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D-022 5:10: Transcription of George Pierce Jr. Diary, 1918

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Preliminary notes by transcriber:

Pierce used the "Notes of 1919" and the first page of the "Cash Account" section at the end of the volume for a short account of the events on the ranch during the year 1918. Further on in the Cash Account section he recorded accounts for his Sikh almond workers. Included loose in these pages is a separate page of figures written in pencil that goes with the "Cash Account September" page. There are some short, unexplained calculations on the "Bills Payable November" page at the end of the diary.

World War I

Pierce and Gardner went to Liberty Meeting in Davis where Pierce was one of three speakers. Pierce bought \$1500 worth of Liberty B Bonds and also attended Liberty League meeting at U. C. Farm Auditorium on 27 April. 6 May Harriet's brother Walter goes off to War from Berkeley. Pierce mentioned, on 20 June he had given up his Scrip Book because purchased before 10 June when the Federal government took over the railroads. 2 July a Lieutenant spoke at Sutter Club about experience on the war front. On 12 September Dixwell Pierce registered for the war draft in Davis. On 24 September, Pierce was asked to serve on Liberty Loan Board and to speak. 28 September: Pierce reports several people, including himself, subscribed for Liberty Bonds. Pierce went to labor meetings of the Council for Defence at Ferry Building in San Francisco on Nov. 8th and 9th. He spoke twice on the second day. Nov. 11th mentions end of War and wild celebrations, no work on that day. In his summary of important events for the year under "Notes for 1919" and "Cash Account January" captions, Pierce mentions that farm labor of all kinds was scarce in 1918 and wages were correspondingly high. Sometime in the year, according to these notes, son Dixwell had joined the naval reserve and was quartered in barracks at Berkeley where he was a university student. He was placed on the inactive list on Dec. 21st.

University Farm

The University Farm is frequently mentioned as place where Pierce takes visitors, speaks, goes for help, etc. (4 Jan. spoke at sheep growers convention there, 20 Feb. sees workings of grain cleaners [Dr. Madson], borrows Clipper grain cleaner from Farm on 4 Mar. etc.) See below about Marines and aviation corps. April 18, Pierce and Gardner attended tractor show on campus, over 40 tractors on display. 19 April a Pierce party attended Picnic Day, parade, 17000 visitors estimated. On 25 May 4 or 5 carloads of State Farm students visited the Pierce ranch to look at Pierce's cattle. On 9 May a "farmerette", Theodosia Todd, from the State Farm rode out to visit them. On 11 June Pierce invited 6 "farmerettes" out for evening party along with two other unmarried young ladies. There was another visit of "farmerettes" on 21 June to Pierce ranch for a party. Earlier that day Pierce and party had visited the U.C. Farm.

UC Berkeley

On 22 and 23 Mar Pierce went to '75 class dinner and Charter Day celebrations. Saw military drill of cadets, Marines and aviation corps. November 28, Pierce attended U. C. - Stanford game in which U. C. won by a huge score. December 17th Pierce attended a meeting of Agricultural Committee of Board of Regents of University in Berkeley. They are trying to get an appropriation for an experiment station for deciduous fruits.

Tues 1 Jan 1918

Took cream to Davis, Sue rode down and back with me.

Ran tractor at noon for Gardner -

- finished up land on knoll save south corner - plowed between road and fence and on east of road -

Dix got home about 7 p.m. from New Years party in Woodland -

Mr & Mrs Frank Chiles called -

Wed 2 Jan 1918

Very foggy - Gardner & I finished corners, replowed same and opened drainage ditches in knoll field then moved into vineyard field - We ran into fence twice, had to dig two posts -

Dix ran at noon for Gardner -

Harriet and I went to town - got sk sugar bread, cranberries

Gardner shot two geese -

Mrs Schmitt and partner called to buy red bull calf -

Thurs 3 Jan 1918

Harriet and I drove into Sacramento Called at Western Pacific offices, agents for Toyo Kishen Maru Oriental Steamship Co - relative to sending ticket to Monshee Singh at Hong Kong but they were not informed as to methods - Called at Mrs. Pealers for household help - Was at almond plant

Harriet shopped - got sheets, pillow cases etc -

Gardner finished dry plowing and pulled rigs in -

Fri 4 Jan 1918

Wrote affairs and letters Then went to Davis to sheep growers convention at Farm - Spoke on cooperation -

Got sk flour, can syrup - sago, currants etc -

Started a Savings Bank account for Muriel, Mother and I each putting in \$5.00

Sat 5 Jan 1918

Moved big wagon from creek barn to new shed -

Made mangers higher in creek barn to prevent wasting feed -

Sue & I went to town for mail about dusk.

Gardner sprayed trees in house lot -

Sun 6 Jan 1918

Went to San Fran on 1.36 train

Stopped at Stewart

Mon 7 Jan 1918

Spent day at Exchange office -

Tucker bought 50,000 almond bags @ 31 1/2c each.

Sent cablegram to Monshee Singh at Hong Kong -

Tues 8 Jan 1918

Spent day at meeting of several special committees with the Executive Committee of the council of defense, Naftzger presiding, in Phelan building.

Lunched with Rowley at Transportation [this word in pencil and partially crossed out] Club at Palace Hotel.

Left for home on 5 p.m. train

Wed 9 Jan and Thurs 10 Jan 1918 [No entries.]

Fri 11 Jan 1918

Gardner took Dix to our N. E. cor to meet the Browns of Woodland who are driving to Berkeley, leaving our corner at 6.30 a.m.

Sue and I left on 8.30 a.m. train for City - stopped at Stewart 750 -

Sue went to see Mrs. Brotherton a Christian Scientist practitioner.

Had three front teeth pulled and stump of one back one, by Dr. J. T. Grant

Sat 12 Jan 1918

It rained in light showers

Went to lecture by Colonel Eddy at Palace Hotel - Commonwealth Club at noon.

Sue and I went shopping - got rain coat and fur, cheese cloth and cotton wadding -

We went to St. Francis movies

Sue has been pretty bad off for some days -

Sun 13 Jan 1918

Took Sue to Church and left for Davis at 12.20

Sue went to church - lunched with the Brothertons and attended a lecture at Dream-land rink - Dix met her and took her to 3774 Broadway - Oakland -

Went to Nursery house to look after buildings etc - Things there are in bad shape -

Helped Gardner get out his "questionnaire."

Mon 14 Jan 1918

Gardner, Harriet and I went to Davis and signed Gardner's "questionnaire" -

Saw Dr. Bates relative to Gardner's rejection by insurance company -

Went to Woodland - attended meeting of stockholders of Bank of Yolo - Called on men sent to explain the income tax

Saw Dr. Lawhead relative to report of himself and Dr. Fairchild on Gardner at time of his operation

- swelling on neck - said to be "tubercular Adenitis"

Paid telephone pole license

Tues 15 Jan 1918

Went to town in a.m. Sent Gardner's questionnaire to exemption Board -

Got the Sheldon Concrete mixer and 1 sheet corrugated iron -

Paid Beloit 79.50

Set up concrete mixer and worked in shop in afternoon -

It sprinkled in afternoon -

It sprinkled at intervals throughout afternoon -

Wed 16 Jan 1918

In a.m. got out letters to Tucker the Sugar Beet people, Weinstock and the Exemption Board (for Gardner)

Harriet and I went to town with cream and mail -

In p.m. Jim and I got 6 bucks from flock and I drove them to windmill field -

Thurs 17 Jan 1918

Fixed sowing wagon and broadcast seeder and put seeder on wagon -

Gardner worked on Samson in a.m., and on Best in p.m. He put in roller on tract

John & I took harrow truck and draw bars to knoll -

Wm Daley of 229 Cross St Woodland phone 342 called up and said he would be at the Richardson place to meet me relative to settling for damaged caused by Richardson's tenants - Harriet and I dove down there but did not meet him

- we then went to town for the mail -

It sprinkled a little -

Fri 18 Jan 1918 [No entry.]

Sat 19 Jan 1918

Heavy north wind -

Gardner started harrow on knoll piece - had some trouble with new Ensign carburetter (sic) -

Went to Sacramento - met T. C. Tucker and wife and Mr. Aris and wife of Portland -- Mr. Aris is our broker in Portland -

Sun 20 Jan 1918

Heavy wind again -

Took cream to Davis - then went to Mrs. Greenes. Home after dinner -

Mrs. G. paid \$56.00 on acct

Mon 21 Jan 1918

John Adams and I began sowing barley in knoll field - 2 rounds in a.m. 6 in p.m.

Gardner finished harrowing first time over -

Tues 22 Jan 1918

Sowed 5 rounds in a.m. & 5 in p.m.

Gardner took fence down at corner and went through with harrow to vineyard field -
In p.m. he took cream to town, the women folks going with him -

Wed 23 Jan 1918

Finished sowing in east field and moved to west. sowed a little about slough.

Thurs 24 Jan 1918

Sowed up to north end of vineyard before noon - I drove putting crooked John at seeder -

Went to town with Harriet and Muriel - took cream

- sent 1 Merchants Bank book to city -

Sowed 5 rounds to north of vineyard

Gardner nearly finished second time over east field -

----- [name not given] from D'Artney's place was here wanting a tractor to plow 19 acres -

An agent was here with some sort of tree wash -

Fri 25 Jan 1918

Fearfully cold

Finished sowing barley in vineyard-knoll field - in a.m.

Went to town in p.m. sent 2 check books to 311 California St -

Sat 26 Jan 1918

Took cream to Davis - settled garage bill - got new battery in car 7989 -

Very strong north wind -

Took Harriet & Muriel to Woodland

- H had Dr. Campbell finish her dental work -

Sun 27 Jan 1918

North wind -

Left on 8.30 train for City - Met Sue and Dix at Stewart

Sue and I attended Christian Science Church on Mason St -

Mon 28 Jan 1918

Spent forenoon at 311 California St office.

Spent afternoon with Dr Grant (dentist) in Elken Gunst Bldg -

Sue and I went to see Evelyn Vaughn at Alcazar -

Tues 29 Jan 1918

From 9 a.m. to 11.30 was in Dr. Grant's office - then went to 311 California

Tucker & I lunched at California Market

At Dr. Grant's from 2 to 4 p.m.

Had cists [casts?] of mouth taken -

Left at 4.40 for Davis - after seeing Sue through Key route ferry gate -

Met E. Hockheimer and ----- [name not given] of Willows -

Dean & Mrs. Van Norman had dinner with the children and spent evening here - It is a very dry time

Gardner finished cross harrowing winter barley -

Wed 30 Jan 1918

Very heavy white frost -

John and I put iron roofing on the two bunk houses west of packing house -

got out and strung electric wire to saw -

took saw frame to shop for rebobbiting boxes - hauled two loads wood from creek and old yard -

North wind started up toward noon and seemed to increase a little toward night -

Thurs 31 Jan 1918

Quite strong north wind blew most of last night - Very cold -

Fri 1 Feb 1918

Went to town in a.m.

John and I fixed gate in cow corral -

Sat 2 Feb 1918

Very cold.

Went to Sacramento saw Hecke and others - got sack American Wonder spuds and groceries -

Home at about 6 p.m.

Went to Woodland -

Sun 3 Feb 1918

Cold again -

Left at 1.35 for city met Sue & Dix at Stewart 541 -

Mon 4 Feb 1918

Had meeting of Almond Exchange Directors at 11 a.m.

Lunched at Commercial Club with entire Board in private room -

Adjourned from our office about 4.15 -

Rain a little today -

Cousin Frankie and Mildred lunched with Sue.

Tues 5 Feb 1918

Went to Commercial Club to lunch to meet the labor committee of the Fruit Growers Convention - Dean Hunt and Alden Anderson were there -

Had lower jaw plate of false teeth put in by Dr. John T. Grant -

Rained again this afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Cobb called on us this evening -

Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Hageman called on Sue.

Wed 6 Feb 1918

It rained last night - all told nearly an inch -

Went to Dr. Grant again for adjustment of plate -

Saw Louis Janes -

Left on 12.40 for Davis - met Gardner, Harriet and Muriel in town - Went via the nursery and J. T. Donnenwirths -

It has rained here about 3/4 of an inch - John Adams drew 10.00 and went to Sacramento at noon -

Thurs 7 Feb 1918

It rained quite a shower last night -

Worked in shop - got fanning mill ready and moved it to packing house -

Harriet, baby & I went to town for mail -

John Adams came back last night -

Fri 8 Feb 1918

Butchered two young hogs -

Indar Singh came for grip from Sacramento where he says he is working on Western Pacific section gang, living in box car with Broderick as his postoffice (sic) -

Harriet, Muriel, Mrs. Kidwell, Indar and I went to Davis with cream

- got our two cans - left LaRue's

Heavy frost this a.m.

Sat 9 Feb 1918

Cool this a.m. Somewhat cloudy -

Cut up hogs - made sausage head cheese & sause -

Dipped prunes.

Went to town late -

Sun 10 Feb 1918

Nice day -

Harriet Muriel and I had intended going to town for mail but Mr. & Mrs. Earl Chiles came, so I went alone -

Jim drew \$5.00 and went to town for a hair cut but shops were not open -

He found two bucks in county road -

I fixed fence where bucks got out -

Went down past nursery buildings

Mon 11 Feb 1918

Mr. Weaver and family called to see about repairs at windmill etc. at nursery -

Gardner & John are working on Best Tractor

Took Harriet & Muriel to Leisure Hour Club at University House -

Took cream and eggs - got shells vegetables etc Paid phone bill -

Tues 12 Feb 1918

Cloudy.

Worked on income tax report -

Wed 13 Feb 1918

Mended kitchen utensils, dairy pan and gasoline can etc.

Went to Woodland to meeting of farmers to discuss the grain bag business -

- was appointed on committee to got to Willows in Saturday next -

It sprinkled a little this afternoon and was very cold -

Thurs 14 Feb 1918

Got sheep from old alfalfa field to the creek pasture.

Mr. Hecke called up relative to Farm Labor Committee meet.

Cal Covell came looking for beef -

John plowed potato ground -

It rained in showers several times, the sun shining between them -

Fri 15 Feb 1918

Left for San Francisco on 8.30

Met Sue at Stewart. Called on Dr. Grant - got plate adjusted

Spent afternoon at 311 California

Mr. Tucker had gone to Sacramento to ship some almonds -

Sue and I went to Hotel Shattuck 445 - Dix dined with us -

Went to alumni meeting at California Hall, as one of Committee to prepare exercises for Charter day -

Sat 16 Feb 1918

Left Berkeley at 6.53 for Davis -

Met Gardner at Davis and together went to Willows to meeting to consider bulk grain shipment -

A large delegation was present from Woodland -

It began raining at Willows about 3 p.m. and at home about 5 p.m.

G & Harriet went to Woodland to straighten out his army-draft card -

- took me to Davis and I went home in new car - drove by nursery.

It rained most of afternoon. probably the rain of last night and today amounted to about an inch -

Mon 18 Feb 1918

Clear and cold - north wind

Worked on income tax etc. in a.m.

Took cream to town in P. M.

Tues 19 February 1918

Got up sheep from east fields and began marking - marked 109 - 62 ewes 47 bucks from that lot -

Began on other band from creek

- marked 44 - 28 ewes 16 bucks -

It began raining about 11.15 and we quit - Turned sheep out after dinner -

Boys ran grain cleaner in p.m.

Went to town in p.m. and came back via bridge to look after sheep fence -

Wed 20 Feb 1918

Rained lightly almost all day -

Separated some lambs that got astray yesterday - some getting into orchard lot and some on creek -

Gardner and I went to Davis to the Farm to see grain cleaners, Prof Madsen showed us and operated - the Emeron [?] Wild Oat and the Clipper cleaners -

Gardner & I went to Woodland to "Bulk Grain handling meeting - Saw at Cranston's a Chatham cleaner - home via Davis -

Thurs 21 Feb 1918

Rained much of the night - Cloudy this a.m.

Fri 22 Feb 1918

Went to Davis with cream -

stopped to see the Berkshire Swine offered for sale at Berkshire Breeders Congress -

Met Mildred & Pierce Porter, Velma Gardner and George Rider at 10.30 train - showed them about U. C. Farm, thence home -

It rained after lunch and there was a very bright double rainbow -

After the shower we drove to Woodland -

saw Court House, residence district etc.

Home via Davis - It rained again before we got home -

Sat 23 Feb 1918

The Oakland bunch and myself took the 8.39 train for City. It rained very hard this a.m. In city the afternoon was clear - It rained in the evening quite hard.

Attended the auto show in the Civic auditorium.

Sue & I stopped at Stewart 340 -

John Adams rode in to Davis with us en-route to Sacramento. Drew \$10.00

Sun 24 Feb 1918

Took Sue to her church.

Dix came over.

Dix and I went to Cobb's place to seem some Magnasite paint - then out through Twin Peaks tunnel -

Mon 25 Feb 1918

Went to 311 California.

Went to Dr. Grant dentist at 1.15 had adjustment made to lower plate-

At office again -

Sue and I took 4.20 boat for Oakland -

Tues 26 Feb 1918

Worked about place

Went to town late and hired a man W. J. Rivers to run tractor - took him out with me
-

Harriet & Muriel went with me -

Received a telegram from Monshee Singh who is retained in Angel Island Immigration Station asking me to come at once -

Went home and returned in time for the 7.30 San Francisco train -

Stopped at Stewart

Market lambs Ewes 230 bucks 168 including those done on 19th inst or 245 today

Wed 27 Feb 1918

Went to Appraisers Bld'g - got data and pass to Angel Island - left on 10.30 boat -

Met Monshee and also Mr. Suazey [?]

Met Mr. Scott of Myrick & Deering.

He introduced me to J. J. Dunne of the Mills Bld'g relative to Monshee -

Thurs 28 Feb 1918

Mr. Scott, Sue & I went to Angel Island on 12.50 boat -

Saw Monshee had him make formal appeal from decision of local office to deport him
-

Scott could not get Dunne - so I had to stay over another night -

Fri 1 Mar 1918

Met Scott at 9 a.m. - gave affidavit relative to Monshee -

Dix came over and went to Angel Island

Sue & I left on 12.40 boat - Sue going to 16th Street

Boys have but little plowing done save plowing down checks - they began straight work this afternoon -

Sat 2 Mar 1918

Left at 7.45 for Davis - took 8.30 train for Sacramento - there took 9.15 Traction train for Stockton - there took 11.37 Santa Fe train for Oakley - Met Mr. T. C. Tucker at Oakley -

Lunched at Oakley - Attended meeting of the Eastern Contra Costa Almond Growers Assn -

After meeting went with Tucker in his automobile to Stockton, stopping in at Byron Springs -

Dined at Hotel Stockton.

Took 8.30 Traction train for Sacramento

Staid at the Sacramento 419 -

Sun 3 Mar 1918

Left on 8.15 train for Davis -

Engine is plowing today -

Harriet, Muriel, Mrs. Kidwell and I went to Woodland to attend a piano recital in the Woodland Grammar School -

Muriel cried so that I had to take her out -

Mon 4 Mar 1918

Went to Davis in time for 8.30 train

Sent box of almond bloom to Tucker

- took cream -

Borrowed the Clipper grain cleaner of the U. C. Farm.

John began plowing vineyard and orchard -

John & I ran grain cleaner

Gardner got spring tooth harrow into operation on old alfalfa ground -

Gardner & Harriet went to nursery place to ask Weaver to return harrow he had borrowed - & called on ---- [name not recorded.]

Tues 5 Mar 1918

Gardner & John moved harrow from knoll corner into alfalfa field -

Wrote letters to A. Committee relative to Monshee's detention at Angel Island and to Mrs. Ramsay relative to Sue -

John & I ran grain cleaner in p.m.

Rivers finished plowing about 9.30 & moved to creek [?] field

Gardner started the tractor at harrowing after dinner.

Gardner & I went to a Liberty meeting at Causeway Hall Davis - Judge Anderson Secretary Schoffer and myself spoke- Forrest Plant presided -

It was very cold this a.m. - ice formed near 1/8 inch thick

Wed 6 Mar 1918

Rivers got out of distillate last night and Gardner had to haul supply wagon to him this morning -

John & I ran through about 16 sacks barley, then started sowing - Gardner used Samson for sowing - They began about 10.30 and finished the old alfalfa field about 6 p.m. Rivers got over the ground with the harrow -

It began sprinkling about 4 p.m. - later it stopped -

Thurs 7 Mar 1918

Began sprinkling last night about 9 p.m.

This morning it is raining and continued until noon.

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

Rivers, engineer, drew \$25.00 and went home to Santa Rosa -

Ran grain cleaner on Oeste barley

Del Grieve and a Medford Oregon man came to look after stock cattle -

Fri 8 Mar 1918

Del Grieve and ---- [name not recorded] a stock man from Medford Oregon came this p.m. to buy cattle but did not buy - We had the cattle separated for him -

Ran grain cleaner -

Sat 9 Mar 1918

Finished cleaning grain about 9.30 and took cleaner home to U. C. Farm -

- also took cream -

Went to Woodland to Bulk Grain Shipment meeting - the Committee Ed Bullard, Clarence Day and Hays Gable were not ready to report and were granted more time -

Sun 10 Mar 1918

It began raining at 7 a.m. and rained lightly all day -

W. J. Rivers came back and Harriet & I went to Davis after him.

Gardner & I worked on income tax report - G. worked late and got out a good outline

"Doc" mule died -

Mon 11 Mar 1918

It rained most of forenoon - sometime very hard -

Mrs. Kidwell washed in forenoon and got her clothes dry in afternoon -

Took Harriet to Mrs. Fissells to Leisure Hour club, leaving Muriel with Mrs K -

Boys worked on engine and harvester grain carrier and hauled carcass of "Doc" mule away.

Tues 12 Mar 1918

Rained at intervals most of day -

Wed 13 Mar 1918

Frost again this a.m.

Beautiful forenoon - In p.m. quite a strong north wind blew -

Boys all working on engine, harvester and shop - Gardner is fixing bot racks.

Mrs. Kidwell drew \$80.00 pay to Mch 8th and went with me to Sacramento. Home about 5.45

Brought a man, George Fleming [?] out from Breslau's to do general farm work - wages \$1.75 per day -

Worked on Income Tax statement

Thurs 14 Mar 1918

Frost again this a.m.

Went to plow - looked over fields & grain -

Jim Nolan drew his wages to March 1st, six months \$300 less book account and went to Sacramento - going to Davis with me - Took eggs and cream.

- got tea & vegetables -

Took sample barley to Cutter - saw Plant relative to sacks and barley - barley about \$2.60 per cwt, sx 26c each June delivery -

Ordered 200 rods 34 in Elwood fencing of "Old Jim"

Boys in shop - new man pruning berry vines and working in yard -

Fri 15 Mar 1918

Went to Sacramento to meet T. C. Tucker at Sutter Club. Mr Boshee of Glenn was there. Together we drove in my care to Antelope where the Antelope Almond Growers Ass'n held their annual meeting -

Harriet and Muriel went to Sacramento - They called at Mrs Geo. Fizzell's but she was not in - they then went to Mrs. Jones at 825 26th St. where they staid - Harriet went to get dress made - Home about 6 p.m.

Sat 16 Mar 1918

John & I cleaned up barley screenings etc. in packing house

Water came in irrigating canal -

- had lively time getting out rubbish -

John plowed in creek orchard in a.m. helped Gardner move harrows and with George Fleming planted potatoes in afternoon -

Rivers began plowing on 40 acre old orchard piece with the two S & R plows -

Gardner moved big harrow from alfalfa field to 40 acre piece

Went to Woodland in p.m. to bulk grain shipping meeting - Neither Ed Bullard Clarence Day or Hays Gale, the Committee to report were present -

Got new grindstone -

Sun 17 Mar 1918

Gardner ran engine last night until 1.30 a.m. finishing plowing save corners -

Bill finished plowing and hitched to harrows about ten o'clock -

Gardner ran over the few rounds previously plowed with spring tooth harrows -

John and I took barley out with team -

It looked very much like rain all day and sprinkled at times. About 5 p.m. it sprinkled lively - We finished up rigging out and up to shop before 6 p.m. having sowed the ground and harrowed it all three times since ten a.m.

Mon 18 Mar 1918

It began raining about 8 p.m. and rained at intervals throughout night in light showers.

It rained most of day - had a very hard shower about 5 p.m.

Went to town to mail letter & get mail -

William worked in shop - cleaned up big tractor - did some soldering etc.

Other boys did not work -

Mrs. Kidwell washed and hung clothes in basement -

Tues 19 Mar 1918

Rained considerable last night -

Had late breakfast, Mrs. K overslept -

John & George sawed oak logs along creek bank above packing house.

William worked in shop -

Fix[ed] grindstone, soldered - worked on Samson.

Wed 20 Mar 1918

Went to Sacramento on 8.30 train. Succeeded after two attempts in getting my Income Tax statements in -

Left Sacramento on 3.15 train for San Francisco - Stopped at Stewart -

Sue had engaged Room 440 -

Thurs 21 Mar 1918

Spent day at 311 California

Fri 22 Mar 1918

Was at 311 California this a.m.

Left on 12.40 for Berkeley -

We stopped at the Shattuck 445 -

'75 held class dinner - Deering, Huntley Jones, Bonnestell, Wyatt & Pierce were present -

At 8.30 we went to the Harmon Gymnasium to the High Jinks - Dix went - Sue was not able to go -

Saw the military drill - U. C cadets Marines & aviation corps -

Sat 23 Mar 1918

Attended Charter Day exercises

Hutchens of University of Michigan delivered address -

Dix and I had U. C Alumni luncheon - Sue was sick and went to 3774 Broadway with her practitioner

Went to Frankie's about 7 p.m.

Mildred went with me to the alumni banquet at Hotel Oakland -

Sun 24 Mar 1918

Went home on the 12.40 train

Huron Ashford and Lila Brigden went home with me -

Mon 25 Mar 1918 [No entry.]

Tues 26 Mar 1918

Got up sheep and marked lambs 19 ewes and 22 weathers -

Went to town in p.m. took Muriel Harriet and Lila -

Paid Schmeiser Mfg Co 2.60

" Chiles hardware 144.00 fencing

Ordered linoleum for mens dining room floor -

Tues 26th

Went to San Francisco on 8.30 train

Met Dix at Commercial Club - with Tucker

we heard T. P. O'Connor the Irish patriot - Home on 5 p.m. train

Met Mrs. Woodson of Corning -

It rained in p.m.

[Pierce wrote "See above)" and drew in hand with finger pointing upward at base of this entry.]

Wed 27 Mar 1918

Worked about [incomplete sentence.]

Went to Liberty League meeting with Huron - Farm Auditorium -

The Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Glee Club sang -

Will Russell and I spoke -

Boys finished pulling grape vines - began topping -

Thurs 28 Mar 1918

Rewrote copy for trade circular for Almond Exchange in a.m.

In p.m. went to Woodland - paid 2d installment Taxes \$814.86

Bought & paid for 5 bales of Shaiohshun [?] twine -

Got extras for Gardner, apples & flour for house

Tried to get Bisulphide of Carbon for squirrels -

Contracted for 7000 Calcutta Grain bags @ 25 3/4c each with Thomas, Stephens & Mattie -

Home via Davis -

John ran brush burner on knoll grape vines - George trimmed vines -

Rivers ran Samson on alfalfa in a.m. but found it too wet and quit at noon -

Gardner delivered 5 cows sold to Koenigschal [?]

Fri 29 Mar 1918

Boys finished burning grape vine brush -

Gardner hauled two loads grape wood

Helped Rivers to get plow ready -

Rivers took one plow out with Samson but it was too wet for Samson -

Gardner took out the Best with other plow - did plowing with big rig -

Got seed grain out - Gardner ran over the land twice with harrow

- we then sowed it -

Huron took ladies to Mrs. Greene's then to creamery

Sat 30 Mar 1918

John and I fixed the fence along west side of old orchard -

Poisoned squirrels a little this p.m.

Gardner took Huron Ashford to 8.39 train en route to Palo Alto. He then finished cross-harrowing the little vineyard piece In p.m. he pruned orchard trees -

Graham, the bee man went to Roseville -

Koenigsthal [?] the stock buyer with his wife called. Pope of the U. C. Farm came, for flowers to decorate for Easter -

Rivers worked on harvester - George cut wood in windmill lot -

Sun 31 Mar 1918

Gardner took Rivers to 8.30 train

Rivers had quit - clocks were moved up one hour by Congressional enactment and Rivers missed his train -

Later, Gardner, Harriet, Lila and Mrs. Kidwell left for church - they were too late - Walter Brigden came

In p.m. folks went for a ride -

Harriet & Gardner took Walter & Lila to 7.30 train enroute for Berkeley -

Wrote Bulletin for almond Exchange

Mon 1 Apr 1918

Took 4 hogs in trailer to Woodland to a. Koenigsthal of 1890 San Jose Ave San Fran.
Wt of hogs 935# @ 14c 130.90

Gardner went with me - We looked up manure spreaders - got 450 ft of poultry fencing \$22.50, 5 gals bisulphide of carbon 6.25 brake lining for car 5.60 1/2 doz wool sx 1.35 Meat 1.75, flash light lamp

Gave in my assessment -

Gardner hired an engineer Earl Wright to run Samson -

Hired a man Kane for general work. Home via Davis -

George cut weeds about house lot -

John hauled chicken feed, set 10 posts and burned brush of alanthus trees -

Called on the Dopkings -

Tues 2 Apr 1918

Earl Wright, the engineer Gardner employed yesterday came this forenoon -

Went to Sacramento to see McKivett and others about Orchard labor data desired for article for Commonwealth Club.

Heavy north wind - very cold there being ice in hose

Wed 3 Apr 1918

Out from Sacramento early

The north wind blew a gale and it was very cold -

Got Jensen of Davis out and he laid Linoleum on floor of mens dining room -

Thurs 4 Apr 1918 [No entry.]

Fri 5 Apr 1918

Earl is cultivating alfalfa -

John is hauling wood -

Others are working in yard -

Dove to Rumsey to attend a meeting of the Rumsey almond Growers Association -
Had a good meeting - Lunched with M. H Still at Guinda -

Home via Woodland and Davis -

Earl got started plowing in east orchard

Sat 6 Apr 1918

Earl broke hitch to his plow and I made a new one -

Gardner overhauled engine in 301505 car.

Harriet Muriel and I drove into Sacto - they, stopping at Mrs. Jones' as H. was going
to he dressmaker -

Lunched at Saddle Rock and drove to Fair Oaks to attend Almond meet of local
exchange - had no quorum - They have about 108 members -

Addressed those present.

Drove in to another field at Mills -

It began to rain when I reached Davis.

Miss ---- [name not given] of Berkeley came - Gardner met her and Harriet at 3.50
trains (sic?) -

Sun 7 Apr 1918

Rainfall last night was light - The sun is shining brightly this a.m.

Mon 8 Apr 1918

Worked on paper for Commonwealth Club in a.m.

In p.m. took Harriet to Davis - had cream & eggs -

Gardner fixed lever to raise S & R Plow -

Earl cultivated little orchard & vineyard in a.m. plowed in p.m.

John hauled manure from shearing[?] pens -

Gardner fixed wood sawing rig -

Tues 9 Apr 1918

Rained quite a bit last night.

Boys worked at inside jobs -

Keane quit to go to San Francisco -

Went to town in p.m.

Worked late on paper for the Commonwealth Club -

Wed 10 Apr 1918

Harriet, Muriel & I left on 8.30 train for Berkeley - Grandpa Brigden and Mrs. Brigden met us at University Ave.

Went home with them and then called on Sue at 3774 Broadway -

Went to city. Spent afternoon at office 311 California.

Dix came over and went with me to Commonwealth Club dinner -

R. L. Adams, ----- [initial not given] Bowles and I read papers on Farm Labor. My subject was Farm Labor from an orchardists point of view -

There was a good attendance and much interest was shown -

Thurs 11 Apr 1918

Spent day in office 311 California -

Went to Orpheum.

Fri 12 Apr 1918

Our Board of Directors met at 9 a.m.

The Representatives met at 11 a.m. and again at 1.15 The old Board was re-elected. I was re-elected President -

Crop reports indicated a fairly good crop throughout the State.

After adjournment I went to 503 Van Ness Ave for welding and machine work on gate valves -

Dix came in after siege at dentists and we went to Cyrille Maude's play "Grouch" at Columbia - twas fine -

Sat 13 Apr 1918

Was at S & R Plow Cos. - ordered extras -

Was at 311 California - signed lease of new quarters on 3rd floor -

Went to old custom House intending to go to Angel Island, but boats do not run on Saturday - Heard that Monsha had been ordered deported - Saw Scott of Myrick & Deering -

Went out to Cliff House - Went to 3774 for Sue - went to Hotel Harrison. Mr & Mrs Spellman dined with us -

Sun 14 Apr 1918

Sue and I left for Frankies about 10.30. Mrs. Gardner and her daughter Velma, Pierce Porter's wife came soon and later Gardner, Harriet Muriel and Dixwell came.

Pierce was put on guard duty and could not get off to go to his own wedding reception. Velma took his dinner to him -

Mildred had gone to Los Angeles to meet George Rider who is in the navy and is ordered East soon.

After dinner I left for home via Oakland -

Mon 15 Apr 1918

Earl is plowing east orchard

John hauled brush posts & manure -

latter from sheep pens -

George and I laid out and worked on fence for Kitchen garden.

Went to Davis - took cream and eggs -

Sent night letter to A Committee Washington relative to Monsha's case.

Gardner & Harriet came home on 8 p.m. train -

Tues 16 Apr 1918 [No entry.]

Wed 17 Apr 1918
Strong north wind

George & I built fence about garden -

Thurs 18 Apr 1918
Strong north wind

Gardner and I attended tractor show at U. C. Farm - over 40 different tractors are on exhibition, many trucks and considerable quantities of farm implements

Fri 19 Apr 1918
John hauled manure

George made dairy implement rack

Gardner painted north gate - fixed auto etc.

I went to Sacramento to meet Mr. Tucker and Mr Deubel at almond plant - we are considering contemplated improvements

Got cups, plates lady fingers etc

Dix drove up from Berkeley in Miss Mary Dronings [?] car bringing with him Ruth Ware ----- [blank were presumably a name is not recorded] Miss Lucille Welsh and her brother - All save Miss Ware drove to Davis. Leaving the Welsh's they brought back ---- [name not recorded.]

John Adams drew \$50.00 and went into Sacramento with me.

Earl Wright drew 30.00 and went to Woodland -

Sat 20 Apr 1918
All attended the State Farm picnic -

Gardner & John went down early to fix grounds tables etc

The attendance was estimated at about 17000 Many of the tractors from the tractor exhibit were in the parade.

W. G. Harris and I sold 5 bulls a hog and two cream separators -

- got something over \$2000 -

Went to Sacramento and attended a meeting of Sacramento Valley Farmers at 101 Capitol bld'g - Farm labor was subject of discussion.

Sun 21 Apr 1918

[Above this entry is a # mark]

Dix and his party, Gardner Harriet and I lunched on creek above house -

Dix's party went bathing -

About 4.30 I left with Dix and his party in Mary ----- [name not recorded] Hudson Super Six for Oakland - We caught the 8 p.m. boat at Benicia and got into Oakland or Berkeley about 10 p.m.

Called to see Mother at 3774 Broadway and left some chickens etc for her.

Mother had retired -

The auto stuck and we had to call in the services of a garage man.

Went to city on 10.50 Key Route train.

Mon 22 Apr 1918

Was at office early to meet Chas Deubel relative to Sacramento plant - Tucker who was to have been there got hung up with his auto somewhere along route from Sacramento.

Went to Angel Island and saw Monshee Singh who is to be deported -

He signed over his Peoples Saving Bank account -

Met Tucker and Deubel at about 3 p.m. looked over plans submitted but came to no conclusion

Home on 5 p.m. train - Gardner met me at Davis - He had been to Woodland for extras - Harriet went to Leisure Hour Club -

Tues 23 and Wed 24 Apr 1918 [No entries.]

Thurs 25 Apr 1918

[On this entry there are two # marks in pencil, one at the top and one at the side.]

Left on 8.30 train for San Francisco

Met Tucker - We bought 50,000 almond bags @ 43c Had conference with Chas Deubel relative to bleacher etc. -

- partially adopted his plan -

Corrected much copy for booklets -

Left on 4.40 Key route ferry - went to call on Sue at 37774 Broadway -

Home on the 6.20

Gardner shipped bull to Cyril C. Segad [?] Lincoln - got 50 fence posts -

He also got two men from Mack -

Fri 26 Apr 1918

Worked on faucets in front of house for lawn. Took cream to town

Gardner started two machine mowing foxtail - One man is digging up alantus (sic) trees -

Poisoned squirrels along county road in north windmill field.

Sat 27 Apr 1918

One man spading about trees - two mowing.

Dairy inspector was here this a.m.

Poisoned squirrels - in a.m.

Went to Davis in p.m. with cream and eggs - got groceries. Paid for \$1500 3rd issue Liberty Bonds - \$300 cash and note for \$1200 with the Bank of Yolo - Davis Branch.

Went to Woodland - got 1 gate valve and 2 - 1' unions -

Harriet, Mrs. Kidwell and I went to a Liberty League meet at U. C. Farm Auditorium - Reverend Bobbitt of Woodland was the speaker - Judge Anderson also spoke.

Our extra man quit tonight. Earl drew \$20.00

Sun 28 Apr 1918

Gardner worked in yard in a.m. He and Harriet went to Woodland about noon -

Poisoned squirrels in p.m. along road in north windmill field and in nursery field

Went to town late for mail -

Mon 29 Apr 1918

Helped get rigs running -

Harriet, Muriel & I drove into Sacramento

H. stopped at Mrs. Geo. Fizzell's saw dressmaker -

Got extras for Samson, for Spring tooth harrow hose etc. barley flour &c -

Out about 7 p.m. They are working on last 7/10 mile of State Highway

Ordered two men of Red Cross -

John finished mowing and began raking foxtail -

Tues 30 Apr 1918

Fixed hose - shearing pens etc.

Went to town - got man Wm ---- [name not given] for general work -

Went to Woodland - got ----- [sentence not completed.]

Home via Davis - got sheepshearers (2)

Wed 1 May 1918

Drove to Sacramento and took 8 a.m. Electric train for Marysville to attend meeting of farmers who are trying to organize for bettering labor conditions.

Held meeting in Elks Hall.

Left on 4.15 S. P. train

Home about 8 p.m.

Very hot today Grain is suffering badly -

Thurs 3 May 1918

John Adams has mumps and went to town this a.m. with me to see Doctor.

Left on 8.30 for Oakland -

Called at Sue's 3774 Broadway Oakland-

- staid until train time- left on 3.30 for Davis -

Had dinner at Dr. Howard's to meet Dr. Whitten. Present were Dr. Wool [?], Prof Davison Prof Broad - Mrs. Hecke, and myself - After dinner we spent some time on lawn - Hecke gave horticultural statistics and I talked on almonds - Home at 11 p.m.

Fri 4 May 1918

Hauled foxtail with Gardner and William in a.m. -

In p.m. Harriet, Muriel & I went to Davis to attend Commencement but we were too late.

Harriet went to Mrs. Brewsters to a ladies meeting -

Got extras for harvester -

Earl worked on his engine all day -

Sent check to Standard Oil for \$183.77 -

Sat 5 May 1918

Drove to Sacramento - caught 8 a.m. electric road for Chico - met Joe Davidson & Mr. Boschee

Attended Chico Almond Grower's Ass'n meeting and made a talk on almond Exchange work -

Mr. Richards took Joe Boshee Kirkpatrick and self to his orchard to see some Leonard Coats pruning which shows up well -

Left on 6.36 train for Red Bluff -

Stopped at Fremont Hotel -

Sun 5 May 1918

Hired auto and was shown several almond orchards. Joe Weasts [?] ---- [name not given] also General Chipman's place -

Left Red Bluff at 10.15 going via West side to Davis - ar. at 2.35.

Met Sher Singh who came for information relative to Monsha Singh.

Went to Sacramento at 3.51 got auto and out home -

Harriet and Gardner went to Earl Chiles for dinner -

An auto turned over near John Anderson's killing two people and break a leg of the third - Sheep shearers got through -

Mon 6 May 1918

Took shearers to 10.10 train

Sheared 698 ewes & 13 bucks @ 12c

F. E Andrews, 1010 - 45th St Sacramento shearer -

Took Harriet and Muriel to 1.36 train en route to Berkeley - H goes to see her brother Walter off to the war -

Went to Woodland to see about irrigation water - it looks like a two weeks wait

Gardner and Wm drove 3 year old fillies -

Nellie mare had a colt that came dead.

Miss ---- [first name not given] Snyder of Winter called, selling Thrift Stamps and I bought a \$5.00 one -

Tues 7 May 1918

Fixed old iron gate for alfalfa fence.

Earl plowed in east orchard -

John is confined in bed with mumps -

William drove colts - hauled woven wire fencing in a.m. and some dirt to fix road crossing in p.m.

Gardner irrigated vegetables etc.

Went to town in p.m took eggs - got meat, shells, coffee etc. - and Gardner's shoes -

Somewhat cloudy with strong south wind -

Got together apples, prunes, eggs chicken for Mother -

Wed 8 May 1918

Went to Oakland on 8.30 train -

Spent afternoon at 3774 - went with Eva Ramsay to look at old Fisher home with a view to taking Sue there.

Had an appointment with Dix to meet him at Hotel Shattuck but he failed to put in an appearance.

Went to Frankies at 618 Maraga Ave at her request and remained over night -

Thurs 9 May 1918

[This entry and two # marks in pencil, one above it, and one at the left-hand side.]
Spend day in office 311 California -

Met Chas Deubel - talked over the new bleacher for Sacramento plant -

Dix came for lunch - went with him to see British Consul for Monshee Singh.

Went to Oakland - got room 777 at Hotel Oakland - Went to 3774 Broadway to see Sue - took fruit and berries - dined there -

Gardner got ditch water and began irrigating alfalfa about 3 p.m.

Fri 10 May 1918

T. C. Tucker, Mr & Mrs. Hagle called for me in the C. A. G. new Haines car -

We drove to Stockton via Livermore and wide detour from Livermore to Altamont, for lunch - Here Mrs. Hagle left us for a visit to friends.

We then drove to Lodi where the local Almond Association was holding a meeting, and participated in the discussions

They decided to enlarge their almond plant -

Drove into Sacramento staid at Hotel Sacramento -

Gardner finished irrigating alfalfa.

Sat 11 May 1918

Tucker, Hagle & I drove out to Joe Davidson's place 29th & T. Sts for key to plant but Mrs. D was away - So we ran to plant and Hagle went in over roof and opened door for us -

Got battery for electric light - left on 9.30 train for Davis -

After lunch went to see Del Grieve but he had gone to Red Bluff - went to Woodland - Called at Thomas Stephens and Mattie and left word for them to sell 2000 or 3000 of the sacks previously bought -

Sun 12 May 1918

Took walk over west orchard - saw grain and poisoned squirrels -

Went to Davis - Saw Del Grieve sold him my weather lambs for Chas Johnson, at \$9.50 per head -

He is to take a car load now and rest in June - Ran to Woodland and cemetery -

John Adams came back from Sacramento -

Mon 13 May 1918 [No entry.]

Tues 14 May 1918

Got up sheep and separated weather lambs for market. Del Grieve and Helper came

Fixed chute fence -

Dix, Harriet & Muriel came from Oakland on 3.50 train -

Wed 15 May 1918

Gardner, Dix and John drove 146 lambs to Davis sold @ 9,50 each

Gardner had to wait for Del Grieves to receive lot - I brought other boys home -

Took 1.36 train for city.

Thurs 16 May 1918

Spent day at office - Left early for Oakland - stopped at Hotel Oakland

Went to see Mother. She is about as usual -

Fri 17 May 1918

[A paragraph that had been registered here in the wrong place was crossed out. Belonged in the Friday, May 10th entry.]

We then ran into Sacramento and stopped at Hotel Sacramento [This sentence should have been deleted too, since it is the end of the May 10th entry.]

[There is no entry at all for 17 May.]

Sat 18 May 1918

Drove into Sacramento -

Saw Red Cross parade -

Left on 8.45 A.m. Northern Electric for Chico -

Met Tucker & Davidson at Chico and attended annual meeting of Chico Almond Assn. To Sacramento on 7 p.m. train with Tucker & Davidson -

Stopped at Hotel Sacramento -

Senator Boynton went up on train to Oroville.

Sun 19 May 1918

Tucker left on 8.15 train for City -

Drove home leaving about 10 a.m.

Mon 20 May 1918

William cut around both knoll fields and raked east one -

Dix went to town early with express package for Mother -

In p.m. Dix & Harriet went to Woodland to get H excused from jury duty - the Judge was out of town -

Very cool weather now -

Tues 21 May 1918

William shocked east field and raked and partly shocked west field -

Dix Harriet & Muriel went to Woodland - Harriet was subpoenaed as a juror but got excused.

Helped John some with fence in a.m. Went to town in p.m.

Dix & John began sacking wool - got 5 sx -

Earl finished harrowing orchard and began with roller in east orchard -

Was over west orchard with squirrel poison -

Wed 22 May 1918

[This entry has two # marks in pencil, one at the beginning of the first line, one at the end.]

Went to Sacramento to meet Messrs Tucker and Deubel relative to bleacher etc. at almond plant - They are in the air -

Got harrow extras

Thurs 23 May 1918

[This entry has two # marks in pencil, one above it, and one at the beginning of the first line.]

Drove to Davis - Left on 839 train en route to Lodi - arrived at Lodi 11.08 on S. P.

Met Lawrence Voorhies and Ryan - in rooms of Club -

They have a huller planned - It is on the revolving drum type - are to have 4 - expect to bleach 3 to 4 tons per hour.

Left Lodi at 2 p.m. on Traction line -

Got my hat left at cleaners - dishes etc.

Fri 24 May 1918

Went to Dixon early, sold wool to Geo W Kearn of Stockton at 50c per lb.

Drove to Davis, attended meeting of water users at Prof True's -

Home at noon - Boys loaded wood and Bill Thomas took it to Davis 2478# net @ 50c \$1239.

Harriet and Muriel went and staid at Mrs. Fizzell's.

Frankie phoned that Mother's breast had broken -

Sat 25 May 1918

Called up Eva - she said Mother rested well and felt better this a.m.

Poisoned squirrels - made panel gate -

went to Davis with cream. Took Muriel with me - she slept most of time -

Helped boys at fence building this p.m. Bill raked and shocked hay and hauled lumber.

The State Farm people came out here with 4 or 5 auto loads of students to see my cattle -

Gardner worked on old auto -

Very heavy south wind -

Sat 26 May 1918

Gardner, Mrs. Kidwell and I left by auto at 7 a.m. (advanced time) for Oakland -

The oil pump bothered us considerable -

We got the 10 a.m. boat and got into Oakland 12th & Broadway at 12 M -

Had lunch at restaurant and drove out to 3774 Broadway, to see Mother.

Later Gardner took car to try to get repairs - (failed) - About 3 p.m. we drove to Frankie's to dinner. After dinner Gardner went to Mr. Brigdens - Mrs. K and I left Frankie's about 5.30 - met Gardner, Mr. Brigden and Lila at College and Russell Sts -

Got 7.30 boat at Martinez - It sprinkled from about Cordelia on home - arrived at 1.30 new time

Dix & Harriet went to town for mail.

Mon 27 May 1918

Dix & John finishing fence

Wm hauling wood and chicken feed -

Earl had his breakfast at home -

Took Harriet to Leisure Hour Club meet at Mrs. Porters -

Deposited check for wool \$1039.

Got meat and Laundry -

Bought two tickets for Davis Chautauq[u]as -

Dix & Harriet went to Chautauqua entertainment

Earl finished rolling in east orchard -

Gardner put new spring into oil pump on 301505 Oakland car.

Wind north but cool - sprinkled a few drops.

Tues 28 May 1918

Wind north but cool - cloudy at times -

Gardner, Dixwell, John & I ran out 100 sacks clean wheat for market -

Wm finished hauling wood - hauled dirt, fencing manure & chicken feed -

Earl rolling in west orchard -

Wed 29 May 1918 [No entry.]

Thurs 30 May 1918

Left on 8.30 train for Oakland - Dix took me to Davis - got off at University Avenue and went to 3774 Broadway to see Sue -

Frankie, Mildred and Mrs. Cobb called -

Went to Porters for the night. Will and I began outlining a bleacher

Fri 31 May 1918

Went to city early took 9.45 boat for Angel Island-

Saw Monsha Singh. He is still detained but no date is set for his deportation - He left \$130.00 with me for use for his benefit - I sent another telegram to Committee in behalf of Monshee -

Returning at 12.10 I went to 311 California and spent some time -

Left on 4.40 boat for Calistoga via Vallejo Junction and Vallejo -

Arrived at Calistoga 8.10 and stopped at Calistoga Hotel -

Sat 1 June 1918

After several futile efforts secured a Ford machine to take me to Lower Lake -

Had nice run over Mt St Helena. At Middletown got lunch and stopped near 1 1/2 hours for repairs -

Reached Lower Lake at 2.05. There were but seven members out of 24 of the Lake County Almond Growers Ass'n

To these I talked until after 4 p.m.

Returning reached Calistoga about 7 p.m.

The hotel was filled with a bunch from San Francisco that was a noisy crowd

John Adams drew \$25.00

Bill Thomas " 53.10 and together they went to Sacramento -

Sun 2 June 1918

Left Calistoga via S. P. R. R. at 6.45

Arrived at University Avenue 9.29 Went to see Sue - She was very weak today -

Went out to Frankies for dinner. Pierce & Velma were there as was Dixwell -

Dixwell went to church in the evening with Mrs. Ramsay - returning they and I remained over night -

Will and I discussed bleacher -

Mon 3 June 1918

Will, Dix and I went to Premier Machinery Company plant on 22nd ave E Oakland - looked over plant and inspected machinery -

Dix and I returned to Oakland - called at ----- [name not given] undertakers on Piedmont Avenue

We went to see Sue. She is better today -

Left on 10.40 train for city -

Saw Mr. Tucker at 311 California

Left on 5 p.m. train for Davis -

Tues 4 June 1918

Took Harriet and Muriel with me to Davis as I took eggs and cream.

Harriet took old car to Davis for repairs -

Got meat and groceries -

Boys moved 100 sx wheat from packing house to lane near house for hauling to Sacramento. The auto truck broke our gate at county road -

Gardner started two mowers in alfalfa in p.m.

Wed 5 June 1918

Mr. Springer and ---- [name not given] of the Alameda Beet Sugar Co called in reference to water.

Thurs 6 June 1918

Started for 8.39 train - time had been changed and I missed the train

went back home with mail etc. and took 10.11 train for Oakland -

Went to 3774 Broadway to see Sue -

But little change - Out to Frankies to dinner -

Will Porter and I worked on proposed bleacher for the Exchange

Finished mowing -

Fri 7 June 1918

Went to city early - met Tucker - After lunch Tucker went to Fairmont to engage rooms for one of our Eastern men.

I went to see Porter at 22nd avenue Oakland - then to see Sue - then to 5.40 train at University Ave -

Sat 8 June 1918

Went to Sacramento - to Almond plant for data - some shopping -

To Woodland later - got 4 bales twine -

There was an eclipse of the sun about 4 p.m. It got quite overcast and was very warm.

Hauled last load of old barley to Phoenix Mill Sacramento - Settled for all grain hauled -

3988# barley	at 2.95	\$1174.10
14140# wheat	3.64 1/4	475.46
		1649.56

The barley was sold at 3c per cwt, but as it had many weevil in it 1.00 per cwt was deducted

Sun 9 June 1918

Experiment with Beau spray nozzle

Miss Theodosia Todd, a "farmette" from U. C. Farm rode in on horseback and spent afternoon -

Harriet, Muriel and Miss Todd went with me to 7.50 train to meet Dixwell who is returning from Berkeley -

Martha Nuss [?] Nusz [?] and a young gentleman called on return from Sunday school picnic at Monticello

Mon 10 June 1918

Hauled hay - got all but about three loads from east field -

Went to town in a.m. and got another man - He petered out the first load -

Mr. Musgrove came and insured our grain knoll field 80 acres at 10 [?] sx [?] - vineyard field 60 acres @ 10 old pasture 70 acres at 15 - creek 40 at 15.

Took Harriet and Mrs. Kidwell to Ladies Liberty meeting in Davis -

Thermometer today stood at 108 degrees at Davis -

Tues 11 June 1918

Very hot again -

Wm Thomas overcome by heat laid off a while - Frank, new man, quit in p.m. Boys moved into cow barn this a.m.

Went to Davis to invite Misses Todd and D'Ancona out for the evening - Later went and invited all the "farmeretts" 6 of them -

Went again for ice cream -

Mr. Tavernette came with five farmeretts. Mis D'Ancona being sick was unable to come - Spent an enjoyable evening -

Wed 12 June 1918

Put up track for gate-door at west end of new shed -

Went to Davis - took Muriel and Bill Thomas -

In p.m. made door frame -

Thurs 13 June 1918

Returned ice cream freezer -

Went to Sacramento to meet Tucker - Schmitt, or solicitor was at Sutter at lunch with us -

Tucker and I met Geo. E. Lawrence and Mr. Barkis of Lodi also Mrs. B's sister in-law

Tucker hired Barkis to look after our interests at the plant at \$250 per month -

Home at 6.45 p.m. Went again to Sacramento - home at 1.25 A.m.

Dix was still up when I got back -

Fri 14 June 1918

Took cream to town - got irons cut for harvester elevator & iron for return augur - also timber for straw dump - also 1 sk sugar, chocolate, seeded raisins, etc -

In p.m. Dix and I hung door at west end of new wagon shed -

Boys are working on harvester -

Late in p.m. Gardner took 75 Best out and plowed round grain fields - and was out until ten p.m.

Sat 15 June 1918

Made dump door for straw dump in a.m.

In p.m. went to Davis with cream and eggs - Got butter powdered sugar cocoanut, cherries, ice, laundry etc -

Went to 7.50 train to meet the Porters W. R. Frankie and Mildred -

Sun 16 June 1918

Took Porters and Dix to Plant, 19th & C. Sacramento - Will took measurements.

After lunch at Sacramento drove to Fair Oaks, Orangevale and Folsom, Saw dredger at work -

Home via aviation field -

Will too O A & E at Sac'to -

Mon 17 June 1918 [No entry.]

Tues 18 June 1918

Eva called up this evening and said Sue had moved into large room and was now ready to move again - E - wanted me to come down tomorrow -

Went into Sacramento to meet Tucker and ---- [name not given] at Plant

Took Frankie, Mildred, Harriet and Muriel -

Out at 7 p.m.

Wed 19 June 1918

Left on 5.23 train for Oakland -

Spend some time looking up furnished houses - But hired none -

Went to 618 Moraga for night

Will & Pierce are working on bleaching machine for C. A. G. Ex -

Thurs 20 June 1918

Will and I ate breakfast in Oakland -

spent some time at Sue's -

Left on 11 a.m. Key Route for city -

Went to Angle Island on 12.20 boat

Saw Monsha and back on 2 p.m. boat -

Was at office 311 Cal -

saw Miss Chandler - she wants to rent her Tahoe pasture -

Home on 5 p.m. train - Surrendered my Scrip Book as it was purchased before June 10th when the Federal government took over the railroads -

The boys started the harvester made one round on knoll field -

Fri 21 June 1918

Went to Sacramento early - Met T. C. Tucker & wife & Albert Frohlich, wife son & daughter - We drove in Tucker's car (new Cadillac) to Fair Oaks and return - took in almond plant

- lunched at Sacramento -

Took Mr. & Mrs. Frohlich to see Senator Bills, then drove to the Scottish Rite Temple thence to Davis - took in the U. C. Farm - All drove to our place - Harriet had lemonade and cake - Party left for city -

Dix went to Davis and got Misses D'Ancona and Michael U. C. Farmeretts who spent the evening

Boys broke down right after dinner and did not get going again today

Sat 22 June 1918

Went to harvester - did some regulating

Made springs for cleaner -

Went to town with cream - took Muriel - got rolled oats, corn starch etc.

Got \$510 draft on San Francisco for Monsha bail - looked up grain bags - fixed north gate -

Boys had good run for 8 rounds and cut side pieces -

Dix went to party in Woodland -

Sun 23 June 1918

Went to Oakland - Had expected to take the 11.10 train but it was late and I took the 12.40

Went to 3774 and later to Frankies -

Mon 24 June 1918

Went with Porter and got some blue print to take to Tucker -

In p.m. went to Angel Island to see Monshee -

Tues 25 June 1918

Took 5 p.m. train for Davis -

Paid Mrs. Margaret Smith, nurse \$120.00 for 4 weeks services to the 25th inst

Wed 26 June 1918

Went to Sacramento for data on C. A. G. Ex plant - Left at 12.25 on Northern Electric for Yuba City where a meeting looking toward getting Mexicans here was being held -

While there a phone message came saying that Monshee would be liberated for six months on a bond of \$1000 -

Alden Anderson and I rode to Sacramento together -

Drove home, arriving about 8 p.m.

Thurs 27 June 1918

Left Davis on the 5.23 a.m. train - went direct to city - and to the Immigration office - they sent for Monshee's bond -

Saw Ed. Leake -

Had quite time getting bond - finally located C. T. Hughes in Insurance Exchange building and got bond of National Insurance Company -

Went to Angel Island 2.40 got Monshee

- left at 4.35. Monshee subscribed for \$20.85 War Savings Stamps - Monshee and I went to 3774 Broadway - then to 16th S. P. Station & M. left for Davis -

Returned to 3774 Broadway & later went to W. L. Porters - We worked on our bleacher until 12. M.

Frankie & Mildred had gone to movies -

Fri 28 June 1918

Rode down town with W. L. P. -

Took San Pablo car for California Corrugated Culvert Co - at West Berkeley.

Made inquiry relative to grain bin and drum for almond sprinkling -

Back to 3774 Broadway - had lunch -

Left for University Avenue on return home - Ruth May, 10 years old went with me -

Met Dix at Percy's garage - Dix had taken Harriet, Muriel & Mrs. Kidwell to Mrs. Greenes. Then went to town with cream -

He had a blow out - I got him a new tire & case and went to Mrs. Greenes for the ladies -

Sat 29 June 1918

Took cream to town in a.m. - Muriel & Ruth going with me -

Boys finished threshing old orchard lot at noon. In p.m. moved into pasture field -

Monsha hauled 180 sx into orchard lot from west piece -

Dix and I began door for shed at shop -

Sun 30 June 1918

Was taken with severe pains in stomach and was sick all day -

John Adams drew \$5.00 and went to town at noon.

B. B. Tuttle and Mrs. Ella Jackson called.

Dix, Harriet & Ruth May went to Davis for the men -

Mon 1 July 1918

Went to town with cream & eggs -

Dix and I got up sheep and ran them through chute before dinner separating weather lambs -

Johnson & Greive came later and culled them out to 68 head -

Worked on door to new shed -

Monsha finished hauling grain from middle pasture field and old orchard lot -

Boys finished threshing in middle pasture field and moved onto Knoll

- Jim ran a sack of screenings through and broke chain and tightener.

Tues 2 July 1918

Dix, Monsha & I started at 5.00 a.m. with 68 lambs - got them to Davis stock yards about 8 o'clock.

Returned home with the boys and drove into Sacramento.

Lunched at Sutter Club - Lieut ---- spoke on his experience at the front -

Was at plant - Things seem to be going well -

Did several little errands - home at 7 p.m.

Wed 3 July 1918

Not feeling well today -

Took cream to Davis. Monsha went with me to draw \$150 sent him - got it through the Bank of Davis - Monsha turned it over to me to apply on his bond -

The University Farm people were here again. Mrs. Weise, sister and family called -

Thurs 4 July 1918

Took Grandma Robson to Davis -

from there took Mrs. Boccock, Mrs. Burr Mrs. Harrington & little girl to Woodland to 4th of July celebration. Judge McLaughlin spoke., Mrs. ---- [name not given] sang -

Back to Davis alone - home and worked on shed door.

Fri 5 July 1918

Started with Harriet, Muriel & Ruth (May) to 8.37 train - en-route to Oakland-

- got them aboard but Missed train myself -

- took 11.10 train -

Went to 2223 McKinley Ave and got Ruth, took her to 3774 Broadway - went to city 311 California. Ret to 3774 Broadway and later went to 618 Moraga where Will and I worked until midnight

Monsha went to Sacramento with Bhudd [?] Singh

Killed 3 roosters and dressed them before breakfast. took them to Oakland.

John Adams quit - bal. 179.15

3 sheep shearers came this forenoon Andrews and crew

Boys finished harvesting about 5 p.m.

Sat 6 July 1918

Went to Owl drug store for deodorizer

took to 3774 - Went to City - saw dentist in p.m.

Went to Premier Machinery Co. Brooklyn - saw drum etc for bleacher - Back to 3774 Broadway and remained over night -

Sun 7 July 1918

Went down town before others were up - got shaved - had shine - got breakfast

Gardner came about noon.

Harriet & Muriel came later - Had dinner here - Mrs. Fizzell & Miss Vivian called - Sue is too weak to see them -

Gardner & I went to Greek Theater to hear Chas M. Schwab & others but could not get in. We left University Ave on 5.46 train - ar- Davis 8 p.m.

Got Davis boys -

Sheep shearers finished 252 lambs

Dix took them to Davis -

Mon 8 July 1918

Went to Sacramento to plant -

Return to Davis - Took 10.15 a.m. train for Wilbur Springs -

Lunched at Williams - arrived at Wilbur about 4 p.m. - had bath.

Tues 9 July 1918

Bath and tramp to old mine and Jones Springs -

Mrs. James Eustace of Woodland is here with rheumatism - as it Mrs. Egbert of Rio Linda and Mrs. King of San Francisco.

Wed 10 July 1918

Mr. James Eustace came.

Mr. Tucker sent two telegrams requesting me to go to Suisun to almond meeting on Saturday -

Thurs 11 July 1918

Took ride up to old mines with the Eustace family and friends -

Got ready to move homeward -

Rode down to Bear Creek -

Inspected pump and water system -

Fri 12 July 1918

Left Wilbur Springs about 8 a.m.

Lunched at Williams - home about 5 p.m.

Sat 13 July 1918

Drove to Sacramento to arrange for bleacher.

Dix took me to 12.43 train for Suisun. Went to attend a meeting of Suisun almond growers ass'n. They had a fire in Sam Scarlett's field and meeting was given up - Left on 5.10 train for Oakland - Staid at 3774 Broadway Oakland -

Sun 14 July 1918

Breakfasted down town -

Spent forenoon with W. L. Porter -

staid at 3774 Broadway.

Last night about 12 o'clock a fire broke out in the Palm Restaurant on Olive Street Davis and burned the restaurant a soft drink place the Causeway Garage and hall and the Buena Vista Hotel -

Mon 15 July 1918

Went to city - spent day in office 311 California.

Tues 16 July 1918

#Went to Sacramento to see about bleacher - Boys were just unloading drum -

Got ham corn etc.

Wed 17 July 1918

#Went to Sacramento to meet Mr. Tucker

Settled some questions of policy -

R. Lauppee visited plant -

Got tacks, nails etc - fish & meat also corn -

Mrs. Sanchez Harriets aunt came -

Met them at Davis - Muriel rode with me.

Thurs 18 July 1918

S. H. Beckett phones and later called up relative to meeting of water users - alfalfa men - to meet representative of R. R. Commission -

Went to Woodland- to get representatives from other alfalfa - Have Sil Lawson and Floyd Beebe [?] view -

Home via Davis -

Boys are putting straw in barn -

Gardner & James are working on almond outfit

Fri 19 July 1918

Went to Sacramento to plant -

Lunched at Sutter Club with Hecke Welden & 2 McKivetts -

Went to Woodland to represent water users at conference with the rice growers & ditch Co.

Sat 20 July 1918

Went to Davis

Went to Suisun to attend Almond Growers meeting - Just about as they were to assemble a fire broke out in Sam Scarletts field and all went to that - I took next train for Oakland - [This passage, which appears in Sat 13 July entry, was probably entered on this following Saturday by error.]

Staid at 3774 Broadway - [The same as above for this phrase. It is doubtless here by mistake and should be a week earlier.]

Eva was out until midnight to a moving picture show & something else -

Sun 21 July 1918

Breakfasted down town -

Sent several hours with W. L. Porter on bleacher proposition -

Staid at 3774 Broadway

Eva was out in evening -

Mon 22 July 1918

Was at 311 California most of the day -

Home on 5 p.m. Dix met me at Davis -

Tues 23 July 1918

Went to Sacramento to plant -

Wed 24 July 1918

Went to Glide's to see about shearers

Went to Davis with cream etc-

Left for Oakland - Intended to get 12.43 train but the Richards of Oakland called me twice on telephone and then failed to respond, taking so much time that I missed the train -

Took the 3.36 train - Went to 3774 Broadway - Staid at Porters -

Thurs 25 July 1918

Went to City early - put in day at 311 California - went with Tucker to Deubel's place -

Went to Oakland - Saw Sue for a few moments - Had "confidential" talk with Mrs. Ramsay relative to Glen Alpine and the management of 3774 Broadway -

Fri 26 July 1918

Sam Beckett called me up relative to seeing railroad commission about redistribution of the irrigating water.

Later I wrote a petition to the commission and Anguin circulated it about Davis.

Went to Davis with cream & on errands.

In p.m. went to Winters with petition - got 6 names -

Back to Davis and left petition for W. O. Russell to bring others from Woodland - went to Woodland - home after 9 -

Sat 27 July 1918

Went to Sacramento to meet T. C. Tucker at plant -

Lunched together at Sutter -

Sun 28 July 1918

#Will Porter and I went to Sacramento

- met Trimlett at plant - lunched together at Travellers' hotel -

Will went home at 4.30

Monsha and Mrs. Kidwell went to Sacramento - Monsha found some Hindus for almond work -

Mon 29 July 1918

Went to Sacramento early to get men working - Our plant is now unionized -

Everything was quiet -

Tues 30 July 1918

Boys worked on house fixing doors & windows to shut out rain preparatory to painting

-

Went to Davis with Muriel - got meat -

Five Hindus came and we took them home and started them to knocking almonds in West orchard -

Went to Davis for groceries for Hindus - got sugar & ice -

Went to Woodland for painters materials.

Mrs. Van Norman came for black berries -

Harriet took her home -

Wed 31 July 1918

#Drove to Sacramento early - got to almond plant 7.55 a.m.

Left on 9 a.m. O A & E. train for Berkeley - Called at 3774 Broadway -

Saw Mother - she has new nurse, Miss McPherson.

Went to 311 California St - Tucker was out.

Went to 833 Market St. - Attended conference on matter irrigation water - Back to 311 California

Saw Tucker who leaves at 8 p.m. for East -

Left at 5 p.m. for Sacramento - drove home.

8 Hindus came in auto & 5 were landed [?] at Mrs. Greene's - One went to town this p.m.

Thurs 1 Aug 1918

Started two sleds in east orchard -

Started huller and ran out 15 trays to see how it would work -

Mr Robert B. De Bow and Mr. Jenkins called to discuss terms of renting 200 acres land on Highway for seed farm. Representing S. D. Woodruff & Sons, Orange Conn.

Jas Nolan drew his wages to date \$250.00 and went to Sacramento - got drunk - Harriet went after him -

Fri 2 Aug 1918

5 more men came last night.

Monsha went to Sacramento last night and came back at 4 a.m.

Ran butter.

Went to Glides to see Andrews, sheep shearer - Went again at 1 p.m. for them to shear 13 bucks - Paid them balance due \$9.75 Took men to town

- got meat, ice & Hindu groceries -
Paid Monshas bill \$45.74

Gardner made new delivery spout to almond draper - Are figuring on new device for almond meats -

Ran huller until we got out of almonds.

Sat 3 Aug 1918

Ran four sleds this a.m.

Ran huller in afternoon

Gardner put bucks into flock this a.m.

Water from canal overflowed into east orchard. I tried to phone the Water Company to tell them, asking for an O. K. This they refused and we turned the water into years and alfalfa-

Met Anokh Singh at Davis -

#Drove to Sacramento to plant -

Had trouble with vacuum feet to car

- had it repaired at Lincoln Garage.

Home at 7 -

Sun 4 Aug 1918

Ran four almond sleds -

Mon 5 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento to almond plant -

Tues 6 Aug 1918

Edwards and two men, painters from Davis began painting house -

Wed 7 Aug 1918

Sher Singh and friend came from Sacramento last night -

Painters here

Went to Sacramento - Saw Deubel

Men are to work overtime and all work rushed to completion -

Thurs 8 Aug 1918

Went to Davis in a.m. for supplies

Went via Davis to get Mr. Campbell's summons in case of creditors vs. Sac. Valley Electric railroad - Thence to Dixon to see Frank Newby. Then to Home Brown's place - all relative to S. V. E. RR -

Home about 11.15 p.m.

Painters here today -

Sher Singh gave check for \$168.00 to Monsha and got a Money order for \$100 for Monsha to send his brother -

Fri 9 Aug 1918

Went to town with Muriel - got meat etc

Tended irrigation water before breakfast and after returning home - took cream and eggs 42c

#In p.m. went to Sacramento - took Harriet, Muriel and Lila -

Went to plant - Barkis has one # man - Saw Truesdale -

Got nails and envelopes -

Dix took Sher Singh to Davis for his blankets -

Sat 10 Aug 1918

Tended irrigation water early -

Went to Davis with cream - got meat groceries shells etc.

Worked on draper until noon -

In p.m. went with Gardner to shoot crows

- he got two -

Went along highway to gather star thistles -

W. L. Porter came up -

Frank Davis quit.

Sun 11 Aug 1918

#W. L. Porter and I drove into Sacramento to plant - Mrs. Kidwell accompanied us -

Bob Trinlett had started bleacher and drum had end play and some of the rigging -

Staid at plant until after 3 p.m.

Lunched at Travellers - Porter left on 4.30 O. A. & E.

Mrs. Kidwell & I left at 5.30

Indar Singh was here -

Hindus let Nellie mare run away with almond sled -

Dix took Indar to town and got Jim Davis -

Mon 12 Aug 1918

Muriel and I went to town early

took 1 box cling peaches - got meat and groceries -

Looked over almond outlook

Went to Woodland in p.m. - got 20 gallons shingle stain, 1 gallon outside white paint, lot pipe, wire couplin[g]s etc for almond equipment and two cement head gates

Dix went to Woodland to see Frank Greene -

Monsha came in to get Hindu account -

Tues 13 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento - got stuff at Union Iron Works & Thomson

Home at 7.30

Hindus got nearly through knocking almonds -

Painters got nearly though with the house -

Left pipe and chain at Lufts to have him fix clamps on.

Ordered sewer pipe of Maddux

Wed 14 Aug 1918

Settled with Hindus - paid \$1428.40

Jim took them to town - Gardner going with Lila and Muriel -

Went to Woodland - got 250 ft cable 14 pcs pipe 1/2 doz cable clamps -

Stopped at Davis - borrowed \$1000 and sent 1891.36 to Clark & Heneng [?]
[Henery?]contractors for street work on 4th St. Woodland -

Got pipe clamps from Luft -

Went to Sacramento - got Sher Sings watch also a flat iron cord - Bob started drum and brok[e] two of the pins in door.

Hindus began work at 9.30 knocking.

Ran huller in p.m. Caught up -

Dix and Jim went to town - Dix sent peaches to Mother. Dix and Jim went to town - Jim to Sacramento Jim drew 8.00

Thurs 15 Aug 1918

Went via Woodland to Sacramento

Worked on sulphur outfit -

Cloudy and cold - looked like rain -

Phoned Winters truck man, Islip, and he came in for almonds -

- took 105 sx, net 9823 - We elevated them into the bins and had 85 of the sacks ready for truckman to take back - The other I brot in car.

Home at 7.15

Harriet visited at Mrs. Greene's -

Dix went out and got almond bags -

Gardner went after crows late in evening - Jim Davis got in about 9 a.m.
Sent \$100 to Monshas brother -

Fri 16 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento - spent day at plant - got up sulphur furnace -

Boys ran huller in p.m.

Tried to get Glass cylinder for sulphur chamber but failed - Monsha cut some bottles for me and Dix and I cut some more -

Joe wanted to go to San Francisco but I vetoed his going - Joe had been drinking

Sat 17 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento early - Helped out at various jobs - In p.m. put up extension of water pipe to upper feeding spout -

Got returns from first shipment of almond \$1473.45

Signed checks for many others -

Joe says Mr. Tucker has ordered him back to city again -

Home about 7.30

Had expected W. L. Porter but he did not phone until after 8 p.m. and Dix went after him.

Sun 18 Aug 1918

W. L. Porter and I spent day at plant - Porter taking 4.30 p.m. train for city.

Mon 19 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento early -

Bob took broken shaft out of upper hopper and had a new one made - also took eccentrics on liner on timer off, cut out piece and bobbitted new tread in - tried new timer and it was a success -

Herman had brackets for cable to doors put up -

Bob fixed new dividing board for lower bins -

Went up town for extras once in a.m. and twice in p.m.

Boys ran huller in p.m. - got 30 trays NePlus - Gardner ran weeder & ditcher.

He is watching water - 3rd irrigation on alfalfa -

Tues 20 Aug 1918

#Went to Sacramento -

The old Oakland refused to go today and the folks got stuck with a load -

Dix took my car with his load after I got back

Wed 21 Aug 1918

#Went to Sacramento - in a.m.

Bob got 2nd eccentric on timer at work -

Got watermelons for boys lunch.

Left at 12.15 lunched at Quaker Caffeteria -

Drove home via Davis getting Hindu groceries -

Got ready and back to Davis in time to get 3.36 train for Oakland -

Saw Mother at 3774 Broadway -

Staid at W. L. Porter's

Gardner took old car to Dixon and to Woodland -

Thurs 22 Aug 1918

Went to city early - staid in office until 3.10 then went to Farmers and Merchants Bank and signed two checks, one for Martinette and one for P. G. & E that had been sent without my signature.

Called on Hugo Asher relative to S. V. E R. R. \$830.90 was collected and \$700.10 remains in bank.

Home on 5 P.M. train

Fri 23 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento

Started bleacher on hard shell bitter almonds - found had to chang[e] upper door to prevent cracking -

Sat 24 Aug 1918

#Went to Sacramento - started bleacher and found that we would have to lower feed on lower conveyor -

Very hot day - Got hair cut -

Bought an electric fan - \$16.50

Home at 7 p.m.

Harriet, Lila and I drove to Davis expecting to take Jim Davis, but he got a ride in another car.

Sun 25 Aug 1918

Gardner took cream to Davis in a.m.

Lila Brigden went home - Gardner and Harriet went to Woodland -

Mon 26 Aug 1918

#Went to Sacramento - tried to get bleacher into operation but so many little things went wrong that we did not do it -

Andrews, the sheep shearer and a helper came to Davis shear[ed] our sheep and I drove out early and took them out -

Gardner did not get his car fixed, as Rossi has not received the extra -

Pretty warm day -

Tues 27 Aug 1918

Monsha & Jim got up the sheep for shearing -

Got up early and got breakfast for Gardner as he goes to be a clerk of election - State Election -

Dix took me to Davis rode into Sacramento on Davis-Winters auto.

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Got bleacher to going a little - The lower conveyer bothered us a good deal -

Dix took Harriet & Mrs Kidwell to election - booth in stock pavillion -

Came out on 5.45 motor -

Wed 28 Aug 1918

Gardner took me to Davis and I went in to Sacramento with the Winters stage

Messrs Tucker, Deubel & Hagel were at plant today, Mrs Tucker also -

Lunched with Mr & Mrs. Tucker at Saddle Rock -

Remodeled sulphur carrier but it did not work - am building brick approach - Remodeled feed beneath bleacher - Elevator bothered -

Out on stage - Gardner, Harriet and Muriel met me.

The Oestes Wm. and Earl Chiles were here after peaches.

Frankie phones that Sue can come home Saturday -

Thurs 29 Aug 1918

Went to Sacramento on auto stage from north gate charge 80c -

Tucker at plant until noon -

lunched with Tucker and Wilson of N. E. at Sacramento

Started bleacher in p.m. after fixing slide to control nuts - Our sulphur rig did not work

Out on auto stage at 5.30

Dix and me.

Fri 30 Aug 1918

Dixwell and I left in auto at 7.10 for Oakland - got 9 a.m. boat at Benicia and arrived at Frankie's at 11 a.m.

Went to 3774 Broadway and saw Mother -

Went to San Francisco. Tried to get new Remy coil for old Oakland but failed -

Back to 3774 Oakland thence to Frankie's where Dix and I staid over night -

We called at ---- [name not recorded] Franklin St at Coupe Ambulance Co - to see about car for tomorrow -

Sat 31 Aug 1918

Dix and I went about Oakland looking for a Remy coil - found one at Schreiber & ---- [name not given] Broadway

Back to 3774 Broadway -

Dix went for gasoline and was late - got back after ambulance came -

Mother suffered some while being put on stretcher. Ambulance got started at 11.10 a.m. Got 1.30 p.m. boat at Martinez

Ambulance had a puncture and a blow out - Reached home, 80 miles at 6.20 p.m.

Mother made the trip easily - Mrs. Stewart and Miss McPherson rode in ambulance. Dix and I in auto.

James Davis drew \$3.00

Sun 1 Sept 1918

Hindus finished knocking almonds in a.m. and hulling p.m.

Muriel and I drove to town for the mail.

Mother feels as well as usual today

Mon 2 Sept 1918

3 Hindus left this a.m. Went to Davis -

Dix took me to Davis - went to Sacramento on motor - Mrs. Stewart went to San Francisco

Ran bleacher a little - Herman's sulphur furnace did not work - fixed some of the chains on self closing door arrangement.

Mr. Tucker was there - we lunched at Saddle Rock

Home on stage -

Met Mr. Wm Mills of Hamilton - we went to a moving picture theater -

Gardner took old car to Dixon for repairs -

Boys mowed in east alfalfa field - shocked in west -

One Hindu Bhaget, drew \$75 one Lalloo, drew \$74 paid Lillard & McBride 37.65 for Monshee -

Tues 3 Sept 1918

Went to Sacramento.

Wed 4 Sept 1918

Went to Sacramento in car -

Thurs 5 Sept 1918

Drove into Sacramento -

Met Tucker at plant. lunch with him at Saddle Rock.

Tucker left on 4.30 O. A. & E. for city.

[Next paragraph marked "4th inst" by Pierce. Should be in entry above]:

Found Dix at Davis where he had old car at Percy's for repairs - Took Dix and his load home -

Dix went to Sacramento to see plant Swisler and the Fair - this was Governors day at State Fair.

Percy did not do much to car.

Fri 6 Sept 1918

Dix took me to Davis. I ordered 16 sx cement hauled out to ranch -

Took 5.45 motor for Davis - Dix was to have met me but failed - I hired a rig and met Dix at Oeste's

Got sulphur to working today by throwing out the blower and the electric fan -

Percy has not done much to car but promises to have it out tomorrow -

Gardner is building foundation for grain bin.

Sat 7 Sept 1918

Dix took Mrs. Kidwell and me to 8.30 train for Sacramento. Mrs. K drew \$150.00 wages to Sept 8th -

Spent forenoon at Almond plant -

- lowered incline feed at upper hopper

- planned to increase feed between discharge elevator and conveyor to sacking room and to feed sulphur in paper bags -

Had lunch with Tucker & family at a Greek restaurant - Tucker took me to Fair grounds - Left Fair grounds about 4 a.m. Got liniment and alcohol for Mother also sweetbreads - got fish for family - Dix met us at Davis - old Oakland still in garage - Hindus finished grain tank cement & began hauling hay - Jim Davis drew \$8.00 and went to town.

Sun 8 Sept 1918

Looked over things about place.

Hindus are hauling alfalfa hay -

Dix took me to Davis for 2.15 train

Forgot overcoat and went back and down to 3.36

Stopped at Steward -

Went to Alcazar

Mon 9 Sept 1918

Spent day in office

Went to Davis -

[Pierce put the entry for 11 Sept in space for 10th and vice versa. We have put them back in right order.]

Tues 10 Sept 1918

Called on Hugo Asher relative to S. V. E. R. R. He is to take care of defense -

Held Directors meeting, Almond Exchange at 10 a.m.

Had Representatives meeting at 1 p.m. in Shelden building

Set prices of almonds for 1918 - as follows

Nonpareil 25 1/2 I. X. L. 24 NeP[l]us 22 Drake 19 1/2? [this number in pencil]

Home on 6.20 train

Hindus finished hauling hay at noon (10th) and went to Sacramento -

James Nolan drew \$40 Y went to San Fran.

Wed 11 Sept 1918

Dix and I drove into Sacramento. Dix called on Chas A. Swisler relative to Glen Alpine matters -

Mr. C. D Hamilton of Banning came up and I met him at S. P. Depot and took him to plant and to Sutter Club -

Tried to get Dix to have lunch with us but did not get him -

Bob Trimlett [?] called at plant - big door did not open & Bob suggested a remedy -

Tried to meet Dix at Travellers but failed

- came out alone - met Dix in Davis -

Sprinkled a little toward evening -

Jas Nolan drew 40.00 & went to San Francisco

Hindus finished

Thurs 12 Sept 1918

It rained briskly most last night and all day today -

Helped boys do chores

Dix went to Davis - took cream - got meat etc and Registered for war draft -

In p.m. he went to Woodland -

Fri 13 Sept 1918

Took cream to town in p;.m.

Jas Nolan came back -

Rained last night and this a.m. nearly four inches all told -

Sat 14 Sept 1918

Gardner and I went to Sacramento

There was no power on at plant as it was shut off very abruptly by the P. G & E. people -

We made many purchases and returned home about 6 p.m.

Gardner drove to Woodland -

Sun 15 Sept 1918

Dix took me to Davis - went to Sacramento on 18.05 train -

Met Joe at S. P. depot - drove to Northern Electric and met Tucker

Went to plant and met ---- [name not given] of Great Western Power Co.

He is to give us his terms tomorrow at noon on power for our plant -

Home on 3.15

Lunched at Saddle Rock -

Went to sugar beet place to see Monsha wanting him to help me tomorrow -

Mon 16 Sept 1918

Got up horses early -

Hindus came and ran 3 wagons hauling sand to foundation for grain bin -

Finished at night - Monsha & I looked over their account -

Jenkins came and said his men had backed down on the renting of seed land -

Hamilton came to buy wool - offered 45c - I declined - later he phoned he would pay 50c and wants wool delivered tomorrow -

Tues 17 Sept 1918

Loaded and sent 2985# wool to Davis -

Hamilton received same and paid 50c per lb by draft - -- Very warm day --

Got 12 x 1 x 4 - 24 - 4 - 2 x 4 - 16 and 33 fence posts -

Got Ice, sugar, brains cookies etc.

Deposited \$300 for Gardner -

Muriel went with me -

Home at noon.

Went to Frank Neff's funeral. took Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Covell, Miss Philliber and Mrs. Sykes to cemetery.

Received and signed a bunch of blank notes for Almond Exchange - also got 2 blank check books - signed and returned one -

Gardner & boys worked at molding hay in p.m.

Wed 18 Sept 1918

signed up 2nd book of blank check and sent them to city -

Looked over place - Went to Davis in p.m. took Harriet and Muriel -

- Got sugar, meat, etc.

Mr. Jenkins called again in regard to renting south nursery field - made him offer of \$2500 rent one year with a privilege of two more -

Boys hauled out & stirred wet hay -

Mrs. Greene sent & Ruth Lillard brought flowers for Mother -

Am not feeling well today

Thurs 19 Sept 1918

Foggy this a.m.

Took irons for shoe-shake in harvester to Schmeiser for repair.

Went to Woodland sold the 1918 crop of barley 1118 sks 111424# @ 1.97 1/2, \$2200.63 to Thomas, Stephens & Mattei -

Paid R. B. Cranston bill \$372.17

" Musgrove grain insurance \$53.10/100

Bot box apples, corn, melons, brains etc.

Back via Davis to Sacramento and to plant - fixed door in drum - put heavy iron on lower side - cut out roof over sulphur inlet - put box to catch dust at sprinkler. Dixwell went to Berkeley this afternoon -

Boys cut out trees on canal, fell over on electric wires - result no light or water

Fri 20 Sept 1918

Foggy this a.m. Helped boys cut trees at canal before phone repair men came -

Repair men came about 9 a.m. - got juice again -

Mr. Jenkins and little daughter called -

Jenkins has not heard from his seedsmen -

Harriet Muriel and I went to Davis

- took watermelons to various people -

Got \$530.90 at bank and took it to Monsha Singh for Hindu help during almond work
- men now at work in beet field for Mr. Weaver -

Sat 21 Sept 1918

Began work on grain bin base - It soon began to look like rain and we quit and Jim
hitched up team and began hauling barley to new shed -

It rained at intervals with thunder and lightning at intervals until noon -

In p.m. boys put about 100 sx in packing house - about 100 bags were wet and rotted

Went to Davis in p..m. with Muriel

Got Holt & Samson extras - Baker & Hamilton Separator bowl, etc. etc.

Sun 22 Sept 1918

Looks rainy -

Gardner & I turned barley in packing house - put almond sheet in house and looked
over creek and old alfalfa barley fields - Put up harvester gate and decided to keep
alfalfa field for grain -

Dix came up from Oakland and phoned from Davis - Went after him, Mis McPherson
going with me.

Morgansthal [?] S. F. butcher called looking for cattle.

Mon 23 Sept 1918

Helped boys put harvester in shed -

Levelled off foundation for grain bin -

Sue wanted Dr. Lawhead called and Harriet phoned for him, but he was in San
Francisco -

J. Davidson called up to say Tucker would be in Sacramento tomorrow and wanted me to meet him

Jenkins called up and said his parties ---- [name not given] & Son of Orange, Conn. would take the nursery ground for seed planting -

Tues 24 Sept 1918

Took Dix to Davis 8.39 train enroute to Berkeley where he begins his Senior years work -

Went to Sacramento to meet Tucker at plant - Everything is running smoothly - They ran bleacher all day yesterday and until 10 p.m. last night - is going today - Tucker is pleased with rig -

Herman put one dust collector up yesterday on roof of first building and another came and was left on sidewalk on C St.-

Got sk spuds, Crisco, sweets, toilet paper, fish etc for house - Gardner's watch and Koveralls for Muriel - Asked to serve on Liberty Loan Board & to speak tomorrow night -

Wed 25 Sept 1918

Worked in shop in a.m. Dr & Mrs. Lawhead came this a.m. The doctor made a slight diagnosis in Mrs. Pierce's case and left some prescriptions.

H. O. Jenkins came in p.m. and arranged details for the renting of the nursery field for next year by S. D. Woodruff & Sons, of Orange Connecticut - He left deposit check of \$500 -

Muriel and I went to Davis with cream - was late - took eggs - got flour and groceries -

Got meat & brains -

Standard Oil wagon left 60 gals gasoline.

Thus 26 Sept 1918

Went to Woodland early - got prescriptions for Mother & Harriet - got extras for Gardner - Home via Davis - Got butter at Lillard & McBride's \$1.40 per square -

vegetables at Woodland -

In p.m. Muriel & I went to nursery to inspect roofs and the tank -

- then to Davis to see some bulls Grieve & Schmitt have - they are not as good as ours are -

Looks rainy - put prunes under cover - gathered grapes & tomatoes -

Boys are putting Samson engine together -

Looks rainy

Fri 27 Sept 1918

Helped Jim Davis get started at cleaning up rubbish

Drove to Sacramento - took Jim Nolan who drew \$10.00 and went to draw money for liberty bonds.

Cashed \$60.00 check for Miss McPherson and a \$171.20 for Mrs. Kidwell

Got medicine, ham, pastry, oil etc.

Visited almond plant - things are going well.

Met Kittie Chandler at the S. P. Depot and took her out home with me as she wants to see Sue -

Gardner painted Post cochere upper floor -

Warm day -

Sat 28 Sept 1918

Foggy this a.m. Got Bonanza plows out for repairs etc.

Gardner is fixing roofs -

In p.m. took Mrs. Kidwell to Davis to subscribe for Liberty Bonds - James Nolan and Jas Davis each subscribed for \$50.00 I took \$1000 -

Took chain for plows to Davis for repairs also ring and pin to harvester tongue.

Jas Davis drew \$2.00 coin and went to Davis.

Sun 29 Sept 1918

Muriel and I took cream to Davis

Painted on mild house cornice in p.m. -

About 9.30 p.m. Harriet began to feel suspiciously bad - She called up her mother - I called Dr. Lawhead - H & I started at 10.10 p.m. for Woodland - Harriet staid at Dr. Lawhead's to be near Sanitorium -

Mon 30 Sept 1918

Boys worked on yard cleaning up and cutting weeds -

Muriel & I took cream to town

- got meat & ice -

Mrs. E. J. Brigden came from Berkeley on 6.15 train. Muriel and I met her -

Took two Simplex Cream Separator bowls to Express office for Barker & Hamilton San Fran.

Tues 1 Oct 1918

Painted mild rack and clothes line frame. Took Mrs. Brigden and Muriel to Woodland via Davis - Saw Harriet, Dr. Lawhead and Mr. Hill of Kitto & Co.

Home via Davis hoping to meet Dixwell.

In afternoon my dear wife grew steadily worse. I called for Dixwell on phone but did not get him until 5.30

Susie passed away at 5.45 p.m. Her passing was peaceful and without pain.

Messrs Hill & Le Pierce, undertakers came on phone call.

Miss McPherson and I drove to Davis and met Dix at 9.40 train -

Wed 2 Oct 1918

Dix went to Sacramento - met Mrs. Lorenz who helped him select a floral piece -

- He saw T. C. Tucker who is to come tomorrow with his auto.

Gardner & [I?] took cream to town

Phoned Kittie Chandler & through her to Madames Cobb, Purnigton[?]
& ---- [name not given.]

Wired Madames Atwood, King & Berwick -

Went to Woodland - selected casket - got meat & vegs - Engaged Minister Mr Quickenden and Covell choir - Home for lunch -

Gardner & I went to Davis - G. got hair-cut

Engaged Percy Hoag to get flowers tomorrow -

Went to cemetery to locate prospective grave -

This evening, Mrs. J. W. Anderson & Cecil, Madames Howard & True, Brewster & Sanders & W. O. Nuesey[?] and family called -

Thurs 3 Oct 1918

Undertaker came early with casket, a beautiful gray velvet metal and chairs etc - They brought remains down stairs and began arranging the floral gifts. Two automobile loads came direct from Sacramento and Percy Hoag brought a truck load from Express office beside many that were brought by donors. Hoag came with truck & trailer to carry flowers to grave -

Mildred & Frankie Porter, Kittie Chandler, Mrs. King, Mrs Purnington, Mrs. Cobb & William, Mr & Mrs T. C. Atwood came to us. A very large concourse of friends came - The floral offerings were unequal in extent, beauty & magnificence. The Almond growers generously remembered us.

Some returned to house after exercise but all returned home at 7.25 train - Gardner took them

Then went to Woodland -

Fri 4 Oct 1918

Took Dixwell and Miss McPherson to 11.10 train for city -

Mrs. Brigden, Muriel & I drove in to Sacramento. Mrs. B & M. stopped at Mrs. Jones'

Spent time at plant adjusting overflow from upper bin -

Later took ladies Brigden & Jones & Muriel as well to plant and showed them around -

Home about 6.30

Sat 5 Oct 1918

Rained much of night -

Did much writing in a.m.

In p.m. went to Davis with cream -

Took trailer and went to Woodland - got 9 sheets 10 ft corrugated iron for shed door -

Back via Davis - got ice etc. -

Gardner went to Woodland in evening - to see Harriet who is still at Dr. Lawheads.

Sun 6 Oct 1918

Gardner & Muriel took cream to Davis -

Muriel slept until late. When she awoke, she, Mrs. Brigden and Mrs. Kidwell and I took drive to rice fields going north from Englehart corner to Plainfield road, thence to Plainfield and Woodland to see Harriet - Home about 8.30

Mon 7 Oct 1918

Gardner fixed fences broken by bull

Went to Sacramento to plant to adjust bleacher. Had large 8 in. section put (diagram by Pierce) put in sulphur furnace, a 2 x 6 under bin door to prevent overflow and bevelled edges of drum door -

Went to Orangeville to see De Witte Rice who has some redwood tanks not now in use - got option on 3 for \$10.00. Called at Olivedale orchard, Phoenix bros to see some - but they were no good -

Back to Sacramento at 5.45 got ham, meat wrench & lantern globes. Went back to plant. boys just getting started with bleacher - home about 8.30

Tues 8 Oct 1918

Bright morning - Gardner, Muriel, and I went to east side of place to fix fence where sheep got out, in a.m.

After noon I got at door to new wagon shed and again after returning from town Jim & I put corrugated iron on.

Went to Davis in p.m. took cream got butter, ice & mail -

Paid Rev Quickenden \$20.00 for services at recent funeral - The choir would not accept anything -

Nolan and I got horses out of alfalfa after supper.

Gardner went to Woodland.

Gardner got the Samson tractor together & started engine -

Wed 9 Oct 1918

Boys worked on the '75 Best, but did not get it out as expected -

This morning, around 6 a.m. Harriet gave birth to a baby girl - They are in the Sanitarium, at Woodland and Dr H. D. Lawhead is in attendance -

Took cream to Davis - Went to Sacramento

- put elbow into sulphur furnace and started automatic sulphur feed again -

Tucker, Miss Downing and Mr. Winslow are at plant.

A large Lodi delegation came to see bleacher

Got sk spuds, cabbage meat etc. -

Tried to get Tungsten porcelain e for plugs

Home about 7.30

A Buick auto (1863D) was overturned in ditch at Broderick.

Thurs 10 Oct 1918

Helped boys get plowing rig ready and into field - got into field north of alfalfa about 11 a.m. Gardner ran engine down and into north-east field before dinner - He and Jim Davis made three rounds on 100 acre pieces -

In p.m. took cream to Davis and Mrs. Brigden and Muriel to Woodland to see Harriet and the baby girl -

De Witte Wise of Lane Bros. Los Angeles, marble workers was in Davis and rode to Woodland with me - Went with him to see headstones and monuments in Woodland Cemetery - Got barn door hinge for nursery barn.

Fri 11 Oct 1918

Went with Gardner to re-lay water pipe pulled up by plows at east barn -

Took cream to town. Me De Witte Wise and went to cemetery - Made bargain for six granite headstones, similar to the OKeefe ones in Woodland. He is to put in six headstones, one for Geo. W. one for Eunice French for Frank Alanzo, for Gilmore Wellington, for Eunice Evelyn and one for Susan Gilmore Pierce. He is to take away the three headstones there when new ones are in place-

Net cost to me to be Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars -

Wise rode into Sacramento with me -

Was at plant. Tucker is dipping Drakes & Texas with his new dip for rain stained almonds -

Got lantern and big lamp for tractor -

Jim Davis began mowing alfalfa - Gardner went to Woodland this eve.

Sat 12 Oct 1918

Gardner ran engine - ran at noon for him-

Sun 13 Oct 1918

Gardner ran engine - ran at noon-

Mon 14 Oct 1918

Went to Davis in a.m.

Went to Woodland in p.m. after running for G - at noon - about finishing 60 acre piece
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Got 10 double rolls of roofing for nursery buildings

Got Martin Barner [?] to run tractor.

Tues 15 Oct 1918

The two Jims and I moved the sheep to the Campbell place on LaRues

Gardner came after starting Barner on engine.

It rained quite hard at times

Barner got stuck - Gardner started him

They finished the piece S. E. of barn and got 13 times round easy side of slough -

Went to Sacramento at request of Tucker - He is in quandary relative to rain stained almonds -

Got meat, ham, Rock & Rye - hardware tools etc.

Wed 16 Oct 1918

Sprinkled at intervals in a.m.

Jim & I trench grain bin foundation

Jim racked hay in p.m.

Gardner moved supply wagon to north nursery field -

Wm. Stafford from Cal. Corrugated Culvert Co. called

A Kennigsthal wholesale butcher from San Francisco was here and engaged to buy such beef as I would sell @ 6 1/2 for cows, 8c for heifers

Standard Oil truck left 225 gals distillate.

Thurs 17 Oct 1918

Sorted cattle for butcher -

Went to San Francisco on 11.10 train

Spent afternoon at office -

Went to 618 Moraga Ave and staid at the Porter's -

Fri 18 Oct 1918

Went to city early - Paid Hugo Asher \$150.00 as part fee in case of the creditors against the stockholders of the Sac. Valley Electric R. R. Bought new overcoat of Rosenfust on Sutter St -

Held meeting of Directors of Almond Exchange at 1 oclock -

Left on 6.20 train for Davis.

Gardner sold 8 head no. 1 beef cows & 2 droves to H. Koenigsthal of San Francisco, for 686.40

Sat 19 Oct 1918

Went into Sacramento after looking up iron drums at old Read plant-

Gardner went to Woodland after supper - took Martin Barner and Jim Davis -

Sun 20 Oct 1918

Went at 6 a.m. to Davis with auto and trailer for Monsha and 7 men.

They got 3 wagons ready and hauled hay to creek barn - left 3 loads on wagons and about 2 loads in field -

Gardner took Hindus home - to Jap beet plant on Marshall place east of Davis -

Gardner, Mrs. Brigden & Muriel went to Woodland and brought Harriet and baby home -

Mon 21 Oct 1918

Not feeling well - With level set stakes for grain bin -

Went to Sacramento - met Mr. Lee of near Santa Ana - dipping expert for Walnut Assn - Disagreed with Tuckers ideas. Took dinner at Saddle Rock with Tucker -

Home late - got case Bartlett water - brooms, clothes pins etc.

Tues 22 Oct 1918

Very foggy -

Drove into Sacramento by 9 a.m. Got work started on drum dipper etc.

Had Wagner of Ahl & McLaughlin sheet iron workers to pass on heating or drying plant -

Drove out across American River to see Government drying plant but did not get in -

Got Tom Scott & Mr. Slack to pass on drying apparatus - finally decided to have Deubel build one on Fresno ideas - Bought pantaloons - pastry fruit etc

Wed 23 Oct 1918

Jim and I bolted together the first two tiers of grain bin -

Thurs 24 Oct 1918

Finished hay hauling and put cement into bottom of grain bin -

Had five of Monsha's men -

Made four trip[s] to Davis -

Took Hindus home about 6.30

Monsha went to Woodland and to the rice fields looking for work -

Fri 25 Oct 1918

Frightful north wind

Drove into Sacramento plant -

They are working a big force on the emergency drier -

Got apples, fish etc. - Out before dark -

Have a frightful cold.

Sat 26 Oct 1918

Worked on grain bin, put on upper tier - of iron and got roof bolted together but not up.

Went to Davis with cream - Harriet and Muriel went with me - This was Harriet's first trip out since her home coming.

Mrs. True & others called while we were away -

Sun 27 Oct 1918
Am not feeling well.

Mr & Mrs. T. C. Tucker & Miss Helen Downing of Sacramento Almond plant (temporarily) came out - had lunch and drove over the rice growing section west of Plainfield.

W. O. Russell wife & daughter called.

Earl Chiles & family called -

Mon 28 Oct 1918
Worked on roof of grain bin -

Got roof up and had much trouble with it as it does not fit -

Tues 29 Oct 1918
Went to Sacramento to a Board meeting at the plant, scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. Lawrence got there at 10 a.m. Lauppe at 11, Norton about 12 and Hamilton at 1 p.m.

Held meeting - got little satisfaction relative to Lawrence's insinuations that extravagance and graft existed in work at Sacramento - We ordered all Drake & Texas nuts received from Lodi rated as rain-stained -

Got sk spuds, meat catsup etc.

Gardner & Jim put sheep into Campbell vineyard

Wed 30 Oct 1918
Took reach out of hay wagon and made new one -

Fixed spout & hangers for bin - put bolts in extra holes punched for roof -

Went to town with Muriel in p.m.

took large can with cream - got 2 extra cans as two of mine are missing -

could not see bull calves and went back to look for them - found them in slough near Glide line -

Boys finished putting on roof - took away false work and began cementing floor and sides -

Thurs 31 Oct 1918
Boys cemented tank floor and in front of tank - finishing just before night.

Hung gate at N. W. cor horse corral -

Cut rods and made hoops for water tank at nursery house -

Fri 1 Nov 1918

Early there was but little wind - later a strong north wind sprung up -

Gardner & Jim went to nursery house with two hoops for tank, boards for floor etc. - Jim and I began putting down floor in kitchen after we had fixed tank and put down all we had -

Boys took down 3 more flooring boards after dinner & Jim finished laying floor.

Gardner had two men from Jenkins helping on roof in afternoon -

The cattle were moved from the field (beet) to Woodland -

Wrote 4 letters & Muriel & I went to Davis and mailed them - got 2 cream cans.

Sat 2 Nov 1918

Went to Sacramento - lunched with Tucker & Miss Downing

Things are not going well at plant -

Decided to try a drum for drying dipped almonds -

At Davis, on return, stopped to see Mrs. Jennie Read about getting old drums for our plant -

- got a \$5.00 per for the drums -

Sun 3 Nov 1918

It rained hard at intervals during the day.

Went to Davis with cream. Tried to find Lewis Lillard to get into Read machine shop, but as he was drinking I could not do so- Home about 3 p.m.

Phoned Tucker about cylinders and agreed to get one in there

Went to Davis again in evening - got Percy Hoag to go with me to his garage for Dick Ray to take to Sacramento tomorrow

Grandpa Brigden came up on 6.15 train

Mon 4 Nov 1918

Went to Sacramento - tried to see Lewis Lillard but failed --

Dick Ray left drum at 5th & J. - Our truckman got it up after lunch.

Mr. Smith of Arizona called and offered suggestions as to drying - Smith terms himself an "absorption engineer" -

Tucker & Herman went to Oak Park and bought two distillate burners -

Drier did not run at all today as they are putting in steam pipes overhead to connect with old boiler -

Had to have Joe pull my car with his in order to get started.

Tues 5 Nov 1918

Not well at all - Got sled for harrow truck started.

Boys are putting harrow teeth in and repairing harrows -

Election day - Gubernatorial -

Gardner & Harriet went after lunch to vote - Mrs. Kidwell and I went after they returned -

Hard north wind and very cold -

Wed 6 Nov 1918

Went to Sacramento - Did shopping in a.m. - at plant in p.m.

Drier running today - Tucker tried the distillate burners and their furnace and discarded them.

Prof Corey of the University of California is here trying to solve the drying problem.

Took Corey & Tucker to 4.30 O A & E train.

Bought sk Nevada spuds - meat, salt cokes etc. - Got fine cut glass plate for Mildred Porter's wedding -

Got 2 undervests for Muriel -

Thurs 7 Nov 1918

Gardner & I left of 11.10 train for Oakland - Went to W. L. Porters taking things for Frankie. Maud Crocker was there helping Frankie -

Mildred Porter was married at 8 p.m. by Father Sampson, a Catholic Priest to Geo. Ryder - Those present: Mr & Mrs. W. L. Porter The two Misses Ryder, Gardner & Dixwell Pierce Miss Hortense McKee Mr. Ben ----- [name not given] Mrs. Steiger, Maud Crocker

After a wedding luncheon some music, a little dancing and hand-shaking the bride & groom departed

Gardner went to San Francisco and the company dispersed -

Fri 8 Nov 1918

Went to San Francisco and to office

Met Tucker - with him went with Deubel to see a building board factory on Brannan St where the[y] dry a gypsum board in 4 hours - by crude oil using a Johnson burner - and suction fan -

Tucker, Deubel & I lunched at Golden Pheasant, I acting as host. Back to office and then to labor meeting of the Council of Defence at Ferry building

Spent night at Porter's.

Sat 9 Nov 1918

Went to San Francisco - spent day at labor meeting at Ferry building -

Spoke twice

Left on 5 o'clock train for Davis.

My car, which had been left for repairs was not ready - Phoned to Gardner and he came for me -

Sun 10 Nov 1918

Beautiful day -

Fixed sled for hauling harrow truck -

After dinner Gardner and Harriet drove to town. As my car had not been started on they brought it home -

Mon 11 Nov 1918

Went to Sacramento - North wind -

Boys began change on drive on dipping drum - The big iron tank for oil came - The furnace is build but Johnson burner is not here yet - The big suction fan is in and working -

Boys got harrows loaded and hauled harrow truck down to shop

The great European War ended - the day was a holiday and people went wild with joy
- but little business was done in p.m. Got pictures, Mother & self frame[d] -
Gardner's birthday 5.00

Tues 12 Nov 1918

Boys got engine and harrows into field -

Went to Woodland paid 1st installment county taxes \$985 & Woodland City tax
53.00

- got bolts etc. -

Went to Sacramento got my recharged battery -

Was at plant - boys getting big tank together and into pit - The new drive on dipping
drum did not go the right direction -

Tucker was in San Francisco.

Looks rainy

Took cream

Wed 13 Nov 1918

Gardner cleaned and bluestoned seed wheat -

Wrote up lease for seed farm and took it to Jenkins in afternoon

- fixed & hung door at Nursery barn -

Muriel and Grandpa Brigden went with me.

Muriel & I took cream to town -

Went to Oeste's (Miner [?] place) and bought two bulls of Henry for \$175.00

Del Grieve came and looked at bulls -

- offered \$60/00 for 18 and 100.00 for old bull -

Thurs 14 Nov 1918

After considerable unlooked for tinkering we got into the field with our sowing outfit -
Sowed field with our Samson - I ran it and Davis tended seeder - Got one round and
the east headland sowed before dinner -

finished 40 acre wheat piece opposite Dunnenwirths -

Gardner did not get out in p.m. until we quit at 4.45 p.m. He ran late and got over piece -

Went to town for mail - late.

It began raining about 8 p.m.

Received 2d installment on almonds \$1008.29

Fri 15 Nov 1918

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Rained a hard shower in forenoon and sprinkled at intervals during day -

Took broken axel to Luft - also took cream.

Saw Del Grieve - sold him 19 young bulls at \$65.00 per head and the old bull for \$100.00 \$1335.00 - Del paid \$1000 on trade -

Paid \$1200 note for Liberty Bonds and got 3d & 4th Liberty Bonds -

Gardner & Jim packed barley in a.m.

In. p.m. G. fixed harrows and got 75 engine to shop for repairs -

Jim & I worked on fence at nursery corral -

Sat 16 Nov 1918

Signed up two check books for almond growers.

Got Jim working on engine -

Muriel and I went to Davis - cream

Got front axle for sowing wagon, some groceries & mail - also 6 - 1 x 6 fencing -

Had trouble with coupling to auto - had to go back for repairs Sent box grapes for Mrs. Kidwell to Oregon. 2 books signed checks to City - In p.m. filed circular saw and reassembled sowing wagon -

Gardner & Jim worked of(sic) [on] 75 engine -

Dr. Lawhead & wife came to see Margery -

Dixwell came up from Berkeley with the Brown's of Woodland -

Jim drew \$3.00 and went to Davis -

Sun 17 Nov 1918

Gardner took Grandpa Brigden to the 336 train en route to Berkeley -

Dean Van Norman, wife, Mrs Louis Corrigan [?] & Mrs. Kenney called -

Dix and I drove to Sacramento to see almond plant - At Hotel Sacramento Dix met a student of the U. C. in uniform who was en route from Grass Valley to Berkeley with an automobile, having with him two young ladies - Dix, his friend and I went to plant then back to Hotel Sacto for lunch - Dix left for Berkeley with friend-

I returned to plant - made some changes in draft of Johnson burner -

The drum dipper was not running as a conveyor of bleacher was broken. T. C T. was in San Francisco - Monsha Singh & Sher came and I went after them at 8 p.m. It began to rain -

Mon 18 Nov 1918

It rained in showers off & on during forenoon - Hindus sawed wood

Jim Davis did not come back last night -

Muriel & I went to Davis in p.m. with cream - We went into Campbell field to see sheep - They are in fine condition.

Tues 19 Nov 1918

Hindus sawed wood until 5.15 I then took them to Davis en-route to Sacramento - they intend to shop some in Sacramento tonight and go on 7 a.m. train tomorrow to Jacksnipe where they are working on section gang -

Jim Davis hauled wood to basement -

Took ashes out of fireplace

Fixed tires to trailer

Went to Davis in p.m. with cream -

- got butter crackers etc. and new top and ventilator for grain bin -

Wrote three letters for Monsha. Raker, White, Hughes

Beautiful day after fog cleared in a.m.

Wed 20 Nov 1918

Fixed lamp on tractor and made hook for turkey catching, then went to town with cream.

Jim finished hauling wood and took fencing into north field to fix up with -

In p.m. Jim & I worked on corral fence at nursery - Jenkins brought in new 1 1/2 H. P. gas engine

Gardner took tractor into field but his ignition was faulty and he did little.

Thurs 21 Nov 1918

Heavy fog lasting until after noon -

Gardner could not get his tractor started this forenoon. He re-wired it and went to town for new batteries - got going a little in p.m.

Had two men of Mr. Jenkins and with Jas Davis worked on shed roof - got roof all on -

Helped fix pump and start gas engine to pumping -

Jim Nolan is trying to catch turkeys (sic) but his "trap" does not work as "I expected" it to- !

Fri 22 Nov 1918

Foggy - Put roof on long dormitory in a.m. and on big dormitory on creek bank in afternoon -

Gardner went to Woodland for spark plugs etc. - Went to Davis and phoned to Cranston to have Gardner bring 6 squares roofing -

G - brought it -

Went to Davis in p.m. with cream and got 2 squares roofing of Chiles Hardware.

Gardner got started toward night -

Sat 23 Nov 1918

It began raining sometime in night-

Rained most of forenoon at intervals -

The old sow was boaring and Jim Davis took her in a wagon to Roby's and bred her - Gardner & I went there and to Davis with cream and to get supplies -

Jim, Gardner & I dress 14 turkeys - hung them in meat room.

Sun 24 Nov 1918

Dressed two turkeys before breakfast -

Gardner & I dressed three more - after breakfast -

Took cream to Davis - Muriel went also did Jim Davis -

Packed turkeys 18 head weighing 171 lbs. Boxed one 17# for Frankies -

Gardner & I took them to 7.25 train -

Gardner stopped to see Fred Smith about his tractor - found that others were having same trouble in starting as himself because of poor gasoline, a 54 degree instead of 76 degree article

Davis came home with us -

Sprinkled a little this a.m.

Mon 25 Nov 1918

Strong north wind - very cold -

Jim & I and Jenkins' two men worked on roofs at nursery - got them all on and railed -

Went to Davis with cream - got 6 window sash 8 x 12 glass - put 4 of them in creek house

Tues 26 Nov 1918

Strong north wind -

Mrs. Kidwell drew \$100.00 and went to Sacramento with me -

took her to almond plant -

Paid Nolan's taxes, got outside flange roller for the 75 tractor, pastry vegetables etc. -

Gardner is plowing in 2d nursery field -

Wed 27 Nov 1918

Fearful north wind & distressingly cold -

Jim and I sowed at the 60 acre piece in ["in" repeated] east field. Engine bothered and we did not finish -

XX The old barn blew down - XX

Gardner harrowed - plowed a little and bent beam on plow that he brought home at night -

Went to Davis at noon with cream -

Thurs 28 Nov 1918

Gave Gardner check for \$200.00

Went to Oakland on 8.30 train -

Lunched with Frankie & took forks, apples burnt [?] almonds etc. -

Attended annual U. C. Stanford football game - Score 67 to 0 favor U. C.

Dined at Frankie's - The Rider girls were there - played 500 later -

Fri 29 Nov 1918

Spent day in office 311 California.

Back to Frankie's at night -

Sat 30 Nov 1918

Went to Premier Machinery Co's place with Porter got their account straight - Back to office -

Stopped at Stewart -

Had dinner with Dix and his naval friends at the Fairmount and look on a little at their dance -

Sun 1 Dec 1918

Left for home on 10.20 train.

Had left my car for repairs and it was to have been ready but was not -

Percy sent me out home in Sousa's Ford -

Muriel & I went to nursery to fix pump and then to town for baby food - did not get it -

Mon 2 Dec 1918

Very foggy -

Took gang plow to town for repairs -

Jim & I began sowing barley on south end of 220 acre field -

Tues 3 Dec 1918

Sowed all day - did not finish

nice day -

Gave G. G. check for turkeys \$57+

Wed 4 Dec 1918

Finished sowing 220 acre field about 10 a.m.

Muriel & I went to town with 2 days cream -

Got gang plow and had considerable trouble getting it home - a wheel ran off 3 times

Jim & I started to put floor in sleeping house on creek bank at nursery -

Got a ride into town for my automobile. Waited until 7.30 for it and as it was not ready Percy took me home -

Gardner is plowing in nursery 100 acre field -

Thurs 5 Dec 1918

Gardner is replowing in east field -

Went to Woodland - got 20 Bonanza plow shares 2 caps & three knee pieces - 40 panes of 8 x 12 glass - vegetables etc. -

Left draft of lease with Hurst -

Fri 6 Dec 1918 [No entry.]

Sat 7 Dec 1918

At Bridge buildings

Gave contracts for Woodruff & Sons least to H. O. Jenkins -

Sun 8 Dec 1918 [No entry.]

Mon 9 Dec 1918

Gardner & I drove into Sacramento -

- Visited almond plant and did some shopping Called on Chas Swisler relative to
Glen Alpine matters -

Tues 10 Dec 1918

Worked on nursery buildings -

Wed 11 Dec 1918 [No entry.]

Thurs 12 Dec 1918

Worked on creek buildings until noon chiefly on kitchen and closet -

Went to Berkeley on 3.36 train - took cream to Farm.

Stopped at "The Shattuck"

Had Dix with me at dinner

Gave Dix check for \$48.00.

Fri 13 Dec 1918

Went to city early after watching the boys in blue and kahki drill on the U. C. grounds

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Mr. Tucker is confined to his room with cold and is unable to be out - Winslow went
over -

We phoned & wired to members of Board not to come tomorrow on account of Tucker's
illness -

Staid at Stewart 433 -

Sat 14 Dec 1918

At office - Got hair cut & shampoo -

Winslow over to see Tucker - The latter is up and insists on coming over -

Lauppee & Norton came, Ryan representing Lawrence was in Oakland and we got
him. Mr. C. D. Hamilton was in city and we got him and held our meeting.

Voted a bonus to employees - amount left to Manager - also voted \$500 to T. C. T. as
Xmas present -

Left on 4.40 boat for home-

Met Van Norman's and other Farm staff members from Dr. Hunt's lecture on his recent trip to Europe -

Sun 15 Dec 1918

Cold & foggy -

In p.m. went to nursery buildings for a time then to Davis for mail -

Mon 16 Dec 1918

Cold north wind - clear -

Phoned Hagel to send floral piece to Plant funeral - today 1.30

Wrote many letters in a.m.

In p.m. put glass in windows at long house near windmill at Jenkin's -

Took cream to Davis - late -

Gardner tinkered on auto in a.m. and in shop in p.m.

Jim is hauling manure from cow barn -

Tues 17 Dec 1918

Went to San Francisco on 8.30 train

Met Hecke & Howard on train -

Called at 311 California - met T. C. T. and Chas Deubel - lunched with latter -

Attended meeting of Agricultural Committee of Board of Regents of University at office in Crocker Bld'g. Meeting called to get an appropriation for a deciduous fruit experiment Station.

In evening after dinner I went to Frankies 618 Moraga and remained over night - Am trying to get Porter to put in his bite [?] [file?] for drafting of bleacher for Almond Growers -

Wed 18 Dec 1918

Rode to Oakland with Porter.

- Went to City. Called at 311 California - Attended Farm Labor Conference of Council of Defence

In p.m called at 311 California but T. C. T. had gone home sick -

Thurs 19 Dec 1918 [No entry.]

Fri 20 Dec 1918
Jim finished cleaning stables -

He & I went to N. E. cor alfalfa field to put in gate post that Gardner knocked out. Jim worked at it alone in p.m.

Gardner and Harriet drove to Sacramento in p.m. to do Xmas shopping - Back about 7.30

It rained a little this afternoon and evening -

Sat 21 Dec 1918
Very heavy, cold north wind -

There is a little snow on the Coast Range.

Went with Jim Davis and hung second gate at lane at N. E. corner of alfalfa field.

Drove to Davis and took 10.15 train for Sacramento. Was at plant - Joe is still on sick list, as is his wife -

Got Dairy 2.50 & Xmas presents

Home about 5.30 p.m.

Gardner dress a turkey for T. C. Tucker & one for us - fixed seed sower etc.

Sun 22 Dec 1918
Heavy north wind.

Mon 23 Dec 1918
Went to Woodland to Superior Court to attend to matter of Sue's estate

Was appointed administrator of her estate and gave \$1000.00 bond -

C. A Swisler attorney attended to the matter and J. D. Musgrove furnished the security bond -

Tues 24 Dec 1918
Frightfully cold -

We [sentence not completed.]

Wed 25 Dec 1918

[The first two sentences of this entry appear under the caption "Wednesday 25" in the space for Tuesday the 24th.]

[Some confusion here, Pierce changes the captioned date for "Wednesday 25" to "Wednesday 26", and continues wrongly to change the dates on Thursday and Friday to the 27th and 28th respectively. He thereafter leaves the dates of Saturday through Tuesday as they should be: the 28th though the 30th.]

Very cold - heavy white frost -

Am not feeling well.

Had fine turkey dinner and all enjoyed the day - [This seems to indicate this is Christmas Day, the 25th, not the 26th, as he has marked it in pencil in the caption.]

Went to Davis with cream before breakfast -

Dix & Mildred went to Davis before 12 M.

Dix took W. L. Porter to 7.25 p.m. train.

Thurs 26 Dec 1918

Went to Davis in a.m.

Dix & I took Frankie & Mildred to 3.36 train -

Then drove into Sacramento - had my glasses that Muriel broke, fixed and got box apples sent by Mrs. Ariss of Portland -

Frankie accepted Sue's furs and some of her dresses -

Fri 27 Dec 1918

Finished sowing barley in nursery field -

Boys got rigs to shop in p.m.

Very cold -

Boys are repairing Samson engine -

Sat 28 Dec 1918

Very heavy frost - Gathered some citrus fruit and shipped it to Mr. Ariss -

Took Dix to 10.11 train en route to Berkeley -

Went to Water Users meeting at Chamber of Commerce rooms at Woodland - Back via Davis.

Sun 29 Dec 1918

Bright & cold -

Left on 12.43 train for San Francisco -

Stopped at Stewart 516 -

Went to Alcazar.

Mon 30 Dec 1918

At 311 Cal in a.m.

Left on 12 M. boat for Berkeley

Attended meeting of Horticulturist at Dr Whittens office relative to the establishment of a Deciduous Fruit & Nut experiment station

Dr. Whitten, Prof's Howard & Taylor Dunlap, Woodward and ---- [name not given] of San Jose were present

Left on 5.46 University Ave train for Davis - Dix met me and came home -

Tues 31 Dec 1918

Strong north wind - very cold

Gardner & Jim plowed little orchards with Samson engine

Gardner left on 7.55 train for Williams en route for Wilbur Springs -

Dix took him to train -

Thermometer in early morning registered about 26 degrees.

Notes for 1919

[Although the title is for 1919, the notes are of course for 1918.]

We rebuilt with woven wire the fence around the 40 acre alfalfa field -
All the nursery buildings were re-roofed.

A concrete & iron granary was installed

My dear wife Susan G. Pierce passed away, after two years of suffering from cancer, on
October First

The Nursery land has been rented to Woodruff & Sons for one year for \$2500.00

The old barn in center of place blew down.

Four inches of rain fell about September 11th to 14th

Early feed is excellent

Pastured sheep on Campbell's -

Winter very cold -

Grain crop owing to little spring rain was very light about 2000 sks -

Grain bags cost 26c each

Almond crop light 12 1/4 tons, prices high Nonpareils 26c per lb.

[Continued on "Cash Account January" page.]

Great World War ended Nov. 11th

Dixwell joined the naval reserve (U. S. N. R. F) and was quartered in barracks at
Berkeley - He was placed on the inactive list Dec. 21st - In case of national
emergency he is liable to be called at any time within four years -

Marjorie Eunice was born to Gardner and Harriet, in Woodland October 9th.

Owing to war conditions, farm labor of all kinds is very scarce -
wages correspondingly high -

Invented and had built an automatic almond bleacher for the California Almond
Growers Exchange at its plant in Sacramento -

Susan G. Pierce, my wife for over 30 years died of cancer, Oct 1st

We repainted our dwelling this summer

Rebuilt fence around alfalfa field.

The old barn in center of ranch blew down

The Alameda Sugar Beet Co. gave up the land they have been renting of me -
S. D. Woodruff & Sons rented it.

We re-roofed the buildings at highway bridge.

Cash Account June

Monsha acct to Aug 13th 1918

Lillard & McBride - groceries	76.10
Kracaw & Co to Aug 1st	34.58
" " " " 5th	53.58
Book acct	41.55
	205.81
5 doz eggs extra	2.25
Mutton	5.00
	213.06
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15 5#	
16 5#	
17 10#	
19 5#	
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" 2 doz eggs	

Cash Account July

Hindu Almond workers time

July	30	5 men in p.m.	25 hours @ 40c
	31	7 " " a.m. 6+ p.m.	76
Aug	1	19	209
	2	23 in a.m. 24 p.m.	258
	3	24 2 off	248
	4	24	264
	5	24	264
	6	24	264
	7	25	275
	8	25	275
	9	25	275
	10	25 1/2 26	280
	11	26	286
	12	26	286
	12	13	156
		287.5	3441
			130
			3571
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		numbers below in	1428.40
		pencil.]	213.06
		Paid to Tuesday	1215.34
		night	

[At various points between the two columns above are the following calculations made in pencil]:

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 52 1376.40
 205.81
 1170.59

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Cash Account August

Aug	Hindu acct	hours
14	7 men 9 hours	63
15		

Hindu Dr.

Sept		
2	Laloo [?] Singh	74.00
"	Bhaget "	75
"	Lillard & McBride groceries	32.65
	Meat to Sept 2nd	21.25
	" to Sept 10	6.15
	2 chickens	2.00
	2 doz eggs -	1.00
	fix watch	1.50
		213.55
	Lillard bill -	7.15
		220.70

Bills Payable November

[In pencil.]

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	130	