

**Jesse Lowe Smith**

**Diary**

**1922**



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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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

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

### **Sunday, January 1**

About 5° above this A.M. A clear cold winter's day.

To church this A.M with K. Jr. went to grand opera this afternoon and evening.

Went to Hubbard Wood's at 4:00 where I met Mr. Edward Yeomans who took me to Mr. Porter's house on the bluff overlooking the lake where Mr Porter showed a fine collection of lantern slides on the stars, etc. Mr & Mrs Riddle of the Country Day School were there. A fine home & atmosphere - - Then I went on to the Collins' at Rogers Park. Met Mr & Mrs McConathey, Mrs Bayliss & Mrs W - Fine evening.

Trolley .17 + .15 + .07 + .32

### **Monday, January 2**

Milder.

Worked at home all morning.

This afternoon went in to Art Inst & lectured on trees in the Club room. Was well received. Mr & Mrs Schuhstrom came up to chat with me. Various others also Had a little visit with Prof. & Mrs Slocum. R.R. .30 + .08 + .40; apple. 15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping listing a series of ILLUSTRATED LECTURES in the Club Room of the Art Institute. The January 2 lecture was listed as "Out-of-Door Attractions" by Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith, Vice-Pres. The Audubon Society. - ed.]

### **Tuesday, January 3**

Milder still.

At school until noon. Then 12:53 to Chicago. To Schantz office. To Pattee's to confer over checklist. Fields' to order books. McClurg's to return one. To Mr Ricketts to consult about printing paragraphs for memorials.

Dinner at City Club, then to Blackstone to see *Lightnin'* A delightful comedy.

R.R. .60 + .32; supper 1.10; theater 2.25; book 1.00;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for Frank Bacon in *Lightnin* by Winchell Smith and Frank Bacon. The role of John Marvin was played by Jason Robards, Sr. - ed.]

### **Wednesday, January 4**

Rained heavily in the night and more or less heavily this morning. Blew up cool after nightfall.

This A.M. set Miss Tucker at printing office addressing envelopes. Worked at office desk until four this afternoon. Then took 4:21 for Chic. To Mr. Gault's to confer about the zonal map. To City Club for dinner. Worked nearly an hour on check list plans.

Then to Aud. where I saw a most impressive performance of *La Jongleur* - - & a beautiful ballet

R.R .60 + .16 + .16; supper 1.10.

Theater 4.40 + .35;

Charge Aud Soc. .92

[Pasted to this page is a clipping for the 1921-22 Grand Opera Season performance of *Le Jongleur De Notre Dame*, an opera by Jules Massenet. Mary Garden performed in the role of Jean. The opera was "Followed by A DANCE POEM Ballet in One Act. To the unfinished Symphony of Schubert." - ed.]

### **Thursday, January 5**

Much colder. A few snow flurries Strong wind.

This A.M. Mr Norcross told me that the original plan to offer choice of two building sites in proposed election involved legal uncertainty. So I hurried to Press office & made certain changes in the

Board's letter which was about to be printed. Then I got the 10 copies of the petition to the Board & during day gave Mrs Millard one, Greene two, St. Peter one, etc. etc.

Architect Flinn and I spent two hours together this A.M. At school a while this evening. Then to City Hall to find George Jones & confer with him.  
Meat .25;

### **Friday, January 6**

A little milder. A fine winter day.

At school by 8:00 to confer with Mr Mann & the carpenters. Worked there until after 10:00 and then at my desk at home Continued this the rest of the day.

Before 8:00 I went over to the vicinity of Mr Laing's house & Balke's to see a flock of 30 Bohemian waxwings. A dead one was found by the janitor at the Annex. I sent this in to R.A. Turtle to have mounted. Late this afternoon the Balke boys and I fastened some apples on the tree where the birds perched this A M, & I scattered sunflower seed on the ground

Mrs Max Oberndorfer lectured on jazz music this evening at Elm Place. Fine lecture.  
(Community Service)  
Barber .25;

### **Saturday, January 7**

Milder. Fine, cool day

To city on 8:44. Visited with Mr Moseley on the way.

To office of Motion Picture Age; to that of ; to Celebrated Players; to Univ. Cinema Co.; Pathe; Bartel's for glasses that were being repaired.

Lunch at City Club. To Abbott's to see the Aurora they are coloring for us; Field's to have a shoe stretched & to buy two pairs of woolen socks; to Fritz Schonltz' to see what sort of boxes they use to store costumes; to Art Institute where I heard a fine talk by Henry Turner Bailey on Trees. Chatted with Deane, Schantz, Dr Walker, Miss Anderson of Visual Educ'n Dept.; Mr. Brown of Geneva, Dr & Mrs Moffett of Wheaton, Mrs Wright, Dr Latham, Mrs Pickett, et. al.

At school bld'g this evening.

R.R. .60 + .40; lunch .65; groceries 1.25; bread .15; Glasses 2.75

### **Sunday, January 8**

Beautiful day. Mild.

To church.

Nap & then a fine sunset walk over Skokie via Clavey's & back on the Deerfield Road

Wrote to

Mrs Thomas Woods Stevens

Mrs Susie Hinrichs

Church .10.

### **Monday, January 9**

Fine day

School began well. Carpenters still working on the new doors for the Annex.

Some new pupils - - Miss Catherine Crocker back as Miss Fargo's assistant.

Spent a lot of time on the petition for calling a new election. Went to Waukegan to get assessed valuation of Dist 107 - - .

2,734,525<sup>00</sup>

Board meeting at 7:15 and then we adjourned until tomorrow evening, & most of us went to hear Henry Turner Bailey at Pearl Theater. A great address.  
Trolley .38 + .47 (Dist 107)

### **Tuesday, January 10**

Beautiful day with impending change at nightfall.

Spent some time in Kg this A.M. - - Went to city on 11:51. Called at Schantz' office & went to lunch with him & Mr. Lyon. Then to Mr Norcross' office to confer about election notices, etc To City Club on errand, then took 3:20 for home. - - Busy at school until six, then back at 7:00 School Board meeting to pass resolution calling election, etc Then Mr. Greenslade & I went to Press office & watched our notices being printed. Mr Mann came down & he & Mr G. signed them – it was now 9:20. Then Mr. M. & I with Mrs M as chauffeur posted 12 notices up about town.  
Chicago expenses – 1<sup>35</sup> (Dist 107)

### **Wednesday, January 11**

Gray. Colder. Icy wind this evening.

Mr Henry Oldys spent the morning giving bird talks to each of the groups, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th. Bird imitations very good. I had him to lunch at Tipton's. Pd him 15<sup>00</sup> which I hope to get back through the movie fund.

Two teachers from Western Springs spent the morning with us.

Mrs Holmes came to talk over her boy's work.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon.

At school until ten, this evening

Lunch 1.20; barber .25;

### **Thursday, January 12**

Moderated somewhat. Snow flurries at evening

Mr Jensen and I had lunch together and talked over the state park report

Agent of G & C. Merriam called.

Mr Sheehan representing the Akron firm publishing portfolios of prints illustrating representative artists called. A fine series of prints.

Library board this evening.

Barber .25;

### **Friday, January 13**

A sunny day at first with a half inch of snow which melted somewhat. Gray and colder at night.

Agent for Lea Bel films.

Did a lot of office work today. Wrote a pile of letters

Our first Friday movie matinee today. Mr. Butler & Mr. Peterson in the booth. A good crowd.

Receipts 34<sup>00</sup>. Four films from Pathe exchange.

Worked over my lecture notes this evening

### **Saturday, January 14**

Moderated some. Rising wind.

To city on 8:44. To Acad of Sciences to see Mr Woodruff; to Soc. of Visual Education to order a slide; to Pattee's office to have a conf. with him and Gault over the checklist. To City Club were I visited for a time with my colleagues; then to Art Inst. to try to find Mr Sherwood. Spent an hour unsuccessfully.

To Schantz office. He and I went out to lunch together. To Turtle's to get mounted Bohemian w.w. To Field Museum to look up cases; to Art Inst. to visit exhibit Mrs Hutchinson authorized me to get up a pollen slide set.

Home at 5:44.

R.R. .60 + .40; lunch .75; barber 1.25; Waxwing 2.75

### **Sunday, January 15**

Sharp. Cold. Clear.

To Milwaukee on the 12:06 where I talked on Wild Flower Trails at 3:30 and at 8:00. I was the guest of Mr & Mrs Barrett after the afternoon talk. Motored about – visited the Zoo and talked with Mr Bean – then dined at the Wisconsin.

Don Ely was present in the afternoon with his wife and wanted me to go home with him but I had the engagement with Mr. Barrett.

Met Huron H. Smith again.

I think my talks were fairly received.

R.R. \$3.64.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the lecture series. The tenth lecture in the series, on January 15, was Wild Flower Trails by Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith, Lecturer, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, Geographic Society of Chicago; Vice President, Illinois Audubon Society, Chicago. – ed.]

### **Monday, January 16**

A fine day Cold but moderating

This P.M. conferred with Geo Jones about publicity for building plan; took a document to Mr Norcross; talked over situation with Mayor on phone; went to Community C. meeting for awhile; drew a diagram of school grounds, etc.

A busy day besides

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, January 17**

Mild.

Showed the Evangeline film today – 2:00 to grades 1 – 3; 3:00 – grades 4 – 8, & this evening to the adults. The film has been much cut but was in fair condition.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping announcing the film. It is transcribed as follows:

## **EVANGELINE**

## **TONIGHT**

### **Elm Place School**

**Through the courtesy of Mr. Pearl  
the 8A's of Elm Place School are able to give  
a matinee at 3:00 today and an evening enter-  
tainment at 7:30 in the Elm Place auditorium,  
showing once more in Highland Park the  
famous motion picture dramatization of  
Evangeline by the Fox Players.**

**Benefit of the picture fund.**

**Adults 25 cents**

**Children 15 cents – ed.]**

### **Wednesday, January 18**

Gray. Snowing after nightfall

Talked with slides about colonial architecture to 6th graders – 9:00 to 10:00.

Took 11:51 for Chicago & Elgin. Talked on nature study at the Freeman School. Mrs Hollister, formerly Winifred Shumway, introduced me. Audience about 60 children & 40 mothers. The children gave close attention. Mothers lingered for talk.

Got away at 6:00. Home at 9:33. Went to Press office & wrote copy about school election

Clarence came in this evening.

Rec'd 5.00 which was about my expense acct

.60 + 2.00 + .50 + .75 + .70 + 50 + .15 + .25 + .25

### **Thursday, January 19**

An inch or snow on the ground and then a bitter wind blew all day. Our coldest day

Talked an hour with 6th graders with Mount Vernon slides.

Had an hour or so trying to get the heat in Miss Esther White's room reduced in the right way.

Trouble with the air control.

Various things going on. This evening P.T.A. meeting & Edward Yeomans gave us a fine talk.

Inspiring meeting.

Clarence went to Kenosha this evening & stayed over - - - Lester Van Horne called up on phone from Y M.C.A. hotel in the city.

Bread .15;

### **Friday, January 20**

Did not make zero as it moderated in the night. Milder. Began to snow again about 9:00 P.M.

Got printer's proof for graduating program. Also proof for the ballots

Had movies at 3:30. Showed four reels besides two reels of a Ford Library on Landmarks of Colonial History.

Lester Van Horne came out from Chicago to take dinner and spend the evening. Clarence came in from Kenosha & was here for the occasion. Lester left at 9:29.

Mrs Noerenberg & Mrs Barr gave a dinner party at the school this evening for the 8A's.

### **Saturday, January 21**

Beautiful day for the most part An inch of snow on walks at daybreak

At school all day. Election from 1:00 to 7:00.

134 votes for a bldg at

Elm Place

29 against

130 for bonds

19 against.

Very, very tired at close

Barber 25; bread .27; groceries .32;

### **Sunday, January 22**

Clear and decidedly cold. At evening close to zero.

Did not go to church. Slept & read.

Blanche Lowe and her two little ones, Vincent & Harvey J. & Mrs Beals, her mother, and Miss Vassar, her niece, came up from Evanston this afternoon and made us a fine call.

Harve Lowe now is petroleum economist in Treasury Dep't at Washington & Blanche is soon to join him.

### **Monday, January 23**

2° below this A.M. Our coldest so far.

Have a cold to fight off.

Took photograph of 8A's this afternoon.

Conferred with teachers of grades 1 -2 over promotions.

Also with Mrs Millard over school matters.

Spent an hour or more at public library this A.M. on the book committee.

This evening a magnificent concert by the Apollo chorus at Pearl Theater

[Inserted at this page is a clipping of the concert program for the Apollo Musical Club. It performed under the auspices of Highland Park Woman's Club. — ed.]

### **Tuesday, January 24**

At zero again. Moderated during the day.

I have a frightful cold. Carried on, however, most of day.

Special conference with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene.

Also one with Mr Beers, architect.

Conf. with 3rd & 4th grade teachers about promotions.

Offered Kathryn Hess ass't primary position at \$100.00 for remainder of year. Also put Marian Keagel on salary list at \$8<sup>00</sup> per week.

### **Wednesday, January 25**

Milder.

My cold much better. Very busy day. Worked over promotion lists. The 7th – 8th grade teachers and I dictated to the stenog. a statement about each of the 26 graduates.

Mr Mann & I met at the bld'g this evening & planned some round tables for the rooms, and talked over building plans. Then I went to Mr Greenslade's & talked plans for a hour  
Barber .25;

### **Thursday, January 26**

Beautiful winter day. All morning – callers, including Mr Rowell.

Movies this afternoon. Felt a little punk & went home early.

Kittie went to city on an errand but was taken sick & had to come right back home. A chill and some fever

Bread .12;

### **Friday, January 27**

Fine day. Last day of first semester.

Honorable mentions this A M & school closed for the day. Teachers' meeting this afternoon.

Program this evening splendid. Mr. Lyman's address inspiring.

Mr Metzler, Mr Mann, Mrs Greene, & I had a meeting in the office where we talked over the architect question

Kittie in bed all day Didn't wish a doctor.

I phoned Edith to come up a few days.

Groceries .82; barber .35.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The address was delivered by Professor Rollo L. Lyman. The Eighth Grade Class of February, 1922 was:

Cyril Duffy, President

Robert W. Anderson

Karl H. Bahr

Maude A. Bakke

Paul W. Blanchard, Jr.

Raymond J. Botker

Henry W. Boyd, Jr.

Alice A. Brewer

Marion C. Carr

Cyril T. Duffy

Steward F. W. Gastfield

Mary C. Genest

Virginia A. Hayes

Mable C. Kolean

Marvin O. Lawrentz

Harry T. McClure

Jean K. McKenzie

Mary Elizabeth Mann

Albert E. Mecham

Gerard S. Noerenberg

Agnes A. Peirce

H. Allen Porter

Lillian E. V. Redine

Richard B. Smith

Sammy S. Smith

Margaret A. Steele

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Lena M. Nixon, Mathematics

Miss Margaret Heffron, Literature

Miss Edna Grenoble, English

Mrs George Taylor, English

Miss Mildred Lund, Music

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzel, President

Fred Greenslade, Secretary

George R. Jones

Edna G. Green

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard – ed.]

### **Saturday, January 28**

A beautiful day

Worked at school much of day.

Kittie no better and we phoned Dr Rogers at 11:00 to call. Shortly before noon she got out of bed & fell to the floor. I found her lying dazed on the floor & when I got her up & on the bed she expressed surprise. Did not know she had toppled over. Doctor came & found her temp 103.

Edith came at noon. I phoned for her last evening.

At the community lecture at aud. a while this evening. Ralph Bingham.

Groceries 1.00; + .15 + 1.10 + .30

### **Sunday, January 29**

Another fine, cool day

Kittie with temp. still at 103°. A little flighty. Edith & I went out for a ride with the Clows at 4:00 & while we were gone & M. was in her room, K. started to go to the bath room but fell in the hall and frightened Mother sadly. With great difficulty M. helped her up & into bed. This was an hour after the Doctor had gone.

Had a walk this A.M. Juncoes, chickadees, hairy w., Canada geese, gulls, bluejays, cardinal & flock of 60 or more B. waxwings.  
Ice cream .35; Lifesavers .20

### **Monday, January 30**

Fine, mild day

Promotions today. Much scarcity of seats & room. Busy day.

This evening Mr Greene & I "ran" the lantern for MacPherson in his lecture A Scot Abroad A hodgepodge talk.

Kittie much better.

Laundry 1.00.

### **Tuesday, January 31**

Fine day. Mild

Met Mr. Beers, the architect, at school at 8:00 for awhile. Had De Bona, the carpenter come & plan some coat racks

Mrs. Peddle came to help Miss Schermerhorn organize her room. Miss Peterson unable to be in her room and I sent the pupils home for the day

Very busy with conferences, etc

Kittie still better

Vegetables .82; drugs .35; barber .35;

### **Wednesday, February 1**

A rainy day clearing mild late afternoon, then a strong cool wind setting in after night

Kittie still better

Mr & Mrs Whitley of Amer. Seating Co. visited my school to see movable seats in use.

Some of the boys & I opened all the bulb pits except those containing tulips & put the plants in the plant house Some of the hyacinths were pushing up flower stalks

I dug up my own bulb pots at home

Kittie still improving.

I called on Raymond Flinn this evening to talk over architect situation. Mr Beers came over to the school for a half hour conference this A.M

Bread .15;

### **Thursday, February 2**

High west wind. Cold, but temp. about 18°.

Mr Jensen talked about his education in Denmark & early days in Amer. – to the 8th graders. An excellent talk.

An old soldier, Capt Philips, talked to a group of children after school about his travels & took up a collection.

I worked up some notes this evening for a talk at Glencoe tomorrow.

Kittie gaining in strength.

Barber 25;

### **Friday, February 3**

Milder.

Talked to 8th grade graduating class at Glencoe at 9:00 this A.M.

Conference with Miss Connors & her assistant, Miss Keagel, at 11:00; with Mrs Millard, this P.M.

Movies – fine program

Bob & Bill – the fox.

Pathe Rev. – Tiles, etc

Athletic movements

Aesop – Cat & Canary.

Kittie doing well on the whole.

### **Saturday, February 4**

Beautiful day. Mild Thawed some.

To Chicago. To Amer. Seating Co. to order some chairs. Talked with Paulsen & Bennet. To Fields. To Art Inst. to meet Miss Grunewald & Hugo Brunquist, the artist, who is making for us a copy of Inness' After a Summer Shower. We went over to Mueller's & selected a frame. To lunch at City Club with Pattee. To drug store. Then home.

At school a while this evening.

R R .60 + .16; lunch .54; drugs 1.07; groceries 1.40; barber .50;

### **Sunday, February 5**

A light flurry of snow in the night soon melting. A beautiful day

Walked to Deerfield & heard Rev Mr Thomas preach a very poor sermon. A fine walk

Clarence D. came in this A.M. & left at 2:30.

Edith & I went down to Ravinia & walked back, inspecting some of the new houses

Read greedily from Mrs Pryors Memories. Am also reading Robinson Crusoe

Trolley .20; church .25

### **Monday, February 6**

Fine day. Colder.

New pupils again, promising but not exactly desired We are so filled up already

Garnett's store caught fire about 5:20 today. I was on my way home from school and spent some time helping remove things from Y W C.A, etc. A fierce fire which finally cleaned out the corner despite help of Ft Sheridan, Lake Forest, & Waukegan.

Informal Board meeting this evening to receive Mr Beers' sketches of a proposed new building

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Another fine wintry day. Cool.

Miss Schermerhorn ill and Mrs Peddle in charge with Miss Hicks of Glencoe assisting

Mr Beers, architect, called after school again & I spent an hour or more with him

McCormick, the whistler of bird songs, called.

This evening, from 7:30 to 8:10 I attended a meeting of Library Board at Mrs Everett's to consider situation with ref. to present incumbent. Then I went to the City Hall to attend a meeting of the Plan Commission

Barber .25;

### **Wednesday, February 8**

Mild. Rising wind after nightfall.

A lesson in 4B – Geog – Hist

To Winnetka this afternoon to look at the new bldg under way and to talk to Mr. Washburne.

Conf. with 7th – 8th grade teachers after school.

Spent some time at bldg this evening with Architect Flinn.

Winnetka (Dist 107) .97

Bread .15;

### **Thursday, February 9**

Fine day. Mild.

Miss Nora went home last night and expects to stay until Monday.

Miss Schermerhorn still ill and absent.

A Mr. Childs, an architect, was a very interesting visitor this afternoon

I talked to two different groups of 6A's today, displaying our Lincoln material in the swinging frames

Mrs Millard came and I had a long conference with her.

Meat .43;

### **Friday, February 10**

Fine. Very mild

Began day with a conference at school with Mr. Beers.

Miss Schermerhorn still absent.

Spent some time over the matter of financing the school orchestra and the part the P.T.A. might have in it.

Movies at 3:30.

Worked over my milkweed orchid slides this evening.

### **Saturday, February 11**

Colder. Strong wind

Various errands, including watering bulbs at plant house Took 11:20 trolley for Chicago. To City Club for luncheon of Round Table. Address by Dr Hickson on the mental defective. A stirring address.

Afterwards had a long talk with Hamilton, Washburn, & others on plans for bld'g.

To Mr Metzel's office & talk with him for an hour. To Stevens, & Mandels, Kaemper's & The Fair. Supper at Gt. Northern Coffee House. Took 6:20 for Wheaton to spend evening with Dr. & Mrs Moffatt. Mrs Pearl McCord Hill & Mr Hill & Mr. H.C. Brown there. I showed some of my lantern slides Home on 11:30

R.R 40 + .30 + .75; meals 2.00; barber .25

fees 1<sup>00</sup> (DeKalb Supt); stockings 2.00

Beans .26; Meat .32;

Peanuts .38

Sunflower .40

### **Sunday, February 12**

Gray. Cold. A little icy on walks.

I gave a short Lincoln talk at Presb S.S. this A.M. Attended church.

Clarence D. came and Edith went home with him

Kittie able to be "up and around".

Rested all afternoon. Re-read "A Death in the Desert." Dipped into Wells' Outline. Read essay on the salmon in Roberts' The Haunters of the Silences.

Church .25;

### **Monday, February 13**

About 5 above at 6:00 A.M. Clear. Moderated during the day.

Several holdups last night about town.

Florence McGath sang two groups of songs at morning exercises. She has a beautiful voice.

Met children in four groups for Lincoln exercises today.

School Board met this evening. Mr Beers present & showed completed sketches. - - When he left, Board voted to pay him for his services, and invite Mr Flinn to submit sketches.

Board voted \$200 for expense of orchestra and Mr Metzel announced his willingness to give 75<sup>00</sup> for instruments.

Barber .45;

### **Tuesday, February 14**

Fine, mild day.

Conf. with Mr. Beers, this A.M. Then a longer one with Mr Metzel. This afternoon a long session with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene. Also one with Mrs McWhinney.

Met Geo. Jones a while this evening to talk over orchestra.

### **Wednesday, February 15**

Icy, biting wind all day Clear

Spent two hours & a half with Holmes & Flinn this A.M. Went over the building situation thoroughly.

This afternoon Mr Wright and I went in his sedan to Winnetka, and there met Mr Hamilton of Oak Park and a Mr Watkins, and with Mr Washburn as our host we inspected the new bldg (The Skokie School) now being put up. Came away at 4:00

Took 5:50 for Chic. To Schantz' office to confer with Mr Gault over the Check List and to attend meeting of directors of Aud. Soc.

Home on the 9:00 with Mr Lyon of Waukegan  
R R .60; contribution 1<sup>00</sup>;

### **Thursday, February 16**

Zero or a little below, this A.M. Clear, fine day

P.T.A. this afternoon. Miss Burmeister, a finished musician, sang with Mrs Heath, accompanist. Mr Connover of the H.S. talked on music in the school. He & Mrs Greene & Miss Lund and I discussed orchestra matters together afterwards, tried out our bass viol, etc

Found out this evening that I was to have talked before Lillia Garms' Club at Aurora this afternoon. Expected to do that tomorrow!

Bread .15;

### **Friday, February 17**

High wind. Dusty.

A full day, ending with movies. This evening, first an hour with Miss Teuscher & some Audubon work. Then two hours with Raymond Flinn, the architect.

Conf with Mrs Greene and Mrs Millard during the day.

Met Mrs McGinnis, matron of the Lake Co. Refuge, at Mrs Balke's for a half hour.

Elsie Baker & Mrs Crose of the Park Ridge School for Girls visited us this afternoon

### **Saturday, February 18**

Milder. Threatening

At school most of the day Spent a great deal of time studying the building problem – inside and outside the building.

The new picture ordered by the Feb. class came today – an Inness copied by Hugo Brunquist  
Barber .25; tailor 1.00; groceries .10;

### **Sunday, February 19**

Threatening but rather mild.

Talked on Washington with slides at Presb S.S. Stayed to bible class & to church

Late this afternoon went to Lake Forest to call on Fred Jackson, gardner for Cyrus H. McCormick. Visited his greenhouse & then he and I went up to estate of Robt Thorne & had a long talk with Joe Brailey, gardener.

Got home at 7:40. Then to church to hear Miss Berry talk about her schools Motion pictures A fine inspiring piece of work

Trolley .30; Church .50 + 1.00.

### **Monday, February 20**

Fine mild day. Thawed a little.

Had Henry Dickinson of the H-S. play on his flute at morning exercises, his mother accompanying Mr Jensen & I had lunch together at Comm. Center.

Emptied the plant house by sending the bulbs to the various rooms. The 5A's began selling hyacinths

Went to city this evening to dinner of Friends of Our N.L. at Cordon Club. Dr Cowles talked on Trees in Winter. Came home with Miss Phillips, Miss Marley, & Miss Parnham  
Lunch 60; R.R. .80; dinner 1<sup>25</sup>

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Threatening Late afternoon, heavy rain & thunder storm

Spent hour or more with Architect Flinn this A.M

Gave a Washington talk to 3rd grades at 11:00. To 4th – 5th at 1:30; to 6 – 8's at 3:00.

7th – 8th's dramatized historical scenes – Minute Man, Minuet, etc.

Teachers' meeting after school. Gave out Literary Digest Atlases & Woodrow's Brightness & Dullness of Pupils

Took tulips out of pits today

Barber 1.50; bread .15;

### **Wednesday, February 22**

Rained again at times today. Thunderstorm at 9:30 A.M.

Holiday

At school all day Miss Nora worked at school work, Miss Teuscher at Audubon.

Mr. Jensen spent an hour or more with me talking over a plan for making some place on the North Shore a center of dramatic art for the out of doors. He laid his plans before Mrs Harold McCormick yesterday.

Saw a flock of 15 or 20 robins this A.M. Three of the teachers & I went out to try to find meadowlarks but saw only more robins, etc.

School Board met with Mr Flinn, architect, this evening. Long session. Deferred action until next Monday.

### **Thursday, February 23**

Turned biting cold. Snow flurries

Very busy & so fagged that I had to take a nap at noon.

After school I attended a meeting of the Library Board to which I brot Helen Welch. She was elected acting librarian at rate of \$1300 for six mo.

Community Center home talent at aud. this P.M. I worked in my office until 10:20.

Bluebirds were seen yesterday. Also a killdeer

Barber .25;

### **Friday, February 24**

Sunny and inviting at first. Ground thawed. Gray & colder after noon with slight snow flurry.

Miss Nixon unable to be in school.

Movies this afternoon

Miss Grunewald and the Feb. class at the H-S unveiled the new Inness picture this afternoon

I was so worn out this evening that I stayed at home. Have been reading from the Year Book of the Nat'l Soc for Study of Ed., preliminary to attending the opening meeting tomorrow evening.

### **Saturday, February 25**

Again a snow flurry in the night Did not thaw today.

At school all day Entered bills in ledger & got them into the mail with Miss Clara White's help

Took 6:31 for Chicago and attended session of Natl Soc for Study of Ed at Elizabethan Room, Congress Hotel. Fine evening. Home on 11:30

Groceries .72; barber .25;

(tickets 10<sup>00</sup> + 7.60);

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the National Society for the Study of Education. The evening session included the following lectures.

THE NATURE AND USES OF MENTAL TESTS OF THE LINGUISTIC TYPE, S. S. Colvin, Professor of Educational Psychology, Brown University, Providence, R.I.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENCE AND THE DYNAMIC TRAITS TO ACHIEVEMENT, Harold O. Rugg, Lincoln School of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

USING INTELLIGENCE TESTS IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, Helen Davis, Director of Measurements and Special Education, Jackson, Mich.

THE INTELLIGENCE TESTS AS PART OF A PRACTICAL TESTING PROGRAM, B.R. Buckingham, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. — ed.]

### **Sunday, February 26**

Milder this A M Sun shone until noon. Thawed a little

I tramped over Bobolink links & Northmoor links this A.M. Flushed several meadowlarks, one flock of horned larks, a grackle, etc. A delightful walk.

A nap – a sound one – before noon. Then I slept heavily late afternoon.

### **Monday, February 27**

Clear. Turning much colder

At morning ex. Mr Conover of the H-S played three numbers on his cello. A three quarter cello came on approval & this he had sent to the H.S to try out.

I took 10:38 for Chic. To Pattee's office & to Seymour's to leave copy. Then to Congress Hotel to register. Picked up Dr Chas McMurry [&?] took him to lunch at the City Club. A delightful visit with him. Then to Elizabethan room of Cong Hotel to meeting of Primary Teachers' Council. - - - Home at 5:44.

To school before seven. Dictated some letters to Miss Teuscher. – Then Board meeting. Bond buyers there & bonds sold to Chic. Trust & Savings Bank – Then after some discussion Board selected Mr Beers as architect to my great disappointment.

R.R. .60. Lunch 1.60. Barber .25 Dues 5<sup>00</sup> Taxi .50 (F of O.N.L.)

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the National Council of Primary Education program. – ed.]

### **Tuesday, February 28**

Gray. Cold. Flakes of snow in the air.

7:28 for Chic. with Mr Wright. (Went to school beforehand). To La Salle Hotel for breakfast in honor of R.G. Jones, Pres of Dept of Superintendence – given by our Round Table group. Other guests, Dr. Chas McMurry and C.E. Douglas. Fine time. I was drafted in to attempt a humorous welcome to Jones. - - Then we went to Aud. to hear lecture on school arch. - - Lunch at City Club with Harper, Rowell, Wright, and [Le?] Rowe. - - To Sherman House to Council of Educ. to hear an address by Jones & one other. Then to exhibit of school room appliances, etc., at Leiter Bldg. To hear Patty Smith Hill at Recital Hall, Aud. Bldg, with Rowell [ ] Wright. Then back to exhibit for a while. Rowell & I went over to City Club to rest. Then to Aud for first four numbers on evening program

R R .30 + .40; breakf 1.50; lunch .55; supper .25 + .15;

[Pasted to this page are several clipping from the National Council of Primary Education program. The morning session was on the topic "School Architecture, Building, and Equipment." The afternoon topics were grading and intelligence tests. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, March 1**

Snowed fitfully & cold wind blew but not much remained on ground.

Went to school a while this A.M. Took 9:29 for Chic.

To Schantz, Seymour, St. [C?]lair & then to exhibit at Leiter store.

Met Mr Beers by appointment at lunch at City Club & spent an hour with him. Then to afternoon session of Directors of Educ Research. Chatted with Dr. [C?]aldwell. - - Then to Exhibit again until after 7:00. Had visit with Mr & Mrs Whitley & various others, and from 6:30 on a delightful visit with Supt C[on?]don of Cincinnati. – Supper at City Club. Then an hour or so of vaudeville & home on 10:15

R.R. .84 + .40 + .08; supper 1.10; theater 1.20; barber 25

Lunch 1.60 (Dist 107)

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the afternoon session. The topic was "Research on the Curriculum and School Progress." – ed.]

### **Thursday, March 2**

Milder. Sunny.

To city on 8:09. To morning meeting in aud theatre. Great address by Thompson & Spaulding. Bunk talk by Tigert.

Met Gerald Peters at City Club & had him as my guest at lunch. Had not seen him for 27 years.  
To afternoon session at Red Room at La Salle Hotel. At close agreed to show four superintendents top-lighted buildings tomorrow

5:10 for home. To Mr. Wright's for dinner to meet Mr & Mrs Slutz and Miss Ewing. Then to Lincoln Ave school where I heard a fine address by Mr. Slutz  
R.R. .60; lunch 1.60;

[Pasted to this page are clippings of the sessions. The afternoon session in the Red Room of the Hotel La Salle included several addresses on "School Buildings." – ed.]

### **Friday, March 3**

Beautiful day.

I met at the 9:37 this A M three Supts who came out to see our top-lighted b'ld'g

C.A. Morriss

Tom's R. – New Jersey

W.J. Avery

Alexandria, La

S.M. Brame

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Visited my plant, then we went to Winnetka & inspected Hubbard Woods & Skokie Schools. Here joined by a Mr. New from Tennessee. - - Started back to Chicago at 12:02, three of the men leaving at Central St. to see Lincolnwood School. Mr. Morris & I came on to City Club for lunch; then to Leiter store exhibit, & finally to Mr. Flinn's office where we had a fine conf. for over an hour. - - Then we separated. I ate light supper & went to Evanston & spent an hour with Prof. Grant talking over State Parks report, etc. Home at 9:10.

R.R. .40 + .17 + .23; lunch 1.60; supper .35; barber .25; taxi .75;

### **Saturday, March 4**

Fine day.

At desk at school by 8:15. Miss Nora came and I set her to work. Mr. Jensen & the draughtsman, Mr McDowell, came to talk over maps for the report, etc Then I went to Waukegan to interview the county clerk about a letter to our Board from a Waukegan att'y asking for compensation for carrying tax matters to supreme court. Back to desk before two. Then came Mr. Beers and Mr. Mann and we talked plans of the bldg until 4:30. Then a conf. with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene until nearly six.

Too fagged to go back to my desk this evening

Charge Dist 107 – 1.50 (trip to W.)

### **Sunday, March 5**

Another beautiful day

Went to Ravinia on trolley & tramped over Clavey Road to Ridge & back County Line to station and home by trolley. Meadowlarks in full song. Visited with a flock of redpolls

A nap before noon. All afternoon at my office.

Took lantern and some of my slides down to Mrs Byfield's this evening to plan our appearance at Woman's Club on Tuesday

Trolley .18;

### **Monday, March 6**

Fine day although threatening at times and a dash of rain.

5th graders planted 50 flats of John Baer tomato seeds today  
Mr. Bahr loaned us Jim McNeill a while today to help us start grafting Snow apple scions on stock sent us from Onarga Nursery Co.

Miss Lund & some of the rest of us decided to order a Victor No 50. Sent three boys to Evanston to get one and 28 records to be used in a memory contest.

McCormick came today & whistled bird songs and otherwise entertained the children.

Board meeting this evening. All but Mr G. An amicable affair  
Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, March 7**

Snow flurry in the night & rather blustery but clearing.

Long conf with Mrs Millard this A M. prior to her leaving for Pasadena.

Gave flower talk to Woman's Club this afternoon at Presb. Church. Well received. Check for \$25.00.

Worked over school plans in my office this evening.

Barber .25; candy .50.

### **Wednesday, March 8**

Fine day Mild

Got through a lot of work today. An hour in the plant house. P.T.A committee for an hour. Then teachers' meeting until 6:00, most of the time talking over plans

At school a little while this evening

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, March 9**

Fine day. Muddy

Varied activities

Talked auditorium to Mrs Childs for an hour.

Entertained Co Supt Simpson & two members of Bd of Ed. of No. Chicago for an hour or so.

Long session with Mr. Beers this evening – from 7:30 to 11:15. He suggested calling the aud. the “Memorial Auditorium” & campaigning for it under that title. Made big progress with the plans.

### **Friday, March 10**

Rather chilly & threatening. Rained late afternoon and evening

Conf with Mrs McWhinney, Pres of P.T.A. on auditorium proposition.

We finished grafting our 100 apple stock with Snow apple scions today and stored them in wet sand under a covering of leaves out of doors.

Movies as usual.

Mr. Beers & I had an hour and a half together this evening, and seem to be well “out of the woods.”  
Barber .35;

### **Saturday, March 11**

Beautiful day.

At school all day and part of the evening. Cleared up bills & accounts

Spent an hour with Mr. Beers over the plans.

Meat .35; cheese .25; barber .25.

### **Sunday, March 12**

Fine day.

Went on long tramp with Lois Greene & Davis. Their people took us in an auto to Washington Ave., Highwood, & then we proceeded on foot. Down to skunk cabbage patch, but ground still more or less frozen and no hoods in sight. - - Down through Sweeney's Woods to "plank road"; on along west border of Skokie to West Park Ave., & so on to Deerfield Road & into town. Song sparrows I heard singing for the first time this year. Heard bluebirds calling but did not have a good look at them.

### **Monday, March 13**

Beautiful day Mild. Overcoats a burden.

Promoted interests of the orchestra today. Conferred with Mr Conover & Mr Schneider of the H.S. about it.

Board meeting this evening. Mr. Beers presented his latest sketches and was empowered to go farther with his plans.

Kingfisher seen along lake front yesterday.

Robins awakened me first on the 10th; the bluebirds on the 12th (yesterday).

Bread .15.

### **Tuesday, March 14**

Mild. Gray.

Mr. Flinn brot group of members of Kewanee Board to look over our school this A.M.

Agent for boilers came.

Spent considerable time on letter to Mr. Metzel & on helping Miss Nora copy from old school records.

Excuse school nearly an hour earlier to let the teachers hear "In a Persian Garden" at the Ossoli. I stayed behind & worked in the office.

Gas mantles .50; barber .35.

### **Wednesday, March 15**

Fine day. Cooler.

Spent some time today at Press office working up an article on the building question

Mr. Jensen & I had lunch together & talked over Park Bulletin affairs, etc.

Went to city on 5:02. Met Pattee & we went over to his office stopping on the way to see the ruins made by the great fire last night.

Audubon Directors' meeting. Schantz, Eifrig, Deane, Blakeley, Gault, Miss Craigmile. Had all of copy of Check List to turn over to Pattee.

Lunch .60; dinner .65; candy .70. R.R. .60; cells .70;

### **Thursday, March 16**

Cooler. Gray.

Much office work. At desk this evening. Miss Teuscher working up copy for the printer (Bulletin) Barber .25;

### **Friday, March 17**

Cool & gray. Drizzling rain after 9:00 P.M

I went down to the city this A.M. To Pathe Exchange to arrange for an extra film. To Francis Parker School where I visited Dr Lukens, Mrs Cook, Miss Clausenius, Mrs G. Thomson, Mrs Carley & Mr Worthley.

Back at 2:30.

Movies as usual and a poor program

This evening the teachers had a St Patrick's Day party at the Annex. A fine time.

R.R. .30 + .40 + .40; lunch .20;

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### **Saturday, March 18**

Drizzled now and then.

Mother & I went to the city on the 8:09 and she went to Dr George, the chiroprapist, in the M. Field b'ld'g. I went to Lyon & Healy's & to the office of the Motion Picture Age. Then M. & I shopped at Fields & Stevens & came home on the elevated.

I worked at school in the late afternoon & part of the evening.

R.R. .60 + .80 + .08; taxi 1.00; barber .25; groceries .72; (Audubon) phone .25;

### **Sunday, March 19**

Heavy rain in the night & now and then during day.

Called on Policeman John Sheahan this A.M. to try to find information about Shelby Brown – a colored boy of 18 or so – arrested for bootlegging & taken to jail at Waukegan. Talked with Muzik, then with McDowell, Henry Brown, and another colored man at their shanty back in on First St. - -

To S.S. to look over Easter slides. To church.

Nap this afternoon. Patched up an article on marshes for state park report & some material for the Bulletin.

### **Monday, March 20**

Crust of snow & ice on walks which melted much during gray day.

Winnetka visitors – Miss Babette & Miss Bayes – much appreciated. Also Miss Moore.

Went to Waukegan & visited Trop. Junior School. Conf. with Miss Replogle who showed me around and discussed situation with me. To Ct. House where Mr. Simpson arranged for a short interview for me with State's Atty A.V. Smith - - - to get inf. about Shelby Brown's arrest for bootlegging. Not much encouragement. Consulted Geo Field, lawyer. At home talked it over with Officer Sullivan and Mr. Denzel.

At school this evening.

Charge Dist 107 – 1.36; self .67

### **Tuesday, March 21**

Sun came out. Sleet disappeared. Fine day

Wilmette visitors. Four appreciative visitors

Arith. Conf. with upper grade teachers this evening. Another caucus about bld'g plans with two of teachers.

Helped plan scheme to raise money to defend Shelby.

Harvey Lowe came out to spend evening. On his way to Kansas City. Fine visit. Lives at Hyattsville, Md. (Bureau of Mines)

Saw him off on the 8:24; then to office a while.

### **Wednesday, March 22**

Fine, bright day.

Met Mr. Beers from 8 to 8:30, and again from 5:30 to 6:30. He presented an interesting modification in his plans. His engineers surveyed the site today.

Mr Norton of Sanborn & Co. called today. Mr Wheeler, agent for brushes, called. So did Mr Whitman.

Sent out notices for P.T.A. tomorrow.

Teachers' meeting from 4:00 to 5:30. Discussed Woodrow. Had geog. topics about Germany. I showed slides to illustrate pollination.

At school this evening. Miss Teuscher & I selected illustrations for the Bulletin. Pd \$10<sup>00</sup> to fund for defense of Shelby Brown.

### **Thursday, March 23**

Fine day.

Miss Jones pupils began re-setting cabbage plants

P.T.A. this afternoon. I talked about the new bldg. Interesting discussion

Miss Sands helped me on the bills this evening. We worked until nearly 10:30.

This A.M. I met Mr. Mann before 8:00 at station & submitted draft of a letter for Press. He OK'd it & I turned it in. Related to bldg situation

Ice cream .15; barber .45

### **Friday, March 24**

Threatening. A drizzle this evening.

Rowell, Wright, & Harper came at 10:00 at my invitation to study my bldg plans and offer suggestions - - We worked away until 12:00 and then went down to Glengables Lunch Room at Glencoe for lunch.

Movies this afternoon. Bob & Bill, Pathe, & Snow White

Norris Parratt died of pneumonia day before yesterday at Iron Mt. & was brot on here for burial today. I spent part of the evening at the house talking to Mrs Norris & to "Chief"

Clarence Smith came in this evening. On his way to Kenosha

Lunch .95;

[Norris Parratt was the son of Mr. Smith's friend, Mr. Elno E. Parratt. Norris received an engineering degree from Lewis Institute and was a former building inspector for Highland Park. He was 30 years old at the time of his death. - ed.]

### **Saturday, March 25**

Spring like, balmy; then after noon began to rain & kept it up into the night.

Clarence went to Kenosha & came back late this evening

I spent much of the morning trying to meet a sister of Mrs Parratt's - - - I met seven trains but she came in from opposite direction and I missed her.

Norris' funeral this afternoon. Christian Science burial. Sandwick, Wm Wrenn, Dr Adams, Roland Brand, Dan Cobb & I pall bearers. Buried at Lake Forest.

This evening Mr. Peterson & his friend, Mr Cortright, & I tried out some films - Ford Weekly films I have bought for the school

Groceries 3.15; barber .50;

### **Sunday, March 26**

Clear. Cool. A little snow in night, disappearing rapidly.

Clarence went home this A M.

At home & slept before noon.

At school awhile this afternoon. Met Mr & Mrs Titus & Mrs Levering of Glencoe who came to consult me about enforcement of law about hunters.

Then I went over and got Mr Parratt & we took a long walk – out West Park Ave – into a glorious sunset. Came back Deerfield Road in the dark.

### **Monday, March 27**

Rainy.

Mrs Watkins, friend of Miss Stine, wife of student at N.W, sang at morning exercises. Beautiful singer. Stillman Chapman played on his saxophone

Our 6th – 8th pupils held their musical memory contest today, the papers to be corrected in Evanston tonight.

Mr. Beers & I met this evening to look over new plans & Mr St Peter and Mr Mann came in, and we worked over things until nearly eleven.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, March 28**

Rained heavily at times this A M. Robins & song sparrows sang in the rain

Busy distributing tickets for concert at H.S. Then to city on 10:48. Spent an hour & a half with Harry Gillette at the City Club discussing school plans. Back at 2:34.

This evening the contest at the H.S. 60 of our grade pupils took part & the best 15 selected. H.S. selected its quota. Fine concert.

Edith, Lennie & Ruth came in this afternoon Lennie, Mother & I went to the concert – taxi going, walked back.

Dist 107 – R R .70 + 1.60 + .75.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping for the A Capella Choir of Northwestern University concert at the Deerfield-Shields High School. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, March 29**

Chilly. Sunny at times.

Various errands. Got up three articles for the Press.

At school a while this evening.

Ruth went to school for part of the A M with me. She visited with Mary Noerenberg this afternoon.

Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ of Albion called, a candidate for a place next year.

Harris representing J.C Winston also called

Barber 1.25;

### **Thursday, March 30**

Ice on trees this A.M. but melted soon. Gray.

Spent some time adjusting trouble connected with music memory contest. Some of our pupils were not strictly fair.

Worked with Mr Beers over modification in the plans late this afternoon. This evening at meeting of library board.

Then got my slides ready for milkweed lecture.

**Friday, March 31**

Began snowing this A.M. and kept it up all day, a soft clinging snow. It was barely cold enough to freeze over the twigs. Three or four inches.

I left at 3:49 for DeKalb. Ice on trees there but little snow.

Gave a flower talk before the P.T.A. of the DeKalb Tp. H.S. Well received. Mr. C.W. Whitten, Principal. Professors Page & Parson there. Visited with the latter & Mr. Whitten until eleven

Room at Glidden House

Expenses paid

**Saturday, April 1**

Bright. Clear. Snow melted rapidly.

Took 6:50 for Chicago and was at home by 9:37.

Saw my pupils (fifteen) off for the music memory contest at New Trier (1:30), then worked at school afternoon. This evening with the architect until nearly eleven.

**Sunday, April 2**

Gray. Rained some this morning.

Went to S.S. to look up material for Easter program & to confer with those in charge.

Gave up a lot of time today working over the program.

Went for a ride with the Clows this afternoon. Went through two new departments of County Hospital.

Called on Mr Parratt this evening.

**Monday, April 3**

Light showers at times. Warm.

Flickers around.

Catherine Harvey of Kalamazoo called to inquire about a primary position. Made nice appearance.

Worked with teachers on plans awhile

At desk for a time this evening.

Wrote some stuff for the Bulletin.

**Tuesday, April 4**

Clear much of day. Mild.

Left chick list of trees & shrubs at Press office to be run in this issue & have reprints for use in school.

Fifth graders reset tomato plants in flats.

Load of green manure. Had this forked over, with leaves mixed in, & wet down with hot water.

Had three classes observe process.

Worked with a group of Miss Teuscher's arithmetic pupils after school.

This evening Miss Teuscher & I worked on dummy of the Spring Bulletin. I taxied down to Mr Churchill's to get bird pictures & then to call in at Mr. Bowden's where James Jr. lies awaiting burial tomorrow.

Barber .25

**Wednesday, April 5**

Gray & threatening, then rain this afternoon.

6th graders with Miss White finished resetting tomato plants.  
Teachers meeting. Discussed Chapter VII; I showed some Spring slides.  
Miss Teuscher and I worked a while on the dummy this evening.

#### **Thursday, April 6**

Sun came out during day & it grew sultry.  
Visit from Miss Peery, candidate for first primary position Liked her very much.  
Went in on 2:48 to committee meeting at Frank Hamlin's office – nominating committee. Home at 5:50.

Called at Billie Thomas' after supper to learn how he was Passed crisis in pneumonia this afternoon

Number of the teachers and I spent evening at school with Mr Beers, discussing new bld'g plans  
R R .40 + .08 + .30; barber .25; sundries .07

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of John Mooney. John Mooney was born in Ireland in 1838 and emigrated to America in 1844. A pioneer settler of Deerfield township, Mr. Mooney operated a farm and also worked as a brick manufacturer. After serving in the Civil War, Mr. Mooney married Theresa McAdams (died 1882) and, in 1884, Margaret Peters, who died sudden just weeks before Mr. Mooney's death. Mr. Mooney was survived by two daughters and three sons. – ed.]

#### **Friday, April 7**

Mild.

To Libertyville early. A few minutes at Tp H.S. to look over bldg. Then to Grammar School. Visited Mr Hudson. Inspected teachers' work Unfavorable to Miss Holste. Favorable to Miss Graff. – Home at 11:30. - - Assured all the teacher of their re-election. - - Looked after orders for trees, etc. - - At school awhile this evening, making up my tree order - - Then went down to my old friend John Mooney's house. He is to be buried tomorrow.

Dist 107 – Libertyville trip .76

#### **Saturday, April 8**

Threatening. Light rain after 3:00 P.M. –

To city on 8:44. To Chic. Transp. Co to order Easter slides; to Art Inst. to study up Dore's picture; Bausch & Lomb; Anderson, the tailor

Home at 1:17;

To school until 4:30. Election – 34 votes – Metzel, Pres; Greenslade & Mann. - - This evening mostly on Easter program.

#### **Sunday, April 9**

Sunday. Sultry. Strong wind blew until 5:00 P.M.

Vegetation hurrying up. Red maples in bloom. Spend much of day getting together material for Easter program. Walked out to Skokie – W. Park Ave – at evening.

#### **Monday, April 10**

Vacation –

Clear, then cool wind; then gray. Rain began in afternoon, increasing to downpour into night.

Finished Audubon Bulletin this A.M.

Worked at school all afternoon. Mr. Beers & I spent evening there.

Ice cream .15;

**Tuesday, April 11**

Drizzle now & then.

Election Day – Worked at school all day except part of time spent at Press office correcting page proofs of the Bulletin.

**Wednesday, April 12**

Gray. Then drizzle after nightfall.

At school most of day. Worked on school accounts.

Junior came this evening to begin treatment with Dr. Sadler.

Barber .25; bread .15;

**Thursday, April 13**

Clear – raw.

Took 6:58 for Chic & Glen Ellyn. Visited schools. Supt Butler. – Observed Barbara Miles' work.

Called on Pearl McCord Hill & family.

Back to Chic by 1:10. Went to Anderson's, Fair; Fields, Turtle, Schantz. Home at 4:37.

This evening at school until 9:00. Then at Press office until 12:00 Finished corrected page proof.

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Dist 107 - .60 + 1.20 + .60.

Groceries, etc 3.63.

Stuffed birds 5.00. (Dist 1.07)

**Friday, April 14**

Gray. Cool. Drizzle at times.

At school this A M. To city on 2:31 Bausch & Lomb; Anderson; Orchestra Hall; Chic. Transp Co.

At school this evening.

R.R. 60 + .16; ice cream .20;

**Saturday, April 15**

Beautiful day. Mild.

At school until 11:00 A M. To city on electric with children for memory contest at City Hall. Fine concert. Returning, Roy Koller slipped away from us and I had to stay behind to make sure he was not lost. Home at 8:00

R.R. .80 + supper .45; sundries .25; barber .50; groceries .72

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter Day.

Bright. Warm. Grateful.

I led Easter program with pictures at Presb. S.S. Then to church. K, M, & Jr. also.

Long nap this afternoon.

The Greens came & took M, Jr. & I for delightful ride

Have finished Garland's Daughter of the Middle Border. Now reading Quick's Vandermark's

Folly.

Church 1<sup>00</sup>

**Monday, April 17**

Rained heavily this afternoon. –

Janitors began moving shrubbery from places where new bldg will occur. – Spent two hours or so with representative of greenhouse builders – At school this evening.  
Barber 25;

### **Tuesday, April 18**

Mr Metzel got home today, and he & I spent the evening working over the bldg plans.

### **Wednesday, April 19**

At Board meeting tonight, the plans were approved & Mr Beers authorized to go ahead

### **Thursday, April 20**

Frightfully busy day.

Arbor day lesson with children out of doors; Animal show from 1:00 to 2:00. Three half hour talks following – with flower slides

### **Friday, April 21**

Chilly.

Meeting at Oak Park.

Visited with Miss Ford, et. al.

[Inserted in the diary is the program booklet for the Lake Shore Division of the Illinois State Teachers Association held at Oak Park on April 21. – ed.]

### **Saturday, April 22**

Sunny but still somewhat chilly.

At school most of day. Superintended heeling in of shrubbery at Green Bay site & planting at Elm Place. Met Miss Miles of Glen Ellyn and Mrs Sumner of Kenosha

This evening Miss Teuscher and I cleared up Audubon matters.

Barber 1.00;

### **Sunday, April 23**

A beautiful day, mild and inviting.

To school a while this morning to open hot beds, water plants, feed old hen and ducklings, etc.

Nap before dinner. Then started out for a walk. Was hailed on Vine Ave by Homer Foster who with wife & daughter were sightseeing in an auto. Got in with them; visited Mr. Egan, then we made our way over Millard estate & Jensen's place. Went with them to northern part of Hubbard Woods, & began to walk back. After a time met Mr & Mrs Brasmer & baby & two friends in auto. A delightful visit. Then farther along met Mr. Glaser. Walked to his house, then north to country road, then over Forest Preserve, & home.

Brown thrasher music, also cardinal, song & vesper sparrow, chewink, etc

### **Monday, April 24**

A fine mild day ending with showers at 6:30.

Very busy. Planting shrubbery matters, nursery stock, truancy cases, visit of game warden Kern with bottles of fish eggs, etc. etc.

At desk this evening. Took 10:35 for Chicago and to La Salle Hotel and to bed.

### **Tuesday, April 25**

St. Charles, ~~Batavia~~ Geneva, & Elgin.

Mild. Gray. Some rain drops.

Took 6:50 for St. Charles. Visited Miss Davis, Collins, & Supt Thompson at H.S. bldg, then latter & I went to West School where I spent rest of morning – Miss Jean Stevenson, Miss Wagner, Miss Martinson, et. al.

Lunch at Miss Davis' home, then to Geneva. Visited Henry Brown, biology teacher, & Supt. Coultrap. Then to Elgin where I visited Supt White. Home by 7:33.

Dist 107

R.R. .60 + .08 + .10 + 2.00 + .36

Hotel 3.70; breakf. 35;

### **Wednesday, April 26**

Clearing. Cool.

Misses Sands & Copeland & Mrs Taylor took 6B's to Art Inst & F. Museum. - - Miss Miles, Mrs Leitch & two other Glen Ellyn teachers visited us this A.M. Also Miss Jane Weinland of Wilmette.

I had a 6B group scatter fertilizer on bean patch.

Teachers meeting this afternoon – Chapters IX & X of W's B & D of Children. I was gone a while to talk nature study material to girl scouts at Parish House

Mr Jensen & I had lunch together at Tipton's restaurant & afterwards he looked over my plans & gave suggestions.

### **Thursday, April 27**

A cold – a chill wind all day.

Conf. with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene today.

Miss Turpin and Miss Wheelock of Kenilworth came to apply for positions.

At desk at school a while this evening.

### **Friday, April 28**

Still cool and clear but moderating.

Visited Mr Harper an hour or so this A.M (Wilmette) to talk over teachers with him.

This afternoon Miss Heffron's 8B's gave two of Constance d'Arcy Mackay's Morality plays from a float in school yard. A fine piece of work.

Had "bean patch" plowed but too wet to plant.

Worked on school bills this evening

School – Expenses to Wilmette .72

Barber .25

### **Saturday, April 29**

Fine day. Mild.

To city on 9:44. Conferences with Prof Cox and with Deane & Schantz at latter's office. To tailor to get my overcoat (90<sup>00</sup>), Fair to get pincers, Vaughan's to get sodium nitrate. Home at 2:21.

At school until 5:30. At home spaded lily bed, planted tigridias, etc. At school after dinner

R.R. .60 ; lunch .45; pincers .65

trowel .85;

Dist 107 – sodium nitrate 1<sup>00</sup>

### **Sunday, April 30**

Beautiful day.

Daylight Savings

Rested at home this A.M.

Went to Libertyville this afternoon. To Butler's Lake to look for yellow headed blackbirds. None in sight – only coots & red-wings, killdeers & snipes, and fish floundering about in the weedy shallows to find a spawning place. Walked n. of L. & crossed river on No. Chicago road bridge. East & south to St Mary's station. Rode on to L. & then took next train back.  
Trolley .38 + .38 + .07

### **Monday, May 1**

Fine, mild day

New pupils. Visitors – Miss Poland of Nat'l Kg. College, & Miss Allstedt of Elgin.

Miss Clara White ill of tonsilitis Miss Fleischauer out. Miss Keagle, do.

Bundle of trees (dwarf pears, etc.) from Rochester.

Helped pupils plant – Kg at garden, 3B's – wheat; 3A's - - oats; 2A's – barley.

Miss Teuscher & I went down to Prof. Grant's at Ev. this evening & got his story about addition to Starved Rock Park.

Ev. trip 1.74. Seeds .15

Ice cream 20;

### **Tuesday, May 2**

Sultry.

Miss Vosvetter of Evanston came to sub. for Miss Clara White today.

A Miss Smith came today to apply for a position.

Mr Connell of Lord & Burnham, Greenhouse people, called & submitted plans for a greenhouse.

6B's in two sections planted corn. 3A's flax; [2?]B's rye.

At school this evening. Edwin Gourley and his wife called. Mr Metzel & Winifred also.

### **Wednesday, May 3**

Light showers. Cleared in afternoon. Beauty everywhere. Wild plum. Sugar maple.

Robin "setting" on fire escape.

Children planted asters today.

Worked on bills.

Miss White still absent & Miss Bosteter substituting.

Spent an hour after supper on my woodbines

Barber .25; bread .15;

### **Thursday, May 4**

Delightful day. Warm.

Field trip with 4B's – Misses Jones & Meyers.

Planting exercise with 6B's & 5A's & 8B's.

Corn, milo maize, broom corn, kaffir corn, sugar cane.

Rep. of Scott Foresman called.

Miss Wheelock & Miss Turpin called & accepted positions, respectively 1B & 3B.

Library Board this evening. Live meeting Helen Welch and I waited afterward and planned some bulletin boards.

Barber .25;

### **Friday, May 5**

Fine day.

Very busy. Garden groups – planted feterita, millet, buckwheat, tobacco, pumpkins, sunflowers. Reset more tomato plants.

Paul Newman of Little Brown called.

8B's & 8A's visited H-S. today. Miss Grunewald & Miss Nixon accompanied them.

Miss Guiney visited Prof. Fox at N.W.U. today.

Worked late at desk. Sent election notices to Mildred Turpin, Sarah Wheelock, Mary Davis, & Jane Weinland.  
Ice cream .20.

### **Saturday, May 6**

Strange day. Threatening. Clear & wonderful cloud masses. Then wind storm & mist. Then clear & sweet. Cherry blossom time. Oriole & rose breast been here three or so days.

Most of A.M. worked in & about plant house At desk all afternoon & evening.

Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene and I held caucus about teachers.

Miss Alice Davis & Mrs Hamlin (Gertrude Miller) at bld'g a while this afternoon.

Barber 1.25; bread .25; groceries .30;

### **Sunday, May 7**

Fire at Elm Place

Beautiful day. At 8:30 went up to water tomato plants. Nearly finished when Mr. Davis appeared – Russel Gilbert had been working in bldg before I got there but left before Mr D. came. Mr. D & I went over to site of new boiler room and then came back & went through engine room & up to my office. Looked over plans for ten or fifteen minutes, the starting down stairs we found smoke in the hall. I thought the incinerator was drawing badly & Mr D went down to engine room. I went to end of the hall & ran down & looked into auditorium Found it on fire. Closed the door, hurried back & turned in a fire alarm. Then Mr D. and I closed up everything & looked into north door of aud. Flames in east end of stage. Fire companies came promptly. A severe time. Called Highwood & L. Forest to help. All over in 30 or 40 minutes. Floods of water. Main mural in aud. burned & mutilated. - - - -

### **Monday, May 8**

Fine day. No school in main bldg Janitors with some outside help got things cleared up. Two wagon loads of debris Insurance men – Roberts & Glidden with Mr Metzel called. Then Mr M. & I had long conference over bldg – plant house, etc.

Many visitors. Some teachers visited Francis Parker & School of Ed., Winnetka, etc

Gave 2B's – Miss Connors – a planting lesson. We went to G.B. site to cut sods. Then brot them back & planted cucumbers in each bit.

Board meeting tonight Very interesting. Amicable.

Barber .50;

### **Tuesday, May 9**

Warm. Light shower about 6:00 P.M.

Field trip with 4B's. Planting exercise with 8A's – peanuts & soja beans .

Exec. com. meeting of P.T.A. in annex office

All departments of school as usual. East stairways boarded off.

Glass at hand but glazier did not appear.

Met 6th – 8th teachers from 7:00 to 8:00 to discuss plans for next year. Then Mrs Millard & Mr Beers arrived & we went over bldg plans until a late hour.

Water glass .25;

### **Wednesday, May 10**

Fine day Warm.

Went with Miss Grunewald, Mrs Taylor, Mr. Peterson and the 8A's to Chicago via electric. Field Museum until 2:00; Art Inst to 3:30. Home at 5:00.

This evening to Press office to talk printing of check list. Showed Paul Udell b'ld'g plans. To Moraine to confer with Mr Metzel about salary increases & auditorium plans  
Barber .25; ice cream .20; lunch .20;

### **Thursday, May 11**

[Mr. Smith accidently recorded the entry for May 18 at this date. It has been transcribed at its proper location. There was no entry for May 11. – ed.]

### **Friday, May 12**

Overcast. Light shower Clearing. Pleasant

With 6th A boys planted in G. B. nursery some left-over nursery stock and the grafted apple seedlings.

4A's transplanted cotton plants in garden. 4B's planted 4 lb. of potatoes, some castor beans, 4 hills of ornamental gourds, and a bed of okra.

Brown & Curry working on estimate of fire loss.

I spaded up my tomato patch this evening

Messenger .50 (F of O N.).

Ice cream, etc .35;

### **Saturday, May 13**

Fine day.

At school a while. Then met Mr O.D. Frank with some Wild Flower P.S. members – Mrs Blocki, Henricks, et. al. and took them to Ft. Sheridan – up to ravine north of rifle range, then to mouth of 6th Ravine. Here I left them at 1:00; took taxi home, then hurried back to school to meet Mrs Fay of Elgin who is interested in place here, and Prof Lyon & daughter, Carrie, and Dorothy Reichault. - - - They left after an hour. Then Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene came & stayed until 5:50. Home, and after supper mowed yard and planted 12 tomato plants.

Barber .25; trolley .10; groceries 1.15

### **Sunday, May 14**

Bright at first. Then overcast & gentle showers

To school to water tomato plants. Then Mrs Holland & Mrs McWhinney came to talk over P.T.A. matters, so I didn't get to church Nap after lunch. Then walk out West Park Ave. to Tillman farm. Fresh & inviting. Wild crab blossoms wide open Ragwort, dodecatheon just opening

Reading Memoirs of Li Hung Chang

### **Monday, May 15**

Cleared. Beautiful day

Still unable to use auditorium.

Had Winter (hardware) examine louvers under skylights to try to adjust them. Went with him to Glencoe school to examine way in which louveres there were hung. - - Had Guyot come over to help me

figure electric light bill for community center. - - Went to Mrs Silber's on behalf of P.T.A. to secure her acceptance of presidency for next year. - - Conf. with primary teachers over seating problem - - Board meeting this evening. Salary schedule voted without increase save three fifty dollar increases. Salary of a science teacher allowed.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, May 16**

Gray Light showers

Electricians began to wire aud. temporarily. Hdw men worked on louvres in new bldg

Miss Wineland came up to talk over nature work and she and I went to H.S. & visited Mr. Ball & the laboratories and Miss Hessler and domestic science rooms

Gave away a great many tomato plants today.

Mr. Beers & I worked over details of plans this evening. Called in Mr. Greene to confer about shop equipment.

### **Wednesday, May 17**

Fine day.

Conferences with Mr Metzel & Mrs Millard over letter to teachers relating to salaries; also letter to Press on tax situation

Kept track of work of men repairing louvres & electric light men.

Gave away more tomato plants

We had our annual picnic to Des Plaines woods this afternoon. Four autos – two furnished by parents. 4 from H.S; 3 from Lincoln Ave; 14 from El. Pl. Fine time. Collinsia verna; orchis spectabilis.

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, May 18**

Rained a great deal today, especially latter part. Still misting at 11:00.

P.T.A. this afternoon Addresses by Miss Palmateer & Miss Boyd of Hull House – (play activities). Mrs Schuster sang. Long chat with Miss Palmateer & Mrs McGinnis of Juvenile home.

Went down to talk over school plans with Miss Gahan at Mr Harshaw's house – 1096 Oak St, Winnetka. There until nearly 11:00. Fine time

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This A.M. Mr. Beers and I spent an hour in the Skokie school at Winnetka

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Winnetka expenses 1.50 (Dist 107)

Meat .90;

### **Friday, May 19**

Rained much of the day

This afternoon I got wet through passing out tomato plants in the rain

An hour's conf. with Mrs Millard today.

Planned for two movie programs & wired Bray of New York about them.

Mr Ralph Fletcher Seymour & I spent the evening in my office – first on the State Parks Report and our Roosevelt Memorial, & then on our bldg plans. There until about 11:00 P.M.

Barber .25; bread .15;

### **Saturday, May 20**

A beautiful day

At school most of the day. Miss Miles & Miss Davis of Glen Ellyn came to talk over work of next year.

At 5:00 I came home, had early supper, then set out 20 zinnia plants, 11 more tomato plants, hoed all my garden, spaded the gladioli beds, threw into the basement some kindling from Mr Decker's building waste, & mowed yard & parkway.

Groceries 1.30; Barber .25; ice cream .30.

### **Sunday, May 21**

Beautiful day.

To church

Edith & D. came & spent the day. D. looked very thin. Has had pleurisy Gave E. some zinnia & tomato plants.

Church .25;

### **Monday, May 22**

Beautiful day.

Had morning exercises in aud. – first since the fire. The robin on the fire escape had brot her last offspring safely off the nest (there were but two) and I told this & how she had “carried on” during the fire. -  
- A Mr. Westand, a Swedish teacher, visited us today. Hard to understand him.

We had a May festival this afternoon Katherine Wagner was the queen. Had parade through the woods & past the queen's seat – Maypole dance, morris dance, quarter staff bout, etc

Mr Dyke and I are farming back yard garden at Mrs Pearce's place. I put in 2 rows of G.B. corn and one of s.g.p. beans.

Barber 25;

### **Tuesday, May 23**

Gray, Light rain this A.M. Brisk rain set in at 9:00 P.M.

Children hoed corn at garden.

Went to Dewey School at Evanston to consult Miss Margaret Conyne about some Michigan candidates she knows personally. Back after 1:30. Various duties. Caucus with 7th – 8th grade teachers after school.

Gave away flower and vegetable seeds

At desk this evening. The two Miss Behrens & Mr. Peterson there, working over the list of those who had pledged tickets for a series of movies

Dist 107 – Ev. trip .72 + .50 + .45

Self .25 + .05 + barber .25

Bread .15;

### **Wednesday, May 24**

Muggy with heavy shower late afternoon

Mr Metzler & I met the insurance adjusters – Mr Glidden & Mr Roberts this A.M. Contractor Brown was called in to explain his figure. All amicable. Then we went to Norrlén's garage to look at remains of piano. Back to school. Then Mr M. & I went to Winnetka & spent an hour in the new school. The auto brot me back, Mr M. going on to Chic. I rushed through several matters & took 12:18 for Chic. Met Mr Jensen & Mr Seymour at Cliff Dwellers for conf. on Parks report. Then J. & I conferred over bld'g plans. Then to Cox's office for conf. To Tailors. – Vaughn's – Turtle's. Home at 5:44. – Planted out gladiolis. At desk this evening

Dist 107 – Victrola needles

R R .70; lunch .80; gladiolis 1<sup>00</sup>; Suit 105<sup>00</sup>

### **Thursday, May 25**

Rained – a deluge this afternoon.

Conf with Mr Metzel this A.M. With Mrs Millard & Mrs Green this afternoon

Movies – Matinees at 1:30 & 2:30 & evening 7:45. Valley of 10 000 Smokes, Crater of Mt Katmai;  
Finley's Humming Birds, Honkers, Chipmunks, etc Guarantee series of movies

Agent for Hall clocks.

Clarence came this evening.

Barber .25; butter .50.

### **Friday, May 26**

Fine day.

Mr Metzel and I conferred further about the fire loss, and added some items of ruined chairs.

Conferred with teachers about salary schedule.

Planted asters & calendulas at home

Went to H-S annual May concert this evening. Soloist fine. Program – promising.

Clarence went to Kenosha this A.M.

### **Saturday, May 27**

Fine day. Cool wind.

Mother went to Benton H. today. Kittie went with her as far as Chicago.

At school about all day. Had carpenters begin fastening strips to aud. ceiling preparatory to draping with burlap. - - Janitors and I planted flowers in balustrade ferns & box in front of office windows - - I planted two hills of cucumbers in my new garden (sods planted at school) and three hills of hubbard squashes

Miss Frances Thompson of Alma, Mich., came to consider a primary position & I spent some time with her. She accepted a place at \$1500. I went to Hubbard Woods to see Mr Edw. Yoemans but he was not in.

Barber .25; bread .13; garters .29; tooth powder .50; groceries .55  
ice cream .20;

### **Sunday, May 28**

Another fine day. Cool

To church this A M Long nap this afternoon. K. & I walked up to school bldg & vicinity.  
Listened to music of wood thrush whose nest is in hawthorn on school grounds.

Read several chapters from Wood Carver of Salem

Church .25;

### **Monday, May 29**

Fine day. Warmer.

No general exercises because workmen were fastening cheese cloth to aud. ceiling.

6B's gave beautiful Robin Hood play in the woods this afternoon.

Conf. with 6th grade ~~pupils~~ teachers over promotions. Then we went out for an hour's walk to study colonial types of architecture. – Mr Berlin's house, etc.

At school this evening. Conf with Mr Metzel.

Barber 50; sugar .09;

### **Tuesday, May 30**

An ideal day.

Early ran up the flag at school and at my home Then mowed yard, hoed garden, dug up tulips, planted 5 scabiosa, etc At desk at school a while this afternoon. Then K. & I went to lake shore via Ravine Drive & ate supper on the Millard Beach. Met Mr M & his sister, Mrs Fisher & her husband, Dr F. Later went home through the Millard grounds and on the way inspected Miss Margaretta Brown's garden

### **Wednesday, May 31**

About 5:00 A.M. short thunderstorm and dash of rain. Threatening. Damp. Cool

Workmen nearly finished overlaying ceiling of mid part of aud. with cheese cloth Janitors began draping back wall of stage with monk's cloth Electricians came to add ceiling light

Miss Annabelle Chase came to apply for upper grade job.

Teachers' meeting. Last session with Woodrow's Brightness & Dullness of Children

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, June 1**

A most beautiful day

Mr Watkins, friend of Miss Stine & post grad. student of N.W. called this A.M. & I gave considerable time to him. - - Mr Neff of Iroquois Pub. Co. called - -

Miss Lund's annual concert a great success Very beautiful.

Rec'd two young crows about ready to fly. Untrained and too late to do much with them, I think.

### **Friday, June 2**

Fine day. Overcast late afternoon and a slight shower after 5:30.

Supervised groups that hoed the school garden (6th graders) & set out asters and zinnias, and planted popcorn (2A's).

Field trip with 4B's - middle course of Moraine Ravine.

Heating man and a bookman (Laurel) called.

Spent the evening with Mr Beers over details of b'ld'g plans.

Bicyc repairs 2.25;

### **Saturday, June 3**

Beautiful day.

Planted for myself one row of corn at new garden and a row of corn & one of beans for Mrs Peirce. Set out more aster plants at home.

At school about all day. Conferences with teachers over details of bldg, and with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene.

Barber .25; groceries 2.03; ice cream .30;

### **Sunday, June 4**

Beautiful day.

Felt languid and did not go to church.

This afternoon showed Mrs Wm Geer and Miss Farnum of Racine through the school.

Worked in my office a while this evening

Read Penrod and chapters on colonial architecture.

## **Monday, June 5**

Fine day

Aud. exercises.

Miss Nina Vail and her sister (Mrs McBride) of Galesburg visited, Miss Vail a candidate for 7th – 8th grade position. Miss Lawson of Evanston visited for same reason

Miss Wheelock & Miss Turpin came after school hours.

Our new Steinway came & was set up in aud. Mrs Annette Jones & Mrs Millard tried it out.

I ran my cultivator over my new garden after supper Then at school awhile Edwin Gourley called

## **Tuesday, June 6**

A hot day

Mrs Sanford of Winnetka called to talk over school matters

Went with 3A's & Miss Fleischauer to Grove Farm Dairy. Visited peony farm of Franken Bros. on way back

Conf. with 7 -8's on promotions.

Community Center concert in aud. this evening. Fine program.

Easterbrook pen man called. Also life insurance man.

## **Wednesday, June 7**

Another hot day

Steeplejack painted our flag pole, a sensation for the children.

2B's set a hill of cucumbers in the garden at Park Ave.

Began school census among the children.

Circulated slips for signatures to Little Symphony Concerts for next year, these to be at New Trier

Planted three more rows of corn at the Peirce garden this evening.

This evening talked on phone to Miss Annabelle Chase at 170 So La Salle St., Aurora, & rec'd her acceptance of 7th – 8th position at 1725<sup>00</sup>

Ice cream .30;

## **Thursday, June 8**

Another hot day. Cooler at 8:00 P.M.

Sir Douglas Mawson Movies at 1:30; 2:30, & 7:30. Fine on the whole.

Miss Zana Kirkland of Gertrude House called to apply for 2nd grade place. Fine appearance.

Offered her 1500<sup>00</sup> over the phone this P.M.

17 year cicadas began to appear a week or so ago – Mostly along Vine Ave & north

Barber .50; ice cream .30;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping headlined "17-Year Locusts Visit This City" – ed.]

## **Friday, June 9**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

## **Saturday, June 10**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

## **Sunday, June 11**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

### **Monday, June 12**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

### **Tuesday, June 13**

A little rain in the night and a brisk shower this A M. Cleared.

My throat still troubled me very much but got very much better in the afternoon

Exhibit of work this afternoon & evening. Fine attendance.

At 7:45 this evening our 8B's gave two of Constance d'Arcy Mackay's miracle plays – The float was drawn up before the Annex and the crowd stood up. A morrice dance preceded it with a saxophone to furnish music.

Ice cream .30;

### **Wednesday, June 14**

#### Flag Day

A beautiful day. Warm but not uncomfortable.

The Wilmette Grammar School Band – 37 or 8 pieces, Mr Schumacher, leader, came at 9:00 and our annual parade of the colors started. Manouevered through the woods then east on Elm & Linden Park Place to Rudolph's & back to flag pole. An impressive spectacle. Ceremony at flag pole over, picnic began. Pd W.G.S. Band 31<sup>50</sup>.

Athletics, sale of ice cream, candy, peanuts, lemonade, toy balloons; - Punch-and-Judy show, nonsense movies, magician (Wasman). Punch was Irving Newman, a H-S. boy from Chicago. - - A great day.

This evening at school. Signed diplomas & conferred with Mr Metzler.

Ice cream .30;

### **Thursday, June 15**

Groups of children cleaned the yard, overhauled the garden, & put things in order inside the bldg.

Board met tonight to open bids. Number of rep. of various contractors present.

Bids nearly 150,000. Our resources only 110,000. Our meeting ended in gloom. To meet Monday to further study the situation.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the commencement program for Deerfield-Shields Township High School.

### **Friday, June 16**

Proved to be a very hot day with mitigating breezes at evening. Run our fan at evening exercises and got along well.

Meeting for honorable mentions at 9:00. Great success. Children then went home.

Zana Kirkland, new second grader, and Jane Weinland, new science teacher, present as visitors.

Mr. A.L. Whittenberg, one of State Supt Blair's assistants, came to talk over school films with me.

Teachers' meeting at 1:30. Lot of routine work.

Mr Metzler talked for ten or fifteen min. at evening program about our new bldg, & showed view of front elevation

Howard C. Hill of School of Ed., who formerly taught history in our H-S. gave a very acceptable talk.

Ice cream .30;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The Eighth Grade Class of June, 1922 was:

Amadio Carani, President

Rosebud M. Axt

Hans H. Bahr

John F. Boylan

Joseph Boylan

John B. Brockhage

Amadio Carani

William F. Cassidy

George W. Davis

Edgar I. Eisenstadt

Newton E. Fischer

Euphemia Grimson

George H. Lawrentz

Elizabeth I. Leffert

Janet B. Maechtle

Winifred Metzler

Lillie A. Rogan

Gerard Van Schaick

Atheleen Steele

Kathryn B. Wagner

Claire Balke

Thelma Bench

Elizabeth Booth

Woodward L. Boynton

Leonard J. Butler

Kathaleen E. Cole

Merritt R. Clifton

William Davison

Vincent J. Erb

James B. Forgan

Louise Kendall

Gladys V. Larson

Maxine M. Lichtenstein

Dorothy C. May

Hazel Meyers

Marion F. Rosenstein

Elizabeth A. Sedgwick

Alice M. Swanson

Merton Whaley

Norma Williford

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Lena M. Nixon, Mathematics

Miss Margaret Heffron, Literature

Miss Edna Grenoble, English

Mrs George Taylor, English

Miss Mildred Lund, 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. Green

William D. Mann

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard – ed.]

### **Saturday, June 17**

Decidedly cooler today.

Mowed my yard & sprinkled garden this evening. Hoed a few minutes in the Peirce garden.

At school most of day. Misses Nora & Lula Behrens worked in the office.

Groceries 1.80; Barber .25; ice cream 30;

### **Sunday, June 18**

Fine day.

Slept late then slept heavily from 11:30 to 12:30

Went with M. & K. in the Watters' machine to the Bowen Country Club north of Wauk. where h-s girls' athletic ass'n has a one week's camp. Edna & Mildred were there. I talked to the girls & went on a walk, pointing out things of interest. The folks went back at 7:00 but I stayed to eat and chatted with some of the teachers, particularly Miss Griffin of Oak Park.  
Trolley .38.

### **Monday, June 19**

A beautiful day

Hoed and staked my tomatoes. Fruit as large as marbles.

Cherries ripening. Strawberries passing their prime.

Wood thrush on school grounds feeding her young.

At school most of day Miss Teuscher and Miss Grunewald – Miss Clara White also – finishing up their work.

Board meeting this evening. Tried to eliminate certain features of proposed bld'g. Decided to investigate possibility of leaving some rooms unfinished.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, June 20**

Beautiful day

At school most of the time. Wound up old accounts. Helped a few minutes weeding the garden.

Hoed and cultivated my Laurel Ave garden

West Disinf. Co's agent called.

### **Wednesday, June 21**

Fine day. Cool.

To city on 10:07. To Schantz office. Then to Mr Deane's. Then to City Club for lunch with Pattee. Went over the matter of the publication of the check list. To Chic Transp. Co to leave some slides of the bldg to be colored. To Chicago Theatre. Home at 6:34.

This evening at the Highwood School to attend a proposed mass meeting in interest of an increase of school tax. Only a few came but I had a pleasant visit with Mr Nelson, with Mr. Swan of the Board, and with Mrs Ethel Stupey Heppron.

R R .70 + .08 + .07; lunch .65; photographic supplies 5.91; theater, etc. 2.20.

### **Thursday, June 22**

Fine day

At school much of day. After lunch rode down G.B Road to look for asclepias r. Droning of cicadas like that of hylas. Stopped off at ruins of Mr Hessler's house – burned to the ground this A.M. Then on County L. road to Skokie Woods where I was unable to find either Ascl. exaltata or pyrola. On west two or more miles to place where Ascl. ovalifolia grows but found only two or three stalks – farmer had conscientiously mowed the highway!

Mrs Millard and I went over the Sheahan lots just west of our Sheahan school site to familiarize ourselves with lay of land.

At Mr. Mann's house this evening to confer about repairs.

Barber .25; ice cream 30;

### **Friday, June 23**

A hot day  
At school most of day. Two agents – paper and disinfectants.  
Carson, Pirie man came to set up shades and measure for additional ones.  
Miss Sands & Alden Greene finished most of the census work  
Went to joint meeting of park & city commissioners this evening to recommend purchase of connecting strip between Green Bay site and Sunset Park.

### **Saturday, June 24**

Another hot day with cooler breeze at evening  
At school all day and until 10:30 P.M.  
Balanced entries for school year ending Apr. 1.  
Barber .25; ice cream .30 + .10; Groceries .30 + 1.15;

### **Sunday, June 25**

Beautiful day but cool wind. One had to wear a vest again and many got on an overcoat.  
To church. Fine nap in the afternoon. Then went up to Parratt's for supper. Afterwards he and I came home for some lantern slides & got the lantern at school & then I showed the slides in Mr Parratt's dining room

### **Monday, June 26**

Fine day. Warmer  
At school all morning Took 1:29 for Chic. To Schantz' office to arrange a meeting. Then to Chic Transp. Co. to get some slides; Sweet W. & Co for photog. supplies; then back to Schantz' office where he, & Pattee & I had conference over the publishing of the check list. We took 5:26 for home.  
Mother, K. & I went to concert this evening. Met Mr & Mrs Pierce of Glencoe & spent evening with them. Visited with the Eisenstadts & Miss Cramer; then with Mrs Boynton who invited us to use her box next Monday evening  
R.R. 40 + 30; photog suppl 1.00; Slides (Dist 107) 3.40; (Trolley ticket 10<sup>00</sup>); Ravinia .48; book of tickets 15<sup>00</sup>  
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia program. – ed.]

### **Tuesday, June 27**

Grew warmer today. There was a tiny shower in the night and the air smelled fresh.  
At school all day. Got my financial report practically ready  
Board met this evening – first with Mr Norcross to confer about the tax situation; then the revised bids were opened in the presence of 15 or 20 interested persons.  
Anderson among general contractors was lowest bidder; Decker lowest in plumbing; Lewis & C in ventilating. We are going ahead with the shell of the bldg, but this seems safest.  
Bread .15; bicyc pump .75; half soled shoes 2.25;

### **Wednesday, June 28**

Fine day. Fairly cool.  
At school all day Entertained two agents. This evening Mr & Mrs Edwin Gourley were there awhile, getting ready for drawing class Edwin proposes to open.  
This evening visited a while with Mr Metzler at the Moraine & with Mr. Trumbull who is interested in setting up a home made telescope.  
Gave some attention to the affairs of the Audubon Society.

Barber 25; bread .15; groceries .33;

### **Thursday, June 29**

Fine day. Still dry!

Met W.J. Brown at school to plan carpenter repair work; Ted Decker to arrange to install a radiator on attic landing.

Borchardt with two men and a team began clearing away trees for building room. Began this afternoon

Ice cream 30;

### **Friday, June 30**

Rather sultry. A scanty shower about 8:00 P.M.

Lindens in blossom across the way at Mr. Greenslade's. Delightful fragrance. - - Elderberry bushes coming into bloom.

This A.M. met with Mr. Beers, Decker, & Anderson & talked over building affairs.

Went to city on 1:20 to give a talk at Gertrude House before kg students. Well received. Mrs Page, Miss Clausenius, Miss Hoffman, et. al. present.

Then went down to Ralph Fletcher Seymour's office to confer about State Parks report.

This evening worked for a while on my Laurel Ave garden

Barber 25; groc .33; ice cream 30.

R.R. 40 + .30 + .16; .85;

### **Saturday, July 1**

Warm day though breeze was blowing.

Got Mr. Metzler's signature to pay checks for janitors, et. al., paid them & then took 8:58 for Chic

To Schoenbrod's for mending tissue; Amer Seating Co. to inquire about varnishing seats; Fields for tape; Sweet W. & Co for brush; to Field Museum where I worked over blossoms & fruits until 3:30. Then to movies for a while and home.

Inspected school grounds this evening and found that considerable progress in getting down trees had been made

R.R. .60 + .24; lunch .40; ice cream & drinks .45; groceries .22 + .18 + .60; mending tissue 1<sup>00</sup>; barber 1.00; note books .40; brush 1.50;

### **Sunday, July 2**

Warm day with delightful breezes.

To church. Good sermon by Mr. Fitt. My friend, Archie Norton (B.F. Sanborn) of Decatur in the audience, one of a scouting committee of three (Mr Finney & Dr Smith – of Millikin) to size up Mr Fitt.

Went to concert at Ravinia Park. Chatted with Mrs Boynton – then met Mr Beers. We sat out the concert together, then walked home, sizing up new buildings on the way.

Up to schoolhouse after supper & brot Victrola home to learn "memory" pieces children used.

Worked on proof of State Parks Report.

Trolley .08; church .25

### **Monday, July 3**

A beautiful day. Cool.

Wrote Dr Wynne of Ind. regretfully declining invitation to go on another climbing trip to Glacier Park.

Met Mr. Anderson & Mr Beers and we marked off site of new bldg. Various conferences during day with Mr Davis & Mr Butler. Watched progress of uprooting trees

Miss Ahlm & her assistant finished "restoring" the murals today.

Mother, K, & I with Mildred Maechtle & Marion Keagel, went with Mrs Boynton and her brother-in-law, Mr. Sanborn Smith to a wonderful concert this evening. Mr S. fine amateur botanist. Met Pattees there; Billie Parks & her sister; Prof. Swen Parson, Eleanor, and Charles; & Mr & Mrs Wagner of Winnetka Groceries .70 + .40

Barber .25;

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

## **Tuesday, July 4**

The "Fourth"

A very beautiful day Cool.

I worked around the place all morning, cutting dead branches from the two oaks on parkway and lawn.

This afternoon I spent mostly at school.

The Elks had a celebration in Sunset Woods but I was not expecting much, so stayed away  
Ice cream .30;

## **Wednesday, July 5**

Another fine day Somewhat warmer.

At school Office work. Watched men re-hang wires so that trees could be removed. Looked on & helped a little at other work

Making annual report for Co Supt. Making loose-leaf ledger list of teachers running back as far as record goes

Ice cream .30;

## **Thursday, July 6**

Rather warm.

Went with Messrs St Peter, Beers, Metzel and Davis to Winnetka to look at heating plant, meeting there a representative of Hoier, a heating contractor.

Came back, then went to the city. To Mr. Greenslade's office to leave some bills. To Beckley-Cardy's to arrange for some slating of blackboard. To Seymour's office to leave "dummy" of Parks Report. To Capron's office to confer over the heating contract.

This evening at meeting of Library Board. Have been re-elected for three years Am chairman of book committee.

R.R. 30 + 40 + 32; barber .25

ice cream .30; citrate of m — 20; charity .50;

## **Friday, July 7**

Delightful day. The 40th without a substantial shower. A very light shower began the day but was soon forgotten

To city by 11:30. Conference with Mr Metzel over heating & vent. contract. He decided to postpone next Board meeting from Monday to Tuesday - - I secured his signature to two warrants, one being for Miss Gerda Ahlm, restorer of paintings, whom I paid at her office. The other I brot home & used to obtain draft on state treasurer (pension money, 323<sup>00</sup>)

Spent afternoon at school, mostly going over files of School Bd Journal. This evening continued typing directory of teachers

R.R. .80; lunch .65; ice cream .30;

### **Saturday, July 8**

Beautiful day. Cool as October this A M.

At school all day. Mr. Beers came at 10:00 and we were there until noon – mostly discussing heating plants. Mr Lang came in and we negotiated for a while the issue of a bld'g permit - - Mr. Beers phoned for Chas Mann, heating engineer, who came out & spent the afternoon with us explaining the “split system”, etc. Mr Herman called in (chairman of appeal committee of zone commission) & talked over bldg permit - - At 5:30 I went up to Mrs Kuehne's to talk over a case of a deserted wife and her three children. Then to Miss Johnson on same errand. Home at 6:20 Grabbed up a little lunch & went down to camp fire at Julius Rosenwald's – Jensen & wife, Millard do, Geo Hooker, Wheeler, Arnold, Miss Mitchell. Fine time.

### **Sunday, July 9**

Warm. Sultry. Hot wind.

Did not go to church Slept heavily

Went to concert this afternoon. Visited a while there with Mr Glaser of Glencoe.

Read considerable from Cicero's Somnium Scipionis this evening.

Concert .75; trolley .14.

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

### **Monday, July 10**

Rain.

Magnificent rain late at night and on until about 7:30 A M. Drought has been prolonged

Rather sultry.

Went to Oak Park and had a talk with Mr Hamilton about heating & ventilation Back to city for lunch. Then a half hour with Schantz. Home & at 5:30 Mayor and Commissioner Brown & city engineer Laing met Mr ~~Denzel~~ Metzler, Mr. Beers & me at Elm Place and looked over site of bldg. This because Dr Hamilton has protested our building near our back line – his line also

K and I to a magnificent concert this evening. I was late because I went to a meeting of Community Center

R.R. .60 + .20; lunch .65; barber 1.25; ice cream .30 + .30; concert 1.50 + .24;

### **Tuesday, July 11**

Kathryn Caryl Selinger called this afternoon – was on our staff last – in 1907. Fine visit with her. Mrs Everett & Helen Welch came to look over chairs & tables with a view to buying for the Library.

Board meeting this evening to decide the matter of heating & ventilating system. Mr Rood of Wauk present to urge the Pacific boilers. Lewis & Capron both here. S.R. talked long & earnestly about the “blast system” and the “split system”. Much discussion & symptoms of disagreement but it was decided to leave it to bldg com. with power to act.

### **Wednesday, July 12**

Rained this morning in torrents. Streets afloat. Cleared and pleasantly cool by evening.

Mr. Beers & I spent morning together & I agreed to withdraw my objections to “split system” for first floor, with the understanding that the ducts would be enlarged so that the blast system could ultimately be put in on second floor. Phoned S.R. Lewis & he agreed to plan

This afternoon & evening spent overhauling my books in my room  
Barber .50; bread .15

**Thursday, July 13**

Fine day. Ground water-soaked.

Gathered beans at Laurel Ave garden & these with others from home garden were canned by Kittie – 11 pints Found a nest of 4 rabbits in the L.A. garden. G.B. corn beginning to tassel out.

At school this afternoon and this evening

Bread .15;

**Friday, July 14**

Beautiful day.

At school this A.M. Butler & I weeded in Park Ave garden – thinned out broom corn, soja beans, etc.

Then to Green Bay nursery where we weeded our apple grafts

This afternoon I went down to Mr. Jensen's office to confer with him about Parks Report. Then staked tomatoes & hollyhocks, hoed garden, & then went to Laurel Ave. garden where I planted two rows of G.B. corn, and pulled suckers out of corn. After supper mowed my lawn, then went to my office & got warrants ready for mail (10:20 P.M)

Bread .25; ice cream .15 + 10; barber .25;

**Saturday, July 15**

Worked hard all day At home – at my Laurel Ave garden – at school. Was trying to get away in time to catch afternoon boat for B.H. Could not leave before 5:00. Took taxi to Ravinia to leave dummy of State Parks Report with Mr. Seymour, then took electric from there. Caught 6:50 South Bend Electric and went to South Bend. A delightful ride At S.B. by 9:00 – standard time. Went to Hotel Oliver and to bed

Planted G.B. corn, one row for Mrs Pierce and one for me.

R.R. 40 + 3.95; hotel .25 + 35 + .85

**Sunday, July 16**

South Bend to Benton H.

Took 7:00 trolley & got to St. J. at 8:20. Over to B.H. Stopped in at Crookses and visited there a while Cousin Bertha Smith of Daytona there.

Then to Lennie's. Edith there.

Slept before noon. Then we five went for a long ride. Got out at one place & went to river's edge. Saw Saururus in bloom. In the course of our ride called at Miss Bisbee's cottage near Coloma but did not find her or Miss Sands in.

Hotel 2.75; breakfast .65; trolley 1.05 + .05.

**Monday, July 17**

At Benton Harbor

Had a great rain this A.M.

I read and slept all morning.

This afternoon we drove to Niles and ate our Supper in beautiful "Island Park". Home at twilight.

A wonderful sight is the countryside now. Tremendous fruit crop in sight – apples, pears, peaches, grapes, melons, etc.

**Tuesday, July 18**

At Benton Harbor

Fine day

Took it easy today. Fine nap this A.M. Visited.

Left on the 5:00 P.M. boat (Benton Harbor) for Chicago An excursion crowd on board but got along well.

Most beautiful sunset. Home at 10:40  
Barber .50; boat 1.00 + 1.30; R.R. .30 + .10.

### **Wednesday, July 19**

Beautiful day.  
Gathered beans at L. Ave garden & 3 cucumbers.  
At school until noon  
Took 1:20 for Chic. To Chic. Street Railway's office to try to recover my lost bag  
To Schantz' office for conference.  
Ditto to R.F. Seymour's office. Shopped at Fair & Cameron Amberg's To Chic. Theatre.  
Supper at City Club. Home on 8:36.  
R.R. .40 + .30 + ; ice cream .30; supper 1.10; theater .55; bread .15;

### **Thursday, July 20**

Fine day  
Ran my cultivator over my entire Laurel Ave garden  
This afternoon at school Met Miss Watt of Evanston who came to consider the possibility of being my secretary.  
At home this evening. Finished Schlesinger's New View Points in Amer. History.  
Meat .55; bananas .34; ice cream .30; barber .25;

### **Friday, July 21**

A warm day but puffs of air came up with a delightful smell of the lake  
Had a conf with Mr. Metzel and Mrs Millard and Mrs Greene at school this A.M.  
Worked in my office all afternoon. Continued my work at home this evening.  
Bread .15; ice cream .30;

### **Saturday, July 22**

Rather sultry. Light shower after lunch; heavier after dark with electrical display.  
Conf. with Mr. Mann and Mr. Beers at school, this A.M.  
Then to my Laurel Ave. garden to gather beans and a cucumber. Hoed out the rows of later planted corn  
This afternoon at school. Went at 3:00 to funeral of my old friend, Mr. C.F.L Curtis. [John Fitch Curtis, (1833 -1922) – ed.] Then met by appointment at school Fred Obee to talk over plastering; Curry to talk over calcimining, etc. Ugolini and I talked over concrete work.  
At Pub. Libr. a while this evening.  
Meat .95 + 1.05; groceries .40 + .15 + .25  
Barber 1.00.

### **Sunday, July 23**

Warm day but cooling breezes  
To church. Then slept much of afternoon. Spent some time at school grounds this evening with Mr. Beers.  
Read much from books on colonial architecture.  
Church .25;

### **Monday, July 24**

Fine day. A little warm. Threatening at times.

Mowed my yard this A.M. Then at school until after 12:00

Got my own lunch as M & K were in city.

At school this afternoon. Long call from Mr. Jensen. Various other things.

Got final page proof of Parks Report from Mr Seymour this evening.

We all went to the concert this evening. Fine. Met the Pattee's there. Also Miss Payne's sister.

Concert 2.25 + .48; barber .25;

### **Tuesday, July 25**

Another fine day

At school all day. Conferred with Mr Metzel and Mr. Mann. - - - Brown had 6 carpenters on the job. - - - Ordered 4 additional screens made. - - Wrote news item on the bldg for the Press. - - Mr. Jensen & I had lunch at Green Tea Pot & long talk afterwards - - I mailed page proof of Parks Report to 6 of the authors - - Had dinner at 7:00 with the Chapins on Vine Ave Elderly people – very interesting  
Bread .15;

### **Wednesday, July 26**

Threatening and a few rain drops but clearing.

At school with Mr Metzel & Messrs Brown & Curry, and planned most of the improvements.

To city on 2:18. Conference with Schantz. Shopped at Field's. Left a pkg at Gas Bldg – books for Mary Louise McClernan; supper at City Club. To Ringling's circus

Mrs Gummidge went out to Decker's Camp at Long Lake today. Rode in machine with Milton Tillman and his parents.

R.R. .30 + .40; stationery .15; meals 1.10 + .15; barber .25; collars .75; belt 1.50; circus 2.00.

### **Thursday, July 27**

Sultry.

Busy at school all morning & much of afternoon. Errand to Winnetka to leave pkg of nature study notebooks for Miss Payne's sister.

The Gourleys took us out beyond Prairie View to brook whose valley was heavily planted with cardinal flower (Mrs John Gourley, Mrs Edward, Mr. Lyle; K & I.) I took four photos. Got back at 9:00. Trolley .40; Ice cream 30; Pepsodent .50; meat .40;

### **Friday, July 28**

Beautiful day.

Almost stunned this A.M. to see in the Trib. the announcement of Dr Wynn's death in Glacier Park yesterday.

I had a letter in June from him, reminding me that the mountains were calling, & he asked me to be the fourth member of the climbing party – Wynne, Dr Goddard, Harry Horn, ----- I wanted very much to go but I knew I could not leave by July 20, the date set, and indeed was not certain of being so far away at any time. So I wrote my regrets [see July 3 entry – ed.] & advised them to select a fourth person in my place – I had had a previous invitation from Dr. Goddard. – Now the good kindly Dr Wynne is gone!

--- Conf with Metzel & Brown at school – to city by 3:30 this afternoon. Sweet Wallach's & to C.F. Deardorf's to try to get volute shutter fixed

R.R. .80 + .24; supper .3[0?]; [ ] .[55?] + .[55?]

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping announcing the death of Dr. Wynne. According to the clipping, Dr. Frank B. Wynne was killed while mountain climbing near Many-glacier, Montana. — ed.]

### **Saturday, July 29**

Very light showers. Gray.

Picked beans & 4 more cucumbers at L. Ave

At school all day and this evening.

Meat 1.95; groceries .85; bread .15;

### **Sunday, July 30**

Light shower in night. Cleared late this morning.

Mother was 80 today. The Noerenberg's & Decker's sent her a box of candy as a remembrance; Mrs Millard sent a gift.

Edith & Clarence D. came to spend the day.

I spent an hour before dinner with the Pattees at Evanston, talking over Glacier Park.

Trolley .67;

### **Monday, July 31**

Rather warm but pleasant breezes

At school all day. Conf. with Mr. Beers this A.M. Mr Butler & I worked in school garden awhile — harvested small bundles of wheat, rye, oats and barley - - Conf. this afternoon with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene. —

At concert this evening — K & I. Fine. Had nice chat with the Pattees, with Mr. & Mrs Truman, & Mr. Sam Bergey.

Talked over the phone with Mr Russell P. McFall of Indianapolis this evening. He said Dr Wynne's body arrived this A.M. Funeral tomorrow at 3:00.

Barber 25; ice cream 30; Trolley .28;

### **Tuesday, August 1**

Car Strike on in Chicago

Warm, ending up in heavy showers this afternoon. Great growing weather.

At school until 10:00 & then to Chicago. No street cars Streets crowded with machines. Some made one-way streets - - Conf at Schantz' office with S., Gault & Pattee. Decided to go ahead with printing of check list - - P and I ate lunch at City Club & talked Glacier Park - - Then I went over to C B & Q and looked up rates, etc. - - Caught in shower. Went to Schantz' office. Then home. - -

Met tonight with Bldg Committee & Mr. Beers. New bids on heating and ventilating. - - Let to Chaffey. Lewis did not bid & so was eliminated.

R.R .60 + Lunch .50; ice cream .30

### **Wednesday, August 2**

Fine summer day.

Busy at school. Met Mr Beers & Mr. Metzler. Also Mr. Mann. Mr. Anderson

Steam shovel began in afternoon Monday. Great progress today Four teams worked in enclosure

Mrs North called on me today to talk over her boys' work.

Miss Weinland came to confer with me about her science work

I mowed yard and washed windows after supper.

Bread .15; barber .40;

**Thursday, August 3**

Humid & warm. Fine shower about 6:00 P.M.

At school. Very busy. Employed 5 laborers and a teamster, the latter to haul logs in place. Men relaid drain tile, trimmed bark off logs, sawed off dead limbs, etc.

Mr. Lang, city engineer, came to protest blocking our ravine with the new b'ld'g, & then using a 24" tile to admit passage of water. Said it should have been 36". This involved phone calls to Metzel, Beers, & Mann

Library Board meeting this evening.

Ice cream .30;

**Friday, August 4**

Fine day.

Very busy at school all A.M. To city on 12:53.

To Mr Mann's office to ask him to order 9 round tables for the school; to Bartel's for repair of glasses; N.Y. Life to talk about my maturing policy; to shop to buy hobnails; met Pattee at C B & Q office to talk Glacier Park; to Von Lengercke's to buy socks, puttees, & shoe dressing. Bot shoe polish at Fields

Watched the congested streets at close of working hours. The trucks loaded with workers, etc.

This evening wrote letters at school.

R R. .60; barber .25; shoe polish .50; glasses .40; socks 2.00; puttees 5<sup>00</sup>; shoe dressing .40; hobnails .10;

**Saturday, August 5**

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**Sunday, August 6**

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**Monday, August 7**

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**Thursday, August 31**

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**Friday, September 1**

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**Saturday, September 2**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

**Sunday, September 3**

Pleasant.

At home all day. Finished Hough's A Covered Wagon. Began If Winter Come

**Monday, September 4**

Labor Day

Warm but rather pleasant.

The "Legion" had a parade followed by a picnic at Sunset Woods – which I did not attend.

Mr Metzler and I spent nearly all of the morning at school. Then Mr Beers was with me most of the afternoon.

I did some desk work this evening

Ice cream 30;

**Tuesday, September 5**

Hot day.

Went in on 9:44 with Mr Beers and visited Girolamy's to see some work in cast concrete. Then I went to Art Inst. where I interviewed Mr. Sherwood about possibility of scholarship for Indian Clark, the sculptor. Spent an hour or more in fine exhibits; & ate lunch there.

Afternoon went to movie, "Nanook, the Esquimaux" – a great production.

R R .60. Lunch .40; Ice cream .30; Phones .10

**Wednesday, September 6**

Very warm. Record breaker.

At school all day Errands, etc Latter part of afternoon Mrs Millard came for a half hour conference

After supper at public library a while; then at Community Center; then at school.

Ice cream, etc .50; coffee .45.

**Thursday, September 7**

Started out very hot. Then sharp electric storm and downpour this A.M. This again in the afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Watt, our new Sec., came and worked all day Made good impression.

I had meeting of book committee of library at 5:00 – Dr. Wolcott, Mrs Beardsley, Helen Welsh, I. Then Library Board met this evening. Authorized me to buy tables and chairs for children's room

Got a check from N.Y. Life today for \$1328<sup>00</sup>, from my 20 yr. endowment.

Ice cream, etc. 40; barber .25;

### **Friday, September 8**

Very hot.

Very busy.

People came to see me at school. Mr. Jensen came & spent the lunch hour & more.

A breeze sprang up about 8:30 and everyone was speedily refreshed.

Ice cream .30; cookies .18;

### **Saturday, September 9**

Rained heavily in the night and showers fell occasionally today

At school all day and until 10:00 this evening.

Teachers' meeting began at 10:00. All present. This afternoon given up to conferences.

This evening I worked on the bills.

Groceries .88;

### **Sunday, September 10**

Heavy rain in the night and showers frequently today. Much cooler.

Errands kept me at schoolhouse until nearly noon.

Edith & D. came and ate dinner. Went away before four.

I worked at school from 5:00 to 7:00, then at 8:00 went to Library where entire committee met to talk over librarian situation. Our librarian, Helen Welch, suddenly married late in the night, night before last – at Valparaiso, Ind. We did not like such a capricious performance, but decided to take no official action.

### **Monday, September 11**

First day of school.

Rained again in the night & before 8:00 A M. Cleared off beautifully after noon. Cool.

725 children enrolled today. Fine spirit among pupils & teachers.

Morning exercises to a packed auditorium.

No school this afternoon – but teacher conferences

Board meeting this evening.

### **Tuesday, September 12**

Pleasant in every way.

Busy with new pupils. Callers this afternoon including Miss Studer, Principal at Lake Bluff.

Gathered 18 ears of Golden Bantam this afternoon.

At school this ~~after~~ evening after visiting at Carani's to try to persuade him to let Amadeo go to H.S.

Bread .15; barber .25;

### **Wednesday, September 13**

Threatening. Cool but warmer until late afternoon.

Copy for the Press. Various duties.

Children began to bring in flowers, fruit & vegetables for the exhibit.

Teachers' meeting with 7 – 8's to try to help prepare a program

To city on 6:25 to meeting of Directors of Audubon Soc. Mr & Mrs Pattee, Gault, Riis, Schantz, Lyon, Mitchell Important meeting.

R.R. 40 + 30;

#### **Thursday, September 14**

Threatening but cleared Pleasant.

Our exhibit of flowers, etc, on in good shape Cut our garden products for the exhibition –  
feterita, milo maize, kaffir corn, millet, sorghum, broom corn, etc.

Exec. comm. of P.T.A. met at Mrs Silber's at 4:00 Miss Nixon and I went.

At school this evening.

Much perplexed over program trouble of upper grades.

#### **Friday, September 15**

Fine day.

Very busy.

Conf. with Mr Metzler & Mr Beers; book agent; Mrs Silber; etc.

Superintended taking down of exhibit of fruit & vegetables.

Conf with third graders; with upper graders

Reset Mother's lily bulbs, hauling manure from Mrs Obee's hen house & sand from Mrs Decker's  
sand pile.

#### **Saturday, September 16**

Fine day. Gray at times Cool.

Various duties at school Then took 11:38 for Chicago Lunch at City Club with Pattee &  
Schantz. Discussed the Check List.

To Fields to arrange about cutting down my "music portfolio"

To Art Institute to view pictures

Home at 5:30. To School this evening. Kittie and M. came awhile, the former to help me on my  
books.

R R .60 + .21; lunch .65; ice cream .30;

#### **Sunday, September 17**

Beautiful day. Cool.

At school until church time. Mr Hanlon of Fields called to talk chairs.

Heard Mr Fitt.

This afternoon to Waukegan. Took taxi up Sheridan Road opposite Beach. Then walked over to the Flats  
and roamed about, coming into Wauk. about 7:15. Rode with Miss Kiehl on trolley.

Gentians in bloom. A stray liatris, now and then.

#### **Monday, September 18**

Gray. Cool. Threatening. Light shower after 6:00 P.M.

At morning exercises I asked the children if they wanted a school tipi, and I aroused considerable  
interest in the matter.

Went to lunch with Mrs Mather Smith, & Met Dr. McCune of Orlando there. Young Mather is to  
enter Thorpe School at L. Forest Wednesday

Negotiated for rental of room for recitation purposes in the house of Mrs Sutherland across  
Sheridan Road from the school.

Various conferences – Miss Sands on Pioneer Life; Miss Fallstadt on 5th Lit; Miss Davis on nature,  
etc.

At desk until nearly 10:00 this evening.

### **Tuesday, September 19**

Began to rain about 11:00 and rained off and on all the rest of the day.

Mr. Jensen and Mr Beers & I met at noon to discuss the outline of the cement pool. Then Mr. J. and I went off to lunch together

I arranged with Mrs Southerland to rent a room (the library or "den") for a recitation room – to pay \$100<sup>00</sup> until Christmas

At school again this evening

Barber .25; Lactonique .75.

### **Wednesday, September 20**

Cleared. A fine day

Mr Harper came to invite my criticism of the plans for the new school at Wilmette.

Mr Clemens & his friend, Mr Jenkinson, of Evanston called to talk violin lessons

I helped Miss Weinland in three science lessons and went on a field trip with Miss Stein's 4B's.

At school this evening. Sent Dreer's an order for bulbs.

### **Thursday, September 21**

Fine day.

Field trip to Exmoor Ridge with 4B's.

To Rudolph garden – [3?]B's.

To beach with 8A's

Mrs Silber gave us all a "tea" at her home after school.

Had a conf at H.S. with Mr Conover over securing violin instructor

Went to Mr Silber's this evening to talk over with them & Mr & Mrs Geo Jones the proposed P.T.A. program for next Thursday evening.

### **Friday, September 22**

Fine day Almost sultry

Long conf. with Mr. Metzel at 9:00

Miss Sands, 6B, & Miss Copeland, 6A, both ill and we sent them home for the day. - - I helped out in some of the classes.

Finished today job of rewriting material for Foreward of Check List Mr. Gault had turned in.

Mother went down to Gary this afternoon.

I paid 38<sup>00</sup> for a new bicycle – Liberty – Chic. Cycle Co.

Barber 25; ice cream .15.

### **Saturday, September 23**

Sultry day.

At school all day and this evening until 10:20.

I scattered winter rye on fresh clay slopes of ravine and Mr. Davis raked it in.

Finished introduction to Audub. Check List and sent it off.

Cleared away accumulated correspondence. Cleaned up book store bills.

Barber .25; ice cream .30; groceries .45 + .87; meat 1.05

bicycle basket .85

### **Sunday, September 24**

Turned off cool in the night. Gray & cool today.

K & I took early train for Chicago & caught 9:15 for Tremont. Mother, Edith & Clarence got on our train at Gary and went on with us. At T. we took a bus to Waverley Beach & the Wilsons' cottage. Fay Krum & her husband, Ed & Margaret, Edward and Grant. Then came Mort Clark & Florence, and Jessie Clark and Frank Anderson, her husband, & the children, Clark, Robert & John David – Soon Lennie & Arthur & Ruth arrived and we had a great day – Then Enders went home by trolley & the Clarks & Andersons, do. Edith & D went with Lennie to Mich. City & then back by trolley - - We left at 5:44 & were home at 9:00.

R.R. 4:32 + 1.00 + 2.00: Candy .40; phone .25

(Nice visit with Mr & Mrs Frank Dudley – artist.

### **Monday, September 25**

Beautiful day

Crowded full. Visitors, pleasant & otherwise

Dental college students tried to canvas the school for magazines

Miss Chapin called to try to enlist our aid in fighting the smoke nuisance

Mrs Balke to talk over affairs.

Agent for Henry Holt.

Mr Barendsen & Mr. Halik to talk violin work

Went with Miss W. & the 7B's on field trip to Skokie.

Herbert Bock was knocked off his wheel by auto & skull fractured – on way from school. Is at hospital.

Barber .25; ice cream .30.

### **Tuesday, September 26**

Another.

Field trip with Miss Jones' 4B's to Skokie & Sheahen's woods To beach with Miss Weinland's 8A's.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Conf. with Mr. Metzel from 12:00 to 12:45.

With Mr. Beers from 5:30 to 6:00.

### **Wednesday, September 27**

Another.

Conf. early with Mr Mann & Mr Beers at bldg.

Macmillan's representative called.

Mr Sutherland, who is Cadillac representative, sent out an operator with a machine to put on two films: Main Streets of the World, and the work of the German submarine Grades 3 – 8 attended

Dinner party at the Mather-Smiths this evening. Dr & Mrs Proxmire, Mr & Mrs Garden, Mr & Mrs Thorpe. Mr. Thorpe head of the Thorpe School, Lake Forest.

Thos Charles agent called.

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, September 28**

Another. These are rare & beautiful days

Very busy but got somewhere.

G & C Merriam's agent called

Conf. with 3rd grade teachers

P.T. A. meeting. I opened with statement of physical needs of school. Then showed slides of new bld'g and proposed aud. This elicited valuable discussion. A fine meeting.

### **Friday, September 29**

Warmer. Shed my vest.

Rep of Iroquois Pub Co. called

Mr Wood of H.P. Press called & I showed him around for an hour.

Field trip with 8A's to slope of cliff near pumping station.

Barber 1.25;

### **Saturday, September 30**

Rather warm day.

At school all day and this evening.

Various duties

Vegetables & meat .90

### **Sunday, October 1**

A beautiful day but rather warm

Slept this A M.

Tramped along beach to Lake Forest, getting to trolley station there after dark.

On the way was in company of the Misses Stever and Smith who had with them Miss Imogene Faulkner, the "Story Lady", whom I have known for some years

A most beautiful, placid lake. It was Whistler's A Silver Sea with but one gleaming sail afloat.

Aster levis unusually brilliant.

Trolley .15;

### **Monday, October 2**

A sultry day.

Ash leaves colored up and leaflets dropping down in the still air. Sumach aflame.

Long conf. with Mrs Millard this A M.

Workman began on second story walls today.

Long chat with Mr. Trumbull this evening over the school building situation.

Ice cream .30; medicine 1.05

### **Tuesday, October 3**

Not so sultry.

Full day. Unpacked shipment of bulbs from Dreer's.

Attended as a guest a committee meeting at the Manse this evening – committee on religious education of the Presb. Church, Miss Kirschener, Director

Barber .25;

### **Wednesday, October 4**

Another as yesterday

Full day. Worked on programs and cases of discipline.

Helped again in a 4th grade map lesson on the hall floor.

Upper grade teachers unhappy over inability to agree upon working class program.

Worked until about 11:00 at school this evening.

### **Thursday, October 5**

Still warm. Great working weather. Our new bld'g going up apace

Had a meeting of the 1 – 2 grade teachers at 3:00 this afternoon, to discuss beginning reading.

Then conference with Helen Welsh (Genung) and Miss Heffron and Clara White over juvenile reading lists.

This evening, Library Board meeting Preceded by a meeting of Book Committee of which I am chairman.

Workmen began to tear down our old furnace and to put up a new one.

Barber .25; ice cream .30.

### **Friday, October 6**

Cooler. Gray. Delightful breezes

Conf. with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene at 9:00. Took two classes into the b'ld'g to note details of construction.

Sale of bulbs began today.

Mrs Millard, Mrs Greene, Mr Beers & I went in an auto to the Kelley estate; west of Lake F. to see the water garden. Then back to H.P. Mr. B & I then went to the Rosenwald estate to look over projects of that sort.

At school awhile this evening.

### **Saturday, October 7**

Rained this morning & misty & threatening most of day.

To Wauk this A.M. to inquire about tax matters. Talked with Mrs Bess Bowers Dunn and Co Supt Simpson.

Home at 11:00 To school bldg to be present at reorganization of violin classes under Mr Halik, who teaches at the H.S.

Took 1:18 trolley for Chicago. To Fields to look up chairs for school and library To Revell's for same purpose. To Lyon & Healy's.

Dist 107 – Wauk trip .76 Book 1<sup>25</sup>

Barber .25; R.R. .40 + .30; candy .19; groceries .55; books .70; meat .63; bread .15;

### **Sunday, October 8**

Threatening and cool. Overcoat weather. Began raining late this evening.

At school a while before church. Conf. with Mr. Trumbull. Chat with Mrs Green & Lois who came over for bulbs.

Mr Fitt preached.

Slept this afternoon To school bldg at 5:00 for two hours. Conf. with Mr. Adamson - - Phoned Seymour to secure his consent to talk (library) book week. To O. St. Peter about addition of land to Green B. site. Wired Mike Shannon authorizing painting of the draft cloth.

Wrote Mike a long letter.

Reading life of Marryatt today

### **Monday, October 9**

Misty. A shower or two. Cleared late.

Miss Meyers absent at a funeral. Mrs Peddle in her place. Miss Jones had to go to a specialist in Chicago for treatment. Mrs Taylor & Miss Chase sub-ed for her.

Sale of bulbs continued. Orchestra met.

School Board this evening – Mann, Jones, St Peter & Millard. Mr Trumbull came and had a friendly discussion over ways to interest public in auditorium campaign.

– Matter of connecting G.B. site with Sunset Park discussed. Also – of trying to annex to our Dist. land west of S.P.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, October 10**

Rainy. Heavy dashes at 4:00 P.M. Cleared in A.M. & blew refreshingly but this brot up rain.

New pupils to classify; sick or absent teachers – Fallstad, Meyers.

First concert of the Little Symphony at New Trier. We filled most of a two-car special. Arrived in pouring rain. Interesting concert.

Too tired to go to school this evening.

(Sent off final page proof of checklist)

Ticket – 38;

### **Wednesday, October 11**

Cleared in the night. Fine day

Warrick representing E. H. Sheldon Co. called to talk mn'l tr. equipment.

Visitors today.

This evening I went to Mrs Everett's after 9:00 & had long conf. about the librarian and the status of the work.

Barber .25; tailor 1<sup>00</sup>

### **Thursday, October 12**

Clear. Cool. No frost yet.

Miss Meyers still absent. Mrs Peddle subbed.

Got out letters (500 or so) soliciting for guarantee fund for a series of three or more lectures.

Went down to Pattee's this evening to confer over map for Check List. I wired Mr. Ridgway for data as to the legend.

Trolley .90;

### **Friday, October 13**

Fine day Rising wind at nightfall

Went to Hull House with Miss Heffron & Mrs Taylor and their pupils – about 30.

At immigrant quarters at N.W. station first, and then to Hull House. Textile room, Miss Adams' [Addams – ed.] office, dining room, etc. To Mary Crane Nursery. Then to Jackson School, meeting Mr Hedges on the way. Ate lunches in Sheridan Park. Then to Ghetto market on Maxwell St. Caught 2:00 for H.P.

Busy at office rest of day & there this P.M.

Brot home 4 or 5 presentable squash form my garden

### **Saturday, October 14**

Mild. Began to rain late in day

To city on 10:18. To Stearns Bros to confer over title page of checklist. To City Club to meeting of Round Table. 27 present. Supt Goodier presided. Dean Gray presented topic for research for coming months

Went to Anderson's to secure samples for suit.

Home at 4:35.

At desk this evening

R.R. 40 + 30 + .14; lunch 1.00; dues 1.00; Pd \$2.00 dues in advance – Supt & Princ. Ass'n of No. Illinois

### **Sunday, October 15**

A beautiful day

Went to school house this A.M. & at church time started away, but feeling drowsy I decided to try to sleep, & so went home Had a fine nap. After lunch another nap – then Mother & I went for a ride with Mr & Mrs Parratt to Winnetka.

The Clows called this evening

### **Monday, October 16**

A fine day.

Among other things conferred with Mr. Jensen and Mr Beers about the outline of the pool before the new bldg, Mr. J. setting stakes to indicate the outline. Then Mr J. & I had dinner (lunch) at the Blue Kettle.

P.T.A. executive committee meeting at bldg, this afternoon

Barber 25;

### **Tuesday, October 17**

Cold wind; sunny day.

One group of 3B's with Miss Davis, Miss Turpin & me went by bus to Carl Rudolph's farm – The Old Mill Farm – 4 ½ mi. Fine trip. This afternoon I spent with 4A's looking over new bldg

Miss Daily & Miss Gilbert of No Chi. schools visited this A M.

### **Wednesday, October 18**

Heavy frost.

Heavy frost this A.M.

Sunny. Cool.

Miss Blair & Miss \_\_\_\_\_, of Oak Park visited this A.M.

I spent a good deal of time with the architect this A M.

After school took up I (P.M) went to the city. To Stearns Bro. to see about the printing of the Bulletin - To College Club where I gave my milkweed talk – I did this for Catherine Mitchell.

This evening went with the Silbers & Mrs Greene and Mr Beers to dedic. of Skokie School at Winnetka S.A. St Peter & John Udell and their wives went. A fine ceremony

R.R. 40 + 30 + .07; lunch .20.

Charge Aud Soc. 1<sup>00</sup> for taxi.

### **Thursday, October 19**

Fine day

Miss Davis & Turpin with help of Miss Chase took a group of 3B's to the farm

I had sundry visitors, including rep. of Lyon & Carnahan, and of E.H. Stafford

P.T.A. this afternoon and papers read by Mrs Longini and Eisendrath of Winnetka Fine time

At school a while this evening

### **Friday, October 20**

Beautiful day

Miss Schermerhorn's group to the farm this A.M.  
Miss Jones' 4A's to Waukegan this afternoon. I went with her & Miss Meyers. - - U.S. Lighthouse  
Tender Sumac in harbor  
This evening at the Silbers, talking over plan of organizing for an auditorium drive.  
Mrs Peddle subbed today.  
Barber .25;

### **Saturday, October 21**

Beautiful day Autumn coloration at climax. Some flaming scarlet maples at Ravinoaks.  
At school all day Was with Mr Beers much of the morning. We went down to the Becker place  
to see a "cliff" Mr Jensen's men had set up.  
I reset my tulips at home and planted 8 Lady Boreel, 12 Clara Butt & 8 O[ni?]da. Dug up and reset  
Japan lilies and red lilies. Also dug up dahlias and tigridias Got two wheelbarrows of hen manure from  
Mrs Obee  
Tulips 1<sup>00</sup>; ice cream .30; groceries 1.11

### **Sunday, October 22**

Mild day Gray Steady rain after 6:00 P.M.  
Obliged to work on school bills from 9:00 to 1:00.  
Nap. Then tramp out W. Park Ave.  
Reading James Harvey Robinson's. The Mind in the Making.  
Called Schantz up this evening to inquire about his wife. She has cancer.

### **Monday, October 23**

Cleared off. Cool. Bright.  
Lot of things went on. Conf. with Mrs Green this A.M. & this evening; with Mr Beers; with Mrs  
Millard; with agent for Scribners.

Short teachers' meeting this afternoon

Called at Library at 5:30 for a short time

Had nauseated tummy at evening and did not eat until 10:00.

At school this evening.

Barber 25;

### **Tuesday, October 24**

Another fine day. Rather windy.

Conf. with Mr. Beers and with two of Mr. Jensen's men – Marshall and Beaud[in?] – over building  
rock setting for pool

To Wauk. with Miss Jones & Miss Meyers and group of 4B's. Met Henry Kern, warden, there this  
time.

At Library a little while this evening, then at school.

### **Wednesday, October 25**

Fine day

No school. All teachers went visiting

I spent day at A O U. meeting at Field Museum. Splendid program. Banquet at Aud. Hotel in the evening. Home at 12:05

Rode in with Mr. Geer and had intimate talk about library. Took taxi to Pattee's and got 25 copies of Check List – just from bindery. Then to F.M. Met Miss Mitchell & turned them over to her. We gave copies to well known ornithologists Met Dr. A.A. Allen, Dr Cordier, Hankinson, Osgood, Dallas Lore Sharp, Praeger (took him to City Club for a short rest at 6:00), Miss Helen Gunsauluss, Eigenmann, Forbush, Oberholzer, Fuertes, Groneman, Gerhard,  
R.R. .30 + 40; taxi 1<sup>00</sup>; banquet 2.00  
Magazine .35;

[Inserted in the diary is a program booklet for the American Ornithologists' Union, Fortieth Stated Meeting, held at the Field Museum of Natural History from October 24 – 26, 1922. – ed.]

### **Thursday, October 26**

Beautiful day

Busy at school all A M. Then took 12:29 for Chic. Went direct to Museum and heard all the afternoon program. Came away with Pattee. We had dinner at City Club. Then I took 7:00 Milwaukee Elect. for home. Went straight to H.S, to hear sound doctrine and inspiring from Dallas Lore Sharp – Education for Democracy

R.R. .80; lunch .35; dinner 1.10;

### **Friday, October 27**

Mild. Beautiful.

Had our Festival of the Falling Leaf this afternoon.

Parade – drums, bugle & bagpipe (Stillman Chapman). Settle on platform front of Annex. King & Queen & two guardsmen. Four sections in parade, each preceded by sergt at arms with branch. Proceeded thro woods & out upon playground, enclosing a square. Memorial to Roosevelt; songs; recitations; quarter staff exhibition; award of prizes to exhibitors – Potted plants, hyac., tulips. A tree book to Margaret Kuehne, who identified 47 out of 50 trees –

Miss Watt & I worked on Audubon material this evening

### **Saturday, October 28**

Another.

I went over to Morton Park to the funeral of Mrs Schantz and came back on the Douglas Park L. with Mrs Bohn and Miss Wolaver. Lunch at Franks.

To Anderson-Carlson to try on new suit.

I broke one pair of my reading glasses while at the local bank this A M., & I left them at the Dow Optical Co to be restored

To Art. Inst. to annual Oct. meeting of Wild Flower Preserv. Soc. Fine Motion pictures

Home at 5:30.

Edith came in to visit over Sunday.

R.R. .30 + .30 + .10 + .10 + .07; Lunch .60; paper .15;

### **Sunday, October 29**

Mildest yet. Furnace fire out. Balmy. Leaves litter lawns.

Edith came yesterday and Clarence D. drove in this A.M. They drove back at 3:00

To church and heard Prof. Cornelius Patten talk on present status of missions

Nap this afternoon. Later walk over Bobolink grounds. Then called on Mr. Balke to consult him about the value of some cancelled stamps sent me from Vienna. Not much value, it seemed. A tutor in entomology sent me these at a venture to raise a little money – the collection made by a child who had died. The man wants to sell prepared entomolog. material to relieve his dire necessity  
Church .25;

### **Monday, October 30**

Another very mild day

At morning exercises had as visitors Miss Wheelock's mother and Miss Kirschner, director of religious education of the Presb. Church. Dr. Smith of Dist 75, Evanston, paid a short visit to look over equipment in way of tables, etc.

This afternoon we took our third group of 4th's to Wauk. Freighter – Taurus – was unloading coal – between 7 & 8000 tons. Four days out from Toledo. - - Fishing boats brot in heavy catches.

Tonight I gave a flower talk to Americanization class (Mr. Morriss') at Community Center.  
Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, October 31**

Very mild.

Busy as usual.

Children's Hallowe'en parties figured largely in the day's activities

Tonight the new recruits (teachers) gave the "veterans" a very delightful party in the Annex.

Conf. with Mrs Silber today. With Mr. Beers.

### **Wednesday, November 1**

Threatening all morning, then heavy rains in the afternoon

Wrote some copy for H.P. Press.

Watched some school work

Some work in plant house.

At home most of evening.

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, November 2**

Gray but finally clearing. Not much cooler

Mr Metzel back and we spent some time together this A.M.

This afternoon I left at 2:29 for Cicero to talk with Supt Lewton over finance matters. Nice chat with him and home by 7:10. To school for a book & then to Library Board meeting.

Dist 107 – Expense .60 + .20 + 20

### **Friday, November 3**

Fine day, on the whole Visitors – Miss Silber and Miss Williams – Deerfield.

Final shipment of bulbs from Dreers.

Worked on books of Board this evening.

Luncheon with Jensen at Tipton's and conf. with him over landscaping at our school.

He brot me a copy of the State Parks Report – now from Press.

Lunch .65;

**Saturday, November 4**

Mild. Gray and sunny alternating followed by beautiful moonlight evening.

Cosmos and calendulas still in bloom in gardens

Yesterday Miss White and the 6B's put in store some hard maple seeds in wet sand.

At school all day. Much interrupted but made headway.

Bread .15; meat .35;

Barber .25; groceries 1.12;

**Sunday, November 5**

Mild – Threatening. Rain in afternoon.

At school all morning. Long conf. with Mr Metzel. Slept most of afternoon

**Monday, November 6**

Cleared – though sunny and gray alternately.

Busy. Mr. Metzel and I conferred. Architect ditto. Later Mrs Millard.

This evening first at dinner by directors of community center. Then to conf. at Presb. church of ministers and some laymen to lay plans for religious education Then to my office to try out some slides showing the proposed auditorium

Barber 25; dinner 1.00.

**Tuesday, November 7**

A real November wind blew today, cool & bracing

Field trip with Miss Weinland's pupils to Skokie islands beyond Exmoor.

This afternoon at Woman's Club showed lantern slides of new bldg & proposed auditorium.

This evening at school. Miss Davis, Miss Miles and I unpacked the tepee cloth with the back rests.

**Wednesday, November 8**

Gray. Cool.

Mrs Peddle sub'd today for Miss Schermerhorn whose nervous breakdown precludes her return to school.

Conf with Mr. Metzel. Mrs Greene Mrs Boynton and two teachers of eurythmics

Cleared up much of my desk litter this evening.

Gave an hour to the 8A's on the election.

Spent some time helping out in 3rd B.

Barber 1.25; bread .15;

**Thursday, November 9**

Mild.

~~Went to city on 2:18 to~~

Mrs McNutt had Miss Shermerhorn's room today.

**Friday, November 10**

Another fine, mild day.

This afternoon I left at 2:00 & went to Geog Soc. Meeting at Cox' office. First, meeting of special committee on publication – Cox, Goode, Schantz, and I. Then other directors came in for the regular

meeting. – Afterwards Dr G. & I went over to City Club and visited a while. Then I ate at a restaurant & went to the Chicago Theatre. Home at 9:30.

Child of five, kg. from Lincoln Ave., killed by auto this afternoon – on Central Ave.

Trolley .60; lunch .75

Miss Miles' pupils gave an Indian play this afternoon.

### **Saturday, November 11**

Mild still.

At school all day and until 10:30 this evening.

This A.M. Dr Hamilton, Mr Metzler and I conferred about matters relating to fences, water course, etc.

I paid book bills and got general school bills into shape.

Called on the McNutt's late this afternoon and secured Mrs McNutt's consent to carry on the 3rd grade work for the present.

Barber .25; groceries .57;

### **Sunday, November 12**

Rained more or less all day.

To Episcopal Church to hear a courageous sermon by Bishop Paul Jones. – A man who is unwilling to compromise.

This afternoon walked over in the rain to Deerfield to witness laying of cornerstone of new Presb. Church. Ceremonies carried on inside and as I was too wet to sit still, I walked right back.

Church .15;

### **Monday, November 13**

Rained most of the day, at times heavily

Exercises relating to armistice day this morning

Mrs McNutt in charge of 3A's. I spent much time helping her start off.

Miss Smith of Evanston called to talk over a 3rd grade position.

Board meeting this evening which lasted until 11:30. Some ironing out of differences but amicable at close. Agreed to finish entire new bldg if contracts are not in excess of first estimates.

I went down to library bldg with Mr Butler at 5:00 & we took "The Flower Girl" to hang up in the assembly for this (Book) Week

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, November 14**

Cleared. Cool.

Meeting of Exec. Com. of P.T.A. in my office at 11:00

Mrs Topping visited our kg this A.M. and I spent some time with her.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Mr. Loring & wife and Brave Eagle (Sioux) came in this afternoon & went to Moraine

My tepee poles came this afternoon and tonight after dark Brave Eagle and Mr. Loring & the rest of us set up the tepee on the school lawn.

I left at 8:30 to go to a meeting of the religious education committee at Presb. Church. The committee wishes to cut two hours a week out of our school course.

### **Wednesday, November 15**

Gray. Cool.

Tepee made a fine sight this A.M. Great Indian day at school.

From 10 to 11:40 Mr Loring & Brave Eagle appeared before kg & 1's & 2's. Miss Behrens & Miss Peterson cooked steak for Brave Eagle at the noon hour. At 1:30 the lectures were given to 6 – 8's & upper graders from Lincoln, at 2:30 to 3 – 5's & more from Lincoln.

The Lorings, B.E., & I ate at Green Teapot this evening. (At 4:00 talks given at Pub. Libr). Then the talk to adults this evening. Great day.

Barber .25; restaurant .90;

### **Thursday, November 16**

Clear. Ice on pools this A.M. Ground muddy after sun shone.

Visitors: Chicago Exam. reporter who photographed tepee and children dressed as Indians. – Mr Stout of Longman Greens – An agent for pneumatic clocks.

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6's gave book play to school audience this afternoon.

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I worked with Miss Weinland & Miss Clara White over an order for apparatus. Then at my office until after 10:00 this evening.

### **Friday, November 17**

Sunny and gray alternately, finally raining about 5:50 P.M.

Among other things, I supervised considerable bulb planting.

Ugolini's men began to make some concrete cold frames.

Movies – Fox – Treasure Island. Receipts 40.88 Rental 25<sup>00</sup> + express

Aunt Eva came in on us unexpectedly this A.M.

Stayed at home this evening.

### **Saturday, November 18**

Threatening but cleared

At school all day. The afternoon and evening given up to estimating the needed equipment for the new building.

Kept in touch with Ugolini & his men who are fixing up our ravine outlet. With Mr. Davis & Warren, crawled under the new bldg to examine the working space about the steam pipes

Potted some bulbs at home.

Barber .25; meat .85; groceries 1.25 + 1.05

### **Sunday, November 19**

Threatening. Then a drizzle after nightfall.

Met Mr. Metzler at school for an hour or more this A M Did not go to church neither did any of the household. Aunt Eva not well.

This afternoon, late, I went to school to feed the crow, then to Moraine & along beach to Park Ave ravine, etc. Fine walk.

At 7:00 met for a half hour or so at Pub. Library – Mrs Everett, Mr Wolcott & Mr Fitt to consider work of librarian.

Rest of evening M., K., Aunt Eva & I talked old times and I made notes.

### **Monday, November 20**

Gray. Cool. Clearing.

A busy day.

This afternoon the Little Symphony gave a concert at 4:00 to school children. This evening they gave a fine concert to adults. Mother, Aunt Eva and I went  
Barber 25;

**Tuesday, November 21** First snow.

Gray. Light snowfall this afternoon.

Dismissed school earlier this afternoon to hear Wallace Rice give a punk talk at Woman's Club on English

A struggle over keeping building details from being sacrificed is on. Mr Metzel phoned some figures to me to study over

**Wednesday, November 22**

Snow gone. Muddy

Mr Metzel and I talked over things for a while. Later Mrs Millard came.

I had a tailor working on stage curtains today.

Mr Bihler, Miss Kirschner, & Mr Earl Fritsch, committee on religious education, spent an hour or more with me this afternoon talking over getting their program started

I signed contract for an L.C. Smith typewriter for the Pub. Library.

At school this evening. Later than usual in order to see Miss White & Miss Grunewald home.

They were getting costumes ready for Robin Hood play.

Earl Ludlow brot in a goshawk with broken wing.

Barber .25.

**Thursday, November 23** Another Birthday!

Fine day.

Conf with Mr Metzel as usual. With Mr. Beers

Kept in touch with the work on new curtain for aud.

Miss White's pupils (& Miss Sands') gave the Robin Hood play before the P.T.A. this evening. I announced the receipt of a subscripton of \$1000<sup>00</sup> from a H.P. Man for the new aud., his name to be kept anonymous. After it was over Lawrence Mills authorized me to put him down for five hundred dollars for each of his three children.

Aunt Eva, M. & K went to play (R.H.) this evening

**Friday, November 24**

Commun. Center gave their first course no. this evening. Katherine Ridgway! Heard her last at Lexington – 24 or 25 years ago!! After her performance, I had a delightful hour with her & Mr & Mrs Conover & Mr Walkup

Mr. Beers and I had a conf. this evening on classroom cupboards

Barber 25.

**Saturday, November 25**

At school all day. Miss Watt worked with me this A M. & came back this evening.

Trouble between union and non-union men was in sight this A.M. but averted by the latter (sheet metal men) retiring for the present.

We did a lot of work on the Aud. Bulletin to day.

Mr Churchill came this evening to bring me some pictures for the Bulletin.  
Mother, K, & Aunt Eva went to the city today. I ate lunch at Tipton's.  
Lunch .90; bread .15; peanuts .19;

### **Sunday, November 26**

A little snow this morning. Soon melting.  
Edith & D. drove up today. Went back at three.  
None of us went to church.  
This afternoon all of us but M. went to the new school for a while.  
I wrote a few paragraphs for the monthly news notes of the Geographic Soc.

### **Monday, November 27**

Gray. Cool.  
A full day. One field trip with Miss Jones' pupils to Moraine Ravine.  
Arranged with Koller to have black earth hauled and shrubs brot in for planting about the bldg  
An auditorium meeting this evening called by Mrs Winston to consider plans for organizing pupils  
and alumni. Present – Mrs & Gen'l Wood, Mrs Larson, Greene, Noerenberg, Col Winston, Mr & Mrs  
Trumbull, Mrs Silber. –

### **Tuesday, November 28**

Rather fine day  
Aunt Eva went home tonight. I went in with her on the 4:55. The engine broke down at Rogers Park and  
after some delay we left the train and took a yellow cab in. Mrs Lichtenstein went with us as far as La Salle  
Hotel A very interesting ride. Aunt missed the 6:05 but got reservations on 8:10. We ate in the station  
restaurant and I took the 7:30 home. - - Conf with Mrs Everett (phone) over Helen Welch, retiring  
librarian, then taxi to Silbers to conf. on aud. drive. Trumbulls, Genl. Wood, & Silbers  
Today had groups of pupils store bulbs in cold frames.  
R.R. .30 + 2.40 + .30; dinner 2.65.

### **Wednesday, November 29**

Fine day  
Thanksgiving exercises in aud. at 9:00 for 4 – 8th; at 10:10 for 1 – 3's.  
Closed at 2:30 this P.M.  
Had Bartoli with help of Joe Scuornavaci set three wooden frames for bulb pits  
Ugolini's men began to grade dirt up before new bldg.  
I worked on school bills until after 11:00 P.M.  
Barber .25; groceries .90;

### **Thursday, November 30**

Rained heavily at times today, beginning after 10:00.  
Went on my wheel to Koller's farm to look over shrubbery. Got back & to schoolhouse just before  
the rain  
Arthur & Lennie & Ruth with Clarence D & Edith drove up before 11:00  
Had a fine time and a fine dinner.  
The D's & E's (except Ruth) and I went to city late afternoon, saw a movie together (except me).  
Then Edith & D went home & the rest of us went to a movie by Griffith at the Illinois  
Expenses 2<sup>55</sup> + .25 + .40

### **Friday, December 1**

Beautiful day with a cool wind.

Arthur, L & R went to the city for the morning

I went out to Koller's farm & the adjoining woods with Bartoli and Joe Scuornavaci to dig shrubs for the school grounds. K took us out and at 11:00 we had enough, so we walked in.

This afternoon I spent on the grounds attending to placing shrubs, etc. etc

This evening at home

### **Saturday, December 2**

A very beautiful day

Worked at school – outside – all day Two hours in my office this evening.

Bartoli and Joe planted trees & shrubs for me. I worked with and directed two of Ugolini's men who were hauling dirt to grade up the approach to the new bldg.

Lennie, A. & R. left in their auto this A.M

Barber .25;

### **Sunday, December 3**

Beautiful day

Visited at school a while with Mr Metzel. Then home for a sound nap.

Wrote considerable material for the Bulletin this afternoon and evening.

Went to Winnetka with Mr & Mrs Trumbull and Mrs Noerenberg to look over the school auditorium

### **Monday, December 4**

Commenced to rain shortly before noon & rained at intervals for an hour or two. Cleared. Cool winds

Mothers & teachers met at 4:00 to hear talk on social hygiene by Dr Swift.

Mr. Beers and I spent whole evening on certain plans – science cases, heating scheme, auditorium, louvres, etc

Mr. Metzel told me yesterday that Mr Oakley had OK'd the legal aspect of anticipating our next year's revenues to finish the new bldg, and that we can now proceed to sign contracts for that purpose.

### **Tuesday, December 5**

Great drop in temperature last night. As low as 15° above this A M. Did not thaw today, though clear and sunny.

Slipped away to city this afternoon. First to Leonard Peterson's to confer about laboratory tables. To R.A. Turtle's to get some specimens left to be mounted. To Anderson & Carlson's to get my new suit. To Schoenbrod's to get some mounting tissue. Home at 6:30.

Caucus of friends of the aud. at school this evening. Quite satisfactory.

Silber, Preston, Mills, Trumbull, Wood, Eisenstadt, Winston, Metzel, Guyot.

R.R. 40 + 10 + 10 + .07 + 30.

Mending tissue 2<sup>50</sup>

R.A. Turtle 9.75

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### **Wednesday, December 6**

Not so cold as yesterday.

Mrs Winston came today and began organizing the children's auxiliary for the Auditorium fund. I had a short general teachers' meeting after school followed by a longer conference with upper grade teachers.

### **Thursday, December 7**

Sleet fell last night and sidewalks were slippery for a while this A.M. But it speedily melted and mud was everywhere

Misses White, Sands, and Copeland took a group of 6B's to Field Museum and Art Inst. and I subbed one hour with a 6A group.

Workmen still at setting up clay embankment before the new bldg

All contracts let for its completion.

Helen Welsh Genung, retiring librarian, came to say goodbye and I had a long talk with her. - -  
Conf with Mrs Millard – Library Board this evening  
Barber .25; bread .15;

### **Friday, December 8**

Gray at first. Clearing cold. Froze ground again.

Gave Sam Bartoli the day job to succeed Warren Larson, resigned, and employed Mr Berg for night janitor for four months

Ugolini's men making good progress in grading about new school.

Miss Watt and I nearly finished dummy for Audubon Soc. this evening.

I was to have been present at Fullerton Hall this evening and introduced Mr Loring, but I could not spare the time.

### **Saturday, December 9**

Clear and cold. About 12:00 above this A M

At school all day and this P.M. Miss Watt with me until noon.

Mr Trumbull called and we talked aud. fund. Miss Watt started to prepare a card catalogue for him.

Had conference with contractor Anderson over skylights, etc.

Groceries .90 + .62; bread .28; barber .25;

### **Sunday, December 10**

Milder. Thawed slightly in the sun.

At church this A.M.

Long nap this afternoon.

Finished some copy on the Audubon Bulletin. Read all proof

At school bldg only a short time late this afternoon

Church 50.

### **Monday, December 11**

Thawed a little. Rising winds.

Mrs Rode of Glen Ellyn, Pres. of P.T.A., friend of Pearl McCord Hill, visited us today and I gave her some time.

Mr Halik played on his violin at morning assembly.

Board Meeting this evening. Mr. Trumbull came to confer about program of financing the auditorium  
Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, December 12**

Winter dropped down heavily this A.M. As low as 3 or 4 above.

The cubby was too cold for use today.

Mrs Taylor went home ill before noon.

Miss Moon of the Evanston Library visited us and I spent an hour with her.

I showed Miss Stine's friend around for awhile

Miss Lindsay who taught here for a few months last year visited here today

Long conf. with architect. - - At 4:30 took some of teachers up ladder to second floor of bldg to pass judgment. - - This evening Mr Jones, insurance authority and I, visited first floor.

Broke my glasses

Groceries 1.08.

### **Wednesday, December 13**

More moderate today.

Boosted the Christmas play today.

Took taxi at 11:00 and went to Skokie School at Winnetka to see how the heating system works. It has been very disappointing thus far. Talked to Miss Gahan, Mr. Beatie (acting principal) and the janitor. - - On way back stopped at Hubbard Woods School and found plant duplicating that in our Annex. It was doing fine work.

Phoned Dow Optical Co this A.M. to prepare another lens. Butler went in after it for me.

Helped truck unload 12 rolls of linoleum - - At bldg this P.M. Spent about an hour with the night man.

R R .80; glasses 3.50

### **Thursday, December 14**

Four or five ~~of~~ inches of snow on ground this A.M. Late this afternoon misty & additional (light) snow. Colder after nightfall.

P.T.A. this afternoon 6th graders gave a beautiful book pageant.

Mr Beers and I together this evening at school Miss White & Miss Grenoble were there and we called them into conference.

### **Friday, December 15**

Still cold No thawing.

Spent time with architect. Then with Mr. Henzel, representing intercommunicating phones A busy day.

Met boys after school to discuss the play.

Barber .25; bread .15;

### **Saturday, December 16**

Milder. A little snow after nightfall.

At school this A.M. and until 2:20. Miss Watt worked until noon.

Corrected last page proof of Bulletin.

To city on 2:50. Shopped at Fields. To City Club for dinner. Nap. Then to "Shuffle Along"

Groceries 1.12; stamps 1.00.

R.R 40 + 30; supper 1.25; play 2.75;

**Sunday, December 17**

A little snow in the night. Grew much colder during the day

To Business Man's Concert today at H-S – 3:15. Then took M in taxi to church – White Gifts for the Master, a beautiful ceremony.

Got church lantern slides ready and gave them to a young lady, friend of Miss Davis, to take to Glen Ellyn to use tomorrow.

At school this evening at 9:00 to see how the fires were going  
Church .50;

**Monday, December 18**

-7° or lower

Seven below by my thermo this A.M. Others made it 11 or 12. Chic. reported 3 below.

At school early, but no special need, for buildings warmed up rapidly

Our orchestra played at morning exercises.

Mr. Putman of Winnetka came to set up a patent door catch His wife came along & a neighbor and I showed them the kg. bldg.

New bldg too cold for the lathers & plasterers

Christmas play group met after school.

At desk for a time this evening.

Barber 25; express 1.10

**Tuesday, December 19**

3° above this A M

Moderated. Rising wind at nightfall.

An interesting hour or so with the architect this A.M. etc.

Worked on the play at intervals all day

At 9:00 this evening went to printing office to see the last third of the Bulletin safely on the press.

Arranged for Wilmette (Harper) to pick up lantern slides of Christmas at Mr Metzel's office today. They were used at Glen Ellyn yesterday.

**Wednesday, December 20**

20 or more above at daybreak

Much milder.

Very busy day, but mostly concerned with the Christmas play. Rehearsal of it after school. Dragged badly in places.

Some time with Mr. Beers this evening Agreed upon final plans of cases in the halls, etc

Two robins visited us today at the noon hour.

**Thursday, December 21**

16 or more above

Mild. Gray.

A very tense day. Conf. with Mr Trumbull over auditorium prospect; Mr Metzel who signed the warrants; Mr. Beers over some details of the bldg; Mrs Millard, ditto; Mr. Anderson, do.

Drilled on the Christmas play this A.M. Gave it this afternoon with great success; this evening also.

Mother went this evening. Kittie, too tired.

Miss Watt mailed 500 or more bulletins this A.M.

**Friday, December 22**

Milder still. The children's slides almost worn through

Christmas carols and the story of the Christ child this A.M. first thing. Then the children went home for the morning. Reassembled for an hour after noon.

Miss Collins and Mrs Maher came to exercises and visited around with me until 12:30.

Miss Watt and I straightened out accounts for two hours after everyone left.

Mr Beers & I spent an hour or so in my office going over details of fire places, etc – this evening  
Barber 1.25

### **Saturday, December 23**

Mild.

At school about all day. Miss Watt there nearly until noon

Clarence & Jr came this evening

Barber .25; bread .30;

### **Sunday, December 24**

Mild. Gray.

Clarence had a cold today. Jr & I only ones to go to church.

Long nap this afternoon.

Jr & I went up to schoolhouse a little while

This evening we burned in our front window the little dipped candle made by Billie Decker in the kg & given to me as a Christmas present.

### **Monday, December 25**

Mild. Sun came out in the afternoon Rosy sunset.

Clarence nursed a bad cold today. Junior helped me in clerical work for about three hours this A M – at school

Nap this afternoon – then some more desk work at school.

At home this evening working on radio talk to be given Wednesday evening

Mrs Curtis reports her “hermit thrush” again this winter and a brown thrasher also.

Junior went down tonight to hear Chaliapin.

Drugs 1.40;

### **Tuesday, December 26**

The sun shone pleasantly for much of the day

At school both A M & P.M.

This evening I worked up my notes for my radio talk.

Clarence’s cold better.

Junior came back this evening

Aud Soc. .87 + .04;

Barber .25;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of a playbill for *So This is London!* by Arthur Goodrich. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, December 27**

Gray and some colder

At school a little while, then worked on the notes for a talk this evening

Took 12:50 for city. Went to “He who gets slapped” at the Play House – a splendidly acted play. Then met Junior & we went to City Club for dinner after shopping at Fields.

Then to top floor of the Fair to the Daily News wireless station to broadcast a ten minutes talk for the Wild Flower Preserv. Soc. Junior went to Parsifal & I went to a delightful comedy – So this is London R.R. .80 + dinner 2.50; play 2<sup>nd</sup> + .50; beggar .25;

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### Thursday, December 28

Gray. A little cooler.

Met Mr Beers & agent for cork bulletin board this A.M. and measured display spaces.

To city on 10:38 with Clarence. Shopped at Fields. Met Junior and we went to City Club for lunch. To Fields again to shop. Then we separated. I went to Mr Metzels' office for a time Then to Art Inst to tea given at opening of Wild Flower Exhibit. Met Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Farwell, Michelson, Wright, Millspaugh, Mrs Grote and Marjorie, Dr Latham, Miss Baber, Miss Mitchell, Clark, et. al. Mr Schantz & I went together

Bad cold. To bed early.

R.R. .60 + .40; lunch 1.95; candy .10; barber .25;

### Friday, December 29

Mild.

My bad cold kept me in most of the day.

Mr. Blanding of Johnson Service Co came to see me this afternoon, and we went to the bldg together. After the talk with him I decided to go over the situation with Mr. Beers We met after supper and decided that the "split system" would have to prevail.

Clarence at Ravenswood this P.M. Junior in city.

Drugs .75;

### Saturday, December 30

Mild. A light shower after nightfall.

My cold was so bad that I stayed in all day

Finished mounting items in the school scrapbook

Read some from Rollins' *The Cowboy*

Clarence went to Kenosha on an errand Back by 1:30.

Junior in city all day.

### Sunday, December 31

Here endeth 1922

Last day of the year. Very mild. Snow all gone.

Clarence & Junior went home this morning.

Mother, K. & I feeling very punk My distemper checked but aches in evidence. On bed nearly all day.

M & K doctoring for colds also.