to tend to sacks.

Took cream to town -

Boys broke fan arms to re-cleaner

took them to Davis late and had Lust make a new set -

Tues 12 June 1917

Helped get cleaner together and harvester started

Gardner took supply wagon out - had trouble in getting out -

Boys cut small piece near Robsons this p.m.

Wed 13 June 1917

Sheep got into east grain field -

Opened harvester gate south of field barn -

Went to town with eggs and cream -

Tried to get men for haying but failed -

Gardner made hoods for engine -

Thurs 14 June 1917

(later) Took Sue & Eva to 8.30 Sacto train (See below.) -

Took cream -

Otto began cutting in ten acre piece -

Boys finished in east field in a.m. and pulled up to gate near house in 134 field for dinner -

Gardner worked with them a long time putting in new B-8 pinion - boys cut corner at knoll. Got stuck and were very late getting in to supper.

Fri 15 June 1917

Otto quit - Took Sue & Eva to Sacto 8.30 Sacto train (See above.)

In p.m. went to meet S. & E. hired John Drummond to work in alfalfa.

Gardner & I loaded two wagons 85 sx for Davis - left them at N. E. cor.

Gardner rode to town with me -

Brought John Drummond out -

Sat 16 June 1917

John did raking what was cut by Otto then mowed rest of piece.

Went to town in a.m. got a young man to help in haying @ \$2.00 -

Gardner took two loads barley to Davis 175 sx wt 21,005 - 116.7# per bag -

Young man helped load Gardner before noon for which I was to give him 25c

in p.m. he shocked alfalfa

Phoned Fred . . . [last name not given] to come to see about running engine.

Gardner hauled out 3000 new Calcutta grain bags from C. H. Cutter - gotten of Joe Holman -

Sun 17 June 1917

Dismissed engineer Evans - after Fred came and we had hired him at 5.00 per day -

Dix took cream and John Drummond to Davis -

Later he took Eva to 3.05 train en-route to Oregon -

Earl Chiles, wife & baby came for call -

Raked alfalfa in a.m. Helped fix big wagon with back action tongue for engine grain hauling -

Took Evans to 7 p.m. train -

Muriel had hard coughing spells.

Mon 18 June 1917

Went to city on 8.38 back at 4.55

Was in Almond office all time -

- got cloth hat and box bits -

Hot north wind -

Gardner broke his hitching rigging badly today and was late getting in -

Tues 19 June 1917

Strong north wind came up early, and boys stopped harvester after going two rounds in 134 acre field -

Fixed up Gardner's rig and got him out late - He did not get his first load out until after 1 p.m. - ate at Mack's - Dix and I loaded him up the second time - He brought back 10 sx sulphur on second trip.

Tried to get George and the sack-sewer to haul grain, but George said he didn't want to haul grain -

Put John Drummond and Charley at it and they lasted one load - Charley shocked hay in p.m.

Went to town in a.m. with cream and in p.m. for sulphur and extras.

Wed 20 June 1917

George Reid quit -

Harvester started after dinner -

Went to Davis taking almond sheet to be returned to Ames, Harris & Neville for alterations.

- took cream. Got butter veggies ham etc.

Got new man, Ed Dwyer to tend sacks -

Gardner took 49 sks from middle field - he finished hauling from east field and brought 10 sx back -

Went to town and tried to sell barley but could not - Sue went with me.

Later they phoned that extras for harvester were there and Harriet & I went down and got them - A truck owner was here and engaged grain hauling @ 1.00 per ton

Thurs 21 June 1917

Fixed pitman irons before breakfast -

Gardner took 106 sx from 134 acre field - got out late - had to uncouple - broke fifth chain - lost one in Davis - got 1000 sks from Cutter -

John & Charley are jockeying with the alfalfa hauling

Boys finished harvesting in 134 acre field - moved to west orchard lot -

Gardner moved supply wagon.

Harvester broke down and they lost most of forenoon - Phoned Holt for B. 25 double sprocket 17 teeth -

Berryessa, Dick and another fellow came to shear sheep - came without notice and I sent them away - The P. G & E agent came to adjust an overcharge

Went to Davis with cream. Sold 114565# barley to J. D. Musgrove for \$2.00 per cwt - went to Woodland for check South breeze and cool -

Fri 22 June 1917

Went to city on 8.30 train to attend meeting of Almond Directors -

Lunched with Tucker and Lawrence at the Pheasant -

Left at 5 p.m.

Gardner with John Drummond and Charley O'Neal banked grain in the 134 acre field - about 1100 sx

Sat 23 June 1917

O'Neal quit -

Gardner and John hauled hay in a.m.

Went to town - could not get a man -

Boys finished harvesting about 3 p.m. on creek next Glide and moved into 40 acre piece opposite Jeff's -

Gardner, John & I hauled 250 sx to piles in 130 acre field - Gardner took supply wagon out north.

Went to town hoping to get men to pile sks but failed - got 20 ft chain for harvester. Dixwell attended a card party at Henry Hamel's, given by Marie.

Sun 24 June 1917

Went to nursery field and old barn before breakfast -

Gathered blackberries -

Took cream to town and 3 of the men.

Sue & Dix left at 10.40 for church in Sacramento -

Gardner & Harriet gathered fruit while I tended baby -

Sue brot home with her Harriet Corliss a High School teacher of Oakland -

Gardner & Harriet went to harvester to lace belt and were late getting back -

Miss Corliss and I drove to town for Fred Modinger -

Mon 25 June 1917

Got up sheep for Berreyessa to shear lambs. Shearers did not come as they were too drunk -

John and I hauled one load hay - J & Gardner got in one and finished in 10 acre field - then began banking grain in 134 acre field -

Went to town with cream and eggs -

Got ham, ice, starch, laundry & vegetables

Got two sack bucks @ \$2.50 each - began work after dinner. One sack buck lasted 5 minutes - the other tent and then left - Took Sue & Miss Corliss to Davis -

Pape, Standard Oil man was here.

John Rowan called to see about threshing. Harvester finished near Jeffs and went to Nursery field.

Tues 26 June 1917

Helped John & Gardner pile 300 sx

- There are about 100 more in 134 acre piece

Gardner & John pile some out north John gave out -

I had very lame back this afternoon -

Went to town in a.m. with cream & eggs -

Berreyessa, Dick Bambridge and the lame Spaniard came to shear lambs and began after dinner -

Wed 27 June 1917

Robson sent two men over this a.m.

One quit before he began. The other Harvey Drummond helped John & Gardner haul grain - finishing near Jeff's and getting one load to granary -

Went to Davis with cream - Got almond sheet back with hems sewed in -

Got another man - Drummond laid off and other man helped haul -

They got in 146 sx all told -

Got up last of sheep for shearers -

Mr. Chas Gilmore left on 8.39 train for Oakland -

Put fingers on end of shoe on harvester and it works fine.

Sue & Miss Corliss went with the Hamels to a party at Mrs. Wrays -

Thurs 28 June 1917

Went to town early and got man from Percy's Garage Frank - put him at work with other boys - putting barley into granary from creek field -

Boys finished before night and put 546 in granary and 150 in packing house yard.

Boys finished harvesting in nursery field -

Went to Davis again - Harriet going -

John Drummond quit.

Fri 29 June 1917

Girken, truckman, hauled last load of barley from 134 acre field -

Harvey Drummond quit -

Finished hauling from creek field -

546 granary, 200 on creek 39 to nursery 50 to middle field 835 total yield of creek piece -

Wm. Frank and I hauled 500 in nursery field -

Went to town at 18.30 took cream

- got ice, butter, bread etc. -

Boys moved into wheat - tried to go around both pieces and broke fan in separator - while in slough east of barn - Dix took broken pieces to Davis for extras - Gardner hauled grain in nursery field -

Sat 30 June 1917

Boys got harvester started on time - cut 62 bags wheat in a.m. SE of field barn -

Engine bothered in p.m. water in gasoline -

They brot engine & supply wagon up -

Gardner, the grain haulers and I fixed harvester gate at N. W cor nursery lot -

Boys finished piling barley - got 14 sx from near Jeff's - hauled 9 sx wheat to chicken house at noon -

Men hauled two loads hay to creek barn in p.m.

Sue, Miss Corliss and I drove to Sacramento Sue to Swisler's office Miss Corless to 12th and E. to Noyes - I to almond plant - looked up trucks -

In a.m. took cream - went to see grain of Mrs Greene and Rowan -

Sun 1 July 1917

Warm day - Gardner, Harriet, baby & Sue & Fred took me to 3.30 train en route to city - stopped at Stewart 532 -

Sue & Muriel stopped at Mrs. Greenes -

Gardner, Harriet & Fred went to Woodland.

Gardner & Fred worked on engine in a.m.

Mon 2 July 1917

Bought small vice, hacksaw & blades hammer, whetstone key rings corks [circs.?]  
drugs candy etc.

Spent day in office

Left on 5 o'clock train for home -

Gardner met me -

Boys have had considerable trouble with rig - both harvester and engine -

Tues 3 July 1917

Was at harvester 4 times - Davis twice -

Boys finished on wheat about 2 p.m. and moved to Mrs. Greene's where they cut a  
round and a half on 140 acre piece

Wed 4 July 1917

Gardner & I took the magneto to Davis by 7 a.m. to have it examined - found it all  
right - got rig started about 9 a.m.

They had good run but got only about 250 sx.

Sue, Harriet, Muriel, Gardner & Lyda drove to winters to 4th of July celebration -

After supper Sue & I drove to town for the mail - John Henle's house burned -

Went to Mrs. Greene's - took gaskets

boys broke spoke to bull wheel -

Brot Ed Dwyer home as they not need him as sacktender -

Thurs 5 July 1917

Ed Dwyer left as he did not want to word at ordinary ranch work -

Gardner and I went to harvester - boys put in gaskets

Fri 6 July 1917

Took cream to town

Harvester is running well.

Sue & I spent evening at Mrs. Greene's -

Irrigating water, 5 feet, came about 5 p.m. Frank is to watch water tonight -

Sat 7 July 1917

Intended to go to my dentist in Woodland but he phoned he would not be in -

Took Sue to 10.30 Sacramento train.

Then went to Mrs. Greene's, boys finished her grain and moved to John Brown's before dinner - Took crew to Mrs. Greene's to dinner - dined with Mrs. Greene & Ella.

Tended water in p.m. finished east field about 8 p.m. Frank finished west field -

Harriet went to town in p.m. with horse and phaeton - got Sue and Mrs. Ailor's niece -

Gardner & Harriet went to Freid's for Dix who boards there with harvester crew and then to town for ice -

Sun 8 July 1917

Gardner & Harriet went to 10.30 train - took cream -

met Mr. Brigden and Aunt Lila -

Earl Chiles and family came for call.

Dr and Mrs. Lawhead of Woodland and Mrs. . . . . [name not given] of Esparto called -

I took Mr. Brigden to 7.30 train

Aunt Lila went for ride and came back -

Mon 9 July 1917

Gardner took Dix to harvester and fixed draw cable -

Frank and I fixed fence along alfalfa in east orchard, then sacked wool -

Went to Davis with cream & eggs -

got corn & bread -

Went to harvester - Dix took car and went to dinner at Mrs. Freid's

Came home via Guili's & school house -

Frank hauled wood - Boys moved into Rowan's barley after dinner -

Gardner & Harriet are sick -

Went to town in the evening, got mail & ice. Sue, Aunt Lila & Miss Smith went - came back via Freid's & got Dix -

A great explosion took place at Mare Island Navy Yard this morning at 8 o'clock this morning - heard & felt it here -

Tues 10 July 1917

Went to town in a.m. with cream -

Boys finished harvesting at Rowan's [?] at noon - Gardner & I went over and helped them home - put rigs in shed - took boys to town -

I went to city - stopped at Stewart

Wed 11 July 1917

Lida Ailor cook left -

Spent day with Tucker at almond office

Home on 5 p.m. train

Dix met me -

Thurs 12 July 1917

We burned fox tail in packing house yard in a.m.

Boys worked on mowers etc in p.m.

Fri 13 1917

Gardner and Frank worked on almond rig

Took cream to Davis

Then went to Woodland to see Dr. Miller - he treat a decayed tooth -

took out bridge work and fixed single tooth in front- got nails - bread and vegetables -

Home via Davis - got meat ice, laundry etc. -

Sat 14 July 1917

Dix and I took cream to Davis and went to Sacramento

Went to almond plant by appointment met T. C. Tucker - lunched at Sutter Club -

Got key for old tin box and got old almond records - went to plant to see Tucker but he had gone -

Got paint (S & W) for dining room and hinge for kitchen door - put on hinge before supper and painted floor after supper - D. L. P - \$10.00

Gardner & Frank worked in packing house

Very warm day -

Sun 15 July 1917

Hot day - Gardner took cream to Davis in a.m. & got ice -

In p.m. Gardner & Harriet went away about 4 p.m. leaving the baby, and returning about 8 p.m. with Lila Brigden -

Earl Chiles & Gus Haussler and families called - got box of apricots -

Mon 16 July 1917

Went to Woodland to dentist via Davis with cream - Had tooth treated temporarily-

Home via Davis -

Tues 17 July 1917

Gardner and I went to Isleton to see Anokh Singh about getting an almond crew - does not look encouraging-

Home via Sacramento -

The wind south of Dixon and at Rio Vista was very strong. We saw the remains of a burned auto near Franklin.

Wed 18 July 1917

Tried to sell barley - Cutter offered me 200.7 1/2 [This figure is very unclear. Check again], Thomas Mattie & Stephens 200 - [Probably the figure for hundred wt?]

Got steel shaft 2 1/8 from Murphy -

Thurs 19 July 1917

Went to Davis - took cream

Sold Lot 3 Barley 2099 sx 240340# @ 208.75 [per cwt?] 5,017.09

Collected \$15.50 advance on 1 bale sx resold by Cutter -

Took up notes for \$500 & \$1500 with interest \$30.13

Paid Davis Garage \$11.05

Soldered old water tank for packing house yard kitchen -

Fri 20 July 1917

Took hot water tank over to Hindu kitchen and got it in place -

Eva Hoskings and Maud Crocker came from Davis, Grieve Hotel, for breakfast - stayed until 3 p.m then started for El Dorado - Sue and I took cream and eggs to Davis - overtook girls there - all had ice cream

took ride in new Overland -

Got ice, ice cream, cake etc. - gate & pipe -

It was very hot today about 112

Sat 21 July 1917

Put in some of the pipes at new Hindu kitchen -

Took cream to Davis -

Frank cut a little alfalfa and hauled one load -

Sun 22 July 1917

Sue and I took cream to Davis and started to go to the funeral of Mrs. Smith of Folsom -

The remains had been sent from below to Booth & Yardley's 9th & H Sts - We got in there too late - went to Hotel Sacramento - to Christian Science Church - to Travelers Hotel - to almond plant - to Mrs. . . . . [name not given] where we met Mr & Mrs. Cob [?], Mr & Mrs. Frost - After a light lunch we took the party to Davis connecting with the 7.33 train -

- A new man came to work in alfalfa and straw - Dix went to Davis after him -

Mon 23 July 1917

Gardner & I got up our 13 bucks and Dick and . . . . [name not given] sheared them - Berryessa and two girls came for blackberries -

Put in some pipes -

Took cream to Davis - Percy Hoag had my new Oakland car in Davis as he was going to Sacramento with car

I went with him also a Mr. . . . . [name not given] and two girls who were going to Vacaville

Lunched at Columbia Restaurant

Got bumper, clock, spot light, meter glass etc. - Home about 6 p.m.

Men shocked and hauled hay in a.m., cut alfalfa in p.m. -

Tues 24 July 1917

Fixed sprinkler for shower bath

Took cream to Davis

In p.m. worked on Hindu kitchen - got frame etc. up for their stove - finished plumbing

- got in some shelving etc. -

The two mowers finished cutting what they had outlined about 4 p.m. and began shocking -

Dix ran rake - nearly caught up.

Gardner is sick today -

Wed 25 July 1917

Dix finished raking this morning

Men shocked alfalfa -

Thurs 26 July 1917

Got two men for haying etc. \$2.00 per day -

Fri 27 July 1917

New man shocked hay, then helped build new corral for cattle hay -

Moved derrick over - built corral -

Men finished moving and hauled two loads hay -

Sat 28 July 1917

Men hauled in a.m. One new man quit at noon -

3 men shock alfalfa and hauled one load -

Gardner and I raked hay in a.m.

Sue and I went to Maddox reception at Mr. Hecke's in p.m.

Sun 29 July and Mon 30 July 1917 [No entries.]

Tues 31 July 1917

Gardner & I left of Wilbur Springs at 10.15 Stopped at Woodland to see Dr. Lawhead  
-

Gardner cannot sit up

I lunched at a point just above Dunnigan - stopped at Arbuckle met . . . . [name not given] Took on gasoline at Williams 61 miles 2 1/2 gallons

Reached Springs a 5.45 p.m.

Gardner tired but no worse -

Wed 1 Aug 1917

Gardner can keep nothing on his stomach - not even water -

He had bath and massage -

Came near fainting in bath -

Thurs 2 Aug 1917

Gardner had bath -

Fri 3 Aug 1917

[First lines about the ranch are in another hand - perhaps Dix or Mrs. Pierce.]

Turned irrigation water into middle of east alfalfa field at 11 a.m. - Good head -

Ditch tender measured water at about six p.m. - and said there was 13.9 feet.

[In Pierce's hand:] Gardner was up and in to breakfast late, but did not eat anything -

He ate a moderate lunch and a good dinner -

Sat 4 Aug 1917

[Different hand:] Finished irrigating the entire alfalfa fields at 7:30 a.m.

Time for irrigation - 20 1/2 hours.

[Pierce's hand:] Gardner is doing well.

Sun 5 Aug 1917

Got Gardner to ride up to Jone's Springs -

Mon 6 Aug 1917

Gardner and I went out for some rock specimens and to see the new mine -

Took the Crawford's of Woodland and Mrs Tim Sullivan of Colusa to Jone's Springs -

Tues 7 Aug 1917

Mr. Crawford of Woodland and I left Wilbur about 9.15 for Williams - Crawford stopped there.

Ran to Arbuckle ar- 11.30

Lunched at the Ash Hotel.

Mr. Nelson took me to see some almonds and the Martinette almond huller & separator

Ran into Woodland - got pastry

Home about 6.15

Wed 8 Aug 1917

Worked on bunk houses and went to Davis -

Thurs 9 Aug 1917

Worked on sleeping houses in early morning -

Sue & I took cream to Davis then went to Sacramento -

Lunched with Tucker - took in pant [?] - We borrowed \$3000 for the Almond Exchange for running expenses -

Saw the Woodward's at the Travellers Hotel -

Fri 10 Aug 1917

Worked on folding bunks in lean-to.

Went to town with cream - tried to sell barley but it is off -

Worked on kitchen and water supply in p.m.

Sue & I went to Davis for mail

- got 3 letters from Gardner - tobacco for William -

Paid Willow Canal [?] Assment (sic) \$4.00

Davis Cemetery Assn 1917 - \$10.00

Yolo Water & Power Co 35.60

Sat 11 Aug 1917

Fixed sleds - finishing up jobs etc -

Sun 12 Aug 1917

Sue & Dix went to Woodland to church -

Brot Mrs. Greene & Ella home with them -

Later Dix went to town and Sue & I took Greene's home.

The Welch girls with friends drove over -

Anokh Singh phoned that his crew would not come to work in almonds

Mon 13 Aug 1917

Went to Sacramento to see about men Breslau told a shakey(sic) story about having eight Portuguese - but not materialized

Boys worked on almond outfit-

Got letter from Kalla Singh, from 920 3rd St Sacramento -

Tues 14 Aug 1917

Worked on almond outfit in a.m.

Then took cream to Davis and went to Sacramento - looking for Kalla -

Found Kalla at work in bean fields of Sing Brs. Chinese in the Natoma reclamation project - He is to go to Sacramento tonight to see other Hindus

Got trailer for auto at 1901 J. St. - had it attached to car - got lamps, broom

Out to Davis after 6 p.m. Saw Luft about a bed for trailer - Old car would not start and went to Hoag's and got new one left there by Dix.

Dix went to Berkeley for U. C. , Leo Wilson going - Sue rode in with them - Coocicoan [?] drove her home.

Wed 15 Aug 1917

John Henle phoned me to come to his place by 8 a.m. to see Hindu - I went and Hindu said he had engaged 22 Mohammed men, to come from Knights Landing at 7.15 tomorrow a.m.

Left new car and got old one with Bartlett water - Tommy Dee came out with me for visit -

Fixed pump and phone, went to town in p.m. with cream - took Tommy -

- Got sheet iron, butter etc.

Kalla Singh came out with me

Luft is working on trailer.

Thurs 16 Aug 1917

Went in to meet the Knights Landing men and they did not come - Lehman of the National Employment Office phone he had some men and I ran into Sacramento to engage them - Rounded up several bunches and one with 22 men agreed to come and put up a deposit of \$5.00 agreeing to come tomorrow morning -

Got bread, melons etc and got home toward evening -

Kalla Singh came out with me -

Fri 17 Aug 1917

Kalla worked about yard - Boys hauled wood into laundry -

Went to Sacramento and engaged Mohammed men again to come tomorrow -

Sat 18 Aug 1917

Started boys knocking almonds -

Men failed to come - went to Sacramento -

Engaged a bunch 23 of State Employment office to go today by auto - they gave me the slip and after phoning to ranch - hired another crowd - on phoning a second time learned that one bunch had arrived at ranch

- cancelled second order - Home about 5 p.m.

Expect another load of men tonight -

Sun 19 Aug 1917

Kalla started 1 sled with himself and 5 other men -

7 more men came from Sac for gang 1 - in a.m. 8 more came about 2.30 5 men worked in a.m. 12 in all of p.m. and 2 began at 2.45 & 3 p.m. respectively -

Took Martha to 10.12 Woodland train

cream to Davis - Hired gang 2 -

Moved trays out of big house after dinner - went to orchards -

Went to Davis at 4 p.m. - got trailer

6 Mohammed men and John Drummond - Went to town after supper for 3 men of gang 2 but missed them and they walked out - Hauled 33 bags almonds -

Mon 20 Aug 1917

Started almond huller with John Drummond as tender -

Had fair run -

Eight more Mohammed men came this morning

Took trailer to town A. Khan, boss going with me - got big load -

groceries and the blankets, suitcases and bicycle of No 2 gang -

Tues 21 Aug 1917

Started a fourth sled this a.m.

Put Kalla on north side of orchard

Mrs. Ella Jackson sent in 40 sx Nonpareil which we ran out in an hour and a half -

Gardner and Sue spent evening at Mrs. Greene's -

Wed 22 Aug 1917

Sorted almond and meats - Tried old grain cleaner for meats -

Man came looking for firewood -

Went to Davis thence to Sacramento to almond warehouse - got bicycle tube bread cake etc.

Home at 4.30 got meat, ice etc and shopped for men -

John Drummond hurt his thumb

took him to Dr Bates for attention -

Almond Exchange sent batch of letters and checks for re mailing -

Thurs 23 Aug 1917

Gardner fixed elevator draper in a.m. and did other tinkering - ran meats through second time - hardshells and NePlus -

Mrs. Jackson sent 33 sks Nonpareils

Got started at hulling about 11.15 -

Went to Davis, sent checks to Arbuckle and Fairoaks growers - also note to C. A. G. for Merchants Bank with warehouse receipts -

Worked in shed until 4.30 then took John Drummond to see Dr. Bates -

Frank had a run away with sled and tore sheet -

Fri 24 Aug 1917

Cleaned up packing house and sacked 85 trays getting 45 sacks -

Wm. moved two wagons to almond pile - Went to Davis - took cream and box grapes - got meat etc and did errands for Hindus -

Mr. Burr got 2 boxes peaches and Robson 2 boxes

Took John Drummond to see Dr. Bates again - Took Sue to Mrs. Greene's - Gardner, Martha and I ran sheep out of alfalfa -

Went to Mrs. Greene's for Sue -

Mrs. Jackson sent 31 sx Nonpareil almonds.

Sat 25 Aug 1917

At packing house-

Took cream to town - got money for men and paid No 1 gang theirs tonight - Crew struck for 35c per hour and as I had found I could not get another I had to pay it -

Mr & Mrs. Fingalo and two of the Burr children called this evening -

Sun 26 Aug 1917

Cleaned up in packing house -

Had house crew work on meats and in yard - Frank worked in orchard today -

Left on 1.36 train for City - stopped at Berkeley and saw Harriet and Muriel -

- took them some fruit -

Went to city stopped at Stewart 222 -

Spent evening with Dr Fred R. Fairchild who is in the army now and stationed at Government hospital in San Francisco.

Mon 27 Aug 1917

At Almond Exchange office early -

Attended meeting of representatives

Framers Cooperative organizations at office of Colonel Weinstock

Home G. Brown phoned for me at Golden West to come to him for consultation relative to Sac. Valley Electric R. R.

- Went with him to City Hall then returning to hotel and Almond office

Left on 5 p.m. boat for home -

Tues 28 Aug 1917

Took off one sled and started Frank to mowing - Put extra men in yard - sorting and sacking.

Took cream to Davis -

Worked in house -

Mr G. J. Fox, an almond grower of Woodland living at 2515 K St Sacramento, and Henry Simmons called for almond information -

Wed 29 Aug 1917

Went to Davis in a.m.

Left on 1.36 train for City -

Came down with a cold on way down - slept and doctored

Staid at Stewart 631 -

Took NePlus branches to office -

Thurs 30 Aug 1917

Called at 311 California at 9.30

Met Mr. Carl Weisl of Dudley & Co New York -

Lunched at Palace with Tucker & Weisl

My cold got worse

signed 500 blank checks and left on 3 p.m. train for home -

John Drummond fell off walk in packing house when oiling line shaft and Gardner took him to Davis

time 6.30 a.m.

Fri 31 Aug 1917

Had very bad night -

Not at packing house today -

Went to Davis on errands -

Sat 1 Sept 1917

Went to Davis taking cream -

Met Tucker & Carl Weisl at 10.10 train from San Fran - Went to Henle's orchard

- saw his huller - had watermelon, figs and peaches - Drove home

had fine lunch after seeing almond rig - Left with visitors about 1.20 Ran into Sacramento - visited almond plant, then took men to O. A. A.[?] E. depot -

Got bicycle wheel fixed - a sk spuds, bread cake etc. - home at 6.30

Gardner took ----- [name not given] Rahm to 7.25 train - Martha went with him

Sun 2 Sept 1917

Hindus ran huller this day -

Had sacking done -

Took cream to Davis - Saw John Drummond and settled with him.

Settled with Hindus (weekly settlement)

Dietz called and took Martha then spent evening -

Mon 3 Sept 1917

R. A. Senf, truck owner of 505 Eye St Sacramento, phone Main 852 also of Winters, P. O. Box 382 and phone 65 J. came with truck and took 90 sks Nonpareil and landed them at the Almond Exchange warehouse and plant 19th & C Sts Sacramento-

Wt Gross 7832 net 7652 -

I took 7 sks nonpareil meats to same place wt 732 net -

Took cream and box of grapes -

Home about 5 p.m. - Gardner was excited over Hindu insubordination.

----- [name not given] D'Artney and wife called -

D'A wanted to buy hay -

Tues 4 Sept 1917

R. F. Senf got 96 sx nonpareil almonds for Sacramento this a.m.

Experimented on cleaning meat dump - Went to town with cream and eggs - got 35c for latter -

Put \$668.42 to credit of Ashad K[h]an for weekly payroll - Deposited \$600 from C. A. G. Ex

Sent box fruit for Martha -

got groceries, kodak etc. for Hindus -

Gardner & Martha went to Woodland -

Wed 5 Sept 1917

Sacked about 17 sks - Senf came and took 97 sacks Nonpareil - He brought back 4 bales bags at night and left them inside my gate.

Went to Davis in a.m. with cream - took Mrs. Greene a box of peaches

- got 16 almond bags from Mrs. Greene -

Took Sue out to gate to meet Hamel's auto en route to card party at Mrs. Fissell's -

Frank finished shocking alfalfa and helped in yard - started picking hopper -

Went to meet Sue and get almond bags.

Gardner moved two sleds into east orchard to begin on Ne Plus.

Signed 500 almond checks -

Thurs 6 Sept 1917

Two sled gathered 330 sks NePlus in east orchard - Kalla gathered the hards & bitters on north side of east orchard.

Fri 7 Sept 1917

Kept one crew at drying yard and had them pick out meats -

William and Frank hauled some hay into horse rack.

William hauled Peerless - almond.

Finished Nonpareils about 3 p.m.

Ran on Peerless.

Frank sewed sks -

Took cream to Davis - Martha Nusz burned her hand badly with steam from double boiler.

Dixwell came up from Berkeley - he came with Geo Goodman and they took a car to Sacramento to exhibit at State Fair then came back

Two young fellows from U C came up in a Franklin -

Sat 8 Sept 1917

Finished up on Nonpareil and began on Peerless - Went to town at 11.25

Dixwell and friends went to Sacramento

We had a little delay with out huller today and did not finish the Peerless having 12 or 15 sx left we got out about 50 trays of Peerless however.

Have hard, bitter and silver on hand and 2 loads of Ne Plus -

Have over 100 sx NePlus sacked.

Crew picked out Nonpareil meats.

Arshad Khan bought a calf at Donnenworths

Sun 9 Sept 1917

Dix ---- [name not given] and Sue went to Woodland to church.

The other 3 boys went to Sacramento

The Hindus ran huller

Finished up Peerless - bitters and hard shells - Began on NePlus about 10.30 a.m.

Gardner took cream to town

Mon 10 Sept 1917

Mrs. Greene sent load of Ne Plus -

Took home clean Nonpareil almonds 34 sks + meats & sticking hts [?] She had all told 5920#

Took cream to town -

Dix Chester and -- [no name given] left about 1 p.m. for Berkeley -

Gardner set Will and Frank to hauling hay to horse corral -

G. G. Hitched old Charley to cart to take supplies to men and had a run away smashing up the cart -

The spring colt got cut on barbwire -

Tues 11 Sept 1917

Sue and I drove into Sacramento - Mrs. Greene went in with us -

Met G. H. Hecke by appointment

Lunched at Sutter - Went to almond plant - bought bulb for closet and it was stolen from auto - bought another -

Attended State Council of Defense meet at Senate Chamber - Sue addressed meeting -

Out to Davis at 6.30

Left on 7.33 train for city - got to bed at 12 midnight - train heavy and late -

Stopped at Stewart

Martha Nuss went to Woodland on 7.50 - Gardner took her to town and took Mother home -

Wed 12 Sept 1917

Bought Dixwell a folding autographic Camera - sent it by mail -

spent day in office -

Saw Louis Janes relative to Auditing our Almond Ex. books -

Home on 5 p.m. train - Martha Nusz, who had been to State Fair rode out with me -

Gardner set a crew to picking up NePlus almonds in east orchard -

T Thurs 13 Sept 1917

Sue and Gardner went to the State Fair -

Took cream to Davis

got Hindu groceries - For house got ham meat etc. -

Boys finished knocking Peerless almonds in chicken yard about 9 a.m. and put 6 more men to picking up NePlus -

Kalla finished knocking NePlus & I. X. L about 1.30 and began on Peerless in west orchard -

Will & Frank hauled hay into cow yard -

Fri 14 Sept 1917

Got away to see State Fair about 11.20 - took cream - Sue went as did Martha to get a pair of glasses as she lost hers - On getting Sac we found Myers out, the hardware store was closed - Later Sue invited the Woodwards to go out with us - left Martha waiting for Myers.

Saw but little of the exhibits

saw engine collision and girl jump from engine to auto -

Out to Davis at 7 p.m. got dinner at Macks and took train for City - Steward was full - went to Manx 210 -

Sat 15 Sept 1917

In office early - signed checks and looked after affairs - Held Board meeting at 10 a.m. and Representative meeting at Sheldon Building 323 at 1 o'clock - set prices for current season - 19. 18, 17, 14

Home on 5 p.m. train -

Senf truck took Ne Plus 52, Peerless 27, Nonpareil 5, N . meats 19 total 103.

Dix came over and lunched with me at Stewart - He brought his birthday camera and exchanged it for another and got a carrying case for \$4.00 additional.

Hindus finished knocking almonds and Gardner settled with Arshad Khan.

Sun 16 Sept 1917

Gardner took the Arshad Khan crowd (26) to Davis in two wagons.

On his return the sheep had gotten out and one was run over by wagon and a leg broken - gave it to Hindus.

Took cream to Davis - Martha went to Woodland, returning by jitney -

Ramtulla ran huller -

The day was excessively warm -

Mon 17 Sept 1917

Took cream to town -

Sacked about 95 sx NePlus -

Ran on NePlus -

Boys finished hauling alfalfa hay -

Went to city on evening train -

The 7.33 was late and I took an Oregon delayed train (because of wreck at Davis) at 7.50 got to Stewart Hotel about 12.20 a.m. 421 -

Tues 18 Sept 1917

Was at Almond Exchange most of day - Had Louis Janes, auditor at office -

Sold all almonds we cared to at Nonpareil 20c, 19.c 18c 15c -

Signed up checks notes etc -

Tucker & I lunched at Palace -

Left at 3 p.m. for home -

Gardner & Martha went to movies

Boys ran 64 trays of Ne Plus through

- have about 40 more -

Frank fixed headgates -

Wed 19 Sept 1917

Worked in yard and at huller -

Thurs 20 Sept 1917

Dogs got after sheep last night killing 5 and teary 10 more -

Gardner and I followed a brown shepherd dog and G. killed it - boys skinned both sheep and dog -

Went to Woodland to attend meeting of stockholders in Sac Valley Electric Railroad.  
Accomplished but little -

Sue and Mrs. Ella Jackson went to Mrs. J. to deposit her silverware in safe deposit -

Paid Cranston bill \$297.42 C. sent See two dish pans.

Home via Davis and Mrs. Greene's

-had dinner at Mrs. G's -

Fri 21 Sept 1917

Sacked almonds - ran through sticktights and odd lots - finishing up

Our Hindu left at noon - the rest picked almonds from ground in east orchard -

Sue and I took cream to Davis and ran into Sacramento

Sue shopped - got ----- [name not given] vacuum cleaner etc. - went to almond plant - met Tucker - new work is progressing very slowly -

Gardner and white men covered almonds outside as it rained a little -

Sat 22 Sept 1917

Ran huller and sacked -

Have all almonds gathered in house now -

Sun 23 Sept 1917

Got through with crew at 10.30

Settled - got them started about 2 p.m.

Gardner taking old car with trailer, I with new

Gardner had a blow out at our N. E. cor - I ran back to look him up. Earl Chiles had come to his rescue - I ran back in time to catch the 1.36 city train - Stopped at Steward 519 -

Mon 24 Sept 1917

Spent day at office 311 California St -

Home on El Dorado 5 p.m.

Tues 25 Sept 1917

Worked in drying yard and packing house - put away trays, sacked almonds and meats etc -

Wed 26 Sept 1917

Jim drew his money to Sept 1st and went to Sacramento -

Senf got load almonds cleaning up Ne Plus 81 sx and Peerless 14 sx -

Went to town with cream - helped store trays and marked 10 pigs -

one was ruptured and we butchered it -

Went to Sacramento in p.m. to almond plant which is in a bad way -

Mother, Harriet and Muriel went - folks got crib for baby - dined at Travelers with Orville Woodward -

Boys load 150 sx barley for Davis -

Thurs 27 Sept 1917

Boys hauled 150 sx barley to Davis -

Plant warehouse - got 2 loads 150 sx Mariont [?] barley of Oeste Bros. 17120#

Senf got last load of almonds -

NePlus meats 1 1/2 sk Peerless meats 1/2 sk, Nonp. meats 1 1/2 sk

Soft Shell almond 2 1/2, I. X. L. 1/2 sk, Nonpareil 30 sx Peerless 1 1/2 sx Hard 16  
1/2 sx

In p.m. all worked at packing house getting ready for grain cleaning.

Senf brot out baby bed and left it at straw stack - Gardner and I went out with trailer  
and got it -

Fri 28 Sept 1917

Boys cleaning the Oeste Mariont[?] [Mariout?] barley -

Sat 29 Sept 1917

W. H. Cobb and wife Frank Frost wife and two children came on 7.50 & 7.30 trains -  
met them at Davis

Sun 30 Sept 1917

The Cobb's, Frosts' and self left on 3.36 train for City - Stewart 735 -

Mon 1 Oct 1917

Spent day in of(sic) office 311 Cal -

Called on Mr. Graham, Freight agent of S. P. R. R. also at Santa Fe offices -

Called on Dr. Grant at Elkan Gunst Bldg relative to dental work -

Tues 2 Oct 1917

Went to Dolan & Cos (sic) to see about building iron roofing etc. and to Baker & Hamilton to see the P. & O. engine power lift plow -

Tucker left at noon for Sacramento in his car -

Left on 3 p.m. train for Davis -

Met Sue at Davis - she had been to Sacramento - in interest of sale of Glen Alpine to warring[?] partner -

Wed 3 Oct 1917

Went with Sue to meet Miss Kittie Chandler in Davis -

Went to Woodland, Sue & Kittie going, to look up sheep shearers.

Boys have disposed of wheat on hand as follows:

In bin in packing house    200 sks

On floor "         "    31 "

In chicken house    50 "

Previous put in "    [no amount entered here]

Thurs 4 Oct 1917

Went to Sacramento on almond business -

Sue and Kittie Chandler went too -

Visited plant - traded - got groceries meat fish bread cake etc. - Out about 6.30

Boys finished hauling wood and put away mowing machines

Very warm weather -

Fri 5 Oct 1917

Put away roller, rake etc.

Took cream & grapes to Davis & Jim's wheel

Men are hauling manure.

Gardner took family to County Fair at Woodland -

Sat 6 Oct 1917

Boys hauled manure - Gardner fixed straw rack and hay carrier

Took cream to Davis - 10 a.m.

Took Sue and Kittie to 3.36 train en-route to city -

An additional scare relative to anthrax started today - It was reported that it was at old Schmeiser place. Later that 6 new cases had developed and the county was quarantined -

Sun 7 Oct 1917

Gardner & Harriet took Martha to the Woodland train - then went to Earl Chile's - The Chiles took them on picnic to foot hills -

Gordon Anderson & wife and Walter Lillard and wife called - looked up wood [?].

- had left their electric iron heating - phoned it out.

Martha came back with four boys and a girl of the Nusz family -

Mon 8 Oct 1917

Gardner took 2 boxes grapes and cream to Davis -

Started two men hauling straw from Nursery field to creek barn - got in 3 loads

In p.m. went to Sacramento almond plant - Harriet, Muriel and Martha went - M. got her eye glasses fitted -

Got sk flour, rice flour, basin funnel, 6 rake teeth, bread & cake -

home about 6.30

Our phone is out -

Tues 9 Oct 1917

Boys are hauling straw into creek barn -

Wed 10 Oct 1917

Straw hauling to creek barn.

Thurs 11 Oct 1917

Went to Sacramento, going from Davis with Theodore Schmeiser in his roadster.

Visited plant, saw conveyor to bins work - it is fine -

Luncheon at Sutter Club -

Left on 3 o'clock O A & E. Dix, Sue and ---- [name not recorded] met me at College Avenue

Started for Hotel Shattuck in auto - and had flat tire. Dix got Miss Rush Ware

----- [name missing?] taking auto to garage - After dinner we went to Pajamorina rally - did not get seats - Sue and I went to city to Stewart 542.

Fri 12 Oct 1917

Spent forenoon in Almond office

In p.m. had a meeting of Board of Directors -

In evening met Sue and Miss Chandler at Stewart - They had attended meeting of Women's clubs in p.m. at Stewart - Later all attended Cort [?] Theater after which we took Kittie to 4th and Mission to get car 26

Sat 13 Oct 1917

Sue and I went to Berkeley to attend the exercises attendant upon the dedication of Hilgard Hall.

Met Dix - He reported the meeting for the Daily Californian

Left as soon as exercises were over for city - Bought 60 pieces corrugated, second hand iron of Iyma Bros - Sue came over later

Sun 14 Oct 1917

Sue and I went to Cliff House in a.m. Back to Steward about 2.15

Left on 3 p.m. boat for Davis -

Home about 7 p.m.

Sheep shearers (4) came this p.m.

Mon 15 Oct 1917

Got in sheep. Went to Davis with cream in a.m.

Gardner and men fixed fence etc at packing house yard -

In p.m. Gardner and I drove into Sacramento taking empty Bartlett Water case in trailer - got full case.

We visited almond plant and got home about 7.15 p.m.

Tues 16 Oct 1917

Made panel for big bridge - got up sheep

Gardner and I went to east field and finished laying out fence along south side of canal - boys have about 60 holes dug at 10 a.m.

In p.m. took grapes to town also cream -

Got meat, bread, cabbage, nails etc. -

Home via Mrs. Greene's - got 2 boxes Cornichon [?] grape s for Land Show and crates for self -

Wed 17 Oct 1917

Strong north wind -

Shipped fruit to Land Show -

Gardner went to town with me and we got 8 bales corrugated iron roofing -

In p.m. we went to Jeff's to look at his almonds then to town and got more iron roofing

Thurs 18 Oct 1917 [For some reason, at four places at the top and left side of this entry Pierce and put four large # marks. on this entry -- two in top margin, two on the left side.]

Gardner took big red sow to Davis in trailer

she weighed 380# sold at 13c per pound bringing \$49.40.

I drove into Sacramento to plant - They ran the bleacher in an experimental way - the shaker on it is a failure.

Got 2 hams, staples, putty, box apples, rear auto light, cake, Mildred's picture etc. -

Boys took up fence about Tokay vineyard in a.m. Sacked wool in p.m. - shearers finished about 10 a.m. -

sheared 571 charging 10c a head -

Fri 19 Oct 1917

Boys finished sacking wool then helped put iron on cow shed - Then finished pulling fence posts at vineyard -

hauled load fencing to east field -

Kirk Swingle and Mr. McCloud called in the interest of the Northern California Milk Producers Association.

Gardner, Harriet, the baby and Martha went to Davis taking the cream

Chas Hamilton came to look at wool

- bought it at (51) fifty-one cents per lb. to be shipped to Hough & Kearns Stockton

Shipping receipt to go to Hamilton at Dixon -

Sat 20 Oct 1917

Took cream to Davis - Saw Harby about selling cattle - Man is to come this p.m.

Jim, Gardner and I looked over cattle and selected 9 head for market -

Joe Harby and B. Huemgsthal of San Francisco came and offered 7c gross weight for the cattle and I sold them.

Huemgsthal deposited a 25.00 check

A Liberty bond meeting was held in Davis this evening - tried to get Gardner to go but he was too tired.

Set braces in canal fence.

Sun 21 Oct 1917

Fixed fence clamp

Left on 4.36 train for city - met Sue at Frankies' -

Mon 22 Oct 1917

Sue went to city with me. got over about 9 a.m.

Spent forenoon in office - Tucker ["x" mark] Pierce Porter lunched with us at Stewart -

Went with Sue to look up wedding present for Grace Fisher -

Was in office until 4.20. Left on 5 O'clock boat for Davis -

Tues 23 Oct 1917

Got fence clamp done. Went to Davis hoping to get electric wiring done on new car but failed -

Jim Nolan got a telegram from his sister Annie saying their brother died at County Hospital, Suisun, and requested him to come - I got the telegram and phoned it out - Soon after getting home a phone message came that is was all a mistake - his brother was alive and well.

In p.m. Gardner and Jim got up beef - Gardner started boys putting wire on fence -

Harriet, Muriel and Martha went with me to Sacramento to plant where I straightened out tray filling tangle then went to Fairoaks -

home about 6.30

Wed 24 Oct 1917 [Pierce marked this entry with two large # marks.]

Went to Sacramento to meet Mr. Tucker in reply to phone message -

We tried to get an understanding out of Mr. Dahl and set him to working on bins etc to get them finished -

Thurs 25 Oct 1917

Went to Oakland on 1.46 Stopped at Frankies. Sue and I went to wedding, at ["at" crossed out] Grace Fishers and a Mr. Richards - were late because of delay in getting Sue's hair dressed -

Fri 26 Oct 1917 [Has large # mark penned in above this entry.]

Sue and I went to city and to Steward 331 -

Called on W. H. Cobb relative to using "Clingstone" [?] on house -

on Dixon relative to Mascot - settled \$200 indebtedness of the company for 114 shares of its stock -

Went to Land Show -

Sue went to Press Co's luncheon and heard Mr. & Mrs. Kellog on Belgium food conditions

Went to Alcazar in evening and met Judge and Mrs. Hawkins -

Sat 27 Oct 1917 [Marked on left margin with large # mark.]

Ordered 50 pieces 10 ft corrugated iron from Symon Bros -

Looked up cement paint at 55 New Montgomery St -

Left on 11.40 train for Sacramento

Went to plant - Dahl is working on new conveyors

Home on 6.10 p.m. train.

Sat at ---- [name not given] studio for photo

Sun 29 Oct 1917

Fearful north wind -

Gardner & Harriet were to got to Placerville with Earl Chiles and wife but Harriet gave it up and staid at Chiles while the boys made the run -

- got back about 9 p.m.

Fixed gate rod and gate and wire stretcher -

Took Martha to her sister's place on old Dodson ranch -

Mon 29 Oct 1917

Deposited Almond Growers check                            2410.86

No 37422 Scrip book bureau                            4.79

on acct Harvesting [?] Mrs. C E Greene                            200.00

on " Des Moines Iowa 73.21

Iowa State Trucking [?] Mens Assn 96919- 2688.86

Took cream to town - got meat bread butter and sack sugar.

Went to Woodland in p.m.

Paid first installment taxes \$965.96

" J. D. Musgrove insurance 275.94

" Bank of Yolo on note 5000 -

Got canteen, brush, strainer, cake

William is hauling manure and Frank is hauling straw for cows -

Got out plow and put away machinery -

Gardner got up Mack & Doc mules -

Tues 30 Oct 1917 [A large # is put in top margin above this entry.]

Helped get gravel rack together.

William hauled gravel to north gate.

Frank hauled straw -

Gardner got Samson engine ready.

Went to Sacramento - left car and went out on street cars - [large # mark] Dahl is putting in conveyor between buildings - boys are using bins - Joe has 5 cars alongside.

Gave orders for another tray filler -

- got meat, buns, meas saw, blacksmith tongs etc. -

Paid Monshee & Harnans taxes in Sacramento -

Wed 31 Oct 1917

Very cold this a.m.

Left about 10 a.m. for Sacramento - stopped at Davis Garage to get pump fixed - they did but little for it as it went out very soon. Went to Oakland garage in Sacramento and got new spring put in -

Was at plant - ordered new gate for filling trays

Thurs 1 Nov 1917

Helped Gardner get Samson engine and spring tooth harrows out - Shar Singh, a Hindu from Yuba City box 33, came and went with me to Davis, expecting corrugated iron roofing, but it was not there

- got 2 bunches shingles - paid my first Davis, City tax \$6.90 paid Davis Garage

In p.m. Harriet, Muriel and I went to Sacramento - saw the P & O power lift plow - Was at plant - a conveyor was out of order - broken by overloading - they work nights

[At foot of page (in space for Friday entry) is an addition to this Thursday entry.]  
Gardner and I fixed auto and I left for Sacramento to see Mr Tucker

Left at 2 p.m. for San Francisco by auto via Stockton - Stockton 4.30 Tracy 5.15 Livermore 7 - Oakland 9 and Stewart Hotel 11 p.m. Met Sue at Stewart -

Fri 2 Oct 1917

Spent day at Almond office

Sue and I went to Orpheum -

Sat 3 Oct 1917 [Large # mark in upper margin above this entry.]

Went to see agent of Spalding-Robbins plow in Merchants National Bank bldg

Sue and I went to 7th & Broadway in Oakland

I then got auto and we went to the Judson Iron works to see Disc plow - then to Capewell's for lunch -

Went to Frankies' - got her & Mildred and went to football game between Berkeley and Washington, score 27 to 0 for Berkeley

Took Dix home, dined at Shattuck,

called on Eugene Gilmore at Southgate house.

Went to Oakland via Grove Street - it was very foggy, then out Broadway and Piedmont Ave to Frankies for the night - left car at Piedmont garage. It rained a little about noon -

Sun 4 Nov 1917

[Large # mark] Nice day. W. L. Porter and I drove to Benicia via Richmond, Pinole and Martinez - lunched at Benicia - W. L. returned to Oakland and I left for home. Called on John Sweeney on McCune place and went with him to see his S & R plow -

Home about 5 p.m.

Harriet and Gardner were away calling on Russell's and Hamels -

Martha had been in Woodland

Mon 5 Nov 1917

It rained a little this a.m. and again in p.m.

Gardner went to Dixon to see the S & R plow -

then to Davis to register for short course tractor work -

In p.m. GG and I went to Davis

- Gardner to Tractor Course I to Sacramento to almond plant - It rained all way in -

The causeway at Webster was opened just as I got there - was in first batch to cross it - Autos and trucks were stuck in detour track - Plant running all night - Got apples, spuds, hams bread etc. - met Gardner at Davis about 5.30

Frank is clearing out rubbish south of shop -

Tues 6 Nov 1917

Gardner is at Tractor short course -

Martha & I tried to get a shot at some ducks but there were none - went to new Highway bridge -

Mule buyers were here

Del Grieve came and bought 7 bull calves @ 75.00 each - is to take 3 tomorrow and others the first of year.

Don T. McNaughlan [?] & Mr. Rowley agents for Federal Casualty Co. called and insured Wm. Clements & Frank Schwan - premiums \$29 & \$14 respectively -

Wed 7 Nov 1917

Looks like rain -

Del Greive sent for the three large bulls -

Frank & [name not given] worked on cow barn roof in p.m.

Ordered 20 pcs 10 ft corrugated iron roofing from Symon Bros - S. F. by phone -

Ordered a 6 disc S & R. plow -

Thurs 8 Nov 1917

Went to Sacramento early to meet Mr. Tucker at almond plant -

Lunched at club with Tucker then took him back to plant. Bought ham and got home as soon as I could -

Took Harriet, Muriel and Martha to Ladies Bazaar at Presbyterian Church -

Gardner attended short course Tractor instruction.

Fri 9 Nov 1917

In a.m. Frank and I put one course of 10 ft iron on large Hindu dormitory and some on kitchen -

In p.m. Harriet, Muriel and I went to Woodland - Martha going as far as her sisters - Harriet saw Dr. Campbell, dentist, then went to see Mrs. Dopking - I took Mr. D about town a little -

Paid City taxes \$63.19 on lots

Got set socket wrenches for Harriet - gift for GG's birthday - bread cake & biscuit -

Sat 10 Nov 1917

Sprinkled a little last night -

Frank and I finished roof to kitchen and put all iron on large dormitory except comb of which we were short -

Went to town at 4.50 and got 16 ft of comb and 1.00 roof nails -

Got box apples sent by Eva to Sue -

Sun 11 Nov 1917

Cloudy in a.m. Sprinkled toward night -

The Dougherty's called to leave some purchases made by them for Harriet & Martha -

Signed 900 almond Exchange checks and took them to Mr. Michael of expressage to San Francisco.

Martha went to Woodland with John Sorts about 1 p.m. - came back about midnight with Arthur Dietz -

Mon 12 Nov 1917

Frank and I made gate-way at north east corner of east orchard for sheep. Frank finished roof on large dormitory. In p.m. he hauled brush and dead trees from west orchard, then hauled manure

Took Harriet to Mrs. Longbridge's to The Leisure Hour Club - looked after expected freight, iron and plow from city.

Gardner brot Harriet home -

Drove steep to east field -

Tues 13 Nov 1917

Strong north wind -

Went to Sacramento and to plant - leaving on 10.10 train

Left Sacramento on 1.15 train for San Francisco. Met Sue at the Steward - We went to Alcazar -

Wed 14 Nov 1917

Spent day in Almond office -

Left on 4.40 boat for home, Sue going as far as 16th St - Thence to Zoe Tollman's 3774 Broadway Oakland.

Gardner got Spalding-Robbins disc plow and corrugated iron from Symon Bros. home

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Thurs 14 Nov 1917 [Large # mark at top of this entry, and also one in left margin.]

Partially set up S-R plow -

Harriet, Muriel and I drove into Sacramento.

Got \$18.26 worth of C. L. Best extras of ---- [name not given] 13th & U Sts -

Spent some time at plant -

Mr. Dahl has a new distributor inside bleacher with a new shake but did not have it working -

Home about 6.20

Frank grubbed up trees for shed room at south of shop -

Fri 16 Nov 1917

Gardner & I got S & R plow together and tried it in orchard -

Went to Woodland in p.m. and had tooth treated by Dr. [name not given]

Got 1 inch nuts for Gardner

Home via Davis - got meat etc for house -

Got crate Asparagus fro Anokh Singh -

Sat 17 Nov 1917

Worked on new shed a while this a.m. with Frank. A mule buyer from Davis & Younger Sacramento came and bought Brigham and Jerry mules at \$150.00. Frank took them to Davis and brought back lumber for shed and one length 1 in galvanized pipe -

Went down to load up Frank who had dinner with me at Mack's -

I had forgotten the cream, so went back to ranch - got cream & box eggs -

Went to Sacramento to almond plant -

- got pipe fittings for G. G. bread cake etc.

Got sk sugar in Davis -

William has near reached the south end of knoll in road gravelling -

Sun 18 Nov 1917

Began painting lower hall floor -

Gardner & Harriet took Martha to 10.10 train leaving baby with me - Martha drew \$30.00

Dean Van Norman and wife came out and had "duck dinner" with us -

H. got up nice dinner

Gardner's new engineer came about 6 p.m.

Martha's sisters people brought her home and later a young fellow called and took her out until 10.30

Did a little more painting by electric light -

Mon 19 Nov 1917

Very cold morning -

Frank and I worked on new wagon shed in a.m.

W. W. Siddall came and we bought of him a Reeves vacuum cleaner for \$600

Gardner started Cowan with Samson tractor and S & R plow in west knoll field -

In p.m. took cream to town

Then went to Woodland to Dr. Nobles, dentist, and had two teeth filled.

Harriet and Muriel went with me -

Tues 20 Nov 1917

Cold again this a.m.

Frank and I worked on new shed - we have decided to add 16 feet more to the south -

Gardner went to town and got 2 sx cement - In p.m. he took Martha Nusz to dentist in Woodland -

Harriet and baby going too -

Standard oil delivered 1 bbl transmission grease -

Wed 21 Nov 1917

Went to Sacramento - Met T. C. Tucker and together we drove to Fairoaks to the funeral of Geo. E. King -

In p.m. went to fruit convention for a short time -

Thurs 22 Nov 1917

Worked on shed -

Fri 23 Nov 1917

Went to Sacramento to Fruit Growers Convention - The Labor question was discussed - and got [wrist?] pin put in piston of Best Tractor.

Gardner went with me and we staid to banquet at the Sacramento -

Sat 24 Nov 1917

[Piece failed to put the entry for this day in its proper place and drew in a hand pointing to it text for Saturday entered in the next space.]

Frank and I worked on shed all day -

William is hauling gravel

Gardner repairing engine -

Sun 25 Nov 1917

Painted floors of back porch and hall -

Left on 1.36 train for San Francisco - Met Sue at Stewart -

Mon 26 Nov 1917

Spent day in almond office -

Left at 4.40 for home -

Tues 27 Nov 1917

Worked on shed until 11 a.m.

Went to Sacramento, called at Hecke's office

- got extras from Douglas Boswell

got two hams, bread cake etc. out late and it sprinkled a little on return trip -

Frank Schwan quit and rode into Sacramento with me -

The defective tiller wheel on the Samson engine showed signs of giving out and they ran rig into shed.

Sent box with turkey etc. to Frankie.

" " " chicken " Mrs. Brigden

Wed 28 Nov 1917

Phoned to Stockton for new wheel to be sent by express -

Went to Davis in a.m. - returned and worked on shed until two p.m.

then went to Davis again expecting the extra, but was disappointed -

Staid until 7.30 train with same results -

Miss Minnie Storz [?] came at 7.30 from Woodland to stay with Martha

Dixwell came from Berkeley -

Gardner & Cowan worked on engine -

Thurs 29 Nov 1917

Dix and I took Gardner, Harriet and Muriel to 8.30 train en route for Berkeley -

We got the castor wheel for Samson engine that came by express from Stockton costing \$50.44 took it home and got engine started and made one round before noon -

Dix went to Woodland and on return brought Mrs Greene & Ella to dinner - Martha and Miss Storz got up a nice dinner.

Dix was out late, in fact went to a dance in Woodland and staid at Harold Brown's

He had trouble with the car (oiler).

Fri 30 Nov 1917

Dix did not get home until about 4 p.m.

Had him go and help Watson in with Samson as it had begun to sprinkle - He then went to 7.50 train for Gardner on return from Berkeley -

Worked on shed all day except when had to go to town with cream -

Began putting on roof and got nearly all of one course on -

It rained a little in fore part of night -

Sat 1 Dec 1917

William and I worked on shed all day - got roof all on and sides over doors on large part chiefly on -

The little colt got its halter caught in west barn door and pulled door down -

Dix and Ludwick Ehrlich went to Farm and to Sacramento

Sun 2 Dec 1917

This forenoon Ludwick Ehrlich and I rode down to highway bridge and westward to Russell bridge and Snyder place -

In p.m. Dix, Ehrlich and I went to 1.36 train, Dix, Ehrlich for Berkeley and I for city -

Dix ran by his University Ave station to the mole - train badly crowded added two cars after leaving Davis

Met Sue at Stewart

Mon 3 Dec 1917

Bought a second S & R. plow

Spent day at office -

Sue and I went to Alcazar tonight to see Irish play -

Tues 4 Dec 1917

Bought some 6 ft corrugated iron and some others of Syman Bros.

Called at office and left San Francisco at 1.20 with Sue.

Met Harriet and Muriel at University Ave - Muriel was quite fussy on way up, as her teeth bothered her -

Wed 5 Dec 1917

Looked over place and went to Sacramento - at plant

- got ham, meat, bread, cake etc.

took tractor extras to Boswell - got 1/2 doz chain links -

Took Miss Minnie Storz home, to the old Dodson - Briggs - Glorietta Vineyard near Woodland -

Thurs 6 Dec 1917

Went to Sacramento to meet Hecke at Sutter Club -

Was at Almond plant and ordered door hinges for wagon sheds -

William went to Davis for the second S & R disc plow. I was out in time to [help?] him load it and 10 sks Nevada [?] spuds bought of A & R @ 2.75 per hundred -

Mrs. M. Smith with her 6 year old son came out on the 3.15 train. Mrs. Smith is engaged as cook & general houseworker on the ranch @ 40.00 per month.

Fri 7 Dec 1917

In a.m. William and I partly set up plow - Took cream to Davis and Martha Nusz to Woodland -

Had lunch at Hotel Julian - got extras for Gardner -

Home via Davis and worked on broken water pipe near windmill -

Cowan finished plowing in vineyard knoll field with Samson and took engine to house

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Strong north wind

Sat 8 Dec 1917

Fixed water pipe at windmill, then took cream to town and got 5 bundles corrugated iron, the discs for plow and had rod welded for engine - got sk flour & sk sugar, vegetables, bread & meat -

In p.m. put discs on plow

Gardner got big tractor together and took it into 134 acre field for exercise -

Cowan drew 25.00 and went to Sacramento -

Sun 9 Dec 1917

Drew checks for Standard and Union Oil Co's

P. N. Ashley, & Spalding Disc Plow Co -

Mon 10 Dec 1917

My 67th birthday

Worked on second S & R. plow - in a.m.

Boys got into west knoll field to plow corners -

Took Harriet to Woodland to dentist in p.m. got hardware bread & cake -

Tues 11 Dec 1917

Helped adjust plows to work in east knoll field -

Wed 12 Dec 1917

Went to Sacramento in p.m. - took Harriet and Muriel - got chain wel[d]ed in Sacto - ordered extras of Boswick

was at plant - got meat, bread cake vegetables etc. -

Went to Davis in a.m. to get link welded on new plow -

Met Al Bemmerly [?] in Sacto -

Thurs 13 Dec 1917

Went to Davis in a.m. gave Forrest Plant an option on 141 tons barley @ \$2,525 per cwt.

Took cream - got meat, butter bread etc.

Went to Davis at 2.30 and Plant took the barley amounting to \$7573.00

Left on 3.36 train for city - Steward 351 -

Sue came over. We went to Alcazaar (sic) Old Kentucky -

I. N. Cowan, Gardner's engine helper got hurt by plow wheel and left, going to Dr. Bates -

Mrs. Smiths husband came for her and staid over night -

Fri 14 Dec 1917

Did some shopping - Was at office

Left on 5 o'clock boat for Davis -

Sat 15 Dec 1917

Gardner ran tractor

Took cream to town - Saw George Pulse and engaged him to come to run tractor on Tuesday -

Fixed windows on south side of house on second floor - puttying them -

It sprinkled a little several times today -

Sun 16 Dec 1917

Went to Sacramento - called at Boswells for carburettor (sic) springs & valve -

Attended meeting of Committee of Fruit Growers appointed by Commissioner Hecke - We called on the Governor at 5.45. Held an evening meeting - out at 11 p.m.

Twas foggy going home - cold too.

Saw Mrs. Pealer [?] about another cook.

Engine broke one flange of fan

Gardner phoned for another -

Tues 18 Dec 1917 [No entry.]

Wed 19 Dec 1917

Was in Sacramento today

Was at Plant and at Mrs. Pealers

Waited at Davis Express office for tractor fan but it did not come -

Very foggy -

One auto overturned near Broderick - others collided near trestle -

Thurs 20 Dec 1917

Killed and dressed 14 turkeys

A woman, Mrs. Foster sent out by Mrs. Pealer, came to cook

- met her at 1.50 train - she looked over place and left on foot -

Helped Gardner fix new draw bar etc. -

Met Sue and Dix at 8 p.m. train coming home from Berkeley & Oakland -

Very foggy - Got new fan for tractor this a.m.

Fri 21 Dec 1917

Shipped 12 turkeys 144# gross to S. Herman 152 Franklin St. Oakland and one to T. C. Tucker Oakland.

Went to Sacramento to Boswell's and Mrs. Pealers - met Hecke

Called on Alden Anderson, & Simon Lubin in a.m. Went to Almond plant - saw Governor Stephens at lunch at Sutter Club -

Saw Hecke again and went to call on Marshall De Motte of Board of Control

Very foggy - there was an accident on causeway that nearly caught me.

Sat 22 Dec 1917

Gardner lost a disc from a plow this a.m. and I lost one while running for him at noon  
-

Gardner staid out so late that Dix went out for him.

Sun 23 Dec 1917

Gardner tinkered at engine in a.m. About 2 p.m. he started up - Dix went out and ran a while -

Helped in housework

washed front porch and ceiling -

- soldered milk can - also kitchen pans - put new fire grates in kitchen stove -

Foggy -

Mon 24 Dec 1917

Gardner and Dix ran tractor all day -

had good run -

Went to town in a.m.

Put iron on south side of new wagon shed.

Gardner shot 4 geese and a duck at two shots in pond north of old alfalfa -

Tues 25 Dec 1917

It began a light rain early this a.m. and continued at intervals throughout day -

Gardner pulled plows to corner of field and brot tractor up to shed -

Took two geese to express office for the Brigidens for Harriet -

Harriet cooked a fine 20 lb turkey -

Jim had turkey dinner -

All the family went to Mrs. Greene's to dinner - Capt Tuttle was there but left for city soon after.

It rained a little while we were coming home. Muriel was quite entertaining and was the center of attraction -

Wed 26 Dec 1917

Cloudy this a.m. but sky seems to clear for much rain - Worked about new shed most of day. Harriet and I drove to town for mail in evening -

Gardner worked on engine putting tool box on over right tractor drive track -

Our electricity went out at supper time -

Thurs 27 Dec 1917

We have no electricity and but little water -

It got foggy after 5.30 a.m. later cleared up and was a beautiful day.

Gardner started plowing again in knoll field with the S & R plows -

Sue and I drove into Sacramento

Saw Joe Huntoon [?] about Monshee Sings telegram asking for \$200 - Saw Hecke, bot pantaloons groceries etc. Called on Mrs Pealer also on Chinaman at 224 1/2 I. St for cook -

Fri 28 Dec 1917

Left on 8.36 a.m. train for city - stopped at Stewart - attended meeting of Hecke's Committee at room 11 Ferry Building -

Called at 311 California St. went to Orpheum

It was very foggy on bay

Sat 29 Dec 1917

Spent forenoon at 311 California St with Tucker -

Saw State Insurance Fund people also Tok[yo]? Kishon Maru Steamship people

Lunched at Commercial Club -

In p.m. did shopping and called on Atty. General U. S. Webb relative to meeting of Council of Defense consideration of the California Farm Labor situation.

As it was too late for me to get the 5 o'clock boat I staid over night at Stewart - went to Alcazaar - "Who's(sic) baby are you?"

Gardner is plowing on knoll -

Sun 30 Dec 1917

Left on 9 a.m. boat for Davis -

Not so foggy on bay but quite so in valley -

Dix "breakfasted" with the Van Norman's -

After dinner Sue Dix, Harriet, Muriel and I drove to Hecke's, while I stopped the others drove into Woodland -

Mon 31 Dec 1917

Tinkered about the place in a.m.

Went to Sacramento in p.m. Saw agents of To[k]yo? Kishen Maru steamship lines relative to sending ticket to Monshee at Hong Kong. Got hair cut -

Boiled ham cake & vegetables

[In a blank entry space at the foot of the page below the space for Monday, December 31st are the following lines:]

Nov. 30 It rained a little.

Dec 25    "        "        "

Notes for 1918 [On this page Pierce began his records about the Hindu almond workers gangs.]

	Hindu time	Gang 1 -	
	AM	PM	hours
Aug 19	5	7 + 6 1/2 hours	138.5
20	19 men		209.
21	27 "		299
22	27 "		297
23	26 + 25		280.5
	[subtotal in pencil]		1222.0
24	26 + 4 hours -less 1 hour		289
	[subtotal in pencil]		1511.0
25	26 men		286
	[in pencil]		1797
Gang 2			hours

Aug 20 102

21 99

22 99

23 93

[subtotal in pencil] 303

24 99

[subtotal in pencil] 491

25 90

582

[unexplained number

some distance beneath

the above column.] 1 \$1.20

[Calculation in pencil between the above two columns of figures.]

582

30

174.6 0+6.60

26.50

148.10

[pencil number at foot of page.]

110

Cash Account January

Aug	Kalla Singh	
19	1 doz eggs	40
22	bread 15 matches 5 hair oil 25	45
23	Coal oil 15c rooster 65	80
24	1 doz eggs	40
30	Pork chop	50
	1 loaf bread	15
	1 sq. butter	1.00
	1 watermelon	15
Sept 3	Bread 15 Pork chop 25	40

6	"	15	"	25	40
8	"				15
11	"				15
15	"	15	meat	50	65
18	"	15	Butter	1.00	1.15
20		Pork chop			50
					7.25
	[In pencil]	Milk 37 qts at 5			1.85
					9.10
	[In pencil]	A & R -			1.55
					10.65

Cash Account February

Mohammed men Gang 1

Aug 18      1 gallon milk                          .20

"                10# rice                                  .60

"                10# sugar                                  .90

"	6 squares butter	6.
"	1 sk flour	3.35
"	3 chickens	1.30
"	Cash	3.00
	milk 3 gallons	.60
20	15 squares butter U. C. F.	15.
	milk 6 1/2 gallons	1.35
	2 chickens	1.30
21	3 chickens	.195
	milk 6 3/4 gals.	1.35
22	3 chickens 65c	1.95
	Milk 6 3/4 gals -	1.35
	3 hats 35c	1.05

23	Milk 6 3/4	1.35	Exam .05	1.40
	Peas 1.00	medicine 35c		1.35
	3 chickens			1.95
24	Milk 6 3/4	Examiner 5c		1.40
	undershirt			.50
	squash			1.00
	1 sheep			4.00
	[subtotal entered in pencil:]		52.85 [?] not quite clear	
	3 chickens			1.95
25	Milk	Examiner 5c	[no figure entered.]	
	Watch crystal			.25
	Store bill			39.15

Milk 6 3/4 gals		1.30
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[in pencil:]		.84
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[Between above columns Pierce entered the following figures:]

1797 hours

30

539.10

95.50

\$443.60 Paid

Cash Account March

Aug	Mohammed men	Gang 2
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19	10# Flour	.70
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"	1 chicken	.65
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21	" [milk] 2 gallons	.40
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23	" 2 "	.40
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24	" 2 "	.40
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[pencil insertion:] 2.50

25	store bill [in pencil]	26.50	23.55
"	Milk	2 gals	.40
			26.50

582

Cash Account April

[Above the title, "Cash Account" are the following notations:]

Hindus      1917      Gang 1.

[Now, below the title, "Cash Account", the following:]

Ashad Khan -

Aug

26	To milk 6 3/4 gals	Ex 5c	1.35
		Examiner	.05
27	To milk 6 3/4 gals	Ex 5c	1.35
			.05
	3 chickens		2.25

28	Milk 6 3/4 gals	Ex 5c	1.35
			.05
	3 chickens -----		2.25
29	Milk 6 3/4 gals	Ex 5c	1.35
			.05
	2 ret and 2 extras		1.50
30	Milk	Ex	1.35
			.05
	1 doz chickens		9.00
31	Milk	Ex	1.35
			.05
	Sept 1 Milk	Ex	1.35
			.05
	Cash		45.00
			69.80

Error for week ending Aug 25th

on 23rd man has 1/2 hour coming .15

Achad 7.70

cook

[In pencil:] 238.

Cash Account May

[Above title, "Cash Account", the following:]

Gang 2

[Below the title:]

Aug

26	Milk 2 gals	.40
27	Milk 2 gals	.40
28	Milk	.40
	2 chickens	1.50
29	Milk	.40
30	Milk	.40
	2 chickens	1.50

31 Milk .40

Sept 1 Milk .40

2 chickens 1.50

[Added in pencil:] 7.30

12.30

19.60

## Cash Account June

[Above title:] Hindu time week Aug 26 - Sept 1

[Below title:]

## Gang 1

26            27 men            297

27                  26 & 25                  281

28                  26                  286

29                  28 - 1/2 hr. 27                  303

30	26	27	291
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31	26 4 1/2 hrs.	27	295.5
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Sept 1	27	26	292
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[In pencil]	2045.5
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[Pencil calculations:]

27

27

297

1.5

295.5

Gang 2

26	9 men	99
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27	9	99
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28	9	99
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29	9	99
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30	9	99
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31	9	99
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Sept.	9	99
		693

693 hours @ 35c per	242.55
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1 man 7 days 55c extra	3.85
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1 " 3 " " "	1.65
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Dr	248.05
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Book acct & Groceries	19.60
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Paid	228.45
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### Cash Account July

2045 hours @ 35	715.75
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Boss extra	3.85
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Cook "	6.125
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### Balance

1/2 hour shortage on last bill	.15 [?]
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Boss extra	7.70
Cook overtime 15 1/2 hrs @ 30	4.65
	738.225
less book acct	69.80
Balance	668.42

Paid

Cash Account August

[Above title:] Aug 1917

[Below title:]

Ashad Khan Sept 2 to 8 inclusive

[Aug]

2 27

3 27

4 26

5 26

6	25 + 8 hours man to Dr.	707.35
7	26 Boss @ 40c	3.85
8	26 30 men over - 15 hours @ 35	5.42
	183 days + 8 hours @ 35c per hr	716.65
		65.78
	Balance due Khan	\$650.87

Paid

No 2 Rahmtulla & Umar Deem

2	9	63 days @ 3.85	242.55
3	9	two men 10c extra	7.70
4	9		250.25
5	9	less book act & groceries	21.85
6	9	Balance due Rahm	\$228.40
7	9	Paid -	
8	9		

D-

2 milk .40

3 " .40

4 " 40, chicken 75 Cardaman & Saffron 30c 1.45

5 mill .40

6 milk 40 chicken 75 1.15

7 " .40

8 " .40

store bill 17.25

21.85

Cash Account September

[above title] Aug - 1917 - Arshad Kahn

[below title}

2	milk 1.35 + Examiner 5c	1.35
3	" "	1.35
4	" "	1.35
Brownie Kodak 2.00	2 rolls films 40 postage due 10c	2.50
4 chickens 75c		3.00
5	milk Ex	1.35
cough medicine 50c	foot powder 25	.75
3 chickens		2.25
6	milk 1.35 Ex	1.35
7	" 2 chickens	2.85
Examiner 5 days		.25
8	milk	1.35
	medicine	.50

store bill 45.65

Paid 65.75

Cash Account October

[above title] 1916 G. G.

[below title]

1917 ext [in pencil] H

Jan 5.80 N. 35 [pencil] 10 1

Feb 3 110 Sp[?] 25 50

5

McH 25 100 C. C. 20 [pencil] 50 5

Apr 29 C. C. 18.80 10

100

May Ins 22 10 15

June 6 100

July                    100                    50                    8

W.S 20 Aug 110

Sept                    100                    200

60.80 [pencil]        640.30 [pencil]        1.10        100

747.67 [circled in pencil]

Nov 18        baby bed        20.25        100

22                    25

Dec 4                    2

25                    50

Urshad Khan [pencil]        [pencil]        666

Sept 9        26 -

10        26 -        Oct 1st        200

11        26

[A vertical pen line is drawn along the entire column of numbers "26" to the left here.]        12        26

13 26

14 26

15 26

9 Milk

10 1 gal coal oil 15

11

12

13 Cash 135.00

Cash Account November

Sept 9 Rahmtulla

" Milk 40

coal oil 15

10	63 dys @ 3.85	242.55	40
11	two men 10c extra	7.70	40
12		250.25	40
13	Book acct	15.30	40
14	Balance	234.95	40
15			40
16	Store bill		2.95
			12.35
			15.30

[three date numbers, 16, 17,18, crossed out]

	milk	Men	
16	milk	9	40
17	milk	10	45
18	"	10	45
19	"	11	45
20	"	11	45
21	"	10 & [6?] hrs 05	

61-6

22 " [in pencil] 5 1/2 hours

" " 4 "

## Cash Account      December

[Above title]: 1917 G. G -

[Below title]:

H -

Jan 5 5.80

Feb 3 110

Mch 9 100

" 7 50 5.

May 3 10.

12 100

23	Insurance	22
July 4		100
Aug 6		110
Sept 12		100
Oct 1		200
" 31		10
Nov 11		5
28		100
Dec 25	10	10
22	8 [pencil]	977.80

Bills Payable February

In the early part of this year crops did not look well owing  
shortage of rainfall -  
later cool weather continued late into season

matured good crops - prices were abnormally high -  
so were wages -

Houses During this year we added three new buildings to our  
equipment at packing house - a kitchen and two bunk  
houses and put bunks in sled shed - we put iron roofing  
on these and one old bunk house-

Bridge We built large bridge across slough at creek barn -

Shed We built two sheds 34 x 30 at south end and blacksmith  
shop

Plows We added two S & R 6 disc plows

Mtg We took up a \$10,000 Mortgage on 160 acres or our place  
- leaving us free of debt -

Beets The land to south of canal through east field was rented  
for beets to E. Will Richardson for \$1500.

Sheep We bought 7 thoroughbred Shropshire bucks of James  
Marshall @\$35.00 each

Auto We bought a second Oakland car  
No 223634 Model 34 State Mo 301505]

Bills Payable August

1917 Thermometer readings

Feb 27 5.30 A.M.

28 " " 36

Bills Payable October

1917

Jan D. B. B. of Yolo 500 -Paid

" " 1000 "

Jan Anguin wood 24 Paid

" C Hamilton wool @ 30c

Feb C Johnson lambs @ \$7.00

" old ewes \$6.50

" E. W. Richardson labor 204 Paid

" 13 Geo. C Roeding balance 355 Paid

" Mrs. C. E. Greene wood @ 6.00 6

Bill Payable November

1917 Hindu Almond Harvest -

Aug 25 Arshad Khan 539.10

" Rahmtulla & Unar Deen 181.20

Sept 1 Arshad Khan 738.22

" Rahmtulla 248.05

" 8 Arshad Khan 716.63

" " Rahmtulla 250.25

" 16 Arshad Khan 705.25

" " Rahmtulla 250.25

" 23 " [In pencil: Extra 17.10 + .05 (?) 283.52

"       "                      Kalla, Rhamtulla (sic) 10, Kalla 5.15  
                                    5.00          20.15  
  
                                    4076.82

[Figures in pencil at foot of page]:

27  
4233.  
4260.

Legal Holidays [verso of last page, in pencil]:

4980  
  
386  
  
5280

[There is no clue as to the meaning of these figures, but they may somehow be related to some of the figures earlier in the diary.]