

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1917



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Forward

The Author: Jesse Lowe Smith was born in Macon, Illinois, on 23 November 1869, to the Rev. Leonard Francis Smith (1838-1874) and Bridget Ann Lowe Smith (1842-1941). His father's diary for that date: "At 5:30 wife bore me another child, a boy weighing 10 lbs when dressed. Dr. Tobey was the physician..." Jesse's father, Leonard Francis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and his second wife, Sophia Lake Spencer, had married Bridget Ann Lowe, daughter of William Fletcher Lowe and Elsea Aquila, on 10 September 1863. They had six children, Elsie (1864), Kittie Grace (1865-1932), Clarence Bruner (1867-1943), Jesse Lowe, Edith (1873-195?), and Lennie Francis (1874-1976).

Jesse Lowe Smith attended grade school in Macon, Illinois. With a passion for books and nature study, Jesse saw his life as a teacher. He attended the Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1884-1887, living with his Great Aunt Margaret Crooks. In 1888 he returned to Macon where he taught for three years. Teaching and studying independently as he taught, Jesse, at age 21, qualified for entrance to De Pauw University in September 1891. He completed his education at the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1894.¹ After one year at De Pauw, he returned for one term at Macon, and then, with his mother and sisters, went to Lexington, Illinois where he taught for four years from 1893-1897, followed by five years in Park Ridge, Illinois. In May 1902, Jesse came to Highland Park as principal of the Elm Place School. He was Superintendent of Schools for District 107 at the time of his death on 21 April 1934.²

His diaries reveal Jesse Lowe Smith to be a man of many interests and great influence. He was widely known and respected throughout Illinois as an innovative educator and avid naturalist and in Highland Park as an educational, cultural and civic leader. He inspired the Elm Place School teachers to higher ideals of education and the students to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around them. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him in life and continues to inspire many who make his acquaintance through his diaries and his legacy in Highland Park.

Identifications: In his diaries, Jesse frequently refers to members of his family. During his years in Highland Park, Jesse provided a home from his mother and sister, Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

Transcriber's Notes: Every attempt has been made to provide an accurate transcription of the diary entries with respect to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; therefore incorrect or inconsistent (Mr. Smith spelled the same word in different ways at different times) usage is retained without the use of (sic). When words were added above the line, they have been inserted into the text. When words were inadvertently repeated, the second occurrence of the word has been dropped. Margin notes are indicated as such and are placed following the text that they appeared adjacent to in the diary. When words were illegible, brackets have been supplied enclosing a blank space []. Words that could not be deciphered with certainty have been placed in square brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

¹*Catalogue of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity* (New York, 1910). Accessed online at <http://books.google.com> on December 16, 2010.

²*Diaries 1859-1874 of The Reverend Leonard Smith, Circuit Rider* by Blanche Beal Lowe.

[On a page at the front of this diary, Mr. Smith recorded: New York Life Policy 2118,923 Borrowed \$200 on this. Aug. 27, 1908. —ed.]

[In this diary, Mr. Smith seems to indicate by placing them in parentheses, words that he wrote in error. These instances appear in entries on March 12, May 18, June 23, July 7 and October 26. —ed.]

Monday, January 1

Fine day. Icy sidewalks. Sleighing.

Not feeling very lively. This evening between 7:00 & 8:00 had wretched aching in glands of my neck — passed away again

Met Mr & Mrs Douglas at the Aud. in Chicago & heard (8:00 P.M) a wonderful performance of The Barber of Seville, Madam Galli-Curci the star. A wonderful voice — the sensation of the present opera season

R.R. .52 + .20; Aud. 1.50 + .25;

Tuesday, January 2

A January thaw today, but of not great extent.

Spent two hours at the plant house this A.M Investigated the cold frames & found it necessary to take out most of the pots of hyacinths and daffodils & put in the plant house.

Our soleil d'Or have been in full bloom now for several days. Some of our paper whites beginning.

Consulted Dr. Bergen this afternoon. He thinks I may have smouldering grippe & prescribed for me accordingly. Came home & went to bed & slept heavily for an hour or so.

Dr. L.H. Anderson of 323 So. Ashland Boulev. came out this evening to confer about his coming medical inspection of our school pupils.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, January 3

As yesterday.

To city on 9:56. Called on Pattee; then Schantz (not in); on Prof. Cox who took me down to Customs dept & introd. me to Mr. Palmer who in turn introd. me to Mr. Droege (intern. revenue) with whom I discussed smuggling of contraband feathers into Chicago. - - Inspected shop windows on State St to look for display of such feathers. - - Directors meeting of Friends of O.N.L. at Art Inst. (Ewing, Miss Monroe, Bley, Pierce, Ahearn, Millard, Jensen). Steinway Bld'g to inquire rental fee; Art & Travel where I pd 8⁸⁰ for Pilgrim slides (I owed about this to Shakespeare fund); McClurg's for photo album; Fair; Field's for this diary; Kemper's for "sea weed"; Daily News Almanac. Home on 5:10 From 4:00 on I suffered with aching gland in neck. Heavy nap after supper

Stamps 1.01; barber .15;

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .30; sea weed .20; scrap book 1.50

Thursday, January 4

Jan. thaw continued. Ice going from walks rapidly.

Pottered around a good deal. Not quite up to mark, physically.

Spent two hours at plant house. Got out from under the terrace the remainder of our paper whites — about 30 pots.

Kittie and I pasted some of my historic photo prints in a loose leaf album this evening.

Mother made affidavit to Conn. Mut. Life Ins. Co. to secure sale of her policy, the proposed am't being \$70³⁸.

Parsnips .10;

Friday, January 5

A little cooler.

To city on 10:38 after doing chores at home.

To Schantz' office for a conference. To Field's. The Hearth for lunch. Jensen's office Public Library. – Palace Music Hall – Pattee to get proof of Aud. Monthly.

Read proof this evening.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .35; show .25; barber .25; (Ticket 6.60)

Saturday, January 6

About as yesterday. Sort of March weather, windy, etc

To city on 9:53. To Schantz' office for a while. Then called at Mr. Deane's office but he was not in. To Boy Scouts' headquarters to look up possible material for the Bulletin.

To Fields for the luncheon and business meeting of the Cook Co. Supt's Assn. Discussed legislation at length.

Then Douglas and I went over to Co Sup't Tobin's office on an errand. Then to moving picture show – then home at 5:04.

Spent a little while this evening getting signatures to a petition calling for a park district election.

Worked on Audub. material this evening.

R.R. .52 + .05; luncheon .80;

Sunday, January 7

Cool. Rather sharp.

To school to see to the watering of plants, etc. Then to church and heard a Rev Mr. Millard preach on "The Bible."

A nap this afternoon. Then to 4:30 vespers. Our neighbors, Mr. & Mrs Decker, went with us.

Down to the Pattees this evening to confer about the Audub. Bulletin.

Trolley .30

Monday, January 8

Milder.

At morning exercises I showed pictures of the Capitol, etc. at Springfield and talked of our new Governor (Lowden) etc.

Dr L. H. Anderson began his work in phys. ex. today. Did the 8th B & A., & 7A's. (boys)

Clifford Ferguson – one of my 6A's – died Saturday & was taken to Racine today for burial. I had not heard of his death until this A.M! I warned his parents some weeks ago about his delicate condition & the bad effects of late hours & indiscriminate eating, etc.

Board meeting this evening. Mr Metzel absent. Bills voted. Then an hour spent in conversation.

Percy Gilbert swept this evening in Syren's place. Latter ill.

Tickets for Allies' bazaar. 1⁰⁰

Tuesday, January 9

Mild. Sunny. Light shower at nightfall.

Mrs Taylor taught this A.M. in the place of the 6th grade teachers as they in turn brot their boys to the mn'l tr. room. I directed the work while the teachers kept records, etc.

Science in 7B.

Got letters in the mail addressed to each family notifying of the physical examinations. One objector made herself known.

Syren unable to work. Percy did not appear & part of bldg unswept this evening. After supper took a taxi to Mrs Garrity's house in Highwood to ask her to come tomorrow A.M., etc.

Teacher's meeting. - - Doctor U. pronounced Miss Cramer's trouble (hands) the itch!

Wednesday, January 10

Snow! Two inches or so fell today and a cold wave came on.

Special memo of the complaints about phys. examination in school! Eight or ten came in today.

Very busy with mn'l tr. and science lessons.

Mrs Taylor in charge of Miss Cramer's room.

Took 4:58 for Chicago. To City Club. Dinner with the Pattees. Then Audubon meeting. Hanig, Mitchell, Schantz, Deane, Pattees, & I. Live meeting. Caught 9:15 for home.

Before dinner I tramped along State Street to note displays of contraband feathers in shop windows.

R.R. .52 + .15; dinner .75

Audubon dues 2⁰⁰

Thursday, January 11

4° below this A.M. Clear – moonlight this evening.

Another morning in the mn'l tr. room. Overhauled things generally.

Science in 7B & 6A this afternoon.

Took 3:42 for Chic. & attended directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. Spirited discussion of new plan to increase membership fee.

Worked on Audub. copy this evening.

R.R. .52 + .10;

Friday, January 12

Heavy snowfall! Cold wave on the way, we are told.

Day full of mn'l tr. & science lessons – Vexatious opposition to physical examinations!

Planned to go in to hear lecture of Geog. Soc. this evening but gave it up. Did some Audub. work.

Saturday, January 13

Below zero this A.M. 16 or 18 inches of light snow.

Chickadee fed this A.M. on suet on my oak tree before our house. Probably comes every day. Saw a downy a block away

Visited school to inspect things, then took 9:53 for Chic. To Prang's at 1922 Calumet to talk over framing of Hiaw. prints & coloring of Grail slides with Mr. Grover. Then to Abbot's to order framing done. - - Luncheon at Field's with Cook Co. Supt's. Hurried away to get tail end of educ. committee's lunch at City Club. Had a word or two with Mr. Bogan. – Then to McClurg's; Flanagan's; inspected feather display at seven departments. Early supper at a restaurant – then to Allied Bazaar at Coliseum. Got 8:00 train for home

R.R. .52 + .30; lunch .90; supper .45; bazaar 2⁰⁰; groceries .30;

Sunday, January 14

Cold! Thermometers read from 12° to 15° or so below!

Kept our fireplace going all day & house was not really warm until 1:30.

Did not go to church. Had a nap. - - Leonard came out shortly before noon & went back a little after four.

I went to dinner at the Geer's – Miss Bliss and Miss Dennison – latter the new Eng. teacher at the H-S, were guests

To school house at 4:30 to inspect things. Found the guinea pigs lively. Went to bl'dg again at 7:00 this evening. Mr. D & I carried flowers to the basement.

Monday, January 15

Below zero but not so cold as yesterday.

School rooms were for the most part quite comfortable. - - Sliding in the ravines still continues great sport. - - Huge icicles on eaves of annex had to be cut down as they endangered the children.

Went to Waukegan to confer with Co Supt Simpson about his plans for an institute next week.

Mrs Hill (Helen Young) called at the office for a short visit today Met on the street Miss Alice McElrath, formerly on the H.S. staff. - - After school went to the H-S. & secured signatures of some of the men there on the petition for a park district election. Turned it over to be sent to Geo. Allen Mason.

Wrote on Aud. matter this evening.

Wauk trip .75 (Charge 65 to Dist. 107)

Tuesday, January 16

Still below.

Very busy day. - - 6A & 6B mn'l tr. Mrs. Taylor substituting for Miss Shaw whose parent (Mother) is quite ill at Racine.

Set up Presb. lantern at Witten's Hall for the Women's Club at noon.

This afternoon had Wa-tah-wa-so- Penobscot Indian woman – give program of songs, legends, and dances in our aud. Children pd 10¢, adults 25¢. A splendid entertainment. Most attractive young woman.

My "tummy" out of order. Ate no supper until 9:00 – a few crackers. A little Audub. work this evening.

Wednesday, January 17

Milder. Gray.

Photographed 8A's and also 6 of the teachers. Posed them in Science Room. Also photographed bld'g (exterior)

Moving picture agent took about two hours of my time after school this evening.

Had Denzel send over slabs of kindling to work up into bird houses.

Science with 7B's.

"Tummy" still a little rebellious. My day's work exhausts me.

Able to do only a paragraph or two of Aud. material

Thursday, January 18

Fine winter day.

Mn'l Tr. with 7A's & 7B's. Started some bird houses. Conference with Mr. Wright about securing Prof. Meriam's services

Matheny of Thos Charles visited us. Also ag't for mops, etc.

Mrs Taylor helped this morning.

Took 12:56 for Chic. To Aud. Hotel for afternoon program. - - To Pattee's to leave some Mss. -
To McClurg's for a book
Home at 6:17.

Felt better this evening.

Dist 107 - .75¢ for a mn'l tr. book, Express 1.17

R.R. .52 + .10; dues 1⁰⁰; barber .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the convention program listing the afternoon sessions. The lectures were listed under the topic **Industrial Preparedness**. The lectures were:

1. The Significance of the Smith-Hughes Bill, Alvin Dodd, Secretary National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education
2. Some Needed Developments in Vocational Education, Wm T. Bawden, Specialist in Industrial Education U.S. Department of Education
3. Elementary Education as the Basis of Industrial Efficiency, Frederick W. Roman, Professor of Economics, Syracuse University
4. Is Vocational Education a Menace to Democracy?, Dr. David Snedden, Professor of Vocational Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University - ed.]

Friday, January 19

Mild winter day.

Sent copy for commencement program to printer. Taught no mn'l tr. classes this A.M. - - Jensen called in at my office for a few minutes - - - Two visitors from the Francis Parker School - - -

Took 12:56 for Chic. Attended afternoon program. Sat with Mabel Vincent. Lewton & I had a chat with Matthew Woll about legislation after program was over. - - Went over to Pattee's office & came out on same train with him & his wife.

The Clows called here this evening.

R.R. .52 + .10;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the convention program. The lectures were listed under the topic **Vocational Education From the Standpoint of Organized Labor**. The lectures were:

1. Organized Labor's Position on Vocational Education, Matthew Woll, Chairman Committee on Education of the Illinois State Federation of Labor
2. Trade Agreements, Charles A. Prosser, Director Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis. -ed.]

Saturday, January 20

Another mild day

To city on 9:19 after directing that the school flag be set at half mast for Admiral Dewey.

To Aud. where I listened to Supt. Blair on vocational legislation. Then I went over to Miss Enk's for a short time. Then to Bd of Ed rooms to confer with Mr Worst about mn'l tr. Met Lewis Colwell & had chat with him. To Field's; lunch; to grocery for celery. Caught 12:45 for home

Audub. work this afternoon & evening. Sent message (night) to Musselman at Quincy questioning his notes on the ivory-billed woodpecker.

Aud Soc. Telegram .40

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .45; groceries .25; barber .15;

Sunday, January 21

Snowing heavily at day break - wet & blowing about. Crust has been forming all day. Misting. Growing cold after nightfall.

Went down to Pattee's & worked with them on the Bulletin until 1:30. Did some more work at my desk this evening.
Trolley .30 + .10;

Monday, January 22

A shiny slippery crust on out-of-doors. Clear, sharp.
Very busy.
Sent out commencement invitations. Notices of Dr Lena Sadler's talk before our P.T.A. on Wednesday.
Conferred with several of the teachers this evening about promotions.
Prof. Lewis of Hamilton College lectured on Reforms in Amer. Speech this evening at the H-S. All of the P.T. Ass'ns sponsored it. My staff & I attended.
Sent LaFollette's 1⁰⁰

Tuesday, January 23

Another fine day.
A Mr. Lambers came out to help in mn'l tr. He is to spend his mornings here. We began with the 6A's.
Science in 6A & 7B.
Continued conferring with the teachers about promotions.
At school a little while this evening going over books for boys – Dan Beard's Amer. B. Handy Book, etc.
At Gas office \$1³⁵

Wednesday, January 24

Yet another.
P.T.A. today. Dr. Lena Sadler spoke. Held at the Annex. Rousing meeting. Mrs McDougall presided (wretchedly) A Mr. Derr talked a little while about moving pictures.
8B's gave a delightful party to the 8A's this evening.

Thursday, January 25

Colder in the night. A snappy, fine day.
Succeeded in getting so more resetting of geraniums today. A tobacco plant has been blooming in the plant house.
Made out book lists for dealers this afternoon. Planned distribution of seats for new classes.
Lennie & Arthur & Ruth surprised us at 7:00 this even. A fine romp I had this evening

Friday, January 26

10 or more below this A.M. An inch nearly of dry snow fell this evening.
Award of honors & honorable mentions this A.M. A fine occasion. Closed lower grade rooms at noon to let teachers go to institute at H.S. Upper grades earlier in afternoon
Session with Fred B & his Mother, & Misses Guiney and König this afternoon. I decided to refuse to issue diploma to F. at this time.
Dr. Goode lectured at H.S. this afternoon. I bro't him over to office in Annex & let him nap on the couch. Supper at our house. Then 8th grade exercises. Dr G. lectured on Hawaii – Our children sang beautifully. Fine program.
Barber .15.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the graduation program. It is transcribed as follows:

Class of February, Nineteen hundred Seventeen

President, James T. Bolan

Colors – Blue and Gold

George S. Bahr

Doris Oliver

Helen C. Watson

G. William White

Estella R. Frakes

Florence McGath

Edward J. Genest

Frederick F. Botker

Hilda M. Larson

Gladys L. Pearl

Elizabeth W. Bournique

Instructors

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, *Assistant Principal*

Miss Alice L. Davis, *Mathematics*

Miss Etta Grunewald, *History*

Miss Annis Jewett, *Music*

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, *Superintendent of Schools*

Board of Education

Emil B. Metzel, *President*

Fred Greenslade, *Secretary*

Thomas Morton

Maude H. Shannon

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard – ed.]

Saturday, January 27

Beautiful day. Milder.

To Chic. on 8:09. Lennie went with me & I parted from her at Fields. Later Mother & K. came in & bro't Ruth. Arthur was at a dental convention. They left for B.H. in late afternoon.

I met Lewton, Brook, & Miller at Field's for a legislative conf. Then L. & I went over to Board Rooms to try to find Hatfield. I then went to City Club for luncheon with Educ. Com. Bogan presided but went early, leaving me in the chair. I wrote up the minutes afterwards & left them at Mr Hooker's office.

Went to Pattee's office & he and I took 3:32. Had a nap before supper. Began to look over my old article on Lake Co. to prepare for a 15 min. talk at City Club on Thursday.

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .40; barber .65;

Sunday, January 28

Mild & thawing.

To church – heard Rev Mr. Halsey on missionary outlook. Valuable address.

Tramp this P.M. down Ravine Drive & then along ice hummocks to pumping station & back home.

Down to Pattee's this evening helping prepare the dummy of the Bulletin.

Trolley .35

Monday, January 29

Mild.

A rush day. Promotions from one room to another took place and then I spent an hour or two seeing to the shifting of seats, etc.

Conference this afternoon with a committee on moving picture machines

With two boys I went to the Presb. Church after school & set it up in Witten's Hall for a lecture tomorrow. Used a taxi & charged it to the Woman's Club.

Took 4:58 for Chicago. Wrote two letters at the N.W. station & caught 6:30 Alton with Supt W.W. Lewton of Cecero for Springfield. Arrived before midnight & went to bed at the St. Nicholas. R.R. .26 + 3.70. Porter .10; Supper .35.

Tuesday, January 30

At Springfield.

A beautiful day. Spring-like.

Lewton & I went at 9:30 to the conference in Sup't Magill's office. Bogan, Hatfield, Lyon, Haworth, Harvey (Miss), Elwood, Englemann, Moore, Thompson, Donneck. Searching discussion of legislative problems. Magill & Moore had done fine preparatory work.

Session lasted until 1:30. Then L. & I went down to the State House. I had a visit with one of Mr. Blair's assistants. Then went down to look at the 3rd Ill. which had just arrived from the border. Had a chance to shake hands with Greene, our mn'l tr. man who is a member of the band. (Regiment is to be at Fort S. tomorrow). - L. & I caught 2:45 back for Chic. - - Hambrook of Amer. Seat. Co. gave us dinner on the train. Home on 8:00.

R.R. 3.70 + .52; meals .65; barber .35

Wednesday, January 31

Threatening. Misty and very slippery sidewalks.

Took 4B's over to the bluff on a short trip. Waves rolling in carrying chopped up ice.

Science in 6B, 7A, 7B, & 8B.

Teachers' meeting. Gen'l discussions.

Anna Carbary died at Elgin yesterday, so one of her friends wrote Miss Cramer. A victim of Christian science.

Mr. Metzler spent an hour with me this A.M. I let him give Fred B. a sound lecture on lying.

Attended reception this evening for Rev & Mrs P.C. Wolcott - 25th anniversary of his ministry here. Held at Parish House. A fine time. Among other performers, Miss Carver played beautifully.

Bread .10;

Thursday, February 1

High winds. A severe cold wave bearing down on us.

This A.M. distributed books among indigent children. Gave lantern lesson to 6A's. Took 11:30 for Chic. Invited to speak before a North Shore Committee at City Club. Rogers of L. Forest presided. Walling & Jensen spoke. I talked about Waukegan Flats & Grass Lake, etc.

Then had conf. with Jensen about F. of O.N. circular. Shopped, or tried to, at Rothschild's, Siegel's, & McClurg's. Bot Perry Pictures at Flanagan's; Scout manuals at B.S. headquarters - - Conf. with Pattee & Schantz. Then to Directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. Supper at City Club with one of my old acquaintances - Reynolds. Went to show. Home late.

Perry Pictures 1²⁶ (Dist 107)

R.R. .52 + .25 + supper .75;

Friday, February 2

12 or 15 or so below! Biting wind all day. Reduced attendance at school.

Kept busy all day. Checked up Dr. Anderson's ex. records. 476 examined thus far.

Mr. Greene came in from Ft Sheridan a while this afternoon.

I went up to school bld'g at 9:00 & stayed until after 11:00. Fired up hot water heater. Covered plants in plant house with paper. Nailed canvas over the door. Banked guinea pig house with straw.

Saturday, February 3

Break with Germany! Wilson's message

Probably 9 or 10 below. Moderated much during the day.

To school at 8:00 to see how things fared. Plant house 36° at 7:00. Watered plants. Consulted Siljestrom about coal.

Took 9:53 for Chic. Visited with Mr Mann on way. Went with him to his office to select sample of bld'g paper for bird houses. Went to H.H. Hopkins' & bot a roll of paper. To Fields; to R.F. Seymour's to leave copy for a circular for F. of Our N.L. To Jensen's at Steinway Bldg. & Miss Ingersoll's. To Mrs F.C. Farwell's, 18 Walton Place, for luncheon & conference on W.F. Preservation. Mrs Walton, Michelson, Bley, Hibbard, Corey, Dr Millsbaugh. Fine conference. - - To McClurg's; Boy Scouts; Caught 4:43 to visit with Pattee.

Found Leonard here - ill. Larynx trouble. Bergen & U. not here. Called in Dr Davis.

Fired heater at school at 9:15 P.M. Bldg paper 1⁵⁰ (Dist 107)

R.R. .52 + .30; Book 4.07; barber .15;

Sunday, February 4

Snowing at daybreak - - and drifting. Two inches. Then biting wind set in & temperature lowered speedily. Wind blew all day

Leonard better on the whole. Dr Davis called this afternoon.

Lennie phoned me this A.M. about Robert's need of attention (oculist's) and I asked him to come on at once. He did so, reaching here at 5:00.

Went to school house to inspect things this A.M. Everything OK. Watered plants. At school again at 6:00 P.M.

Spent much of evening mounting clippings in my scrapbook (Great excitement yesterday when Pres. addressed Congress and announced that he had given Bernstoff his passport! First appeared as a bulletin and then later papers pub. address in full).

Monday, February 5

About 10° below this A.M. Moderated today.

After morning ex. I went to the city with Rob't & was present at a preliminary ex. of his eyes by Dr. Lane. He is to begin thoro ex. tomorrow.

Back at 2:21.

Conf. with various teachers.

At desk at home this P.M

Dr. D. called on Leonard again. L. improving slowly but surely.

Had school flag hoisted today and propose to do this regularly. Flags flying here & there downtown & in residence areas.

R.R 1.04 + .15; lunch .25; collar buttons .25;

Tuesday, February 6

Milder by much

Made hktographs today. Let Mr. Rowell take some of my W & Lincoln slides to look over.

Science in 6B, 6A, & 7B. Teachers' meeting at 4:15. Chapters II & III of Dewey

Took 5:50 for Chic. & 7:50 for Park Ridge to attend 50th wedding anniversary of the Collins. Fine time. The Fletchers, the Vincent girls, Zera Harries, Mr & Mrs Young, The Eames, Miss Penny, Miss Wilson, Miss Ford, et. al.

Home on 12:15-1:10!!

R R. .52 + .26; supper .30;

Wednesday, February 7

Another mild day. Sunny.

Succeeded in getting some more greenhouse work done. - - Was bothered again by call from moving picture man - Taught 6B, 6A, & 7B science - - Various other things.

Spent evening at my desk at home. Re-read Carr's Lincoln at Gettysburg. Read in Centennial Book of W's inauguration.

Thursday, February 8

Snowed at daybreak & later on. Cleared and got much colder.

5th graders and I made cuttings - h.b. cranberry, nannyberry, forsythia, red osier, yellow-stemmed, ninebark

Took out of cold frames remaining pots - tulips, hyacinths, etc

Science - 8B.

Prof. Meriam lectured this evening in our aud. Fair audience, Glencoe, & Winnetka represented. Stimulating talk. Afterwards showed him & Mr. Wright our Annex.

Leonard went back to the city today. Very hoarse still & I hated to see him go.

Robert still has another trip to make to the oculist.

Barber .15;

Friday, February 9

About 8° below this A.M. A beautiful day. Sharp.

At school for a while this A.M, dictating some work to stenog. Then with my staff went to Ravinia school where Prof. Meriam discussed "The Daily Schedule." Lively and interesting time. Ladies served cafeteria lunch. Then we went to Lincoln Ave school where the discussion was concerned with Industrial Topics. As in the morning a lively session resulted. All very stimulating.

Went to Hamilton for dental work at 5:00 (only cleaning to do)

Trolley .05;

Saturday, February 10

Cold. As yesterday.

Robt & I went in on the 8:49. Stopped at Pattee's office to get some copies of our newly issued Bulletin (It really is fine!) To Dr Lane's office where Robt got his new glasses. I left Robt there & went to Boy Scout headquarters for literature; to Mr. Deane's for a conf.; inspected State Street windows to note sale of contraband feathers; to Fields for luncheon where I met Rob't. We ate with the Cook Co. supt's; to Kaiserhof to hear discussions of Chic Nat Study Club. To Newberry Library awhile & to Schmidt's (costumers) City Club; then went down & called on the Neff's at 5637 Calumet Ave, hoping to see Leonard (who was out); home on 9:15. To school house to fill up plant house heater.

R R. .52 + .40; lunch 1.50; supper .40;

Sunday, February 11

Another fine cold day.

I went to school this A.M & watered plants, etc., but did not go to church. Had a nap instead & another this afternoon.

Read up on Washington material today. Also – some from Royce's Spirit of Mod. Philosophy.
Copied with camera some pictures for use in my Washington talk. Developed neg. this evening.

Monday, February 12

10 or so below. Moderated during day. Sun dog this evening
Patriotic songs at morning exercises. - - Gave Lincoln talk with slides to four groups – nearly an hour with each today.
Met at 5:00 at City Hall with a group interested in coming election on making west side a part of the H.P. Park Dist.
Board meeting this evening. Cleared up number of bills. I was given expenses for trip to Kansas City.
Barber .15;

Tuesday, February 13

Still mild.
Another day packed with engagements - - - Talked to 6th, 7th, & 8th in one assembly Showed Lincoln slides and prefaced this with a talk about the threatened war with Germany.
Science lessons.
Teachers' meeting – with Chapt. 4 in Dewey's E. & D as topic
Took 6:31 for Chic. ostensibly to hear lecture at Chic. Hist. Soc. When I found the b'ld'g dark, I looked up my notice – It read Feb. 15!
So I went down to Powers' Theater & heard Martha Hedman in The Boomerang. A rich comedy splendidly acted.
R.R. .52 + .10; theater 1.50; (stamps .97 + .21)
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the playbill for THE BOOMERANG, a Comedy in Three Acts by Winchell Smith and Victor Mapes, listing the cast and scenes. –ed.]

Wednesday, February 14

As yesterday.
Plant house work and mn'l tr. work with 8B boys.
P.T.A. this afternoon. H.G. Townsend, Sec. of Peace League, spoke against military training in schools. - - My remarks about Germany yesterday had stirred up the Germans & some were ready to "call me down" for them. I was asked to say something and I spoke very plainly. The result seemed favorable. Two or three ready to criticise talked it over with me in a friendly way.
Did some hustling for Park Dist election for tomorrow.
Barber .15; peanuts .05;

Thursday, February 15

As yesterday.
Up early & over to polling place shortly after seven. Cast 2nd vote for making west side part of park dist. Spent an hour or more there. Again at noon – planning auto trips for Udell to make Then – our side lost decisively! More than two to one against!!
Very busy at school. - - Two members of Libertyville Tp H.-S. called to "look around." – Duba & Averill –

Very tired this evening. Did an errand to H.S. b'ld'g by taxi & home. Worked over Wilstach's new book on Mt Vernon.

West:

For	Against
Men 46	Men 111
Women 22	Women 55

Friday, February 16

Me[lt?...obscured by pasted clipping. —ed.] Rising wind after sunset

Various "chores" this A.M, including the digging out of the young trees I heeled in last Fall to have ready for grafting. These with frozen soil about them I took into the plant house.

Got off letters to Sen & Cong. men from Illinois today urging their support of Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Party of nine of us went to Hull House this evening. Eight of us ate dinner there. Saw the plays. Fine time. Mrs Taylor and the Misses König, Schermerhorn, Parks, Sands, Cramer, C. White, & Corey. R.R. .52 + .10; apples .30; H.H. 3.00;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill listing the cast, and scenes for: VICTIMS, a play in one-act by Edward W. Lowrey; and "Great Catherine" by Bernard Shaw. —ed.]

Saturday, February 17

Still mild. Sunny.

To city on 8:49. To Pattee's to leave a mailing list. Boy Scout headquarters for manuals & diaries for the boys. To Schantz' office to arrange for a conference. To Chic. Transparency Co. for some slides. McIntosh's for carbons and slips; Miss Ingersoll's where I found 9 Washington slides ready To City Club. Lunch with Lewton & Douglas and a caucus on legislative situation. To Schantz' office where he & Pattee and I had conference about Audubon business. To Newberry Library to look up data about Continental Congress. Home on 5:50.

At work on my slides this evening

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .80; slides 1²⁵; slips .20; (ticket 6⁶⁰); phone .15;

Sunday, February 18

Colder. Raw.

My right eye behaved like "pink eye" and somewhat incapacitated me all day Labeled lantern slides. Looked over bills for the legislature, etc., etc.

Monday, February 19

Sleet today. Thunder heard about one o'clock. Still only moderately cold

Spent some little time investigating a fight two 8A's had on Friday

Agent for Newson took an hour of my time.

Went to Dr Bergen for "dope" for my eye which still troubles me a little

This evening spent working over Washington material.

Medicine .40;

Tuesday, February 20

Mild. Thawing

My right eye much worse and I stayed in and doped it all day. Towards evening it got much better

I spent several hours today going over a pile of old Country Life's and cutting out articles & pictures to use at school.

Spent some time planning my Washington talk for next Saturday evening.

Wednesday, February 21

Again mild & sunny. Then cooler at evening & a high wind & freezing.

Busy at school picking up the tangled threads.

At my desk a while this evening.

Sent out copies of the Winter Bulletin to Cong. & Senators & to members of state legislature

Thursday, February 22

Washington's Birthday

No school. Went to school house and worked nearly all morning in the plant house

This afternoon worked over some of the Washington material. Went over to Mr. Geers with the Presb. Church lantern & set it up in their living room

This evening went to their W. Birthday party given to the H-S teachers. I showed Mt Vernon slides.

Thunderstorm and rain during the evening. Walks very icy.

Friday, February 23

Fine sunny day. Muddy under foot.

Gave Washington talks to all pupils in 3 groups. Prefaced each by securing from children reports of "interesting facts about W," etc

With small group of pupils cut some switches on Rudolph's & Everett's places to be used in grafting.

Worked on Washington material this evening.

Saturday, February 24

DeKalb.

Finished my notes on the Washington talk; did some work at school. Then took 11:30 for Chic. To City Club for meeting of Educ. Committee. We discussed free textbooks.

Then to Schoultz & Co for a colonial costume. To Schantz office for a time where he and Pattee were mailing out tickets for Aud. lecture course.

Took 4:20 for DeKalb. Met Dr Cook on the train. Mr. Gilbert met me & took me home for dinner, his wife & daughter making the company. Went to the W. party at the normal & talked for 50 min. with slides about W's last days & Mount Vernon. - - Several hundred students were in costume & the grand march was a pretty spectacle. Dancing, etc., filled out the evening.

Sunday, February 25

Got up before 7:00 & Mr. G. gave me my breakfast so I could catch 7:40 for Chic. Home by 11:25 Slept all afternoon.

Recd 5⁰⁰ for exp of last two days. My outlay was .52 + .20 + .40 + 3.50 + 1.16 + 1.16 + .10

Monday, February 26

A busy one. - - Got copy to printers for circular letter to colleagues of E.N. Division. - - Geo Greene got here during the morning & Mr. Lambers had this for his last day here.

Miss Behrens and I worked at school house until 10:00 this P.M. I dictated number of letters to promote Audubon lecture scheme.

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Tuesday, February 27 Left for Kansas City

One grand rush today. Signed 150 two-page circulars to mail to my colleagues of N. Illinois – containing legislative news.

Arranged to have Miss Nora mail out a lot of Audubon circulars – notices of lecture course.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Left on 6:31-8:05 At. Top & Santa Fe. Mr. Rowell and I together.

Wednesday, February 28 Kansas City

Got in on [????....word obscured by pasted clipping. –ed.] trolley to Muehlbach Hotel. Got a room with Asa Goddard.

Went to morning session Also to afternoon gymnastic demonstration which was a wonderful performance.

Evening program, also.

Keeler's paper of not much value. Dr. Robertson's trifling. Favored military training from "Kg through H-S." A sorry performance.

Bagley – brilliant. Judd, excellent

The morning program was of moderate value only.

Went around with Douglas, White, Nida, et. al.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program for meeting of the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association. It lists the sessions held on Wednesday. The morning session addressed the following topic:

A STRONGER FOUNDATION FOR, AND A BETTER COMMAND OF SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH.

- (a) In the Elementary Schools, presented by Milton C. Potter, Superintendent of Schools, Milwaukee, Wis.
- (b) In the High Schools, presented by Jesse H. Newlon, Principal, High School, Lincoln, Nebr.
- (c) In the Normal Schools, presented by James F. Hasic, Chicago Normal College, Chicago, Ill.
- (d) In the Colleges, presented by E.M. Hopkins, Professor of English, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kas

The afternoon gymnastic demonstration was provided by pupils of Kansas City School. The evening session addressed the topic of UNIFORM STANDARDS AND CORRELATIVE FACTORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION. The following papers were presented:

Standards of School Architecture and School House Construction

Fred L. Keeler, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing, Mich.

Standards of Individual Health Among Children

John Dill Robertson, Commissioner of Health, Chicago, Ill.

Standards of Personal Ethics, and Individual Conduct Among Children

W.C. Bagley, Professor of Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Standardized Units of Achievement of Pupils, and Measurable Standards of School Administration

Charles H. Judd, Director, School of Education, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. –ed.]

Thursday, March 1 Kansas City.

At morning program until business meeting. Singing of colored pupils very good.

Program not brilliant. Mr Wirt's talk familiar but stimulating – or, rather, suggestive.

Afternoon – to meeting in Chamber of Commerce Sat with Miss Baber. Flexner not present.
Strayer talked as did Dr. Caldwell - - - about the new experimental school.

Shoop's talk not specially important. Miles, do.

Evening – some of us left early & looked in at a wretched show.

Met John Higdon today. Also W.M. Shepherd, Kittie N's husband. Arranged for meeting tomorrow.

Erman Blake appeared at 11:00. He and I and Asa had delightful talk until 12:30

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the morning and evening sessions of the NEA meeting. The morning session addressed the topic of DEFINING THE SCOPE OF EDUCATION. The papers presented were:

The Legitimate Range of Activity of the Junior College from the Viewpoint of Public-School Education

I.I. Cammack, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City., Mo.

Relations between and Differentia Defining the Work of Public-School Education and Philanthropy

J.H. Francis, Superintendent of Schools, Columbus, Ohio

Relations and Lines of Demarcation between the Fields of Industry and Public-School Education

Albert Shiels, Superintendent of Schools, Los Angeles, Cal.

Multiple Use of Child-Welfare Agencies

William Wirt, Superintendent of Schools, Gary, Ind.

Vocational Guidance Based upon Predetermined Mental Aptitude

David Spence Hill, Department of Education, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

Report of Committee on Relation between Boards of Education and Superintendents

Charles E. Chadsey, Superintendent of Schools, Detroit, Mich.

The evening session addressed the topic of OBSERVABLE TENDENCIES TOWARD A NATIONALIZATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATION. A paper entitled "Its Spirit, Purpose, and Method" was presented by Philander P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D.C. —ed.]

Friday, March 2

Kansas City

Stayed through morning session. Best thing the masterly report read by Supt Snyder – advocating compulsory physical tr., military service of 19 year olds or 20-21, & opposed mil. tr. in elementary & h-s. Great paper. Almost unanimously approved

Luncheon with John Higdon, Jas Higdon, & Otto Bayse – a De Pauw group.

Then to Kansas City, Kansas to spend afternoon & evening with Elsie Needham & Fred, Kittie Shepherd & her husband, & Catherine Shepherd (aet. 14). Fine time (Very light snowfall & had a walk with the boys). Fred & Will saw me over to my hotel after a call at Will's H-S. where a night school class was graduating.

Took 11:00 Calif. Line for Chicago.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Friday morning session of the NEA meeting. The following papers were presented:

EDUCATIONAL POISE: VARIATIONS IN THE RATIO OF TIME TO BE GIVEN TO THE MENTAL AND MANUAL ELEMENTS IN THE DIFFERENT GRADES OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND THEIR RELATIVE VALUES IN DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL SYMMETRY

(a) As Related to the Mental Growth of Children

Jas. H. Van Sickle, Superintendent of Schools, Springfield, Mass.

Adelaide Steele Baylor, Vocational Division, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Ind.

(b) As Related to the Child's Social and Economic Efficiency

J.H. Bentley, Superintendent of Schools, Paducah, Ky.

Preparedness

R.A. White, representing University Military Training League
Health Problems of Rural and Village Schools
H.A. Davee, Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena, Mont.
The High-School Teacher's Professional Preparation
William H. Smiley, Supervisor of High-School Education, Denver, Colo.
Report of Committee on Military Training in the Public Schools
Henry Snyder, Superintendent of Schools, Jersey City, N.J. – ed.]

Saturday, March 3

Train delayed in early morning by broken down engine – so we arrived about 1 ½ hrs late in Chic.
– About 12:45. Missed the lecture by Finley on the Audubon course.
Attended all afternoon conf. at City Club on vocational bill. Robinson represented Commercial Club and opposed certain features of proposed bill, but at end of conf. seemed to be nearer our view point.
Got home at 6:30.
Pile of mail, etc., kept me busy until midnight.
Lunch .30; Brigg's cartoons 1⁰⁰
Charge Board 35⁰⁰ for K.C. expenses.

Sunday, March 4

Sharp wind. Sunny. Cold.
To Wauk. to leave bundle of bills at a store for Mr Knoelk, he planning a conf. with some legislative group. Home too late for church.
Leonard came out a while today. Is rather discouraged about promotion.
Charge 40¢ + .05¢ to State Teacher's Assn (trolley)
Nuts .15.

Monday, March 5

Sharp today. Sunny. Bracing.
Conferences with Mrs Millard, Mrs McDougal, & Mrs Martin. Also with a movie operator.
Busy time at the office Taught 6B science
At school b'ld'g a while this evening. Chatted with Donald Buchanan about scout work.
Miss Ames now at hospital and I tried to get a sub. from two agencies.

Tuesday, March 6

Mild. Beautiful day.
Workmen lowered flagpole & put on chain instead of wire cable.
Continued repotting geraniums from 2 ½" to 3 ½" pots.
Science in 6B, 6A, 7B.
New pupil – Rosamond Burt. Yesterday Norman Fink & Rob't Yowell.
Teachers' meeting. Chapt. VI of Dewey.
Worked at office desk this evening clearing up things
Barber .75;

Wednesday, March 7

Light rain early. Late afternoon flurries of snow that melted readily. High winds.
Miss Fargo helped Miss White keep Miss Ames' room going.

Miss Jule Martin of Chicago came to apply for substitute's place. I have asked her to report Monday.

Science 7A, 8B, 7B.

At office desk this evening. Ordered flower seeds of Dreer's. Charge Dist 107 - \$1²⁵

Thursday, March 8

Cooler. Gray. Blustery.

Had Esther Kerfoot help out in Miss Ames' room today. Mr. Ames reported over the phone that Miss Ames was doing nicely, but her temp. was 103.

Meeting of committee on mov. pict. machine this afternoon. Over \$300 in sight and I am to go ahead and buy a machine. I have secured Percy Prior's services in negotiating for an instrument.

Took 2:38 for Chic. To Schantz' office to confer on Geographic matters. While there, Paul B Riis of Rockford came. S and I went to Directors' (Geog Soc.) meeting. Home on 6:34.

At office at school this evening.

R.R. .52 + .05; barber .15;

Friday, March 9

Gray. Mild.

Tested humidity in rooms. About 40% Plant house 80%.

Miss Whitten visited us all day.

Esther K. taught 1B again today.

6A's cut twigs of various trees for study purposes.

Some 5A's and I made cuttings from F.B. Green's willow on the parkway.

Miss Nora is writing reports to parents whose children were reported defective by the examiner.

Barber .15; nuts .05;

Saturday, March 10

April shower today.

City on 8:09; Amer. Press Ass'n to price service ("boiler plate) Schant's office for conf., then he and I went to Bausch & Lomb & bo't balopticon for Aud. Soc; Field's for luncheon with Cook Co. Sup't; then with Schantz to confer with C.B. Whitford, dep. game warden – Before this met Mrs A.A. Michelson & Mrs C. F. Millsbaugh at Univ. Club to confer over gardening in city schools, etc. Then to City Club to conf. on voc. educ'n. McClurg's & Fields – shopping

Home at 6:34.

Worked on school bills until 11:00 P.M.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .95; umbrella 1.50; repair of shoes 1⁵⁰; apples .10; phone .15; elect. ~~ball~~ cell & file .35.

Sunday, March 11

Sunny & mild this morning but cold and threatening after lunch.

8:30-9:30 walked down to the Skokie & heard my first robins, bluebirds, meadowlarks & killdeers. the m.l. sang most melodiously.

At 11:00 I met by appointment at Exmoor Messrs Wyles, Towner, & Croke to discuss details of making a bird preserve of Exmoor Grounds.

At 2:30 I met Charles Lehmkuhl & Lloyd Hicks at Washington Ave., Highwood, and we tramped over in Sweeney's woods. Bro't home cuttings of Amer. bladder nut, red osiel, dogwood, waahoo, & nannyberry. Also bouquet of sensitive fern fruiting stalks, & leaves

At 7:00 to dinner party at Pattees. The Perkinses, Kingsleys, & Cartwrights
R R .40 + .10;

Monday, March 12

Cool. Gray. Blustery after night fall.
Worked with 4th grade teachers over plant lessons for coming months
Dealer in photog. prints colored in oils displayed pictures at close of morning session in school
house – Miss Giffen's room
Science in 6B.
Board meeting this (meeting) evening. Only Mrs Millard, Greenslade, & Mann present.

Tuesday, March 13

Snow. Rain. Sleet.
Nearly two inches of snow in the night. Rain began this afternoon and continued at intervals into the night.
A rush day. – Three science lessons this afternoon. Conf. with Mrs Millard.
Dinner at Millard's. Then to party at Annex given by our teachers to the teachers of Dist. 108. A
fine time.

Wednesday, March 14

Frozen icy walks - - thawing somewhat. High wind. Rare glimpses of a rare sky! Clearing at
evening.
A rush day & some more! Among other items: "A Scandinavian globe trotter" talked to our
children at special morning session – 11:45-12:05. Mr. Espey of North Chicago visited in the afternoon.
P.T.A. this afternoon. Good time, etc
Too tired to work this evening.
Special deliv. stamps .50 (Aud) Stamps .97.

Thursday, March 15

Sunny much of day, but not any too warm.
Percy and I planned the placing of movie booth and arranged to go in to purchase the machine.
Science – 8B, 7A.
Twig lesson with 6B's.
Conf. with 5th & 6th grade teachers over lessons on trees.
By phone Mrs M, Mr. Mann, Mr. Greenslade & I planned a ticket for the school election. I went to
Mr. Geer's this evening to confer about legal aspects.
Selected slides for a flower talk tomorrow evening.

Friday, March 16

Went to Norwood Park this evening at the request of the Vincent girls to talk flowers before the typical
audience of children and adults at the school house Not altogether satisfactory. I was tired and hoarse and
the children fidgety.
R.R. .52

Saturday, March 17

8:09 to Chic. Percy and I contracted for Simplex moving picture machine - \$300 less 10 & 5; and
plus \$40 for transformer. 10x10 curtain \$31⁰⁰!

Conf with Schantz and Pattee; with Deane. At McClurg's; City Club for a while; borrowed Yellowstone slides of N.P.R.R. Home at 4:21. Nap. Worked with Miss Nora at school until 10:30 P.M. dictating Audub. stuff.

R R .52 + .15; lunch .45;

Sunday, March 18

Strong wind much of day. Cold. Sunny (Snow flurries early in day). Clear and still towards evening.

Church this A.M.

Fine nap.

Fine trap west and south & back by Clavey's. Ice still on pools but meadowlarks heard at evening. Geese overhead. Two song sparrows.

Monday, March 19

Bright. Clear. Windy. Promising.

Miss Jewett absent – gone to Music Convention at Grand Rapids - & Miss Tuly in her place. A Mrs Riddle spoke at morning exercises on Safety First.

Esther K & her sister still sub-ing in Miss Ames' Room.

Used Yellowstone slides with 6A & 6B's this A.M.

Science in 6B.

Sent out a lot of letters for the Aud. Soc – soliciting material for Spring Bulletin.

At Millards awhile this evening to plan for the setting up of a stereopticon Then back to desk at school.

Tuesday, March 20

Fine day. Spring in feeling.

Rushed.

Miss Cress came to sub in Miss Ames' place

Met Mr Mann at aud. to plan for booth for moving picture machine.

Pub. Service men hoisted our flagpole in place (It had been lowered to fix cable & to paint it). Ran up new flag.

Went down to Millards' after school to help electricians wire up to my stereop.

This evening helped out on program of Garden Club there. Mrs Hubbard of Winnetka talked about a Japanese garden. I talked about birds for awhile. Later I showed some flower slides

Wednesday, March 21

First Day of Spring!

A lovely day in every way. We celebrated by having field trips to look for birds. Every room did this in whole or part. A flock of nearly 50 waxwings has been spending the past few days in Mason's yard, feasting on remnant crab apples, & several of our rooms have gone there to see the show. Robins, blueb., meadowl., grackles, r.w. blackb's, red head w., downy & hairy, song sparrows, w.b. nuthatch.

Have done lots of Audub. Soc. work in the last three days.

Barber .15;

Thursday, March 22

Another fine Spring day.

C.F. Stough of the Bodleian Co – pub. of reprod. of Art Inst. pictures – called today. - - Neal Green came to submit estimate for wiring for mov. pict. machine

Teacher's – 5th & 6th – after school. Helped on science material – tree blossoms, etc. Helped 4th grads start exp. of germination

Had boys get out our supply of flats and begin repairing them

Mr. Greene went down to city with H-S. Band to help “play.” Cadets & girls studying work of nurses went down to see a war movie. Paraded in Chicago

Worked on notes for a toast at H.S. this evening

Friday, March 23

Fine warm rain in the night. Turned cool ~~and~~ during the afternoon. Freezing somewhat at night.

Kept on the move all day. Visited rooms. Helped 3B's in a planting lesson.

Had a 3 groups resetting geraniums

Mr Metzel & I had a long conference at school this evening.

Mr Mann & I met at the b'ld'g at 8:00 this A.M. to talk over the wiring for the m. p machine.

Mother not feeling well Called Dr. Bergen.

Saturday, March 24

Fine day - - 8:09 for Chic. To Kleine Optical Co to confer about wiring. Boy Scout Headquarters for 3 Scout Books. To Cox's office for committee meeting about Shackleton's lecture. To Steinway Hall where Ernest Harold Baynes gave a brilliant illustrated lecture under auspices of Audub. Society. To Luncheon at Fields with Mr. Baynes, Mr & Mrs Pattee, Schantz, Dr De Loasch & Miss Hannig. Then I shopped at McClurg's. Over to City Club on an errand. Then home on 4:37. Nap. Then worked on notes for a talk. Went to 6:30 dinner at H-S. – banquet of “fathers & sons”. I responded to the toast – Business and Public Service.” Prof. Rall of Garrett B.I. made a live address.

R R. .52 + .05; barber .15;

Sunday, March 25

Mild. Gray. Cooler late in the day.

Went to Exmoor to look over situation with Millard. Flickers, brown creepers, fox sparrows, & hermit thrushes now here. Great flocks of juncoes. Bluebirds seem plentiful.

Took it easy most of remainder of day.

Leonard came out for dinner and stayed a few hours.

Monday, March 26

Cool. Gray. Threatening.

New case of scarlet fever. Now seven from our school.

Miss Carse, Princ. of a new private school in Minneapolis, visited awhile this afternoon. Came to look at Miss Shaw's work, but inspected our school generally.

Mrs Bergman called to inquire about bird houses.

Mrs Reesman and Mrs McDougal came to report on mov. pict mach. fund – now \$336⁰⁰.

Miss Gahan came to ask advice about a normal school position.

Miss Nora worked with me until 10:00 this evening. I continued until 11:00.

Rode my “bike” for first time today.

Tuesday, March 27

Gray, largely. Cool but bracing winds.

Three cases of scarlet fever discovered among Miss White's 1A's today, making five in all from that room. So we have closed up the room.

Science in 7B & 7A.

Fine short-eared owl (dead) brot in today.

Teachers' meeting. Chapter VII of Dewey

Worked on Audubon material this evening. Miss Nora there also.

Mother in bed today with swollen leg. Dr. Bergen on the "job."

Barber .15;

Wednesday, March 28

Sunny & then gray. A rattling banging wind late in day. A few rain drops.

Hazel Bailey visited us this A.M. - -

Public Service people began to wire for m p. machine.

Science in 8B & 7B.

Had a "crew" resetting geraniums and bringing in fresh soil to plant house.

Rigid inspection of school children to disclose infection.

Doctor thinks mother has phlebitis. In bed but not suffering much.

Thursday, March 29

Fine day. A little cool.

Mailed today letters to patrons containing Dr. Anderson's report on the defects of their children.

More cases of scarlet fever.

Miss Cathrina Mendenhall, a candidate for position, spent the day with us.

Becker, the book agent, called.

Lois Green visited today. She is a Freshman at Grinnell.

Mother not so well as yesterday. Seems to be in for slow siege - - "phlebitis."

Worked at office this evening.

Friday, March 30

Gray & Sunny. Cool. Fine and bracing

Conferences on scarlet fever continue.

Mother suffering somewhat, but perhaps less than yesterday. Tem. 101.

Planted 10 or 11 flats of John Baer tomato seed today. Also had group of pupils begin snapping tops out of vigorous geranium plants.

Miss Griffin, kindergartener, of Downer's Grove visited us today.

Kg's & I set up wren's nest and robin's.

Mn'l tr. boys began on frames for additional hot beds.

In the last two days Misses White & Schermerhorn and I have been preparing lists of 1st & of 3rd reading material for their respective rooms.

Audubon work this evening. Read Mss.

Saturday, March 31

Sultry. Cooled off rapidly late afternoon. A few drops of rain at 3:00

Worked at office until 11:20 this A.M with Miss Nora to help - Audubon work. Then took 12:56 for Chic. Conf. with Pattee & Schantz. Then to McClurg's for bird books, etc; Lyon & Healey's to order a book; Fields & Steven's; Boy Scout Headquarters. Home by 6:31

This evening until 11:25 P.M at office - still Audubon work.

Pd for books at McC. 1.⁸⁰. Charge to Dist. 107.

R.R. .72 + ; barber .15; Tailor .25; shoe mender .10;

Sunday, April 1

Cold and rainy.

To church this A.M.

A long nap this afternoon. A chapter or so from Marius, the Epicurean

Audubon work again this evening.

Mother somewhat better.

Church .10;

Monday, April 2

Bright. Cool.

A large number of pupils out of school because of parental fear of scarlet fever

Had several conferences about this today.

Mother improving slowly.

Stilwell from Rand McNally called. Bo't maps of Canada and Mexico.

Had patriotic exercises just before noon today to call to attention the special session of Cong. and the possibility of war!

Barber 15; peanuts .05; camphor .35

Tuesday, April 3

Still somewhat cool & bright

Leland Walker, now teaching in H.S. at Wyandotte, Mich. called this afternoon.

Mother still improving.

Busy with arrangements about re-opening Miss White's room & securing medical certificates from pupils re-entering.

Civics in 8A

Teachers' meeting, Dewey on Natural Development and Social Efficiency as Aims

Miss Jones needing an operation on her tonsils. Decided to drop out again. I advanced salary due her of \$42⁵⁰

Tp election today. Not exciting.

Audubon work this evening. Sent 18 bird houses over to Exmoor this A.M.

Wednesday, April 4

Cool. Threatening. Finally drizzle after night fall.

Planted 5 more flats of John Baer tomatoes and several flats of asters, zinnias, and calendulas.

Children also cleared out the cold frame to start a hot bed. We found a number of pots of bulbs in each frame we had overlooked and left covered under leaves. Most of them look too bleached to blossom.

Went to city on 6:31 to Directors' meeting of Aud. Soc.

R R .52 + .20; lunch .15; barber .15;

Thursday, April 5

Drizzled. Snow particles blew about in the rain. Cleared after night.

Moving picture machine set up & tested. Mr Bunce represented the Kleine Optical Co that sold us our Simplex. \$310 – 5% discount

Busy as usual.

Audubon work this evening.

Barber .15; peanuts .05; bread .10.

Friday, April 6

Beautiful day. Sunny. Cool.

Got old and new hot beds started. - - - Went to Exmoor & tagged 18 posts for the setting up of bluebird nests.

— Science in 7B. Civics, 8A.

This evening, as usual, on Audub. work. Talked (l.d.) over the phone with Mr. Ruthven Deane over coming bulletin. He disapproved of my plan for printing checklist in arrangement just opposite to that of the A.O.U. list. As I had had Miss Nora typewrite it that way, I had to call her to the office to instruct her so that tomorrow she can copy it the old way

Mother steadily improving, apparently. Still in bed.

Pd boys for cutting oak strips for Exmoor - 1²⁰

Peanuts .05

Saturday, April 7

Gray. Cool – almost cold.

To sand dunes – Port Chester – with Mr Wright and nine of my staff. Left C. at 9:15 & got to P.C. at 11:00. Made our way leisurely over moving dune, down into valley of brook behind Mt Tom. Dinner of sandw & wienies & bacon & fried apples. Then a fine walk up the creek valley & back to catch 4:06 for Chic. A very few hepatica blossoms; skunk cabbage; arbutus in bud

Chic by 6:00. Caught 6:46 for H.P.

Shrike, cardinal, phoebe, golden crowns.

R.R. .52 + .05 + 1.12; barber .75

Sunday, April 8

Easter

Bright. Cool. Windy.

To S.S. where I showed the Easter slides & commented on them.

Stayed to church. At conclusion of service the pastor startled congregation by reading his resignation and censuring cong. because of reasons compelling his resignation

Watered plants at school. Fine nap this afternoon.

Mother slowly improving.

Church .50

Monday, April 9

Clear but cool.

Morning exercises at 10:00 to give nurse a chance to examine pupils first.

Met Mr Ruthven Deane at 11:35 and went out to Exmoor to talk nesting boxes with him.

Luncheon there.

Miss Deutsche of Lake View called to apply for a position. - - Rep. of Esterbrook pens called - -

After school some of the boys & I went to Exmoor & helped the employes lay bird boxes at foot of trees where they are to be fastened

Board meeting this evening.

Bus .50; barber .15;

Tuesday, April 10

Mild. Pleasant

Janitor Syren resigned today and the unpleasant hunt for his successor is on. One candidate has already visited me.

Arranged by phone with Mr. Ames today that Miss Harriet remain home to recuperate for remainder of the term. Have her successor to find.

Talked to Mother's Club of Y W.C.A. this evening. Used some Audub. slides and their lantern, etc

Pd 1⁰⁰ for blue prints – Dist 107.

Expenses of getting lantern, etc .2⁰⁴.

Wednesday, April 11

A pleasant day.

Busy – Tried to secure a successor for Syren who quit today. - - -

P.T.A this afternoon. The Principal of the Lewis-Champlin School talked on school failures. - - Barber .15;

Thursday, April 12

Still chilly winds.

Russel Gilbert helped again today & Mrs Garrity came all day. This evening I conferred with Mr. Morse about Geo. Nichols, candidate for janitorship, then with St. Peter, Metzel, & Mrs Millard. I hunted up Farmer at the fire station to confer about running our movie machine without a permanent booth.

Friday, April 13

Still chilly. Clear.

Boys finished hot beds today.

Got platform for moving picture machine ready Mr. Greene made it. Also hung curtain in place Russel G worked all day, as did Mrs Garrity. Lannius gave special help.

Tried to push sale of tickets for tomorrow night but not with much success.

Went down to Hyde Park Baptist Church this evening to talk flowers and birds before general gathering of Boy Scouts. Mr. Dodge was leader. Fair results. Poor lantern.

Saw myrtle warbler today.

R R. .52 + .10; taxi 2²⁵; supper .45 + .05; magazine, etc .15.

Saturday, April 14

Still cool & more or less gray.

Fruit trees from Onarga nursery arrived. Strawberries also.

City on 9:19. Took to Schantz office Audubon lantern, screen & slides. To Steinway Hall where McClintock lecture was held. Missed earlier part of lecture while arranging for sending Mr. M's films to H.P. late in the afternoon - - - To Fulton's to buy carbons for m.p. machine - - Boy Scouts to buy diaries. Home on 1:50. To school to see how construction of temporary booth was coming on. Met Mr McClintock at 5:44. We took films to school b'ld'g, etc.

Lecture this evening fairly attended. Wonderful films.

Carbons 2²⁵ (Dist 107);

R R .52 + .20; lunch .25; barber .15

Sunday, April 15

Still cool. Gray.

Rested extensively today. Watered plants at school this A.M.

Walked out to Exmoor to see how the nesting boxes looked.
Read much from The Advance of the English Novel by Phelps.
Wrote some Audubon material.

Monday, April 16

Cool but moderating towards evening.
Sent tree & shrub list to printer. – Unpacked shipment of fruit trees, etc. from Onarga nursery.
Boys puddled these & heeled in with black dirt. Girls labeled each.
Sent Miss Nora to city with “copy” for Bulletin to Mr. Pattee.
A group of 8B’s spaded a shrub bed.
Miss Nora and I did Audubon work this evening.
Mother sat up several hours today.
Barber .15.

Tuesday, April 17

Heavy showers during the day. Clearing and balmy at evening
Sent out sale list of trees & shrubs today
Teachers’ meeting this afternoon. Dewey on Interest & Discipline. Miss Cramer reported on
“plankton” and circulation in lakes, etc.
Girls of Y W C A gave a play in the aud. this evening. I was at the b’ld’g working at my desk.

Wednesday, April 18

Warm, even sultry. Then turned cooler in the late afternoon followed by a fine shower. Grass
“greening” while you look.
Much outdoor work. Planting shrubbery beds in front of b’ld’g, using among other things maple
leaved viburnum, downy v., & diervilla from our own woods.
Routine matter, etc., at my desk this evening.
Barber .15; nuts .05;

Thursday, April 19

Heavy showers – warm today. Fine April conditions.
7’s & 8’s & 6B’s reset all the tomato plants today.

Friday, April 20

Sunny & warm some of time. Heavy showers in afternoon.
5’s & 6B’s reset asters & calendulas
A group of boys and I went to our Green Bay nursery for a few birches, elms, & maples. Ground
boggy.
Assembly at 1:30. Patriotic songs. I demonstrated pruning & planting of a tree etc
Took 5:50 for Chic. To Brevoort Hotel for dinner of Cook Co Supt’s.
Came back by auto with Mr & Mrs Kingsley and Mr & Mrs Nichols to Evanston. Then by trolley
home.

R.R. .26 + .05 + .15; barber .25; dinner 1.50

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the Cook County Superintendents’ dinner. It is
transcribed as follows:

Introducing the Toastmaster . . .

Retiring President Supt. Fr. L. Miller

HOMER H. KINGSLEY, Toastmaster

To Our Guests – The Ladies. . .	Supt. A.G. Deover
To Our Hosts – The Men in General. . .	Mrs. A.E. Wilson
Greetings. . .	County Supt. Edward J. Tobin
Just Let Him Ramble On. . .	Supt. W.H. Hatch
Auf Wiederseh'n. . .	Supt. J.E. Lemon
To the High-brows. . .	Supt. Henry Buellesfield
To the Low-brows. . .	Supt. Fr. W. Nichols
Next Year. . .	President Elect Supt. E.N. Rhodes –ed.]

Saturday, April 21

Every one talking gardens, these days. Soup beans 16¢ a pound!!

Turned out a fine day

To Exmoor to look over assortment of bird nesting boxes from Wareham, Mass. To school to care for plants & sell shrubs & trees. Some boys helped me to haul into plant house some earth from woods, set a few shrubs, etc.

Took 11:30 for Chic. Interview with Schantz; then one with Pattee. Home at 2:28. To school house where election was going on. Mrs Clements and Geo Jones for members and Mr Metzel for president. No opposition.

A.E. Roberts came to office to get list of boys over 12 – welfare work.

Went home. Spaded up garden space. Planted radishes, lettuce, & onion sets. Raked yard until long after dark.

R.R. .52 + .05; lunch .30;

Sunday, April 22

Cooler. Sunny at times. A few rain drops.

To school a while this A.M. to look after “live stock” Syren was there coaching our new janitor, Geo. Nichols.

To church with Kittie. Heard a fine sermon by Dr McClure.

Slept long this afternoon. Then walked down to Stipe’s Lane & over some of Mr Moseley’s land which he has offered me for garden projects.

This evening pasted in more articles in my war scrap book, No 2.

Scarlet maples in fine showing. Elms, in full bloom. Hepaticas in every corner of the woods.

White throats coming in. Heard brown thrasher Friday for the first.

Monday, April 23

Cool still. Cold showers in afternoon

Over to Exmoor this A.M. to place last shipment of bird boxes.

11:44 for Chic. Conf. with Pattee over Bulletin. With Schantz. Shopped at Fields, McClurg’s Lyon & Healey, Anderson, Art & Travel. Spent an hour after supper at City Club – dozing. Then to Sir Ernest Shackleton’s lecture. Manly story, witty, unique, original. Millards on same train coming home R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .25; supper .55 + .15; sundries .60;

Tuesday, April 24

About as yesterday. Shower this evening.

Worked on yard and garden until after 9 A.M. Then to office at school for a while.

Took 12:56 for Chic. To Fulton’s to exchange large reel holders for small.

To Pattee’s office for a while. Then Mr Metzel’s; McClurg’s; Anderson’s; Pub. Library; City Club (after supper) where I read proof & wrote Aud. stuff until towards nine. Then to a show for a while.

R R. .52 + .25; phones .30; supper .55. Book .60; play .75;

Wednesday, April 25

Ditto. Cold & wet

Worked at school all morning and part of afternoon. Got my traps ready and left on 3:34 for Chic. Met Mr & Mrs Jensen at Rock Island train & we left for Ottawa at 4:50. Got there before 8:00, Millard there to meet us. He had gone down the evening before. We went to the New Clifton. I worked in my room on Audubon material until 11:30 P.M., & mailed the "stuff" with special delivery stamp to Pattee. R R. 1⁶⁶ + .26 + .10;

Thursday, April 26

Deer Park and Starved Rock.

We left Ottawa on 6:50 trolley for Utica where we took a motor for Deer Park. Stayed there until 11:00, wandering about in the canyons. Here I saw and heard for the first time the Carolina Wren.

We then went by motor to Starved Rock. Walked up to mouth of Horseshoe Canyon and ate lunch. Then M. & I explored both arms of the canyon. We then all went back to the Hotel where the Jensens & M. left for Utica by motor. I spent the next three hours exploring the country above the canyons & enjoying the sweeping views out over the valley. Juneberry trees just nicely in bloom with wonderful effects. Walked leisurely to Utica. Ate supper, had a shave, & took 7:51 R R. for La Salle. Went to Harrison House.

Hotel 2⁰⁰; motor 2⁰⁰; supper .40; barber .25; R.R. .14;

Friday, April 27

La Salle – Utica

Rained nearly all A.M. & I stayed in my room studying the geolog. bulletin on the area. Set out afternoon. Inspected the quarry of La Salle limestone at Germ-Am Cement Co's works. Found St. Peter's sandstone at Split Rock & a little farther on the Prairie du Chien limestone. Explored Pecumsaugan Canyon a ways. Came into a flock – a hundred or more of myrtle warblers. A palm warbler or two. Visited R.R. embankments covered with Mertensia just coming into bloom. Reached Utica & wandered about there until 6:16 when I took trolley for Ottawa.

Hotel 2.50; collars .30;

Saturday, April 28

Gray and cool. Left the New Clifton at 7:50 & by trolley to Joliet, arriving at 10:00. Walked up the Lockport road to a point opposite the power plant of the Drainage Canal. Went down to "rubber" for a while. Found militia in control & got a polite request to vamoose. Did so and went up to Delwood Park for a while. My feet were getting sorer all the time, so I concluded to take trolley for Chicago. Arrived at 2:20. Caught 2:55 for H.P. - - Spaded up rest of my garden and put in beets and parsnips – Went to school to see what had been done. Found hot beds with asters, etc. in fine shape. Not so with tomatoes.

At my home desk this evening overhauling mail.

Hotel 2.50; trolley, etc. .60 + .30 + .05 + .05 + .26; lunch .45; popcorn .10; bakery .20;

Sunday, April 29

Still about as yesterday. A light shower in the night.

To church this A.M. Heard a fine sermon by Dr Hill on the text "My meditation of him shall be sweet."

Leonard out today, going back on an afternoon train.

I attended a conference at the H.P. Club on garden work and other preparedness. Mr Burridge Butler presided. I reported on various bits of ground offered me for school gardens.

Clarence Danforth and his Father arrived in an auto about five – from St. Joe! After supper they were ready for early retirement. So I took trolley for Evanston & reached Pattees at 9:15. Left there at 10:40. (Conference on Bulletin).
Church .10; trolley .15 + 24.

Monday, April 30

Gray this A.M. Began raining after noon & kept it up – more or less heavily – into the night.
A no. of new pupils. – Miss Jewett not here because of the big bakery strikes in Chic – had to help bake for the cafeteria. Missess Behrens not here, but wired during day of coming tomorrow. – Miss White & Miss Cress mothered the 2A's. – Assembly at 11:00 when I talked garden work and food production.
Mrs Clements visited this afternoon - - -
Lesson on ventilation with 4B's; Civics – 8A's.
Teachers' meeting to talk garden project.
Mass meeting at H.S. this evening – Red Cross & gardening the themes
(Clarence & Mr Danforth set out in their auto this A.M. for Chicago & home).
Barber .15.

Tuesday, May 1

Cool – Gray – but clearing.
Miss Behrens & Nora got in on the 11:15 this A.M. Illness in their family held them back.
Another teachers' meeting this afternoon to work over Chapter in Dewey's D and E.
Gave civics lesson – 8A's
Did some Audub. work & other school work at my office until 10:45 P.M.

Wednesday, May 2

Bright & warmer at first. Turned cool after noon.
Some setting of shrubbery by 7B boys.
Busy.
At garden committee meeting this evening at City Hall. Afterwards arranged bird and flower slides for a talk (at Deerfield).
Boy to city - .52 + ;

Thursday, May 3

As yesterday – At first, sunny and promising, then cool - - cold.
Field trip to ponds – 4A's. This afternoon same group & I spent a half hour or so clearing up vacant lot across from Larson's garage.
Committee meeting between Mrs M & Mrs C. over teachers' salaries this afternoon.
Committee meeting, 4:30 – 6:00 at H.S. over school gardens.
Talked birds & flowers at Deerfield this evening, the occasion being a birdhouse contest of Boy Scouts.

Friday, May 4

As yesterday – even cooler!
Russel G. still working at resetting shrubbery at school.
Sold a few more trees today.
Minister from Glencoe called to compare notes about our "patriotic movements."
Called in on Mr Sandwick a while this afternoon to confer about modern language teaching

Advised Mrs T.C. Williams about saving shrubbery on lot on which she is building.

Attended French "rally" at Aud. Great & inspiring occasion. Viviani and Joffre spoke in French. Bancroft's & Lowden's speeches fine.

R.R. .52 + .10; barber .25; (ticket 6⁶⁰)

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the rally. Addresses of Welcome were delivered by William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago and Frank O. Lowden, Governor of Illinois. Responses were given by René Viviani, Minister of Justice, Republic of France and Maréchal Joffre. -ed.]

Saturday, May 5

Same story

8:49 for Chic. To Pattees to confer about the Bulletin. Schantz' office for a conference. Met his cousin, Dr Schantz of the Agric. Dep't.

To Geo B. Carpenters to price flags & fixtures.

To Fields to look up flags. To McIntosh's for gummed labels. Anderson's to confer about a suit.

Home by 2:02. Russel & I had load of fruit trees transferred to G.B. nursery & we set out in rows about 83 trees (apples, pears, & cherries).

Fagged out after supper & did no work.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .35; labels .10;

Sunday, May 6

Sunny and a little warmer.

Rested at home all day. Back very lame from my work of yesterday.

Pasted some material in my war scrapbook this evening.

The Clows called this evening.

Monday, May 7

Sunny & much milder. A real Spring day.

My radishes & lettuce coming up, etc.

Ladies representing the Red Cross came to plan for housing their things in the east wing of the Aud Carpenter & t[rimm?]er came to plan completion of moving picture booth.

Miss Hazel Brown of Danville called to apply for job & I gave her some time, etc

Took civics class to City Hall.

Mr Sandwick & Mr Norcross & later, Mr Ed Laing & I went about in Mr S's machine to inspect the job of plowing done on vacant lots.

Teachers' com. met at Annex this evening. Amicable

Barber .25;

Tuesday, May 8

Another milder day with cool breezes.

Helped Red Cross ladies establish themselves in east wing of aud.

Gave 8A civics two periods Committee meeting at H-S. from 4:30 to 5:30.

Operated lantern this evening for Rev Mr Maynard, missionary from India, who was bro't here by Mr. Adolph Gieser, et. al.

Wednesday, May 9

About the same as to weather.

Still more Red Cross work. Used several groups of boys in this.

Left on 1:41 trolley for Evanston. Called on the Pattees, Mr. Pat. being in bed – sort of nervous collapse. Got instructions from him as to Audub. Bulletin. Then took elevated for Chic.

To Barnes-Crosby to order a zinc etching. To Stearns & Co. for conf. with Decker & bundle of proof. – To Fields to exchange poncho. – McClurg's for books – City Club. to meet Schantz & Miss Mitchell. We ate at Harmony Cafe. Then back to City Club for Directors' meeting (Audub). Home by 10:10 – Then two hours on Audub. Bulletin.

R.R. .52 + .35; barber .35; shine .10

Supper .43; Boy to city with slides - .52 + .10;

Thursday, May 10

More like Spring but there was frost early this A.M.

Took 6:59 for Chic & met Mr. Decker of Stearns Bros & Co., printers at 8:15 with proofs of the Bulletin. Caught the 9:15-10:15 home. Dictated some more material to Miss Nora and sent her down to Mr Decker with it.

Met 6 – 7 – 8 grades at 11:15 to discuss a garden bulletin. The 4's & 5's this afternoon.

Miss Nora and I worked over letters after school. This evening I attended committee meeting at H.P. Club on food growing. Then from 10:00 to 11:00 reading final proof at school. Dropped it into the mails with delivery stamp.

R R .52 + .52 + .10 + .05 +

Friday, May 11

Sunny but still cool.

Rushed things through this A.M. Helped the Red Cross women some.

Conferred with Bahr. Went to Libertyville this afternoon to take part in a discussion about the work of parent-teacher assn's. Mr Simpson bro't me back to Lake Bluff in his auto Mrs Gridley, President. Mrs Colby, on committee – Rec'd my expenses - - 50¢
Mr Norcross bo't some beans for planting today - \$12⁵⁰ a bushel! Corn 2²⁵

Mowed lawn awhile this evening. Rather surprised at heavy stand of grass.

Barber .25.

Saturday, May 12

Very, very busy (a fine day still cool).

City on 9:19 after scouting over the Moseley land and conferring with Bahr. To Barnard's where I ordered a Planet Jr. drill & cultivator; a sprayer; bushel of navy beans (12⁵⁰); etc. To Geo B. Carpenters to get 16 flag holders. City Hall Bureau for 100 Garden Pamphlets. Boy Scout headquarters for 3 manuals; The Fair for half gal. glycerine (4²⁵); tailors for a fitting; McClurg's for bird guides; Field's for shoe polish & to order mirror, etc., for dressing room off auditorium stage; bolted lunch & caught 1:50. Conf. with S. Booth of Glencoe on bird preserves on way out. Gathered up tools. Went to Moseley farm. Spaded. Planted 2 double rows peas; 2 rows beans; 2 of corn. Home at 7:30. At nine at office & worked until eleven on the bills

R.R. .52 + .30; lunch .30;

Sunday, May 13

Fine day. Still cool.

To S.S. where I substituted with Mr. Faxon's class.

This afternoon took my camera to Stipe's woods & made three exposures.

Bobolink & catbird here yesterday. Heard oriole today.

Monday, May 14

A real Spring day. Really dry, now.

Have a "small" cold. No progress about planting, yet. Annoyed at trouble about securing plowing.

Very busy. - - -

Board meeting this evening and teachers' salaries voted.

Distributed bulbs that had been forced today.

Stamps .97;

Tuesday, May 15

Fine. Warm.

Scouted some before school. Got donation from Mr Moseley to pay for putting the "lower farm" in shape for gardening.

Notified each teacher of her re-election & salary adjustment.

Wretched cold.

Conferred with Munro this evening about representative legislators to write or wire to secure their help in the final vote on some of our bills on Thursday. Phoned list to Harper of Wilmette.

Mowed my yard.

Loud song of whip-poor-will near by roused me at 3:45 this A.M.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, May 16

Warm day

During the day my cold got bad. Temperature arose. Lungs felt "tight" Went home just before noon. Called Dr Bergen over after luncheon & went to bed – with his treatment

Thursday, May 17

A fine warm day. Spent it in bed. Fever gone. Eyes troubled me little. So I read much.

F. Harrison's essays on Alfred the Great, on Alfred's writing, on Geo. Washington; also read about virtues of various apples & how to combat their insect enemies -, etc.

Friday, May 18

A little cooler. I felt better, so spent most of the day at school.

Gottfried Arnswald, sophomore, died Tuesday & was buried today I attended the house services which were in German.

Miss White's pupils gave a (pupil) beautiful staging of Hansel & Greter Raised over thirty dollars by it.

Miss Davis & Mrs Sampsell & Mr. Greene went down to the Moseley site last evening and staked off a number of allotments for the upper grade pupils.

Barber .25;

Saturday, May 19

Another warm day. I was rather languid and loafed much of the time.

Gave tomato plants at school their second feeding of sod. nitr. in water. They responded at once to the first one. - - - Wrote number of letters. Dictated several to Miss Nora - - Replanted a bed of parsnips.

Mowed the back yard.

Was to have taken H.P. Garden Club to dunes today but was not well enough.

Barber . 1.00;

Sunday, May 20

Cool! Cool wind all day. Slight shower early today.

To Church to hear a fine sermon by Dr. McClure. I spent some time discussing plans for a Sunday evening service for the summer.

Long nap this afternoon. At 5:00 went to Waukegan to look over the harbor with a view to a field trip there soon.

Trolley .30;

Monday, May 21

Heavy shower in the night and rain at intervals during the day.

Still weak and obliged to go easy on work.

Conferred with Mr Sandwick today about a teacher of Spanish or French.

We are getting ready for an exhibit of our "collections" on Thursday afternoon and evening.

Overhauled my flower slides this evening preparing for a talk tomorrow evening at Fourth Presbyt. Church in Chicago.

Tuesday, May 22

High winds. Rain gusts. Cool. Small birds tossed about and bruised against objects.

Leonard came out late in the afternoon & went back after supper.

I went in on the 6:31 & to the Fourth Presb. Ch. to give a flower talk before a young woman's club. A very beautiful church. Had a good time.

Arthur Webb "blew in" last evening in my absence. Had an errand to Ft. Sheridan. I didn't get to see him.

Wednesday, May 23

Cleared away but a heavy frost last night which injured things.

Busy helping teachers get exhibits together.

Miss Shaw (6A) has German measles & went home by taxi to Racine. Mrs Taylor substituted.

Mrs Millard & Mrs Clements and I had committee meeting this A.M.

Thursday, May 24

Fine day.

Spent some time this A.M. down reconnoitering the Moseley land where Koller was finishing its preparation for planting. Then conferred with Wright about teachers.

This afternoon and evening – the exhibit of specimens, etc. A great success. Pupils described exhibits to all visitors.

Edith came in on us this evening.

Friday, May 25

Another fine day.

Mr Metzler and I had long conference about designs of cabinets to hold our specimens.

I notified the 8A's which are to receive diplomas.

Mr Clyon Hall, mn'l tr teacher, grandson of Frank Hall, visited Mr. Green today.

Our baseball boys defeated Lincoln Ave on H-S. grounds

I went down to Moseley farm after school with a number of pupils to mark off ground and prepare for planting.

This evening Mother, K., E. & I cut up potatoes for planting.

Saturday, May 26

Devoted to farming. Gray and threatening, finally in late afternoon driving me in from the fields – but shower only slight.

Got in a bushel of potatoes on the Moseley land Also 48 E. W. cabbages. Helped some of the school children who came down in the afternoon

Hired a helper who spaded up my tomato patch at home, then came to work on the Moseley land. Took a warm dinner to him.

Planted tomato plants, asters, and zinnias after supper.

Seeds. 1.05; man 2.50; barber .25;

Sunday, May 27

Cool! Cool!

Clarence D. came this A.M., having crossed the lake in the night.

This afternoon he and E. and I went up to Great Lakes & visited Fort Sheridan. At the training camp for officers I met Hugh Magill, Supt of Springfield Schools, who has a son in camp there.

Clarence went home at 4:15.

Trolley 1⁰⁵

Monday, May 28

Still cool. N.E. Wind

Covered my tomato plants et. al. last night with cans & flower pots.

Had Tuesday's program today. Miss Jewett to come tomorrow.

After school tonight spent some time on the Moseley farm. A group of 7B girls there also. I got in 30 or 40 hills of Stowell's Evergreen. My beans & corn planted May 12 just coming through.

Took 6:31 for Chic. Took part on informal program of Aud Soc. at Art Inst. Eifrig, DeLoasch, Schantz, & I.

R.R. .52 + .05; lunch .20; nuts .05; barber .05;

Tuesday, May 29

A fine day. Warmer.

Began distribution of tomato plants. A grand rush for them.

8A's gave illustrated lecture on the fly to other pupils today. One of the outfits loaned by the Internat'l Harvester Co.

Memorial Day exercises this afternoon. One pupil read roster of veterans here at H.P. I read list of our boys who have enlisted. Showed lantern slides. Miss Jewett directed the music.

Went down to Moseley farm after school. Helped some pupils and planted for myself lima beans, string beans, telephone peas, & radishes.

Began distrib. of the 1000 copies of the Spring Bulletin which arrived yesterday!

Wednesday, May 30

Memorial Day

Rained or drizzled quite a proportion of the day

I went down to farm at 7:30. Found the tractor at work on an unploughed strip near the Moseley barn. Had it plough up a strip south of the orchard also.

I then went to work on my own strip & got in a row of beets when the rain drove me out. I was drenched when I got home. Dressed in clean clothes & went to school & helped Miss Nora direct Audubon Bulletins. - - After dinner set up screen doors - - planted sunflowers – At 3:30 went to the farm & in spite of frequent drizzles got in 2 long rows of navy beans.

Thursday, May 31

Heavy rains much of morning. Warm. Sun shone at times this afternoon.

To city on 9:19 & to U. of C. Mr. Gillette of School of Ed gave me some of his time. We lunched together; then heard Mr Bouvet's French class. One of his practice pupils, Isabelle Fink, conducted part of the recitation. I afterwards talked with her about coming to teach French here.

Looked in on Dr. Cowles. Then down town. To Barnard's to inquire about a seed drill; Pattee's to talk about the Bulletin; Boy Scout headquarters to buy two manuals; McClurg's for hktog. ink; Anderson for my new suit (55⁰⁰); home at 6:17.

This evening at H.P. Club a committee meeting of H.P. Patriotic Food Growers' Assn
R.R. .52 + .14 + .15; bananas & cream .30; Ink .80;

Friday, June 1

Gray. Cooler.

Long interview with Mrs Greene over P.T.A. matters.

Distributed asters, z. & calendulas to 7 – 8's this afternoon.

Gave each kg child a potted geranium.

Caucus with teachers this evening after school on picnic plans.

Had our first onions and radishes from our own garden today.

Scarlet tanagers unusually plentiful.

Had live Acadian flycatcher this afternoon.

Saturday, June 2

Rained in the night. Drizzled & rained much of this afternoon.

To the "farm" this morning. Planted onion seed, parsnips, & cucumbers. This afternoon got in more evergreen corn before rain chased me away.

At home planted more lettuce & radishes, & set out some zinnias & asters.

Robt McAdow was buried at Mt Hope Cemetery today. Had died at Albuquerque, N.M. of tuberculosis.
Bicyc. basket .75; file. 25; seeds & toilet paper .40;

Sunday, June 3

A beautiful summer day. We have had few such as yet. Wild crab blossoms just opening. Apple blossoms near their prime. Hawthorns in bloom.

Clarence & Leonard came by nine this A.M., so I did not go to church.

Fed silkworms with mulberry leaves.

This afternoon we went to Ft. S. where we met Capt. Moffett & family and some visitors and went through the officers' training camp, etc. Went on the Great Lakes & looked on a while from the outside.

L. went home at 4:45

Trolley .15 + .45 + .60;

Monday, June 4

Fine day. – But - - - few rain drops after 4:00 P.M.

Clarence went to Kenosha, to his company's plant, for the day, returning this evening.

Distributed geraniums and the remaining asters and calendulas this afternoon.

Worked at my farm from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. First hoeing of peas, beans, & corn. Planted one row (275 ft) of navy beans – the third row.

Ice cream .20;

Tuesday, June 5

Gray – Threatening.

Very busy, hopelessly so, almost.

Clarence left for home, today.

Miss Jewett & I planned program for Friday – picnic day.

I had explanatory slip printed to go out with the Spring Bulletins.

Worked at farm from 5 to 7:00.

At school this evening for a conference with Misses Jones & Schermerhorn, & Miss Grunewald, et.

al.

Shave .25;

Wednesday, June 6

High winds today, but clearing.

Heavy rains & thunder storm in the night.

Another strenuous day but things moved along.

Audubon Bulletins finally dropped into the mails.

Pd Sylvia & Eli[se?] \$2⁰⁰ for pasting, etc. Bo't \$6⁷⁵ in 3¢ stamps

Hoed beets & nasturtiums & mowed yard after supper.

At school desk awhile

Thursday, June 7

Still gray and threatening. Windy.

Offered Isabel Fink, Foster Hall, U. of C., position to teach French, etc. To be considered

Got out dodgers advertising tomorrow's picnic.

Distributed registration cards to children wishing to enter their gardens for prizes, for inspection, etc.

Put in one more row (sixth) of navy beans at the farm.

At school this evening, tying up last bundles of bulletins

Have canker sores in my mouth!

Friday, June 8

Picnic Day!

A beautiful day!

Photographed 8A's and also group of girls prize winners in doll dressing.

Corrected proof of commencement programs. Sent Leonard Friebele to city to get film from C.B & Q.

R.R. Secured operator to come out, set up our Simplex in the new booth, & run it for us.

Picnic day! Children bro't own lunch. Sold them ice cream cones. Games on school grounds.

"Shows" (two) in aud. - 5¢ admission. 1st. – Folk dances, etc. 2. Movies. Lumbering, glaciers, harvesting, Keokuk dam, Margaret Tyners garden party.

This evening; (1) Miss Esther White's Hansel & Gretel (2) music, slides, etc. Great success.

Ice cream, etc. 20; lunch .10

Twine .20 →

R.R. .52 + 40 (Dist 107)

Saturday, June 9

Beautiful day. Cool. Refreshing.

All day at the "farm" 7:30 to 11:15 – 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. Didn't go for my mail until 9:00 P.M.

Planted beans for the most part. Planted three trial rows of potatoes – East - - whole potatoes, small. Middle – Slices, two eyes each. West – Single eyes gouged out

Hoed my telephone peas and radishes, and my cabbages. Set out 15 more.

Very tired at night time.

Barber .35; bananas. 20;

Sunday, June 10

Beautiful. Warm

Children's Day. Dr. McClure preached sermonette. Children gave most of the program. Mother went – in a taxi. Her first church service for many weeks.

After fine nap this afternoon I walked down to my farm. Visited a while with the Maechtle's who had been working there. Also with the Haaks' who came later.

On my way home was picked up by the Greene's – Mr & Mrs & Lois in their auto. Went to the County Line & wandered in the woods for a time.

Church .25.

Monday, June 11

Another fine day, growing more nearly sultry at evening.

Took 4A's & Misses Stine and Parks to Wauk. to visit harbor, etc. The Yantic, a training ship of Spanish-Amer. war fame, in the harbor.

This afternoon – working to clear my docket.

Checked up promotion lists from four rooms.

Worked on school bills. Board met this evening. Mr Greenslade absent.

Tuesday, June 12

Fine day. Even sultry.

3B's with Miss Jones & Miss Schermerhorn went in Norrlen's auto truck to the Ziesing farm this A.M. The 3A's went to the Arcady dairy in the afternoon.

The truck took the 8A's & B's up to Sweeney's woods at 2:30 for the annual picnic party. A delightful party in a most beautiful setting.

After we got home, I talked promotions with the 6th – 8th teachers.

This A.M. before school I went down to the farm with Percy Gilbert and started him at work planting beans for me. He spent the day at that. My two rows first planted on the 4th are up.

Wednesday, June 13

Thunder storm & heavy rain in the night. Heavy rain today, clearing at 2:30 o'clock.

Passed out standard garden signs – 80 or so.

Miss Fink & her mother & aunt came to confer with me about the position to teach French in our schools. The mother is a ward principal at Grand Rapids. Spent a pleasant hour with them.

Took 6:31 for Chic. to meeting of Ill. Aud Soc. An important (and long) meeting.

R R .52 + .05;

Thursday, June 14

Threatening and cool.

Flag day exercises this afternoon. Mr Blanchard came with some of his band and our parade & review of the flags was a great success. This year the flags of the allies were carried in the procession.

Our exhibit of work began this afternoon and continued into the evening. A fine exhibit.

Friday, June 15

Cool & threatening but at length clearing.

Met for honorable mentions, etc. this A.M. Then sent the pupils home at 11:00 A.M.

Teachers' meeting at 1:30 and the remainder of the afternoon spent in getting ready for the evening exercises.

Prof. H.F. Rall of Evanston the speaker of the evening.

Miss Jewett's musical program brilliant.

Mr Wright and I conferred today about Mr. Greene's mn'l tr. work & agreed that Mr. G may give W. one day a week (two afternoons).

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The graduates of the class of June, 1917 were:

President, Wallace W. McIlwain

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John McGath

Margaret A. Arnswald

Goldie C. Magnusson

Mildred M. Harbaugh

Lucille C. Kramer

Karl S. Moras

Tom R. Wyles, Jr.

Lloyd F. Hicks

M. Mark McNamee, Jr.

Edward P. Sauve

George F. Glader

Elsie A. Baker

Mary E. Sweeney

Sarah A. Herdklotz

May V. Delhay

Bernadette M. St. Peter

William H. Stupple

Irene Genung

John A. Winters

Elizabeth Page

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Alice L. Davis, Mathematics

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Dorothy Corey, English

Miss Annis Jewett, Music

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzel, President

Fred Greenslade, Secretary

William D. Mann

Elizabeth B. Millard

S. A. St. Peter

Louise M. Clements

George R. Jones —ed.]

Saturday, June 16

At school this A.M. until 11:00. Then I got an early start for the field. Percy Gilbert went along. He spent the afternoon planting beans. I spaded a place near the barn for three rows of onion seeds; cut brush for my earlier peas & poles for my limas. Planted six rows of onion seed on the larger tract. Got home at 8:00. "Dog-tired."

Sunday, June 17

A fine day. Warm.

Stiff and sore. Loll'd on bed much of day. Kittie and I walked down to the farm late afternoon.

Went to the Highwood M.E. Church this evening & together with Mr Sandwick & Mr Hudson took part on the program. I talked about youth in business.

Church .10.

Monday, June 18

In my garden at the farm until 10:00. Then to school house. Arranged with Miss Nora about census details, etc., and excused her so that she could go home. Conferred with Miss Davis, Miss Grunewald, & others.

This afternoon to the Pick residence where I gave a talk before the N.S. Garden Club. Large group of (Hebrew) women. Mrs Kuppenheimer, Stonehill, Kahn, Becker, Rothschild, et. al.

Early supper & to the farm where I planted corn until late.

Barber .25.

Tuesday, June 19

Fine warm day. Hoed much of my garden. Then to the farm. Cultivated two bean rows with my wheel hoe & hoed cabbage & lima beans. Long rest at noon and then to the farm again. Set out 12 rutabagas & 24 late cabbage. One row of Stowell's Evergreen.

Tuckered out badly.

Ice cream .25; seed. 50;

Wednesday, June 20

Worked at the farm until noon.

Mowed my lawn this evening.

Hair cut, etc. .85.

Thursday, June 21

Hoed corn and potatoes until noon.

Went to the funeral of F.W. Schumacher this afternoon. Services at Presb. Ch. Rev. Mr Hill preached

At 4:00 went to my farm and worked until six.

This evening I used my hose on our back garden, lilies, etc.

Ice cream .10

Friday, June 22

Cool this evening. A fog at dawn, clearing by 10:00. Slight shower at 1:30.

Ran the cultivator most of the day – in my bean rows. Staked up my second planting of peas. - - A few jobs around the place. Piled up wood in the basement.

Back muscles very sore

Barber .25.

Saturday, June 23

Raining before daylight and fine downpour before 9:00 A.M.

To city on 8:09. To F.P. Smith to get quotation on iron grating. Field's to leave watch for repairs & school loving cup (baseball trophy) for engraving. Schantz office to get lantern which I took to C & N.W. station. Pattee's office (not in). Fair for book & toilet paper. Amer. Seat. Co. for quotations on Moulthrop chair desks. McClurg's for two books. Boy Scout headquarters for manuals (City) County Bld'g to try to get directory of constables. Vaughns for cabbage plants, etc. Home on 2:21. At 4:30 down on the farm. Set out 120 late cabbage.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .35; toilet paper 1.08; book .25; sodium. nit. .45; cabbage plants 2.25; pepper plants .25; peas .20; beans .10;

(Left 13 qt of beans at Bahr's. Charge to Food Growers' Assn).

Sunday, June 24

Gray – at length clearing. Cool.

To church. Heard fine sermon from Dr McClure

Great nap and rest this afternoon. Began reading Cheradame's The Pan-German Plot Exposed. Also Ganong's The Living Plant.

Called on the Clows this evening.

Church .25.

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Tuesday, July 3

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Wednesday, July 4

A most beautiful day. - - A street parade this A.M of soldiers from Ft Sher. (officers' training camp), detachment of jackies from Gt Lakes with their band; our home guards, boy scouts, Red Cross workers, etc. "Speaking" at Lake Front Park. Wm. Mather Lewis made a fine & spirited address.

This afternoon Mrs Helen B. Stevens with her two children, & Miss Spaller & her mother & Grandmother (Mrs Ray) called on me as I was at my desk at school & I gave afternoon to them. Showed them the lady slipper blossoms on Ravine Drive. Went to beach on L.F Park & looked after effects while Mrs S. & Miss Spaller & the children had a swim. A great picnic crowd at the Park. Today I finished up our school reports & sent to Co Supt Simpson.

Thursday, July 5

In the garden at the farm all day. Percy worked for me nearly all morning and afternoon. Came home at 5:30 and mowed my lawn.

This day's work nearly exhausted me
Shave .25; ice cream .10.

Friday, July 6

Set Wm Booth to work weeding out Green Bay nursery, then went to the farm with "Billie" one of the Bahr's men who hoed all morning. I left him there at noon & came home. Soon after dinner it began to rain & later came a downpour. I went up to school on an errand but loafed at home most of the afternoon. Bolts .05;

Saturday, July 7

At farm most of day. Too wet to work much in lower field. Poled my limas, etc. Cut with spade & scythe the great weed colony up near site of barn.

In the afternoon prepared for planting a strip of ground near the barn, along side of my very first planting of peas, beans, etc. Put in (two) three rows of onion seeds for sets & 29 hills of cucumbers for pickles.

Whetstone .10; ice cream .25; bananas .10; barber .35

Sunday, July 8

Beautiful day.

To church. Heard Prof Xenos of McCormick Seminary perpetrate a very poor sermon.

Fine nap this afternoon. Then went to Mrs Jewett's farm on County Line to help plan disposition of shrubbery, etc. Met Mr & Miss Galloway & Miss Vetter. Also Mr & Mrs B - (architect & wife). Brot back by Mr B.

Monday, July 9

Fine day. Worked very hard this afternoon. Planted turnip seed. Set out 20 celery plants & 80 cauliflower given me by Mrs Kuppenheimer.

This A.M. went up to Mrs Jonas Kuppenheimer's estate at south end of Lake Forest & she showed me around. I inspected shrubbery & trees, etc. An excellent time
Trolley .10.

Tuesday, July 10

In the field all day. Finished planting turnip seed. Resowed in places popcorn that pigeons had dug out. Planted one row of Stowell's Evergreen in some ground not very suitable for anything. Hoed parsnips, etc. Sprayed potatoes and cabbages with arsenate of lead.
Barber .25; ice cream .10. Seeds .10;

Wednesday, July 11

Began raining after breakfast. Went to the farm in the drizzle and then was nearly soaked when the heavy rain came on. Only succeeded in hauling (with Maechtle's horse & wagon) a basket or two of rotted hen manure to feed to my lima beans.

This afternoon talked on native shrubs before the N.S. Garden Club at Mrs Kuppenheimer's. A much smaller group than the one before – and much more appreciative.

This evening worked at my desk at school.
Trolley .20; seeds .05;

Thursday, July 12

Fine day.
Accomplished a great deal with my hoe today. Planted 7 hills of pumpkins and three short rows of corn.
Mulched my lima beans with manure.
Barber .25.

Friday, July 13

Fine working day but threatening late afternoon. About 6:30 storm came on with heavy hail which slashed the trees heavily.

Today – hoed corn, fed 64 cabbage plants sodium nitrate. Planted a row of Munich radishes. Hoed sundry small stuff. Mr Maechtle & I sprayed arsenate of lead on his potato vines. I mowed weeds with a scythe on the barn lot at the farm. Mowed part of my lawn.

Saturday, July 14

To Chicago this A.M. To Field's for Kittie. Also bo't a focusing cloth & got my watch which had been left for repairs. Visited with Schantz a while & met Mr Ray Langdon of Maywood – head of a bird club there. To McClurg's to look up some books. The Fair where I got lunch. Vaughn's to buy seed potatoes, etc.

Home on 5:44. Hasty supper & went down to my farm & planted a peck of potatoes – Rural New Yorkers. Came back in the dusk.

(The hail had apparently missed my farm but it looked like a cloud burst had gone over it.)
R.R. .52 + .15; potatoes 1.10; arsenate of lead .30; sod. nit. .45; watch 5.50; focusing cloth .53
lunch .45;

Sunday, July 15

Mother, K. & I left at 7:31 for Chic. & took 9:20 third rail for St. Charles. Were entertained all day by Miss Davis, her parents, & Mr & Mrs Hanmer. Ride in a launch three miles up the river. A canoe ride across the river there & part way up a stream.

Mother & the older Davises visited at the Ritter cottage meanwhile.

Just got back to the Davises when a heavy rain with hail & thunder & l. occurred.

Took 7:20 back for Chic. Tedious ride home. Got there 11:35.
R.R. 1.56 + .45 + 3.15. Paper .05

Monday, July 16

Somewhat "sprinkly".

At school all morning. This afternoon at Fort Sheridan to see review by Gov. Lowden of the troops composing the officers' training camp. Saw 2200 men go through physical exercises in unison.

At 4:00 was hoeing in my farm.

At desk awhile this evening.

Trolley .10; barber .25;

Tuesday, July 17

Clear & sunny much of day. Took 8:09 for Chic. & went down to Prang Co. to meet Mrs Beatty there & go over with Mr. Grover and her a mss. she wishes to have printed.

Later Mr G. & I went over to Lincoln Center where the Prang Summer Art School is in session. Here I looked over the exhibit of work, etc

Downtown at noon hour. To Field's for photog. materials. Andersons for my coat, left for alterations

Home at 2:34. Down to farm until near supper time.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .25; book .25;

Wednesday, July 18

Fine day although threatening in the afternoon. A few raindrops fell.

I hoed in my potato patch & cultivated turnips much of the day. Came home early and hoed up my home flower & vegetable garden.

Wrote a letter to Ethel Goddard who is now at Bard, New Mexico, describing books that will help her identify flora there

Ice cream .20; shave .25; root beer .05;

Thursday, July 19

Fine – warm day.

At school this A.M. Conference with Mr. Brand over painting and decorations. With Mrs Millard over certain decorative features of the school rooms, pictures, etc. Went to meeting of committee on gardening at H.S. from 10:30 to 12:00.

At school desk awhile after lunch. Early supper & down to the farm at 5:30. Hoed potatoes.

There until 8:00 when the Greens visited me & brot me home in their machine.

Stamps .36

Straw hat .50; bicycle repairs .40.

Friday, July 20

Worked at farm this A.M. A hot day. Gathered first "mess" of string (wax) beans.

Ice cream .25.

Saturday, July 21

Warm. Warm. Real summer.

Worked at my school desk all day.

Gathered first "mess" of peas at the farm this evening.

Ice cream .20; barber .60

Sunday, July 22

Went over to Park Ridge for dinner at the Collins. Supt & Mrs Farmer & Prof and Mrs McConathy of Evanston there. Rain & thunder storm. The others went back in their auto. I stayed until 7:05. Came home on the 8:00 S.R. Claggett & Russel Skinner of ~~Evanston~~ Lexington – now in the officers' training camp at Ft Sheridan were on. They had been down to L. for two days. Russel has for the last three years been Principal at Pearl City near Freeport
R.R. .52 + .68

Monday, July 23

Raining at daylight & heavy showers until 10 A.M.

To city on 10:38 after doing work at school.

To Beckley-Cardy Co., to C B & Q. city ticket office; Field's for rucksack & khaki trousers; McClurg's; Von L & A's for calks & shoe dressing. Took 1:30 for Naperville to attend funeral of my old friend, F M. Kendall. Rode with Supt. Royal T. Morgan, C.M. Bardwell, & Waterman as honorary pall bearers. An impressive service. Mr. K. was mayor of N. & all city organizations took part in ceremony. Got home at 7:34 P.M. Found folks canning cherries sent by Lennie. - - - Worked at school desk until 10:30.

R R. .52 + 1.40; calks .50; shoe dressing .25; lunch .25 + .15; barber .30 + .20; ice cream .10

Tuesday, July 24

Moderately warm. Clear. Spent busy day preparing to leave for Colorado.

Percy Gilbert & I went down to the farm early and planned his work for the next two weeks. We picked 3 pecks of peas and nearly one of wax beans. Brot them home and helped shell them, etc
This afternoon I sprayed with arsenate of lead the potatoes and cabbages and staked up the 14 tomato plants at the farm. etc.

This evening at my desk at school until 11:00 oclock. Cleared up my accounts, etc.
Barber .60; ice cream .10; note books .50; root beer .05;

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Thursday, July 26

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Friday, July 27

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Saturday, July 28

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Saturday, August 4

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Sunday, August 5

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Monday, August 6

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Tuesday, August 7

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Wednesday, August 8

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Thursday, August 9

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Friday, August 10

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Saturday, August 11

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Tuesday, August 14

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Wednesday, August 15

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, August 16

A little warm but a cool breeze blew up in the afternoon.

We drove in Arthur's auto to the farm this A.M. & inspected it. Things in satisfactory shape. Gathered a "mess" of string beans. Cucumbers to gather. Early cabbage showing some fine heads. Found potatoes on vine I pulled up.

This afternoon we drove to Meeker's dairy, to Great Lakes & Waukegan, & came home by Lake Forest.

Barber .95; ice cream .40; bread .10;

Friday, August 17

Cool & pleasant.

Arthur & Addie & Violet left by auto for Chicago, this A.M., and home

I busied myself at home this A.M. Spent most of the afternoon at school this afternoon.

Wrote out checks for my accumulated bills.

Worked on my piles of letters, etc.

Janitor Nichols has not been on the job since I went away. Will have to hire extra force of cleaners.

Spading fork 1⁰⁰; stamps 1⁰⁰;

Saturday, August 18

A fine day

Visited my garden this A.M. Found my potatoes yet immature and small. Gathered some cucumbers and pulled two cabbages that some one had already cut into.

Worked at my school desk all day and again this evening

Cleaning hat .50; bread .15; ice cream, etc .30; for gov't bulletin .30;

Sunday, August 19

Rather warm

Heard splendid sermon at Presb. Ch. by Rev. Chas Gilkey of Hyde Park Baptist Church.

Long nap this afternoon. Went to vespers in Lake Front Park. Chaplain Adams spoke. Some jackies played in the band.

Monday, August 20

Warm day, but gray & cooler towards evening.

At school all day. Set Mrs Garrity and her daughter at work cleaning. Called on Janitor Nichols who has foot in cast - - - arch trouble. Conferred with St Peter about help. Also called on Mr Engineer Davis who has bilious attack & is besides on a vacation. Did office work, then a lot of manual labor

Ice cream .20;

Tuesday, August 21

Gray and threatening and a few rain drops

To school for a while this A.M. - then to my farm to get a head of ~~cucumbers~~ cabbages, pick & gather beans.

This afternoon to Chicago To Dr Lane's office to leave glasses for repairs; Abbot's to order a new Nike; Silver B & Co to confer with Farr about school book situation & to visit with Miss Collins; McClurg's to buy books for self & some of my staff to send to Mrs F.M. Hamlin nee Miss Gertrude Miller; visit with Schantz, etc. Home at 5:44.

Read two chapters of Dewey today.

R.R. .52 + .05; pears .10; ruler .75; barber .25;

Wednesday, August 22

Gray at times Fairly cool.

To my farm where I found my cabbages swarming with worms. Hand picked my early cabbages – spending an hour and a half at that. Gathered cucumbers and dug some potatoes

Read three chapters of Dewey's D & E.

At school a while this afternoon - - Looked over the stock of school books at Gsell's & Larson's.

Worked over my botany books this evening.

Thursday, August 23

A slight rain this A.M. Thunder storm not far away.

Read some chapters of Dewey.

Kittie went to B.H., leaving on 5:55 A.M.

At desk at school this afternoon.

Found infected area (tussock moths) this afternoon & spent considerable time locating its extent.

Conferred with Bahr on it. Also called up Millard Read up considerable literature on the subject this evening.

Barber .25; Bowdens .40;

Friday, August 24

A misty condition a few times, then it blew off cool! A sort of October day!

Millard & I met & looked over some of the trees infested with tussock moths. Then we inspected Longfeather's tree surgery at the H.S. The latter & I then went to Elm Place to look over some of the trees there.

Worked at school most of day and evening. Wrote 24 letters. One to Mrs Pearl McCord Hill's newest arrival, Jean Caroline. One to Mrs Gertrude Miller Hamlin, the last of our staff to marry.

Popcorn .05; cheese .25; bicyc .15;

Saturday, August 25

Warmer. Fine day. But decidedly cool to begin with

Spent some little time today directing four workmen gathering tussock moth pupa & egg masses and destroying them

Dusted my cabbages with "Bug Death". Gathered string beans & cucumbers. My later planted cucumbers now bearing.

Was the guest of Mr & Mrs Bowen Schumacher this evening and heard a fine performance of Aida.

Sent books to Mrs Hamlin, gift of Elm Place teachers

Mathews – Wild Flowers

“ Trees

Chapman's Manual

Dearborn & Weed – Economic Importance of Birds

Barber .35; root beer .05; stamps .12;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the Ravinia program. – ed.]

Sunday, August 26

Fine day.

Bolted church. Slept a good deal. Read away at Veblen's The Theory of the Leisure Class and at "Mr Brintling sees it through."

Called on Mr & Mrs Perrine a while towards evening.

Mattie Bottomfield (of Macon) now Mrs Richards of Kenosha with her husband and cousin, Miss Bramblet, & her niece, Verne Taylor of Mason, called this afternoon. Very pleasant chat about old times

Monday, August 27

A fine day but turning out - - cloudy & then after 6:30 P.M. steady shower & a real downpour.

Kept two men at work gathering tussock moth cocoons, etc. - - Had a colored man, Broadus, begin washing windows at school. - - Took 11:41 for Chicago. To Dr Lane's to get my repaired glasses. To Amer. Seating Co & to Nyhagen to figure on blackboard work. To Caxton Co. for same purpose. McClurg's for a catalogue. McIntosh's for slide boxes. - 5:10 for home.

To farm to gather cucumbers and our first mess of Bantam corn

To Ravinia this evening.

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R.R. .52 + .15; Pub drug Co. .65; barber .25; knife 2.50; slide boxes 1.95; (ticket 6.60)

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the Ravinia program. - ed.]

Tuesday, August 28

Clear. Cool. Rain of last night refreshing but scanty.

At school much of the day. Met Brand, the painter, & Nyhagen, the blackboard man, & Brown, the carpenter.

Read to the end of Dewey's Democracy & Educ'n.

Kittie came home this evening.

We got by express a box of apples Lennie sent us.

Mother and I went to Ravinia & heard a finished performance. We were bro't home by Miss Everett in her electric.

Ravinia 2⁵⁰ + .10; bread, etc. .32;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the Ravinia program, which featured a performance of Tosca. - ed.]

Wednesday, August 29

Fine day.

Gathered cucumbers & roasting ears this A.M. Conferred with two or three people about cabbage worms.

At school a while. Conferred with Red Cross workers who have been using our auditorium all summer & who now are moving to Presb Ch.

To city on 12:56. To McClurg's for hktog. ink, etc Vaughn's to consider remedies for cabbage worms.

To Schantz' office where he and I had conference with Mr B.G. Merrill of Hinsdale, ag't for Dept of Biology for enforcement of Fed. bird law. Home at 6:31

Dist 107 - Hktog. ink .80

Aud. Soc. Dr. for R.R. .52 + phone .20

Street car .10; note book .20.

Thursday, August 30

Fine day.

Mother and K. spent the day at Mort Clarke's – Tracy (Beverly Hills 103) I worked at school all day & late this evening.

Had Mr Nyhagen's man paint blackboard surface in Miss Davis' room as experiment.

Went over situation with Mr Mann this A.M. at the b'ld'g. Conferred with St Peter about book sale.

Checked up stock of school books at Larson's, Sweetlands and Gsell's & arranged to have them sent up to the school house.

Ordered additional books from 8 publishers.

Bread .20;

Friday, August 31

Another fine day

At school part of the morning; then gathered cucumbers and string beans at the farm.

This afternoon thoroughly sprayed my late cabbage and cauliflower with arsenate of lead in a soap solution. The soap was sulpho-tobacco and I feel sure the solution adhered better than when I used simply a clear water solution.

Dug up peck of potatoes and found yield fair. (Carman No.3.)

Robert Enders came in this evening.

Conferred with several people this evening over harvesting beans.

Barber .25; ice cream .40

bread, etc. .22; wafers .15.

Saturday, September 1

Rather warm. A south wind.

To farm early to bring away sample bean vines. Showed them to Mr Burrige Butler & others at 8:09 train.

Robt Enders left for home on the 8:09.

At school much of morning. Spent an hour at H.P. Club serving as one of the judges on vegetables – at our local "Fair."

This afternoon worked hard & late in my bean patch. Gathered some of the ripe pods. Also some complete vines. Mr. Reeseman & Mr. Maechtle hauled my bags of stuff up.

Paid off Ernest Broadus who has been washing windows at school. Advanced for Dist 107 – 30⁶⁰ as follows – Check 5⁰⁰; Cash 1⁰⁰; Check (today) 24.60.

Sunday, September 2

Rain!

Old fashioned thunder storm in the night and fine downpour.

Clear & cool today.

Much "knocked out" by my farm work. Stayed in all day except for a walk late afternoon.

Clows called this evening.

Monday, September 3

Rain Labor Day!

Shortly after breakfast we had a thunder shower & a good downpour. Cleared off – cooler then warmer after night fall.

At school most of day and evening. Wrote an article on the tussock moth for the H.P. Press. Also one on opening of school.

Leonard Smith took dinner with us. Has had tonsilitis. Has good promotion in sight. Has been certified for the army! Drafted!

I fear he is not fit physically for army service and am surprised at his passing. I wrote a letter about him to my friend, Prof. J. Paul Goode, who happened to be head of the registry board that chose Leonard. Much depressed about news of the fall of Riga.

Tuesday, September 4

Fine day.

Gathered half bu. of cucumbers this A.M. - - Worked at school nearly all day – Set Percy G to work at school. Geo. Nichols was able to resume work.

Blackboard man came and planned work for Thursday.

Miss Fink arrived today. I found her temporary quarters at Mrs Frank Green's.

Elsie Webb happened in on us with her newly acquired husband this afternoon – Wm Holmquist. Married Sunday at Assumption.

I took them for an auto ride this afternoon.

Bread, etc. .40; ice cream .40

Wednesday, September 5

Elsie & her husband went back to Chicago this A.M. after visiting my school plant.

A busy day. Kept things moving at school. Ordered heavy paper for surfacing one blackboard.

Teachers came in this afternoon – all but Miss Cramer. Had meeting from two until four.

Are working on Dewey's Democ & Educn, etc.

Thunderstorm & rain this evening.

Thursday, September 6

Clear. Cool.

Early to farm for cucumbers & corn & cabbage. Worms attacking early cabbage vigorously.

“Institute” again at 9:30 & all morning & much of the afternoon. Fine time.

Miss Nora Behrens worked on getting “book store” ready.

Hunt of the American Book Co. called.

Worked at my desk until late this evening.

Ice cream .10; barber 25.

Friday, September 7

Rain

Rained again this A.M. & was showery & threatening most of the day.

Institute continued today with good results. Especial attention to Dewey's Significance of Geog & Hist. & “Science in the Course of Study.”

Worked at office until 10:00 P.M.

Garters .25;

Saturday, September 8

Cleared fine & warm

Worked very hard today. Gathered cucumbers & potatoes & cabbage at farm. Then to school. Worked all day there. Then at 5:00 left for farm. Sprayed late cabbages. - - At school again at 7:45 P.M & there until eleven!

Pd Amer Exp Co. – 5²³ for Dist 107.

Pd Mrs Garrity 13⁰⁰ for Dist 107.

Ice cream & bananas .35;

Sunday, September 9

Cold and threatening.

To church this A.M. and heard a powerful sermon by W. Wray Boyle of Denver on – Is War ever justifiable.

Number of men in khaki and sailors' suits there were invited to occupy the front seats. Very impressive occasion.

Finished "Mr Britling Sees It Through" this afternoon.

Monday, September 10 First day of school!

Bright. Cool. Ran the fans at school. Fire in furnace at home

To Wm Koller's before breakfast. He agreed to harvest my beans for one third of crop.

School began. A deluge of primary children. Lots of new children from the fort.

Opened school bookstore this afternoon. Very busy with it.

At six went down to field & gathered some cucumbers.

K & I went to great war "rally" at Presb. Church this evening. Addresses by a Frenchman and by a Canadian minister just back from trenches.

Barber .25;

Tuesday, September 11 Frost!!

Frost last night. Had covered up tomato plants here & they were safe. In fact no damage occurred in sheltered places. But out in open great damage. My pumpkins on the farm are lost, I hear.

Another very busy day. We seem to have disposed of bulk of our book sales.

62 children in Miss White's room. Kg full. Total today, exclusive of kg. 535. Many from fort.

At school desk until 10:30 P.M.

Ice cream .15;

Wednesday, September 12

Warmer.

Mr Metzel and I spent some time going over the school situation this A.M.

Took a census of pupils preferring German & those French today. The latter in the majority - - but there was not the land slide for French I had feared

Went to my farm late this afternoon. Most of cucumber & pumpkin vines dead. Corn singed. Late potatoes also. Rather melancholy outlook. My tomato vines were largely sheltered & uninjured.

At school desk this evening.

Thursday, September 13

Threatening most of day. Indeed rainfall earlier part of day.

French and German classes started off today, & I spent considerable time keeping them going. Accomplished number of things today.

Planned at my desk at school this evening to arrange schedule for additional primary teacher. Ice cream .10;

Friday, September 14

Warm.

Went down to Winnetka to confer with Rhodes this A.M. Then to Ridgewood School in So. Evanston – to look over kg. chairs. Lunch at Jones' Cafe, Evanston. Home before 3:00.

S. Cody called to talk over his "Fundamentals of Eng" with me.

Miss Jewett heard her music classes today
Mother, K. & I and Miss Guiney were at the Greene's for dinner this evening.
Dist. 107 – Evanston expenses .15 + .10 + .05 + .24 + 25. Lunch .45.

Saturday, September 15

Another rather warm day. Spent it mostly in Chicago. First wrote a letter to Prof. Goode asking him to look over the records to make sure Leonard's physical ex. was more than perfunctory, as I suspect. Then 8:09 for Chic. To Garden City Ed Co to price chairs. To Rand McN. to look over the Goode maps. McClurg's to buy some books for the school. Lyon & H. to have repairs on voice box of Victor. To Field Museum to inspect styles of display cases. Field's to buy scales, etc. Home at 5:04.

At school this evening.
Charge Dist 107 out of the following .75. Phones .30
R R 52 + .10 + .24; lunch .25; ice cream .20;

Sunday, September 16

Fine day..cooler
Mr Pfanstiehl preached this A.M.
This evening K & I went down to the Patten Gym at Ev. to hear the exercises commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Luther's Wittenberg theses.
Carfare 1⁰⁰; contrib .25.
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Program of the Evening Service commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation, Patten Gymnasium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. – ed.]

Monday, September 17

Fine day. A busy one. Miss Tuerk of Wilmette came to visit with a view of employment as Miss White's assistant.
Hooper of A Flanagan's called to push their trade.
Children began to bring vegetables & flowers for an exhibit.
Teachers had a beach party at foot of Cedar St. this evening. Came away at 7:30 to get to Board meeting.
Board authorized employment of assistant primary teacher, etc.

Tuesday, September 18

Fine day.
A rush of things to exhibit. When set up on tables it made a stunning sight. Finest we have held.
One boy bro't strawberry plant with ripe & green fruit & a blossom on it. I had sent for the plants in April!
Agent for movie films called & I contracted for 50 films for the year.
Miss Turek accepted primary assistant's job at 700.
At noon I collided with Mr. Lawrentz – my front wheel smashed, I unhurt.
At school desk this evening, planning program schedule for 2A – 3B – 3A.
Ice cream .10;

Wednesday, September 19

Also a fine day, tho change impending.
Transferred 2A's to main bld'g & divided 1B's into two groups. Miss Tuerk taking charge of one room.
Spent some time organizing 3rd grade work.

Mrs Clements and Mrs Green acted as judges of flowers & vegetables today.

I went down to farm late this evening & brot back half basketful of lima beans, 15 ears of corn, some tomatoes, & a few scrawny cucumbers – the last of the crop.

At school a while the evening.

Wife of Prof Carr of the University of C. a very appreciative visitor this A.M.

Thursday, September 20 Rain

Thunder storm and rain in the night.

Cleared up exhibit material & sent it home today.

Agent for Row. Peterson & Co. called.

Mother & K & I went with Mrs Decker in her auto to our farm after school. Dug potatoes & gathered beans & some tomatoes

Went to Miss Whitney's for supper in a party gotten up by Miss Schermerhorn, Mrs Cramer (her sister) & daughter Madeleine, Mrs & Miss Schifflin, Miss Lamb. Went down to beach & life saving station at 8:00. Alarm of vessel in danger had been sounded. Boys launched lifeboat to go out to investigate but were driven in shore.

A large contingent of H.P. boys left at 1:00 today for Rockford cantonment. Were given dinner at H.P. Club. Escorted to station by H-S. cadets, et. al., speeches of parting by Dr. McClure, etc.

Friday, September 21

Fine day

Field trip with 4A's to Sheahen's ponds; with 4B's to lake front; 3A's to Rudolph's garden.

Spent some time watching two "problems" in first grade.

Conference with 3rd grade teachers & language teachers over program.

Wheeled to Skokie at 5:30 to get some water crowfoot.

At desk at school this evening.

Lennie's folks sent us a bushel of peaches and one of plums today.

Pd for Dist 107 – 2⁴⁸ (Victor repairs);

Ice cream .10; express .57; Bicyc wheell 2.25;

Saturday, September 22

Fine day.

To farm. Hoed up celery. Bro't away carrots & some beans. - - - To city on 10:38. To Vaughan's to price strawberry plants & buy some mushroom spawn. To Fields for books City Club for lunch and meeting of Education Committee, Prof Leavitt, chairman. Hester was there – he was married in New York City the past summer. - - - Discussed matter of a memorial meeting for Henry Legler, librarian of City Library, who had been a member of our committee.

Bo't some books at McClurg's. Victor needles at Lyon & H. To Newberry Library to look over Avery's Hist. of U.S. Home at 5:44

At school desk this evening.

Barber .25; R R .52 + .15; books .90; luncheon .50; rubber bands .20;

Sunday, September 23

Beautiful day.

Slept some this A.M. This afternoon took trolley to Zion City – walked to the Lake and then down to Waukegan. Gathered liatris, gerardia, solidago, fringed gentians, spiranthes, grass of Parnassus, etc. Some

of the fronds of *osmunda regalis* were handsomely tinted with yellow & brown. As the sun went down the dune grass & the *artemisia* turned a green gold. Night came on before I got into Waukegan.
Trolley .66 + .10; auto .25; popcorn & pears .10;

Monday, September 24

Fine. Warmer.

Very busy. Soil trip with 4B's. – Conference with Mr Wright over wayward girl living in our district who has been sent to his school (Ravinia) - - This afternoon scouted after three small boys who are playing truant. Found them wading in a pond on Exmoor grounds. Escorted them to interview dealer who had sold them tobacco; then to police who are to watch them for further escapades; then to school where they were set to work, etc

This evening helped at my school office Peter Marchi – who had played truant today. Also had interview with Mr Gardner & his daughter, Dorothy, who wants to skip our 8A grade.

Tuesday, September 25

Warm. Sultry

Geography lesson with 4B's & 4A's, and science lesson with 8B's. Fine transformation of insects going on at school – *cecropia*, *telega* pol., etc. – monarch, etc.

Mrs Colton, a teacher of nature study, visited my classes this A.M.

Committee of P.T.A., Mrs Greene, presiding, met in Annex office this afternoon.

Finished mowing my yard this afternoon.

At school this evening.

Agent for washing compound “touched” me for five gallons.

Ice cream .10;

Wednesday, September 26

Also – as yesterday. Heavy shower after 8:30 P.M.

Geog & hist. lessons in 4B & 4A. Science – 7B.

The three truants of Monday played off this afternoon again. I rode around in a taxi for a half hour or so but to no effect. Called at their homes this evening.

Went out with two of the teachers and a number of the pupils after school to a Skokie pool where the fish were apparently dying as the pool dries up Brot away many pickerel & bull heads.

At school this evening. Mr. Roberts – boy welfare man of Exmoor – brot over to loan us a fine moose head, mounted.

Ice cream .10;

Thursday, September 27

Turned off clear. Cool.

Arranged to dismiss at 2:15 to permit all interested to go to Ft. Sheridan to hear Col. Roosevelt address the men at the officers' training camp at 3:00. I had to go to Libertyville on the 12:25 to act as judge of school work at the County Fair. This took much of afternoon, - I worked with County Supt Simpson. Then I looked over other exhibits, especially that of fruits and vegetables. Mr & Mrs Simpson brot me to Lake Bluff in their auto. On the way we inspected the school b'ld'g being built at Rondout. At Lake Bluff we found the chief business b'ld'g in flames & it was a total loss before my train came.

R.R. .40; sandwich .10;

Friday, September 28

Fine day.

Had (yesterday & today) carpenters putting panic bars on north doors of aud., and beaverboard in two of the class rooms.

This evening Jensen & I and Everett Millard had a stag dinner at the latter's. Mrs M. in the east. J. has been to Estes Park recently and to Enos Mills' inn.

Saturday, September 29

Turned off clear & cool.

To city on 8:49. To hills to inspect apparatus for playgrounds. Amer. Seating Co. & Carpen's to price chairs. McClurg's for books. De Voe's to buy hangers. Fair for corn meal. City Club to attend meeting of subcommittee on Junior High Schools.

Home at 3:31. Down to the farm to gather corn, potatoes, lima beans, & tomatoes.

Harvested the three small rows I planted for experimental work.

(1) Used whole (small) potatoes for seed. Product 47 potatoes weighing 4 lb. 1 oz.

(2) Large pieces with two eyes 44 potatoes weighing 4 lb 14 oz

(3) Parings (parings) gouged out deeply at the eyes. 56 potatoes - - - 3 lb. 5 oz.

At school desk this evening. Pd \$10⁰⁰ to local council for Defense.

R R .52 + .10; barber .25; lunch .60; paper .10; compas needle .60;

Sunday, September 30

Fine. Cool.

Rev. Mr. Francis preached a Presb. Ch. this A.M. Candidating. I would not select him

Took it easy all day. This evening pasted in my war scrap book.

Leonard called me up on the phone this evening. Reported that he had had a new physical examination by a Dr Davis but had had no report from it.

Church .10;

Monday, October 1

Another.

Also a busy one Special this day was a study of seating heighths and one of the 8B's & their work. The latter was subject of long conference between the four 7th - 8th grade teachers this evening.

This evening spent an hour with Mr Metzler at his home, planning things. Made out an employment certif. for Wm Wiemers.

Mrs Garrity resigned from position of assistant janitor.

Stamps .97;

Tuesday, October 2

Slight rain early this A.M. Cleared.

Mrs Green & I spent some time planning the P.T.A. program for Friday evening. I conferred with Percy Prior & Mr Newbold about films.

Men began taking down some trees in our grounds across the ravine to make a play spot. I arranged to have some logs bro't from Mrs Annette Jones' new home to our grounds for bridge purposes.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00 today

At desk this evening a while.

Wednesday, October 3

Rain much of day until after 2:30 P.M.

Went to Moraine Hotel to see one of the Italian workmen, Dante Bonetti, to secure his consent to play at our P.T.A. program on Friday evening.

Stillman of Rand McNally called this afternoon.

Miss Nina Lamkin of N.W. Univ. came up to plan with me in introducing phys. training in our schools

I took 3:42 for Chicago. To Amer. Seat Co & to McClurg's. Then after supper to City Club to Audubon meeting. Home at eleven – Mr & Mrs Brown of Bellingham with the Pattees

box rent .60;

R.R. .52 + .10; supper .30;

Thursday, October 4

Went to farm before school & gathered tomatoes and two bags of "roasting ears." Mrs Decker took the folks down later to bring back the corn. They spent much of the day cutting it from the cob and drying it

Our pupils marched from the bldg by rooms to position on Central Avenue & lined up in honor of the second "batch" of conscripted men who marched through the lines on the way to the station, headed by the H-S. band & cadets & "red-cross girls." Two of my boys – Frank Mead and Rob't Augustine – were in the crowd.

Barber .75;

Friday, October 5

Heavy rain during morning & into afternoon 3B's with Miss Sch & Jones went in motor bus to Ziesing farm but were in shelter, mostly there. I sub'd in 2A a while.

Several teachers from Harvard visited us.

P.T.A. tonight. Percy Prior ran off a sheep film & the Paul Revere Ride film. Dante Bonetti, Italian, house painter at Moraine, played three violin selections. His accompanist failed him & Kittie filled out. Mr Metzler introduced Mrs Greene (Pres) and she gave a fine short address. We all then went to Annex for refreshments. Fine time.

Saturday, October 6

Fine day. Saw a party of children under Misses Shaw, Corey and White off for Art Inst. & Field Museum at 8:09. Then home and into work clothes and to the farm. Worked hard all day. Dug potatoes – Carman No 3 – about six and a half bu – only fair & half a crop. Have had in all over seven bushels from a planting of one bu. Dug my Rural New Yorkers. Planted peck July 14. Got one peck of fair potatoes & three of marbles. Frost last night & I gathered all tomatoes there – a half bu. of green & a few ripe. Got some icicle radishes. Also 2 heads of and gleaned some navy beans in the pod. Mrs Decker brot K down in the machine & took potatoes, etc. back.

Cakes .15; barber .35; ice cream .10; liquid glass .25.

Sunday, October 7

Fine day.

My back muscles and those of my arms and legs well nigh creaked today.

Stayed at home nearly all day but made two trips to school house – one to feed the fish & another in late afternoon to look over Audubon material.

Monday, October 8

Hard frost last night and a cool day.
More or less of a bad cold on my part.
Spent quite a little time getting a 17 year old boy with a 4th grade education started off.
School Board this evening – St Peter, Jones, Clements (Mrs), Greenslade & Metzel (Pres).
Authorized physical training under Miss Lamkin of N.W. Univ.
Gathered all our green tomatoes today.
Potato crop:
 Carman No 3 – 7 bu.
 Rural N.Y – 3 pk.
Barber .25; capsules .60;

Tuesday, October 9

Cold. Threatening. Then rain after 4:00 P.M.
My cold bothered me not a little. Wrote number of letters today.
Took number of boys over to Exmoor this afternoon & pulled up great number of geranium plants for cuttings. Mr St. Peter's truck hauled them to the school house.

Wednesday, October 10

Rained much in the night and continued a while this A.M.
My cold still inconvenienced me.
Gave up this afternoon to Miss Nina Lamkin of N.W. Univ. & two assistants, Senior girls, Miss Crow and Miss Pierson, who came to start our work in physical educ. on a well-organized basis. They met the first four grades. Fine work. Miss Lamkin met all the teachers a while after the close of school.

Thursday, October 11

Cold & disagreeable. Rained at the noon hour and later.
Mrs McDougal sent me a great stack of pink geraniums for cuttings.
Harry Wilson called for the A.B.Co. & Messrs Rouland & Esterbrook came to crack up their encyclopedia of which Mr Rocheleau, my good friend, is editor. It seems that my article some years ago on the milkweed is in it. [See June 1, 1914 entry. – ed.]
Brown, the carpenter, and I figured on the log bridge, etc. Two teachers from the Calumet schools called.
I visited several rooms today.

Friday, October 12

As yesterday. A few flakes of snow in the air this A.M. No rain.
Pushed the work of making geranium cuttings today. 5th & 7th – 8th did most work but 3A's helped.
Miss Lamkin and her assistants here again and met 5 – 8 grades. Kittie played for Miss L.
At home this evening save a while at Mr. Greenslade's on school business

Saturday, October 13

Fine day. To city on 8:09. Bradner Smith's to price binder's board. County Ct H. to try to secure directory of Cook Co. officials. Field's for curtain cloth. Childs' for envelope box, etc. Art Inst. to hear lecture before Cook Co. Teachers' Assn by Prof Charters, now in Dept of Education of U. of I. Luncheon at Fields with Supt & Principals' Assn of Cook Co., Prof Charters as guest. Discussed the war and the schools. - - - Boy Scout headquarters for manuals. McClurg's for books. Carson Pirie's where I bo't some

book bargains for the school. Field's for articles to be given as prizes at coming autumn festival. Vaughn's to look up material, etc - - - Home at 6:34.

At school aud. this evening. Miss Harriet Vittum talked on young women & the war. Eloquent.
R R. 52; lunch .95; envelope box. .45; paper .15;
Dist 107 – hangers .30; books at CP. 8⁰⁰

Sunday, October 14

Mild & threatening. Rain drops at 10:00 P.M.
To church Fine sermon by Dr. McClure.
Slept all afternoon. Read Shorey's The Assault on Humanism.
Milton's Comus.
A little from Cicero's Tusculan Disputations.

Monday, October 15

Fine day. Mild.
Routine - - - The Deckers took us to our farm after school and we pulled our onions & hauled up about a hundred cabbage heads.
I was at my school desk until ten.
Barber .35; extras .10; tag day .50.

Tuesday, October 16

Beautiful day.
This A M. I set a large force of boys at work to finish up our geranium cuttings and accomplished this by 9:30.
Science in 8B & 7B.
Had various groups of pupils witness the discharge of contents of our fire extinguishers. Had them recharged.
Milton St Peter bro't a pyrene extinguisher to school & put out paper blazing in a pail.
Most of my staff and I went down to the Rosenwald estate after school and strolled about the grounds. The stone bridge and setting is one of the most beautiful things in H.P.
Trolley .10;

Wednesday, October 17

Storm towards morning & heavy rains until after 8:00 A.M. Continued mild.
Began some special English work with two groups of 8B's this day.
Teachers' meeting this evening interrupted by a call from Co Supt Simpson who bro't with him Mr. J.U. Hoffman, assistant to State Supt Blair Mr. S. came to look over some seats we have for sale. Mr. H. to ask me to prepare a series of movie reels showing school activities here from kg to H.S. – the reels to be exhibited at State Fair next year.

Thursday, October 18

Again a heavy rain with thunder towards morning. Sprinkled again about 12:30. Cooler towards evening.
Mrs Taylor substituted for Miss Corey who left to attend funeral of an uncle.
Miss Nora Behrens left for the weekend in Huntingburg, Ind.
Miss Jewett ill and unable to be here.

I left on 2:23 for Chic Shopped at Field's & Lyon & H. Then to meeting of Board of Directors of Geog. Soc. Prof W.S. Tower, Pres., not there. Much broken because of suicide of his wife the past summer.

Home at 6:31. At desk at school for a time this P.M.
R.R. .52 + .05; barber .35; collars .35;

Friday, October 19

Much cooler. Gray.
All our staff had visiting day. Misses Davis, Behrens, & Sands and I went to Louis Colwell's school – Cleveland – Byron & Albany Ave. – where we spent the morning. L. spent a great deal of time with us.
Spent afternoon at Armstrong School (Miss Reynolds, Princ.), Greenleaf & Here we went in and out of rooms only.
R.R. .26 + .20 + .24. Lunch .45

Saturday, October 20

Cool & sunny, moderating as day wore on & threatening rain.
To farm for hasty reconnaissance. Then to city on 9:53
Bartel's to get glasses (better) adjusted; Field's for gloves; Anderson for a fitting; Schantz' office for conference with him & Roy Langdon of Maywood.
Lunch at City Club & meeting of Ed. Committee. Carson Pirie for two books. Pub Library to look up quotations. Read from Congressional Record.
Home on 5:10
R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .50; books .85
collars 2⁰⁰; half soling 4.50

Sunday, October 21

A rather fine day Autumn coloration glorious but just a little on the wane.
Rode to Lake Forest with Dr & Mrs Hamilton this A.M. Then left the machine and wandered about & walked back as far as Convent station & rode home on trolley.
Slept much of afternoon. Then went down to Bob o'Link Golf Club where I was shown through the b'ld'g by Mr Vetter.
Have been reading Libby's Introd to Hist of Science
Trolley .10;

Monday, October 22

Snow.
Sunny & gray alternately. Began gentle rain by 6:00 P.M, which turned into snow.
Miss Jewett unable to be here and advises me that her physician prescribes a month's rest!
Talked Liberty Bonds to the pupils this A.M. Our Boy Scouts have made a great canvas of the town. I took a fifty dollar one
One Eng. class today. Conferences with teachers this evening.
At my desk awhile this evening.

Tuesday, October 23

Snowing this A.M. at daylight & continued for some time. Melted quickly. Many trees still heavy with foliage were loaded with snow. A rising wind at length tumbled the snow down.
Taught 8B science – the dissected dry cell – and 7B science – general talk, & discussion.

Teachers' meeting after school. Much time spent on the various activities suggested by current phase of the Great War – conservation of food, Liberty Bonds, teaching international community of effort, Red Cross work, etc.

At home this evening. Worked up a few notes on a nature study talk.

Wednesday, October 24

Rather unexpectedly it turned out to be a beautiful day – mild & sunny.

A rush day, one item being a hurry up trip by taxi to Ft Sheridan just at noon to hear Lord Northcote speak, only to find that he had cancelled the engagement!

Call from Laidlaw of D.C. Heath & Co.

After school ten of us went to McCormick estate (trolley to Sacred H. Acad) and had a most beautiful walk through & across Cyrus McCormick estate; then down along beach to Harold McC's. It was now dusk & when we came to pumping station, Miss Davis, Miss Guiney & I, the rear, were held up by a sentry – the others being passed because the sentry tho't they were "children of officers", & we were obliged to go far out of our way to get up. - - All home in Larson's autobus.

Trolley .10;

Thursday, October 25

Clear for the most part but boding change.

Two lessons on geranium cuttings in first grade. Two Eng. lessons. Various other duties.

Rouland called with new 10 vol. encyc. to exchange (for a bonus) for our 7 vol edition. Has in it an article on the milkweed that I wrote for the editor – my friend Rocheleau – some years ago. [See June 1, 1914 diary entry. –ed.]

To my farm after school. Dug my carrots. Hauled a bag & a basket full up to the gate for Mrs Haak & August to bring up for me when they drove down to do the milking. I trundled one bag full up on my wheel.

Ice cream .10;

Friday, October 26

Raining at daylight & much of morning. Blustery.

Taught(an) two Eng. groups, a science class, etc.

Went to farm this evening in Bahr's machine & brot up rest of carrots.

Down to Art Inst. this evening to hear Prof. Huntington's Lecture on ~~Peru~~ Turkey. Rather elementary. Good pictures. Fair delivery.

Dr. & Mrs Hamilton there & we came home on train together.

R R. .52 + .20;

Saturday, October 27

Rained this A M. but cleared before noon and afternoon pleasant.

To city on 9:51. Bausch & Lomb's to get bulb for our stereopticon; Cox's office where I spent nearly two hours reading past records of the geog. soc – preparing to write a sketch of the Soc. To Schantz' office for a conference; to Anderson's to get my suit (\$65⁰⁰); home at 3:31.

Worked in the yard until dark. Carried 2 baskets of potatoes to neighbor Smith's cellar; sunk a barrel & put cabbages in it; made a shallow pit for carrots; hauled manure over garden.

Pd. B & Lomb 5⁰⁰ for Geog. Soc.

R.R. .52 + .05; lunch .30; half-soling walking boots 1.[3?]5;

Sunday, October 28

Threatening at times – but on the whole a fine day.

Heard a splendid sermon by Dr McClure this A.M. - - After dinner I tramped west through Deerfield and a mile beyond – I wanted to go to the river – but it was too late for that. So I went north & east to visit the Ziesing farm, & thence home again.

Ruby crowns abundant. Brown creepers seen, also downy woodpecker (heard). Geese have flown over in large flocks the last few days.

Read mss of “Twelve Months with the Birds” by S.A. Harper – 220 So. State.

Monday, October 29

Snow

Raining early. Cleared a little but commenced to snow late afternoon. By 10:00 P.M. drifting on the sidewalks.

Mrs Bench – the new janitress – resigned today. - - - Taziali & I conferred about the clearing of space on our playground across the ravine - - I distributed the first prizes to the winners at the garden exhibit of Sept 18-20. We have had so little suitable weather for our autumn festival that we gave it up.

This evening after school I went down to the farm through the storm and shovelled dirt over the celery plants & over 12 cabbages. I bro't home in a basket 7 or 8 small but good heads. Almost froze my hands.

Tuesday, October 30

Crust of snow all about today. Cold for October! Gray.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon, much of the time being spent upon rehearsal of our experiences last visiting day.

This evening I went to the patriotic mass meeting at the Presb. Church. Lewis Kreidler led the singing & sang “Keep the home fires burning” – “The Marsellaise,” etc Robt Redfield, ambulance driver, and Sergt Baldwin, a crippled Canadian soldier spoke of experiences at the front. Mrs Sears of Boston made a plea for the red cross.

Wednesday, October 31

Moderated some today and snow melted a little

Very busy. Mrs Poff of the Kenilworth Schools visited us this A.M. and I gave her some time.

Heard two Eng & one science class.

Hallowe'en parties in Kg., 1B., & elsewhere.

Fine moonlight evening.

Thursday, November 1

Fine day. Very busy one.

Left on 3:49 for Chic. Caught I.C.R.R. 5:30 for Rockford. Miss Schermerhorn, Miss Grunewald, & the latter's sister-in-law also went. At R. I went to Nelson House. Wrote on notes for my talk & then to bed. R.R. .26 + .05 + 2.22. Porter .10

Friday, November 2

At Rockford

Beautiful day

Large crowd at morning program. Program not very inspiring.

Small group at section meeting where I “spoke”. I bro't along bulbs, soil, geranium cuttings, etc. & gave simple nat. study lesson

Miss Hemingway's work was fine & Mr. G's stimulating.

Supper at the Grunewald's. Mr. & Mrs G. Sr., Mrs. G. Jr., Miss G., Supt & Mrs Ferris & a friend. Then I caught 6:40 trolley for Belvidere – Wait of one hr. Went to movies & saw some abominable stuff. School children in audience – At 8:30 left for Elgin. There at 10:00 Night at Kelley Hotel.

Nelson House 3⁰⁰; trolley .70 + .43; Movies .10

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Illinois Teachers' Association meeting. The two morning addresses were: "The Issues of the World War," given by Dr. J.W. Garner, Political Science Dept., University of Illinois; and "Reorganization in the Teaching of Oral and of Written Expression," given by Prof. R.L. Lyman, English Dept., The University of Chicago. The afternoon section meetings were: "Self-Reliance and Initiative Developed Through a Study of Nature," presented by Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Highland Park Schools; "The Study Period," presented by Miss Grace Hemingway, National Kindergarten and Elementary College, Chicago, Ill.; and "How to Make Oral Expression Enjoyable for Pupils," presented by Mr. Harry O. Gillet, Principal of School of Education, University of Chicago. – ed.]

Saturday, November 3

Aurora

Left at 8:00 for Aurora. Morning session addressed by Horn. Fine. Left on 11:35 trolley for Chicago along with Farmer, Rhodes, et. al. City by 12:45.

Shopped at McClurg's. Wrote up some notes at Pub. Library Prowled about book stores. Home at 4:37.

As I had checked my bag at City Club & forgotten it, I went in on 6:31 & come out at 8:37 R.R. 70 + .26; lunch .30; barber 1⁰⁰;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the morning session. The address was "The Improvement of the Silent Reading Ability of Grade and High School Pupils," given by Dr. Ernest Horn, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. – ed.]

Sunday, November 4

Beautiful day. Mild.

A notable sermon by Dr McClure.

After dinner took trolley for Central St., Evanston. Then trolleys to Chic. River Walked along this & then here & there along quiet roads until at dusk I came into Winnetka & caught the train home Trolley .54.

Monday, November 5

Beautiful day.

Miss Jewett on job again. Mrs Millard visited school for first time this term.

Field trip with 4B's Language with 8B's.

To my farm after school. With help of Wm Koller & his wagon bro't away my celery & the remaining cabbages. A.L. Mills is to have the Moseley farm next year and he wants to plough it up now.

At school a while this evening.

Tuesday, November 6

Fine. Cooler.

Taziali & I met by appointment on Green Bay grounds and I instructed him to remove eight or ten dead trees. Plan to plough up for a garden. Conference with Mrs Millard about pictures. Also about janitor help. Have no ass't janitor & have fitful help of young fellows only.

Teachers' meeting discussing our recent conventions.

Agent of Laurel Book Co. called.

Two directors of a country school called & took away 11 desks. No charge.
Root beer .05;

Wednesday, November 7

Foggy & threatening, but clearing late in day.
Distractingly busy.
Stough called to show Mrs Millard and me some of the colored photog. prints he publishes - -
McCormick called to arrange for his show ("imitation of birds"); We got our larger stock of bulbs & began to push their sale - -
Went in on 5:05. Ate supper with Schantz. Aud Soc. meeting at City Club at 7:30. Home at 11:04
R.R. .52 + ; supper .55;

Thursday, November 8

Fine day.
Miss Jewett came with a Miss Nettles to start the latter off as her substitute.
McCormick, the birdman, came here & gave his show to the lower grades from 2:40 to 3:40 & to the upper grades for the next hour.
Helped the 2B's plant some bulbs.
Arranged for a ravine trip for 4B's.
Went with 4A's & Miss Stine to Wauk. to study harbor, etc. Left on 12:55, got back at 4:30 Fish tugs unloading; tug & stone barge & pile driver in harbor, to lay supply (water) pipe for Gt. Lakes.
Saw skirmish firing at Ft. Sheridan
Clarence & Ella came this evening.
Pd out for tickets for the Wauk. trip - 6³⁶
Apple .05; stamps .99;

Friday, November 9

Fine day.
Several visitors - Gibson of Macmillan's; Wilson of A.B. Co; teachers from St. Charles & Deerfield; Bessie Donaldson, one of our former teachers.
Mr. J.U. Hoffman assis't. to State Supt Blair, & Mr. Burch, manager of Pathescope, came to plan with me for movie reels showing a modern school from kg through H.S. We worked at our school for an hour or so, then to H.S. for two hours. Ate lunch with Mr. Sandwick in H.S. lunch room
A very busy day.
Clarence spent the day at the factory in Kenosha.
At home this evening.

Saturday, November 10

Another fine day
Worked hard in garden until 10:00. Then took 10:38 for Chic - Schantz' office for a book; Boy Scout's for manuals; McClurg's for type writer ribbon; Underwood's for developer. To Fields for pajamas & shoe polish. Luncheon at Fields with Cook Co. Superintendents. Met Charles Jorgensen & went with him to N.W.U. Dental Museum to see display cases.
2:18-3:15 for home. (Clarence had raked back yard, etc., for me) Nap, & then to work on historical sketch of Geog. Soc
Leonard came in time for supper. Mrs Decker had taken Clarence & Ella & Kittie for a ride.

Dist 107 – developer .20; type writer ribbon ~~4.00~~; .80;
R.R. .52; lunch .95; shoe cream .60; book (blank) .20; barber .35;

Sunday, November 11

Partly fine, then in the afternoon turning off foggy and cool.
To church to hear another splendid sermon by Dr. McClure.
Clarence, Ella & I went up to Great Lakes this afternoon. – a hive of activities.
Leonard went back to the city this afternoon.

Trolley 1.08;

Monday, November 12

Threatening & slight sprinkle.

Clarence & Ella went home this A.M. - - Miss Nettles came to represent Miss Jewett. - - Gave a bulb lesson in Miss White's room & helped the pupils store their paper whites under a leaf pile out-of-doors. - - Eng. lesson with 8B's. - - Helped a director from a rural district select 30 seats from our attic which he hauled away for his school - -

Got school bills ready. Board met this evening. The nurse, Mrs Powell, & Mrs Fyffe, rep. Dist. Nurse's Association, came to advise Board to allow additional revenue for ass't nurse Carried but resulted in heated argument which does not bode well for future harmony.

Pd \$9⁰⁰ on my Liberty Bond today.

Tuesday, November 13

Threatening.

Two science; one Eng. lesson; one 4A geog. lesson.

Spent some time on movie affairs Mrs Benson secured the Jack-the-Giant-Killer film & gave a movie party after school. I sent to Chicago for an operator. Mr. Green & I watched him a little.

Mrs Green, Pres. of P.T.A. had a conf. with me this A.M.

Wednesday, November 14

About the same as yesterday.

A rush day. - - - Did much teaching. - - - Scribner's representative called. - - A colored brother touched me for 1⁰⁰. Rep. of Chic. Boys' Club got 2⁰⁰ from me yesterday

This evening went to church meeting. Committee reported in favor of Rev Mr. Francis whom I thought a light weight. By vote of 83 to 72 the committee's report was rejected. Much feeling has been aroused.

Thursday, November 15

Cleared this A.M. & turned out a beautiful day

A lot of office work accomplished this A.M. Taught most of afternoon Began group project with 4A's – making sand map models of Wauk. harbor.

Down to Evanston this evening. Conf. with Prof. Jas A. James over phone, & then spent evening at the Pattees going over material for the Bulletin.

R.R. 52¢ + .05 Charge to Audubon Soc.

Ticket to entertainment .25.

Friday, November 16

Beautiful day.

Largely “discipline” day with me – children throwing things; writing on sidewalks; truants; thieves; etc. A weary – hard job.

Miss Nora and I turned out a number of Audubon letters this evening. I got Mr. Gault’s Mss of the check list this evening – a fine piece of work.

Saturday, November 17

Beautiful day. Mild.

City on 9:53. Schantz’ office to talk Audubon affairs. To Kennicott’s office to interview him about Cook Co. Forest Preserve. To La Salle Hotel for annual luncheon of Geog. Soc. where I presided – 216 present. My part was impromptu but went off all right. Our President, Prof. Tower, unable to be present.

Then to Fields & Vaughn’s shopping – also McClurg’s. City Club where I worked over some notes
Caught 7:01-8:00 home

Dist 107 – 1⁵⁰ for 1000 plant labels.

R R .52 + .05; luncheon 1.⁰⁰; supper .35;

[Pasted to this page is a postcard invitation to the luncheon of the Geographic Society of Chicago. It is transcribed as follows:

POST-VACATION LUNCHEON

The annual post-vacation luncheon of the Society will be held in the Red Room of the Hotel La Salle on Saturday, November 17th, at 1.00 p.m. The program arranged is of more than usual interest, both as to its subject matter and the speakers. It is urged upon those who plan to attend, that they will make special effort to be prompt, so that the program may be carried out without delay.

Tickets for the luncheon, costing \$1.00 each, may be secured in the hallway near the entrance to the Red Room immediately before the luncheon, from Mr. O.M. Schantz.

THE PROGRAM

“Geography and Geology Work about Camp Grant” . . . Prof. R.D. Salisbury.

“Mt. Robson and the Guardians of the Columbia” Mrs Laurie R. Frazier.

“The American Red Cross Mission to Russia” Dr. Frank Billings.

Mr. Smith indicated with numbers on the postcard, that Mrs. Frazier spoke first, followed by Professor Salisbury and Dr. Billings. – ed.]

Sunday, November 18

Cooler. A sort of November day.

Loafed at home all day. Read several chapters of Curtin’s The Land of Deepening Shadow

Kittie ill – “grippe,” apparently.

Mother and I had tea with Miss White & Miss Grunewald in Miss W’s new house.

Monday, November 19

Milder than yesterday.

A hard day. Many cases of discipline. Taught one recitation (Eng.) and took 4B’s to study fresh air intake.

Conf. with various teachers over library books.

Visitors from North Chicago.

Tuesday, November 20

A fine day.

~~Two~~ One classes in Eng; two in Science; one in 4B Geog – a great many other things Pretty much fagged.

At teachers' meeting, Miss Stone of Ravinia told us of her visit to Prof. Meriam's school at Columbia, Mo.

This evening I wrote an article on the Maywood Bird Club for the Bulletin.

Wednesday, November 21

Threatening – then showers towards evening.

Two Eng. classes; 8B manual tr. class took an hour or so of my time.

P.T.A. this afternoon helped to fill up the time. Mrs Geo. Green, Pres., presided. Fine meeting. Miss Judd, our librarian, talked about library work.

This evening Miss Nora & I worked on Audubon material at my office. The Y W.C.A's practiced in the aud. for their coming entertainment.

Thursday, November 22

Snowy with thin patches freezing fast here and there. A real November day

One Eng class, one 4B Geog; etc. The H.S. band gave our pupils a concert in the aud. at 3:00.

Miss Nora and I worked at Aud. material until 10:00 this evening.

Razor blades 1⁰⁰

Friday, November 23

Snow on the grounds and sidewalks – melting slowly all day.

Mother left for Benton Harbor this A.M.

A hard day at school. Got hasty lunch at 11:30 and spent my noon hour at school.

Teachers' meeting after school. Began our course in elementary science.

Worked on Audubon material this evening.

Barber .25.

Saturday, November 24

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, November 25

Cool. Sunny at intervals.

Did not go to church today. Spent much of morning at north end of town and in Highwood looking up men & women – Italians, Dutch, one Turk – who have taken out their "first papers" & about whose educ. qualific. the gov't desires information.

Trolley .05

Monday, November 26

Gray mostly. Then snowfall – short but brisk at 5:00 P.M. Began again later.

Spent much of the day studying the work of the 8B's, etc

Mrs Harris, a probation officer from Chicago visited Mrs Powell & me this A.M.

Miss Nora and I turned out more Audubon work this evening.

Razor blades 1⁰⁰; magazines .10;

Tuesday, November 27

Thawed some today.

A heavy day's work Directors from a school near Antioch came to secure 24 of our adjustable seats which we sold at 1⁰⁰ each.

Sent Miss Giffen home because she had a sore throat.

Mother left for Benton Harbor this morning.

Barber .25.

Wednesday, November 28

Gray day.

Had exercises appropriate for Thanksgiving Day, - The kg & 1st's & 2B's this morning; all the others this afternoon. Lantern slides of pilgrims' used. Original stories and poems.

Boys and I dug out our cold frames, bedded them heavily with leaves & set our bulb pots in them.

A.H. Heinen, ag't for the new bird books, called.

Thursday, November 29 Thanksgiving Day

Gray. Chilly. At dusk began to rain.

Kittie & I made up the home circle today, Mother being in B.H. We heard a fine address by Dr McClure at the Presb Church & then we ate our chicken dinner.

Worked at Audubon material now and then, today.

Took some large bullheads from the school aquarium and turned them loose in the lake this evening.

Friday, November 30

Gray and threatening but rather mild.

Spent most of the day on Audubon work. Kept Miss Nora very busy

This evening Miss Lula Behrens kept Kittie company while Miss Nora and I worked at school.

Meat .25; express .50

Saturday, December 1

Rather a nice day. Sunny part of the time.

Spent most of the day & evening on Audubon material. Miss Nora at work for me this morning and this evening.

Mrs Millard and I met Mr. Stough by appointment at 11:00 – he bringing out four oil finished photographs for the school.

Got work of the death yesterday of Mr. J.R. Collins at Park Ridge.

Stamps for Aud Soc. .40.

Meat .15;

Sunday, December 2

Fine day on the whole.

— . I went to Mr Collins' funeral at Park Ridge. I had to wait sometime at the terminal in Chicago, & so I wrote a letter to Tot Mahan. - - The Fletchers & Mr Madden were on the train & Zera Harries got on at Irving Park - - Simple ceremony at house – Maj. Rathbun spoke of Mr. Collins' life. - - An old gentleman present got up at the close of the address & said he wished to add that all that had been said was true - - - - And it was! Mr Collins stood for the highest & best things.

I went with the party to Graceland where seven or eight old G.A.R's conducted the final ceremony – simply though clumsily – affecting.

Came home on the trolley with the Youngs of Wilmette.

R.R. .26 + .34 + .15 + .21. Lunch .30.

Monday, December 3

Fine day.

A busy one. Had morning ex. at 11:00 in order to give Mrs Powell & her new ass't, Miss Johnson, a chance to examine all the pupils beforehand – At ex. I called attention to this being the 99th birthday of Illinois, to the opening of the war congress; announced collection of 25.13 for the Y M.C.A; the sale of R.C. tuberculosis stamps, etc.

Rec'd biog. notes from Robt Ridgway to weave into sketch for the Bulletin.

Tuesday, December 4

Grew gray late in the day A few snow flakes, then colder.

Co Supt Simpson came down to set aside some of our stock of seats in the attic for two country schools.

The janitor of the H-S. asked me to let our present janitor, George Nichols, return to his former place as ass't at the H-S. As I am very agreeable, I chased down to the city after school to hunt up our former janitor, Oliver Syren. (Had a conference at Schantz' office with him & Pattee). Found S. & think he will come back to us. – Home on 8:00-8:37.

Pd out Sat – 30⁰⁰ for pictures. Charge to P.T.A.

Pd Charlotte Bergman 10⁰⁰ for Dist. 107

Pd Miss Nettles 11²⁵ for Dist 107.

Dist 107

R.R. .52 + .10; supper .45.

Corn. .50

Magaz.10;

Wednesday, December 5

Coldest we have had for some time. - - Snowfall this evening – an inch or so.

Carpenters are framing up wall space in several rooms for pictures, etc.

Aud. Soc. meeting in the city this evening. We adjourned early to hear Mr De Loach's lecture on Birds before the Nat'l Gardners' Ass'n at Hotel Sherman.

R.R. .52 + .05; lunch .25;

Thursday, December 6

Still cold. About two inches of snow at daybreak.

Phoned Syren to come on as janitor at \$85⁰⁰ per mo. Mr Nichols leaves to go to the H-S tomorrow.

Left at 2:30 for Chicago. Trolley to Davis St & fast train in. Meeting of Board of Directors of Geog. Soc.

Home at 6:50.

R.R. .25 + .52 + .05;

Friday, December 7

Coldest morning thus far – 8 or 10 above. Clear. Moderated. Some flakes of snow after night fall.

Busy day. 3 classes. Various activities.

Attended meeting at City Hall this evening – committees called together by Mayor. Reports of work done.

Saturday, December 8

Much colder. Zero or below.

Worked at school most of the day Mrs Millard and I re-hung some of the pictures & took down old ones. I worked over the school bills, etc.

Audubon work this evening.

Barber .25

Sunday, December 9

Biting cold.

Six or eight below! Icy blasts.

Church to hear Dr McClure. Then to school to see what had happened. Plant house had not been banked & everything within frozen. Several aquarium jars frozen almost solid – one shattered.

Went up at 4:00 & banked up guinea pig house with leaves, etc.

Went again at 8:00 P.M. to confer with Mr. Davis over the situation.

Church .10.

Monday, December 10

Probably 5 below this A. M. & wind blowing still. This died down at evening.

Had some trouble keeping Elm Place warm – in two or three rooms.

Miss Jewett giving our pupils fine music.

Mrs Millard and I had a painter experimenting on background for hanging some of our pictures.

Syren's assistant came to hand today.

Board meeting this evening. Metzel, Mann & St Peter absent. Voted me 25⁰⁰ on a movie fund.

Tuesday, December 11

Moderated somewhat. Elizabeth Knapp called today. She lives with a rich relative at Greenwich, Connecticut.

Teachers' meeting this evening.

Prof. John A. Scott of N.W.U. lectured in the Aud. this evening under auspices of P.T.A. on the Dardanelles and Beyond – a wonderful bit of work. Audience of good size greatly pleased.

Wednesday, December 12

Milder. Snow this evening.

Let three of our staff go to Libertyville this A.M. to help the "examining board" for registering or exempting soldiers. – Misses Davis, Fink & Bergman. I taught Miss D's room all day.

Went to Pattee's after supper to confer about Aud. Bulletin.

Shaving soap .25;

Train .49; barber .25;

Thursday, December 13

Heavy snowfall in the night – 6 or 8 inches.

Banked manure about the plant house today Too late to save things inside. Pipes clogged with ice and the plumber on the job.

Mrs Millard & Miss Boynton and I hung up the new pictures this A M.

Barber .35;

Friday, December 14

Another cold night and the thermometer down towards zero.

A busy day - - - The third day I have spent the noon hour at school, helping the teachers on special duty.

Some of the teachers had a sleigh ride out to Miss Jewett's this evening.
Stayed at home this evening & worked at my desk.

Saturday, December 15

8 or 10 below this A.M. Moderated somewhat. Light snowfall late this evening.

To city on 9:53. Pattee's to deliver copy; Fair for sealing wax & popcorn; City Club for lunch with Educ. Committee; Miss Ingersoll's for chat with her and Miss Alice; Field's; McClurg's; got Yellowstone Slides for the 6A's; to newspaper office - "El Italia" where I got an Italian translation of Audubon card; home at 6:34.

Pd house insurance to Erskine & Co - \$3²⁰;
Audubon Soc - 1⁰⁰ for translator's fee.

Sealing wax (Dist 107) .15;
booklets .15 " "

R R. .52 + .10; lunch .50; barber .90; groceries .15; popcorn .15

Sunday, December 16

About 2 inches fell in the night. Milder today. Beautiful sunset.

To church with K. An agent of the Missionary Board talked

Had a fine walk this afternoon. Trolley to Washington Ave - then north and west across Sweeney's woods and out over the Skokie, back to Highwood on the road.

Did not see or hear a single bird! Saw a downy in my neighbor's tree before I went.

Brot home a bouquet of waahoo & high bush cranberries, etc.

Church .10; trolley .05.

Monday, December 17

Mild. Sunny. Slight thaw. S.W. wind.

Rehearsal of Christmas songs at morning exercises.

I showed Yellowstone slides to 6th graders.

Conf. with some of the teachers after school to assign children parts to memorize for the Story of the Christ Child.

Miss Grunewald and I took up again the task of finishing our Lincoln exhibit in swinging frames. I went back this evening to continue this work.

Tuesday, December 18

Mild. Thawing. Misty.

Callers: Mr Metzler to discuss affairs in general; Mrs Cole to complain about one of the teachers; Mr Hill, ditto.

Taught 4A Geog; 8B Eng; 8B science; 7B science.

At school a while this evening. Miss Nora wrote several letters for me.

Leonard came in before supper. Swifts' have sent him on the road - to cover North Shore territory

Wednesday, December 19

Thawing. Sloppy.

Leonard left this A.M.

This evening I went over to Julius Zimmers' house to talk Red Cross with him. He is captain of our precinct for the "drive" for membership and wants me to help in some way. He told me of ugly stories that are circulated about the Red Cross

Thursday, December 20

Mild. Muddy! Snow mostly gone.

Children busy with their carols & recitations and with their Christmas gifts

Have a slight cold on my lungs

Worked on lantern slides & text for the story of the Christ child.

(Ticket 6.60)

Friday, December 21

Clear. Sunny. Mild

Busy day.

Showed lantern slides & told story of Christ child to Kg. pupils at 9:00. They had a tree in their room afterward.

Then we reseeded large portion of aud. with small chairs from the various rooms. This afternoon was given up to carols and to the story of the Christ Child. We never have had such fine music and so well rendered. The children recited the speeches that came in as I told the story.

Under the weather and Dr. Bergen is giving me medicine for the grippe.

Elizabeth Schumacher committed suicide today by walking in front of a train about a mile west of here. This is a dreadful blow to all of us. Young, handsome, beloved!!

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of Elizabeth Schumacher's obituary. Her obituary appeared on the front page of the Highland Park Press of December 27, 1917. She was born in Highland Park on October 6, 1895, and was a pupil at Elm Place School and a graduate of the class of 1914 of the Deerfield-Shields High School. She had returned home from college for vacation at the time of her death. - ed.]

Saturday, December 22

Beautiful day. Cooler

Lay low this A.M. until 11:00. Then took 11:30 to Chic. to meet Mother. Her train was late and did not get in until nearly three. We were home by 4:21

She had Arthur Enders pull all her upper teeth and two of the lower. She has to wait two months for her plate.

Leonard here for supper. Went home on the 6:52.

Belgian children fund .50.

R.R. .81 + Lunch .50; barber .25; meat 1.18;

Sunday, December 23

Sprinkle in the night & icy walks at dawn, but soon melted. Threatening rain or snow.

To Presb. Church. Exercises very pretty.

This afternoon, at 2:00, the funeral of Elizabeth Schumacher. I went around to Mr. Geers & we went to the Episcopal church together. No one can understand such calamities.

At 4:30 went to the Christmas cantata at the Presb. Church - led by Mr. Kreidler. A fine performance.

Have just finished David Balfour.

United charities .25.
“White gifts” .25

Monday, December 24

Began to grow somewhat colder during the day.
To the city with many errands in view but crowds were so great and people were not accessible, so I put in a rather ineffective day.
Pasted – or, rather, mounted clippings in my war scrap book, 2nd vol. this evening.
McChesney’s Lincoln. 1⁵⁰
Hobson’s Footprints of “ .40
Express (Saturday) .31;
R.R. .54 + .10; lunch .35; “Daily Reminder, 1918, \$.85; book for Mary .35; stamps 1.03;

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas

A clear, cold day. No snow on the ground.
We three ate chicken for dinner - - - Mother still unable to eat solid food because of her tender gums. - - I spent considerable time today photographing my swinging frames (Lincolniana) at school and developing sixteen negatives.
A very quiet day. Read from “Footprints of Abraham Lincoln” by Hobson and MacChesney’s A.L.
– The Tribute of a Century.

Wednesday, December 26

Milder.
To city on 9:53 and tramped around about all day at various errands.
This evening Mr Reesman called and we went over the account of the school with the Public Service.
Charge Dist 107 - 25¢ sent for 2 copies of Art News.
R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .25;

Thursday, December 27 Springfield

Left for Springfield on the 12.01 Alton. Got in late – about six.
Cassidy, E.S. Smith, Stoops, Miss Anne Smith & Miss Margaret Bannon (last three of Joliet) and others on the train.
Dinner with the Superintendent’s Ass’n at the St. Nicholas
Billeted with La Marr of Le Roy at the hotel.
—— Evening Program ——
Hatfield’s address – good.
Gov. Lowden’s excellent.
Perisho’s a flimsy fizzle.

I met with the nominating committee after the evening session. It was “packed” in favor of two of the candidates, to one of whom I was opposed.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the State Teachers’ Association meeting. The topic of W.R. Hatfield’s address is not listed. Gov. Frank O. Lowden gave remarks at the Presentation of Flags to Winners of Largest Liberty Bond Sales. Dr. Elwood Chappell Perisho, President South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota, spoke on “The School and the State.” – ed.]

Friday, December 28

Turned very cold during the day.

The great features today were the two addresses by Edward Howard Griggs. Of inspiring nature, too, was the address of Supt Blair, given over entirely to a recital of the career of Edward Coles, second governor of Illinois.

Went to the school garden section in the afternoon and then to a special meeting called by the State Council for Defense to confer with H.S. principals over enlisting boys for farm work & giving H-S. credit therefor. Presided over by - - - speeches by Insull, Burrige Butler, Hollister, et. al.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Association meeting. Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, Educator, Philosopher, Author, Spuyten Dyvil, New York City, New York gave two addresses, one on "Public Education and the Problem of Democracy" and one on "America and the World War." Four papers were presented at the School Garden and Achievement Section in the afternoon. They were: 1. "School Gardens in Illinois" by James H. Green, Director of Extension Work, University of Illinois; 2. "Chicago School Gardens" by Dudley Grant Hayes, Director of Extension Work, Chicago Schools; 3. "The Harvey Plan" by F.L. Miller, Supt. of Harvey Schools; and 4. "The McLean County Plan" by Wm. B. Brigham, Asst. Supt. McLean County. - ed.]

Saturday, December 29

Still cold but moderating a little.

Great address on the war, its causes & significance by ex. Pres. Taft.

Came away on 11:45 Alton for Chic. Ate at luncheon with some of the Joliet crowd. Had a fine visit with Lewis Colwell on way back.

Springfield

R.R. .27 + .27 + .10 + 4.82 + 4.82.

Hotel 2⁰⁰ Meals .75 + .25 + .35 + .46 + .28 + .85 + .45.

Barber 1.05.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Association meeting sessions of the day. - ed.]

Sunday, December 30

A cold day. A light snowfall.

Did not go to church. Walked down Green Bay Road to Glencoe this afternoon. A cold walk. Rode back on the trolley.

Am reading "Under Fire" by Henri Barbusse.

Trolley .10.

Monday, December 31 The last night

Moderated somewhat but still cold. Clear.

A quiet day. Studied from Terry's Europe - 1806-1914 & Ganong's The Living Plant.

Wrote a few letters Did a little work at school. A few errands

"Ring out the darkness
of the land,
Ring in the Christ
that is to be."