

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1925



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Forward

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, January 1

Rather mild although it snowed most of the afternoon and until 8 or 9 P.M. Drifted.

At home all day except for a short errand to school and a call on "Neighbor Drake" near the school bldg.

Overhauled my desk & tables – sorted out materials, etc.

Friday, January 2

About three inches of snow to clear away this morning.

Gray. Rather mild.

M., K. & I spent the day in the city. To Fair where M & K shopped while I had a half hour interview with Miss Liebe Zapler of Boulder about a grade position; called on Mr. Greenslade; ordered some chairs of Amer. Seating Co.

Then we went to Art Inst. for lunch & spent two hours or so in the galleries. Then to Fields & to the Roosevelt Theater where we saw the Abraham Lincoln film Some fine photography; rather stilted legend; sentimental.

R.R. .90 + .75 + 1.20 + .60; lunch 1.51

[The film starred George A. Billings in the title role. Mr. Billings had a close resemblance to Lincoln and was a leading impersonator. – ed.]

Saturday, January 3

Gray. Mild

To city on 9:43. Abbot's to leave picture frame for repairs Chic. Transparency Co. to arrange for replacing broken slides. Exhibitors' Supply House to get new condensing lens.

To City Club for lunch with Pattee & Rosenfels. Conf. over wild flower pictures. Afterwards I bot two books at Fanny Butcher's; met Pattee at Orchestra Hall & we went to Field Museum where Rosenfels joined us. Looked over flower reprod. The two left me but I stayed longer. To City Club to dinner.

Then after a doze, I went to the annual Memorial Concert at Orchestra Hall – an impressive performance. Home on elevated – visited with the Collins' & Miss McCauley.

Dist 107 for condensing lens

R.R. 40 + .21 + .25 + .40; lunch .85; books 3.50; Orchestra Hall 2.50; Dinner 1.25;

Sunday, January 4

Clear. A little colder.

Loafed all day except for a walk down Green Bay Road & up through Ravinia.

Wrote three letters. Read from Shaw's Saint Joan. – B.L.T's A Penny Whistle. [Bert Leston Taylor (1866-1921), journalist and author. – ed.]

Monday, January 5

Clear. Sunny. Mild.

Great coasting for children at school.

Mrs O S. Cumming called to apply for substitute work

Opened three more bulb pits. Found bulbs well advanced.

At school this evening. Americanization classes resumed

Marjorie Buehr and Miss Sprague were interested visitors, today.

Mr & K. spent day in city.

Tuesday, January 6

Raw this A M. Frost particles everywhere. Gray. Clearing. Milder.

Long conf. this A.M. with Mr. Sandwick.

This afternoon Dr. Smith, Prof. McConathy & their assistants brot forty or more pupils of the Evanston schools up to give demonstration work in music at Woman's Club. They gave us a half hour program in our Aud. beforehand. Fine work in every way.

Barber .30;

Wednesday, January 7

Another busy day.

Mr. Mann, heating engineer, looked over things and approved certain changes

Mr. Thompson of Service Studios came to confer with Mrs Millard and me over a "cyclorama for stage.

Miss Hickey of Thrift spent day in our school.

Miss Glick rep. religious educ. group started her classes – 7 – 8's & 5 – 6's this afternoon in our Int. Bldg. At the same time I met all the other pupils of those grades in aud. & we planned regular course in "auditorium"

Mr. Jensen & I had lunch together today and talked over his plan for an arboretum, etc.

Tonight M, K, & I went with the Clows to Presb. Ch. to hear Prof. Goodspeed's fine lecture on the new rendering of the New Testament.

Lunch .80;

Thursday, January 8

A little colder – but a beautiful day.

Capeller of Thos Charles called

Went for Skokie walk with four of the teachers after school.

Barber 1.50;

Friday, January 9

Cold this A M at first and from 8:00 to 9:00 biting fogs came up. Afterwards mild.

Errand day. Called at H-S. to talk with Miss Amborn about Peter Prato's work & heard part of assembly exercises.

Movies this afternoon.

This evening I went to Fullerton Hall – geog. lectures – to hear Arthur Newton Pack on Tale of the Tusitala. Fairly good

Visited with Mr Kennicott on way home & talked pioneer times.

Miss Qualey of Amer. Book Co. called this afternoon.

R.R. .30 + .75 + .40;

Saturday, January 10

Fine wintry day.

To Chic on 8:09. To Chic Transp. Co. to arrange for some slides. Co Supt Tobin's office to attend a conf. called by a committee of Lake Shore Div – Mr Sandwick presiding.

To McIntosh Stereop Co.

To Sherman House to lecture by Henry Turner Bailey under auspices of Ill. Kg & Primary Assn, Mrs Topping presiding. "Self Activity of Teachers" Fine talk Remained to luncheon More talks by Supt Wm. McAndrew & Bailey, et. al.

To Prairie Club office; to Miss Grace Nichols' office; to Stevens Bros – To Fields – Home

Pattees came up this evening to look over some bird slides with me
R.R. .30 + .14 + .40; lunch 1⁰⁰; tickets 1.00;

Sunday, January 11

A little colder, but clear.

Church After lunch hurried to school to help get aud. ready for concert given by Gordon Trio – Gordon, Collins, & Wallenstein. Beautiful.

Pattees there & their friends ——— from Evanst

Went to Mrs Geer's afterward – to dinner & a pleasant evening. Wm & his wife and Colin Sanborn & Miss Hodges

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the Trio Concert by Jacques Gordon, violinist; Alfred Wallenstein, cellist; and Edward Collins, pianist offered in the Highland Park Civic Music Association Concert Series. – ed.]

Monday, January 12

Snowed frequently today, clearing after nightfall.

Busy with school acct's, etc. Board meeting this evening – Greene, Mann and Jones only being present.

During afternoon I went over to funeral of Geo Hill – 27 years old, one of my former boys – a fine, promising young man.

Barber .30;

[George Oliver Hill was born in Highland Park on February 17, 1897. He served in the Medical Corp during World War I and was working for the Red Cross at the time of his death from a lingering illness. – ed.]

Tuesday, January 13

Grew decidedly colder late this afternoon. No storm. Had been a fine day.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Wiggam's Decalogue of Science, 1st & 2nd "commandments." A group of teachers lead very effectively.

Miss Gould & Mrs Whitney of Glencoe came up to consult us about a list of books for first grade.

I spent some time on the roof of the new bldgs this A M. helping get snow off of skylights, etc.

Wednesday, January 14

3 or 4 below this A M. Moderated during day

Mrs Millard & Helen Bournique came to look over stage properties.

At dentist's – Dr Fritsch – from 11:25 to 12:00.

Auditorium programs of 5 – 6's & 7 – 8's this afternoon

Drugs 80; barber .30; bread .15;

Thursday, January 15

Gray. Milder.

To city with Misses Jones & Watt and 30 6A's. Art Inst. & after lunch to Field Museum. Used Yellow cabs. Home on 4:01. A fine day

Went in on 6:13 and heard Mary Garden, et. al. in Werther. Great music. Usual operatic mountains made up of prosaic molehills.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the opera program for *Werther* by Jules Massenet with Fernand Anseau in the title role. – ed.]

Friday, January 16

Soft moist snow everywhere this A.M. Snow forts & snow men interested children today.

Went to city on 2:43 to Chic. Geog. Board meeting. Lively time in which I had a part. Came away with Profs Grant & Waterman who took me to dinner at Univ. Club. Fine time.

Movies today in my absence.

R.R. .30 + .53; barber .30;

Saturday, January 17

Sharp. Crisp wintry day.

To city on 8:09. Found everything in semidarkness, smoke fog, etc.

To Chic. Transp Co. To office of Co Supt of Schools to attend for a time a conf. on junior high schools. To Field Museum where I met Mr Leech & spent an hour or so with him. He went on his way and I stayed there until 4:30. Made memo. of various exhibits.

Shopped at Stevens Bros. Home by 6:20.

Took 7:27 for Evanston & to Univ. Club. Lecture by Prof. Waterman on his western trip last summer.

Dist 107 – Expenses 1⁰⁰ + pamphlets at Museum 1⁰⁰

R.R. .30 + .40; lunch .85; barber .30; Evanst .72; groceries .50;

Sunday, January 18

Crisp – wintry day

Loafed at home. Slept both morning & afternoon.

Read several chapters of Decalogue of Science, etc

Taxi to Washington Ave, Highwood at 4:30. Then tramped through the snow into the Skokie – to ditch & south along it to the Half-day Road & back to Highwood, Elm Pl. & home

Monday, January 19

Milder. Thawing somewhat

Visitors: Rep of Elson Pictures; Miss Sprague, interested in a position.

Conf at 4:00 with 4th & 5th grade teachers.

At school awhile this evening.

Barber 30;

Tuesday, January 20

Fine wintry day

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Chapters 3 & 4 of Wiggam.

10th Dist. Fed of Women's Clubs at local Club today & Mrs Blocki, who presided, came over to inspect my school afterwards and brot a number of women with her. We had a fine time.

Wednesday, January 21

Clear at sunrise but gray & threatening later

Cyclone Fence people began installing window guards in the playroom [gymnasium – ed.]

Brown's men set up the basketball fixtures.

Miss Buhr called to confer about school work at the Preventorium

Mrs Hinton of Country Day School visited us

Live hoot owl given us today. Mr Leech fed it and secured its friendship.

Tailor .60;

Thursday, January 22

Sunny & melting – then a sharp drop in temp.

Conf with 6's over promotions.

To city on 6:32 to banquet of Amer Forestry Ass'n. Fine time

Groceries .72

R R .30 + 40 + .65; banq. 3.00

[Inserted at this page is the program for the American Forestry Association Semi-Centennial Meeting with the Illinois Forestry Association, the Union League Club, and the Hamilton Club as hosts. The banquet featured A.O. Eberhart, former Governor of Minnesota, as toastmaster. Speeches were given by William B. Greeley, Elias Day, Mrs. Francis E. Whitley, Richard H. Little, and Frank O. Lowden. – ed.]

Friday, January 23

Sun came up through clouds – shone at times – Cold s.w. wind at nightfall

Thompson & ass't of Service Studios installed our cyclorama today.

Petroleum film – 4 reels – Mexico today to grades 4 – 8. Fine.

Went down to 4:15 Geog. lect. at Field Museum – Macmillan's Arctic experiences Great lecture. Got home at 7:20. Then K & I went to North Shore Theatre Guild's productions of Fashions – at Woman's Club. Delightful performance.

R.R. .40 + .40 + .80 + .50

Barber .30;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *Fashion or Life in New York* presented by the North Shore Theatre Guild. – ed.]

Saturday, January 24

Alas. Eclipse not visible.

Bank of fog shut out the sun all day and the long-anticipated partial eclipse here was not to be seen
Met Hazel Bell at school and we worked over the record of some of the funds in my possession.

Conferred with workmen, Mr Cunningham, Mrs Millard, et al.

Caught 11:43 for Chic. To Dow Optical. To Field Museum where I worked until 4:30, making notes, etc. Home by 6:10.

Charge Dist 107 – Expense .85

R.R. .40 + .40 + .07; barber .30; groceries .35

Sunday, January 25

At home until late afternoon – except that I went to school bldg to get lantern ready.

Mrs Sellery picked me up this aft. with lantern & slides to talk to the boys at Arden Shore. Her son Harry & a Mrs Peck went along. Talked to the boys at five. Had an appreciative audience.

Coming back we went to Mrs Sellery's for supper, meeting there Mr & Mrs Keller & the two daughters.

Monday, January 26

Fierce wind in the night. Grew colder after noon and bitter, icy wind tonight. Near zero.

Mrs Millard & others gave much time today to getting stage setting together.

Miss Frances Thompson, a former teacher, now of Detroit, visited us today.

Dr Fritsch filled lower left molar which he has been treating from time to time.

Tuesday, January 27

About 5° above this A M. Moderated a little but grew colder again. Icy
Some of us spent considerable time today getting together stage scenery, etc.
P.T.A. – joint meeting with Lincoln Ave at that school this evening.
Dudley Crafts Watson gave a very interesting talk on Amer. art.

Wednesday, January 28

One busy day. About 2° above at dawn. Moderated some.
Mr Nygaard & some of his teachers from Kenilworth visited us this morning.
Junior League Players gave The Sleeping Beauty this afternoon at 4:00 in our Aud. We furnished
all the scenery. They brot their own costumes
Quite a success

Thursday, January 29

Thawed some today.
Talked to 8A's about their prospective change to the H-S. Then this afternoon Mr Sandwick came
and talked to them also.
Got word today of the death, Jan. 12, of Rev. J.R. Reasoner, one of the ministers who influenced
me most. A fine type.
At school awhile this evening.
Barber .30;
[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of the Rev. John Rogers Reasoner. He served
for a time as pastor at Macon, Illinois. See March 2, 1915 entry. See editor's note preceding January 1,
1921 entry. – ed.]

Friday, January 30

Thawing. Mild.
Morning exercises – ~~men~~ honorable mentions at 9:15.
Various routine duties. Eighth grade class of 24 graduated this evening. Very successful evening.
Prof James W. Armstrong, Dean of Men at N.W.U. gave an excellent talk.
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The Eighth Grade Class of February,
1925 was: - ed.]
Robert Blanchard, President
Robert M. Blanchard
Mathilda E. Borchardt
John A. Croke, Jr.
Adeline G. Evans
Elizabeth Flinn
Jack T. Foley
Mary Bonita Friebele
William C. Gifford
Richard Hawkins
Elizabeth O. Jones
Frances M. Lenfesty
Thomas C. Lester
Jane E. Loewenthal
The instructors were:
Elise McBean
Donald McClure
Margaret J. Palmer
Mabel A. Pearce
De Witt M. Purdy
Vera L. Purdy
Carolyn Saathoff
George J. Seiffert
Winifred M. Vincent
May J. West
Mary Louise Yowell
John C. Freeman

Wednesday, February 4

Thawed much today.

This evening some of our staff had a delightful dinner at school with Jens Jensen as guest. Afterwards we gathered about the fireplace in the Hall of Pictures and Mr. Jensen set forth his ideas about school bldgs in parks, etc. A wonderful talk. All of us very enthusiastic about it. Miss Wienke sang three songs very attractively

Miss Guiney went home ill this evening & will retire to a hospital for examination. We feel uneasy about her

Bread .15;

Thursday, February 5

Another fine day. Thawing uncovering walks iced over Dec. 17.

Mrs Peddle helped out in Miss Guiney's room today.

Prof. Bobbitt of the U. of C. & Mr Crane, city planner, Mr Wright & I spent most of morning in my office discussing consolidation of school districts, etc. In the afternoon Mr Bobbitt came back and made a tour of my plant.

Then came Mr Frank Slutz of the Moraine Park School to give a public address in our aud. under the auspices of the Lake Forest Woman's Club, the Deerfield-Shields P.T.A., etc. A great address. Mr Slutz went over our school with me.

Friday, February 6

Another.

Matheny of Keystone View Co. a visitor

Mrs Peddle and Mrs Whitehouse on staff today.

No movies

At home this evening. Mr & Mrs Gastfield made me quite a visit

Outlined material for discussion at nature study conf. at Cincinnati

Barber .30;

Saturday, February 7

A Spring day ushered in by a dense fog

Took out of the home pit the remaining pots of hyacinths, daffodils & tulips.

To City on 9:43. To Turtle's to leave the small ermine (weasel) to be stuffed. To McIntosh to leave stereop. lens for adjustment. To Vaughans for insecticides. Stevens for Kittie; Associated Players to talk about rental of films. Art Inst to see Chic. ex. (Artists of Chic. & vicinity). Visit with Mr Gutherz. Met Pattee and we had lunch in gallery together. Shopped at Buck & R & at Fields. Home at 4:30

Dist 107 – Insecticide .90; papers .20;

R.R. .40 + .40 + .14; barber 1.60; drugstore 1.33 + 1.25;

Sunday, February 8

A warm Spring day. Thunderstorm threatened. Dash of rain at noon. Again at evening.

A robin in a tree top down the alley was hectored by a gang of sparrows and complained loudly.

To church where boy scouts were in evidence and an address by Mr Babcock & Prof Richardson of N W U.

De LaMarter concert this afternoon. Fine. Audience of about 400.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the Highland Park Civic Music Association Concert Series featuring the Chicago Solo Orchestra conducted by Eric De LaMarter. It was held at the Elm Place Auditorium. – ed.]

Monday, February 9

Gray. Snow flurry. Cooler this afternoon.

Miss Sprague on hand to sub. in Miss Guiney's place. I spent some time helping out in that room.

Winifred Carlson, 7 years, fell off the slide this A.M & broke her leg.

Board meeting this evening. Jones, Greenslade, Mann, Green, Millard.

Tuesday, February 10

Colder Snow & sleet flurry. Very like March

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

At school until 10:00 this evening

Spent an hour with Mr Crane in my office this A.M Mrs Millard called. An agent or two, also.

Barber .30;

Wednesday, February 11

Quite cool – About [12?] ° above. Cleared. Did not thaw

Spent considerable time in Miss Sprague's room.

Got my Lincoln slides together, this evening

At the "auditorium exercises this afternoon, the 5th's gave a Norse play; the 8th's & 7th's quotations from Lincoln, etc.

Bread .15;

Thursday, February 12

Cool. March-like

Special audit. assembly at 2:15. I showed Lincoln slides.

This evening at the Fathers and Sons banquet at D.-S., guests of the P.T.A. and particularly of Dr. Balke & Claire. Fine evening, marred a little for me by the egotistic pronouncement of the one who was advertising himself.

Barber .30;

Friday, February 13

Cool. A fine day

Movies at 3:20. Poorly attended.

Heart of Lincoln, 5R

Johanna 1R Good

Miss Guiney out of the hospital & in her room at McCrystle's.

Near East Relief collection 32.57

Groceries .53

Saturday, February 14

A beautiful day. Cool.

To Libertyville on 8:50 to talk about bird study, etc., before group of teachers called by Mr Simpson.

Left there at 11:45 on the trolley. Got down to City Club at 1:40. Lunch in the Grill. Then with Orville Bright, & H.C. Storms went to Florentine Room at Congress Hotel to hear papers on the contents of history texts. Valuable discussions.

Then to Art Inst. to see Mr. Gutherz about borrowing Mrs Prato's paintings by Follansbee & Clark. To Fields, etc
R R .38 + .38 + .40 + .30 + 07; lunch .75 + .10; dues .50; toothpicks .15;

Sunday, February 15

As yesterday.

Took a walk down over Bobolink golf links & back by Green Bay Road this A.M. Flushed up three horned larks

This aft. a fine nap, then walked nearly to Deerfield & returned in the bus.

Reading Tomlinson's The Sea and the Jungle

Bus .10;

Monday, February 16

Northeaster at dawn with snow and during the day four or five inches accumulated 15° above at night.

Radio brot news this afternoon of the men tunneling at Sand Cave, Ky, reaching the lifeless body of Floyd Collins, the trapped cave explorer. Here ends the remarkable effort to save one human life

Conferred with Mrs Greene over Miss G's condition Phoned Geo. Jones on this subject this evening.

At school until 9:30 this evening

Cheese .50; barber .30;

Tuesday, February 17

Almost zero this A.M. Perhaps 2° above Moderated.

Various intrusions upon my time today.

Mr Curry came to plan repair of blackboards

Mr Schroeder of Everett to look over lantern slides.

Wednesday, February 18

Thawing. Milder.

With Miss White & Miss Sands and 33 – 6A's to Field Museum in N.S. bus! Fine day. At Museum until 2:00 & Art Inst until 3:15. Excellent results.

This evening – P.T.A. Mrs Helen Thompson Wooley talked on training of children. Fine talk. Very appreciative audience.

Dist 107 – Chauffeur 1.00;

Barber .30; lunch .13;

Thursday, February 19

Another find day – a little cool.

Schell of Silver Burdette called

Showed today three reels on oxygen – U.S. Bureau of Mines – and one of the Secrets of Science (Tolhurst) - - The Honey Bee

Worked on my notes for discussion at Cincinnati.

Groceries .95;

Friday, February 20

Left this evening for Cincinnati
Pennsylv. R.R – 8:30 P.M

Today showed Washington pictures to
2 – 3's in Play Hall
4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 in Aud.
Visitor from Country Day.

Saturday, February 21

Cincinnati

Reached C. at 6:45. Taxi through rain to Gibson Hotel. Assigned to 305.
Cleared away. Went to 9th St. Baptist Church. Interesting sermon.

Sunday

This afternoon went with C.E. Douglas of Baltimore & his friend to very impressive vespers at
Withrow H.S.

McAndrews presided. Mr. Condon made an address Beautiful music
Raining heavily as we came away.
Stayed at hotel all evening
C G Wright came in this evening. Were transferred to 905.

Sunday, February 22

This is mixed with yesterday's acct. → Saturday ←

Went to Sinton Hotel for program on nature study. Took part in program. We had dinner there.
Small audience. Some worthwhile talks.

This evening to session of Soc. for Scient. Study of Educn at Music Hall. Large crowd.
Program of little value. Speakers impressively serious. Was with Moore of Fargo.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the vesper service at the National Association of Secondary School
Principals meeting. Randall J. Condon gave an address on "The Faith of the Founders." – ed.]

Monday, February 23

Rained at times today. Sultry – in our room Ran electric fan all night.

Wright & I attended General session at 9:15 in Music Hall. McAndrew's introduction excellent.

This afternoon, program of element. school principals. Of slight merit.

Wonderful exhibit of fine arts from all over the country.

This evening, at Music Hall.

An outstanding oration by Raymond Robins – a real masterpiece – on the Outlawry of War.

Very beautiful chorus by 800 element. school pupils – Lincoln – An ode for children's voices.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting. Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Robins, United States
Army, Retired, spoke on "The Next Step: The Outlawry of War." The children's chorus, under the
direction of Gustav Clemens, performed "Our Lincoln – An Ode for Children's Voices," words by W.C.
Washburn, music by Joseph Surdo. They were accompanied by the Withrow High School orchestra
directed by Joseph Surdo. – ed.]

Tuesday, February 24

W. & I attended gen'l session in Music Hall at 9:15.

This afternoon W. & I went out to Rookwood potteries & spent an hour or so there with great profit. I bot two small vases. Then we went to the Art Museum for a profitable late afternoon view.

Green grass growing. Robins scolding in Park.

This evening W. & I and other Illinoisans occupied a row near front at session of Soc. for Sc. Study of Educ'n. Carleton Washburne led off & others followed. Opinion rather unfriendly to his report, I thot [Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting. Charleton W. Washburne, Superintendent of Schools, Winnetka, led a discussion of Part II of the *Twenty-fourth Yearbook* of the National Society for the Study of Education entitled "Adapting the Schools to Individual Differences." – ed.]

Wednesday, February 25

Gen'l session at Music Hall. Good program

Raining heavily this afternoon – W. & I had intended to go over the river & look around in Ky. Instead we went to see Thurston, the magician. An amusing performance

This evening W, & I, & Nygaard were together at Teachers' College Banquet. Great crowd. Fine time. Turned cool before banquet was over.

Episode: This evening I was in a crowded elevator at the Gibson which got away from the operator & sank slowly from 8th floor to basement

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting. – ed.]

Thursday, February 26

W. & I spent this A M at Withrow H.S. (Snow flurry – then clear – cold wind). Fine time.

Of this afternoon's program & the evening one, I should say they were almost incomparable.

W. & I left C. at 11:40 P.M. on the Pennsylvania

Hotel bill 13.50

R.R. 15.39

7.50

2.00

Meals 20.00

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the meeting. The afternoon sessions were: "Happiness and School Music" with performances by the Indianapolis Teachers' Chorus; "Life, Liberty, and Happiness Through Art Expression" illustrated by work of Vienna Children of the classes of Professor Franz Cizek; and "The Public School's Contribution to the Nation's Happiness," a processional by the public schools of Cincinnati. The evening session was "The Public School and the Happiness of the Nation," a massed chorus of six hundred voices and glee club members, with accompaniment of organ and high school orchestras by pupils of Cincinnati Schools. – ed.]

Friday, February 27

Late in Chic. but reached school by 10:30.

Showed Tolhurst film – The Ant – to 3 – 4 – 5 & to 2, 6 – 7, 8.

Pile of mail to go over.

Visitors – Goodrich and Hallstrom from Amer Seating.

Saturday, February 28

To city on 10:27.

Bausch & Lomb; Chic Transp. Co.; Schantz' office for conf. with Pattee, Mrs Smith, Miss Neeley over colored photos to be reproduced for post cards. Dennison.

Fields. Home.

This evening at school. Odd Fellows gave Scotch entertainment in Aud
Dist 107 – Dennison Mfg Co 2²⁵
R R .40 + .40; lunch .60; groceries 1.13;

Sunday, March 1

An inch or so of snow in the night. Clear today but thawing slightly.
Loafed at home all day Reading Tomlinson's The Sea & the Jungle
The Sundells spent the afternoon with us.

Chickadees regular visitors. A brown creeper seen occasionally. Here today. Downies & a hairy regulars.

Monday, March 2

3° or 4° below this A.M.! Cold but clear all day.
Miss Miles & Miss Turpin ill. Mrs Whitehouse sub.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00 to plan for events of this week.
At school this evening.

Tuesday, March 3

Moderated & snow began to evaporate under strong south west wind. Real March day.

Mr Childs, architect, spent an hour going over the bldg with me.
Mr Sandwick talked things over with me for a half hour or more.
Prof. Bobbet came & spent much time with me. Went at 4:00.
Conf. with various people. Mrs Kerr out part of A M. Miss Sprague the P.M. Miss Turpin still
away

Dinner at Mrs Lowensteins this evening. 15 of us or more. Fine time. Came away at nine to see
what Marvin Florent's "Club" was doing at Play Hall.

Wednesday, March 4

Inauguration Day

Mild. Thawed some.

Had plant house cleaned out and made ready for planting.

Percy Prior's men set up three radio sets in our aud. this A.M. and at 11:30 I assembled grades 4 –
8 to hear the inaug. ceremony. Results were far from satisfactory in many parts of house but favored places
it was most impressive. Chief Justice Taft administered the oath of office & Pres. Coolidge began to talk
shortly after 12 o'clock – our time. First inaugural to be heard all over America.

Prof. Snyder came at 4:00 to give us teachers the first of four talks on present day literature.

Marion Keagle came this evening to confer with me over her teaching plans.

Miss Nelson visited us today (formerly at Area).

Thursday, March 5

Rather fine day.

Mrs Davidson & Mrs Clark of the lower district called to consult with me about local school
problems

After lunch came Mr J.U. Hoffman, (Asst Supt of Pub Instruction). Mr Hunt of Amer. Book Co.,
also Harry Wilson, & Co Supt Simpson & I showed for Mr Hunt's especial benefit the "District School" film
made in 1918 in which Mr Hunt & our pupils figured. [See April 24, 1918 and June 10, 1918 entries. – ed.]
Mr H's first sight of film. Was greatly delighted. Showed "Spider" in Tolhurst series today to 2 – 4 and 5 –
8's.

Very busy preparing for tomorrow's program.

Mr Nygaard drove up from K. with 9 paintings to loan us. Mrs Berkson's chauffeur brot out from Art Institute two others

Dinner .55; barber .30; groceries .20

Friday, March 6 Teachers Institute

Beautiful [day?]

About 500 teachers at our school. Program excellent. Over 150 ate their lunches in our school, as did I and our staff.

I especially appreciated Mr. Albert's talks. He spent much time going over our plant.

Showed two movies at 1:00 o'clock

Mr Hoffman here for a time this A.M.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Teachers' Institute Mid-Year Meeting. Allen G. Albert spoke on "Our New Social Philosophy" and on "New Methods of Education." – ed.]

Saturday, March 7

Fine mild day. Gray

To Waukegan to be present at appearance of Roy Koller and Tom Dixon before Judge Persons for robbing Vine Ave. Station of Electric R R., etc. Judge parolled boys to their parents.

Then I went to Mr. Simpson's office for some statistics, etc

This afternoon I went to the children's matinee of the H.P. Theatre.

International News

Riders of the Plains, Chapt, 6.

The Beloved Brute

Bobbie Vernon in French Custard

Then worked at school.

R.R. .76; groceries .95 + .42 + .20 + .35; barber .30; miscell. 25;

Sunday, March 8

Gray. Cooler

At home nearly all morning

Concert of Civic Music Course this afternoon. Business Men's Orchestra, Clarence Evans, Conductor, Priscilla Carver, soloist. A fine concert. An inspiration to see business men in this sort of work.

Monday, March 9

Heavy rain in night. Turned off mild. A lad reported meadow larks & killdeers last Saturday.

Miss Meyers away at bedside of a sister.

Miss Fallstad at home, ill.

Miss Bell absent

Mrs Leo Steele came to ask my opinion of (prevocational) prekindergarten schools.

At 1:30 attended funeral of Hazel Bell's grandfather, Oscar S. Bell, at Trinity.

Board meeting tonight

Barber .30;

Tuesday, March 10

Light shower in night Mild – growing cooler.

Long session of exec. com. of P.T.A. this A.M. Planned for pageant for April 23.

This afternoon Mrs Carley and Miss Cleaves of Francis Parker school visited us for a while
Mr Nygaard came and took away his loan collection of paintings.

Short teachers' meeting at 5 of four

Skipped away with a group to visit our skunk cabbage patch west of Highwood. Found fine flocks of meadowlarks & robins – six or eight bluebirds, three horned larks, two owls, flocks of redwings & grackles. Skunk cabbage tips barely showing. Still ice on part of ponds

Lunch .65; trolley .10;

Wednesday, March 11

Fine day, cool.

Some 6th graders with Miss Sands & me planted 25 or so flats of tomato seed – John Baer.

Had lunch with Mr Sandwick and talked over with him a report his committee has prepared on school organization.

Prof Snyder lectured to our group this afternoon on Eng. novelists of today

Barber 30; chocolate .10; groc. .91

Thursday, March 12

Moderating. Gray.

Ten or twelve teachers from the Emerson School – Oak Park – Miss Parsons, Principal, visited all day. Good visitors

Miss Sarver, representing the Lake Forest Garden Club, called on me to discuss possible undertakings of the club.

Mrs Robt Wood & some of the teachers and I had a conf. over a possible pageant.

Went this evening to Winnetka to meeting of N.S. Art League to hear Mr Andrews' talk on color

Came home in Mrs Carr's machine, with Miss Gunn, Mrs Keller & Mrs Sellery

Pd taxes today - 4⁷⁵

Barber .30; trolley .20;

Friday, March 13

Rainy day with snow flurries & crusty sleet after night.

Movies this A.M – Butterflies.

Had dinner at Cordon Club this evening, Schantz & I as the guests of Miss Clark & Mrs Frazier.

Fine time. Then to lecture before Geog. Soc. at Art Inst. of Rollin Chamberlain on the ascent to the Cariboo Mts in Brit. Columb. Fine lecture

R.R. .40 + .40; orangeade .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the lecture. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, March 13, 1925

FULLERTON HALL, ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Lecture by

DR. ROLLIN T. CHAMBERLIN

"Exploring the Cariboos"

Dr. Rollin T. Chamberlin, Professor of Geology in the University of Chicago, is a geologist of national reputation and has made some very important explorations of

mountain peaks. He has been a member of the Geographic Society of Chicago for many years, serving for a time as a director and as chairman of the Publication Committee.

In the summer of 1924 the lecturer, accompanied by Mr. Allen Carpe, of New York, made a trip of exploration into the Cariboo Mountains of British Columbia, hitherto a practically unknown range. Mt. Titan, loftiest peak among the interior ranges, was discovered and climbed. Seven other first ascents were successfully accomplished. The sources of the North Thompson and Canoe rivers were located. The lecture will cover this journey and also an excursion made into the northern Gold Range, on which Albreda Peak, its most imposing mountain, was climbed for the first time. Slides made from photographs taken on the trip will illustrate the talk.

Saturday, March 14

A crust of ice with an inch or two of snow on top. Cleared by melted little Hung pictures at home. The painting & kalsomining work begun on Monday finished yesterday. At school to help Mr. Long & his son get app for his lecture set up. To city on 10:43 & to luncheon of Round Table. Lewton talked of legislative matters. Hamilton about homogeneous grouping of children. Then I came away & got to Elm Place Aud in time to get most of Mr. Long's fine lecture on Washington, D.C. - - - Then K. & I went in on the 6:43 to hear Chic. Orchestra with Pattison & Mayer, soloists, & Arthur Shattuck. An event.
R.R. 2.40; luncheon 1.00; groceries .65; tickets 4.00; barber .30;
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program featuring soloists Guy Maier, Lee Pattison, and Arthur Shattuck. - ed.]

Sunday, March 15

Melted largely. Sunny but cool.
To church this A.M. Then watered my seed flats at school.
Edith & Danforth came to spend the day.
I spent the evening with the Pattees.
Church .25. Trolley .64

Monday, March 16

Fine spring day.
My tummy out of order and I ate only toast until evening.
Meeting with Mrs Wood's committee & some of the teachers to discuss the pageant.
At morning exercise showed spring flower slides
Heard song sparrow call this A.M.
Barber .30;

Tuesday, March 17

Mild. Fine day
Two science classes today.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
Miss White & her pupils got together 18 bundles of twigs which I crated to send to the Wild Flower Exhibit at the Davis Store tomorrow.
Hardware .35;

Wednesday, March 18

Threatening – then rain & sleet at evening, soon followed by a northeaster, high winds & snow.

Two science lessons; one auditorium lesson with 7 – 8's.

Six o'clock dinner in honor of my friend, Mrs Laura Frazier, - about 30 of us present, and fine talk by Mrs F about her walks & climbs in Switzerland the past summer. Lois Green came as my guest – she graduated yesterday from the U of C – Rush Medic.

Barber .30;

Thursday, March 19

A crust on the sidewalk shrouded with a beautiful blanket of snow. A balmy day with snow rapidly disappearing.

Papers full of first details of terrible tornado in southern Illinois

Miss Wandschneider, Prin. of Hawthorne School, Oak Park & two of her teachers visited us.

Had P.T.A. at 3:00. Showed first Tolhurst's fine film, The Ant Lion

Worked on my notes for lecture tomorrow evening.

Groceries .30 + .15;

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. On this day, Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Charles Hull Ewing, President of the Geographic Society of Chicago, to suggest evening meetings for the Board and occasional dinners open to the entire membership. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

March 19, 1925.

Mr. Charles Hull Ewing
5 North LaSalle St., Chicago

My dear Mr. Ewing :

I find that owing to a lecture engagement which I could not defer I shall be obliged to lose out again at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Geographic Society. I am especially disappointed since I could not attend the previous one owing to the necessity of leaving for Cincinnati to attend an important conference. I have read carefully my copy of the record of proceedings at the last meeting and can not plead lack of information as to what is going on. However, my inability to be present has made it impossible to offer for consideration the suggestion that we try to find time for an evening meeting which can be given up entirely to a discussion of the work of the Society. The later afternoon meetings of the Board do not permit of leisurely and careful discussion of the affairs of the Society or the detailed presentation of plans for enlarged activities. I believe that at least twice a year we might find it very beneficial to the Society to have a Director's dinner at an early hour with the whole evening before us for an important conference.

Another suggestion I have long been maturing is that of an occasional geographic dinner at the Art Institute, open to all members. This could be given on the occasion of presentation of such an important geographic address as that to which we listened last Friday, the members of the afternoon audience meeting at dinner those who had come down later to hear the evening address. At this time the Social Committee of the Society could function to great advantage to the Society. I consider our late afternoon lecture periods fine for the interests of the Society as it is evident that they are appreciated by very many of our members. I believe that the dinner given on occasion of our most important lectures would be appreciated by these very members and by the evening audiences as well.

Sincerely yours,

Friday, March 20

This evening talked at Ev. Bird Club. Was to show their bird slides & some of my flower slides. Lantern operated by Mr Pattee behaved badly and effects disappointing. But I had a good time.

Saturday, March 21

Cleared today.

To city at 11:00. Lunch at City Club.

To "Outdoor Exhibit" at Davis Club. Talked at 2:00, mostly about wayside flowers. Heard Geo. F. Morse talk at 4:00 about animals in a zoo. Visited with Mrs Corey, Mrs Avery & others there until 6:20. Dinner at City Club.

Then the opera, The Student – at Gt. Northern. Fine R.R. .80; lunch .85; dinner 1.25; groceries .25; ticket 2.50; [Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for the Shubert Great Northern Theatre production of the operetta *The Student Prince*. Pasted to the March 22 page of the diary is a clipping of the lecture schedule for the "All Out o' Doors Annual Nature Exhibit at The Davis Store, March 16-21, 1925. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

All Out o' Doors
Annual Nature Exhibit at
THE DAVIS STORE
March 16-21, 1925

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LECTURE SCHEDULE
All lectures are illustrated

Monday, March 16th.

11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mrs. Albert A. Michelson, Wildflower Preservation Society
	<i>Subject:</i>	WILD FLOWERS AND BUTTERFLIES
2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Dr. Henry C. Cowles, The University of Chicago
	<i>Subject:</i>	THE WONDERS OF THE DUNES
4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Orpheus M. Shantz, Illinois Audubon Society
	<i>Subject:</i>	STYLES IN TREE TRUNKS

Tuesday, March 17th.

11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Ransom Kennicott, Chief Forester, Cook County Forest Preserves
	<i>Subject:</i>	CAMPING IN THE FOREST PRESERVES
2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Robert B. Miller, State Forester of Illinois
	<i>Subject:</i>	THE FORESTS OF ILLINOIS
4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. George B. Stephenson, Boy Scout Executive
	<i>Subject:</i>	BOY SCOUTS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Wednesday, March 18th.

11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mrs. John O'Conner, Wildflower Preservation Society
	<i>Subject:</i>	BIRDS AND BIRD-LORE

	2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Dr. V.A. Latham, Illinois Microscopical Society
		Subject:	A TRIP THROUGH NATURE WITH THE MICROSCOPE
	4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Miss Elizabeth Baker, Girl Scout Commissioner
		Subject:	GIRL SCOUTS AND THEIR WORK
<i>Thursday, March 19th.</i>			
	11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mr. R.E. Hieronymus Art Extension Dept. The University of Illinois
		Subject:	BEAUTY SPOTS IN ILLINOIS
	2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Frank Morley Woodruff, Chicago Academy of Science
		Subject:	BIRDS AND FLOWERS IN LINCOLN PARK
	4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Dr. H.J. Morlan, The Izaak Walton League
		Subject:	WATERWAYS AND STREAMS
<i>Friday, March 20th.</i>			
	11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mrs. A.S. Parks, The Prairie Club
		Subject:	RANIER NATIONAL PARK
	2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Miss Janet Smith, The Campfire Girls
		Subject:	THE WORK OF THE CAMPFIRE GIRLS
	4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Edward Worst, The Board of Education
		Subject:	BIRD HOUSES; HOW TO MAKE THEM AND WHERE TO PLACE THEM.
<i>Saturday, March 21st.</i>			
	11:00 a.m.	Speaker:	Mrs. Theron Colton, Chicago Woman's Club
		Subject:	BIRDS
	2:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith, of Highland Park
		Subject:	FLOWERS OF ROADSIDE AND MEADOW
	4:00 p.m.	Speaker:	Mr. George Frederick Morse, Jr.
		Subject:	HANDLING AND CARE OF WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY.

Sunday, March 22

Slept this A.M.

This afternoon went with Leeches & Cunninghams to Beach. Stopped first in wooded flat just below bluff on road near Asbestos. Then on to Beach. Parked machines near R.R. station. Went as far as mouth of Dead R. & back. Cooked supper in a hollow near marsh side. Home late
Supplies .75;

Monday, March 23

Fine, balmy day

Miss Anchester of Gertrude House visited us today.

One science lesson.

With the 4B's, I opened their root pit and got out potatoes, apples & beets in good shape.

At school this evening.

Groceries 1.01;

Tuesday, March 24

Fine day.

Mr Rowell called.

The exhibit of pictures, etc. from N.S. Art League – about 60 – came this afternoon.

Hattie Seamans Davidson & Julia Cazalet Wheeler & Mrs D's daughter-in-law from Hinsdale spent the afternoon with Mother & K – A fine time of reminiscence about Macon. I got to see these people a few minutes at the trolley station.

Ethel Berkson & some of the other 8A's gave all of us teachers lunch in Miss Heffron's room today
Conf. this evening of school board members to name a ticket for next year.

Wednesday, March 25

Beautiful day.

Mr Ingerle came this A.M. & arranged the pictures for us to hang them. Some job, the hanging.

Outdoor science lesson with 8A's.

Prof. Snyder at 4:00. Talked about American novelists of today

Went to Evanston at 6:43 and met Mrs Page at Public Library to talk over kg position. Then she and I went to Ev. Woman's Club for a while to view their art exhibit. Met Miss Mabel Medora Williams there, and she showed us around. Then I went over to Pattee's a while to talk slides.

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Lunch .55; taxi 1.00;

Thursday, March 26

Beautiful day. Warm

Spent morning with 4B's – two sections. Field trips to Exmoor Ridge.

This afternoon took 8A – 2's in two sections & 8B – 1's in two sections for short outdoors trips.

Tolhurst movies – The fly

Mrs Metcalf visited to inquire about flower pictures.

H.S. band boys practiced in Aud. this evening – also members of Garrick Club.

Sent 179⁰⁰ to relief of tornado sufferers – school contribution.

Hardware .15; tornado sufferers 5⁰⁰

Friday, March 27

Very busy day.

Miss Hoffman of Gertrude Home faculty called this afternoon to suggest her candidacy for a kg position.

Miss Marxen of Francis Parker came. Miss Palmer, formerly of LeRoy, a friend of Miss Luther, came also.

I left on the 4:13 for Aurora and talked at the home of a Mr Miles on milkweeds & orchids. Fine audience. Supts Bardwell & Smith there; Mr Ray of one H.S. also. Miss Lelia Garms met me and sponsored me. Not home until 1:00 A.M

Saturday, March 28

To city on 9:13. To Schantz' office for conf. Then to Art Inst. for lunch & to see ex. of murals. Fields for shoes, etc

To Miss Nichols to see about some slides she is to color for me. Met Dr. Goode there and had talk about affairs of the Society.

Mrs Greene kept open house at school this afternoon in the Hall of Pictures – only a few came.

This evening I went up to the Paul Wrights to talk micro photography with them
R.R. .80 + .07; lunch .61; catalog .25
Barber .30; groceries .95 + .15; garters .75;

Sunday, March 29

To church this A.M. to hear Mr Fitt's sermon relating to child labor amendment.

Slept nearly all afternoon but went up late to the ex. which Miss Heffron had been managing. Had been 40 or 50 visitors including Mr & Mrs Ewell & Mr Ingerle.

Greatly interested in reading Barton's Life of Lincoln
Church .25

[A Congregational minister, William Eleazar Barton (1861-1930) was also a prolific author and lecturer on Lincoln. He amassed a large collection of Lincoln material, including many original documents written by Lincoln and his family. – ed.]

Monday, March 30

Fine. Rather cool. Windy.

Ordered manure for hot beds

Went to Glencoe at 3:30 to talk about the value of an auditorium – at a P.T.A. meeting. Fine time.

This evening at school to be present at picture exhibit. Only a few visitors. Then went down to the Balke's & had a fine visit

Started re-setting tomato plants today.
Trolley .24;

Tuesday, March 31

Clear. Windy. Chilly.

Had three groups re-setting plants today.

Visitors: Janes of Ev. who yearns to lecture here;

Art Ex. – About 23 during day & that many visitors this evening.

Joe Driscoll called to see aud. and figure on its use for an entertainment.
Barber .30;

Wednesday, April 1

Fine day.

Cold bothered me. Husky. Went to bed at 7:00 P.M. Was to have spoken at P.T.A. meeting at Ravinia.

Prof. Snyder talked on American poets of today – this afternoon

Thursday, April 2

Fine day Cool.

Miss Miles directing, the 2 – 3's gave the Magic Book this afternoon. Beautiful show.

Library Board this evening.

The Hintzes called this evening.

This A.M. showed Tolhurst's "Lady Bird" to grades 2 – 8 and U.S. Agric Bureau's Corn Derby to 6's.

Ice cream .30; candy .10.

Friday, April 3

Fine day. A little warmer

Miss Grieser of Bowman Dairy Co. came with motion picture films & set forth the value of milk and Bowmans. – Grades 3 – 8.

Mrs Weibeck, teacher from L. Zurich, a visitor.

Miss Miles' mother.

Miss McMunn got word of death of her brother this A.M. and left for Neoga

Conferred with Miss Crew at Library this evening over new equipment.

Barber .30; candy .10.

Saturday, April 4

Fine day. Cool wind.

Took 8:44 for Chic. To Chic Transp Co. to leave some Lincoln negatives for slides for Mr. Rowell of Glencoe.

To Field Museum where I had a long conf. with Miss Conwell, Sec of Geog Soc., about excursion work, etc. Then I visited botanic exh. for a time. To City Club for lunch.

Schantz' office for conf. about excursion work, etc.

Shopped at Fields. Then visited special exhibits at Carson P's gallery & then at Fields.

Home at 5:30.

Went to Dr Lanphere to undergo first installment of series of physical exams.

R.R. .30 + .40 + .14 + .85.

Lunch .85; notebook & filler 1.90 + .10; groceries 1.40 + .20; barber 1.65

Sunday, April 5

Fine day. Cool

At home all morning.

To aud. this afternoon where the Civic Orchestra gave our final concert of the season Mr Stock was to have conducted but had to officiate in Detroit, so Mr De la Marter presided. A beautiful concert. Invited audience to visit the N.S. Art League ex. in H. of P. and large company came.

After all were gone I had a conf. with Mrs Balke over H-S. situation.

Finished reading Vol 1 of Barton's Lincoln Fascinating task.

Monday, April 6

Beautiful day.

Mr Rowell visited my aud. exercises this A.M. and conferred with me over a statement of the value of an aud. The Misses Myrfield of Rock Island schools, one a ward principal, spent the morning, as did Mrs Ammerman and Miss Holt of Riverside.

Miss Giffin was with us today. Also Jane McWhinney

Began storing reset plants in cold frames

Mr Cunningham and I tried out our spotlight this evening

Barber .30;

Tuesday, April 7

Beautiful day. Mild

Went with Miss Sands and Miss Jones and 31 – 6's to Field Museum & Art Inst. A fine time

This evening to Presb. Ch & heard Rev Mr Selden of Ravenswood Presb. Ch.

Chauffeur 1.00.

Lunch .25

Wednesday, April 8

A fine day. Cooler

One science lesson. This afternoon talked before Civic Club – Ravinia – on milkweeds & orchids.

Ran my own lantern. Introduced by Emily Smoot Noelting.

Got back to Elm Place by time Prof. Snyder was half through his lecture – the last in the series – Eng. poets of today. Paid him \$150⁰⁰ for the series.

Then conf. with teachers over pageant until 6:30. Slept on couch all evening

Barber .30;

[Pasted to this page is a postcard clipping announcing Mr. Smith's talk. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

The Regular Monthly Meeting of
THE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF RAVINIA
will be held at
The Village House
Wednesday, April 8, 1925, at 2:30 p.m.
Illustrated Lecture on Nature
"BLOSSOM HOSTS AND INSECT GUESTS"
Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith

Thursday, April 9

Gray. Threatening. Drizzle late in day. Rain after nightfall.

Miss Alice Davis a visitor with her little niece, Barbara.

Miss Russel (Irene) and three teachers from Arlington Heights here.

Mr King of Newson & Co. A rep of Servewell Co.

Two science lessons.

Conferences with various persons.

At 6:00 underwent ex. by Dr. Lanphere – for an hour and a half. Blood pressure 140.

At school after 8:00 for conf with Miss Grunew, Heffron, Greno. & Tschirgi.

Chocolate .10;

Friday, April 10

Cleared. Wind rather cool.

Very full day

Miss White (Clara)'s sister a visitor.

Two science lessons.

Cleared away some of my desk impedimenta

At school this evening. Mr Peer visited me a while there.

Sent away our spring order to Onarga Nursery Co.

Gerard spaded some of our garden plot yesterday & raked the yard.

Saturday, April 11

Fine warm day until afternoon when cool wind set in.

I spaded up the golden glow & reset it, pruned woodbine, planted nasturtiums, three rows each of white and red onion sets, two rows of beet seeds (Suttons), one of beet plants, two of Sutton's lettuce, two of Big Boston, two of Icicle radishes, a long row of round radishes.

School election this afternoon. 43 votes cast – Jones for Pres., & Earl Fritsch and Alfred C. Meyer for members. Judges – Lloyd Larson & I, Mrs Robt Greenslade – Clerk

Hot time at H-S election

Barber .30; groceries .90 + .40 + .15 + .15 + .20

Sunday, April 12

Easter.

Beautiful day. Warm until 4:00 P.M. when cool breeze came up.

All of us at church.

This afternoon Mr & Mrs Leech came & we three went out to the woods off West Park Ave & Ridge Road, and, later to strip along R.R. track.

Dentaria beginning to bloom, hepaticas full; trilliums budding.

Still reading Barton's Lincoln. Fascinating.

Church .50;

Monday, April 13

Gray – threatening. Finally warm showers in afternoon – lightning & thunder. Grass grew while one looked on.

Visitors: Miss Schmidt and Miss Helen Harr[i?] of Normal faculty & Miss Fair of Bloomington schools.

Board meeting this evening, I sec. protem. Very amicable

Tuesday, April 14

Thin showers in afternoon. Cool wind after nightfall

Miss Connel & friend from Oak Park schools visitors.

Mothers hard at work on costumes in Miss Rogers' room today

Conf. of all the teachers over pageant plans.

At school this evening, Misses Tschirgi, Grunew & Grenoble also.

At Doctor Lanphere's office again today.

Wt. 165. Blood pressure 140 – normal.

Barber .30;

Wednesday, April 15

Fine day

Miss Schultz, Sup. of Nature Study for San Antonio schools a caller. Had been referred here by Miss Cornell of Country Day

Agt for H.M & Co & others called.

Busy with pageant details Two science classes.

At home this evening. Finished Barton's Life of Lincoln. "Most authoritative."

Thursday, April 16

Fine day.

Yesterday and today I have given away cabbage plants. Early Jersey Wakefield
Busy. - - Science film for 2 – 8's – The Mosquito. For 6's – 2 reels – Cotton. Fine
This evening Miss Kidney & Miss Saunders of Cicero Schools came to apply for positions.
Barber 30; scissors sharpened .75
Bananas .40;

Friday, April 17

Fine day. Cool.
Visitors, Miss Ferry, Princ of a ward school in Batavia, NY, - relative of Mrs Clark of Ravinia; and
Mrs Hughes & Mrs Shupp, members of Bd of Educn of Oak Park.
Pageant in air. Conf. after school. Then conf this evening until 10:30.
Miss Cramer went to hospital this evening for an operation.

Saturday, April 18

Gray. Cool. Thunder & lightning without rain after nightfall.
To school for a little while; then the 8:44 for Chic. To Dr Prothero's to have xray of my teeth; to
Miss Nichols' office (she was not in); to Chic. Cinema Equip Co to confer with Mr Walk about our
spotlight; Schantz' office but found him away (funeral of his father); lunch at City Club. Shopped at
Econom. Drugstore; Cutler's;
Home at 2:30 and to school until 6:20. Mrs Thomas & others worked over costumes much of day
At school a while this evening.
Charge Dist 107 – Taxi fees 3.50
R.R. .30 + .40 + .14; lunch .85; toothpaste 1.17; shoe polish .25; drugs .50;

Sunday, April 19

Heavy windstorm in the night followed by thunderstorm and hail and rainfall.
At home all A.M. Read and slept.
At school this afternoon. Visited with Mary Davis for a while. Then with her & Miss Turpin,
Fallstead & Densmore in a ride in Miss T's machine
At school again after seven o'clock with Mrs Millard, Bettie & Mr. Boynton to test the footlights

Monday, April 20

Rather raw on the whole. Strong winds.
No school. We went to Evanston to Lake Shore Division Meeting.
A.M. program – at Woman's Club – address by Rev Mr Palmer on prep. for career of Moses; A
Capella Choir; Lorado Taft on Gospel of Beauty.
Luncheon with P.T.A group at Orrington.
Appointed chairman of nominating com. with Holm of Harvey & Bobbett of Oak Park. Our work
took most of time of afternoon session. Submitted our report at business session.
Then to tea at Miss Watt's house with many of our teachers. Home at 6:00
At school this evening, working over books of the Board,
R.R 36 + 40; lunch .75; check .25

Tuesday, April 21

A little rain in the night and high winds. Moderated.
Spent most of day with pageant matters
Mrs Whitehouse in Miss Cramer's room – Miss Cramer was operated on Saturday at H-P. hospital.

Miss Sprague ill and unable to be present.

Some of us at school this evening.

Hardware .75;

Wednesday, April 22

Rain – slight – in night. Gray. Very sultry this P.M

Full rehearsal this evening afternoon. Results quite encouraging.

Opened nursery shipment & began distribution

Made out teachers' warrants this evening

Ice cream .15;

Thursday, April 23

A hot day. Summer underwear came in at once.

Our processional came off as a stunning success this evening. As we were on the final lines of the second verse of the Star-spangled, every light went out and we had nothing but candles and flashes for the next twenty minutes. We had a record crowd, probably 1100 people and there were 200 children on the stage at the time! I led in singing America, & America the Beautiful and the audience slowly went out. - - - During the program we auctioned off a hundred five dollar bricks or so.

Ice cream .60; brick 5.00.

Friday, April 24

Still warm. Yesterday was warmest Apr 23 on record. Thunderstorm with hail at 4:00. Then cooler

Assembly at 9:00. All grades. Talked over events of yesterday. Showed Tolhurst's Our Six-Footed Friends.

This afternoon at 1:30, grades 4 – 8 saw West Point movies, Major Jenny giving descriptive comment.

School closed at 2:30.

At desk at school until 9:15 P.M. Earlier I was at Library conferring with Miss Crew about furniture

Ice cream .15;

Saturday, April 25

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, April 26

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, April 27

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Tuesday, April 28

Leavenworth, Indiana

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Inserted at this page is a commencement program for the Leavenworth High School. The graduating class was: Loren Breeden, Norman S. Craig, Clifford Elliott, Olive L. Rutherford, Marguerite P. Cline, Lou E. Sharp, Russel Archibald, Harry Wood, Cecil B. Enlow, Oren Ellwood Miller, Howard E. Tower, Glen M. Miller, and Elva R. Martin. The faculty was: C.D. Tower, Russel Breeden, May Cummlns (sic), Anna

Wilcox, and Myrtle Fletchall. The school officials were: W.H. Craig, J.J. Conrad, T.S. Stephenson, Wm. Fesler, and S.C. Adams, County Superintendent. The commencement address, "At the End of the Rainbow" was given by Dr. Witt Lowther. – ed.]

Wednesday, April 29

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, April 30

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, May 1

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, May 2

Reached Chic. about 7:00. Breakfast at N.S Elect. station & 8:13 for home

A fine day

Worked away at my accumulated mail. Spent an hour or two at school & in plant house. Found all cold frames full of potted tomato plants.

Planted more tomato sets & three rows of beans at home. Hoed my garden stuff.

Porter .50; Breakfast, etc. 95. R R 40; taxi .25; groceries .45; barber 1.65;

Sunday, May 3

Pleasant. Cool.

Loafed on bed much of day.

Went for a walk about south part of Ravinia and ended up at schoolhouse where I covered up cold frames for the night

Shad trees – many of them – still showy

Trolley .10;

Monday, May 4

Rained in the night and earlier part of morning. Cleared. Still cool.

Several new pupils. Visitors – Mona Bahr and Mary Emma Leigh of Aurora.

After school this afternoon, Mr & Mrs Leech & I went out to a pool on Ridge Road to try to glimpse a horned grebe that had been reported there, but to no avail

Short conf. with Clarke Wright over Miss Lund.

At school this evening

Yesterday & today Mother has had neuralgia in her ear. Also a cold on her lungs.

Barber .30.

Tuesday, May 5

Still cool. Some raindrops

Mr Bahr brot 10 apple trees for us from Wauk. nursery. The Onarga people had not been able to serve us.

Worked over bills at times today.

Mr Jones came for a half hour at close of school and we talked over the budget

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

At school a while this evening. Geo Greene came to look up spotlight facilities.

I worked on budget until 11:30.
Mr. Jensen and I had lunch together today
Lunch 1.20; candy .10;

Wednesday, May 6

Rained some. For a short time sleet fell.
Miss Meyer's called home to Freeport by sister's illness. I subbed in her room nearly all morning.
Spent a lot of time on the budget again today. Stayed with it until 11:30 this P.M.
Barber .30; chocolate .10;

Thursday, May 7

Clear. Milder, although a decided frost this A M
Mrs Peddle subbed today for Miss Meyers.
The janitors and I planted some wild trees & shrubbery that was lifted yesterday from the Skokie.
Library Board meeting this evening Voted the budget. Authorized fitting up of Children's Room
Ice cream .15; choc. 10;

Friday, May 8

Fine day. Milder.
Conf. with Mrs Greene and Mrs Millard.
Hazel and I worked over budget sheet.
Miss Clara White's pupils reset about 400 tomato plants in pots.
Gave away the last of beet and cabbage plants
The Religious Education Ass'n gave a pageant in the Auditorium this P.M.
I went down to Mr. Nichols' Washington School at Evanston and gave a flower talk to an audience
of 9 adults and 40 or so wiggling small children
Barber .30; trolley & taxi 36 + .08 + .32 + .75; lunch .15;
Hardware .75; drugstore .95.

Saturday, May 9

Fine day.
Left at 10:13 for Chicago. Shopped at Sweet Wallach's, had lunch, then went to Q station to join
Friends of O N. on excursion to (Ottawa) Aurora. The Bleys, Jensens, Pattees, Jessup, Hooker, et. al. At
Aurora were met by Mr Van Ofen & others in autos Looped around section of Fox R. for 20 miles or so.
Then picniced in grove along river – two mi. north of Aurora Speeches after supper
I & Mr Hooker & Miss Joseph & Miss Ann – came back to Chic. with Harry Johnson in his
machine. Home at 12:00.
Clarence came in this evening.
R.R. .40 + .40 + 1.25; taxi .75; lunch .50; sundries .25

Sunday, May 10

Fine day
Met Miss Meyers shortly after nine to talk over affairs with her.
To church.
Clarence S. & Clarence D met me at the door and took me home where were Edith, Lennie,
Arthur & Ruth. Fine day together

Danforths went home at four. The rest went out riding. I went to a meeting of Teachers' Committee at Mr. Jones

Took a picture of the family group this afternoon & developed negatives this evening.
Church .75

Monday, May 11

Fine day.

Mrs La[ro?] brot an Italian proffessor to visit our school this A.M Miss Huber representing line of drawing texts came So did Mr. McLain of Binney & Smith

Conf with Mrs Millard & Mrs Greene over teacher schedule.

Phoned Mr Blair's office, Mr. Simpson, & Mr. Jones about question of admission of Fort Sheridan children to our schools

Board meeting this evening. Gen Poore & Capt Moore came to present check for \$1100⁰⁰ as "gift" from Fort Sheridan but stated their belief that they were under no obligation to pay tuition. Board accepted under advisement.

Budget passed, giving teachers a salary increase.

Barber .30; lunch .30;

Tuesday, May 12

Fine day.

Planting began in Green Bay garden

3's - 4's - 5's & the 6A2's. Flax, buckwheat, rye, oats, wheat, barley, peanuts, kaffir corn, broom corn, milo maize.

Miss Clara White out this afternoon

Mr Hecketsweiler came to take picture of Intermediate Bl'd'g.

Hospital Assn gave program in Aud this evening. H.-S orchestra Movies - How fires of life are fed. Excellent. The eye. do.

Wednesday, May 13

Grew rather sultry today. Then cold breeze came up at 5:00.

P.T.A. exec. committe conf form 9:00 to 12:00. Then until noon at Green Bay gardens & nearly all afternoon. Used 6th graders. Planted several rows of field corn & set out 100 or so elm & maple seedlings.

Miss Smith, a Glencoe teacher, called to inquire about a vacancy.

Miss Hoffman of Gertrude House called to talk over possible candidacy.

Overhauled an old record book of township trustees today to find data about history of school districts

Ice cream .30; bananas .50; barber 30;

Thursday, May 14

Beautiful day but such a cold wind

Miss Clara White again unable to come. I subbed for her some.

Took one group to G.B. garden. We dug up hard maple seedlings on our ravine slope, pulled off the leaves, and reset the plants in our school nursery.

Mrs Metcalfe visited me a while to consult about some flowers

At home this evening.

Friday, May 15

Fine day. Mild and growing sultry

Miss White still absent. Miss Kerr & Miss Esther White's pupils planted pumpkin seeds.

Mrs Gaidzik came to talk over an article on Elm Place. Mrs Millard conferred with me. Mrs Childs came to report having sent Gen'l Wood a check for \$1770⁰⁰ for the aud.

I went to Co. Clerk's office at Wauk. this A M to try to get map of Dist 107 – 40 years ago.

To city on 2:43 & talked at Kg Club at 116 So Mich. Boulev. on nature study. Well received. Then to 6 o'clock dinner at City Club of Directors of Geog Soc. A great meeting Miss Baber present & made honorary life member – We decided to hold our lectures in Orchestra Hall!

An hour at McVickers.

R.R. .40 + .40; phone .20; McVickers .60.

Saturday, May 16

Mild at first. Then warm showers lasting through most of the day. Cooler at evening.

Warblers everywhere!

To Wauk. at 8:13 to confer with Co. Supt – From there to Chic. To Bausch & Lomb to order photo micrographic outfit; Fields for accessories Schantz' office for conf. Lunch at Arcade.

Home at 3:00. Conf with Wm M Fout, new sec. of Board.

At office a while this evening. Then called on Mrs Dooley to leave our school levy.

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R R .40 + .40; lunch .49; phone .35; barber .30; ice cream etc. 55;

Sunday, May 17

Clear and such a cool wind all day until nightfall!

Took it easy all morning. This afternoon went with the Leech's & Cunninghams to the Wauk. Flats. Went first to Asbestos & up to the haunts of the buckbean. I took one habitat picture.

A great day on the Flats Puccoon, arabis, a saxifrage, shooting-star just coming into bloom, blue eyed grass, star grass. Royal ferns with red brown fronds unfurling – a wonderful sight. Routed a raccoon out of his hiding place. Played with a doodle bug. Met Mr Jensen & his party as they were leaving.

We had our suppers there by a bonfire

Monday, May 18

Fine day. A little cool.

All sorts of things doing. This evening spent some time with John Sweeney going over earliest history of north part of H.P.

Dead humming bird brot in Saturday evening. Today – oven bird, two magnolia warblers, a red-start.

Photo of buckbean blossoms this evening.

Mowed back lawn & hoed some of garden.

Sharp frost this A.M.

Tagged 1⁰⁰;

Tuesday, May 19

Some frost this A M. but day turned out warm.

2B's planted popcorn.

We had a crab-apple party to Millard's woods on the Des Plaines after school & ate our suppers there. Mrs Millard & Mr M our hosts. Mrs Berkson went along & furnished one machine Fine time Huge white trilliums. Phlox a deep lavender, etc.

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. On this day, Anna Conwell, assistant secretary for the Geographic Society of Chicago wrote a letter to Mr. Smith. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

May 19, 1925.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant, Mr. Branom is Mr. Frederick K. Branom. I address him at 7057 Eggleston Avenue. It is my understanding that he requests all his geography teachers to become members of the Society. Last year, at Dr. Goode's suggestion I asked him to write a review of the Goode School Atlas, which he was glad to do and which was turned in in very good form. I do not know him personally.

After your visit to the office I wrote both to Dr. Grant and Dr. Goode asking about the revision of the Excursion Bulletin No. 1. Dr. Grant replied, under date of April 14 – "I recall no student who could be of service regarding the excursion Bulletin No. 1, but I shall take up the matter with Mr. Ward when he returns from the field and possibly he may be able to suggest someone." I have had no further word from him. I shall enclose herewith the correspondence had with Dr. Goode and Wellington Jones. I have not acknowledged Mr. Jones letter pending a talk with you. I shall write today saying that I have sent his letter to you. I did nothing regarding Richard Hartshorne. Should I have?

The four page Monthly Bulletins cost for printing approximately \$36.00. The October issue comprising eight pages cost \$72.50. I do not think the Museum would undertake a sixteen page bulletin, indeed, I am sometimes afraid that we will have to go elsewhere next year as our work is getting crowded out because of Museum business. There is an expense of over \$20.00 for stamps used in mailing the bulletins, and of course there is the printing and stock for tickets which is \$12.00 or \$13.00 each month.

Mr. Schantz has had so many applicants for his excursion that I believe he has come to the conclusion a circular is unnecessary. At least, it is not necessary to attract his party. Could such an excursion bulletin be prepared after the return? In that connection I think it is not too late to get out something on North Carolina and Miss Farley (Roper) has also been over the ground. We have some of those circulars of itinerary which may be sufficient record, but I think it would be well to be able to advise any inquirers about the things there are to see and their proximity one to another, with a special story of the flora – which latter I believe Mrs. Roper is especially well versed.

This is a long letter, I hope I have not taken too much of your time.

Sincerely,
Anna Conwell
Ass't Sec.

Wednesday, May 20

Warm. Leaves opening out rapidly now. Wild crab bursting open

Swarms of warblers. A redstart flew into Miss Tschirgi's room and out, today, and later on a Blackburnian did the same

At 7:00 this evening while I stood still on the walk leading to the south vestibule I saw four species of warblers within 20 feet – blackburnian, bay breasted, chestnut-sided, & black poll.

The Rock River Valley Exhibition of paintings arrived today and some of us hung them this evening.

Groceries .50; ice cream .30;

Thursday, May 21

Started out early for a warm day but cool breeze sprang up before 8:00 and prevailed all day.

Miss Cramer unable to be present and I helped out part of the time.

Major Beales came at 10:30 to talk Camp Roosevelt to 7th & 8th grade boys.

I showed Audubon slides to 4th – 5th's.

Miss Jones' pupils gave a geog. play to other 6's.

8th graders gave a movie show after 3:15. Success. Gang comedy. Harold Loyd, Pathe Review. "Too much business". Receipts \$66⁰⁰.

At school this evening. Mrs Millard, Wyles, Boynton, & Jones came to tell me that my friends wanted me to go to Europe at their expense!

Misses Grunewald & Heffron & I finished hanging pictures.

Candy .10;

Friday, May 22

A warm day. Wild crab burst into full bloom and slowly opening leaves hurried mightily

Had luncheon with Mrs Paul Wright's garden club and stayed there until two. Dr & Mrs Moffett, Mrs Butler, Mrs Waffle & her friend, Mrs Sundell, Mrs Lake. All except Dr Moffett, Mrs L. & Mrs S. visited my school at 4:30 for a while

Assembled grades 4 – 8 this afternoon to hear Mr James Cady Ewell explain his design for the new war memorial. Mr. E. visited afterwards our Rock River Valley Exhibit.

Ice cream .25; lemons .25; aspirin .35; entertainment 2⁰⁰

Saturday, May 23

Yesterday was the warmest May 22 in 54 years in Chic. Today was almost as warm until about 3:30 when a cool wind blew up. A great drop in temp. Overcoats this evening.

To city on 10:13. Visit with Schantz. Left him the bird slides I ordered from Brownell for Aud. Soc. Also some letters written by friends of Mr. Deane. To Chic. Transp. Co. to order colored the slides they are making for my Lincoln negatives for Mr. Rowell. Shopped at Fields. Lunch at Art Inst. Ordered spring & summer suit at Anderson-Carlson.

Home. Mowed my yard. Reset some hollyhock plants. Other jobs. Then spaded up my plot for tomatoes.

Bot a "satchel guide" to Europe.

R R .40 + .40; buttons .27; lunch .53

barber .30;

Sunday, May 24

Cold wind blew all night. This A.M. snow particles accompanied the cold wind. Icy breath all day. Cleared during afternoon. Extraordinary weather.

At home this A.M. Afternoon under Mr. Guyot's direction went with Mr. Elliott to canvas south side of Central Ave for War Memorial Fund. Well received but got only small amount. Subscribed 25⁰⁰ myself.

Developed some negatives this evening.

Monday, May 25

No frost in sight this A M but a cool day. Sunny.

Rode with Mr Lowdermilk to Kenilworth & to Evanston where I had a luncheon appointment with H.H. Kingsley at Univ. Club. Discussed European trip with him.

Harry Wilson called at four with Miss Duncan & Miss Wilson, principals from LaSalle

At school a time this evening where Maj. Beals was to meet parents interested in boys enrolling for Roosevelt Camp.

Trolley .32;

Tuesday, May 26

Noticeable frost this A.M. but little damage.

Capeller of Thos Charles called. Recommended Mildred Harder of Cedar Rapids for Art Superv. Wired her to find if she is available. Received favorable reply

Started school census today.

We teachers were entertained at Geo Jones' this evening; music by quartette – Jones, James, Babcock, Conover, Mrs Conover, Also Mrs J. & Elizabeth

Mr Leech and I unpacked my photo micrographic outfit today.

Wednesday, May 27

Milder. Fine day on the whole

Photographed 8A's this A.M

Sent out P.T.A. notices and press report of Rock River Valley Exhibition.

Developed class pictures this evening.

Phoned in White Star line about reservations. Also Mr Neidlinger, S.S. agent.

Thursday, May 28

Slight shower early, then mild day

To city on 9:13. Francis Parker School to call on Dr Lukens & talk European trip. Then down to Chic. Lunch at City Club. Called on R.J. Neidlinger, 72 E Jackson Blvd to plan steamer accomodation Bausch & Lomb to leave microscope stand for alteration. They loaned me fine new microscope to use temporarily. Home at 4:00.

P.T.A. meeting held & the exhibit of serving drawing, manl tr. & other hand work on. Fine display. Repeated this evening to small audience.

Edgar Eisenstadt helped me set up new photo mic. outfit & experiment for a while

Got sepia prints from Hecketsweiler of picture of our family group & of front of Int. Bldg Fine. R.R. .40 + .14 + .40; lunch .85; phone .20;

Friday, May 29

Fine day.

Met 1 – 4's from 10: to 11:00 and 5 – 8's from 11 to 12 – for Memorial exercises; Mrs _____ Watkins, friend of Miss Stine's, sang very acceptably a group of songs each time. I showed slides. Pupils recited the Blue and the Gray, etc.

Miss Wilson of Oak Park came to apply for music position. Agent for Gluey a visitor. We took town & boxed the exhibit from Rockford.

Mr Cornelis Botke came out to look over our picture hall. He had to go back before his paintings & those of his wife came in the truck. This evening the janitors & I hung them, Lois Green & her father, helping.

Poppy .25;

Ice cream .15;

[Cornelius Botke (1887-1954), landscape painter, born in Leewarden, Holland and immigrated to the United States in 1906 – ed.]

Saturday, May 30

A perfect day

I supervised the mustering of a colors troop at school, a flag boy from each of 28 rooms, and saw them through the parade from the City Hall to the foot of the flagstaff where memorial day exercises were held.

Then to school where I had an interview with Miss Pardee who wishes our kg. position. Then with Gen'l Poore, Commandant, over the matter of tuition of Ft Sheridan pupils.

This afternoon Mr. Leech & I worked over microscope for two hours. Then I watered all the tomato plants. Then at home mowed all the yard, watered the lily beds, staked the tomatoes, set out 18 or so zinnias.

Took taxi for Winnetka. To Mr McNamara's for dinner. Mr & Mrs McN went to concert at Ev. but Mr Kingsley & I went over proposed European route until nearly eleven
Trolley .22; ice cream .20;

Sunday, May 31

Turned out the hottest 31st of May for many years

At school a little while this A.M. Then again in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Cornelis Botke, the artists, and Mr Robertson of Ravinia with a friend came to inspect the hanging.

The I went with Mrs Monroe to site of L station on Glenview Road. Mr. Thomas drove us all over the proposed new settlements. I signed up for a business lot as an investment.

Monday, June 1

Another record breaking hot day

At 10:27 I went to Chic. Paid the Raymond Whitcomb Co 325⁰⁰ for both passages on the Dorie. Went to Kresges' and had passport pictures of myself made. Took 12:30 electric for Glen Ellyn. Visited with Geo Moseley on way.

At G.E. called on Miss Simmons in Duane School, Miss Mitchell in Main School & Mrs Leitch in Hawthorne School. Here I met Pearl McCord Hill & had fine visit with her. Came away at 3:30. To Andersons to have a fitting.

At school until ten this evening. Sec. Fout there
Dist 107 – 59 + 59 + 55 + 75
R.R. .80; photos 1⁰⁰; ice cream .75;

Tuesday, June 2

Heat mitigated somewhat by cloudiness.

To city on 11:13. Filed application for passport, paid fee of 10⁰⁰; but had to furnish affidavit of birth later. Kittie made this out this afternoon & sent it in.

Div. of Passports, 608 So Dearborn, Room 2166.
Teachers' meeting. Planned our reports, etc
Distrib. tomato plants this afternoon
Worked at school until 10:30
R R 40 + 40; passport 10⁰⁰; lunch, etc .35;

Wednesday, June 3

Heavy dash of rain for a while this A M. but a very warm day
Miss Pardee of Ev. called to talk kg matters & had a good visit with Mrs Greene
Mr & Mrs Leech and I went out after 5:00 to Co. Line Road to look up my colony of *Asclepias ovalifolia*. Found road builders had gouged it all out.
On way we found a family of yellow legs (?), f. & m. and 4 chicks. Fine visit with them.
My S.S. tickets arrived
Ice cream .60

Thursday, June 4

Record breaking heat and humidity. Closed school earlier in the afternoon.
Misses Behrens and Marks took a group of 3B's in a bus to Ziesing farm & elsewhere, this A.M.
This P.M. Misses Luther & Densmore took Miss L's pupils to Arcady Dairy.
Tomato plants nearly all distributed.
At school until 10:30 this evening. Sec. Fout there a while
Mrs Ennis of Ev. called to apply for music position.
Sent out our printed announcements of our picture exhibit.
Ice cream .45;

Friday, June 5

Very warm and humid again today.
Farm and dairy trips of yesterday repeated.
I went on Edgar Gurnee's note for 100⁰⁰ for sixty days. This is to replace his for \$125⁰⁰ previously made for ninety days, which I had also endorsed.
Miss Taylor's pupils had their recital in the Aud. this evening
At school until nearly 10:00 P.M.
Ice cream .30; groceries 1.40;

Saturday, June 6

Heat somewhat alleviated by breezes today.
K & I went shopping at Fields. Bot sport suit, raincoat, bath robe, shoes, Pullman slippers, three stockings, four shirts.
Then I went to passport agency to check up on the progress of my application
To City Club for lunch with Schantz. Had pleasant chat with Edward Yoemans.
To Sweet Wallach's to buy a camera. Kodak, No 3, autograph special – color filter, sky filter, diffusion filter.
To Mich. Central – bot ticket (round trip) for Montreal for 5:40 (6:40) June 18.
Art Inst for 20 min. Home at 4:15. At Library a while. Then home to visit with Mrs Behrens & Miss Lula.
At school this evening until late
R.R. .80 + .40; taxi .75; lunch .85; ice cream .50 + .15 + .05;

camera outfit - - 65.90 (55 + 4⁵⁰ + 2⁵⁰ + 1⁵⁰ + 1⁵⁰ + [?]⁹⁰)
Ticket - - - 55.75 + Ins. .25

Sunday, June 7

Cool breezes in the night. These continuing together with cloudy conditions kept heat down
Church this A M.

This P.M. at school. The art collection on display. About 25 visitors.

Showed Mrs Church & Frances about.

Mr & Mrs Paul Wright came and we spent two hours together

Chickadees sang lustily early today.

Church .20;

Monday, June 8

Strong wind blew all day Cooler

Mr & Allen & Mr Conover at school awhile this A M., Mr. A being a candidate for music position
Conf. with 5th grade teachers.

Mr. Krehbiel came to talk over murals and to make measurements. Proposes to bring out during
summer cartoon sketches to try out in the spaces.

Mr. Jensen came & he and Mr K & I had lunch at Green Tea Pot.

Mr. Botke came in the afternoon to take away one of his paintings – sold.

Board meeting this evening. At 5:30 I met with Council of Religious Educn (Exec. Com.) to plan
for next Fall

Lunch 1.65;

Tuesday, June 9

Strong wind yet today. Still fairly cool.

Miss Schermerhorn came to get advice

Miss Wilson called to apply for drawing position.

Mrs Calhoun and Miss Mould[is?] were here this afternoon to talk music position

Teachers' meeting with grades 1 – 4.

At my desk this evening

Ice cream .30;

Wednesday, June 10

Decidedly cool. Light overcoats began to appear this evening. Wind still blew much of day. Dry
A Miss Doud, veteran ex-teacher of music from Springfield, Ill., called to apply.

I went down to New Trier and had lunch with Mrs Cotton. Talked over candidates for music
position. Fine visit with her and the art teacher Miss Grover.

At school this evening.

Slipped away a while after school with Mr Leech to visit my “preserve” where the pink-and-white
lady slipper has so long flourished. No blossoms this year

Dist 107. Expenses .95

Barber .30;

Thursday, June 11

Cool. But grew considerably warmer. Gray.

Miss Clara White took some pupils to school garden. I helped for a time. Collected striped beetles from pumpkin vines.

Miss Ruth Vivian called to apply for Kg position. Fine appearance. Also true of another candidate.

Reception at the Botke's, artists, this evening. A fine time.

Ice cream .30;

Friday, June 12

Grew quite sultry during the day. Had been a dash of rain in the night. Then another about 4:30 this afternoon. A fine shower after nightfall Cooler

Mrs Peddle subbed today to help in general. Miss Heffron, Miss Rogers & Miss Turpin with group of 7's went to New Trier for an hour to see art ex. of Miss Grover's pupils. Miss Sands went with a few 6's.

A Miss Kratsch called to apply for a job.

8A picnic in Sweeney's back field & woods. Fine time although we were wetted by the shower. Mr Leech detected presence of a yellow-br-chat in thickets – which I corroborated.

At home this P.M. – “Monkeyed” with my Kodak.

Phoned Frances Palmer of her election to 3rd; Ruth Vivian to Kg. asst.

Saturday, June 13

Delightful rains in the night. Pleasant after clearing.

To city on 8:00. Visited with Ev. Millard & discussed cycling in Eng.

To Chic. Transp. Co to get negatives, etc. To Turtle's to get stuffed specimens. To Fields to buy pajamas, hat, etc. Sweet Wallach for a tripod, etc. Lunch at Henrici's. Anderson's to get my summer suit. Home at 3:00.

At school until 6:00. Then after supper to school again. Part of time at desk. Part at the Senior Class Play of H-S given in our aud.

Sweet Wallach 9.20; lunch 1⁰⁰

Barber .30; ice cream .30;

Sunday, June 14

Fine summer day. Threatening at times. Sultry.

Busy much of day. Wrote letters, etc.

Monday, June 15

Flag Day – Picnic.

Fine heavy rain in the night. Cleared away warm and humid.

Fine and impressive parade of the colors. H-S. band. Picnic the usual success Sleight-of-hand show and clown-animal stunt – at 11:00 & 1:00. Excellent. Nonsense movies at 2:00. Also fine.

This evening taxied to north end of our district and investigated our boundary lines.

Signed diplomas and did other work at office.

Edith came today

Ice cream .15;

Tuesday, June 16

Blew up cool in the night. A delightful day.

Honorable mentions went off well.

Grad. exercises ditto. Music good. Everything lovely I was kept busy all day, as it were, acknowledging best wishes

Miss Vivian came out bringing a Miss Norwood, candidate for 2B.
Miss Carlisle and Miss - - - - were candidates for music position
Mr Geo Capeller of Thos Charles offered his services in securing an art teacher.
Mr Swanson of Dow Mfg Co. came to measure up for case in Science Room.
After evening ex. Everett M. and I had long talk over details of my trip.

Ice cream .45

Wednesday, June 17

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, June 18

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, June 19

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Saturday, June 20

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August 20, 1925.

Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith,
Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am attempting to collect, for the archives of the Society, a photograph of each of its past Presidents, and therefore hope I may receive your picture, preferably one taken at the time of your presidency (1909-1910). I am trying to obtain cabinet size, which is about five by seven inches, so that the collection may be uniform.

If you have nothing of just the specifications mentioned, a more recent photograph is acceptable. Please mark this some place where it will not escape your attention.

Sincerely,

Anna Conwell
Assistant Secretary

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Tuesday, September 8

Met the teachers at 9:30. All there but Miss Foreman and Miss McManus, the later being excused. Then at 11:00 Mrs Millard and Mrs Greene and I had a conference. Took the 1:13 for Chic. Took glasses to Dow for repair. Got my suitcases at Grand Trunk (Canad. Natl) & transferred them to C. & N.W. - - To C.J. Albert's to talk with Miss Smith over vacancy. Met Kittie at Pere Marquette Station at 5:00. – Very heavy rain At 5:40 Lennie & Arthur came in with Will Enders & we all went to the C & NW station. Had dinner there Then L. & Arthur left on 8:00 for Los Angeles. Will was to leave on C.M. & St P. at 11:00 and I saw him over to his station & K and I came home on the 9:17.

R.R. .40 + .60; trolley .21; taxi 1³⁰; Supper 3.60; umbrella 1.50

Wednesday, September 9 First day of School

Turned out a warm day.

School began at 9:00. None in the afternoon

Evelyn Foote came to help out and took a 2B group. I put Miss Stewart in Miss White's room and Miss McManus in Miss Stewart's.

Lots of visitors at opening exercises.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon At five, Mrs Greene & Alden drove up and we made a tour of the boundaries of the School District, checking up our data

Began on my accumulation of letters this evening.

Suits pressed 1.75; ice cream 30;

Thursday, September 10

Cooler but still sultry A heavy thunderstorm before midnight.

Busy day.

At school this evening. Conferred with Mr. Fout

Mr Kingsley called for a short time this afternoon.

Fourth graders & I met after school.

Ice cream & candy .90;

Friday, September 11

Rained much of the day.

Opened up a room in the playroom for a 4A group and placed Mrs Leech there.

Conf with the kg teachers.

Took 3:13 for Chic. to meeting of Directors of Geog. Soc. Then Schantz & Miss Conwell and I had dinner together. Home at 9:10.

R.R. .40 + .40;

Saturday, September 12

Gray & threatening with drizzle now & then.

Spent most of the day in Chic. Helped to plan the River & Harbor excursion, and with Harry Johnson had charge of one of the two boats Miss Conwell & I called at Maj. Putnam's office and got a fine map of the river. We all met at the Municipal Pier & got on the Chicago and the U.S.A. - about 150 of us Miss Conwell & Mr Schantz had the Chicago. - - Fine trip enjoyed by all

Stopped at Winnetka on way home & had dinner with Mr Kingsley and the McNamaras.

R.R. .30 + 40 + 12; lunch .65

Sunday, September 13

Beautiful day

Henry Kern, game warden, called me up this A.M. from Judge Smith's office to come to see a prisoner arrested for shooting birds. I found him with 4 wood thrushes and 2 catbirds, an Italian with a city license. Fined 75⁰⁰ & cost and gun confiscated!

To church. Long deep sleep this aft. Then two hours at my desk at school
Church .25.

Monday, September 14

Gray – then heavy rain late in the evening.
Miss Dement subbed again in 2B in place of Miss Foote.
Conf with 2 – 3's this evening after school.
Board meeting this evening – Absent Mr. Jones & Gen. Wood. Crowd of people from west of H.P. came to petition Board to receive their pupils for this year at least. - - Petition granted.
Edith & Ruth came today.

Tuesday, September 15

Rained much of the day. Clearing & warmer this evening
Miss Foote not back today & her room cared for by Miss Wheelock and others
Long conf. with Mrs Danely about P.T.A. work; then one with Mr. Pearl about the possibility of a fine children's matinee each Saturday.
Conf with 7 – 8's – teachers this afternoon
At school desk a while this evening.
Boy scouts had their first meeting this evening.
Edith went home today but Ruth remained
Barber 1.25; bananas .45; candy .10.

Wednesday, September 16

Cleared. Fine day.
Had our pet show this afternoon. "Awful lot" of dogs; cats, etc. in proportion.
Miss Dwyer visited our school this afternoon and we had her talk to our first grade and kg. teachers.
This evening I attended the Ravinia P.T.A. meeting and discussed financial matters.
Barber .30;

Thursday, September 17

Turned out very warm – sultry.
Had flower & vegetable show today. Quite successful. Mrs Westgate and Mr Leech and Mr Cunningham acted as judges.
Marjorie Leaming came to sub in 2B for two days.
This evening we formally dedicated the new children's reading room at the library. Dr Wolcott sketched the history of the library. Mayor Hastings spoke. Miss Rita Smith recited some children's stories. Then Harry Hansen, literary critic of the Daily News gave a perfectly delightful talk – Magic Casements. A loan exhibit of paintings by local artists was very attractive.
Assembly of 6 – 8's at 11:30 to talk about the Constitution.
Ice cream .15;

Friday, September 18

After a short heavy dash of rain this A.M. it cleared – cooler
Conf with Mrs Millard; with Miss Si[m?]er of the Harvard School for boys; with Mr Cosgrove, representing the Rhonda Welsh Glee Club.
Drugstore 1.16;

Saturday, September 19

Very warm.
At school almost all day, overhauling things in my office, etc.

Ice cream .60; groceries 1.15

Sunday, September 20

Cooler.

Clarence D & Edith came and Ruth went home with them this afternoon

At a boy-scout conference a while this evening at City Hall.

Began unpacking my picture cards and other souvenirs of my European trip.

Monday, September 21

Delightfully cool.

Miss Mary Colton, Miss Shaw, Miss Eleanor Dement, and Mrs Leitch were all here today to see about a position. Edna Hupprich called for advice as to her work

Evelyn Foote back as sub in 2B.

Margarethe Morris came to talk violin lessons.

I went on a field trip to the school gardens with Miss Behrens' 3A's.

Conf. with Miss Behrens; with Mrs Millard; with Miss Meyers

As school desk a while this evening.

Mowed most of my yard

Tuesday, September 22

Slight dash of rain. Cool.

Went with Miss Palmer's 3B's to school garden.

Miss Clara White's pupils harvested the corn

Capeller of Thos Charles called

Teachers' meeting after school.

Met with Mrs Everett, Mr Watkins & Mr Cardwill at Mrs E's this evening to discuss religious educ. affairs

Finished mowing yard this A.M.

Wired Margaret Nattinger, hoping Aunt Eva much better.

Sugar 1.85;

Wednesday, September 23

Fine autumn day.

Took Miss Densmore's 3B's to the Green Bay garden. Quantities of peanuts on our plants. 4A's 2B's came & harvested their crop of pumpkins. 6's harvested corn, etc

Conf with Miss Mark over Kg situation. Mrs Millard, also. Went up to hospital to see Everett Millard and found he had left this morning. Called on Mr. Drake there. Greatly reduced. Very cheerful.

A fine type of sport

At school this evening for a time. Mr Fout there also

Sent Ross Smith copies of some of our family data

Jens Jensen brot a distinguished Dane to see my school and we had lunch at the Moraine. This Mr Hansen spoke no Eng. Is delegate to an Internat'l conf at Washington

Miss Sprague away – to care for her sick room mate

Thursday, September 24

Fine day. Cool.

Some excitement this A.M. when the little McNeil girl was bumped at Elm Place crossing by an auto driven by Mrs Lewis. Child not injured.

Field trip with each section of 4B's – to Exmoor Ridge.

Miss Miles ill, and Mrs Geo H. Cumming came to sub.

At library this evening. Looked up the Alabama affair, etc
Barber .30;

Friday, September 25

Fine day.

Passed out pay checks Mrs Cumming subbed for Miss Miles.

Miss Annabel Hicks applied for a position.

Miss Morris came to meet pupils interested in violin lessons

Miss Lund came to confer with me.

This evening I called on Mrs Everett to leave a copy of our school program for Wednesday afternoon – to show to the religious educ'n group. On the Ostens to see a Carl Krafft picture which is for sale; on the Millards where I met Mr & Mrs Don Boynton & Mr. & Mrs Randall

Barber .30; candy .10;

Saturday, September 26

Intermittently rainy.

Went to Lost & Found Dept at Highwood and retrieved my raincoat. Then to city.

To Jas Lynn Co – 14 E. Jackson Blvd – to leave eraser cleaner for repairs. To Dow Optical Co. to leave glasses for new frame Fields for filler. Field Museum for conf. with Miss Conwell about Geog affairs. Spent half hour or so in galleries To Art Inst for a while Lunch at Anne's. Paper pads at Brentanos. Saw The Gold Rush – Charley Chaplin. Home at 6:00

Met Dr Fritsch & Mr. Watkins at my office this evening to try to arrange for a religious educ. program

Bd of Ed – Paper .40

Trolley .20 + .40 + .40; lunch .75

glasses 5.00; Filler 1.65;

Sunday, September 27

A fine day

Lennie & Arthur reached Chic. at 8:50 A.M. & Clarence D & Edith with Ruth met them and brot them out here. Clarence & E. went home this afternoon.

Monday, September 28

Mild. Sunny, at times

Lennie & A. & Ruth went home this A.M

Miss Kerr went home with a bad throat. Her colleagues looked after her room.

Exec. Com. of P.T.A. met in my office this A.M

Field trip to lake shore with some of the 4B's.

Dinner this P.M. at Mrs Greenlee's with Mr & Mrs Fitt.

Tuesday, September 29

Fine day.

Miss Kerr still absent.

Hung in our Hall of Pictures three paintings loaned us by Mr Osten – for sale
Teachers' meeting this afternoon.

This evening went to Presbyterian Church to meeting of the Religious Education Group. Was obliged to report to them that I could not see the way clear to disrupt our course of study to find school time for their classes.

School stamps \$5.00

Sundries .46; barber .30;

Wednesday, September 30

Mild. Threatening.

This evening went down to 6037 Ellis to talk over the excursion work of the Soc. with Miss Baber
Miss Bell ill & still at home. Miss Kerr absent. Mrs Cumming substituting.

R.R. .80 + .40; supper .70; Barber .30;

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. In addition to his meeting with Miss Baber, Mr. Smith drafted a letter inviting certain members to meet and discuss excursion activities. The letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

September 30, 1925

Can you give up next Tuesday evening to the work of the GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY? As Chairman of the Excursion Committee for this coming year, I am impressed with the importance of a group of our members getting together for a serious discussion of the possibilities and limitations of the excursion work of the Society. I am inviting the following to meet me at the City Club, 315 Plymouth Court, at 7.30 Tuesday evening, October 6.

Dr. Warren G. Waterman	Mr. Robert S. Platt
Dr. Henry C. Cowles	Mrs. Laurie R. Frazier
Mr. O.M. Schantz	Mr. Harry O. Johnson
Dr. Herman T. Lukens	Mr. A.S.R. Smith
Mr. Joseph S. Wright	Dr. Ulysses S. Grant
Mr. R.E. Blount	Mr. Arthur W. Wolfe
Mrs. D.W. Roper	Miss Ella E. Ball

I wish to include the above named persons in the Excursion Committee for 1925-1926 and I promise not to call the Committee together for another meeting this year. I think we can map out the work then and draw upon various other members of the Society to carry out delegated duties.

During the past two years Doctor Waterman has made many sacrifices to keep the work going, and I hope that he will report frankly his experiences and give us the benefit of his advice as to the attempt to continue certain lines of activity.

I suggest such topics as these to be considered:

Can we carry on two different types of excursions, for example the casual type and excursions that have a sequence, continuing through two or three years?

Can we plan for midwinter excursions, for example to Panama, Bahamas, or Mexico City?

Can the work of the Excursion Committee have a bearing on the work of our Publication Committee?

Can we undertake some original bit of exploration for the Society, of course, soliciting patronage for its support.

I trust you will find it possible to be with us next Tuesday evening. I am authorizing Miss Conwell to sign this letter for me.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Lowe Smith

CHAIRMAN, EXCURSION COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 1

Fine day. Mild.

Miss Bell back this afternoon. Miss Kerr still out.

Field trip with 4B's to lake shore.

One candidate for position; Mrs Meanor to present claims of World Book; Mrs Millard to confer on school matters; Mrs Law to talk over Americanization classes

Ten of us had a walk this evening from C & N.S. offices through Sweeney's Woods & home.

Friday, October 2

Heavy rain before 9:00 A.M. Cleared. A beautiful day

Miss Kerr on hand. Miss Stewart away at funeral of a relative. Mrs Cumming, sub.

Miss Qualey came to talk music texts with Miss Wienke and me. - - -

Miss McMunn and I went to Waukegan on the 4:20 to scout over a geog. trip. Took yellow cab there – Harry Lighthall, driver! who served us very intelligently. Went to Johns Manville plant, Public Service, Griess-Pfleger tannery, N.S. Gas Co., to coal dock where we found the Amazon of Fairport unloading. We went on board and were entertained by the second mate. Fine time. Home at 6:45. Began Henry Adams' Mont St Michel and Chartres!

Wauk. trip 5.10 (Expense acct)

Candy .70;

Saturday, October 3

To Geneva

Fine day for the most part.

9:13 for Chic To Vacuette Co – 301 W. Chic. Ave. to see about repairs. Fields to buy a pocket book. To Schoenbrod's for mending tissue. To C & N.W. Found I had an hour and a half before my Geneva train, so I went to new Union Station and greatly enjoyed studying it, its shops, etc Ate lunch at the lunch room. Then took C & N.W. 12:50 for Geneva Mr. Geo F. Morse, the zoologist, with me on the train. Arrived at Wychwood, L. Geneva, we found Mrs Hutchinson had for a guest, Prof. Davis, Curator of Herbarium of U. of W. Delightful evening.

R.R. .40 + .20 + 2.56; lunch .90; barber .30;

Sunday, October 4

At Lake Geneva.

Thunderstorm about 6:00 A.M Gray & threatening most of the day

Mr Morse, Prof Davis, & William Longla[n?]d and I had a long walk through the woods this A.M.

Mr & Mrs Martin Ryerson & Mr Hutchinson (nephew) came in for two of clock dinner A very enjoyable time Prof. Davis left soon after – Patrick drove with him to Delevan. I was taken in to Geneva by William & caught 5:10 bus to Kenosha & so by C.N.S & M. to H.P. Trolley 2.05; magaz .25; candy .10.

Monday, October 5

Fine day Cool.

Mrs Thomas Clements, now of Phoenix, came to morning exercises and we had a delightful reunion.

At desk this evening. Americanization classes there. They began Sept. 28. Mrs Law, Daneley, Gatewood and Miss Kerr.

Ice cream .25;

Tuesday, October 6

Rained this morning, then cleared. Much cooler.

A Mr Walter Layman, strolling lecturer, appeared and we let him show his pictures illustrating a trip from Lafayette Park to N.O. He got the gate receipts at 5¢ per.

Miss Turpin, Miss Cramer & I went on a scouting trip after school to call on Mr Jackson at the Cyrus McCormick estate & the adjutant at Ft. Sheridan to arrange for our walking trip through the McCormick estate.

Took the 6:13 for Chic. to a meeting of excursion comm. of Geog. Soc. I presided. Important meeting. Dr Lukens, Wright, A.S.R. Smith, Dr Cowles, Dr Waterman, Miss Ball, Mrs Frazier, Mr & Mrs Roper, Johnson, Blount.

R. R 40 + 40 + Lunch .25;

Wednesday, October 7

Gray. Cool

Worked with some 4B groups in map exercises – shoreline of L. Michigan, etc.

Conf with Mrs Gaidzik & Mrs Pfanstiehl over P.T.A. programs.

Mr Wayman lectured before 3 – 6's on – N.O. to Yellowstone, & 7 – 8's on Pacific Coast.

Misses Turpin, Wheelock & Cramer and I had scouting trip to arrange for tomorrow afternoon's walk over the McCormick estate.

Met 7 – 8th teachers this evening to talk over the work of individual pupils

Thursday, October 8

Gray. Cool. Rain after 7:00 P.M.

Mrs Snite and Mrs Danley called to confer over Spring vacation dates.

Rep. of Nystrom's called

Mrs Persons and a friend representing the Waukegan Woman's Club called to ask me to talk about the Waukegan Flats on Oct 19 – 3:00 P.M.

Pulled off our party for H.-S & Lincoln & Ravinia teachers this afternoon. We went by trolley to Sacred Heart Convent, then walked over various trails through the Cyrus McCormick grounds, then along the beach to Ft Sheridan pumping station. Thence to station where we took trolley to Elm Place. Here we served our guests supper before fireplace, etc. Delightful community singing, jig dancing, talking, etc.

Then at 8:45 I went to Library Board meeting & at 9:30 back to school to see if fireplace was all right Trolley 12 + 10;

Friday, October 9

Snow

Rainy most of morning. Great snow drops, thick enough to accumulate for a few minutes on board walk.

Mr Leech called away yesterday by death of a sister Absent today

I gave two 4th grade groups a geog. lesson. – map.

At 2:30 this afternoon the 5 – 8's went to the H.S. auditorium to a fire prevention exercise. Heard ass't chief Cummings' talk & Mayor Hastings. Then fire company appeared outside & sent up a stream of water.

At home this evening.

Saturday, October 10

Frost

Heavy frost this A.M. Thin ice. Bright, cool day.

To Chic. on 9:13. Fields to have hats blocked; to buy typewriter ribbons Carson Pirie's to inquire about dressing for linoleum; Fair for key ring; ordered mop, etc., for janitor. To La Salle Hotel for post vacation of Geog. Soc Acted as member of reception comm. Addresses by Ewing, Coxe, Miss Baber, & Schantz. Presented our medal to Capt Lowell Smith for first circumnavigation of world by air. The Capt. made good informal talk

Then to Illinois Exposition until about 8:00. Home on the 8:45.

R.R. .30 + .40 + .07; taxi 1.00; dinner 1.10; druggist 1.00; bread .25; barber .35. Typewriter ribbon .50;

Sunday, October 11

Gray. Threatening. Showers in morning.

To church, M & I.

Slept this afternoon Wrote a letter to our cousin, Rev. Geo H. Smith at Toledo, Ohio

The Clows called this evening

Sent a night letter to Mr & Mrs Robt Ridgway at Olney, congratulating them on their 50th anniversary Signed the names of Ruthven Deane, O.M. Schantz by agreement, & myself.

Church .25;

Monday, October 12

Gray, mild.

Miss Collins spent two hours with me this A.M. She reported the death of Harriet Vincent, and her funeral for this afternoon

School Board met this evening. Green, Meyer, Fritsch, Fout present. Afterwards I visited the evening classes until they were dismissed

Visitors: Miss Teilgard, Princ. of Kosciuski School, & Mrs Watts, her sister.

Tuesday, October 13

Mild. Pleasant.

A geog. lesson (map) with a 4B group. A field trip to Skokie rim with a group. Brot back peanut vines.

Mr King representing Pilot Arith took 40 minutes. Rep of Little Brown, some time. Mrs. Stern had some time. Edgar Gurney & friend called about the aud.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Afterwards Messrs Collister, Jones & B of Country Day called. Nice visit. Mr. C. being especially interested in pageants, etc

Barber .30;

Wednesday, October 14

Rained during the morning. Cleared somewhat.

Talked planting to several rooms. Physiology lesson in Mr Leech's room while he went with football team to Lake Bluff.

Misses Turpin & Wheelock took Miss Behrens & me for a ride as far as Wheeling. I was looking out for shrubs for replanting our grounds.

Conf. with Mrs. Millard With Mrs Daneley. With Mrs Sanders over tutoring. Agent for Swifts. Cider .95; candy .10; shave .30; mittens .50;

Thursday, October 15

Fine day.

P.T.A. meeting this evening. Mrs M[er?]riam – The Movies and your Child. Fine talk. Mrs Danely presided. M & K. went.

After school some of us walked thru the Rosenwald estate. Evelyn Foote took some in her machine and Mary Card the rest of us and we parked the machines on Roger Williams Ave Barber .30;

Friday, October 16

Gray. Then rain, afternoon & evening.

Heard a 4B Geog. class and had a short 5B lesson.

Miss Heffron ill and her work delegated to others

Miss Ruth Teuscher, formerly of our staff, latterly & now of Racine, visited us today.

I went to Wauk. on the 3:53 & consulted the city maps as to the 55 foot level etc. in Wauk.

Went to the dedic. of the new H-S. aud this evening. In spite of rain the aud was about full. A great achievement.

Barber .30; Wauk .76 + .05;

Saturday, October 17

Fine day

To Winnetka & to Mr Windes' office to look up data about elevation of Winnetka ~~of~~ above lake level.

To City. Bradner Smith, Chic. Mat Board Co & (at last) to Devoe's where I got some large manila paper. Schantz' office for a conf. Lunch at Childs and a chat with Mr Hall about architects & architecture Back to H.P. & to school until 6:00 working on a map.

At home this evening.

R.R. .80 + .22 + .21; lunch .90; groceries 1.34 + .28;

Sunday, October 18

Fine at first. Then gray. A little rain at close of day, then rising wind.

Not at church. Worked over maps for my Waukegan talk. Had an afternoon nap. Read some from Henry Adams' Chartres

Whitethroats about yesterday Juncoes & hermit thrushes today.

Monday, October 19

Gray. Cold. Rising wind

To Wauk to speak at 3:00 before Women's Club on conservation of Waukegan Flats. Had a fine time.

This evening to Winnetka to hear four boys from Caney Center, Ky, tell about the work of their school. Of absorbing interest. Several of our staff there

H.S. teachers served tea to our teachers at 3:30 today. I was obliged to miss this.

The Wauk. people gave me a check for fifteen dollars and I expected only my car fare!

R.R. .38 + 38 + 20 + 20; lunch .20;

Tuesday, October 20

Cool, gray, in part.

Went with group of 4A's to Arcady farm, the parents furnishing autos. Miss Behrens in charge. Mrs Creigh, Bard, Bennett, and Bullard accompanying.

Killdeer in meadow near the dairy

This evening at school with Misses Grunewald, Grenoble & Bradley to confer about some Roosevelt pictures. - - Agatha and Kathleen Cole came, the former to confer about the boys whom she is leaving for a few months.

Agent for Hinds & Noble called.

Candy .10;

Wednesday, October 21

Heavy frost again. Gray and cold

Other section of Miss Behrens' 3A's went to dairy this afternoon Mrs Joyce, Gail, Mason, and Decker drove. I went along.

At 5:00 interview with Helen Finn of Rogers Park, desiring a position.

We teachers were given a dinner by P.T.A. officers at the Mills playhouse, this evening. Fine time.

Phillip Young of Benj Sanborn called.

Barber .30;

Thursday, October 22

Sunny this A.M. but gray in afternoon.

Mrs Conlon of N.W U. called to present her proposal for teaching piano music in our schools

Mrs Danley & Mrs Childs and I had conf on the poor prospects for selling the Welsh Glee Singers

We "pulled off" the Festival of the Falling Leaf" this afternoon successfully. Each room made a pilgrimage to a fine tree, "wassailed it," sang a song, each pupil pinned a leaf of the tree on his clothes; then all assembled in the aud. From here the parade thru the woods began, & ended on the north playground where the Hebrew, Greek & English harvest ceremonials were observed. Then prizes & honorable mentions were given - 1 primula, 1 begonia, 4 pepper plants, 6 ferns, 188 paper white bulbs

This evening wired Glee Club to cancel date. - - Miss White, Miss Greno & I had a fine walk late this afternoon. - - Ag't for Public School Pub. Co. called.

Friday, October 23

Milder.

Miss Hodges & one of her assistants from Mundelein visited us this A M

Helped 3B's plant some bulbs. Began storing bulbs in our pits

Miss Lund & Mr Wright conferred with Miss Wienke and me about music texts.

Went to Geog. Soc. this evening to hear Dr Sylvanus Morley on ancient Maya civilization.

R.R. 40 + 40;

Saturday, October 24

Rained most of the morning. Then began anew late in the afternoon.

To Chic. on 9:15. To Dow Optical Co to order a pair of reading glasses to replace those I lost Thursday. To Devoe's to order some mat board. To Kaemper's for bird cage accessories. To Art Institute for luncheon with Wild Flower Preservation Soc. Donald Peattie spoke on Weeds. Fine time. Then went up to Tribune Building to study its exterior, also that of adjacent buildings. An hour or more at this. Then home by 6:30 Met Mr. Bergman on Mich Boulev. Still no word from Charlotte who disappeared many months ago!

Devoes 3.60 for mat board and .75 for scraper handles

R.R. 40 + 40; lunch 1.00; groceries .56; barber .30; Glasses 12.00

Sunday, October 25

Cleared. A fine day

Edith & D. came just before church time and stayed until 3:00. Afterwards I called at the Siefferts and had a chat with Charlotte. Her father was buried a week ago Saturday.

Went to Chic on the 5:43 to Univ. Club where Directors of Geog Soc. gave complimentary dinner to Capt Amundsen. Fine time. Talks by Cox, Goode, Mr. Gade, Col. _____, & Capt. Amundsen

R.R. 40 + .40;

Monday, October 26

Raining until about 10:00 A M, with flakes of snow. Then cleared & colder.

Mrs Margaret Carlisle Milligan played for us at morning exercises

This evening I went down to Orchestra Hall to hear Captain Amundsen on his airplane flight towards the pole. Interesting but not very significant.

R.R. .40 + .40; ticket 2.75.

Tuesday, October 27

Snow!

Began snowing late this aft. and by 10:00 – 2 to 3 inches had fallen. Leaves still on the trees.

Roosevelt program at 11:00 for 6 – 8's. Children read essays, etc.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

This evening Mrs Daneley & Mrs Gaidzik & I met in my office to plan advertising matter for the Rhondda Welsh Male Glee Singers appearance.

Mr Clow and his men set up a new hot-water heater in our kitchen

I got a letter from Rev. Geo. Smith of Waterville, Ohio – my own cousin – sone of Jesse K. Smith. Barber .30;

Wednesday, October 28

Two or three inches of snow on the landscape this A.M. and as the wind blew rather cold only a part of it thawed today. A unique experience to see the colored autumn leaves and those still green standing out on a snowy landscape.

We got out about 350 addressed envelopes today to enclose announcement about the Welsh concert.

I worked late at my desk this evening.

Thursday, October 29

Probably 12° above this A M. Gray day and no thawing.

Conf. over introducing Melody Way piano classes this A.M. Mrs Milligan explained the plan to Mrs Snite, Greene & Danely. Planned publicity campaign

Got out the circulars for the Welsh Glee Singers.

This evening looked over bundle of old books which Mr Putnam had left at the Public Library Then I went down to Fred Krueger's to stay awhile. Mrs Krueger died two days ago. Was our washer woman for a number of years. A friendly woman; brot up a good family.

Had Mrs Cumming come to begin substituting for us.

Repair of glasses .50;

Friday, October 30

About 18° above this A M Mostly gray. Cold.

The men planted about 30 bittersweet vines sent us from Essex by Miss Clara White's brother-in-law. Packed leaves into our cold frames

I got pots ready & laid bulbs in them – in our dirt-floor room – these to be planted later

Sent out the circulars advertising the Welsh singers

Various rooms had hallowe'en parties this afternoon.

Barber .30;

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. Following is a series of letters which began on this day with reference to the conservation of the dune area near Zion and Waukegan, Illinois. – ed.]

October 30th, 1925.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
Supt. of Schools
Highland Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I have a letter from Mrs. John Western of North Chicago, Illinois, saying that the Conservation Committee of the Waukegan Woman's Club have decided they would like to purchase and conserve a typical dune area at Beach, Illinois. They have nominated, as a committee as to suggestions to the area, Prof. C.B. Atwell of Northwestern University, you, myself and Mr. Hans Jepsen of Chicago. They suggest that we hold a conference sometime during the first week in November, but this is impossible for me because it is my busiest week, when I am staging the Museum Fall Flower Show. The following week I would be able to go any place at any time to attend the conference. The Club will stand the expenses of the conference.

However, so far as I am concerned, if we could make our recommendations through correspondence and probably do it more rapidly without any loss of time to ourselves, it would suit me better. I think all of the committee know the dune situation very well and to my notion the boundary should be the Dead River on the south, the lake on the east, the line fence on the north and the Northwestern tracks on the west. However, if this does not meet with your approval, you can advise me by mail of the time that will be suitable for you to hold a conference. I suppose this conference would be best for all concerned in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Huron H. Smith

Curator of Botany. [Milwaukee Public Museum – ed.]

HHS/ED

October 30, 1925.

Professor Jesse L. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools,
Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Prof. Smith:

As I think you know, Mrs. Caroline H. Western representing the Woman's Club of Waukegan, desires a survey of the Waukegan flats near Beach Station with a view to recommending their reservation for public use. She desires a meeting of yourself, Mr. H.H. Smith of Milwaukee, and myself sometime next week. Could you meet me at Beach Station at ten o'clock Saturday morning, November 7th? I shall go north on the North Shore line and transfer by bus at Edison Court Station, and thus reach the little road running down to Beach station about ten o'clock. If you can make it on November 7th let me know. If not, could you do it a week later?

Yours very truly,
C.B. Atwell

CBA:S

November 5, 1925.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Since my note to you concerning the possible reservation of a part of the Waukegan Dead River flats, I have had a line from Mr. H.H. Smith of Milwaukee suggesting that we might be able to reach a conclusion and recommendation by correspondence without visiting the locality. He suggests that the area recommended for reservation should be those which would include the Dead River and northward to the line fence & extending east and west from the railroad to the lake shore. I agree to that provided it includes quite a bit of the pine forest which lies just south of the "mouth" of Dead River. If this seems at all satisfactory to you, I will have a map drawn off from the Government Survey so as to indicate the lines a little more definitely, and with that agreed upon we can make a recommendation to Mrs. Western which may prove satisfactory and save much time.

What is your judgment in the matter?

Cordially yours,
C.B. Atwell

CBS:S

[Handwritten at the top of the following letter is a note to Mr. Smith. - ed.]

Copy for Professor J.L. Smith,

Please tell me your own 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for a definite
recommendation [to?] Mrs Western. C.B.A.

November 13, 1925.

Mrs. John Western
North Chicago,
Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Western:

You must not think, because I have not written, that nothing is being done about the matter of locating a section of the Waukegan flats for a possible conservation area. I have been in correspondence with both Mr. H.H. Smith of Milwaukee, and Mr. Jesse L. Smith of Highland Park, and we are agreed that it is not necessary that we should spend time upon the flats for further survey since we have visited the place many times.

I have made a rough copy of a map of the locality from the U.S. Geological Survey map of 1908, and have located on it by means of lines, three areas. The larger one, designated by the lines A-B-C-D, covers practically the whole area east of the Northwestern right of way and running north from an east and west line starting at the base mark near the Blanchard school house to the north boundary, which is the extension east and west of a private line fence. This area contains about 1.87 square miles, or nearly 1200 acres. If all of that could be set aside for conservation purposes, it would be a grand public reservation. I doubt, however, if it is wise to undertake to secure so much. I am sure, however, that would be our first recommendation if it was within the range of possibility. Moreover this area would include the ponds and lagoons of the Dead River, a portion of the pine tree forest on the south, the oaks and swamp on the north, and a good strip of sand dunes.

A second area A-B-Y-X is smaller and would include a good variety of soil and plant associations, and have an area of about 900 acres. A third proposition, which would be the smallest worth undertaking, I have designated as M-N-Y-Z. This would leave out mostly the pines, but would include a good deal of the water and areas of dunes and oaks, and most of the finer spaces which develop the peculiar flora of the area.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Messrs. Smith asking them what is their opinion and whether we can join in a definite recommendation to you which would come to you in the form of a letter in a few days.

Very cordially yours,
C.B. Atwell

CBA:S

November 16th, 1925.

Prof. C. P. Atwell,
Northwestern University,
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Prof. Atwell:-

You are more of an optimist than I am when you suggest the choosing of your largest area to the Waukegan Women's Club and those who are interested in the preservation of the Waukegan sand dunes. I thought that they would be doing very well if they preserved the smallest area which you have designated as M-N-Y-Z. Personally I think that the second area that you have indicated, is the best one to preserve and the largest one that you

indicate is rather expensive to administer and to fence, so I would not be in favor of that although it does include the old abandoned nursery of the Douglas Brothers.

This coming week I am to be in Eau Claire at a meeting of the State Horticultural Society. Therefore, if haste is imperative in making recommendations, you have this letter to show to Mrs. Western. I am quite certain that it is unnecessary for any of us to again visit the flat because we have been there so many times that we know practically every foot of ground in the dunes.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Prof. Jesse L. Smith at Highland Park, Ill., so that he will know what I think upon the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator of Botany.

GGs/ED

November 16th, 1925.

Prof. Jesse L. Smith,
School Superintendent, District No. 107,
Highland Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I have your Armistice Day letter and am waiting to hear what Professor Atwell will do with his detail map which he is to send on for our O.K. I had a letter from him saying that he was interested in preserving a portion of the old-time forest. I think that would be very fine but agree with you that in case of a sacrifice we would keep to the north line as far as the wire fence that I spoke about.

During the coming week I will be at the Wisconsin State Horticultural Annual Convention at Eau Claire, Wis., but if it is necessary to call me by the telephone, I can be reached at the Eau Claire Hotel. At any rate, you understand what I think should be preserved and perhaps it can be arranged with the rest of the committee.

Very truly yours,

Huron H. Smith

Curator of Botany.

HHS/ED

Saturday, October 31

Left on 6:33 for Chic. & joined Schantz & 7 others for trip to Dunes. A fine day, it turned out, but a cool breeze.

Got off at Tremont & walked to the Big Blow Out beyond the Furnessville Blow Out. Ate lunch here, camping near Prof. Ailey's class who were scouting for insects. - - Then we walked on to the Keizer Road where Schantz & the party left to cross the marsh, explore some woods and take an earlier train back. I went on by the inner trail, heading for Michigan City where I arrived before 5:30. Dinner at Vreeland. P.M.R.R. for B.H. at 6:43 Lennie & A. met me at train. Ruth out skylarking, but her group of girls came in at 10:00 & we fed them pumpkin pie, etc.

Trip fee .25
R.R. 1.55 + .40 + 2.42 + 1.00 + .50
Hotel .65; phone .45.

Sunday, November 1

A fine day, growing hazy towards its close.

We slept late. I called on Eva & Alfred Crooks a while, then Arthur, L., R, & I went for a delightful ride, lasting until one o'clock This included a glimpse of the woods around Camp Gray, where hemlock survives.

After dinner I called on Angie & Eva again, then A & L & R and I drove to South Bend where I got the 5:00 on the S.B. Electric for Chic

R.R. 3.01; taxis .60 + .25; porter .25; lunch .25

Monday, November 2

A fine day Thawing.

Mrs Greene brot Miss Delzell, a college girl & stenog. to see the school & talk with me.

Mr Beckwith and Miss Demeyer of Oak Hill School spent the morning.

Mrs Andrews called to confer about piano lessons.

Mrs Leech unable to be at school & her pupils were "farmed out". I had a group one period & helped them plant & store bulbs, etc

Worked at school desk this evening.

Tuesday, November 3

Fine day.

Rep. of Thrift – Mrs Fulltin[s?]e – spent part of the day with us. Agent of Redpath called. Ag't of song slide maker called.

Took some of the 2A's to garden to bring back ears of popcorn raised from their planting.

Teachers' meeting with Kg's, 1's & 2's.

Barber .30;

Wednesday, November 4

Mild this A.M. Rained this afternoon & at intervals this evening.

Went with Miss Jones and Miss White & 31 6A's to Field Museum in a N.S. Bus. Fine day. Left for home at 3:15.

This evening at wedding of Leonore Smith at Episcopal Church at 8:30, then to the reception at Exmoor. Had a fine time. Visited with the Arthur Woods & her mother, Mrs Smith, Polley & Mrs Wyles, Marion & Mrs Moseley, Grace Andrews Eldred, Billie Parks, Nathan & Mrs Corwith, The Norcrosses, et. al.

City .08; barber .30; Exmoor .25

Thursday, November 5

Cleared. Mild.

Got excursion notes for [N?]ov. for Chic. Geog. Soc. printed by H.P. Press. Miss Conwell came out for them and several of us helped her fold them 5:30 to 5:50, before she went back home

Welsh Male Chorus here tonight. A superior concert. \$275⁰⁰ house. Gave about all of it to them (270⁰⁰)

Conf. with 3rd graders (teachers) after school.

Barber 30;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the Rhondda Welsh Male Glee Singers concert. — ed.]

Friday, November 6

Mild. Pleas[ant?]

Mrs Taylor excused earlier today to go with her husband to foot-ball game at Urbana

Went down to Chic. on 6:30 & to The Rivals — a wonderful revival by Mrs Fiske's company. I thought often during the evening of the time over 30 years ago when I heard Joe Jefferson, W.J. Florence, Mrs John Drew and Viola Allen in this play. Mr Edgar M. Snow made me a present of the ticket.

R.R. .34 + .07 + .40; - .50 + .25 + .05

Barber .30

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of playbill for *The Rivals* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, staged by Harrison Grey Fiske and featuring his wife, Minne Maddern Fiske (1865-1932), in the role of Mrs. Malaprop. — ed.]

Saturday, November 7

Snow

Rained intermittently until after nightfall began to snow.

Miss Bradley & I went over to the H-S this morning to look over scenery, & spent some time planning some for our aud.

Represent. of Miss Kinsolving and Mrs Nolting and Mrs Pardee came to look over the auditorium.

At school most of afternoon. This evening guest at dinner of the Norths, Miss Priscilla Carver being only other guest. Fine time

Barber .30; groceries .35 + .35 + .86

Rubbers 1.50

Sunday, November 8

Two or three inches of snow this A.M. Bright day but not much thawing

Attended armistice day exercises at 4:00 at Presb. Church. Otherwise at home all day.

Monday, November 9

Milder. Thawing

Agents: Turner of Pathe and — of the Acme. Conferences with various people.

Miss Bell in bed with a cold.

Board meeting this evening. St Peter & Wood absent

Americanization classes had a party at school this P.M.

N.S. Theater Guild gave "Plays & Playwrights", & "How he lied to his wife her husband" at

Womans Club tonight. K went & took Mrs Decker on my ticket.

Chickadees & a goldfinch today. Boys brot in a golden-crown that had just gasped its last

Suet .10

Tuesday, November 10

Mild. Muddy under foot.

Miss Delzell came today to act as steno and I talked copy to her for an hour and a half.

We went down to Lincoln Ave School at 4:00 to a joint meeting, Prof Lyman lecturing on Habits of Study.

This evening to Kay Card's wedding at 8:30. Episcopal Church. Beautiful setting

M & I looked over some old documents & Father's diary, late this evening

Barber 1.50;

Wednesday, November 11

Fine day

Armistice Day exercises at 10:45. Kg children present for first number. Observed the "silent period". Children talked over the cause of the war; the Locarono Pact, etc

This afternoon went with one group of 4A's to Wauk. in C. & N.S buss. Fine time. Ended at N. Shore Gas & Coke plant

This afternoon talked about 15 minutes to Troop 1 about "walks".

Thursday, November 12

Mild at first. Rain set in after lunch & continued all afternoon & evening

Went with 31 – 6B's & Misses White & Jones to Field Museum. Valuable day

This evening at Library Board meeting

Mr Chas Drake died last night. A brave man & "good sport."

Spent 1.75 on taxi for talking Hugo home this evening

Coffee .08;

[Charles Drake was born in 1875 and worked as a mechanical engineer. He was active in organizing Boy Scout troops in Highland Park and was also a member of the Adventurers Club "a national organization composed of men who have traveled in out-of-the-way places or have been connected with unusual activities in distant regions." (*Highland Park Press*, November 12, 1925, p. 1) Mr. Drake lived at 333 Elm Place. (See January 1, 1925 entry.) – ed.]

Friday, November 13

Fine day.

Miss Delzell sub'd for Miss Sands today.

Conf. with Mrs Greene, Mrs Danley, Miss Qualey (Amer Book Co.) Mrs Saunders, Miss Goddard. Miss Jones & I called on Mrs Drake and Charles Jr. at 5:00.

I went to Chic. on 6:13 to lecture on the Lesson of the Grand Canyon – a splendid lecture by Wm M. Davis of Harvard Rode with Mrs Gear & Armand Weichelt on way home.

R.R. .40 + .40; coffee 10; papers .10

Saturday, November 14

Gray day. Chilly.

Had charge of an excursion of the Geog. Soc. to North Shore Miss Conwell, Sec., & four others came. I met them at Winnetka, - had intended to have a bus & explore certain points along north shore, but there being so few, I decided to use trolley to Wauk. There we took a bus to Beach. Ate our lunch (made coffee) near the lake Then by bus back to the manufacturing dist., visited the N.S. gas plant, fish dock, coal dock, then home.

Rested this evening.

Sunday, November 15

Gray day. Cool

Talked for fifteen minutes at Presb. Church S.S. on a topic assigned me – Gratitude for Home, School & Church

Dinner at Mr W. A. Alexanders – Enjoyable time

~~Armistice.~~

Later on at schoolhouse a while.

The North Shore Line Band folks had a rehearsal in the Aud. this aft.

Monday, November 16

Gray. Chilly. Clearing.

Sent Butler & Marks out at noon hour to dig up some shrubbery along R.R. tracks on W. Park Ave
Conf. with rep. of Binney & Smith; Mrs Danley; Bingham; Snite;

Dictated a pile of letters.

This evening M., K., & I to Schumann Heink [Ernestine Schumann-Heink (1861-1936), opera
singer – ed.] concert. Great. Violinist a superior performer. [Violinist was Miss Florence Hardemann. –
ed.]

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

Tuesday, November 17

Clear. Cool. Rising wind

Mrs Milligan gave a piano lesson to a group of 18 3rd & 4th graders.

Dismissed our rooms earlier to let teachers to go Woman's Club to Ruth Sawyer recite, etc.

Miss Tschirgi ill and I had teachers with vacant periods sub for her.

At my school desk until late this evening.

Bananas .25;

Wednesday, November 18

A light shower at daybreak. Gray day with some sunshine.

Miss Tschirgi still absent. We subbed in her place.

P.T.A. this afternoon. Mrs Milligan demonstrated the Melody Way with 7 – 3rd graders. Miss
Palmer's 3rd graders gave an Puritan-Indian play We planned a mothers' reading club. Dr. McNeal gave
a health talk

At my desk this evening.

Miss Delzell, steno, has been cleaning up my correspondence arrears rapidly

Thursday, November 19

Mild on the whole. Gray

Committee of women representing three P.T.A.'s met in my office to consider program for a joint
meeting.

I went to the H-S this A.M to arrange with Mr Pertz to make a seating chart for our aud. Visited
with Mr. Sandwick & discussed nature of entertainments to offer our pupils.

Went to Wauk this afternoon with group of 4A's – visited docks, etc. Miss McMunn and Mrs
Leech in charge.

Miss Delzell, steno, and I worked at school until 9:15.

Friday, November 20

Mild. Fine

Various conferences. Thompson of Service Studios came to suggest equipment of us, and we
ordered three set pieces & a woodland border.

Mr Leech & I agreed upon a science text, etc

I worked at my desk this evening

Saturday, November 21

A beautiful day. Mild Rising wind late this evening

To city on 8:58. Schantz, office to leave some Audubon slides. – Field Museum to confer with Miss Conwell over excursion program. Fair for groceries. Art Inst. to see excursion party start under Dr Lukens & Harry Johnson for U. of C. to talk about architectural types. Lunch there & spent short time in exhib. of Amer. artists To Anderson-Carlson's to order a suit. Home. Then to reception at the Forgans' to celebrate Margaret's coming out. Fine time. Crysanthemums!! After dinner M., K., & I went to Helen Gourley's wedding. Another fine time.

Hktog ink .30;

R.R. 34 + 40 + 07 + 1⁰⁰; lunch 52

groceries 2.65; Magaz .60; Barber .30;

Sunday, November 22

Much cooler. Snow flurries.

At home much of day At school in afternoon and gave some assistance to Misses Fay & Mildred Turpin who hung up 38 watercolors by Miss Fay for a three days' exhibit.

The North Shore Line Band again used the aud. for rehearsal this afternoon.

Monday, November 23

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Tuesday, November 24

Cool. Fine day.

Gave W.J. Brown instruction to change basket ball installations in Play Room

To city this afternoon. To Spaldings to inquire about quoits. To Directors' meeting – Geog. Soc. Disagreed with Prof. Cox about funds for lectures or for research. Prof. Grant and I with, possibly, Prof. Osgood, seemed to be in minority.

Home in time to help pull off the evening performance of the 5's Indian Play

K. went this evening.

Learned today of dangerous illness of Mr Nichols of the So. Evanston schools

R R. .40 + .40; groc. 2.00.

Wednesday, November 25

Cool. Threatening but finally clearing

Thanksgiving ex. this afternoon, 6th graders in charge Some beautiful tableaus.

Edith came today, in the A.M. Clarence Smith drove in late this afternoon. Brot a turkey.

I am fighting a cold.

Groceries .96;

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day.

Moderate weather. Gray.

Clarence D came this A.M. Clarence S. & M. went to church, then we all had dinner together. Clarence S. furnished the turkey.

My cold was so bad I stayed in bed until noon, but was better afternoon

Edith & Clarence D. drove home this afternoon

I read most of Kellog's Cardinal Mercier this day

Friday, November 27

Clear. Cold. 17 or lower
My cold better. At school most of afternoon. Conferred with men from Hub Electric about
“grounds” and “dimmers” on aud. stage.
Clarence at Kenosha all day.
Barber .30;

Saturday, November 28

Clear. Rather cold - 10° above.
Clarence & I to city on 8:51. To Fields to buy shoes for me, & gloves. To McMaster-Carr, et. al.
to inquire about rubber disks. Cantilever Shop where Clarence bot shoes. Fields for socks for Jr. City
Club for lunch. Anderson’s for a try-on. Surface cars to Stockyards & the Stock Show. Fine time there.
Home at 7:00 P.M.

Herefords	Polled short horn
Aberdeen Angus	
Poland China	Chester White
Tarnworth	Duroc Jersey
Yorkshire	Berkshire
Hampshire	Spotted Poland
	China

King of the Fairies – Polled short-horn from Prince of Wales’ ranch
R R. .68 + .80 + .70; lunch 1.50; tickets 1⁰⁰;

[In addition to Mr. Smith’s diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of
Mr. Smith’s correspondence. On this day, Charles Hull Ewing, President of the Geographic Society of
Chicago wrote a letter to members of the Board of Directors. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

November 28, 1925

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY,

Dear Friends:

I think I should re-state to you in writing the important matter which came before us at last Tuesday’s Board Meeting, in order that you may have it definitely before you:

One of our women members, convinced of the great educational value of the lectures offered to its members by the Society at nominal cost, and wishing to see the success of our new move to Orchestral Hall and larger usefulness assured, has pledged a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Geographic Society, payable before the end of the year, toward the establishment of a lecture fund, provided other members will make donations to that fund also.

A member of the Board of Directors then offered to match this, and any other gifts for the same purpose which are made before the end of the year, up to \$5,000.00. Discussion developed the belief that such a fund should be increased to at least \$25,000.00, in order to be of real assistance in defraying the added cost of the lectures in our new hall.

Another member of the Board of Directors thereafter pledged \$1,000.00 conditional upon sufficient pledges being obtained to secure the full \$5,000.00 mentioned above. Accordingly, if another \$3,000.00 to be paid this year,

can be obtained it means a start of \$10,000.00 towards our goal. The mention of these large amounts should not make members hesitate about giving smaller sums, as they will be equally welcome towards making up the total.

Thereafter a Life Member of the Society, who does not wish to contribute this year, offered to contribute \$2,000.00 to this fund, payable next year in four installments of \$500.00 each, provided someone else will do likewise. If such an additional contributor is found, that will mean an addition of another \$4,000.00 to the fund.

You see the importance of obtaining promptly additional donations, and, as the whole situation is set forth in this letter, copies are being sent to all directors and life members so that they will have it in definite form before them as soon as possible, in the hope that some of them or their friends may see fit to include this fund of the Geographic Society in the list of their Christmas donations for this year and will let us know about it at once.

It should be considered that such gifts are deductible from income in making up income tax returns for the year in which they are given.

Yours most sincerely,
Charles Hull Ewing
President

Copy to Life Members.

Sunday, November 29

A little snow on ground at daybreak – a very gentle snow most of the day – a most beautiful landscape at nightfall.

Clarence started off for home in his auto at 8:30.

Laid low this A.M. At school two hours this afternoon. Mr & Mrs Osten and a friend there to see the pictures Mr O. loaned us.

North Shore band people rehearsing a play.

My cold rather worse again this evening.

Monday, November 30

Soft, fluffy snow – 3 in. at daybreak. More during day. Damp. Rolled into balls Mild day. Walks slippery after night.

My cold much better. Miss Bell agreed to stay one more week.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00 Then at 7:00 met with Misses Grunewald, Grenoble, Nixon & Heffron to talk over Christmas play.

Heard from Clarence He got only to Bloomington last evening – thoroughly tired

Tuesday, December 1

About freezing point. Slippery sidewalks

Tony Sarg Marionettes under auspices of Woman's Club in our aud. this afternoon & evening. – Treasure Island, the theme, this evening. Fine performance and fine crowd.

Took Mr Greene & Miss Welch (of H-S) behind the scenes this evening. Great sight. Mr Searle in charge

Miss Kinsolving called this noon to arrange about her coming concerts.

Edgar Guiney & a friend called about stage scenery for N.S. Line band show.

Wednesday, December 2

Mild. Thawed some.

Reading group this afternoon – Mrs Wiles, et. al.

Worked up new front page for Christmas Play. Conf. with Mrs Milligan, Mrs Millard, et. al.

At desk until late this evening.

The three tree pieces for our scenery set came.

N.S. Line Band had dress rehearsal this evening.

Ice cream .15; candy .10;

Thursday, December 3

Mild. Sun shone a while. Light showers after n.f.

With 38 school children in a bus and in Mrs Ericson's machine (she drove it) – Miss Cramer & Miss Delzell & I visited first the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Live Stock Show today No serious trouble. Back at 6:00 & later.

At Library Board a few minutes this evening. Then a while at N.S.L. Band's show at aud.

3 adult tickets 1.50

39 children's 9.75

Driver - - - 1.00

Candy & ice cream .25

Friday, December 4

Mild. Heavy showers this afternoon

Miss Fallsted ill and at home. This afternoon Miss Hughes of Ravinia school sub'd in her place

Hazel Bell's last day in the office. Miss Delzell now in full charge.

Girl Scouts had an "investiture" in the aud. after school & "tea" in Hall of Pictures.

N.S.L. Band show this evening quite a success. I stayed with the janitors & went away with Butler – 11:30

Barber .30; Restaurant .25; Groceries 1.05

Saturday, December 5

Grew colder. Snow flurries

To school until 10. Then to Chic. – City Club, The Fair, Art Inst., Cutler Shoe Co., Post office, Anderson's. Chatted with Will Hedges on the street. Home at 4:00.

Mr Geo G. Greene & Davis set up an aerial for us, brot in a "Marathon" radio, & set it going for us today. Mr & Mrs G. here this evening and we heard Prof Starr lecture on Korea.

Pads (Dist 107) .72;

R.R. 40 + 40; lunch .45; barber .30; groceries .40; tablet pad .35;

Sunday, December 6

Cold. Snow flurries but wind blew snow about.

To church. Communion service. Looked up Christmas slides afterward.

Late this afternoon Mr. Greene, Davis, & Lois called for a while & we walked down to Ravinia & back

Listened to Sunday Evening Club service this evening

Church .50;

Monday, December 7

Milder. Thawed a little

Miss Fallstad still ill and I held her room much of the day.

Some Evanston teachers visited us.

Elizabeth Doty began drilling pupils in their dances.

At my desk this evening.

Ice cream & candy .25;

Tuesday, December 8

Milder. Gray, after a deep-flushed sunrise.

Miss Fallstad back again.

A very busy day. Cases of discipline many, etc

Most of us went to Lincoln School to hear Prof. Terry talk about present European situation, the Locarno Pact, etc

I went down to Orchestra Hall to Geog. Soc. lecture by Alex. Powell. Great lecture. Our opening night in Orchestra Hall. A fine event. I sat on the platform with Mr Ewing & the lecturer until I had made the excursion announcements.

R.R. .40 + .40; Restaurant .30

Magaz .05;

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. With regard to the Geographic Society lecture, Mr. Smith received the letter transcribed below from Mr. Ewing. – ed.]

December 5, 1925.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
141 South Second Street,
Highland Park, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been thinking about what you said at the last directors' meeting about the small attendance on the local excursions of the Society. As I indicated then, I believe it is due to lack of publicity sufficiently in advance.

The change in the date of our meetings from Friday to Tuesday will give an excellent opportunity to supplement the advance announcement in the bulletin by statement from the platform, made by the chairman of the Excursion Committee.

I feel that this important branch of the Society work would not be allowed to languish. Will you try out this suggestion by joining me on the platform when I introduce Colonel Powell Tuesday evening at Orchestra Hall?

It has been suggested that we take seats on the platform at 8:15, which will serve as a signal to the audience that the time for reserving certain seats has expired, and that the announcements and introduction follow at 8:20, after which we can retire leaving Colonel Powell in command of the floor.

Kindly telephone me or drop me a line early Monday letting me know if you agree with this plan.

Yours very truly,

CHE:W

Wednesday, December 9

Cooler. A fine day. Little thawing.

Miss Welch and the H-S dramatic club gave a dress rehearsal this A.M. in our aud. before grades 6 – 8, the first two acts of *The Goose Hangs High*. Well done & audience appreciative.

I talked this afternoon before the Deerfield Garden Club on conservation & on wild flower cultivation. Audience much interested At Mrs Truitt's house. Mrs Gerry, Piper, Toller, Newcome, Clarke, Reichault, et. al.

At my desk this evening until 9:30.

Candy .10;

Thursday, December 10

Cool. Fine day.

6A's gave beautiful Greek (*Iliad*) play this afternoon Receipts over 30⁰⁰

Miss Rogers, Miss Crewe & I went down to Winnetka to meeting of North Shore Art League. Prof. Sargent lectured on setting paletts. Fine. Mrs Harmon brot us & Mr & Mrs Ingerlee back.

Met Gertrude Spaller Kinder [artist, illustrator – ed.] this evening. Much pleased. Has two children.

Margaret Wilson, Marjorie, Mrs Sutherland, & Fay and her baby here a while this afternoon. They called on me for a short time at school

Trolley .40;

Friday, December 11

Mild. A little mist late afternoon.

Took out most of stored bulbs and put on dirt floor under the terrace.

Spent considerable time on the Christmas play.

Mrs Harmon took Miss Bradley & 5 children to the Francis Parker school this afternoon to see the work in the Toy Shop.

This evening a big mass meeting in the aud. to discuss zoning problems, etc Zoning comm. in charge, Mr Cushing, chairman. Speeches by Hastings, Millard, & others. Resolutions read. Motion adopted favoring the extension of Sheridan Road thru the library block, etc. - - - Went over to H-S. to see last act of *The Goose Hangs High*. Great success

Barber .30;

Saturday, December 12

Fine day.

Miss Delzell & I worked at my office until nearly twelve. Then I went to Chic. Heard the last of an address on religious educ'n by Rev. J.W. Davies at Round Table at City Club. Then to Fields to shop, Schoultz, the costumer, Brentano's, Anderson-Carlson's for my suit.

This evening at my office desk.

R.R. .40 + .40; lunch .50; barber .80; groceries 1.50

Salvation army .25

Sunday, December 13

Beautiful day. Scarcely thawing.

This A.M. walked down to Ravinia, over to lake shore and thru the Deer Parke subdivision, etc

This afternoon rode in bus on Glenview Road to site of new rapid transit station, then walked – three miles – into Wilmette. Trolley to Indian Hill. Then Home
Bus & trolley .38 + .10 + .12 + .24

Monday, December 14

Gray. Cool.

Busy with one thing and another. The play for instance.

Board meeting this evening. Afterwards at conference with Mrs Balke, Mrs Gaidzik & Mrs Thomas

Wrote a long letter to cousin – Rev. Geo Smith of Waterville, Ohio.

Mr. Leech told this A.M. of a red-breasted nuthatch eating suet yesterday from his fingers! I saw two white-breasted nuthatches yesterday & flocks of goldfinches

Postage .10.

Tuesday, December 15

Gray. Then an inch of snow fell this afternoon.

Rehearsed the play all day. Worked at my desk this evening.

Wednesday, December 16

Cool. Scarcely thawed

More preparation for the play – then a matinee at 2:00. Very successful. Great relief to have it so. This evening worked at various projects at home. Looked over map of proposed Skokie Preserve in Cook Co.

Mrs McGregor Adams died early this A M. A lady bountiful who will be greatly missed.

[Edith McGregor Adams was the widow of John McGregor Adams, founder of Adams-Westlake. Flags in Highland Park were flown at half-staff on the day of her funeral. She was active on City commissions and gave large sums to charities, especially the Highland Park Hospital, the Y.W.C.A., the Lake Bluff Orphanage, and the Arden Shore Association. – ed.]

[In addition to Mr. Smith's diaries, the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contains selections of Mr. Smith's correspondence. Charles Hull Ewing, President of the Geographic Society of Chicago, wrote to Mr. Smith on this day. Mr. Smith's reply follows. The letters are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

December 16, 1925.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
Superintendent of Schools,
Highland Park, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your note notifying me in advance that you could not be present at the Board Meeting yesterday afternoon. I was very sorry that you were unable to be present. Most of the Directors attended and we had an enthusiastic meeting.

I called on Mr. Wright for a report from the Excursion Committee in your absence, who said he was unable to report anything as the committee had not had a meeting since our last. Miss Conwell reported for you

that not sufficient applications have been received up to date for either of the proposed Christmas excursions, but that 125 had attended the excursion through the Tribune plant December 10th.

This, I think, proves my contention at our last meeting that the thing necessary to make our local excursions a success is sufficient advance publicity, and I hope you will continue to plan throughout the season of announcing the coming excursions from the platform just before our lectures, in addition to announcing them in our bulletins. I suggest also that in the future you emphasize each time the necessity of members writing or telephoning Miss Conwell of their intention to attend the excursions so that sufficient preparations can be made in advance for handling the crowd.

Mr. Dorr Bradley was elected a Director in the place of Mr. Tyson, resigned.

With regard to the Endowment Fund, Miss Conwell stated that Julius Rosenwald had sent in his check for \$500.00 as a contribution toward it, Mr. Patten stated that he had mailed his check yesterday afternoon for \$1000.00, and Mr. Metzberg thereupon pledged \$1000.00 payable by January 5th.

I am sending in my checks this morning to match the three contributions above mentioned. This makes a total of \$7000.00, received and pledged for prompt payment, up to date.

Mr. Chas. H. Swift has written in, pledging \$500.00 payable when a total Endowment Fund of \$25,000.00 has been pledged.

In this connection you will be pleased to know that following the last Directors' meeting, at which you and Dr. Grant protested against this Endowment Fund being limited to a lecture fund, and after consultation with Mr. Patten, who expressed himself similarly, I obtained Miss Coolbaugh's consent to the fund being made a general Endowment Fund without limitation as to the use of its income.

Now can't you induce some of your gold coast friends to contribute so as to win for the Society the \$1500.00 balance of my conditional pledge before the end of the year?

Yours very truly,

Charles Hull Ewing
President.

CHE:B

January 1, 1926.

Mr. Charles Hull Ewing,
5 No. LaSalle St., Chicago.

My dear Mr. Ewing :

I appreciate very much your courteous letter of Dec. 16. I had meant to write you to assure you that I had no intention of being ungracious in my seeming opposition to the plan for raising a lecture endowment fund. I want such a fund very much and I am greatly pleased with your interest in it and with the generosity with which you are supporting its establishment. It happened that when the matter was brought up in the meeting early in December I was unaware of your intention to sponsor such a fund, and the announcement that one of our woman members had presented us with a check for one thousand dollars seemed to make timely a suggestion that we begin on the special

program of which we have often spoken. I was innocent of any knowledge that the endowment fund had been so carefully gone into before we were called together as a committee of the whole, and I was rather roughly awakened to this by the resentful retort of Professor Cox, when I referred to a research program. I can appreciate his impatience with me. He has worked so hard for the life membership fund; I, on the other hand, have done nothing tangible for it, yet I have always been urging the policy of expenditure for a "special program" which has doubtless seemed rather vague and unfruitful. Yet the element of danger in Professor Cox's position is that of giving the impression that the value of one's service to the Society may be measured by the amount of financial support one can bring to it.

The teaching class to which I belong and which I have represented in the Society so many years can not be expected to go far in a program of financing it in a large way, especially as our work does not bring us into contact with men who can finance undertakings of a large type. However, I have a feeling that I could come nearer to being of assistance in securing funds for the Society if the goal were some direct and very tangible undertaking that, no matter how bold it might be, would have the great advantage of being concrete and specific. An endowment fund to guarantee a lecture course or the salary of a secretary appeals to those of us who have a sustaining enthusiasm for the steady every-day maintenance of the Society. It is not an easy task to communicate this enthusiasm to men of finance, strangers to one, whose direct interest in our lecture course may not be very large. For this latter class may there not be an appeal of another sort while effort for the endowment fund goes on in the more appropriate channels?

The airplane flight of Amundsen towards the North Pole was financed largely by Chicago money. I understand he has more of such money in hand for his coming dirigible flight.

There is to be another airplane flight into the Arctic inside of three months for which the American Geographical Society will get much of the credit. Detroit people are to finance it, I believe.

The National Geographic Society continues to hold public attention, largely financing its projects from its receipts from the sale of the magazines. I believe, however, that if we had projects to offer comparable to those undertaken by the National Geographic, we would probably be able to secure financial backing directly. If we could undertake something that is not only of considerable geographic significance but more or less spectacular as well (for we need advertising), we might get an achievement program established in general favor in Chicago.

Rollin Chamberlain did some notable work in the mountains of British Columbia a year ago last summer. I wish it could have been under our auspices. I wish we could finance him in some notable project. Perhaps there are other members of the Department of Geology of the University of Chicago who could lead one of a proposed series of undertakings. We do not seem to hear from the Department of Geography of that University otherwise than from Dr. Goode. Professor Colby has done research work in Nova Scotia which is the basis of a series of articles running in "Economic Geography". Professor Whittlesey spent some months last winter in an intensive study of the Island of Martinique with some incidental survey of all the Lesser Antilles. One of their graduate students submitted for his doctorate thesis the subject of the "Iron and Steel Industry in the Calumet region, a study in economic geography". If we could only get such a person to give our members a lecture and a field trip or two in the region mentioned, that would be excursion work of the kind most fitting for a geographic society to promote. But---I for one don't hear about any of these things until they are ancient history at the University. The problem seems to be to arouse the interest of Professor Barrows.

Perhaps we could in some way get the name of the Geographic Society connected with an undertaking of a different sort, the establishment of an industrial museum in Chicago, the most fitting place on the continent for it. Such a project has recently been started in New York city, I believe. Perhaps this industrial museum could be exploited in connection with the project for building a vast agricultural center on the site of the old C and N.W. station. I should have used the word "museums", for I suppose it would need to be a series of museums such as the McCormick museum of agricultural industries, the Henry Ford museum of motor industries, the Octave Chanute museum of aerial flight, etc., etc.

We could do enduring geographic work if we had publication funds but I rather despair of (next sheet please!)
arousing general interest there. We have long contemplated a general monograph on Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes, with intensive treatment of the first named. This implies research probably of a number of people. An outline of this in Professor Goode's writing is in the files of the Society. I am not enthusiastic about the proposed Dunes Bulletin because it does not embody the work of our foremost authority on the dunes. Perhaps I shall feel much better when the Bulletin appears. As we have gone so far with it, I believe we should make any reasonable sacrifice necessary to its early issue.

I have rambled on at considerable length but I think that I should repeat again that I am in the closest sympathy with the plan for creating a sure basis of endowment to make possible the continuance of our new lecture plans. I suggest only that we do not let these plans side track possible undertakings in the way of geographic research. I hope it may prove feasible to have one or more Directors' dinners before our active season. At these occasions we might be able to elicit suggestions for activities of significance. To these meetings might be invited any of our members who might be able to contribute something to our proposed schedule of activities.

Sincerely yours,

Thursday, December 17

Cool & grew colder

Visited various rooms. Did errands

Christmas play this evening to a fair house A fine performance

M & K. there.

Friday, December 18

3° above this A.M. About our coldest. Clear day

Sang our carols and had the story of the Christ Child this A.M.

Dismissed at 2:30. I [g?]ot away at 5:30. A very busy day. Almost exhausted

Barber .30;

Saturday, December 19

Fine day. Milder.

Miss Delzell & I were at my office a little while this A.M. Then I went to Chic. To Fritz Schoultz to leave a costume used in the Christmas play. Then to Dr Protheroe in the Marshall Field Bldg to have an xray of my teeth. Bot for the school two games at Fields. To Art Inst for lunch. Met Miss Cory & friend there. They & 3 others had come to attend architectural types excursion but I had no leader & trip was not pulled off. - -

We (Miss C, et friend) went to Goodman theater to see one of Lady Gregory's plays for children. Went behind scenes afterwards & visited with Thomas Wood Stevens. - - I went to City Club for dinner. Then to the Chic. Orch. Conc. at Orchestra Hall. Great. Visited with Miss McCauley. Then with Mr & Mrs

Ingerle on way home

R.R. 40 + 40

Lunch 62

Dinner 125

Xray 5⁰⁰

Diary 1⁰⁰

Conc. 2⁵⁰

Play 25 + 75

Games 3⁵⁰

Costume 3⁰⁰

[Thomas Wood Stevens (1880-1942) was director of the Goodman Theater from 1924 to 1930. He was also an artist, teacher, and author. —ed.]

[Pasted to the previous page is a clipping from the Kenneth Sawyer Goodman Memorial Theater for the play, *The Golden Apple*, written by Lady Gregory. (Isabella Augusta, Lady Gregory (1852-1932), Irish playwright.) Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program of the Chicago Orchestra concert. —ed.]

Sunday, December 20

Snowed off and on all day — four inches or so. Wet!

To church this A.M

Then this afternoon went to Indian Hill & tramped 2 hours or more over into area along the North Branch of the Chic. R. now proposed for forest preserve. A beautiful walk in the snow. Tree sparrows — quite a number. A perfect elm near Winnetka Ave & Chestnut St. Crossed bridge on Winnetka Ave. Then the same on Willow St. & walked to new rapid transit tracks

Met Mr & Mrs Fisher who were on steamer trip to Sault Ste Marie a year ago. They live near Deerfield.

Trolley .44;

Monday, December 21

Cooler. Gray.

At school all A.M. Conf. with janitors Potted some beets in storage, etc

At home all afternoon & evening. Overhauled my desk accumulations. Phoned Lennie this A.M & then Edith this evening. Lennie reported being able to walk some on her sprained ankle.

Gave a key to the playroom to Lyman Murphy & his group of N.S. fellow employees.

Helped M. get off her Christmas cards & photographs

Barber .30; groceries .12

Tuesday, December 22

Colder. A snow flurry.

At school until nearly noon. Had electricians disconnect wires from old movie booth in playroom. Plumber overhauled toilets in girls' room in element. bldg. Visited pub. libr. to consider ordering some pictures. Took 12:13 for Chic. — Phoned Cardy about window hooks for school. To Abbott's to arrange with Mr Nelson about framing one picture and coloring another. To Miss Nichol's to see some slides she is coloring for me. To Art Inst for a visit of two hours or so in the library — reading about Rembrandt. Met Billie Parks & a friend. To Fields to get a book by Lummis & order some hampers & a vase or so. To City Club for dinner. To Chic Pub. Libr. for a while. Then to Chic. Theater until 9:10.

Dist 107 - .55 for vase to replace broken one.

Trolley .40 + .40; vase .55; dinner 1³⁰

Theater .70; barber .30; groceries 1.20

Wednesday, December 23

More snow flurries. Grew milder at evening.

At school a while this morning, then to Wauk to confer with Mr. Simpson about tuition of deaf child, annexation of additional territory to our district, etc.

At home rest of day. Called on Mrs F.D. Everett this evening.
Dist 107 – Wauk trip .76 + .15.

Thursday, December 24

The night before Christmas!

Snow flurries after nightfall. Rather mild during day.

At school until 10:00. To Chic Out on Grand Boulev. and to Hub Electric Co, then to Beardsley Chandelier Co to order porcelain reflectors To Union Station for lunch. Bot two books at Fields. A reflecting mirror at McIntosh Stereopt. Co. Called at Schantz' office for long chat. Met Miss Jewett on street and had a long talk with her. Home at 6:30.

This evening a walk in the snowstorm to lake front, past various homes lighted up – and outside Christmas trees.

We have received lots of cards

R.R. .40 + .40 + .07 + .07; lunch .80; barber 1.65; books 1.25;
Dist 107 – Mirror 1⁵⁰;

Friday, December 25

6 or 8 inches of snow on the ground. A cold day. Clear.

At home all morning. This afternoon at school Various small jobs including hunting up a Santa Claus costume for a Mrs Morris of Winnetka

This evening M & I wrote explanatory titles for photographs in her albums We listened in late to the Messiah as sung by an Irving Park choir.

Saturday, December 26

5° below this A M. Clear. Colder and rising wind late in day

Errands up town and at library. Otherwise at home. Wrote letters, etc.

At 5:30 went to Margaret Parkin's reception. Fine time.

Called at the Greene's a while this evening.

Bitterly cold.

Barber .30; groceries .99

Sunday, December 27

10 or more below, and a biting wind all day

To church & heard a good sermon by Mr. Fitt.

This afternoon went down to the Forum at the (Randolph) Apollo theater & heard a fine program. Finest chorus, the Swedish. Second best, Lithuania. Fine songs by Prof Oumirof. Charming dances by Czeko Slovaks.

The Noerenbergs spent the evening with us.

R.R. .40 + .40; theater .50

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Chicago Forum program at the Apollo Theatre, entitled "Program of Meeting for Tolerance and Good Will." Mr. Smith made the following notations on his copy of the program:

Prof Boza Oumiroff

Slovak Educ. Club

Lithuanian Folk Song

Danios Choral Soc.

Swedish Folk Song

Ebenezer Lutheran Church Choir

Geo. A. Carlstrom – ed.]

Wednesday, December 28

Moderated some. About 5 below but rose to 10 or 12 above.

At home all morning. This afternoon spent at Garfield Park Conservatory. This evening saw Holbrook Flinn & Judith Anderson in The Dove

R.R. 40 + .40 + .10 + .07 + .10

Supper 1.25; play 3.30; guide .25

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill from the Blackstone Theatre. – ed.]

Tuesday, December 29

Moderated a little more. In Chic. some of the streets were slippery. But the air was sharp.

To city on 9:43. To Garfield Park Conserv. where I stayed until 2:00. - - - Luncheon at Henrici's. Conf with Harry O. Johnson on street. To Turtle's to get specimens sent in to be stuffed. Paid him 14⁷⁵, 4⁷⁵ to be from Mr. Jensen. School to pay 10⁰⁰ Home at 5:00. Called at Dr. Lanphere's office to consult about my xray of my teeth. At school a half hour or so.

This evening at Pub. Libr. Book com. meeting – Mrs Beardsley, Mr. Mott & I.

R.R. .40 + .40 + .10 + .10; lunch 1⁰⁵

barber .30; bananas .40; check .10.

Wednesday, December 30

Still milder.

To Chic. on 12:15. Errands at Fields & other places. An hour at the Chicago Theater Then the 5: o'clock for Benton Harbor. Ate at a restaurant, then made my way up to Lennie's. Found all OK., Lennie's sprained ankle better.

R.R. 3.43 + .40 + .07

Lunch .45 + .55

Thursday, December 31

Benton Harbor

Rather mild. Deep snow. Thawing a little.

At Lennie's all morning. Afternoon at Crooks's, then down to Arthur's office where he examined my xray of my teeth & advised me. Clarence D. came while I was there, he & Edith having driven in. Clarence D & I went over to St. Joe & called on his father for a short while; the latter being in serious condition

I left B.H. on the 7:30 & got home at 12:20. Folks all in bed. Clarence S. & Jr. here.

R.R. 3.43 + .40 + .20 + .07 + .10

Lunch .25.