

## ***Abe Crystal Journals Transcription***

### ***Wednesday January 1, 1941***

*“Life is one difficulty we can never get out of alive. But we can make the best of it.*

Outlook for the year looks good on eggs and feed moderate. It started out with a very nice day. Two more brooder houses moved making 8 so far. Finished the dropping boards today too. Lots of war all over the world, and lots to worry about, if one wants to worry.”

### ***Thursday January 2, 1941***

*“Let men tumble to win the hand of a woman; unless they win along with it the utmost passion of her heart.*

Packed eggs this morning to catch up a little from the leftovers of the last two days. Moved two brooder houses making 10 and got one started but never moved as it commenced to rain and got muddy. Stay dry was just in some --- and then the rest of the day we packed eggs.”

### ***Friday January 3, 1941***

*“Gold spent for health can never be misspent.*

Murky weather we are having now so we put --- on finishing B. Lights went on in B yesterday morning. Tried moving a brooder house but too wet. Put black leaf 40 on B.C.N.H. 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary today many happy returns. Celebrated by working. I should be satisfied.”

### ***Saturday January 4, 1941***

*“Man can stand the trouble of others but not their own.*

Looks like winter has arrived. Lots of wind tonight and the temperature heading down. 20 degrees now 10.30. Didn't do much today just rode back and forth to Vineland three times, some fun. The boys finished the grain and mash and packed eggs. Brooders still left. I had to put up the curtains after dark.”

### ***Sunday January 5, 1941***

*“Life could be more pleasant, if we could appreciate the good things we have.*

Cold this morning but no worse than last night. Harold and I moved one brooder house. Nothing to it when the ground is frozen. Company came from N.Y. Harry Jake Fanny --- and Golde. They only stayed a few hours. It was good to see them. Washed eggs till 8 pm.”

### ***Monday January 6, 1941***

*“The flag will fly and freedom will win. If you do your part, however small, you will share in the glory.*

Cold weather continued. Brooder houses were moved with ease today three in all. Three pens were spread this afternoon leaving three left. Looks like we are just about caught up with our work again, but still plenty to do. If the weather stays favorable, all will be well. Began finding a little wheat in the brooder houses tonight.”

***Saturday January 11, 1941***

*“The past is dead and in its grave, but the ghost will ever haunt us.*

Two usual trips to Vineland today and the usual buying of the necessities of life. Shoes for the family, Martha is 35 today. God bless her heart. It was another nice crisp January day. Took the two daughters on a hike through the woods in back of neighbor ---’s farm. We had a nice time.”

***Sunday January 12, 1941***

*“Experience joined with common sense is a providence.*

George came in today. Not much done, as Ms. Kornbluh had a heart attack last night so did not get to bed till 1:30 this AM. And had to hoof it home from her place too. Today I chauffeured Martha around here and there as she was too tired from staying up all night with her ma.”

***Monday January 13, 1941***

*“A heart that can sing the whole day thru, whether the sky be gray or blue deserves praise.*

Harold did not come in today. He helped his brother cut wood. Nothing new was done on the farm today, but all the eggs were packed and we got done in good time. Killed a rat tonight. Went to a fire about 8:30 the house back of Alliance synagogue burned.”

***Tuesday January 14, 1941***

*“Our character is our will-for what we will-we are.*

The dropping boards were a little frozen today so it took till 3 p.m. to clean them. Nothing further of importance was done, but we did finish packing the eggs. It was a very clear sunshining day but cold at 24 degrees at noon. Went down to 10 degrees this evening and then up again to 14. Am not seeing hatching eggs yet. No production, I guess they laid too late in the fall.”

***Wednesday October 1, 1941***

*“Fond pride of dress is sure a curse. E’re fancy you consult, consult your purse.*

The day of atonement today. Quite a job to atone in one day for the sins you have accumulated in an entire year. But it is good to stop and think about them and commit less of them the following year. On the farm a room of pullets received their shields, 14 to date.”

***Thursday October 2, 1941***

*“Great estates may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore.*

We went to town on the first brooder house putting up the back wall and sawing out the rafters. The front is almost done too. Nice warm weather all the time. Looks like rain but not yet. Mr. Jardine came again and paid a nice visit. It must have been good. It was 12:15 when he left.”

***Friday October 3, 1941***

*“A friend is nature’s masterpiece.*

You can tell by now that we are building a brooder house. This afternoon I helped brother Sam with his house (as if I had nothing to do). He needs his building at once. We had a nice swim last night. Not quite enough. It looked like rain all day, but nothing happened. It is still very warm. No shirt needed yet.”

***Saturday October 4, 1941***

*“There is no end to the consequence to the act.*

Today I went to the synagogue to honor Ben Greenblatt’s son. He was confirmed. Some good brandy was partaken of, that almost made my hair curl. Also some cake that hit the right spot. At home 9A was cleaned and the brooder house is ready for the finishing touches. All the eggs packed with Martha’s and the children’s help. After they came home from Marylyn’s birthday party.”

***Sunday October 5, 1941***

*“A stiff upper lip is the best for a weakening spine.*

Mr. Richard came in today and with his help we shielded up 9A. The girls helped too. Real warm weather yet. In the afternoon we packed out almost all the eggs. Two buckets to wash yet. Ben Greenblatt’s boy was 13 so we helped him celebrate. A very enjoyable evening.”

***Monday October 6, 1941***

*“A big unselfish purpose is what makes life worthwhile.*

Brooder house no 1 had the new roof put on and the second one was started. Looks like it takes more than a week to build one together with the other poultry work. Looks like we will have to figure on 12 days. Last year we did no extra work. Martha is helping us now.”

***Tuesday October 7, 1941***

*“The most difficult thing to do is to wait.*

6D was cleaned washed and polished today. The pullets are laying over 200 eggs on the range. Tomorrow one more pen will be housed. Work on the brooder house advanced slowly, just about up to last week. Nice warm weather continuing every day. Looks like the new range for next year will be bare.”

***Wednesday October 8, 1941***

*“If you desire many things, many things will seem but a few.*

Housed one more room of pullets today making 17. After that it was a tight squeeze to get the dropping boards done. No work was done on the second brooder house, but we are still up to last year. A nice day with no sign rain. It will [do] no good now anyhow.”