

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1918



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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.

Tuesday, January 1

A heavy snowfall during the day.

Spent considerable time on Terry's Europe from 1815 to 1914.

Leonard and his friend, Mr. Gordon, came out for dinner & after a walk in the snow went home on the 3:36.

I went down to Pattees this evening to help prepare the dummy for the Winter Bulletin of the Audubon Society

Trolley .25;

Wednesday, January 2

Heavy snow which drifted about during the day until the wind died down.

Wrote finishing up material for the Bulletin this A.M. Took 12:56 for Chicago. To Pattee's office to leave Mss. Fields for rubbers. Bausch and Lomb's. Atlas Co. to arrange for films. Public Library where I mulled over books on Illinois history until late. Home on 8:00 o'clock.

Typewriter ribbon .50

R.R. .54 + .15; supper .25; papers .07

Thursday, January 3

Light snow in the night.

To city on 10:33. To Chic. Hist. Soc. Bld'g where I photographed old photo of Pape House at Kaskaskia. Also photographed original letter of Lincoln to Douglas announcing his acceptance of the terms for the debate.

Home on 5:10.

Worked on Lincoln material this evening

R.R. .54 + .20; lunch .20; papers .07; phones .10;

Friday, January 4

A little milder but still somewhat raw.

At school much of morning. This afternoon made three photographs from McChesney's Abraham Lincoln. Then developed these and the photographs made yesterday in Chicago.

Pasted Lincoln material in the scrap book, including controversial material relating to the Barnard statue.

(Ticket 6.60); Lavis .25; Stamps 1.25; barber .25;

Saturday, January 5

About as yesterday.

8:49 to Chic. To A. H. Heinen's office - 431 So Dearborn - to confer about an ad for the Bulletin; to Pattee's office to leave proof; to & Rankin to leave pamphlets to be bound. Row Peterson to get a book; Von Lengercke & A. to try to get calks; Fulton & Co to buy stencils for lantern slides; Fields for books; Hearth for lunch; Art Inst. to look up numbers of Art World giving criticisms of the Barnard Lincoln. To Powers to hear a very interesting play by Ruth Chatterton & others

Sweet Wallach's to get prints ordered.

Dist 107 - stencils 1.75; P.T.A - \$3⁰⁰ - prints for Lincoln frames

R R .54 + .30; lunch .36; play 1.10.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill announcing Ruth Chatterton with Bruce McRae and original cast, in "Come Out of the Kitchen," a comedy in three acts by A.E. Thomas. – ed.]

Sunday, January 6

Great snow storm began in the night and continued all day. High wind and heavy drifts. I waded to school bld'g at 11:00 and helped Mr. Syren sweep up snow in the attic.

I do not recall ever seeing a heavier snow fall.

Monday, January 7

Excavating ourselves was the big problem. Streets were almost impassible for teams. Sidewalks buried under deep drifts. Papers & bottles of milk were not distributed this morning.

Several of my staff were not able to get here on time. Only a handful of children in each room and we shut down at noon.

I never saw deeper drifts of snow – save in the mountains.

Went to Dr Hamilton's at five and had a cavity in a tooth filled.

Tuesday, January 8

School as usual with still many absentees. Vehicles hardly venture out. Autos none. Huge snow banks. Snowfall records greatest for many years.

The physical culture teachers came again today.

Teachers' meeting after school. Working together on Barber's General Science.

This evening K and Miss Guiney & I went to call at the home of Dr & Mrs Boehm where their nephew, Walter Nitschke is dead of pneumonia. He was a graduate of our grammar school. He has for several years been a piano pupil of K's

Stamps – Dist 107 - 3⁰⁰

Sponges “ “ - 4⁰⁰

[Walter H. Nitschke graduated in the Elm Place School class of February 1914. – ed.]

Wednesday, January 9

Zero this A.M. Sunny.

Went to Walter Nitschke's funeral this A.M.

Taught classes nearly all day. - - Some new pupils this week. - -

Scouted around awhile this evening with Policeman Sheahan to inquire into the whereabouts of a run away – James Finlay, whose mother reports his absence for some days.

Thursday, January 10

About 10 above. Sunny

This day we ran off two films – Canadian Rockies and the Mississippi River. Mr. Green & Syren at the machine.

Made 4 hktographs. This is the fourth successive day I have eaten my lunch at school.

At my desk for a while this evening.

Friday, January 11

Great Storm begins.

Began storming again today and continuing into the night. More snow. We already had more than we can "get away with."

This has been a hard week. There has been so much to do!

Dist 107 – 3 Evanst tickets 4²⁵

Boys car fare - - - - .59
Express on films .32
Barber .35;

Saturday, January 12

Climax of the Big Storm.

Snowing & blowing and drifting at dawn and continued all day. Cold!! Everything blocked. Trains stalled south of us and finally service abandoned. Trolleys got through at long intervals. Only a few H.P. men tried to get into the city by using the trolley.

No milk. No grocery deliveries.

I marketed with a basket. One trip to see how things went on at school b'ld'g.

Very little coal in the house. Began to use our grate & burn wood. Shut off much of the house. Abandoned my room for all but sleeping purposes.

Sunday, January 13

Sun came out clear. Began once more to dig out. I got my frontage & that of my neighbor, old Mr Geo Smith, clear.

No services at most of the churches. No milk.

Began on some coke Mr Decker has in his basement. Burns up too quick to use under his heater, so we are to use it to tide us over. I carried over three bushel basketfuls.

Read – Ganong on Plant Life – Stevenson's Treasure Island – Wordsworth

Over a hundred men in one gang "digging out" the R.R. station.

Monday, January 14

A clear day. Train service resumed. Papers once more delivered.

Huge embankments of snow mark the industry of the shovel brigades. Autos have almost disappeared. Sleights at a premium.

Miss Davis arrived from St Charles at noon. Other teachers an hour or so late. I taught 8B's until noon.

Board met this evening. Only St Peter & Mann present besides Metzel.

Tuesday, January 15

Another clear day. Still cold.

Used gangs of boys to uncover yard about the engine room so that coal wagons can get in.

Appointment with Dr Hamilton at 4:45. Set another for Jan. 29.

Worked at school a while this evening.

Wednesday, January 16

Another clear, cold day

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mrs J W Welch, now of Waukegan, read a paper on the school and the home – very good A very successful meeting.

Went down to meeting of Aud. Soc. Directors this evening. The Winter Bulletin just out and I saw first copy there.

Short but interesting meeting.

R.R. .54. ; pumice stone .10

Thursday, January 17

Fine. Cold

Business men closed stores and worked all day to reduce the huge piles of snow on the streets. I used groups of from 12 to 20 boys at a time in relays, helping at this work. We uncovered several hundred feet of sidewalks. I shovelled quite a little myself.

This evening Miss Nora and I worked up some letters in the office.

Friday, January 18

From 12 to 15 below today. Three or four below at 1:00 P.M.

The five day coal embargo began today and the H.P. Press began to discontinue job printing for that time. I have been carrying fine coke in baskets from Mr. Decker's basement & this has kept my furnace going. Today I got a ton of Pocahontas mine-run.

George Greene of the Lane Tech. visited us today. Also Miss Florence Holbrook

Worked on a mailing list for the Winter Bulletin this evening.

Dist 107 – developer .30; typewriter ribbon .75;

Saturday, January 19

About 6 below this A.M. Clear & cold all day.

To city on 8:09. Some of the buildings not sufficiently heated – Fields, for instance.

Shopped at Fields; to Sweet Wallach's for a sepia print; Boy Scout headquarters for handbooks; Fair for a book; Pilgrim Press to order some books; City Club; Public Library to look up a poem by Lindsay; Remington Co; Underwood Co.; lunch at Ill. Athletic Club as guest of Petre, Kupfer, & Puls of the Amer. Seating Co. & conference with them about the Moulthrop desk.

Had a delightful visit this evening at the home of Mr & Mrs John Lomax – late professor in U. of Texas

R R. .54 + .15; Battles & Leader 1.48; Fosdick's The Meaning of Faith .54

Barber .35;

Sunday, January 20

Moderated a little Sunny.

To Presb. Ch. Heard Rev. John Newton Freeman preach.

Slept & read all afternoon.

On way home from church went into the school b'ld'g where I found Miss Boswell (DeKalb normal) & her sister with Miss Cramer & Miss Giffin.

Began Fosdick's The Meaning of Faith.

Finished Ganong's The Living Plant.

Church .10

Monday, January 21

A little milder, but a icy wind blowing for a time at sundown.

Morning exercises at 11:00. Miss Corey ill and Mrs Taylor in charge.

Conf. with Mr. Sandwick over members of class soon to finish 8th grade.

Visit with Ethel Goddard who came to ask advice about getting a certificate.

Worked at my desk this evening.

Tuesday, January 22

Clear. Cold

Very busy. Mrs Taylor on the job. - - A visitor from the Geo F. Swift School. - - This A M. two groups of 8A's gave in competition the count scene from the M of V. - 6 - 7 - & 8's and some parents were the audience - -

Several discipline problems today.

Teachers meeting after school.

Jack Clements had a birthday party in the Kg b'ld'g after school.

Wednesday, January 23

8 or 10 below again. Biting cold at noon but moderated & snow fell towards evening. Snowing & blowing late.

Spent some time advertising the "show" for tomorrow.

Heard three or four recitations.

Checked up promotion lists furnished by teachers.

8B's gave 8A's fine party this evening which closed with a sleigh ride - Two sleigh loads. I did not go out for the latter. Worked on my plans for next week.

Barber .25;

Thursday, January 24

Milder today. A snowfall of 2 or 3 inches in the night.

McClintock gave his motion picture studies of wild animals in Jackson Hole Country in the Aud. at 4:00 and again at 8:00. I went with him to supper at Millards.

Pd McC. 75⁰⁰.

Friday, January 25

Very busy.

Honorable mentions at morning assembly - which went off well. This afternoon we showed three reels - Pueblos & Grand Canyon; Columbia River Highway; Glaciers

Graduating exercises this evening. Music beautiful. Miss Nettles sang a solo to accompany the children's chorus from Gounod's Redemption. Mr Metzler did not appear and I had to make impromptu remarks & present diplomas.

Saturday, January 26

Another big snow storm that continued nearly all day - Great drifts formed once more and train traffic crippled somewhat.

I worked at the school house much of the day - checking up seats and planning for next week.

The Geog. Soc. Annual Banquet this evening and I had a ticket, but it was storming so bad I feared I might not be able to get home after it was over.

Barber .90;

Sunday, January 27

Spent much time this A.M. digging out my walks and those of my neighbor (front), then helped Lanius on the Annex terrace at school.

No S.S. at Presb. Church. I was to have had Mr. Faxon's class as a substitute. Did not go to church. Rested remainder of day. Reading Fosdick's The Meaning of Faith. Read much from Halsey's History of Lake County.

Monday, January 28

New semester began. Heavy snowfall again during night and much digging necessary. Kept two men throwing out coal from Annex bins & another one hauling it to Elm Place bunkers. Two other young men worked at clearing off Annex roof.

Usual confusion of reorganization. Miss König is to be absent at the H-S., hearing 1st & 2nd yr German & Mrs Taylor is to give us as much time in her stead.

Burned blister patch on each of three fingers of right hand at noon & am wearing them in bandages
Called at Clow's a little while this evening.

Most beautiful out-of-doors.

Dr Hamilton filled a cavity in an upper left molar.

Tuesday, January 29

Beautiful. Still cold. Suggestion of a thaw.

Book sale heavy today. Wrestling with programs

Still had men getting out coal for us from Annex.

Teachers' meeting this evening.

At my desk at school for a while this evening.

First Highland Park to die in this awful war! Dumaresque Spencer died in French aviation service!
Barber .25;

Wednesday, January 30

Thawed some then grew gray. Began to snow and blow again after nightfall.

Coal getting low again. Have not been able to get any range coal now for three or four weeks.

Coal famine very general. Our dealers harrassed by calls which they can not meet.

A busy day. Worked with various teachers.

At my office desk this evening.

Field trip with Miss Parks and the 4B's to get data for their first map of the lake shore.

Stamps .75

Thursday, January 31

Cold & clear. Only light snowfall last night.

Miss Corey unable to be here & left for her home at DeKalb this afternoon.

I taught her room this morning.

Taught 4B's lesson on maps

Worked this evening on a map to use at the Forestry class tomorrow.

Got a half ton of range coal today!

Friday, February 1

Took 9:19 for Chic. Went to meeting of Forestry Class of Chic Woman's Club in Fine Arts B'ld'g. Talked on geog. of Lake Co. Set up a homemade map on an easel & drew in lines in charcoal. Mrs Lee L. Merriman talked about the lotus beds. Had luncheon with Mrs John Worthy, Mrs Bolte of Winnetka, Mrs Henry Frank, et. al.

An errand at Miss Ingersoll's & at Schantz' – then caught 2:00 for home. Had charge of movie show (free) after school. Showed Yellowstone road via Cody (3 fine reels) and funny reel – His first ride – Willie's hair-cut.

R.R. .54 + .10;

Saturday, February 2

Sunny and cold. Late in day – gray & rising wind and temperature.
Worked at school b'ld'g about all day. Had a man shovel coal out of bunker in Annex to send over Monday to the larger building.
Worked on school bills, etc.
Barber .25; meat .32;

Sunday, February 3

Another cold day Sunny.
Taught Mr Faxon's class at Presb S.S. this A. M. Heard sermon by a substitute – Rev. Mr. Aull.
Not impressed.
This afternoon attended memorial service at Episcopal church for Dumaresque Spencer. Beautiful service. Rev. Mr Wolcott's address noble and eloquent.
Church .10;

Monday, February 4

The coldest morning thus far. Thermometers ranged from 14 to 24 below!
Had trouble keeping the buildings warm. Our coal supply precariously low. Conferred with Siljestrom (coal dealer) and President Metzler this evening.
Derr of the Lea-Bell Co. called to talk movie films.
Various things afloat today.
Stamps - 30¢ - Audubon.

Tuesday, February 5

Severe cold again this A.M. Moderated during day & damp, southwest wind, milder by much, blowing at night fall.
Coal so far gone in big building that we began to carry coal over from the Annex, but Siljestrom's team showed up with a load of Illinois coal. He delivered six or more tons, so we are on easy street, just now.
Teachers' meeting this afternoon.
This evening Miss Grunewald and I mounted Lincoln material for our swinging frames.

Wednesday, February 6 Thawing!

A great drop in temperature in the night and today sunny and warm, relatively. Thawing became conspicuous. There was no "January thaw," this year. It has come in February.
Various labors, as usual - - To Dr Hamilton's office at 5:00 & he finds that my splintered tooth will make necessary the resetting of my bridge work!
To Chicago on 6:31 & to meeting of Directors of the Aud Soc. at City Club. I presided in Mr Schantz' absence. Home on train leaving at 10:05
Pushing the sale of thrift stamps in school.
R.R. .54 + .05; barber .25.

Thursday, February 7

Thawed little today Gray & threatening but not very cold.
At school a while this evening. Coached a young man named McKay to help him on his ex. for citizenship papers.

Friday, February 8

Rain

Gray & threatening. Rain about 5:30 P.M. Icy walks. Then coarse sleet about 9:00 P.M.
Spent A.M. in Chicago chiefly at Chic. Historic. Society Bldg. looking up Lincoln material, etc
Left some slides negatives at Chic. Transp Co to be made up into slides. Called at Art & Travel to confer
about coloring bird slides Home at 1:37.
Movies after school. Photoplay – His country's call – Daubs the Dauber; & Animal sagacity.
To Highwood this evening to look up Lloyd Hicks Then worked at school house until 10:00
R.R. .54 + .20 + .30; lunch .30;

Saturday, February 9

Cleared. Sunny Thawed a little.
All day in Chicago. Left parts of Victor at Lyon & H. for repairs. – At McClurg's to examine books
for supplementary reading - - To Tribune Bld'g to attend a rally in behalf of Junior Red Cross. Talks by
Shoop, Lowry, Miss Justine Cook, Miss Wells. – To Schantz' office for conf. with Langdon, Dean, & S. –
Luncheon at Fields with Cook Co. Sup't Assn - - Pres. W.M. Burton of Minnesota State as guest. – To Chic
Transp Co – Then to Schantz' office for longer conference – To Art & Travel to leave two slides – John
Crerar library – City Club, where I had a nap. Supper. Went to hear Elsie Mackaye in The Gypsy Trail.
Good.
R R .54 + .30; lunch .95; supper .35 + .20; play 1.10;
Cement .25 (Dist 107);
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for "THE GYPSY TRAIL, a 1917 Romance by Robert
Housum. – ed.]

Sunday, February 10

Mild. Thawing.
Loafed all day.

Monday, February 11

Sunny – thawing rapidly. Then rain after 4:30. Everything afloat in late evening.
Miss Corey able to be on duty again.
Had a gang of boys uncovering gratings to catch basins on grounds in front of Annex.
Went to Highwood to visit Mrs Clinton and interview Earl about his truancy.
At school desk this evening
Trolley .10;

Tuesday, February 12

Raining a little this A.M. Cleared sunny & mild. Puddles everywhere.
School only until noon. Spent all my A.M. with patriotic exercises. Used my Lincoln slides twice.
This afternoon dictated several letters to Miss Nora.
Board meeting this evening.

Wednesday, February 13

Sunny and melting. Snow water running off more readily than we had anticipated, but puddles
numerous.
Uncovered the three cold frames in which our hyacinths & tulips, etc have been wintered. Took
off first a foot or so of snow; then manure & leaves; and found everything had wintered nicely.

Our greenhouse roof had partially caved in from a snow avalanche some time ago. Today we reset broken glass & stored our bulb pots therein.

Spent all evening on Jas Finley's case. Officer Sheahen and I took him out of a pool room and gave him a "grilling" at the station. Then I took him home – over a mile down Sheridan Road.

Thursday, February 14

Sunny & melting going on with rapidity. Drop in temp. at evening and snow flurries

Dinner at the Churchills – Mr & Mrs Wright also there.

Lessons in grafting with several groups of children today. Onarga Nursery Co sent me 200 seedlings, a bundle of cions, waxed twine, etc.

Dr Hamilton took out the "bridge work" in my mouth this afternoon, & began to prepare to reset it.

Barber 40;

Friday, February 15

Everything frozen up today. Icy where water was running off. Plant house 30° at 8:00. At noon we brot all pots of bulbs in

Children grafted apple seedlings again today

Movies included three reels on Estes Park

Boy scouts gave an exhibition of their work this evening. Excellent.

Express 2.81 (Dist 107)

Saturday, February 16

Snowing at daylight and continued during the morning. Light, fluffy. Cleared afternoon & evening Still cold.

At home most of morning. At school, afternoon and evening.

11:00 to 12:20 A.M., at Dr Hamilton's.

Barber .25;

Sunday, February 17

Clear. Thawed quite a little but still cold.

Heard Rev Wm H. Matthews of Grand Forks, Dak., preach this A.M.

Slept this afternoon Then copied photog. of Lincoln & some of Mother's & Father's pictures Developed them this evening Read considerably from Embry's Early Churches of America Church .10;

Monday, February 18

Still thawing. Milder. South wind late in day.

Miss Guiney unable to be here – lame from a fall. Miss Murray helped me run things this A.M; Mrs Taylor, this afternoon

Some 6A's (boys) finished our grafting work this day.

Miss Irene Herman of Woodstock visited us this A.M.

Tuesday, February 19

Heavy rain in the night appreciably reduced the snow piles – Colder again this evening.

Mrs Bradley of Evanston came to help out in 8th grade. Miss Jones again on the job.

Teacher's meeting this evening. Miss Lamkin present to talk over historical pageant with us.

This evening I acted as janitor at the Annex, opening up for a dancing class for soldiers & sailors taught by Mr. Alvar Bournique.

Wednesday, February 20

Biting cold – steady all day. Not easy to heat the school b'l'd'g.

Visit from two agents. One much interested in our new b'l'd'g.

Miss Bradley again with us.

Dr Hamilton set in place my new crowns & inset.

P.T.A. meeting. Program by Miss Jewett and the pupils, mostly music. Some recited patriotic selections.

Thursday, February 21

Still cold – around zero.

Much of the day celebrating Washington's birthday

Met grades 5 – 8 for half hour or so at 9:30. Pupils recited quotations from Pres Wilsons April second speech; W's maxims; anecdotes of W., etc.

At 10:15 I gave a lantern talk to grades 1 – 4 & the Kg. on W's life. At 11:15 I gave a more complete talk of this kind to grades 5 – 8.

This afternoon grades 1 – 4 had movies – 1:30-2:30. Paul Revere's ride in two reels - - & "Algie's sister"

Tried to repeat the program for grades 5 – 8 but had trouble with rewinding & gave up performance.

Mrs Bradley unable to come. We "made out" without her.

Friday, February 22

At Joliet

Left on the 10:33. Caught 12:05 Alton for Joliet At Woodruff Inn. Dr. Cowles – Mr. Slocum, Clute, Prof Crook, Woodruff, Pepoon, & other friends & acquaintances there

Afternoon session lasted until 6:15. Dinner at 7:30. I sat at table with Dr Latham, & Dr Wilson (both women) & Miss McLenahan, sister of Dr W. Went over to evening session with Dr. L. who told me about the death of our old acquaintance, Mr Summers.

R.R. .27 + .80; lunch .35

Dinner 1⁰⁰

[Pasted to the February 24 diary page is a clipping listing the dinner and the evening session. The dinner program included an illustrated talk by Mr. Woodruff of the Chicago Academy of Science. The evening session consisted of the following addresses:

President's Address, Science and Patriotism, Dr. John C. Hessler, President of the Academy.

Address, The Mission of Science in Modern Civilization, Professor John M. Coulter, University of Chicago. – ed.]

Saturday, February 23

Joliet

A beautiful day.

We began our program at nine & kept up practically all day

Had a complimentary lunch served us by the H.S. pupils at 12:30

Left with many others at 4:00. Caught 4:15 C.R.I. & P. for Chicago

Took my bag to City Club. Tried to get seat to hear Warfield in The Music Master but failed.

Heard an inferior thing at Studebaker

Enjoyed the Joliet meeting very much. Met several I had hitherto corresponded with.

R.R. .80; breakfast .70; Hotel 1.25; supper .45; show 1.10; sundries .95;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping listing general papers presented at the meeting. The meeting is not identified, but appears to be the meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science. The general papers were: A Definition of a State Museum, A.R. Crook, State Museum of Natural History, Springfield.

The Relation of General Biology to Medicine, Vida A. Latham, Chicago.

The Decline of Science in the Secondary Schools, F.D. Barber, State Normal University, Normal.

The Present Status of Biology in the High Schools of Illinois, Fred Hartin, Township High School, Rankin.

A Possible Standard of Sound, C.T. Knipp, University of Illinois, Urbana, Demonstration.

Some Interesting Color Forms of *Rudbeckia*, Willard N. Clute, Joliet.

Some Bird Characteristics, (a) The Shrike, (b) the Prothonotary Warbler, W.S. Strode, Lewiston.

Possibilities for Professional Service in Geography, John L. Rich, University of Illinois. – ed.]

Sunday, February 24

A beautiful day. Mild.

At home all morning. This afternoon had a fine walk Over Exmoor grounds to examine some of the bird houses. Over to wooded islands west of Exmoor to watch the water flow by & listen for birds. Heard only crows but later flushed up five horned larks on the Linstrum place.

To Evanston this evening to call on the Pattees on Audubon business

Began Rauschenbusch's A Theology for the Social Gospel.

Train. 40;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping listing the Friday dinner and evening session, and the Saturday morning session. The Saturday morning session is listed as a "Symposium on Science and Education" with the following papers presented:

The Need of Science Instruction in the Elementary School, Dr. Elliot R. Downing, University of Chicago.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Botany, Dr. J.H. Whitten, Chicago Normal College.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Zoology, Dr. H.J. Van Cleave, University of Illinois.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Chemistry, Professor W.A. Noyes, University of Illinois.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Earth Science, Professor R.D. Salisbury, University of Chicago.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Physics, Professor F.D. Barber, State Normal University, Normal.

The Need of a More General Knowledge of and Training in Agricultural Science, Dean Eugene Davenport, University of Illinois. – ed.]

Monday, February 25

A March day!! Mild, at first. Then downpour at noon & at intervals thereafter. Some lightning & heavy thunder. Cooler towards evening. Freezing. A few snowflakes. Then a clear moonlit sky, with fleecy patches of clouds blowing about the sky.

Dr Hamilton saw a flock of bluebirds yesterday near the school house!

Went to the city on the 2:23. Shopped at Sweet, Wallach's; Boy Scouts; Cameron, Amberg's. McClurgs.

To (Record) Herald office and to Atlas Co to arrange for film service.

This evening we had a community sing at the Annex. Because of the high wind only a few came Miss Jewett led and Miss Nettles played

R.R. .54 + .10; plates 1⁰⁵; sepia prints .28; barber 25; note paper .20; phone .25.

Tuesday, February 26

Thawed some today Sunny at times.

Visited today by Princ. of Froebel School at Gary. He wants to interest us in his movies of the Gary schools.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Opened up at Annex for Mr. Bourniques dancing class for sailors, etc.

Wednesday, February 27

A fine day. Thawing.

Science in 7B; visited various classes. Had painter number additional maps for us.

Caucus with teachers of 7th – 8th grades after school. Then visited the teachers' French class for nearly an hour.

Work until late this evening at my desk at school.

Thursday, February 28

Snow

A heavy fall of snow continuing until 9:00 A. M! Wet. Packed. Great stuff for rolling into huge balls. Trees loaded. Beautiful pictures everywhere. Melted some. Gray day turning colder.

To city this afternoon to go to meeting of Board of D. of the Chic Geog. Soc Home by 6:50.

At school a while this evening. Wrote a letter to Mr W C. Kensler, former mn'l tr. teacher, now at Camp Dix, N.J.

R R. .54 + .10;

Friday, March 1

Clear. Sunny. Thawed some. Snow still, everywhere.

A busy day, as usual. Ended up with fine program of movies.

Worked at office this evening until after nine.

Barber .35;

[Pasted to this page and the following are two clippings giving the complete article "Notes on Meteorology and Climatology: The "Old-Fashioned" Winter of 1917-1918" from SCIENCE, Vol. XLVII, No. 1223, p. 565+. – ed.]

Saturday, March 2

A fine day with melting continuing

Took 7:40 for Chic. At 9:00 a conf. with Mr Winslow and Mr Woodruff about bird slides for the Geog. Soc's collection. Then to the Chic. Hist. Soc to confer with Miss McIlwain about the project of the Old Salem Lincoln Ass'n. To Jens Jensen to talk over his plans for the Lincoln Highway, etc To Art & Travel to confer about slides Lunch at The Hearth. To Prof Cox's office to test my whirling psychrometer. To Pilgrim Press to buy some books. Then to McClurg's to look up books on S.A. To Art Inst. to look up a photo. Here I helped care for a young man who had an epileptic seizure - -

This evening mulling over books.

R R. .54 + .10; lunch .53; Birds of Gt Britain 1⁵⁰

Sunday, March 3

Bright. Cool east wind. Melting. Large masses of snow & ice on fields & along country roads.

Heard Rev Mr Curtis at Presb. Ch. this A M.

Fine trip to County Line & walk over along the Skokie.

Watched a duck possibly a golden-eye, for some time, feeding in the channel. Saw a junco or so. No other birds. In trying to jump across a channel I fell in to my hips & had to leg it home for change of raiment.

Trolley .05

Monday, March 4

Mild Gray for the most part. Melting slowly.

Miss König unable to meet her classes today

Varied duties

Boys began mixing soil in plant house

At desk at school this evening.

Tuesday, March 5

Mild all day until late afternoon when chilly wind & fogs came on.

Boys and I worked to get plant house ready. Bro't more frozen soil in to thaw out. Got tomato seed from Bahr. (John Bear).

Teachers' meeting after school. Some of us tramped out West Park Ave afterwards. Saw one robin. Heard geese. Roy Timm saw flock of twelve robins. Kittie heard one calling this A.M.

Opened Annex again this evening for dancing class.

Wednesday, March 6

Colder. Slight snow flurries. No melting today.

Two meadow larks reported this A.M.

The 5A's & B's planted the John Baer tomato seed today – 12 or 14 flats. Started fire in plant house today

Dr Hamilton "repaired" a chipped tooth for me.

Went to meeting of Directors of Aud. Soc. this evening at City Club

R.R. .54 + .05;

Thursday, March 7

Aurora Borealis See page 95

Moderated but little thawing. Sunny

Science in 8B. Went out with 6B's to collect twigs of various trees

Civics – 8A – dealt with earliest settlements in H.P.

Fine display of Aurora this evening. I noticed it at first at 7:15 – the northern sky opalescent with a pink band streaming upward in N.W. The north was occasionally suffused with pink. Light clouds formed in west and arched over southward. Later, when pink had gone, streamers of white appeared & disappeared

Miss Nora & I worked in office on Audubon list this evening.

Express _____?

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from SCIENCE, March 22, 1918, of an article entitled "Discussion and Correspondence: The Aurora Borealis." - ed.]

[On page 95 of the diary (April 5), Mr. Smith noted another occurrence of the Aurora Borealis. – ed.]

Friday, March 8

Mild but gray. Growing cooler.

Mr Rouland, pub. of an encyclopedia, visited this A M.

A full day – with the movies thrown in
The Quest.
Better Babies
Along the Nile.
Dirty-face Dan.
Appalachian Wonderland

At home this evening, overhauling lantern slides

Postage 19¢ (Aud Soc). Stamps .75;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping entitled “The Aurora of March 7, 1918.” Source not identified, but it appears to be from SCIENCE. – ed.]

Saturday, March 9

Bursts of rain this A.M. Snow flurries in late afternoon & high winds

To city on 10:33. To Schantz office; then to Art & Travel. Luncheon at City Club with Cook Co Sup't Assn. At 2:00 to Central Music Hall. Baynes' lecture excellent & well received. Fine audience, though not large.

Home at 6:34.

Liquid skin 25; dental floss .10.

R.R. .54 + .10; shave .25; lunch .75; course tickets 2⁰⁰;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping about the lecture. It is transcribed as follows:

Lecturers and Subjects

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2:30 P.M.

**Ernest Harold Baynes,
of Meriden, N.H.**

Title – “Birds in the Nesting Season”

Mr. Baynes is well known throughout the country as the President of the Meriden Bird Club, one of the most successful and unique organizations for the conservation of bird life, ever introduced.

Mr. Baynes' intimate acquaintance with wild birds is remarkable and gives his lectures a peculiarly personal interest.

Those who heard Mr. Baynes in last year's course will want to hear him again on the above topic. At no other time are birds so interesting as in the nesting season, when they show to the greatest extent, what may be called their human traits. – ed.]

Sunday, March 10

Clear. Sharp. Crust of snow on sidewalk disappeared today.

Helped Mr Booth “run” the Sunday school this A.M.

Dinner at Mr Geer's. Stayed there until 4:15. Then home, changed into walking clothes, & looped the loop – Deerfield Road, Ridge Road, Clavey's & Green Bay. Saw one flock of 27 robins. One squadron of over 150 geese.

A robin sang his repertoire softly this afternoon – in the cottonwood across the alley.
Church .10.

Monday, March 11

Milder. Gray. Rising winds.

Epidemic of mumps and measles on.

Mr Simpson & Mr Huffman came about 9:30 and stayed the remainder of the A M. We talked over the movie scheme. The gentlemen talked to the children at morning assembly which we held at 10:30. We ate lunch at McCrystle's. Then Mr. S. went home while Mr. H & I went up to Sweeney's at Fort Sheridan to see an old log bld'g to consider its possibility for scenario in movie. Unfavorable decision. Then Mr H. took train for C. & I went back to work

Board meeting this evening – long and amicable
Lunch 1⁵⁰;

Tuesday, March 12

Fine, mild day Grackles, redwings, song sparrows, bluebirds, meadowlarks are here.
Some of us tramped down Green Bay road this evening & down on Bobolink links – but saw neither bluebirds nor larks. Redwings sang on the ponds.
Our seventh & eighth graders went to the H – S at 8:45 this A M. to hear Prof Maria Sanford give a war talk. Their teachers and I attended.
Opened up Annex for usual dance of soldiers and sailors
Barber .25;

Wednesday, March 13

Rain!

Tremendous rain storm with some thunder and lightning broke at 10:30 A.M. Previously everything was dark as we ever see it by day. Flooded roads & under viaducts.
P.T.A. meeting postponed. Very busy at 11:00 o'clock & on looking after umbrellas, wraps, cabs, etc.
To Pattees' this evening to work over lantern slides.
Train .22;

Thursday, March 14

Gray. Then snowed this morning & afternoon fitfully. An inch or two
Institute at Lake Forest, today.
At noon hour I ate at Y W.C.A. rooms with Harry Wilson, Prof. Jewell, Prof. Schmucker, Mr Simpson, & Hugh Magill, Jr., director of the Ill. Centennial Commission, the latter being my seat mate – I had him in tow, as it were. I introduced him for his half hour talk & then helped him off on his way to Waukegan
I dug parsnips out of my garden early this A. M. Frost was out so that they pulled up readily
Trolley .20; phone .10;
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the "Mid-Year Teacher's Meeting." The instructors were Dr. S.C. Schmucker, Department of Biological Sciences, West Chester, Pennsylvania Normal School, and Dr. J.R. Jewell, Dean of the College of Education, Fayetteville, Arkansas. On Thursday, Dr. Schmucker spoke in the morning on "The Nature Lover's Spirit" and in the afternoon on "The Meaning of a Flower." Dr. Jewell spoke in the morning on "What is Education" and in the afternoon on "Old Fogies." – ed.]

Friday, March 15

Bright. Clear. Thawing though cool. Much of snow melted.
Teachers' Institute at H – S. this A M & P M. Well attended. After it was over we had visitors at Elm Place. These included one of my pupils of nearly 20 years ago – at Lexington – Henry Tilbury whose two sisters teach at Zion City. H. is on construction work at Great Lakes.
I turned out a lot of Audubon correspondence today. At my desk at school until 10:00.
Mother left for Benton Harbor, this A M.

Tickets to lecture of Dr Flexner 1⁰⁰; peanuts .05;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Teacher's Meeting sessions on Friday. Dr. Jewell spoke in the morning on "Teachers and Liars" and in the afternoon on "Thinking and Learning to Think." Dr. Schmucker spoke in the morning on "The Human Ration" and in the afternoon on "The Meaning of a Fruit." – ed.]

Saturday, March 16

Fine day.

To Waukegan on 8:55 trolley & to the Andrew Cooke School where Institute continued. A fine b'ld'g. I spent half an hour with Mr Clarke, the Principal, studying the bld'g. Then went over to Co. Clerk's office to confer with Miss Bauer about log houses of Lake Co. Then – the [11:17?] for Chic. To Schantz' office – then from there to Cent. Music Hall where McClintock gave his motion pictures of animals & birds. Fine time. I had seen them twice and I slipped out & did some errands – part of the time. To Art & Travel, Pathescope, Sweet Wallach. Lyon & H. Home at 5:44. Miss Nora & I wrote Aud Soc. letters this evening.

R R .54 + .44 + .15; lunch .35; barber .25; Music .75 (Dist 107)

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Teacher's Meeting sessions on Saturday. Dr. Schmucker spoke in the morning on "The Real Purpose of Nature Study" and in the afternoon on "What next?" Dr. Jewell spoke in the morning on "Economy in Learning" and in the afternoon on "The Next Generation." Also pasted to this page is a clipping of the lecture by Norman McClintock. It is transcribed as follows:

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2:30 P.M.

Norman McClintock of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Title – "American Birds and Animals in Motion Pictures."

Mr. McClintock is a wizard with the picture machine, and he brings before the public the intimate, natural actions of wild life so vividly and accurately, that audiences almost hold their breath for fear of frightening the wild creatures.

On account of the unusual pictures of wild animals which Mr. McClintock secured in the great game preserves of Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park, last winter, he has been asked to bring a number of these reels with him to demonstrate the work of the Department of Agriculture in the conservation of wild life. – ed.]

Sunday, March 17

Beautiful day. Warm.

At home this A.M. after I watered tomato plants at schoolhouse. Exhausting sleep from 10:30 to 12:30.

After dinner I walked 1 ½ mi. down G B. road with Fayette Munro to examine log house. Then back & over to Moseley farm to inspect parsnip patch

Home. Changed clothes & went to called meeting at City Hall. Mayor presided Considered ways and means to raise money for war funds. App. committee to act on this.

Took 6:45 train for Ev. Supper with Pattees. Used lantern & examined some of the Aud. slides
R R. .26 + .20;

Monday, March 18

Fine day. Warm.

Specially interesting morning assembly. Drilled our pupils for the first time on – "Keep the home fires burning." Planting of a centennial elm, an oak, & a maple planned.

8A Eng. & 4B lesson on how our bldg is ventilated.

Miss Nora and I worked at Audub. material until 10:15 this evening

Tuesday, March 19

Fine warm day.

Had Kollar haul a load of green manure & our boys stuffed it into the hot bed pits to work for two or three days. Boys bro't the empty flats out of winter quarters under the annex.

4A's began about ten days ago with their maple sap experiments, & from time to time are boiling it down.

Teachers' meeting, Miss Lamkin outlined for us her plan for the centennial pageant we hope to hold in June

Spent some time this evening over the assignment of garden plots to families for the coming season.

Wednesday, March 20

Another fine, warm day

Mr Jackson – gardner of H. McC. estate at L.F. planted some garden this A.M – spinach & seed onions.

Another rush day.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mr Jackson talked. Had a long chart which I copied, using both sides of two portable blackboards. Listed crops, time of planting, etc. Very instructive. Mrs Green told of the success of her chicken yard.

Worked this evening on material for a talk at Joliet, tomorrow.

Barber 1.10;

Thursday, March 21

Joliet

Warm. Almost sultry.

Left at 10:38 for Chicago. Conf. with Schantz. Then to Joliet. 1:00-2:20. Met by Principal Mottinger who showed me around until 4:00. When I went to lecture hall of Library & gave a flower talk before the Teachers' Federation. Got along fairly well. Visited a little afterwards & took 6:00 for Chic. Home at 8:34

R R. .54 + .10; lunch .15;

Friday, March 22

Decidedly cooler. Well towards freezing. Gray but blew off beautifully clear at evening

Gave Audubon talk with slides to (1) 3's & 2A's and (2) 4's & 5's. Taught Miss Davis' room first period; then turned it over to Mrs Taylor for remainder of day. Miss D's mother ill & requiring her presence.

This afternoon free movies with a good program.

This evening I attended dedication exercises of new school b'ld'g at Highwood. I spoke for 10 minutes. Simpson, Gooch, & King of Wauk., the speakers.

Box rent .60; Trolley .05; barber .35;

Saturday, March 23

Black News – from the "Western Front"

A fine day but cool winds. Frost at daybreak.

Boynton's auto took me and my lantern & screen down to Millard's early to get ready for the talk this evening. Then to city.

To Tribune Bld'g to confer with Mr D.G Hays of the Board of Ed'n about moving pictures of school activities. To Mr Mann's office to leave garden schedule to be copied. Vaughn's for seeds.

Rothschild's for sugar.

City Club for luncheon. Sat at speaker's table. Mr Forbush talked on bird conservation. Then to Cent. Music Hall where Mr. F. gave his lecture with films. – Left early. At home, rested up – got my slides ready. To Millard's where I talked before the Garden Club.

R.R. .54 + .15; phone .15; lunch .50; sugar .61; meat .30; mounting tissue²⁰;

Heavy-hearted

Sunday, March 24

Fine day. Cool.

Rev. Frank Fitt preached his first sermon at the Presb. Church & carried everything before him. Apparently a very masterful young man. As a school boy here 12 years ago he made his confession of faith.

This afternoon at three I attended a conf. on religious education – Mrs Everett, Mrs Knox, Mrs Bournique, Miss Grandy, Mrs Fitt

Before church this A M I went down to Millard's to talk over Lake Co Forest District affairs

This evening to Pattee's to finish up conference on slides

R R .26 + .21;

Monday, March 25

A little cooler. Rising winds.

Miss Jewett unable to come. Miss Davis absent & Mrs Taylor in her place.

Had a group of 8B's reset several flats of tomato plants. Some 6A's planted 7 flats of asters.

Miss Nora & I went up to Wauk. this evening to confer with Miss Bauer at the County Clerk's office over county history and the Grass Lake region.

Trolley .52 + .50; barber .25;

Tuesday, March 26

Still cool with strong winds, but sunny.

7A's with Miss Grunewald reset 20 flats of tomatoes

I had hot beds watered & covered with sash.

Conf with Miss Lamkin about proposed pageant. Teachers meeting at which Miss L. outlined it. Then I presented various war activities.

Opened up school (Annex) for dancing class of soldiers.

Wednesday, March 27

Clear but cool. For several days now a cool wind has blown from the lake. – Silver maples in bloom – Elms nearly ready – Scarlet, do.

Zinnia seed planted by 7B's. More re-setting of tomato plants – 2B's planted a flat each of beets & onion seeds. - -

Heard Dr McClure preach this evening in the service at the Presb. Church.

Barber .25

Thursday, March 28

Another fine day, a little warmer. Frost again last night

Some planting work continued. Calendulas – by 4A's. 1B's – beets and onion seeds.

8A civics - - Went to city on 2:23. To Geog Soc – B'd of Directors. Authorized printing of Starved Rock Bulletin.

Mother came home today New (store) teeth seem to work well.

R.R. .54 + .05; papers .06;

Friday, March 29

Another fine day. Milder.

Much resetting of plants. 8A civics & Eng.

Movies at 1:30 & at 3:45. Worked at school until 11:00 P.M. with Miss Nora & Mrs Powell – getting out reports of physical examinations of pupils.

Saturday, March 30

Fine day. Mild.

To Chic. on 8:49. To Mr. Kennicott's office to get map of Cook Co. Forest P. & photographs, latter loaned me by John Baird. Got directory of constables at Co. Clerk's office. To Mr. Mann's office to inquire about blueprint garden plans his clerk is making for the P.T.A. – To Mr Greenslade's office to confer about offering Miss Cress a position. – To Cox's office to confer about geographic matter. – City Club for luncheon. A nap there. Rothschild's to see aquaria. – Lecture of Mr Fuertes at C. Music Hall. Splendid. Visit with various – including Gault, Sanford, Goelitz, et. al. Conf. with Miss Mitchell afterwards. – Home at 6:34.

At school this evening –

R.R. .54 + .15; lunch .50 + .10; papers .09; barber .60; listerine .25;

Sunday, March 31

Clocks set forward one hour!!

Beautiful day. Mild. High wind for a while in the afternoon followed by a slight dash of rain.

To church. Rev. F. Fitt gave good sermon.

This afternoon Miss Jewett came for me & I helped plan some landscaping on the Jewett farm.

This evening I showed the S.S. Easter slides to the members of the Presb. home for old ladies.

Mother & K. went along

Church .25

Monday, April 1

Another fine day.

A busy one. - - Mrs Finck, Isabel's mother – Prin. of the Palmer School, Grand Rapids – visited us today. So did Miss Gertrude Shaw, of Racine, sister of Miss Lucille. - -

General ex at 1:30. Miss Jewett continued teaching war & community songs. Miss Nina Lamkin outlined for all the children the Illinois pageant we propose to give.

Walter Goelitz bro't his negatives for me to select pictures for Spring Bulletin.

I went for a walk with the teachers down Ravine Drive at 5:00.

At school this evening, after conf. with Mr. Greenslade over salary offer to Miss Cress.

Tuesday, April 2

Blew up cool today. High wind. Threatening.

Some what under the weather today. Knocked off at 11:00 & again after school. Omitted teachers' meeting.

Miss Fannie Cress here today & accepted 2nd grade for next year.

At school this P.M. Mr B's dancing class there.

Wednesday, April 3

Still cool. A crust of ice on wooden side walks at dawn but this melted by 9:00 A.M.

Busy day, but satisfactory – since much was accomplished. Mailed letters to patrons concerning physical examinations. Sent out 100 Aud. Bulletins & the same no. of circular letters. - - Talked to four rooms on gardening - - Mounted blueprints of garden chart, etc.

Miss Anderson of Racine visited us today.

Barber .35;

Thursday, April 4

Cool wind blowing. Sunny.

Garden talks continued today. - - 8A civics & Eng

Arranged with Mr. Pertz of the H-S. to make three maps for the Bulletin.

Mr Sandwick , Wright, & Mr. Nelson – my colleagues – had a conf. with me in my office over scheme for selling 3rd issue of Liberty Bonds – school children to be interested in it.

After supper – went to Mrs Clinton’s at north end to confer about committing her boy Earl to a detention school for truants.

Conf. with Mr. Tetreau of M.E. Church, Highwood.

Rest of evening at school working on a memorial to be presented to Chic Bd of Ed. for the Friends of O N.L.

Mrs Shannon died last night.

Trolley .10.

Friday, April 5

Aurora B – again!

Milder. Cool winds.

Tried to snatch odd moments for writing a “memorial” for the Friends of O.N.L. Little time to be had.

Conf. with Mrs Clements today.

More garden talk. 8A civics & Eng.

Movies after school.

Called at the Shannon house this evening and had long talk with Miss Holbrook. [Florence Holbrook was Mrs. Shannon’s older sister. As Mr. Smith was a frequent writer for the *Highland Park Press*, it’s possible that this long talk with Miss Holbrook was to gather information for Mrs. Shannon’s obituary which appeared in the *Press* on April 11, 1918, and that he was writing this obituary around 11:25 p.m. when he paused to look out his window and noticed the Aurora Borealis. Maude Holbrook was born in November 1873. Prior to her marriage to Angus Shannon in 1898, she worked as a kindergarten teacher in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon came to Highland Park in 1906 where Mrs. Shannon was active in the Visiting Nurses’ Association, as chairman of the Relief and Aid Society of Highland Park, and as a member of the Highland Park Woman’s Club, the Presbyterian Church, and the Elm Place School Board. She is mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith’s diaries in relation to school matters. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon’s November 1, 1909 divorce created headlines in Chicago when he remarried just four days later. At the time of her death, Mrs. Shannon left two sons, McKenzie, a freshman in high school, and Angus, a 6th grader at the Elm Place School. – ed.]

Worked at school awhile afterward.

11:25 P.M.

Looked out my window a few minutes ago and saw a band of light across the sky. Went out into the street & enjoyed spectacle of a bright streamer from the N.W. horizon high overhead & down to the S.E horizon – a steady stream of light. Faded away in ten or fifteen minutes.

Barber .35;

Saturday, April 6

Rain

Became gray as morning advanced – then about two began to sprinkle – then to rain. Still at it – 9:00 P.M.

Early – went to school and Harold B & I sent up the flags of the allies on the cable along with our starry banner and they fluttered bravely in the wind. - - Worked at my “memorial” awhile –

Early lunch – To Mrs Shannon’s funeral which took place at 12:30. I was a pallbearer, - others – Mr Cheney, two Evanston men – the Messrs Bowden - & two young men from Chic – Messrs Chandler. Service at house by Rev Mr. Tetreau Then by auto to Oakwoods where services were held at 4:45 & burial later. On way back in auto with Mrs & Muriel Payne, Miss Elizabeth Nash & her nephew, I left the auto at Jackson B’vd & came home by train Home at 8:00.

R.R. 27 + .05; meat .52;

Sunday, April 7

Cleared. Cool. Wind.

Went to South Ave, Glencoe, on trolley & tramped west & south & finally came back to the R.R. at Winnetka station, & home.

Slept awhile & had dinner. Rested & slept until 5:00. Then tramped over Exmoor, looked over some land north of it, then went on up into Sweeney’s woods. Visited “red-wing lake” & the skunk cabbage patches. Home via Washington Ave, Highwood

Trolley .10 + .05.

Monday, April 8

German teaching dropped!

Gray. Then clear. Then blew up strong & cold. Almost freezing by sunset.

Miss Giffin visited schools today. Miss Finck at Grand Rapids.’

Worked much at desk today on bills, etc

Gave Liberty Bonds a boost this A.M. Our children pushing sale of thrift stamps. Have now begun to solicit for bonds.

Board meeting this evening. Friendly but - - all present were opposed to further teaching of German – so that was dropped!

Tuesday, April 9

Sharp wind blowing all day. Ice this A M.

Another overcrowded day

Soldiers’ dancing class as usual this evening - - Miss Nora & I worked at the office until 10:00.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, April 10

Waukegan trip

Still cold winds. Sun shone.

The 8A’s and I with Miss Grunewald went to Waukegan today. Most of us rode in a gov’t truck furnished by Serg’t Stockey. Two of the boys took their fathers’ machines. - - I got very cold on the way there. –

Visited court room where Mr. Dady gave us a little talk about law procedure. Then visited Miss Bower in the Co Clerk’s office & Mr. Brockway in the circuit clerk’s office. - - Went to the Andrew Cooke school to eat our lunch - - Went down to the docks to inspect the industries - - Then to Great Lakes where we saw four regiments of jackies reviewed by Sec. Daniels

Home by 5:15. Caught 5:55 for Chic. Dinner at Hull House with F. of O.N. Landscape where I submitted memorial to lay before Bd of Ed'n - - on nature study, etc.
Fruit .05; lunch .20; R.R. .64;

Thursday, April 11

Gray. A little milder. High winds abated.

Held assembly of 5 – 8's and talked sale of Liberty Bonds. Then I told them of the decision to abolish the teaching of Germans.

Mr St. Peter picked me up in his auto and we visited the Green Bay site to consider gardening, and P. Clinton school to talk repairs.

Taught 8A civics – then went to Lincoln School where some of the Cook Co. Supt's were visiting. We ate a fine lunch at Mr Wright's home & discussed the work men and woman (one) went home on 2:23. I went back to Elm Place. Conferred with fire chief & gave a surprise fire drill for his benefit. Conf. with carpenter (Brown) about finishing the bridge. - - Taught 8A Eng. – Took 3:49 for Chic. To Schantz' office to get lantern & slides. Home on the 5:10-5:44.

R.R. .54 + .10; lunch .35; phone .05

Friday, April 12

Milder. Sunny.

Began resetting tomato plants into 2 inch pots. Reset some asters & calendulas.

Upper graders – 8B's & 7's began preparing a Park Ave lot for a garden. Hauled manure & ashes, etc.

8A civics & Eng. & the "Friday movies." Had Paul Revere's Ride, Planting with dynamite, and How movies are made. A fine program.

Went to Libertyville this evening to talk on "Birds & Flowers" before the P.T.A & gen'l public Had a good time Mrs Kimble, Gridley, Colby, Mr Kummer, Under[b?]rink, Averill. Edith came today.

R.R. .50;

Saturday, April 13

A fine spring day.

I worked two hours or so at my office today, the remainder of the day I worked out-of-doors - - Sifted ashes to scatter on my garden - - Planted radishes (Sc. globe), lettuce (May King & Grand Rapids), beets (Crosby's Egyptian); onion sets. - - Burned rubbish & the paper which had been stripped off the walls of our sitting room, etc.

Went to my farm and dug up my two bushels of parsnips.

Barber .25; bananas .30. root beer .05.

Sunday, April 14

Another fine day.

Edith & I walked up to the Highwood School this A M where I took 3 photographs of it. Mr Brady opened up for us & we looked things over. Then we came down to Elm Place where I looked after greenhouse affairs. Home & brushed up & to church. Good sermon by Mr. Fitt

Slept part of afternoon. To school awhile. Then again this evening.

Monday, April 15

Sunny & mild. Growing gray. Gentle rain about 10:00 P.M.

Pushed plant house work & other out-of-doors work today. 5's filled our six hot beds with potted tomatoes. - - Asters reset & calendulas. Began on zinnias. - Boys began digging holes for centennial trees. -
- A group of boys finished scattering ashes on our garden spot on Park Ave & Sheridan Road. - - Conf. with Mrs. Greene about P.T. A. affairs. - - Sifted more ashes & threw on my own garden. Planted more onion sets, spading bed for that purpose. - -

Mrs Taylor taught for Miss Davis today. Latter's sister, Mrs Ranson, seriously ill.

Dr Hamilton reported the myrtle warbler this A.M.

Tuesday, April 16

A real Spring day. A very light shower in the night. The smell & the freshness of Spring. - - Saw a myrtle warbler today -

Supervised digging of tree holes - - Discing of garden - - Looked up gardens for pupils - - Taught two classes - etc.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Took 4:58 for Chicago Committee meeting at City Club. - Schantz, Blakeley, Deane, De Loach, & Pattee. Debated ways and means for raising funds for printing the Bulletin
R.R. .54 + .15; dinner .75

Wednesday, April 17

Rain

Began about 7:00 and continued at intervals during the day. A light rain.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mrs Flemming of Edgewater spoke on the significance of the war. Biting - stirring - strong.

Thursday, April 18

100th Anniversary of the enabling act for Illinois.

Sunny awhile. Then gray & a strong, cold wind.

Fred Siljestrom, Roy Timm, & I went out to Clavey's Nursery and picked out four trees for tomorrow's planting.

Talked over with several of the teachers the matter of their acceptance of a position another year.

"Dog tired" this evening. "Napped" & read Opened new copy of Rydberg's Flora of the Rocky Mts & Adjacent Plains.

This A.M. I called the 4 - 8's to as assembly & talked about the 100th anniversary of the "enabling act." Then I gave an illustrated bird talk.

Friday, April 19

Arbor Day.

Still strong, cold winds Ice last night. My north hot beds wrapped about with tarpaulins With apprehension I opened one to find the temp 45 this afternoon

Planting of four fine trees the program this A.M. 8A's an elm; 8B's a linden; 7's a sugar maple; 6's ditto. These are "centennial trees," to commem. the 100th anniversary of our state.

This afternoon some of the boys & I got fruit trees from our nursery to supply a few orders.

Again "dog-tired" this evening, & stayed at home

Unpromisingly cold.

Saturday, April 20

Rainy. - all day & into night.

Worked around yard until 9:30. Then to school to arrange materials, etc., for the school election. Took 11:44 for Chic. To luncheon of Educ. Comm. of City Club. Topic - Americanization of our foreign residents. State Supt Blair spoke eloquently - followed by Peterson of the Board of Ed., & by Prin.

Perrine. - - I left here & went to Art Institute. Spent some time in exhibit of architects & in one of French dolls. - - Then to Fullerton Hall & meeting of Wild Flower Preservation Society. Dr Millspaugh presided. Mrs C.L. Hutchinson gave an excellent paper on wild flowers & their cultivation. - - Long talk with Miss Baber afterwards - -

R R .54 + .10; lunch .60; barber .25; nails .10; papers .09;

Sunday, April 21

Rainy much of day. Cold. Some snow flakes

Tramped from pumping station along beach to Moraine, being obliged to climb up at one place to avoid waves. Then went up to Sheridan Road level and on to the Everhard place Climbed down to beach here but found the water too high to permit farther advance. - - Cliffs slumping badly & waves lapping up clay debris - - - Robins building everywhere - -

Church & heard a good sermon on "Unconscious ministry."

Nap this afternoon. Then short walk to inspect barberry bushes Order has gone out to destroy every species but Thunbergii because of the wheat rust using the leaves of the taller species for plant hosts - -

Monday, April 22

Sun appeared for the first time in several days. Warmed up considerably Halo about moon this evening.

To city on 8:09. To Pattee's office to confer about the Bulletin - - To office of Sanitary Dist. to get printed material Home on the 11:00-11:35.

To H.S. to confer with Perrine about a map.

Worked at school nearly all afternoon.

Board meeting this evening. Newly organized

Members: W.D. Mann, S.A. St. Peter, Geo R. Jones, Fred Greenslade (Sec)., Mrs Everett L Millard, Mrs Geo G. Greene, E.B. Metzler, President.

R.R. .54 + .05; barber .25;

Tuesday, April 23

A March day.

Began pleasant. Opened up plant house & hot beds. Began to storm at 11:00 & after while great snow flakes splashed everywhere By two clear & sunny – but cool wind blowing.

Morning mostly spent working at home. Reset golden glow; prepared a bed for asters; raked parkway; screened ashes, etc

This afternoon at desk at school. - - -

Library paste .05;

Wednesday, April 24

Bright – sunny. Still cool.

To school early & got flats & pots & soil ready. Miss Sands & Miss Cramer & some of the boys came & reset tomato plants – Then I met Mr. U.J Hoffman of Springfield & we went by taxi down Green Bay Road to an old log house to inspect it for future use. Back to Elm Place & met Mr. Hunt & Mr Harry Wilson of the A B. Co. & Miss Nina Lamkin & planned scenario for a movie to show school of hundred years ago. – Then we took the 11:44 for Chic – (Miss L. leaving at Evanston). We had lunch at Palmer House. Then Mr Hoff & I called on the Pathescope people to plan movie work – I then left to shop at Field's, Vaughn's, & a tailor's trimmings shop. Conf. with Schantz. Home on 5:10. At school desk this evening.

R.R. .54 + .10 + .05; eye shade .25; mending tissue 2⁰⁰; seeds 1⁴⁵; barber .25; root beer .05; papers .09

Thursday, April 25

Riverside and Willow Springs

Took 5:55 for Chic. & Douglas Park L for 52nd Ave where I met Mr Schantz. Then Lagrange car & got off near Scottish Old People's Home. Tramped around in Des Plaines R. woods. Had camera but light at best pale & soon sky overcast for the day. Light rain after sunset time.

Walked about Riverside, over to Lyons, & across Drainage canal, etc., to Summit. Took trolley to Willow Springs. Lunch here. Then tramped two miles or so south, ranging the low woods near the R R tracks, then in the woods on the ridge. Visited the site of the artificial lake (to-be) in the Forest Preserve. Left for home on 3 o'clock car.

R.R. .54 + .05 + .05 + .10 + .10 + .05 + .05.

Breakf. .45; lunch .50; papers .04; peanuts .10;

Friday, April 26

Liberty Day.

Raining lightly – the early morning hours. Cleared somewhat as the day wore on.

At school mostly this A M - Took 2:23 for Chicago in company with Mr Hoffman who dropped in to see me. At C. we walked over to La Salle St. & watched the Liberty Loan Parade - - Then we parted. I shopped at Fields & The Fair. Got supper at restaurant & went to City Club to rest up. - - To Art Institute to hear Dr Goode's high-water mark lecture on the world war – The Prussian dream of world domination. R R. .54 + .15; barber .40; sugar .35; crackers .54; supper .35;

Saturday, April 27

Fog earlier part of day. Sun shone awhile in afternoon. Sprinkle at evening.

Went out to the Jewett farm – got there before 8:00 A.M. – started on my wheel but was picked up by Miss Josephine. - - Went into Easton's woods with 4 men & a team & got out a load of haws, crabapple, nannyb., elderberry, sumac, red & gray dogwood, & gooseberry. Gave instructions where to set out. Then back to town: 12:30. After hasty lunch met Harry Burch, movie op., and he & I in a taxi inspected log house on G.B. road, & visited two other places to consider value for movie pictures. After conf. at school, B. went home & I worked in my office until nearly 6:00. There again this evening.

Bo't a \$50⁰⁰ Liberty Bond today.

Sunday, April 28

A warm rain much of the morning – the first warm rain thus far. Clearing with strong wind in the afternoon, dying down towards evening.

My radishes & lettuce showing in the rows.

Rev. Frank Fitt preached a splendid sermon this A.M. on the church and its relation to the war.

Nap this afternoon – then to school where at my desk I read proof on a lot of Audubon material.

The Clows spent the evening with us.

Church .10.

Monday, April 29

Rather March-like in aspect. A little rain; gray skies; high winds, etc.

School began again with a rush. There were new pupils. There were thrift stamps to be sold, etc.

Cleared up some of my correspondence with Miss Nora's help.

This evening saw Ugolini about laying tile to drain garden on Green Bay road.

Secured Mr Terry's consent to use the log house for movie work.

Tuesday, April 30

Rain. Snow flakes at frequent interval. Cold March like. Clouds lifted for a very late sunset.

Miss Lamkin & I looked over the city park with a view to use for pageant purposes. She brought out for us the book of the pageant prepared for us.

A day full of errands. - - Got out a dodger advertising the rally at the aud. this evening. - - Late afternoon our speaker, Mrs E.J. Flemming reported too ill to come. After much effort & worry - & with a touch of luck we secured Rev. Frank Fitt & Mr F.D. Silber to sub. which they did very acceptably.

Wednesday, May 1

A beautiful day. A heavy frost in the night and ice this A.M. but the day was genial and truly Spring-like. - - Was able to get covers off of cold frames & move boxes of tomato plants out of plant house into other cold frames - - The frost injured some of the plants that were in the cold frames last night. - - My two rows of lettuce and one row of radishes seemed to come through all right although the plants were white with frost. - -

Got a hurry-up call at 8:00 this evening to go to the Presb. Church to work the lantern for a missionary's talk on Alaska

Thursday, May 2

Grew warm Rather sultry. - - - Filled cold frames as yesterday - - Went with the Misses Jewett to Bahr's after school to pick out shrubbery - -

Spaded for nasturtium bed - - Planted two rows of icicle radishes and one of G.R. lettuce.

Gave a "bird & flower talk" at Highwood School to an audience many of whom were interested. Some noisy & unruly - - Mr & Mrs Greene took Mother & me up there in auto -

Friday, May 3

So sultry we almost suffered with the heat.

Before school I burned rubbish & spaded some ground. - - After supper I did more spading; planted a row of stringless g.p. beans; a bed of hollow crown parsnips; more onion sets; climbing nasturtiums.

5th graders reset tomato plants - - Two boys and I went to nursery for two more trees - - Some boys & I hauled stumps from a lot north of us to roll on a wearing ravine slope - - Various school duties - Movies as usual.

Saturday, May 4

Fine day but cool breeze Shed my woolens today.

Planted & spaded - - - two more rows of beets, one of Swiss chard; 6 hills of G. B. corn. Planted tigridias and gladiolis. Raked yard.

This afternoon & evening at school. Mostly Audubon material.

Heard purple martins & Jenny wren today. Saw myrtle warbler in lilac bush next yard. Heard brown thrasher near by today - also three days ago.

Barber .95; meat .32;

Sunday, May 5

A very warm day at first but tempered later on by cloudiness.

To S.S. where I presided in the absence of Mr Faxon & Mr Booth. Taught S.S. class. - - Too tired to remain for sermon. - - -

Worked some today at Audubon article.

Church .10;

Monday, May 6

Another balmy day ending in “growing” showers.

Conf. with Mrs Millard about teachers, etc., this A.M. Mrs M. just back from Calif. - - Agent for record forms took some of my time. - - Thomas from Row, P. & Co took more. - - Rachel Breneman formerly of Lexington & a pupil of mine, and now teaching in Bloomington visited us today. - - Conf. with 1 – 2nd grade teachers this A.M. - - with upper graders after school. - - At desk at school this evening Chloroform .10 (for Dist 107.

Barber 25; repairs on hoe and rake .25;

Tuesday, May 7

A heavy rain in the night & vegetation is going ahead by leaps & bounds. - - Set out 6 tomato plants (John Baer) - - Second planting of lettuce is up. Beets ditto.

Miss Lamkin & our teachers had a conference about the pageant after school this evening - - - Pupils set out the grafts they made some months ago which had been stored in wet sand. - - - Meeting of teachers' committee this evening – Mrs Greene, Mrs Millard, Mr Greenslade.

Wednesday, May 8

Cooler all day but moderated at evening when slight sprinkle occurred.

Visitors today: Geo Bowen, ag't for movies, a tomato expert; Mrs Chase from Ravinia School.

Miss Corey offered her resignation & I phoned an offer to Miss Gertrude Shaw of Racine.

Worked on a movie program today.

A little work in my own garden.

4A's planted some more aster seeds in flats.

Barber .40;

Thursday, May 9

Riverside - - - Chicago

Showery this A.M. Then cooler. Then in afternoon very sultry. Then thunder storm at night.

Took 6:59 for Riverside. Talked before all school children on birds. Miss Mitchell “imported” me. Had a good time. Left on 9:35 for Chicago. Then to U. of C. to see Mr Bouvet about a French teacher. Back to City Club for lunch. Then to Francis Parker school to see Mrs Topping about a kg. ass't. – Then to Pathescope people to talk films with Mr. Burch – To Atlas Co. to do the same. – To Pilgrim Press to make purchases. - - Art & Travel to pay bill & get my books - - Shopped at Rothschilds & Fair - - - This evening conf. with Mr. Pearl about our prospective “movie.”

R.R. .54 + .22; + .43; luncheon .60; sugar .61; honey .39; glycerine 4.30 & gelatine 1³⁷ (Bd of Ed); slides 12.00; telegram to Mr Hoffman .35; movies .20;

Friday, May 10

Cool. Clearing. Sunny.

Distributed cabbage, cauliflower, & onion plants given to school by patrons.

Representatives of Amer. Seat Co. here to take a few photographs showing use of Moulthrop seats
Movies as usual.

Went down to Geog Soc. this evening to hear Mrs Frazier. Fine & impressive talk. Ethel Goddard went too, & we were together.

R R .54 + .10; barber .25; peanuts .05.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Geographic Society of Chicago program. It is transcribed as follows:

STATED MEETING

May 10, 1918

Lecture by

Mrs. Laurie R. Frazier

A.B. and A.M. University of Chicago

Teacher of Latin and Greek

Subject: "Mt. Robson and the Big Smoky River Country"

Mrs. Frazier is a member of the Geographic Society and the American Alpine Club. She has made ascents of all the highest mountains of the Pacific Coast with the Sierras, Mazamas and Mountaineers Clubs; has tramped through the national parks (Canadian and American) with ruck-sack, and is a lover of the out-of-doors.

The lecturer will describe two trips, one in the summer with horses, and the other in mid-winter with dogs, north of the Frazer River and Mt. Robson over the Continental Divide and down the headwaters of the Big Smoky River, which is the largest tributary of the Peace River.

Mt. Robson, the highest and most beautiful peak of the Canadian Rockies, has been almost inaccessible to travelers before the completion of the two Canadian railroads (the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern), through the Yellowhead Pass. A vast extent of mountainous country lying north of the Divide is still uncharted and unnamed, hence it presents great attractions to the Alpinist and the explorer of our own continent. – ed.]

Saturday, May 11

Still somewhat cool Gray & sunny alternating.

To city on 9:53. To Schantz' office to look over some slides; Fields to buy underwear; Boston Store for sugar & crackers.

To Fields for the luncheon of the Cook Co. Supt & Princ. Association. Had special visit with Mr Kingsley. Home at 3:30. – Worked at Aud. material. – Also mowed yard, planted out some onion plants given me by A.L. Mills, and finished tying up the woodbine.

R.R. .54 + .10; lunch .75; groceries .60; carbon paper & magazines .20;

Sunday, May 12

Rainy. Chilly. To church where I heard an excellent sermon by Mr Fitt on the humanity of Christ Clarence & Ella came in this evening. Had spent last night & today at Leonard's.

I worked some on Audubon material today.

Monday, May 13

Cleared. Sunny. Cool.

Movie men came today – Burch & McComas "Got" Kg, 1st grade reading, also feeding chickens; 5th grade at plant house activities; 4th grade pioneer work.

Miss McElrath came over to represent the H.S & confer with the operators

Have a bad cold. On my lungs, somewhat.

Board meeting this evening.

Clarence went to Racine this A.M. Back this evening.

Tag day for Old Ladies' Home. Kittie helped at R.R. station for two hours

Barber .25;

Tuesday, May 14

Frost on roofs this A.M. Cleared off mild – but chilly towards evening.

Clarence & Ella went home this A.M.

Had a beastly cold today.

Conf. with Mrs Tapper about visiting nurse today. Mrs Powell is to leave us in July Miss Johnson has put in 59 half days since Feb 1 as assistant nurse.

Dr. Anderson was here last Thursday & examined 35 pupils he had hitherto missed.

Teachers' meeting to plan events calendar for remainder of year.

Planted two more rows of stringless green beans this evening.

Paid Clarence 9⁰⁰ for 6 suits of cotton underwear.

Wednesday, May 15

A rather warm day

I planted 12 more tomato plants this evening.

Stayed in my office much today – taking care of my cold.

The 3B's & 3A's used Larson's motor bus today – the former to Ziesing's stock farm and the latter to the Arcady Dairy.

Our baseball team went to Glencoe yesterday & won 9 to 4, Mr. Greene acting as coach.

I got off most of the remaining material for the Bulletin today & this evening, with Miss Nora's help.

Thursday, May 16

Fine day. Warm.

Planted 3 more tomato plants – 21 in all. Full up. - - - Ate onions from our garden - - -

Movie men here again. Took 7A's in House of Burgesses scene; 8A's in M. of Venice; 6B's making clay model of Va plantation; 3A's making butter; 2A's making candles; etc. Used up 1000 feet. - - Told operator to shut down until further orders from Mr Hoffman. - -

Mr. Greene & boys & I drove down to County Line to see bluebird's nest in hollow tree - -

Countryside a floral spectacle - - Apple trees, cherries, plums, crab apple (tame) in full blossom.

Wild crab in bud.

Child brot in a dead indigo bunting today.

Friday, May 17

Sultry day. A light shower at evening.

Went to Evanston – to the Oakton School to confer with Mr Nichols about a teacher. Got lunch at Jones cafe. Home at 1:30.

Latter part of afternoon Miss Lamkin put together certain groups of our Illinois Pageant on the school grounds.

Mowed my lawn & succeeded in hoeing over all my garden

Down to Mrs Pingrey's this evening to see a bluebird nest. Then visited Fayette Munro and got a piece for an additional garden.

Dist 107 – Trolley .24 + .27 + 10; lunch .60; phone .10;

Saturday, May 18

Hottest day thus far.

This A.M. I laid off the strip of land Fayette Munro placed at my disposal & planted Gradus peas, Stringless Green Pod, & 7 hills of Golden Bantam besides 1 row of 20 or more hills of Country Gentleman.

This afternoon at school house a while. This evening ditto
Barber .40; meat .30;

Sunday, May 19

Warm day. Storm & rain during afternoon Again during evening.

At 8:00 A.M. – Mr. Greene & Davis took me to County Line where I photographed some young bluebirds.

To church as usual.

This afternoon a patriotic mass meeting at Pearl Theatre presided over by Mayor Hastings. Prof. Kline the chief speaker. The “war chest” for H.P. was explained.

Monday, May 20

Fine day, turning cool late afternoon.

Mr Hoffman & Mr. Ireland from Springfield & the movie men here today. Began work on the H-S. film.

We began to send out tomato plants today.

I spent the evening at Pattee’s helping make the dummy of the Spring Bulletin.

Mrs Krueger, who has washed for us for years, quite upset us by announcing that she will no longer do work outside of her home.

Trolley & train .24 + .20 + .05

Flowers (Red Cross) .45

Tuesday, May 21

Warmer. Threatening. Then fine rains late in evening.

Distributed nearly all of remainder of tomato plants.

Mr Hoffman here today again. We ate lunch together, then W.J. Brown, the carpenter, took us down to look over the log cabin and to ~~look~~ consider necessary repairs.

Went to Fourth Presb. Church in Chic. tonight to give talk before Young Women’s Club. Had a good time. Expenses paid & credited with a gift of ten dollars to the Persian Mission.

Barber .25

Wednesday, May 22

Thunderstorm & heavy showers in the night. A summer day followed & leaves expanded and garden stuff veritably climbed up. - - Before school I scouted over Exmoor region to find barberry bushes of the type condemned by the government.

Sent “captions” for illustrations of Spring Bulletin to printer.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Miscellaneous program. Gardens & pageants discussed.

Went down to Mr Sandig’s [903 South Linden Ave. – ed.] at 5:30 to see his orchid collection.

After supper worked in garden awhile. Reset beet & lettuce plants, etc. - - Short com. meeting at 8:30 at my office on the war-chest plan - - Then to party our teachers gave at Annex – Costume party – Fine.

Thursday, May 23

Cool – gray & sunny alternating.

A day bothered with cases of discipline.

Went to Evanston this A.M. to see Miss Grenoble at work at Foster St. School. Like her work & asked her this P.M. if she would accept \$1000 for Eng. position here. She asked for a few days time.

Hoed my garden; planted some zinnias & asters; cut some pea brush on my "Munro" garden, etc.

Wired Chief of Biolog. Survey for latest about enabling act.

Telegram to E W. Nelson (Audubon Soc. .55

Trolley .53 (Dist 107).

Root beer .05; barber .25;

Friday, May 24

Showery. Cleared off warm in afternoon

Miss Lamkin put our pageant together indoors this afternoon.

Distributed most of the flower plants & some tomato plants donated us by Mrs Greene & by the Boynton gardener

Reviewed some of plant names to prepare for dune trip tomorrow.

Mowed yard.

Gerard's robins hatched in nest on attic window sill ready to jump out into – the world.

Memo

25 ride tickets

Rand to Pullman 3⁵⁰

25 " tickets

Pullman to Gary

(Less than 6⁰⁰)

Saturday, May 25

The Dunes

Took a party of 35 or more to the dunes for the Chic. Geog. Soc. Left Rand St at 9:15. Our express would not let us off at Port Chester – so went on to Tremont. - - A hot day - - Ate lunch near Prairie Club House - - - Walked over to Port Chester where crowd took 4:00 west for Chic. – I had brot my suit case along & I had Ed Wilson (Maggie & his mother were out at their dune cottage with him) phone for a taxi which took me to Porter. Caught 4:58 M.C.R.R. for B.H. Waited over an hour at Galien. Supper there. Reached Edith's at St. Joe by 8:00. – Phoned over to Lennie & learned Arthur seemed seriously ill.

M C. 1³⁰; (To Pullman .14; Gary .25; Tremont .32)

Sunday, May 26

St Joseph.

Clarence took me to B H. in his father's auto. - - I found Arthur better & his cond. more promising. Visited the Enders. Then the Crooks - - Back to St. J. for late dinner with Edith & C. & Ruth. Took Interurban to Niles & after wait of an hour or so caught M C. to Chic. Got 8:05 for H.P.

Read much out of Cable's John March, Southerner. Quite disappointed.

Trolley .52; M.C. 2.³²(!); C & N W .27

Monday, May 27

Warm all morning; heavy shower with some wind & thunder & l. after 1:30; late afternoon great drop in temp. Fogs drifting about after sunset.

Miss Davis' sister died last night! I was unable to get any one in her place today.

Edna Grenoble of Evanston phoned me this evening that she would come to take Miss Corey's place next year (7th – 8th – Eng).

Went riding in an auto with the Geer's after dark this evening.

The great offensive of the Germans seems to be on! We have for many days anxiously awaited it.

Tuesday, May 28

Thermom at 49° this A.M. Cool wind all day Fires once more in furnaces.

Mr Hoffman here and I had to spend much of the day with him. Went down to the log cabin which Brown & 3 other carpenters were getting into shape. Then had lunch at the H-S. with Mr Hoffman & a conf. with Mr Sandwick. We selected 6 H-S. pupils & 9 of our G-S. children & with Miss Lamkin to help had preliminary rehearsal of the district school.

Notified verbally the teachers of their wage schedule for another year.

Our boys defeated Lincoln Ave. boys a second time in baseball.

Tickets to H-S. play .50; lunch .60;

Wednesday, May 29

Showery much of the morning.

Four cars filled with "Blue Devils" – French Alpin chasseurs – making a tour of the country – came through from Great Lakes this A.M. on way to Chic. We took all our pupils down (in the rain), flags flying, to greet them.

I left after their cars went through to go to St Charles to the funeral of Miss D's sister – but got into Chic. too late to get a train to St. C. So I did errands – Fields for ties, a hat, & for small flags for school; Vaughn's for seeds & pepper plants; Fair for slates; McClurg's for slate pencils, etc. Home at 4:37.

Planted peppers. Also one Comet tomato plant given me by Bahr.

R.R. .25 + .24 + .27 + .10; lunch .55; Vaughn's .60; ties 1⁰⁰; slates .45; pencils .05;

Thursday, May 30

Decoration Day

Rain in the night & threatening in the A.M. but cleared beautifully before noon.

Called school together from 9 to 10:00 for memorial ex., then dismissed for the day. Some of the boys and I then planted dracenas, geraniums, etc., in the urns in front of the Annex.

Worked at school some this afternoon - & again this evening.

Mowed my yard.

Friday, May 31

Warmest – thus far.

Very warm – sultry day.

Assembly to let Mr. Sedgwick talk over the campaign for thrift stamp pledges. They are now going after large pledges. Our children have sold to big & little subscribers stamps aggregating thousands – thus far.

Some plants from seeds planted not so long ago – asters & zinnias – were reset.

A heavy shower this afternoon.

Our boys played Lake Forest at 4:00 on H.S. grounds & won – 3 to 2. The "cup" is now permanent possession of Elm Place.

Saturday, June 1

Strong tempering wind.

Photog bluebirds at Mrs Pingrey's this A.M. Got one fairly good neg. Built up support on top of step ladder for this purpose

9:00 to 12:00 rode around H.P. with Park commissioners (Millard, Buck, & Vercoe) to canvass points for park improvements. At school awhile this afternoon. Then to my Munro garden where I hoed

peas & corn & planted 2 rows of S. Evergreen & 6 hills of Chicago cucumber & 2 of white spine. – After supper hoed my home garden. – Then developed negatives until late.
Barber .25;

Sunday, June 2

Warm but pleasant breeze.
Had charge of the S.S. in the absence of Messrs Faxon & Booth.
Communion service at church. Admission of new members.
Long nap this afternoon. Went to school bld'g late afternoon & worked for a while at putting catalogue number on pamphlets.
One flowered cancer root in bloom.
S.S. .10.

Monday, June 3

Temperate day – growing gray & somewhat sultry
Planned with teachers the pageant positions at Central Park after school.
Showed children fine bouquet of clover, pimpinella, Queen Anne's lace, this A.M., made by Miss Cramer.
Helped 6B's, 6A's, 7B's, 7A's, & 8B's & their teachers to hoe the bean patch for the first time.
This evening I sifted the remaining ash pile in the back yard; put cinders in alley; reset some sunflower plants; uprooted some burdock; planted one row of icicle radishes.
Dist 107 – Gummed paper .10

Tuesday, June 4

Fine summer day after threatening weather and a distant thunder storm this A.M.
Another conf. with Miss Lamkin & her two asst's at Central Park (Crow & Turner). - -
Helped 1st three grades to plant corn, popcorn, potatoes, pumpkins, etc in cold frame spaces
Drove in stakes for my tomatoes. Cut some poles for that purpose on the school grounds.
Dist 107 – seeds .10.
Barber .25;

Wednesday, June 5

Fine day. Pleasantly cool. Grew a little sultry after sunset.
Movie men came and took play groups, garden scene, a start for a farm trip, and the flag day parade.
I gave 5th graders a lesson on spraying
Had Henrietta Shreve work in office on census work.
Went to grad. exercises of D-S. this evening. 23 of my pupils graduated.
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Deerfield-Shields Township High School graduation program. – ed.]

Thursday, June 6

Raining this morning early but over before nine. Rather sultry during day.
Rehearsed details of pageant in aud this afternoon.
Had Alice & Henrietta Shreve helping Miss Nora in office today on census work.
Robert Enders came in this evening. Over to try to get into the service. Was discouraged at outlook in Chicago.

Miss Nora and I worked at the office this evening

Friday, June 7 Pageant

A beautiful day with an east wind. Pulled off the pageant. Had short rehearsal at Lake Front Park this A.M. Then the real pageant this P.M., a beautiful spectacle. Left bld'g at 1:45; pageant began at 2:05 & over at 3:35 The setting of trees & shrubbery & deep blue of the lake was really exquisite. Music by four members of Chic. Symph Orch & a pianist was good. Tribune reporter there with camera. Great crowd. Receipts over one hundred dollars. - - Monstrous lot of work getting paraphernalia back to school
Zella Hight (Mrs Wild) here a while today. Her husband at Gt Lakes.

Saturday, June 8 Eclipse of Sun.

Fine day. - - Held court at school for two hours. Parents & witnesses – Victor Sheeks accused of beating small girl. - - Reserved judgment for further revelations.

At 11:57 got on train with Millard which had a delegation of members of the Friends of O.N.L. headed for Wauk. Flats – the annual meeting. Beach at 12:30.

About 45 present. Lunch over near lake. Informal trips during afternoon came together at 5:00 for annual masque. Longfeather, the Indian; Hooker, the hunter; Woltersdorf, prospector, etc. Very impressive. Got away from Beach at 9:05.

Eclipse from 5:25 until about 7:00. Three quarters Fine display.
Mel Collins Mrs Maher, Boddy, Julia Cazalet, Glaser, Wheeler – Cropp, Allbright,
R.R .68;

Sunday, June 9

Pleasant this A.M. Latter part of afternoon heavy rain & thunder storms.

Did not go to church. Took it easy at home. This P.M. went for auto ride with the Greene's & Miss Schermerhorn & Elaine Strayer (of Lexington). Visited Ft Sheridan & Great Lakes – Libertyville, & back home.

This evening Miss Gahan called with Miss Giffin to consult with me about an application for a normal school position.

Monday, June 10

Foggy. Cool. Sunny at intervals.

Gave up most of the day to the movies. Mr Hoffman of Spr., Mr Hunt of the A B Co., and Burch & McComas, movie operators, came out. I got together 16 children – (4 from the H-S) & we went down in a bus to the log cabin. Worked from 9:30 to about 4:00. Sent for sandwiches & bananas at noon. Mr Hunt was the schoolmaster. He was a little too easy for the part. Our pupils did beautifully.

Board meeting this evening. Amicable. Teachers' salaries formally ratified.
Barber .40;

Tuesday, June 11 Exhibit Day.

Turned out very sultry. Grew cooler after sunset.

As usual the children visited each other's exhibit this morning The afternoon and evening were given over to reception of adults that came to see the work.

I held a teachers' meeting at 11:30 to outline work for the remainder of the week and to announce plans for September

Wednesday, June 12

Cool. Delightfully cool.

Various things today Stowed away exhibit papers. Gave away more plants from the plant house. - - -
Photographed the 8A's. - - Passed on reports of pupils. - - Conferred with Miss Lamkin about her accounts
- - - Gave an hour or so to Miss Grenoble – our upper grade teacher-to-be - - Started 7B's to hoeing school
bean patch. - -

This evening hoed my peas on the Munro place & staked them. - - Developed negatives until 11:30
P.M.

Thursday, June 13

Picnic

A fine day. - - Our picnic began at noon. A very pleasant affair Many parents brot their lunch &
ate out among the trees with the children. We sold 30 gallons of ice cream.

Gave 5 reels of movies to two different audiences.

Our 8th graders had a party at the beach this evening. I stayed at home. Mowed my yard. Hoed
nearly all my garden.

Picnic .35;

Friday, June 14

Flag Day – Last day of school

Beautiful [day?]. Cool breeze. – Final assembly. Honorable mentions this A. M Followed by flag
day exercises and the annual parade of the colors. Everything went off beautifully.

After lunch I photographed our entire staff. Many other duties to fill out the afternoon.

Evening program a smashing success. Music splendid, address splendid.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. A “patriotic address” was given by
Mrs. Edward J. Fleming. The graduates were:

President Paul C. Olson

Bernice R. Baker

Mary S. Baker

Helen T. Bell

Edna M. Broddard

Leonard M. Eichler

Arthur J. Genest

Fred Glader

Frances V. Harrison

Wendell A. Hill

Raymond F. Hossfeld

Esther V. Johnson

Frances L. Johnson

Frank L. Landis

Herbert W. Liebnitz

Peter Lencioni

Grace L. Marsh

Crawford F. Merritt

Mildred R. Nafe

Paul C. Olson

Bernice V. Pearl

Robert L.C. Rhinehart

George E. Smith

Ethel V. Stockey

Laura M. Stuenkel

Lorraine A. Thom

Edna C. Walther

Nina E. Wheeler

Robert White

Ruth C. Warner

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, *Assistant Principal*

Miss Alice L. Davis, *Mathematics*

Miss Dorothy Corey, *English*

Miss Etta Grunewald, *History*

Miss Annis Jewett, *Music*

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

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzler, *President*

Fred Greenslade, *Secretary*

George R. Jones

Edna G. Greene

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard -ed.]

Saturday, June 15

Spent nearly all day and then the evening until nearly eleven at school. Several of the teachers helped rearranging & cataloging lantern slides, etc Most of the teachers left town today.

Meat .95;

Sunday, June 16

Hot day until about 7:00 P.M. when delightful breeze blew up.

Worked at school much of the morning with four of the teachers clearing up unfinished matters.

Nap this afternoon. Then I met 6 of the staff in Stipe's woods where we had a picnic supper Mosquitoes fierce but we braved them - - went out into the Skokie, etc. Made our way back along Bobolink golf links where the cool breeze began to reach us. Then we went over Mr Kimball's place - - & home.

Monday, June 17

Fine day. Cool N.E. wind The folks put a little fire in furnace to take off chill. Day began with a few rain drops and threatening clouds but cleared by ten.

Worked most of A.M. on my Munro garden. Planted over 60 feet of beans.

To city on 2:23. Visit with Schantz Took the Aud. Soc. lantern & screen in to him.

To Field's to exchange pkg. To Sweet Wallach's for plates, bulb, tubing, & developer. To Vaughans for 1 doz late Dutch Flat cabbage plants, a pkg of Big Tom pumpkin seed. Fair for eyeshade. Home on 5:10.

This evening set out 13 cabbage plants. Raked my yard. Thoroughly watered all garden R.R. .54 + .10; camera supplies 3.40; Vaughn's .35; Fair .15; barber .95;

Tuesday, June 18

Still cool. Gray this A.M. but cleared away after noon.

To office for awhile. Then went off on a tramp with Rev. Frank Fitt. To Deerfield and west into the river woods. Came out at the wrong place but made no attempt to reach river Ate our lunch along the roadside. Came back on the county line road, stopping at the Jewett farm for awhile. My shoes hurt my feet badly.

Found asclepias ovalifolia in blossom. Also lobelia spicata, pentstemon laevigatus.

This evening Mr Baldwin showed me through the hospital which is nearing completion.

Wednesday, June 19

Fine day.

Spent most of morning inspecting barberry bushes. H.P. Garden Club furnished me with an auto (Mr Deane's) & I covered places from the County Line to north loop at Ft Sheridan. Did not find any infected leaves, but I am recommending the destruction of all the shrubs on gen'l principles.

Took 12:56 for Chic Took my walking boots to Von Lengercke's & then to Lake City Repair Co to have them fitted over. Yesterday's walk left me with blistered feet. - - Took camera to Sweet Wallach's to test telephoto lens. Bo't cap at Field's. Stayed down & went to Aud. Soc. Directors' meet. at City

Club. Re-elected all officers, but Miss Amalie Hannig, Treas., who resigned. She is very pro-German – a registered alien, etc.

R.R. 54 + .15; supper .55;

Thursday, June 20

Fine day. Cool.

Foreman of streets, John Hart, and I made an auto tour of the city to list places where screen of shrubbery makes traffic dangerous. I made note of 53 places. Wrote up report on typewriter. - - Lillian Cornish of the Winnetka schools called to apply for ass't kg. position (This was on Friday). - - Grace Anderson of Hinsdale came to apply for position of special music teacher. - I went back to city on same train and had visit with her. - Took photo of Borglum bust of Lincoln & negative of letter of L. to Chic Hist. Soc. - - To Schantz' office where I worked over mailing list of Aud Soc. - - After supper saw wonderful Prizma mov. pictures at Play House – Navy pictures, Kilauea, etc.

R.R. .54 + .20; supper .35; show .28;

Friday, June 21

Fine day. Cool.

Busch of Atkinson [N?], came this A M - - Gave interview to Marion Hicks this afternoon & to Miss Cornish. Offered her kg asst & afternoon work at 85⁰⁰ - -

Mowed yard. Tied up tomatoes

Went to council meeting at 5:00 & presented my report on overhanging shrubbery, etc.

Saturday, June 22

Fine. Really very cool.

To Wauk. to Judge Person's court to appear against Earl Clinton, chronic truant, etc. Miss Clements & the boy & his mother there. Boy sentenced to Glenwood school.

Visited with Mr. Simpson awhile. – After lunch walked up over Waukegan Flats for three or more hours. – Philadelphia lily plentiful. - - Only one specimen of rose pogonia - - Saw 100 specimens of calopogon. - - Walked up to the pines & back Home before six - - This evening planted popcorn at school & pumpkins on Munro place. Thoroughly watered the garden

Trolley .60; lunch .65; seed .05; bay rum & soap .70;

Sunday, June 23

Fine day. Still cool.

To church. Then took 12:37 for Chicago. To Garrick theater to hear addresses of the Amer. Labor Commission that has lately returned from a conference with allied labor leaders abroad. John H. Walker, Pres. Ill. State Fed. of Labor, presided and made introductory addresses. There were speeches by Jas Wilson, chairman of commission, Prof Hecke, Belgian rep., Agnes Nestor, Melinda Scott, Miss McDowell, & Berry. All the labor rep. made stinging addresses in support of the war.

(ticket 7²⁶)

R R .54; lunch .45; church .10;

Monday, June 24

A little warmer & somewhat sultry at evening with sprinkle of rain.

At school much of day. Entertained Mrs Meanor, agent for Book of Knowledge, for an hour; then Mr Matheny of Thos Charles Co who bro't Miss Maxwell of Peoria with him. These I showed about the

bld'g & piloted them in their auto around some of the prettiest places in H.P. (Miss Maxwell wants a place here & I have had her in mind for some time).

Sent of \$7.91 to Red Cross – contrib. by several rooms. Deposited 14⁴⁰ in book fund; bo't two more 5⁰⁰ war stamps with thrift stamps in my possession.

Great excitement because of election to act on prop. to annex Bartlett's Ravinia subdivision. I & Mother voted no. Prop. failed to carry.

Planted four hills of field corn at the Green Bay property.

Tuesday, June 25

Very light shower in the night. Misty this A. M. & clearing. Still cool. Folks had fire in furnace this evening.

This A.M. went with Mrs. Truax, Mr. Brand, & Mr De Wolf of Wauk. on scouting tour – to site of Indian Clark's home so. of Deerfield where Wm Werhane & his wife live. Then we motored to cemetery near Everett to find dates of earliest burials. Home for lunch. This afternoon Mrs T. & Mr De Wolf & Patrick Maroney & I visited site of old St Johns.

This evening at Garden Club at Mrs Adams. Speaker, Mr Pyle, rose expert. Mr Welles ran the lantern. Fine pictures.

Wednesday, June 26

A little warmer today.

Worked at census material for the most part. Had Alice Shreve help me at my office.

This evening hoed my peas & corn on the Munro place. Then watered thoroughly my home garden.

Robt Enders has now been about a week at the training camp at Columbus, Ohio. He enlisted in the tank division.

I sent some heads of diseased wheat to Urbana today for examination. These came from a tiny patch on our school grounds.

Barber .40; bread .15;

Thursday, June 27

Warmer but not uncomfortable. Shower about 4:00 P.M. Then series of thunder storms beginning about 8:30 P.M.

Worked at school nearly all day & gave most of the time to census work. Alice helped.

This evening began the formal report to the county superintendent.

The college boys in the training camp march in and about H.P. every day; rest on the parkways; sing college songs; etc.

Yesterday there was a special program at Great Lakes & roads were crowded with autos, & cars loaded.

Finished Vol. I of Powell's U. of I. semi-centennial History.

Friday, June 28

Rather sultry.

Worked all day at school. In the afternoon Lois Greene helped on census work and again in the evening.

George Greene came to my office about 5:30 with Mr. Hall, Supervisor of Mnl Tr at Glencoe & Lake Forest & asked to be released to take Hall's place who goes to DeKalb to take Mr. Vaughn's place and he goes into gov't service.

Conferred with Mr. Wright – who is at Lagrange – and with Mr. Greenslade & Mrs Millard and promised Mr Greene his release. - -

Saturday, June 29

Fine day. Gray towards evening.

Photographed (3 neg.) g. crested flycatcher at nesting box in Dr Hamilton's yard this A.M. – Took 8:53 for Chicago. – To Pathescope people to meet Mr Hoffman of Springfield, & the movie operator, Mr Birch & others. Saw moving picture film taken at our schools, etc. some weeks ago Spent much of day going over it & planning titles, etc. - - Met a Miss Sandberg at the City Club. She wants to be our special music supervisor - - At the Fair bo't sugar, razor blades, etc. At Stebbins – bo't celluloid;

Developed 6 negatives this evening. The bird pictures poor.

R R. .58 + .15; lunch .31; sugar & molasses .37;

Dist 107 – celluloid .70; cover glasses .40;

Sunday, June 30

Rain. Drizzle at first Afterwards driving showers.

Mr. J W. Barringer, assistant to Prof. Anderson of Dep't of Agric. of Illinois Univ., came this A M. & Ted Decker took us & Charles Grant out on a tour of inspection of barberry. - - On the Porter place near Deerfield we found a hedge of over 200 barberries with infected leaves. A wheatfield owned by Wm Reay adjoins this but we found no infected grain. Then we went on (in the rain) to Everett and inspected a hedge around the grounds of the parish house. There is a wheatfield across the road. Found little infection in the hedge. Because of the rain came home. Mr B. ate dinner with us and visited with me until after 4:00 - - Went down to community vespers at 5:30 and then to the Presb. Church where about 200 soldier boys came as guests – were fed liberally. Then great chorus singing with recitations, etc. took up the evening.

Monday, July 1

Gave up most (of this fine day) to census work. Did a little manual labor at school – pruning shrubs, spraying a birch tree for aphid, etc. - - Went around on my wheel to collect census data in s.w. & n. part of town.

Our neighbor, Mrs Muhlke, died night before last, paralysis & old age.

Lindens beginning to bloom & to infest the air with rich perfume.

Ravinia Park opened up Saturday evening

Stamps .30;

Tuesday, July 2

Fine rains this morning with some electricity. Turned off sultry.

Before rain began I took three more pictures of the crested flycatcher but light was poor.

Worked some today on the milkweed blossom. Began notebook on it.

Went with Mother to Mrs Muhlke's funeral this afternoon.

Met three of the 8B's this evening at the bean patch & worked half an hour – Marian Richards, Lydia Garling, Mabel Howe
Barber .25; groceries 1.10

Wednesday, July 3

Rather sultry.

8:09 for Chic. Conf with Schantz. - - To Educator's Teachers Agency to confer with Asa Goddard over candidates for mn't tr., & French. - - Lunch – then to Field Museum where I worked until four – on

milkweed material. Made a sketch of the model of the blossom, etc. Was shown courtesies by Mr Lansing – Dr Milspaugh's assistant, & by the librarian. Then downtown & to the Crerar library where I worked until 7:00. Home on the 8:00-8:37

R.R. .58 + .18 + .10; lunch & supper .70;

Thursday, July 4

The Fourth

Sultry. Rather quiet. I worked much of my desk today. Made some notes on the milkweed. Planned with Lois Greene to have her make some drawings of structure. Looked up some material for my Illinois notebook.

Fourth celebrated in H.P. very informally. This evening, a community sing at Lake Front Park. A poor leader but some good results. No speeches, through mismanagement. Fayette Munro and I went down to the beach and had a quiet chat for an hour or so.

Ice cream .25;

Friday, July 5

Fine rain from six to eight.

Spent some time this A.M in Dr Sheldon's office examining milkweed blossom under microscope. To city on 2:23. To C.J. Albert's. Searles gave me a list of three men for mnl tr; & Mrs Donovan gave me two for French. Worked at Crerar library before & after supper on "fungi" and on milkweed blossoms. Used Duggar's Diseases of Plants & Harshberger's Mycology, etc. Home on 10:05.

Talke over phone with Schantz; Clarke Wright; Miss Kramp (about French).

Laundry .88

Charge Dist 107 – R.R. 58; phones .15

Self – Supper .45; trolley .10; root beer .05; L.H. Journal .15;

Saturday, July 6

Fine warm day – but cool breezes blew up towards evening.

Scouted out to look up infected grain fields this A.M. To offices of N.S.R.R. to get my collecting can (Lost & Found) – on my wheel – then west past Old Elm Club & over to Everett. Two wheat fields & one barley on way. At E examined Father Ryan's hedge & the two wheat fields near by. No infection. - - Then south to Deerfield, visiting grain field en route. Found Jas OConnor's rye field infected & brot away stalks. Searched grounds about neighboring farm houses for barberry. None. - - From Deerfield home – visited barberry hedge on Porter place & Reay's wheat field adjoining. Brot away three or four infected stems. Sent them to Prof. Anderson at U. of I.

Pruned & tied up tomatoes. Mowed yard. Hoed garden. Visited Munro garden. Studied grasses a little. Meat 1.15; crackers .46

Sunday, July 7

Fine day. Decidedly cool.

To church this A M Had long nap this afternoon. Spent some time examining the specimens of grasses and grains I collected yesterday.

Mother, K. & I & Miss White and her sister-in-law, Mrs White of Fair Oaks, Calif (& small daughter, Sallie) were taken by autos to the Jewetts where we had supper and spent the evening. Fine time.

Church .10;

Monday, July 8

Fine day. A little warmer.

Several school errands this A.M. Then worked with microscope in Dr. Sheldon's office Examined rust on barley stems, etc.

Worked at school all afternoon, clearing up bills, etc. Marion Hicks came to confer with me about an offer to teach 2nd grade at Highwood. Mrs Taylor came to look up work for a boy that is to be tutored

Board meeting this evening – G., Mann, St. P., Mrs G., Mrs. M. & Mr. J. present Bills voted. Salaries of employes raised.

Tuesday, July 9

Still rather cool. A shower this afternoon. Fresh and cool, the air sweet-scented.

To city on 9:19 & to the University. Called on Dr Hoyt of the Bureau of Recommendations & conferred about a French teacher. Very few available. Consulted Professor Parmenter. Then to Botany b'ld'g where I chatted with Fuller. Went to library (botanical) & worked for two hours on milkweed blossom. Trolley downtown, stopping at Ginn & Co's to buy copy of Duggar's Diseases of Plants. – To Crerar library to continue my note taking. So sleepy that I finally quit in despair. Shopped at Dennison's & Field's. Home on 5:10

(Chat with Mr. Slocum & Lillian Moore at Univ. Book Store).

Dist 107 – R.R. 58 + .23.

Self – Trolley .10; lunch .35; Duggar's D. of P – 1⁶⁰;

The Lomaxes called on us this evening.

Wednesday, July 10

Fine day. Desk work at school much of A.M. Lois Green and I had a conference on the drawings she is to make of the milkweed blossom for me.

This afternoon Lucile Shaw and her sister, Gertrude, came to announce L's appointment for overseas service in canteen service, Y.W.C.A. Miss G. offers to take her place in our 6th grade if our salary is boosted. - - - Leonie Kramp of Chicago came out to talk over the position of French teacher & I spent two hours with her. Had Mrs Green meet her. - - Think her not fitted to swing the place. - - Clarence came in this evening. - - After supper he and I spent some time down at beach.

Pd Lois Green 1⁷⁵ for help in census work. Charge to 107. - - Pd 53¢ for express. Do.

Thursday, July 11

Fine day. Warm at first. Threatening – then clearing cool.

Clarence left for Kenosha, this A.M.

Letter yesterday from Robt Enders who is in camp at Gettysburg. Expects to leave soon for France.

Mrs Robert's auto loaned me this A M. & I inspected wheat fields. Found much more infection in Reay's field where I spent an hour. Went as far as Everett before returning.

This afternoon had sound nap. Then worked on my specimens a while. Then in school office. This evening half hour's conference with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene over teacher situation. Then I wrote long letter to Gertrude Shaw of Racine asking her to accept Lucile's job & present salary.

Clarence came in at 11:30 P.M.

Barber .25; groceries .25;

Friday, July 12

Another fine day.

Hoed my corn and beans on the Munro farm & gathered my first crop of peas. Also gathered string beans in our back garden. Kittie canned 3 pints of peas & the beans.

Then I worked over my specimens of rust, using Dr Sheldon's office and microscope.

Went to office afternoon & worked until six.

Clarence went to Kenosha again today & came back this afternoon.

After supper this evening he went with me to the bean patch where William Denzel came to help weed – for a half hour.

Saturday, July 13

Another. Becoming unsettled.

Clarence left this A.M. I went with him to Chicago. Went to Goddard's (Educator's Agency) to meet Miss Gertrude Aby, French teacher at Valparaiso. Energetic, capable young woman. Shopped at Boston Store & at Devoe Reynold's. After lunch visited with Mrs Jewett a little while. Errand at Vaughn's. Home by 3:35. Sound nap before supper.

After supper visited gardens – Mr. Grimson, Jean Grimson, Robert Croke, Norma Engberg, the Swans, Bench, St. Peters.

R.R. .58 + .10 – Charge to 107.

Lunch .45; sugar .18; crackers .10; rice paper .25; whale-oil soap .20; turnip seed .05; barber .25;

Sunday, July 14

Fall of the Bastille!

Fine day. Hung out flags at home to celebrate the day and went to school and hoisted the big banner with the tricolor below it.

At church the soloist, Kreidler, sang dramatically the Marsellaise in French.

This afternoon went to the dedication of the new hospital. \$12000 raised to more than cover deficit. While there ambulance bro't in a man with a broken leg & soon two persons injured in auto accident.

Went to vespers on Lake Front at 5:30 – rather sparely attended – then to Presb Church where the soldiers were being fed and entertained - - Came away early & soon after got home, Mattie Bottomfield Richards and her husband came & spent the evening.

Read story of destruction of Bastille & some chapters from Tale of Two Cities.

Monday, July 15

Rain

Ground quite dry. Overcast sky & slight drizzle after lunch – But I got out my hose & soaked things. After dark tonight soaking rains.

Worked at school all A.M. & much of afternoon. Wrote letters at office this evening.

Thomas, representing Row, Peterson, took an hour or so of my time this afternoon.

Afternoon papers say the great drive so long expected has begun on the western front!!

Tuesday, July 16

Clearing.

To city on 9:20. To Bausch & Lomb's to look up magnifying glasses – Coddington lenses. Nothing doing as the gov't commandeers nearly all they manufacture. - - To Aug. Johnson, 36 W. Lake, for repairs on fountain pen. - - Boston store for yarn - - To Crerar Library to work on notes - - To the Arcade Lunch Club. Had lunch with Miss Jewett. She gave me her final answer that she can not teach for us another year – To City Club where I met by appointment Mr Wright & Ray Marshall, latter candidate for mn'l Tr. position. - - After that to Albert Agency to confer about teachers - - To City Club. Stayed down & heard Peggy O'Neill & Victor Moore.

R.R. .58 + .10 (Dist 107) Phones .10

Supper .55 + .15; Play 1.10; yarn .93; papers .14;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping about the play, "Patsy On the Wing" with Peggy O'Neil and Victor Moore, a comedy in three acts by Edward Peple. — ed.]

Wednesday, July 17

Fine day. Cool.

Picked a basket of peas on my Munro farm & a basket of string beans in the home garden. — Left for Evanston at 11:40. Lunch there and went to Willard Hall to attend session of Silver Burdett Summer School — but all had gone to Great Lakes for the afternoon. So came back to H.P. Worked in my office until supper time. After supper the Greens & I went in their auto to beat up the Skokie woods for specimens of poke milkweed.

Dist 107 — Evanston trip .78;

Self .25;

Thursday, July 18

Fine. Warm in the sun.

Went to Evanston this A.M. Visited with Miss Collins, Geo Buck, & others at the summer music school. Ate lunch with these at the Hall. Met a Mrs Johnson with a view to her candidacy for music position here. Home by 2:00. - - - Sprayed arsenate of lead on my cabbages & on those of my neighbor Smith. - - Went to the Reay farm and made very careful examination of the infected wheat field. Spent three hours there. - - Mr. Reay came out to see me for a time - - Found infected grasses along the road - - Very tired this evening.

Trolley .48 (Dist. 107); Paper .05;

Friday, July 19

Fine, warm day.

Scouted for two or three hours in Sweeney's Woods this A M. for poke milkweed blossoms. Found them nearly all gone. Mosquitoes frightful. - - White-fringed orchis just beyond its prime. — Red baneberry in fine fruit.

This afternoon Miss Pfoor of Charleston — a teacher in the Junior High at Decatur — came to apply for our sixth grade. Liked her very much. — Then I went to Evanston to meet Miss Florence Crane and offered her our music job. She is to take it under consideration - - Went down to the Millards for dinner & then with them to the concert at Ravinia

R R .82; (Dist 107)

Barber .25; root beer .05;

Saturday, July 20

A hot day tempered with breezes.

Went out on my wheel to the Reay farm. Charted the infected agrostis & hordeum jubatum in the road from the Gaastfield bridge to the Reay gateway. Found infected h.j. in a lane back of Mr Reay's barn. Chatted with Mr. R and advised cutting & burning the grass.

Made careful plot of the area inspected & sent it in to Prof. Anderson together with specimens. Chief query, why infection is only on the winter wheat in the field.

Gathered some grasses to analyze but made poor headway. - - A little work on blossom of poke milkweed - - Called on Mr. Sandig to give him a stalk of h. leucophaea

Rode out on my wheel after supper – west, south on Ridge Road, across Clavey way & home.
Called on Wm Ludwig a while - - Watted down my garden & flowers heavily.
Meat .90; bread .15; ice .25;

Sunday, July 21

Sizzling hot.

To church. Met there Mrs Millard and Mr McClintock, the latter their guest. He took motion pictures of the M & Boynton families yesterday. Went to dinner with them. Had a fine time talking over photographic topics.

Home at 3:00. Had a heavy nap. Late in evening a walk down around Bob O'Link golf grounds.

Monday, July 22

A very warm day.

Worked at school nearly all day. Moved my office paraphernalia down into the auditorium & worked there.

Commenced to review Ganong's The Living Plant

Gathered my last crop of peas on the Munro farm & pulled up the vines.

Bread .10

Tuesday, July 23

Continued to work my typewriter in the auditorium. There most of the day.

The Rogersons spent the evening.

Thunderstorm & good shower from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Wednesday, July 24

To the city on 10:38. Had a delightful visit on the train with Olive Enoch Clark whom I had not seen for many years – one of my high-school graduates of Lexington.

Shopped at Fields, Sweet-Wallach's, The Fair. Went to lunch with Schantz and his cousin, Mr Moyer. Caucus with Schantz, Pattee, & Langdon in S's office. Audubon affairs. After supper this evening I finished revision of Schantz' letter making an appeal for funds.

Raining when I got home. Showers at intervals. Still quite warm.

R.R. .58 + .15; lunch .25; books .50; root beer .05; bread .10; postage .30;

Thursday, July 25

Very hot.

Made discovery today that potato fields everywhere are infested with a sort of winged louse which is doing great damage. Leaves curl at the edges, blacken & plant dies. Noticed it especially on Mr Sack's garden fronting on First St. At Millards this evening noticed the same.

Worked at my desk at school a while today.

Met Mr Mann at school bldg for a short time this A.M. to plan repairs.

Ice cream .25; barber .25

Friday, July 26

Still warm. Steamy.

Set out to get more data about the potato aphid. Got a city official, Mr Huber, to take me down to Gross Point & around thro Schermerville & Deerfield. Everywhere potato fields infested with the green fly-like louse.

Spent a good deal of time scouting around town on this same topic. Called on Adam Ohlwein. He said that the insects are tiny grasshoppers & that they are ruining his late potatoes.

Worked at desk at school a while this afternoon. Thunderstorm & fine showers.

Saturday, July 27

Cooler. Refreshing.

Mowed my yard. Staked up stray tomato plants. One large ripe specimen on one of my John Baer's – one of the first six plants set out. – Planted row of G.R. lettuce & one of Icicle radishes - - Sprayed six rows of Mr Sack's potatoes with black drop. The insects flew off the plants in swarms –

This afternoon Rachel Alexander – Russian – and Rebecca Shepherd – came to candidate for position of teacher of French. Mrs Millard met them & gave each an interview.

Black drop .50; rosin .15; sal soda .08;

Root beer .10; bicycle repairs 2.25;

Sunday, July 28

Hot, very hot, but a great wind & thunder storm came up after 4:00 P.M., cooling things off decidedly. Countryside drenched. Grain fields flattened down.

Wm Folsom & his wife picked me up & took me for a two hours ride this A.M. They invited two soldier lads from the training camp to go along. Had a fine ride which included a visit to Mr F's farm & shack on the Des Plaines. Home at 12:00 & soon after the Pattees & Browns rode up in their auto & asked me to go along. I went. Steered them to Harold McCormick's where the gardener, Mr. Jackson, showed us through their great vegetable & flower garden, & then over the fancy gardens about the big house – We ate our lunch on the bluff. Storm caught us – so we sheltered ourselves in auto behind a high hedge. Afterwards rode over around Libertyville & home.

Monday, July 29

Took 6:59 for Chic – Riverside. Schantz got on at Morton Grove & Catherine Mitchell at Riverside. We all got off at Hinsdale. Tramped out to pond about a mile & a half away. Scouted around until noon. Ate lunch by roadside. Then Mrs M. came up in their auto & we had a great ride down beyond Willow Springs. Returning there, We three left the auto & tramped for three hours along Des Plaines & Santa Fe tracks. At Novak we phoned for the auto. Schantz got a ride on an auto leaving earlier. Then Miss M. & I returned to Riverside where I took dinner. Left on 8:13. Home at 10:15

R.R. .58 + .78 + .24.

Tuesday, July 30

Very cool – strong winds this A.M. - - Prof H.W. Anderson came in last night & this A.M. – Mr Sandwick & I met him at the Moraine & Mr. S. drove us out to Reay's wheat field. Scouted over the farm, then on to Deerfield & north to Everett. Found infested wheat field on way & barley somewhat. At E. found that Father Ryan had removed his barberry hedge. Found field N.W. of his hedge decidedly infested. Very little in field across street. – Home to H.P. & I entertained him until his train – 11:44. - - This afternoon worked with a man on path building in school woods.

Harriet Ames resigned her job with us today.

Hoed in my garden after supper. - - Ate John Baer tomatoes this evening.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, July 31

Fine day Cool.

Met Mrs Millard & Mr. Mann at school & we planned grading new play ground, etc. Then I went to city on 11:44. Shopped at Fair, called at Co. Sup't Tobin's office & at Prost's office. Did not meet the latter. Then to U. of C. Conferred with Mr. Bouvet over French teacher. Visited Dr Crocker & got some botanical references. Back down town & to Crerar library for a while. Home at 6:30.

Down to confer with Mrs Millard a while this evening.

Got some cucumbers off my Munro farm today.

Wired Claradell Maxwell offer of 2nd grade place.

Express 1.89

R.R. .78 + .42 + .10 (Dist 107)

Also Telegram .32;

Phones .20; papers .11;

Thursday, August 1

Fine day. Gray a while in the afternoon and a slight shower. Cleared.

Met Mr Yowell at school this A.M. and went over b'ld'g to plan painting and calcimining. - Went down to County Line & spent some time observing insects on milkweeds.

At school this afternoon. Exp. with photog. milkweed blossoms, etc.

This evening developed several negatives.

Found newly hatched monarch larva; eggs, etc.

Barber .25; groceries 35;

Friday, August 2

Tramp to Des Plaines R. with Mr Frank Fitt. - - (Gray in the morning - light shower - clearing with strong cool wind) Walked to Mr Folsom's shack where we found him and his cousin, Arthur Gault, eating lunch. Visited with them for two hours. Then walked to Aptakisic and visited Peter Dieter's blacksmith shop for a while. Then back to the shack to join the two men who took us on auto drive to Wheeling, Northfield & home.

Like an autumn day!

Saturday, August 3

To the city this A.M. Conferred with Mr Buck at Silver Burdett & Co. about securing the acceptance of Florence Crane for our music teacher.

Visited with Schantz a while.

Bo't Wratten filter & other materials at Sweet, Wallach's.

Arthur & Lennie & Ruth came in this evening.

Photog. materials 5.10; groceries .19+

Sunday, August 4

A slight shower today. Warm.

M. & I went to church. Arthur had to leave on an afternoon train to go back to Benton Harbor.

Ruth & I walked up to the schoolhouse this evening.

Monday, August 5

A warm day & about two thirty this afternoon a warm blast set in that seemed to come from a furnace. House very warm this evening.

Worked at school much of day.

Tuesday, August 6

The heat continued severe ~~but~~. Warm wind all day. Hot far into night.

Gave some attention to grading begun on clearing across ravine. Also to opening wall for door & windows under Annex. Wrote number of letters.

Got up at 5:30 and rode on wheel west of Deerfield to get some fine stalks of milkweed. Put them in wash boiler filled with water in auditorium.

Charlotte Welsh came down from Waukegan to confer with me about starting to teach. I wrote letters to Mr Simpson & to Mr. Baggett about her.

Ice cream .50;

Wednesday, August 7

Still very hot. As bad, almost as yesterday, but at 5:15 this afternoon a lake breeze sprang up & reduced temp. materially.

Lennie & Ruth left on the 6:21 this A.M.

I met Mr Noerenberg at school this A.M. & with his instrument he gave us elevations to guide in the grading. One man with a team worked until 1:30 then gave up because of the heat. – Workmen began this afternoon to excavate coal bin under Annex.

Worked with my camera at school this afternoon. Wrote several business letters. - - Miss Ames & her brother came to get some of her belongings & to say good bye.

Thursday, August 8

Still very hot but tempering breezes. Passing (heavy) shower at 7:00 P.M. Cooled things off greatly.

Spent most of morning with workmen at school. Took 12:56 for Chic. To Sweet & Wallach for photog. supplies. Fields for tablet. Home at 3:31.

To school. Wrote some letters. Conferred with workmen, etc.

Heat has begun to blister our tomatoes (fruit). This is general for this area.

R.R. .58 + .10; filter .35;

Friday, August 9

Gray much of day. Pleasantly cool.

Much time given to workmen at school.

After lunch went on bicycle west of Deerfield to get fresh milkweed blossoms. Then experimented with them and my camera at school.

Mr Fitt called on me this afternoon & borrowed four books.

Mother & I went down to Ravinia Park, this evening. K. not well enough to go. We were very enthusiastic about the program. Mr Hageman's piano accompaniments were very beautiful. Miss Everett & Mr Geo. Bowen showed us pleasant attention during intermission

Stamps .50; Ravinia 1.20.

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

Saturday, August 10

Light showers this A.M. Cleared hot & steamy

Worked in desultory way at school today. Got two enlarged photos of milkweed blossoms.

Our town had a "Sons-in-the Service" gathering this afternoon. Gov. Lowden here & made principal address. State Sen. Parker recounted his experiences. Fine parade of jackies with band, of Ft Sheridan troops & band, company of cavalry, our honre guards, red-cross, scouts, etc.

Air plane manouevered overhead.

Sunday, August 11

Rather pleasant summer day

To Church where Rev F. Fitt preached an excellent sermon prior to leaving for a month's vacation.

This afternoon went for a walk with Fayette Munro, & then spent an half hour with Mrs Munro.

Looked in for a while at the church this evening where the soldiers were being entertained.

Monday, August 12

Heat mounted up very high again & again strong overpoweringly hot wind blew all afternoon.

Blanketed our tomatoes to protect from hot sun. – We have very fine fruit.

This afternoon took a number of photographs of milkweed blossoms

Went down to Ravinia Park this evening. Visited with the Millards & Boyntons & ate ice cream with them during intermission. Came home in auto with the Harmons.

Trolley .05; root beer .05;

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

Tuesday, August 13

Another very hot day – but wind storm with rain came up in the evening & cooled things off.

Went down on early train to city & thence down to Church of St. Thomas, The Apostle, where services (mass) were held for Lieut Paul Cox – dead in battle in France. Prof. & Mrs Cox, it seems, are Catholics. Large assembly of worshipers there in spite of severe heat. - - I was the only one there to represent Directors of Geographic Society. - - Went over to Botany Lab & chatted with Fuller. Home by 1:06. At school awhile in afternoon. - - Watered my lawn until late. Miss Annie Clements, police woman, called this evening. I was to help her circulate petition relating to election for establishing school in L. Co. for delinquents

R.R. .58 + .18 + .05; lunch .60; Papers .10; sugar .18; ice cream .25

Salvation Army 1²⁵.

Wednesday, August 14

Heavy rains during night & the day turned out very refreshing.

Gathered beans, cucumbers & corn in my Munro garden - - Worked on my clippings for my scrap book until noon & after.

At school this afternoon. Did some work on school records.

Thursday, August 15

Fine day.

Mowed my yard. Spent some time at school this A. M. Down to Ravinia Park this afternoon where I helped in a minor way the marshalling of the children for the annual parade.

Came away at 3:00 and did desk work at school.

This evening heard three acts of Aida at Ravinia Park

Trolley .20; opera .75;

[Pasted to this page are clippings for the afternoon and evening Ravinia programs. The afternoon program was the annual Children's Carnival, under the auspices of the Ravinia Club. A Grand March was held at 1:30 o'clock with the Glenwood and Allendale Boy Bands. – ed.]

Friday, August 16

Gray & cooler. Then fine showers fell after 10:30 & until 1:00 o'clock or so.

Dug up the madonna lilies for mother & helped her inspect each bulb for the presence of slugs.

Had another "mess" of roasting ears from my hills of golden bantam on the Munro garden.

Studied my botany text a while this afternoon – then worked at school. Sent off orders for school books.

This evening cool. Went to Ravinia Park. Came home in auto with Mr & Mrs Sandwick & Mrs Cobb

(Mr. Steindel has recently been grilled by gov't officials because of Pro-German utterances. Has been much newspaper comment. He was present this evening, but the trio was not rendered).

Trolley .05; concert .55

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Ravinia program. Mr. Bruno Steindel on violoncello was to have performed "A Sketch of the Steppes of Central Asia" by Borodin and "Trio, Op. 50, Moderato assai" by Tchaikowsky according to the printed program. Mr. Smith drew a line through these listings and wrote "March Slav" in place of the latter. – ed.]

Saturday, August 17

A light shower this A.M. Cool & pleasant.

Had another man at work on school grounds today.

Continued my office work at school. Read more botanical material, etc.

Sunday, August 18

Bolted church this A.M. Read & slept

A fine day. Cool breeze from lake

This afternoon took some books and went up to the 6th Ravine woods. Spent an hour or two there and another hour along the lake at H. McCormick's frontage. Then walked over to Sacred Heart station & home by trolley.

Miss Boynton invited to join her party at opera at Ravinia this evening. Mr & Mrs Sam Holmes & Mr & Mrs Everett Millard. A fine concert and a fine time. Met Clarence Cook & his wife there – Mort Clark's partner.

Trolley .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the cast list for the Ravinia program. It was a performance of the opera *Martha* by Friedrich von Flotow conducted by Richard Hageman and featuring Edith Mason in the title role. – ed.]

Monday, August 19

A fine cool day. At school much of time to keep workmen going, etc. Composed a letter to send in Mr Blair's behalf to six or seven editorial writers in Chicago. Mr Blair is being opposed for renomination for State Supt by Hugh Magill, Jr. and I plan to stand by Mr. Blair.

Gathered 38 lbs of tomatoes this A.M. Market value here is 10¢ a pound!

The Greens took Mother and K & Me for a twenty mile ride this evening – to Wheeling & back over the Des Plaines – a fine ride

(Express .46)

Can rubbers .40;

Tuesday, August 20

Gray part of day A few drops of rain. Sultry later in afternoon. Breezes after night

Concerned much with workmen at school today.

Wrote letters. Did some manual labor
Studied some
Barber 25;

Wednesday, August 21

Hot & humid. Heavy shower late in afternoon. Remained warm.
At school this A.M. – keeping labor work going.
To city on 12:56. To Cardy's to order school supplies. Sweet Wallach's for photog. supplies. G & M. Dock & Goodrich's to get time tables. Pub. Library to look up article. McClurg's to hunt up a book
Fair for two pounds of sugar. Home on 5:10. Oppressively hot.
R.R. .58;

Thursday, August 22

Death of Fannie J. Cress

Very hot.
Papers reported the death of Miss Fannie Cress, struck by electric at Arden Shore station. She was to teach 2B here this year. She was at the building yesterday and conferred with me about her work. Then she called at Mrs Van Ripper's to see about a room. From here she went to Arden Shore to make a call, & then started out to go to Libertyville. She was a fine woman and an excellent teacher.
I went in on 12:56 to try to find a possible candidate for Miss C's position. Didn't accomplish much & came out on 4:37.
Called up Ritzman of DeKalb & Dorothy Mitchell of Wilmette.
R.R. .58 + .10. Charge to Dist 107.
Groceries .74

Friday, August 23

Warm but grew comfortably cooler during the day.
Much phoning this A M with Ritzman of DeKalb, Prof. Bouvet, Miss Sachen, Mitchell, - Miss Cress' niece at Oak Park. Worked at school.
This afternoon Mr Greene & the two boys & girls and I motored over to Grass Lake. On way over I called on Mrs Gertrude Miller Hamlin a while. Had a launch ride into the lotus beds & up into the mouth of the Fox R. Home by 9:20.
Launch 2.50; groceries .15 + .32;

Saturday, August 24

Warm but with cool breezes.
At school much of day. Miss Elsie Lindbergh of DeKalb came over to see me about our 2nd B position. Favorably impressed. – Decided to recommend her.
Watered garden & parkway this evening
Second supply of corn from my Munro garden.
Folks have canned nearly all tomatoes needed. Have had over two bushels, I suppose.
Groceries 1.95; meat 1.15; barber .25;

Sunday, August 25

As yesterday.
At home all morning. To city on 1:58. Spent an hour at Art Institute, then went out to the home of Miss Cress – 132 No. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Met two of her sisters, a brother, and a brother-in-law. Spent an hour there & got back at 8:00. Funeral is to be at Wheaton M E. church, tomorrow.

Read many pages of Terry's A Short History of Europe, 1806-1914, particularly chapter –
"Bismarck and the German Empire"
R.R. .58 + .15; pear .10; tickets to War Exposition .50

Monday, August 26

Cool breezes.

Gathered cucumbers this A.M. Then to school where I conferred first with Mrs Millard &, later, with Irma Sachen of Chicago, candidate for French position. This evening I phoned her offer of position at 1050⁰⁰ & received her acceptance.

Spent all afternoon developing negatives – 9 being Wratten panchromatics – the first I ever developed. Got some excellent results, largely milkweed pictures.

Leonard came in and ate supper with us.

This evening I called on S.A. St. Peter & Tom Clark for information about candidates for janitorship at the Annex.

Bertha Lichte & Ella Haitz, (the Heil girls) called and spent the evening.
Belgian Relief Work for Babies .75;

Tuesday, August 27

Another fine day

Business for the school much of the day. Piled up kindling in cellar, etc.

This evening The Greens & M., K., & I rode out beyond Deerfield & then spent an hour or so at Miss Jewett's. A Miss Vetter was her guest.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, August 28

Warmer. Rode down to County Line Bridge to look over milkweed plants. Gathered corn & cucumbers at Munro garden. Beat dining room rug. At school until noon. Again in afternoon. A while this evening. Ice cream 25; root beer .10; Mazda lamps \$1⁰⁰

Thursday, August 29

Fine. Cool breezes.

Attended to number of school matters today. Conferred with Mr Mann & Mr St Peter & offered Angelo Bartoli janitorship of Annex.

Wrote article on school attendance for next week's issue of The Press.

Barber .25;

Friday, August 30

To Benton Harbor.

Busy at school for a while, then took train for Chicago. Left negatives at Sweet, Wallach's for prints. Spent afternoon at City Club. Nap, then worked away at chapter on Rivers of Illinois in Forbes The Fishes of Illinois. Took 5:40 Pere Marquette for B.H. Arrived late. To Lennie's & to bed.

R.R. .29 + .10 + 4.11; luncheon .40;

Saturday, August 31

At Benton & St. Joe

Visited at the Crooks this A.M.

P.M. Tramped north from St. Joe to Double L. Gap & about two miles farther, & back.

Sunday, September 1

At Benton H & St Joe

Walked to St. Joe via Napier's Bridge. Then Edith, C. & I came back & with the Enders went to Crookses for dinner. Spent early part of evening at St. Joe with Edith & Clarence.

Monday, September 2

B H – to Chic & H P. & to Bloomington

Took 6:45 Mich. Cent. for Chic. Then home about 2:00 o'clock. Packed up camera & supplies & did various errands & left on ___ for Chic. Took Alton for Bloomington. Below 37th Street a switch engine on Penn. tracks backed into our moving train, catching a combination passenger & baggage car squarely & knocking it off the track & turning it over. The chair car behind it was smashed a bit at the corner, but by this time the tender of the offending engine was overturned & the mischief over. About 20 men crawled out of the overturned baggage car, having sustained only severe cuts & bruises. Our car next to first chair car uninjured. - - I helped worst cut-up man to doctor's office - - Hour later we were off again. Reached Bloomington by 11:00 P.M. At Illinois Hotel.

R.R. 4.11 & .10 + .58 + 3.79 + 10 + .10.

Supper .40;

Tuesday, September 3

Bloomington to Petersburg & back.

Left B. at 6:45. Pleasant ride through corn fields – etc – Magnificent crop. To Petersburg. Here found that pageant had been postponed! Heavy rains had mired roads & soaked grounds!! Took taxi out to Salem Hill. There met Judge Nelson, Pres. Linc. League, & Thos Reep, chairman of one comm. - - Buildings not completed. Took only one photo. Light in wrong place. – Back to town with above in their auto. - - Fine chat with Reep in afternoon. Looked over documents with him - - Called on Jackson, the photog. & Watson, Editor.

Took 5:40 for B or meant to, but it was late. Was behind 1 hr. 20 min. when reached B. Had missed Chicago train. - - Went to Illinois Hotel & to bed.

Eyed my diminishing pocketbook contents carefully all day.

Hotel 1.50; bus .25 + .10; breakf. 30; Hotel 1.20; taxi 1.50;

Wednesday, September 4

Bloomington to Chicago

Raining when I awoke. Ducked over to Thompson's restaurant for 20¢ breakfast. Loafed at hotel until bus took me to 9:40 C & A. for Chicago. When we got to Normal our train was held two hours because of a wreck two miles farther on. At length we got away and after other delays reached Chicago just before 5:00 P.M.

Had 40¢ when I left B. & so when the waiter announced table d'hote luncheon at 75¢ I stayed in my seat. No train boy appeared & I had nothing to eat. Grabbed a bar of chocolate on way to N.W. & had my first eats since 7:30. Home on 5:10.

Visited with Dorsey Hibbs at Normal. On way to Lexington to visit, then report to Camp Grant. Married man with child.

I got a shave this evening & had "no red cent" left

Hotel 1.25; bus .25; breakf'st .20; paper .05; chocolate .15; shave .25.

Thursday, September 5

Teachers' institute.

Fine day as it cleared.

Teachers arrived for three days conf. The tardiness of getting our plastering done leaves our building in desperately dirty condition. We put two extra men on to help.

Conf. this A.M. & one this P.M. Read together a pamphlet by Dr Eliot on some defects in Amer. Educ'n. I described glacial period in Illinois. Staff as now enlisted Esther White 1B; Lois McManus 2B; Lula Behrens 1A; Elsie Lindbergh, 2B; Claradell Maxwell, 2A; Irene Jones 3B; Kate Schermerhorn 3A;

Orva Stine 4B; William S. Parks, 4A; Clara Sands, 5B; Bertha Cramer 5A; Clara White, 6B; Nora Pfoor, 6A; Edna Grenoble 7B; Etta Grunewald, 7A; Alice Davis, 8B; Ellen M. Guiney, 8A; Eva Giffen, Drawing, Florence Crane, Music; Irma Sachen, French; Ray Marshall. Mnl Tr. Latter has been called to Camp Grant but may be recalled because of bad eyes.

Bicyc. repairs 40¢

Friday, September 6

Second Day – Institute

Fine day. Discussion of Reading & of Spelling from Prof Bobbett's synopsis of present day educational tendencies. I talked about the geog. of Illinois.

Miss Nora worked at getting our book store ready. I helped an hour or so late in afternoon.

Mother & I went with the Clows tonight to the H-S. to hear Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver talk of what he saw during a six months sojourn in Eng., France & Italy. The Judge got under way slowly but in time struck a live gait and soon had the audience warmly appreciative of his sallies.

Stamps 1⁰⁵ – Dist 107.

Saturday, September 7

Fine day. Continued our Institute work. One feature was Miss Clara White's illustrated lesson on the corn plant.

Helped hurry up the cleaning about the school b'ld'g.

Worked late this evening on the school bills.

Kittie left for B.H. this A.M.

Bacon .10; bread .15;

Sunday, September 8

Beautiful day.

Walked to Deerfield to hear Presb. preacher. Good sermon. Visited afterwards with some of the people.

Nap this afternoon & read somewhat. Called at school bld'g late in afternoon & wrote hymns for morning exercises on blackboard.

Went to lake & watched waves for an hour or so.

Clows called a while this evening.

Mother sort of crippled. Bruise on each foot bothering her.

Church .50;

Monday, September 9

First day of School.

Fine day, growing a little sultry in afternoon. A slight shower after nightfall.

Things moved off nicely. New teachers made a good appearance. Enrolment 609. Aud. exercises moved off well.

School until noon. Teachers meeting at 1:30. Various conferences all afternoon. Board meeting this evening. Things moved off all right

Tuesday, September 10

Fine day.

School apparently moving off all right. Spent much time today with book store – a busy place.

This evening Mother and I reset the madonna lilies which we took up some time ago.

Worked at school a while this evening

Barber .25;

Wednesday, September 11 Primaries

Soaking rain which began in the night & continued now & then during A.M.
Began to collect materials for the children's exhibit of fruits & vegetables
Primary election. I voted in the primaries for Medill McCormick for Senator (Republican ticket), Blair of State Sup't; McDonough & Shurtleff for rep. in the legislature, etc.
Fell rather run-down. This has been my fix for several days.
Bread .15

Thursday, September 12

Clearing. Cool at evening.
Exhibit of vegetables & flowers. Miss Jones and Miss Schermerhorn very active in setting it up.
Mrs Carr & Mrs Millard judged the exhibit.
Stamps .50;

Friday, September 13

Almost frost this A.M. Fine day.
6th – 8th grades gathered their crop of beans today
Mother & I went down on 5:55 to Chic. & to the War Exposition in Grant Park. Enormous crowds so that it was difficult to get about & hard to see anything. So we came away early. The buildings & the memorial arch at Monroe St & Mich. are beautiful & impressive.
R R. 1.16 + .20;

Saturday, September 14

Fine day.
To city on 8:49. Shopped at Fields – McClurg's – Sweet Wallach – Beckley-Cardy. At Art Inst. paid Jean Perard 4⁰⁰ to prepare a gallon of statuary finish. Looked up an article on pollen of milkweed in Bot. Gazette at Crerar. Home at 2:00. Had a nap. Then went down to Julius Rosenwald's to Directors' Meeting of Friends of Our N.L. Ate our suppers by bonfire overlooking lake. Present Mr & Mrs Bley, Pierce, & Jensen, Harriet Monroe, Wm Monroe, Geo Hooker, Mrs R., Mrs Legler.
Charge Dist 107 - 2⁰⁰ } Statuary
" D-S. H-S. - 2⁰⁰ } finish
R R .58 + .10 + .10; lunch .40; Sweet Wallach 5⁰⁰;

Sunday, September 15

A fine day.
I loafed at home the entire day. Was not "off the place"
Re-read Barnaby Rudge. Read magazine articles.

Monday, September 16

Rained after 12:15 P.M Clearing Cooler.
Kittie back from B.H. today
A busy day. Sent three boys to Libertyville with our exhibit for the County Fair.

Tuesday, September 17

Fine day. Quite cool at dawn but no frost.
Engaged Mrs Taylor for half-day work this A.M - - to help pupils irregularly classified.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Conf. with Mr. Sandwick about enforcing the compulsory education law.
Took 4B's on field trip to map lake shore
Barber .25;

Wednesday, September 18

Fine day after morning wore in Rained before dawn and later. Cleared. Cool. Approaching frost.

Mrs Millard & I arranged about distribution of prizes for veget. exhibit.

Mrs Taylor began her work as special helper for ungraded pupils.

6th grade pupils have monarch larvae of two or three different hatchings. Rather late broods.

Worked at desk this evening.

Grippe is prostrating many young men at Great Lakes. Pneumonia has claimed many victims.

Thursday, September 19

No frost last night except possibly traces in the Skokie. Clear & moonlight tonight.

P.T.A. reception to teachers tonight. Fine group of people out but few in numbers.

Field trip with 4A's to pond this afternoon.

Norton of Ginn & Co. visited today.

Rhodes of Winnetka & Clarke Wright called to arrange for North Shore Institute at Winnetka.

Two Three parents called to complain today.

Barber .25;

Friday, September 20

Cool. Wintry aspect. No frost as yet within my observation.

Bock of S.B. & Co. a visitor today. Mrs Lowe of Prang Co. called also.

Gave a civics lesson. Worked some with pupils needed special help.

This evening at home. Pasted in my war scrap book, Vol III.

Sent Miss Clements, police officer, to Libertyville Fair to secure evidence of employment of one of our school boys, Bennie Siljestrom, by Du Brocks, who have a "string" of horses at the Fair.

Saturday, September 21

Fine day. Cool.

Gathered my last basket of corn on my Munro garden and cut and stacked the fodder. - - Spent an hour or more at school b'ld'g with Raymond Flinn planning changes in louvres in ceiling lighting scheme, etc.

Went to Libertyville Fair this afternoon to get the exhibit work we had sent. Spent some time in agric. exhibits there. Home at 6:30.

Pd Joe Blacker for Dist 107 - \$52⁵⁰

Trolley 1⁰⁰ (Dist 107)

Barber .25;

Sunday, September 22

Fine day. Another (the third) "gasless Sunday." So delightful to be free from the noises of traffic and the sight of endless lines of autos.

To church & heard a fine sermon by Mr Fitt. His first Sunday back from vacation and honeymoon.

Met his bride and much pleased with her.

Slept & rested all afternoon. Pasted in my scrapbook this evening.

Church .10;

Monday, September 23

A beautiful day. Temperature rose to mild summer.

12 of us (teachers) had a fine beach party on the Millard shore tonight. Saw moon rise at 9:00.

Miss Crocker visited us to say good bye. She expects an early call to go to France in Y M C A. canteen service.

Tuesday, September 24

Another. Fresh lake breeze, mild.

Boys at Great Lakes are dying in numbers from pneumonia following influenza. I believe there is terrible mismanagement behind it all.

We teachers went to Hubbard Wood after school to hear Prof Hosic lecture – first of a series on “Problem Project Method of the Recitation.

Trolley .24; Present for Miss Crocker 5⁰⁰;

Wednesday, September 25

Mild day. Ashes quite in color. Patches on the scarlet, and masses of yellow on sugar maples. Undergrowth in proper tone – Amer. hornbeam, shad, round-leaved and osier dogwood, sumach & woodbine!

And the war! Joy Bournique dead from hydroplane accident in Florida yesterday. . . . A Kramer boy dead at Great Lakes - - pneumonia. - - A young man – James Will Harrison - - two blocks from here dead of pneumonia. The influenza sweeping over this area.

Mr Simpson here after school. Bro't photog. exhib. of all schools of county to loan us. Selected seats in attic for two country schools. - -

I worked for a time on my scrapbook this A M.

Yesterday we learned that Robert's company was packing for overseas trip!

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of two letters written from the U.S. Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida to Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Bournique regarding the death of their son. – ed.]

Thursday, September 26

Cooler.

Influenza spreading. Large number absent from school. Doctors and nurses very busy.

I sent Miss Grenoble home this afternoon and finished out her day for her.

Neff of Longmans visited me today.

Worked at scrapbook again this evening.

Friday, September 27

Fine day

Dr Bergen & the Board of Health ordered all schools closed this A M. It was estimated that there are 500 cases of influenza here. I think that a great exaggeration. - - - We sent children home before they went to their rooms. I then had a teachers' meeting & sent the teachers home. I advised all that could to go to their home towns. The hospital here & the one at Evanston will not take influenza cases, so a teacher would be at a disadvantage if she became ill. - -

Miss Jewett visited us for a while this A.M. - -

I did desk work most of afternoon. Worked on my scrapbook this evening.

Meat .25; bread .15;

Saturday, September 28

Beautiful day

To city on 9:20. To Fields to leave shoes for repairs, to buy new shoes, & to exchange a clock. To Miss Enk's & Miss Ingersoll's to get some photographs & negatives left there. They are giving up their office – the war depriving them of clients. To Lyon & Healey's & to The Fair. Home at 1:06. Lunch & then to Ravinia to meet outing party of Geog. Soc. which came in, 200 strong, at 2:15, Mr. Winslow, leader. A fine crowd. Cox, Prof. Grant, Jensen, Woltersdorf, Lukens, - - a host of good people. I helped guide them around. We visited Mr. Jensen's place. Then I led them down through the ravine through Boehm's & Pick's estates to Rosenwald's. Here we divided into four groups, two of the Rosenwald children, Mr. Jensen, & I each with a group. Explored the grounds, had lunch & camp fire on beach; speeches & back to station by 7:00.

The influenza has taken eight or ten lives in three days.

(R.R. .58 + .15; groceries 1.20;)

Sunday, September 29

Rather gray day. Threatening.

The shadow of the peril from the influenza is upon the town - - Mrs Sheeks died this A M. Mabel Benson at noon. Others at the point of death. Schools closed. Churches closed. Doctors desperately overworked & nurses few and far between.

At home all day until late afternoon. Walked down into Stipe's woods & got sprays of waaho and witch hazel. Chatted for a while with the Munros who were cutting wood there.

Autumn coloration unusually fine for the last of Sept.

Monday, September 30

Gray this A.M. Clearing afternoon.

On duty helping as clerk & messenger for the visiting nurses. Met Mrs Falley before 8:00. Helped plan the work. Got permission to use one and if needs two autos (city) to take nurses about. Helped in one way or another all day.

More deaths in town. Frank Leuer for one.

Exmoor club house opened up as a hospital at noon today. - - Mrs Chas Grant taken there in very critical condition. - - Gerard Noerenberg and Keith Grant ill across the street. - -

Read much from Terry's Short History of Europe. Pasted in my scrap book this evening.

Tuesday, October 1

Turned out gray and drizzly.

On duty much of the day at the nurse's office. Epidemic increasing. Two deaths in the night. Exmoor nearly full – about sixty beds taken. Eight cases of pneumonia there tonight – Dr Winters representing the State Board of Health inspected things here today. - - - I attended committee meeting at City Hall tonight. Plans made to canvas town to tabulate cases - -

Epidemic almost makes us overlook the great war news – the surrender of Bulgaria!! The blaze of victories on the West Front.

Our Robert Enders has sailed. A short farewell note gave the hint.

Wednesday, October 2

Cleared. Beautiful day.

At Board of Health office all day. Helped plan canvass of entire town for tomorrow. One death last night, Carrie Fassbender.

My cold still bothers me. Everybody is using Dobell's solution for nasal douche.
Soup bone .25.

Thursday, October 3

Fine day. Very busy one for me. On job at City Hall before 8:00. We had bundles of tissue paper napkins to cut in two; bottles of Dobell's solution to pack in baskets, douches to have ready, and handbills, inspection forms, etc. Fifty or more people reported & were sent out, each to his own selected area with face masks, solution, douches, & napkins to distribute. The reports came in during afternoon & Mrs Everett & I and others began to examine the data - - We learned of several serious situations & steps were taken to remedy them. I kept Mrs Falley on the go until 7:00 P.M. Miss Wilson, a rep. of S. Board of H. came to see us & I sent her out to cover four serious cases.

Our data show about 750 cases in H.P. Most are now convalescing. The crisis is over, it seems. 10 deaths thus far in 5 days.

Friday, October 4

Turned out warm, almost sultry.

Another very busy day at the Bd of Health office. The nurse was almost overwhelmed with cases. Some of our new cases were very serious. Some homes were cleared by removing the patients to Exmoor Hospital. Mr. Syren was discharged from the hospital and disconcerted me by appearing in the office at the City Hall - almost spent at his exertion. - I sent him home at once in an auto -

Mrs Chas Grant died at the hospital this afternoon. Charles was able to be at her side. Tonight the Noerenbergs across the way have Charles & his little family. K & Mother have been sending their meals to the sick children.

Saturday, October 5

A bright sultry day as if in early September.

Mrs Falley ill at Evanston and so we were without help all A.M. Phoned Health Commissioner Robertson for help & he sent out a willing but inexperienced woman in afternoon. I sent her on a few cases. A very depressing day's work.

Cakes .30; ice cream .25

Sunday, October 6

A beautiful day. A little cooler - - Went to bed last night with a case of nerves but managed to sleep it off largely.

On duty at 8:30 A.M. at the health office. Had various conferences with Mrs Fyffe, Tuttle, & others & spent some time in the Mayor's office to give what help I could in finding the wife of a soldier who had just died in camp in Ga.

Not much to do in the office. Arranged to have Dr Sheldon visit the Lighthall house. Sent Miss Wilson there & to look up Luke Watson, colored, who was supposed to be quite ill. - - Left Mr. Green in charge. Home to rest but Sheridan Van Dolah happened in on us. So entertained him - - after dinner a long walk to Millards & elsewhere. He left for Rogers Park at 4:30. Mr. Watson held down the office most of afternoon - - I closed up at 5:30.

Monday, October 7

The Germans beg for peace!

Another beautiful day.

At office - Board of H. - all morning. Mr Wright held it down nearly all afternoon. To our delight, our Mrs Falley was able to be here and she made the rounds of our most urgent cases.

Mrs Chas Grant's funeral occurred at Mr Noerenberg's house across the street from us. She had been taken to the hospital a week ago today. . . - A splendid woman. Leaves three children.

One of our H-S. boys - a fine lad - Stanley Moses died at the hospital. His mother is on the verge of a mental breakdown. - -

Mother & K. both with colds but seem to be improving. I had a fine nap this P.M and read from Phelps' The Advance of the English Novel.

The tremendous news of the German cry for peace - their "peace offensive" occupied the attention of all today.

Tuesday, October 8

Also another.

Mrs Falley unable to be on duty but we had no urgent call for her.

I took charge of the task of removing an appendicitis case from Joe Mooney's to the patient's home on Central and Green Bay Road. Ruth Travis, a 15 yr. old H.S. girl.

Off duty most of afternoon. Mr. Wright took my place. The Greens took me for a ride after 5:30.

Mrs McClure died today at the hospital - a death as sad as that of Elsie Grant.

A letter from Edith today shows that she is with Clarence at Gary - she is house hunting with little success.

The terrible mortality at Great Lakes is abating - the staff released 8 nurses two days ago to help us at Exmoor. News from Camp Grant is appalling.

Wednesday, October 9

A beautiful day. Mild.

Spent as in the past few days. Mrs Falley reported ill with influenza. Mrs Fyffe succeeded in getting a Miss Johnson from the Exmoor staff to help us for a few days. So I sent her on six calls.

Mr Wright helped again this afternoon. I left at 3:00 after writing a lot of copy for the H.P. Press

Went to Glencoe to Mr Glaser's place where we held Directors' meeting of the Friends of O.N.L. Dr Cowles & Miss Small, Mr & Mrs Pierce, Mr & Mrs Jensen, & Miss Mitchell. Fine time around council fire.

Constance Shields was buried here yesterday. She died of pneumonia at Camp Grant.

Trolley .20;

Thursday, October 10

Almost sultry.

The work at the Health office diminished so that I was able to give it up. I spent two hours at it, then began to attend to my personal and school affairs.

The Board of Health announced that school may reopen Monday. I sent out notices to all my staff accordingly.

Spent some time at my school desk this afternoon. Miss Jewett called on me there and left a Mss for me to look over.

Pasted in my scrapbook again this evening.

Friday, October 11

Mild. Gray. Drizzle after nightfall.

At Health office a short time this A.M. 10 or 15 cases reported. Worked at my desk at school. Before lunch time called on Mr. Fitt & had pleasant chat with him and his wife.

Fine nap this afternoon and then worked at my desk at school. This evening spent largely upon my scrapbook.

During the day Dr Winters representing the State Board of Health, came to H.P. and objected to the proposition to open schools Monday, etc. Many people thought it unwise to do this also, so Dr Bergen and others of the Board of Health reworked previous order. I wired most of the teachers this evening not to come until further notice.

Stamps .75; shave .25.

Saturday, October 12

Turned out to be a beautiful day. Southerly breezes.

To city on 9:20. Visited with Schantz. Then to Fields to luncheon of Cook Co Sup't's Club. Talked legislative matters with Lewton and Costello. Great Liberty Loan Parade on in the Loop.

Home by 3:40. Worked over bills at school until 6:00. On my scrapbook this evening.

Miss White and her two nieces called on the folks this evening.

I began Wells' Peter and Joan today.

R.R. .73; lunch .95; book 1.58.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping with the headline "Influenza Epidemic Waning Schools and Churches to Open 125 Patients Have Received Treatment at Exmoor Twenty-five Deaths in Highland Park and Highwood During Past Week. Eight Nurses From Great Lakes Assisting Greatly at Emergency Hospital." – ed.]

Sunday, October 13

A fine day. No church. The fourth "gasless" Sunday. A delight to find the country roads so quiet and so "usable."

Stayed at home all morning. This afternoon walked out to the Jewett farm, visited with Miss Josephine awhile, then walked on west & north into Deerfield and back home.

Frost has hurt things only in spots & there are still showy asters & heleniums. Most of the leaves have showered down but scarlet oaks show bravely as do cotton woods and here and there a yellow maple. Juncoes in abundance, some goldfinches, white throats, myrtle warblers, killdeers, meadowlarks, & a fine pair of bluebirds.

Monday, October 14

Still another I spent two hours and more working about the garden, this A.M. Moved my compost heap out upon the garden. Pulled up beets and heeled them in, etc.

Spent a great deal of time today upon my war scrapbook

At school an hour or two this afternoon.

Tuesday, October 15

Another fine day. But it's quite dry and the warm winds blow the leaves off the trees. The air was full of leaves and they chased back and forth and eddied around the corner and into still pockets.

Helped collect some health statistics at the City Hall. Then went down to Jensen's studio at Ravinia & visited with him. Looked over his fine plans for the West Side Parks Commissioners. Vision & statesmanship and courage are in his drawings!

Worked at school some of the afternoon. This evening rummaged around in my room and read Joan and Peter. [Mr. Smith wrote the number "2" above the word Joan and the number "1" above the word Peter to indicate a reverse order. – ed.]

Wednesday, October 16

Still another - - Went to city on 10:38. Visited with Schantz and then we had lunch together at the City Club. Went to Pilgrim Press Book store to order a book and got a book previously ordered – Hobson's "Towards International Government." The city stirred by the 4th Liberty Loan Campaign. Many jackies helping. One was buttonholed everywhere. I had left my button on a coat at home and could hardly get by one corner because of its lack. Chicago is far behind its quota.

Went to Map Room at County Bldg & mapped portions of Cook Co. occupied by Skokie Valley, the purpose being to find ownership of various portions of valley preliminary to trying to create a Skokie Valley Game Preserve.

Home at 5:44.

R.R. .68; lunch .50; book 1:00; rubber bands .40;

Thursday, October 17

Another – with rising wind & cooler, late afternoon. Autumn winds tossed about everywhere.

At school much of day. Met Miss Babcock of Evanston and engaged her for secretary – beginning week after next.

Started new system of bookkeeping for the school.

Called on Dr Bergen this evening with reference to reopening schools. He wishes to have the Mayor's OK. first & the M. is in Washington City.

Expectation of a disaster to the German army or a break-up in the Empire is in minds of many. Soup bone .25; bread .15;

Friday, October 18

Fine day. A little cooler.

Mr. Fitt & I went to Waukegan this A.M. to interview Dr. Winters representing the State Board of Health. He was not enthusiastic about our opening churches and schools but said this could be done if certain conditions were met. This evening the city commissioners, the ministers, & we schoolmen met and it was decided to open Monday. Then we schoolmen & Dr Ingalls went over to Dr Bergen's house & drafted copy for printed rules and regulations, etc. I sent out 9 telegrams to teachers.

This afternoon I worked on new bookkeeping system for our school accounts.

Dist 107 – 9 telegrams \$3.05

Barber .25;

Saturday, October 19

Fine day. Growing gray in afternoon.

Went with Geog. Soc. excursion party, Chas Winslow, leader, to Palos Park. Very pleasant and successful trip. 72 in party. Pepoon, Schantz, Eifrig & I botanized with energy. Mr Wright went along. We got home at 7:00 P.M.

R.R. .58 + .75 + .30; barber 1.00;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the excursion notice. It is transcribed as follows:

Excursion Notice

There will be an all-day excursion on Saturday, October 19th, to Palos Park, The Sag Bridge and Willow Springs.

The special features of this trip will be portions of the Forest Preserve, the Swallow Cliff, Sage Ravine, Calumet Canal, Mount Forest Island, Chicago outlet, and autumnal coloration.

Leaders – Dr. H.S. Pepoon, Botanist, Lake View High School; Mr. Ralph

E. Blount, Geographer, Waller High School.

Expense - \$1.00.

Directions – Leave Polk Street Station (Annex) Wabash Ry., 8:32 a.m. Walk from Palos Park to Swallow Bank (3 miles), lunch around camp fire near spring, hayrack ride to Rock Canyon, walk to trolley (two miles), trolley ride, then a walk of a mile through woods, then home by trolley via Archer Avenue. Carry lunch, sugar and drinking cup. Coffee will be provided.

Notify Charles S. Winslow, 2125 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, by October 15th if you expect to be present. – ed.]

Sunday, October 20

Another mild beautiful day. A light shower in the night.

To church. Communion service.

Pastor announced that Red Cross asked H.P. to make 5000 face masks (influenza) by tomorrow evening. Some women were at the time he spoke working in the work rooms of the church. He called for volunteers and I went in after church. Then home for hasty dinner & up to school house where Alex Rafferty and I loaded our two sewing machines on his truck & took them over to the church. I then worked there until six.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of a health bulletin issued by the City of Highland Park. It is transcribed as follows:

City of Highland Park

Health Bulletin

October 19, 1918

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS which have been in force during the recent epidemic are hereby RAISED so far as SCHOOLS and CHURCHES are affected. Elementary and High Schools will open Monday morning, Oct. 21st; Churches Oct. 20th.

Theatres, amusements and social gatherings are for the present prohibited.

Regulations on Admitting Pupils to School

1. Pupils who have suffered with influenza will not be admitted to school until they have been out of bed and free from all evidences of the disease, such as coughing, sneezing, etc., FOR ONE WEEK.
2. No pupil will be admitted who coughs, sneezes or shows other evidences of a cold. Such pupils, if they do come, will be promptly sent home.
3. Teachers will be required to question each child and record the history of any illness in the homes during the period of the epidemic.
4. An inspector will be present at each school on Monday morning to see that these regulations and precautions are enforced.

BOARD OF HEALTH. – ed.]

Monday, October 21

Fine day. School reopened. Miss Fargo absent at funeral of brother-in-law (influenza) and Miss Clara White still ill at Essex.

No morning assembly. Compiled a questionnaire of all cases of the disease in families represented at school. Mrs. Falley worked at school nearly all day.

Mrs. Potter, music supervisor at Waukegan, visited us today.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Ten of us went up to Ft. S. this evening in gov't bus to help the Y M C A. men with classes of illiterate soldiers. Very interesting hour with them. - - Back at 8:10. Board meeting. Amicable affair. Stamps .25;

Tuesday, October 22

Fine day. Mild. Gray at times.

Miss Schermerhorn had a "temperature" this A.M. and I sent her room home for the day. - I spent most of the day teaching in 6B. A nice group of pupils.

Mr Wallace, Y M C A. Sec., came down to confer with some of us about details of teaching work at Fort Sheridan.

Wednesday, October 23 Rain

Grey. Finally began to rain towards evening & with increasing force after night.

Mrs Geo Greene (mn'l tr. teacher's wife) sub'd for us in 6B today. Miss Schermerhorn at her task again.

Yesterday and today I gave the 6B's short trip out of doors to look at shrubs and trees. Heard civics class today.

This evening a bus load of us went to Fort Sheridan to work with the a-b-c solder class. Mr Harro[l?], Highwood principal, came as did three of his teachers.

Dist 107 - stamps 1.50;

Thursday, October 24 Rain.

Has been raining more or less for more than 24 hours.

Papers had Wilson's reply to Germany in which he says that the matter of an armistice will be decided by the allied armies in the field, and states frankly that the Germans will have to rid themselves of the Hohenzollerns before we can make a treaty with them.

Wrote a letter to Edith at Gary warning her to watch Clarence closely - he is convalescing from "grippe" - "not influenza" (?)

Stayed at home this evening & studied the Balkan situation.

Friday, October 25

Cleared. Not much cooler.

Miss Esther White left this A.M. for Flint, Mich., where her sister & nephew are seriously ill. Edith Davis acted as substitute.

Seven of us went to Ft. Sheridan this evening.

Saturday, October 26

Gray - a drizzle for awhile this A.M.

Worked much of morning at home. M. & I took up tigridias and gladiolis and reset orange-red lilies. I spaded up an addition to the garden and reset hollyhock plants. Gave Mrs Noerenberg some lily bulbs and set them out for her. This afternoon mostly at school house. Went on wheel to Skokie to look up data for field trip.

This evening posted bills in ledger at school.

Meat .13; barber .25;

Sunday, October 27 Heavy rains.

Rained heavily in the night and during the day heavy showers occurred culminating in heavy downfalls about 3:30 and for a half hour or so. The road afloat under the Laurel Ave Viaduct.

To church. Heard Herbert Willet, Jr., field agent for Armenian & Syrian Relief. – He was a teacher at Beirut. The stories he tells are horrible – four years ago one would not believe Germans capable of such infamy.

The memorial services for Joy Bournique this afternoon at Episcopal Church. Beautiful & impressive. Ballinger Fyffe – aviation student – carried one of the flags. Other jackies were in the processional. Church banked with chrysanthemums.

Time changed today. Set our clocks back one hour.

Monday, October 28

Cleared today. Much cooler.

Mrs Falley's (visiting nurse) husband died of influenza at Evanston. Helen Young Hill here to sub for her. Miss Esther White wired from Flint, Mich., the death of her sister and nephew yesterday. - -

Tag-day for fatherless children of France. Great committees of women and girls at work all over town. Many of our children were tagged at school, the money to go into our fund to adopt one or more orphans of France.

Some of us went again to Ft Sheridan this evening. My class of 14 fellows is very interesting. Orphan fund 1⁰⁰

Tuesday, October 29

Threatening & sunny alternating.

Field trip with 4B's to Exmoor Ridge, and with 3A's by motor bus to Arcady Dairy at Rondout.

This evening a party at the H-S of all the teachers of the H-S & tributary schools. A fine time.

Stamps .70;

Wednesday, October 30

As yesterday – with a frost in the night.

Sent the 3B's in the bus to the Ziesing farm, Miss Jones assisted by Miss Babcock, our Secretary.

At Ft. Sheridan this evening again. My class becomes more interesting each evening.

Thursday, October 31 Halloween

This afternoon a sudden sleet storming lasting a very few minutes rather took us by surprise.

I had a short teachers meeting with the 2nd grade teachers, and one with Miss Guiney & Miss Grenoble over grammar texts.

Spent some time at my desk this evening. Hallowee'n but not many malicious things on foot, apparently.

Mrs Scott ate lunch with us today. Gave me an armadillo skin for the school.

Bicycle repairs .50;

Friday, November 1

Clear and cool this A M Ice on exposed places.

Specials today: Miss Babcock got out copies of a letter to my colleagues of the Audubon Society; - - Mr. Albert bro't his little daughter to my office for me to see her arm – burned when pan of hot jelly was overturned at school the other day I sent the nurse down with her to Dr Parks at Evanston. He promises her arm will not be disfigured. It looks very bad to me. - - Helped 4th graders make a storage pit for potatoes, apples, etc. - - To Ft Sheridan again this evening. - -

Saturday, November 2

Heavy frost. Fine day.

City on 9:20. Cook Co. Bl'd'g & an interview with Mr. Farr about report of Horticultural Soc., etc; Field's – to return a bead for K.; to buy slippers; Pilgrim Press for Davis' Handbook of Northern France; City Club for lunch; McClurg's to look up books for soldiers' classes, etc. Home at 5:10.

At desk at school until late this evening.

Dist 107 – Books .50; typewriter ribbon 1⁰⁰;

R.R. .58 + .10; lunch .50; book .80; sweet potatoes .50; cakes .44; Book 1.25;

Sunday, November 3

Showery at times. Didn't go to church.

Reading from Davis' Handbook of Northern France; Boynton's London in Eng. Lit, Putnam's The Illinois and Mich. Canal.

Monday, November 4

Fine day.

Went with 4A's – Geog. class to Waukegan this afternoon. Miss Parks & Miss Stine, accompanying. Motor bus. Mrs Phelps went in her machine & took 6 of the pupils

Tuesday, November 5 Election Day.

Miss Parks unable to come this A M I took her room until 10:00 until Mrs Taylor could come to fill out the day.

Gave a talk about the election to 8A's & 8B's.

A lantern talk on Chic. to 6's.

Field trip with 4B's to ravine.

Teacher's meeting at 4:00

Aud Soc. meeting in Chic. this evening.

R R. .58 + .05.

Wednesday, November 6

Another fine, mild day.

Field trip with 4B's to ravine – this A. M.

Had a nap before supper & after supper went to Ft Sheridan as usual.

Clarence came last night. He spent this day at Kenosha & came back this evening.

Thursday, November 7 World War at end?

News of armistice with Germany "filtered in" this morning & at noon excitement stirred the town After lunch the H.S. band & student body started down town, & I sent our rooms down with their flags. We sang songs & paraded to H.-S. grounds where more singing took place. Mr Sandwick talked briefly & then we disbanded for the afternoon.

Reports came out of a frenzy of enthusiasm in Chicago. Rain came up towards evening & downpour prevented evening demonstrations here.

Clarence went home today.

Our shipment of bulbs from Dreer's was opened today.

Friday, November 8

Most of us felt somewhat shamefaced over our premature celebration of yesterday. The officials of the United Press sent out the "news" from Paris - - and made it out of whole cloth. The time set for signing the armistice is not later than next Monday. Meantime every bit of news is eagerly awaited - the most welcome being that indicating uprisings in certain German cities.

Left school early this afternoon. To city on 2:23. To N.Y. Life B'ld'g where I paid my premium (\$83⁶⁴); Pilgrim Press where I got a copy of Asquith's "Some Aspects of Victorian Literature." To Directors' meeting of the Geog. Soc; to supper at City Club with Dr Cowles and Mr Schantz. To Fullerton Hall to hear Dr Cowles' lecture on the Forestry Survey of Illinois
R.R. .58 + .10; supper .75; peanuts .10; book .72;

Saturday, November 9

Cooler. Almost raw

To city on 9:53. To Y M C A. to ask about lantern slides. To McIntosh's where I bo't 11 slides for Presbyterian church. - - To luncheon of Cook Co. Sup'ts at Fields. Discussed possible legislation.

Shopped at McClurg's & The Fair. Bo't two Inness prints at Art Institute. Home at 5:21.

Worked at desk at school all evening. Wrote a letter to Robert Enders. Lennie sent us a postal today telling of his arrival in southern France.

Newspaper rumors of the Kaiser's abdication!

Pd out \$4¹³ for lantern slides for Presb. Church.

R.R. .58 + .10; luncheon .95; Papers .13; fee at Sup't Ass'n .50; matches .35;

Sunday, November 10

Fine day Cool & frosty.

To church. Afterwards conferred with Mr Greene and Mr Fitt about fitting up screen & lantern for use in auditorium of Presb. church.

A nap this afternoon - then a trip on my wheel to county line to see what is going on in Forest Preserve there

At home this evening. Worked on my scrapbook.

Read Asquith's Some Aspects of the Victorian Age.

Church .10.

Monday, November 11

The Great War at an end!

Heavy headlines this A. M. told of the signing of the armistice, the flight into Holland of the Kaiser and his friends, the revolution in Germany! It is hard to credit such tremendous happenings.

Called children together for a stirring assembly and dismissed them at 10:00 o'clock for the day.

Worked with teachers & stenographer until after three; then some of us took taxi trip to Folsom's "shack" on the Des Plaines, & to Aptakisick, where we found Peter Dieter at work at his forge. Home via Half Day.

This evening hunted up slide material for lantern use at Presb. Church.

Business houses closed today to celebrate the events. Rioutous doings in Chicago.

Tuesday, November 12

Fine day. Details of armistice came in today to amaze one at the outcome. It is not possible to grasp the significance of this enormous victory.

Met W.J. Brown at 7:45 to plan for background for a frieze.

My staff and I went to Winnetka to second lecture by Prof. Hosis – after school. I was invited to dinner with Prof. Hosis by Mr & Mrs Rhodes, Miss Jeffries being additional guest.
Trolley .24;

Wednesday, November 13

Cool. Sunny. Fine day.

Sale of bulbs on at school. Also sale of beans!

A busy day. – Went to Fort Sheridan this evening. Came back & over to Presb. Church where union service of thanksgiving for victory was held. Dr Wolcott gave fine address. Afterwards Mr & Mrs Booth and I went into the Manse with the pastor and his wife & had a long and delightful conference.

Thursday, November 14

Fine day

Bulbs sold out. Rooms began planting for forcing. I helped three rooms plant.

After 5:00 went to Preb. Church to try out lantern in main aud.

Too exhausted after supper to go out. Went to sleep for an hour or so on cot.

Friday, November 15

Another fine day but threatening with a very moderate drizzle late in afternoon.

To Ft Sheridan this evening, as usual.

A busy day with no especial highlights.

Some apprehension is shared by all thoughtful people as to possible anarchy in Germany and Austria. We have dangers of that sort here in Chicago as well as elsewhere. I doubt that we are as well prepared for peace as we have at last after strenuous effort gotten ready for war.

Lard .75 (2 lb. can);

Saturday, November 16

Rained now & then during the day and then we had heavy thunderstorm this evening with much rain

To city on 9:20. To McIntosh for carbons & repairs; A.B. Dick Co to look over a mimeoscope; Washington Tailor Supplies for mending tissue; City Club for lunch; McClurg's, Pilgrim Press, & Krocher's to try to find an Assyrian-English dictionary for soldier at the Fort. Fields for note book filler; Abbots for blueprint paper; home at 4:21. This evening at church awhile with Mr Green & Mr & Mrs Fitt to try out lantern & screen.

Books .40; miscell. .65

Blueprint paper .75 (Dist. 107)

R.R. .58 + .20; lunch .70; groceries .45; mending tissue 3.91 (Dist 107 - \$2³⁰);

Sunday, November 17

Threatening today and rain after nightfall.

Went to Highwood this morning to pick up information about some of our boys that are not in school.

Had a fine nap this afternoon.

Miss Lula Behrens at our house for supper. We all went to Presb. Church to "community service", the speaker, Prof. Herbert Willet, of U. of C. Mr. Greene and I ran lantern to throw hymns on screen and Mr. Booth conducted a "sing".

The address was superb. Had to do with our country and the world peace.
Trolley .10; Church .10

Monday, November 18

Board meeting this evening. Went to Fort Sheridan beforehand.

This A.M. at morning exercises I let an evangelist, Mr Camp, make a war talk, but he managed to advertise his proposed meetings thoroughly. Mr. Unangst of the Evangelical Church brot him there.

Tuesday, November 19

Made up my mind during the day to go to Decatur tomorrow.

Had teachers' meeting after school.

Wednesday, November 20 To Decatur.

Left on 7:14 this A.M. Mr Wright & Rowell, Harper & Nichols also. Took [] at 8:32. Others joined us & we had a pleasant party. Lunch (10 min.) at Forrest. Clarence met me when we got in at 2:30. Went to The Orlando for exercises & to the banquet which was held there. A fine occasion presided over ably by Mr Augustine, Decatur school board member. Had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Jane Johns – who has lived in D. since 1849. Mr. Hoffman & I talked with her for a half hour or so. I left exercises at 9:45 & went to Clarence's house & visited until 11:00. Then to the sleeper near the Wab. station. Train pulled out at 1:45 A M

R.R. .29 + .05 + 5.28 + 8.63; lunch .30; Dues & banquet 2⁰⁰; + 10;

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Thursday, November 21

Got into Chicago at 8:15 & caught 9:00 for home. Found things in good condition.

Miss Ruth Dougherty of Evanston called to talk Kindergarten position with me.

Had civics and science lesson. – 8A's & 7B's.

Indulged in heavy nap before supper Read from Chapman's The Migration of Birds.

Porter .50; breakfast .30; R.R. .29 + .05; at Gieser's – 25;

Friday, November 22 Snow

Snow fell briskly from 11:00 to 1:30 but melted at once. Colder at evening.

Went down to Skokie School at Hubbard Woods and talked about birds this A.M.

At Ft Sheridan this evening.

Groceries .35;

Saturday, November 23 Real frost ➤ Another Birth Day ⚡

Crust of snow on grass in fields. Thawed little today.

To city on 9:53. To Schantz office. Then Cameron and Amberg & to McIntosh to get some lantern slides. Met Miss Payne there and sent her to Schantz' office to borrow the Dune slides to use in the Winnetka schools. Took pkg of scrap books made by our children to Red Cross distributing center. Shopped at Fields. To City Club for luncheon with a group called to consider vocational legislation. There

until 3:15. Then to Anderson's for a fitting; Fields, & Drug Store & home. This evening worked at school until 9:15. Then to H-S. to entertainment for sailors & soldiers.
R.R. .58 + .15; luncheon .75; garters .35; paper .30;

Sunday, November 24

Clear. Quite cool.

To church this A.M. To Sunday evening services where sermon was preached by Howard Agnew Johnson of New York City.

Church .10;

Monday, November 25

Somewhat milder. Beautiful day.

Busy. Conference with Mrs Millard and Mrs Greene. Miss Daugherty came to study our kindergarten procedure, preparatory to succeeding Miss Cornish.

Ft Sheridan class this evening as usual.

Tag Day (Blind soldiers) .90;

Tuesday, November 26

Fine day. – Our pupils made final arrangements to care for 16 French orphans (36.50 a year) and I wrote a check for \$111⁰⁰ as the first quarter's payment.

The Millards & Boyntons used our movie machine late this afternoon to try out a film made of them by McClintock last summer.

Our staff went to Hubbard Woods to hear the third lecture by Hosis on the problem-project method.

Lennie & Arthur and Ruth surprised us by showing up this evening. They had two letters from Robert from France.

Trolley .24;

Wednesday, November 27

Mild.

6A's – Miss Pfoor's room – gave fine Pilgrim play this morning. – This afternoon we had an assembly where original stories and poems were read, President's proclamation, etc. Showed the Pilgrim lantern slides, etc.

Edith & Danforth came today. The latter is very thin & in a run-down condition.

Ruth spent this A.M. at the Kg. Her Father and Mother were in Chicago all day.

Groceries .70 + 1.15;

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Rained much of the day and frequent flurries of snow which melted away rapidly.

Leonard and Martha came out for the day and all of us had a fine time.

Arthur and I went to the union service at the Episcopal church. Rev. Frank Fitt preached. The music was good and the sermon all right except for a boastful reference to work of Episcopal and Presby churches in this community.

Ice cream 1²⁰;

Friday, November 29

Clear. Beautiful.

Lennie, Arthur & Ruth went home today. Edith & Danforth remained. Latter consulted Dr Bergen.

I spaded in manure over much of my garden this A.M. This P.M. I wheeled in a half cord of kindling from parkway & piled up in basement.

Koller plowed up our school bean patch today – Park Ave & Sheridan Road.
Barber .25;

Saturday, November 30

Beautiful day.

To Chic. on 8:09. To McIntosh's for slides for Presb. Church; Barnard's for bulbs for school (\$1⁸³); Art Institute where I met Gilbert, Ackerman, McDaniels, Skiles, & Lewton to discuss affairs of East-Northern Division & how to raise revenue for State Ass'n. Then Lewton & I went over town to prepare draft of a letter to be sent out. I caught 1:50 for home.

Worked at school until 5:15. At desk this evening at home.
R.R. .40 + .30 + .10; lunch .46; Groceries 1.04;

Sunday, December 1

Gray & cool. Drizzle after nightfall.

Stayed in all day for the purpose of trying to "stave off" a cold.

Kittie and Edith went to church this A.M.

Leon Danforth came up to see Clarence D. late this afternoon and stayed to supper.

Monday, December 2

Gray. Few flakes of snow.

Had to start things off smoothly after a vacation - - Some new pupils. Various conferences with parents - - - with Mrs Greene, Mrs Millard, Mrs Winston, et. al. - - Influenza sweeping over Evanston again. - - - Invited down to Millards this evening - - Rollin Woodyat & his mother & Miss Boynton guests. Stamps 2⁰⁰ (Dist 107);

Tuesday, December 3

Centennial of recognition by Congress of statehood of Illinois

Snow on ground at daybreak but gone by noon. Grew colder & snow flurries late in afternoon.
Busy as usual.

Spent afternoon with all the pupils in 3 groups – talking over Illinois history.

Worked at home this evening on Illinois history.

Wednesday, December 4

Gray. Cool.

Miss Babcock – Secretary – was sent home first thing with "a temperature" and seemingly a bad cold.

Various conferences with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene over janitor service. Are unable to get an assistant janitor.

Left on 2:23 for Chic. To the Division of Films in N.Y. Life Bldg to get information about gov't films. To Centr. Film Co. where I engaged "Pershing's Crusaders" for Friday. To Lassky Co to try to arrange for Bray Pictographs.

To City Club. Met Will Hedges and A.U. Evans and ate supper with them. Audubon Directors met at 7:30 Home on train leaving at 9:10.

R.R. .52 + .20; supper .75;

Thursday, December 5

A little warmer.

Edith & Danforth went home today, D. being much better than when he came a week ago.

Miss Babcock is in the hospital at Evanston with the "Flu".

Was preparing to talk on Reminiscences of Illinois history – at the Vanderpoel school tomorrow evening but Mrs Hedges phoned me this evening that owing to the "flu" it would have to be postponed.

Indelible ink .25;

Friday, December 6

Beautiful day. Mild.

Sent Mr Syren to city for film – "Pershing's Crusaders." 7 reels. Central Film Co. A gov't film. Pd 15⁰⁰ rental. Geo. Green operated this afternoon. Charged children 5¢ Adults 10¢ Took in over \$25⁰⁰. A fine film.

Ray Marshall, our mn'l tr. teacher drafted in army was lately released and appeared today. He was delighted to get his release & we were very glad to have a mn't tr. teacher once more.

To Ft Sheridan again this evening.

Mother in bed with a bad cold today.

Groceries 1.45;

Saturday, December 7

Beautiful day. To city on 8:55. To Beckley-Cardy's; Fields; to Educ. Film Co's to arrange for films next week; to 226 W. Jackson – Bureau of Service – to borrow set of Yellowstone slides. To City Club to meeting of Round Table. Owen's discussion was over by that time and Supt Blair was talking about legislation. Adjourned to luncheon where we had an extended discussion about school revenues and Gov. Lowden's thereon.

Home on 3:29 & then Kittie & I went to Geo Moseley's wedding at Episcopal Church Bride – Ethel Spencer. A beautiful service.

Worked at school a while this evening on the Christmas Play

Express .57 (Movies);

R.R. .58 + .10; luncheon .75; dues in Round Table 1⁰⁰; barber .50;

Sunday, December 8

Beautiful day

Taught Rev. Mr. Fitt's S.S. class, he being down with a recurrence of the "Flu".

To church. Rev. Mr Roberts of L. Forest preached.

Late this afternoon rode to Glencoe & walked back. Met one of Dr Cowles' students (Miss _____) working away at her survey of forests in Cook Co.

To church this evening. Prof. John Scott of Evanston spoke on the Terms of the Armistice. Fine address.

Church extension 2⁰⁰; trolley .10

Monday, December 9

Rained heavily during the day.

Miss Crane ill and unable to be here.

Miss Seaman of Evanston came to act as Secretary during Miss Babcock's illness.

Mrs Wagner of Highwood acted as assistant janitor Saturday and this afternoon but quit at the close of work today Got 30¢ an hour & her carfare.

To Ft. Sheridan as usual this evening. To Board Meeting afterwards.

Tuesday, December 10

Foggy – light drizzle this A.M.

This afternoon at Waukegan, subpoenaed to testify about the annoyance of listening to continual droning of ice plant less than a block from our house. Lindblom had me called up. Treated me nicely on the stand – both sets of lawyers. - - Had an hour's conference with Supt. Simpson afterward – over school revenues, etc

Visited a short time with Mrs Bess Bower Dunn in the Co. Clerk's office – a newly wed friend of mine. I gave her a copy of Barrie's The Admirable Crichton.

This evening Mr & Mrs Geo. G Greene, Mr & Mrs Lomax, Mrs Winston & I had a try out of an adv. film from the Curtiss Pub. Co – The Education of Thos Jefferson Morgan.

Geo Greene & Marshall ran machine

R.R. .29; apple .10;

Wednesday, December 11

Beautiful day

Boys filled plant house trays with soil for Spring planting & filled up full with leaves our cold frames where the bulbs are stored.

This evening after supper Miss Bisbee helped me with the Dick Mimeograph. - - Bernardi called to talk over assistant janitorship with me.

Thursday, December 12

Gray & rain this evening

Very busy. Spent much time trying to ferret out theft of Miss Grenoble's (7B) purse yesterday.

This afternoon the 4 reel film – "Educ. of T. Jefferson Morgan" was shown to P.T.A. & 5th – 8th graders. Well received.

This evening worked mostly on Christmas play.

Friday, December 13

Drizzly at times.

Miss Grenoble announced today her inability to hold on to her job after next week.

Movies this afternoon.

Where Clouds come from (Glacier Park)

Life in Inland Streams

Current Topics

Katzenjammer – "The Two Twins.

To Fort Sheridan this evening. Last session. Regret to say good bye to the men.

Spent most of today rehearsing boys for Christmas Play.

Saturday, December 14

To city on 9:53. Visited with Schantz a while. Then to Fields and to luncheon of Cook Co. Supt's Assn. Considerable discussion about revenue legislation. I proposed a resolution asking Legislature for a distributable fund of \$10,000,000⁰⁰ instead of the 4,000,000 we now get.

Shopped at Pilgrim Press and at McClurg's. Home at 5:44.

Too tired to do much this evening but met a candidate for the janitorship at school.

R.R. .58 + .15; lunch .95; Diary 1.00;

Sunday, December 15

Beautiful day.

Bolted church. Went to Lake Bluff with Everett Millard and walked back to Lake Forest & then by the trolley home. Especially admired H.S. Bunting's house at Lake Bluff & the beautiful setting of ravine & lake frontage.

Saw flock of chickadees, pin siskins, juncos, and saw one robin.

Nap this afternoon. To Presb. Church this evening and heard Gunsaulus talk on how Germany lost her soul, etc.

Read Barrie's What Every Woman Knows and Quality Street.

Trolley .30; church .10;

Monday, December 16

Fine day. – very mild This evening a very heavy fog over everything.

Theodore Seymour – one of our boys in 1905 – now ass't editor of NY Evening Post called today to chat with me and Miss Guiney.

Worked during day and this evening with boys and their Christmas play.

The "Flu" is increasing rapidly and our school attendance shows it.

Tuesday, December 17

Fine day Mild.

Christmas program much in mind.

Letter from Lennie tells how Arthur & she and Ruth are convalescing from the influenza.

Spent some time with the boys again this evening.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, December 18

Strenuous day.

Miss Crane helped out in music this afternoon. Mrs Green, this A.M.

A pound of loin steak for supper cost 50¢!!

Worked at desk at school this evening

Meat 50¢

Thursday, December 19

Distractingly busy preparing for the Christmas play.

Bothered by a cold and by wakeful nights.

Friday, December 20

Rainy.

Christmas exercises, A.M. The story of the Christ Child with lantern slides followed by groups of carols.

P.M. The Christmas play.

Our music was not nearly up to the standard set by Miss Jewett but we got on somehow. The play seemed a great success. The children looked so gay and charming in their costumes.

I was too tired to feel it when all was over.

Got a notice today that the Christmas meeting of the State Association is to be abandoned because of the epidemic.

Oysters .35;

Saturday, December 21

Rainy.

Rested. Felt much better.

This afternoon Millard and Jensen and I met in my office and talked over naming the ravines here, and about the forestry preserve project for Lake Co.

Meat 1.98; groceries .59;

Sunday, December 22

Fine day. Walked to Highwood to church but was disappointed at the sermon of Mr. Dick. Jargon, I called it.

Nap this afternoon. Rode to Ft. Sheridan. Walked around the barracks & called on some of the men of Company A, 36th Battalion, U.S. Guards, that had been in my evening class.

Walked home. Felt rather bum, on the whole.

Monday, December 23

Threatening. Turned colder in the afternoon

Felt rather under the weather all day.

To school three times. Latter part of day helped a little the committee that was filling cartons for Christmas present for soldiers of Ft. Sheridan.

Wrote some letters. Mailed out Christmas cards, etc

Stamps .36;

Tuesday, December 24

Driving snow storm.

A northeaster set in in the night and snow drifts prevailed this A.M. High wind all day.

Felt too miserable to venture out. We had planned to go to B.H. today but gave it up temporarily, as we hoped.

Read. Slept. Mounted materials in my scrap book. Wrote three long letters on legislative matters.

They were expecting to hold a community Christmas tree celebration this evening.

Wednesday, December 25

Turned off clear and sunny.

Felt worse at first but began some medicine from Dr. Bergen and improved steadily

Spent several hours working on my scrapbook. Overhauled some of my book shelving. Read from Sauer's Bulletin in Starved Rock.

Thursday, December 26

Another nice day – cold.

Mother left for Benton Harbor this A.M.

My stomach bothered me for a while this A.M. but got better before noon.

Worked with my books and papers, etc.

Lois Greene came down late afternoon and stayed an hour or so.

Travelling inspector called today. Reported finding Lencionis violating child-labor law at their bowling alley.

Friday, December 27

Gray. Milder.

Felt little better. Made an appointment over phone to have an examination by Dr Bergen tomorrow. Late afternoon went up for mail – first time out in four days. After supper felt much better.

We have received the usual supply of Christmas cards. Clarence sent Mother & K each 2⁵⁰ in gold & me two fine walking sticks – Osage orange.

Saturday, December 28

Still felt punk.

Went up town & to the school b'ld'g this A.M. & felt well at the time. But lay on the bed much of afternoon. Dr. Bergen came in late & found that I had some temperature – a degree or so. Advised me to go to bed for forty eight hours.

Sunday, December 29

In bed all day. Some fever. Only a slight backache to bother me. Read most of time.

Monday, December 30

Stayed in bed until 5:00 P.M. No fever. Dressed & went down stairs for the evening. Thawed some today.

Tuesday, December 31

Snowing tonight with a northeast wind. A beautiful snowy night.

Had an easy day. Stayed in and read books and wrote a very little. Miss Nora Behrens came down after school and I dictated a number of letters to her.

The end of a year for every famous in history:

Marne,	Argonne.
Soissons.	Vesle,
Rheims.	Ourcq.
Chateau Thierry	Sedan –
Belleau Wood	
St Michiel.	

Read as usually Tennyson's "Ring out, wild bells," & the Death of the Old Year. Also Merlin & the Gleam, De Profundis, Romney's remorse," etc.