

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1927



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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.

Saturday, January 1

Fine mild day. Little below freezing.
Swept out new house today, burning debris in fireplace
Visitors – Noerenbergs, Deckers, et al.
Photographed Miss Grunewald's pictures today. Developed them this evening.

Sunday, January 2

Mild and delightful day.
Church this A M., all three of us.
Nap this aft. Then to new house to shut up windows, fix fire, etc Fed owl twice today.
Worked over movie program this evening.

Monday, January 3

Mild Gray. Heavy shower towards evening
School again. Miss Kratsch back. Mrs Cummings came to sub. around today.
Conf. over 8th grade pupils after school. Collected specimens of handwriting to compare with anonymous letter.

Tuesday, January 4

Mild day. Like March
Generally busy.
Conf with Mrs Danley, Mrs Klee, Mrs Seyfarth, H.S. science man, an agent, etc. Taught one class.
Talked to another
Teachers' meeting at four
Mulled over movie lists this evening.
Fire inspectors called

Wednesday, January 5

Another. Grayer
Conf with Will Brown and Bob Greenslade at my house at 8:00. - -
Visitors: Matheny; Mrs Creigh; Mrs Stevens who came to hang up some of her watercolors, etc. A
Mr Helen who came to take another picture of those dissatisfied with previous work.
Miss Grenoble went home with a bad cold
Spent an hour settling status of a troublesome collie.
Conf with Miss Parson over her work

Thursday, January 6

Beautiful day
At house before school Conf with Mrs Millard; Mr Matheny; Mr McPeek;
Sent out movie circular letters at all schools today.
Library Board meeting this evening.
Worked on school scrapbook afterwards
Barber .30;

Friday, January 7

Fine day.

Movies today (this evening). Small but appreciative audience Receipts about 40⁰⁰. Moana & Gang Comedy.

Miss Sands & Miss Jones took 6's to Museum and Art Inst. today.

Saturday, January 8

Mild. As yesterday.

Mr Guyot & K & I went in on 9:34 & spent an hour or so at Beardsley's examining electric light fixtures. Then K & I had lunch at Union Station I then saw her off at Adams St & then went out to Forest Park to confer with S.R. Claggett at the Ascher Theater – about movies. Fine time Back to city & home by 6:00. Went down to dinner at the Millards – Mrs Boynton & Miss Edith there. Fine time
R.R. 1.20 + 33 + .20; taxi .85; lunch .90;

Sunday, January 9

Light snow & flurries this A M Began again this evening, blowing & drifting.

To Mr Lenington's S.S. class. Mr Pfanstiehl leader today. - - Then fed the owl, "fixed" the fire at the new house, etc

Nap. At four came Mr Greene & Lois & we went thru new house

This evening at S.E Club. – Mayor Hastings talked on good citizenship.

Monday, January 10

Colder. Did not thaw. Three inches or so of snow.

School Board meeting this evening. Gen'l W. absent.

Mrs Roth began her preparation week.

Tuesday, January 11

Colder Clear.

Miss Kratsch ill. Miss Bigler sub.

Teachers' meeting.

Went down to Orchestra Hall this evening to hear Capt Bartlett (Geog. Soc). Interesting talk

Wednesday, January 12

Snowed – a northeaster – late P.M.

Matheny of Keystone brot us a new (additional) lantern & I gave him an order for 145 slides & stereographs.

Committees of women sold tickets to children's play to be given Sat.

Miss Stine's pupils gave a double bill today – Indians & the French, and the Pied Piper. Over 50⁰⁰

Talked with S.R. Claggett this evening about movie program

Thursday, January 13

Heavy snowfall in the night (a north-easter) and continuing at intervals during day. Temp. mild at evening.

Left with Robt Greenslade at 12:51 for Chic. To Williamson's to look up light fixtures. Selected equipment for our house

To tailor shop for mounting tissue – 10 yd – 2⁰⁰ (Dist 107). To Federal Bldg to inquire about naturalization papers of Mr. Fontana

This evening, in spite of the storm, a small audience came to hear Miss Stine's children in their program, repeated from yesterday

Friday, January 14

2° or so below this A M Drifts firm & packed Clear Colder during day.

Conf after school over 7th graders.

Miss Kratsch has been absent since Monday. Miss Bigler in charge

Mrs Roth on duty all this week. Took Miss Grunewald's place when she went home at 11:00.

Show this evening. The Iron Horse. A great picture

"Fired up" the new house at 10:30 P.M

Saturday, January 15

12° or more below!! Moderated during day.

At my house much of day. Worked at kindling bin. Swept main part of basement. Scrubbed it with hot water. The men lined upper wall of basement with celotex.

At home, sorted out magazines. Got books, etc, in attic ready for moving.

At school, helped a little in arrangements for the plays in the aft. given by Ev. Childrens' Theater

Ten Minutes by the Clock.

The Bubble Peddler.

Had to leave as the plays began.

Sunday, January 16

Much milder. 8° or 10° above this A M

Not at church this A.M. Fired up at the house. Fed the owls, etc This aft. showed Mr & Mrs Loewenstein through the house

This evening at Sunday Evening Club. Miss Mildred Chamberlain spoke about her student life in Paris & London

Monday, January 17

Mild. Thawed some.

Conf. with 2 - 3 - 4 - & 5's over management duties. Then went over promotion lists with 5's.

Worked this evening over plans for next term.

K & Mrs Decker took basket of china to new house today.

Tuesday, January 18

Mild Snow flurries.

Miss Heffron left for her special winter vacation

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Mr Leech demonstrated the presentation of a unit.

I conferred with 4th's over promotion

At Woman's Club this evening to hear President Max Mason talk on Substitutes for Experience

Our kitchen sink arrived at noon! Its non-arrival has delayed finishing the kitchen

Wednesday, January 19

Another fine day.

Ag't for World Book called. Also one for University Press (Yale)

Closed school at 2:30 & went down to Lincoln to hear Dr Sadler talk on health habits of children.

Then Miss Turpin & Wheelock, Marks, & Fallstadt & I drove up to look over our new house.

Sink in place Den almost finished.

Long conf with Dr Earl Fritsch this evening over religious education, etc

Thursday, January 20

Mild. Thawing at evening. (Sharp this A M).

Miss Kinsolving "put on" Tony Sarg's marionettes in Ali Baba in our aud. at 4:00 & at 8:00. Very fine performances.

Conf with Mrs Millard & Mrs Creigh over school situation. Am to have, if possible, a remedial teacher & an additional sixth grade teacher.

Friday, January 21

Foggy – then cooler & slippery.

8B's gave 8A's party from 4:00 to 6:00. Fine.

I went to Mr Porter's for dinner to meet Capt McMillan. Mr & Mrs Sandwick guests, also. Then we went to the H-S to hear the lecture. Tremendous audience

I took photo of 8A's today.

Gave third talk to 6's on colonial houses & Mount Vernon

Saturday, January 22

Cooler. Slippery.

At new house about all day. At school a half hour or so at the start of the movie program this aft. "The Lost World."

Burned many baskets of rubbish from kindling room. Swept basement carefully. Scrubbed it with hot water. Mopped the attic.

Well fagged by evening. Unable to go to gathering of "Friends" at Unitarian Church at Ev.

Sunday, January 23

Cool. Gray

After firing up this A.M, I went to church. Walked with Mr. Bliss to school afterwards and had a conference.

Nap this aft. To house late to fix fire Again there at 9:30.

To Sunday evening Club. Lionel Robertson talked on American painters. Fine

Monday, January 24

Sharp this A M but bright sun and thawing at noon.

Mrs Douglas came to confer with me over the new 6th grade position, and I engaged her for the remainder of the year

Conf with 2's & 3's over promotions.

Showed Columbus (Yale Chron. of Amer film) today at 2:30. About 100 Highwood pupils and 30 Lincoln Are to have a film for fourteen succeeding Mondays.

A Paramount agent came & I contracted for 16 films at good bargains

K & I went to Woman's Club this evening to hear N.S. Theater Guild players in Henry IV. Some fine work in it

Tuesday, January 25

About as yesterday but only slight thawing.

Clarence came this evening – by train Roads unsafe for long auto travel.

Conf with 6 – 8's over promotions, discipline, etc.

Frank Scharr the only carpenter left on the job today Glazier set last glass work

Guest at home of ex-gov. Preuss this evening. Mr & Mrs W. Alexander, the guests, also. Great evening. Reminiscences of Harding, Coolidge, Roosevelt, etc.

[Jacob Aall Ottesen Preus (1883-1961) was the governor of Minnesota from 1921-1925. In 1927, he was an insurance executive in Chicago, and lived at 319 North Sheridan Road in Highland Park. – ed.]

Wednesday, January 26

Sharp. Light snowflurries. Clearing

Clarence spent the day in Kenosha.

Treated with the plumber, the tinner, the gas company, the phone Co., & the electrician today, Our gas plate & heater moved & set up by the plumber.

Mrs Douglas came and the 6's & I had a conf.

Basketball groups from Ravinia met ours in our own playroom [gymnasium – ed.]

Thursday, January 27

Dropped to 2° below this A.M, but moderated gradually all day

Clarence & I went to the house early and conferred with the painters, et. al., & decided to move some of our basement & attic stuff this A.M. Clarence supervised Gus Norrlen & his man while doing. C. worked hard all day at various jobs. K helped & is about used up. Mother ditto.

Painters swarmed about & almost finished interior today. No one to go in tomorrow to work.

I went to city on 2:04; to Amer. Seating to figure on seating equipment. To Cox's office to meeting of Board of D. of Geog Soc. Home at 7:15

Friday, January 28

Fine weather.

Address at graduation given by Wilfred S. Reynolds, a civic secretary of some sort recommended by Mr Meyer. Fair.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The Eighth Grade Class of February, 1927 was:

Robert J. Lester, President

Georgina M. Barnet

Muriel V. Bartlett

Donald M. Bartlett

Dorothy M. Bleimehl

Thomas H. Brewer, Jr.

Barbara Bullard

Olivia W. Cardwell

Lloyd Paul Cole

Margaret J. Denzel

Gerard Paul Dinkeloo

Ruth Drake

Lucile C. Duffy

Ralph O. Dunn

William Eisendrath

Elva Riley Eitel

Jacob Fell

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Dorothea M. Himmler

Edward Kline

Flora Krueger

Robert J. Lester

Madeline Lindstrom

Robert E. Ludlow

Rena Louise Nelson

Pliny Norcross

Eugene Judson Smith

Lillian Smith

Thomas E. Strenger

Gladys E. Udell

Joseph P. Ugolini

Robert W. Wood

Florence L. Zimmer

Lorraine G. Zimmer

Miss Lena M. Nixon, Mathematics
Miss Etta Grunewald, History
Miss Edna Grenoble, English
Mrs. George Taylor, English
Miss Margaret Heffron, Literature
Miss Georgia Bradley, Art
Miss Mary J. Quick, Music
Mrs. Wade McNutt, Sewing
Mr. Bert S. Leech, Science
Mr. Wm. E. Cunningham, Manual Training
Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
The Board of Education was:

George E. Bliss, President

William Fout, Secretary

Robert E. Wood

Earl D. Fritsch

Elizabeth B. Millard

Solomon A. St. Peter

Frances C. Creigh

Alfred Meyer – ed.]

Saturday, January 29

Moving Day

Gust Norrlen & helper brot our goods in their smaller truck, making several trips.
Clarence stayed at the old home to supervise the loading and Louis Smith, colored, helped me receive in the new house.

The Deckers gave us a fine meal at noon

With the last load in the aft. came the folks in the Decker & Noerenberg autos, & Mrs N. rather took charge of some of the work. Rugs were rolled out, beds set up, and quick transformation accomplished - - The folks sat down to evening dinner looking a little like “cats in a strange garret”

Sunday, January 30

Fine day.

Clarence had to go home this A M. He had worked frightfully hard for three days.

Friendly callers looked in on us today, and Harvey’s folks, including Aunt Emma, all came in by auto this aft. and stayed an hour

Monday, January 31

Opened up an additional 6th grade today with Mrs Luella Douglas in charge

Mrs Edith Mann Fogg began her work as remedial teacher.

Tuesday, February 1

Gray. Cool. A few snowflakes in air at intervals

Miss Nixon had a minor operation on her foot Friday. Not able to be here today. I taught her morning classes

Miss Cramer absent at the funeral of Dr Eisenstadt.

Mrs McNutt subbed in Miss C’s room

Gateway of the West was the movie today

I had lugged my old bed into the attic yesterday. This A.M. M & I set it up there

I worked in my office all evening.

Conf. with Mrs Millard & Miss Goddard at the Carvers late this aft – “movies.”

Wednesday, February 2

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, February 3

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, February 4

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, February 5

Mild day. Gray.

Rather dumpy, Slept two or three times

Toted boxes into attic Attacked problem of arranging books in my library.

Went over to school a little while to see the movie start off.

Sunday, February 6

A beautiful day. Mild Sunny. Sidewalks bare almost everywhere

Still fagged We were all at home today, but I went to S.E. Club. Heard very fine talk on 5 Near East colleges by Mr. Rowland

Callers: Mr & Mrs Bliss Mrs Noerenberg & Mary.

Much engrossed in Architectural America in Yale Pageant of Amer

Monday, February 7

Beautiful day Mild

Mrs Bowen troubled with blood-poisoning in hand. Went to city to have it treated. Back in aft.

Mrs Jim Van Dolah & Hyatt & his little daughter Jean, and Mrs Hanson (Pansy's mother) drove out & spent a very pleasant hour with us this aft.

Pilgrim photo play at 2:30.

Went down to Quadrangle Club this evening to banquet of Directors in honor of Dr. Isaiah Bowman. A rare evening. Dr. B. told us of his work at Amer. Geog. Soc – Then about the Peace Conf – very thrilling story.

[Isaiah Bowman (1878-1950), American geographer and educator, was director of the American Geographical Society from 1915 to 1935 and was an advisor to President Woodrow Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference in 1918-19. – ed.]

Tuesday, February 8

Another. Grew cooler.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Went down this evening to Dr Bowman's lecture on Trails & high settlements in the Andes. He was given the medal of the Geog Soc – Dr Cowles making the presentation speech

Leonard Peterson's men repaired aquarium today

Mr Mann & I met and I turned over to him the plans of the aud. which Mrs Beers got for Mrs Millard

Wednesday, February 9

A little colder – about 22° above

Miss Clara White not on duty today. Taken to hospital this aft. and at six operated on for appendicitis. Encouraging reports from operation

Mrs Anderson sub'd for Miss White, today.

Mr Feind, mural artist, called to look at Mr Krehbiel's studies for murals

Wm Brown presented final figures on house 12136.16

Thursday, February 10

A little colder. Clear.

Good reports from Miss White. Mrs Anderson on duty again.

Bad cold. Blowing nose. Dripping eyes.

Conf with 1 – 2's this aft.

Talked at Highwood M E Church this evening on Lincoln. The Onward Class, Mr Holgate, leader.

Banquet, etc. Fine time.

Taxi to Church. Brot home by Mr & Mrs Lloraine Webster.

Friday, February 11

Fine day but cool.

Miss Laura came at my invitation & talked first for 6 – 8's, then 4 – 5's about Carl Akeley & animals of the zoo, etc. She and I had lunch together. She has a summer camp in the Berkshires. Knows some of my educational friends.

Movies this evening. Goose hangs high

My bad cold sobered up today

[Carl Akeley (1864-1926) was an American naturalist and explorer. He developed a method of taxidermy that applied skin on a molded replica of the animal's body and created an exceptional realism which was further enhanced when he mounted museum exhibits that showed the animals in their natural surroundings. – ed.]

Saturday, February 12

Fine day, etc.

Lincoln's birthday. My flag display only one on street.

To city. Chic Transp Co. to leave slides for repairs To Schantz to confer over shipment of Audubon cuts to Supt Blair.

To City Club to Round Table luncheon. Address by Dwight Perkins Discussion of revenue matters. The men were signing for transportation to Supt. meeting at Dallas. - - I can not get away.

Shopped at Abbott's, Fields Home at 5:00.

Worked in den until 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 13

Gray. Cool.

Took long tramp out into the Skokie in order to relieve tension Enjoyed myself. Edith & D. were here when I got back Left at 2:30.

This evening to S.E. Club. Rev Mr Williams (colored) and five of his staff (singers) gave a fine program

Monday, February 14

An inch or so of snow on ground this A M. Much of it melted today.

Lyman Gurney sang for us at morning assembly.

Pupils recited Gettysburg address, etc
"The Puritan" – Chronicles film this aft. Fine
Several of us called on Miss White at the hosp. after school She was sitting up & doing well
Board meeting this evening. Long. Interesting. Gen'l Wood & Mr St. Peter absent

Tuesday, February 15

Gray sometimes, but mostly sunny. Thawing.
Mrs Cumming came to sub in Miss White's room. I gave a 6A, science lesson.
This aft. I helped two of my boys operate the lantern at the Woman's Club – Prof & Mrs Altrocchi talked
Conf with arithmetic teachers at 4:00
This evening at the Pub. Libr – meeting of movie committee. Present Mrs H.R. Smith, Mr Winters (for Rev Mr. Keller), Rev. Karl Roth, Mrs Hopkins, Mr Witt
Appointed adv. com. (Mr Witt) & film & program comm – P.T.A. heads

Wednesday, February 16

Rained some in the night Mild. Sunny.
Miss Hendee of Iowa City, came as candidate for our librarian Mrs Everett & Mrs Beardsley brot her up to school and I showed her around
Doris Woodcock of Wilmette called to apply for Kg job
Miss Vivian left yesterday to prepare for her wedding on Friday.
Mrs Cumming to continue in Miss White's room
Mrs Brown came with a great collection of slides to lecture on the city of Washington to our P.T.A. this aft. 5 – 8's attended also. Fine time
This evening some of us – Leach & Cunningham & I went in C's auto – went to village house at Ravinia to hear Prof Chamberlain talk on ravines of the N.S. A splendid talk

Thursday, February 17

School robbery
Gray. Strong wind arising at nightfall & colder
Money cabinet in the office of old bldg jimmed & money taken last night "Valentine" envelopes for Near East Relief opened & thrown into waste paper basket Ten dollars or so of store money & twenty or more of Near East relief
Officer Maroney came & quizzed certain boys. No good clue
At 7:00 this evening I went with Miss Sands & Miss Grenoble to call on Miss White in the hospital. Miss W. improving. Walked a few steps today.
Then to vestibule of H.S. Aud where I helped hang pictures for exhibit tomorrow evening. Present Misses Wood & Phillips, Mr & Mrs Watson, Mr Peyraud & Mr Ingerle.
Shocked to learn of sudden death today of Rev. Geo Keller of Trinity Church

Friday, February 18

Colder. About 15° above
Miss Kirkland & Miss Marks & I went to Miss Vivian's wedding at 5:00 at their home on Melville Place. Fine time Ate dinner – Came home at 7:30. Taxied to H.S., then to Elm Place to look in on the movies. Then took my lantern and back to H.S. Set it up & ran it for Dudley Crafts Watson who lectured in English Club room Fine time
[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of Mrs. Bertha Baker Green. She was born in Roxan, Michigan in 1859 and came with her family to Highland Park in 1868. She was a teacher in

Highland Park for many years and was assistant principal of the Deerfield Township high school for the first two years of its existence. She was the first woman to be elected to a public school board in Highland Park, serving for three years on the Elm Place Board of Education. She was a charter member of the Highland Park Woman's Club. In 1915, she was appointed by Mayor Hastings to serve on the publicity committee of the city council. She also was named by the mayor as a member of the Woman's Auxiliary Police commission. – ed.]

Saturday, February 19

Cold wind but sunny Thawing in sheltered places
Miss Grenoble found 15 blossoms (skunk cabbage) showing in Sweeney's Woods
I worked at home nearly all day – in basement; hanging pictures; washing some windows
At five – to a conf in my office over local movie situation Present: Mr Fitt, Mrs Millard, & Mrs Seyfarth – and two representatives of Carl Laemmle – Strassman & Johnson. They (the movie men) frankly desired to restore local theatres to good standing Offered to give fine children's prog. on Saturday afternoons, etc ; to take over the movie contracts I hold, etc etc - - - Final action for a conf next Thursday eve

Haircut & Library visit this evening.

Sunday, February 20

A[?...obscured by clipping – ed.]day
I stayed in [] rest up. Then M, K, & I were picked up by Ernest Sundell and taken to his house for dinner. I slipped away early to go to the funeral of Rev Geo S. Keller at Trinity Church. Sad and impressive. Bishop Anderson presided
Then to schoolhouse for a while. Then home. Then Lowensteins called for a while, then I worked very hard to get my slides & notes ready for my talk on Washington which I gave at the Woman's Club before the Sunday Evening Club. Fair audience Well rec'd. M. K. & the Sundells there
[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of Rev. George S. Keller, rector of Trinity Church. He had been rector for less than a year prior to his sudden death, attributed to apoplexy, at age 44. He also was a member of the Library Board at the time of his death. – ed.]

Monday, February 21

Most beautiful day.
At morning assembly showed some Washington slides
Callers Kapeller, Thompson (scenery), Miss Whitaker (teacher job), Mrs Daneley, Millard.
Conf. with conditional pupils – 7th – 8th after school
Gathered up my camera materials this evening, filled plate holders, etc.

Tuesday, February 22

Holiday.

Very beautiful & mild
Mr Leech & Mr Cunningham & I went in C's machine, this A.M., to Sweeney's woods and photographed skunk c. One clump of two we trenched about, cutting through 6 inches of frozen ground. Then we pried up the disk thus outlined & the s.c. plants held fast & the disk slipped out over them, revealing two ice-lined cylindrical openings Took 5 successful photos. This aft. we photog. the owl, the s.c. plants as potted, etc Mrs C. & baby visited us this aft. - - I phot. the b. & M., but poor success
Revell's brot us a fine davenport with card announcing it a gift from the teachers!!
Mrs Greene called. Louie Smith washed windows.

Wednesday, February 23

Beautiful day

This evening to La Grange to talk before P.T.A. on "Nature" – The delight in simple things. Modest audience as to size, but finely appreciative. Mr & Mrs Gibson drove me to elevated & I came into loop – then home on N.S.

R.R. .35 + 51 + 40.

Meals .30 + .60; taxi .40;

shine .20; magaz. 50.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of William Wallace Dike, a Civil War veteran. Mr. Dyke was born in Crystal Lake in 1844 and had been a resident of Highland Park for the past 13 years. – ed.]

Thursday, February 24

Beautiful. Mild

Advertised movie program today extensively.

Taught two groups of 6A science.

Conf. with Mrs Fogg over her special pupils

Movie committee met this evening at Library Bldg. Fitt, Witt, Winters, Roth, Mrs H.R. Smith, Danley, Millard, Hopkins, Seyfarth, Goddard – and Messrs Plotzmen and Johnson representing Carl Laemmle. Passed motion naming standing committee of Miss Goddard & Mrs Millard & A. O Mason to handle movie situation & to call us together when necessary.

Louis Smith finished cleaning our windows

Frank Scharr & Hanson made minor repairs today.

Friday, February 25

A little rain in the night. A light snow from Ev. into city. Beautiful day. Colder

Mrs Cunningham saw bluebirds, meadowlarks, killdeers yest.

To city on 10:04. Phoned S.R. Claggett about movie situation & he advised me to see Paramount rep. I did so (Mr Washburn) and found him reluctant to deal with Johnson. Offered to let us exhib. new film on halves. - - - Shopped at Sweet Wallach's. Home at 2:00. One science class

M & I called at the Clows at 5:00. Mr Dyke died at hosp. two days ago. Paul got here today.

This evening to a big house – Peter Pan and Deerfield-Shields tumblers. Fine program Tumbler's great exhibition

Saturday, February 26

Chill wind but good winter weather

Many errands this A M At 1:00 o'clock at the Clows to attend funeral services of Mr Dyke. Was a pallbearer. The funeral party went to Crystal Lake. I did not go. Two veterans of Civil War present – 83 & 81 years – also Mr Huber

This aft. fair crowd to Peter Pan movie. Afterwards Mr & Mrs Cunningham and baby came home with me & I photographed mother & child Developed negatives this evening. - -

Mrs Chapin gave M & K a tea and had half dozen or so neighbors in – four to 5:30. Delightful. I looked in towards end

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of Dr. Moses Eisenstaedt, dentist and Highland Park resident. He died of blood poisoning in New York City while returning from a trip to the West Indies where he had been vacationing with his wife, Blanche. He was 47 years old. – ed.]

Sunday, February 27

Fine day. Cool
K & I at church this A.M.
Slept most of aft. At work in my den this evening.

Monday, February 28

Cool. Sunny at times
Miss Nixon absent. I taught some of her classes.
Miss Cramer absent at funeral of Dr Eisenstadt. Mrs McNutt in her place
Conf with Mrs Millard & Miss Goddard over movies
Worked at my office until after ten this evening

Tuesday, March 1

A little sunshine now and then, but cold blustry wind for the most part
Miss Cramer & Miss Nixon still away. Mrs McGregor sub'd for former Several of us took turns for the latter.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
At school a while this evening

Wednesday, March 2

Less blustry. Sunny at intervals
Prof. Parson visited us today. Fine time He and Miss Eleanor at our house for lunch. I ate with them at the McCrystle's at dinner time. After this we visited for a while with Edgar Eisenstadt & Miss Cramer in the rooms of the latter.
At 9:30 this evening Mrs Danley & I met at the Alcyon with Messrs Platzmann, Johnson & Beadell by appointment, & Mr Reay came in and remained through the conference. - - - The movie men gave verbal guarantees for maintaining high grade programs for Friday evenings & Saturday afternoons, and we agreed to give up our contracts & programs
Miss Kirkland & Mrs Witmer gave a reception for Ruth Vivian Lansing from 4:00 to 6:00 – a delightful event.

Thursday, March 3

Beautiful day Cool.
Miss Nixon on duty.
Spent two hours at H.P. Press preparing a statement on the movie situation which was at length deferred until next week because of the press of political matter in the paper
Our Gang Comedy came and so we ran it as a "nickel" show after school. Receipts over \$13.00.
Conf. with geog. teachers
Took three unsuccessful pictures at school this aft.
This evening to a H.S. P.T.A. aud fine lecture by Horace Bridges.
Chas A. Larson came and hitched up our radio

Friday, March 4

Beautiful day
Mrs Bowen left at the end of the day to go to Lakeside Hospital for an operation.
Princ. of Lake Bluff School visited us this aft.

Field trip with a 4B group today – one yest. Miss Stine's history classes
Mr Ross, ag't for Paramount, came today and tried to dissuade us from giving up our movies.
Conferred with Miss Goddard and me - - This evening after meeting of Libr. B'd, I met Platzman, &
Johnson at the Alcyon – Mr. Fitt went with me. Mr. Reay, present. Situation gone over. Contracts to be
handled by movie men

Library Bd meeting. – Everett, Garnett, Fitt, & I present.

Mr & Mrs Cunningham took M & K for a ride after school & then ate supper with us

Saturday, March 5

Gray. Warm. Rain at nightfall

To city on 9:04. To Chic. Transp Co. to leave skunk cabbage slides. To Miss Nichols where I
spent an hour or so while she colored some buckbean slides and touched up two other slides Lunch at
Sandwich Shop. To Palmer House -- Council of Educ – heard address by Dr Lois Hayden Meek (Mrs John
Gamb) and Dr. Watson – the behaviorist. The latter talk was mostly rubbish. - - Met Mary Davis & a
friend there, & we went over to Revells where they helped me select a daybed. - - - To Sweet Wallach's for
photog. supplies. Fields to look up a book or two.

Home this evening.

This aft. the Alcyon showed Ali Baba instead of North of 36. [*North of 36* was based on a novel by
Emerson Hough (See April 30, 1923 entry) and contained rare footage of an authentic cattle drive. – ed.]

Sunday, March 6

Cleared during day.

Edith & D spent the day. I rode with them on their return journey as far as the Art Inst. I visited this a
while to view the ex. of Artists of Chic and vicinity.

Not at church

Monday, March 7

~~Fine~~ Rainy day. Mild

I showed some early spring pictures at assembly.

This evening Mrs M., Mr Bliss, & Mr Mann & I met in office to consider elevation sketch of
proposed front for aud.

This aft. early Mr Butler & I went up to inspect the old Port C. b'ld'g & found nothing to report
unfavorable of the young men using it as headquarters for an athletic Club.

I went down to Larimer School in Ev. & talked with slides before P.T.A. & children. Well
received - - Visited a little with Mrs Edison Wheeler & boys before coming back

Mrs Douglas ill, Miss Nixon away until noon

Tuesday, March 8

Fine day. Put up clothes line out of doors for the first time! Muddy!!

After teachers' meeting some of us rode out to Mr C's house [618 Homewood Avenue – ed.] on
the prairie & heard & saw a pair of meadowlarks. Mrs C saw them first Feb. 25.

Teachers' meeting. Mrs Law came to report upon Dr. Adler's talks in Chic. - - Good meeting.

Mrs Douglas out again today. Miss Grunew. went home ill at noon I taught three classes

City primaries Much excitement.

At Chamber of C. this evening. Not an inspiration

Wednesday, March 9

Fine day.

Miss Grunewald & Mrs Douglas absent. Miss Whittaker of Glencoe took Miss G's room. I had two periods in Mrs D's room.

Mrs Millard and I measured up about the aud. front & discussed the plans. - - Mrs Truax conferred about the books about our set of flags. - - Mr Leech & I went down at the noon hour to see the Egyptian "lily" at Mr. Searles' house. Very interesting.

Thursday, March 10

For Chic - 62° in shade, a record for 25 years

Beautiful day

Miss Grunewald absent and Miss Whittaker sub. Mrs Douglas back Mrs Fogg out because of tooth trouble.

Telephone people showed films to 5 - 6's.

Ran Gang Comedy after school - a five cent show.

Mr Leech & I went down to Mr Searles' today at noon & photog. "lily".

Spent much time this evening making new developer

After school - Leech, Kennedy, Greno., Dameier & I went down to Bobol. golf course - Bluebirds, meadowlarks, tree sparrows, redwings and - several horned larks

Friday, March 11

Gray. Mild Raining after 5:00 P.M

Miss Parson absent, but her colleagues carried her classes Mrs Fogg & Miss Grunewald on hand I talked at Gorton School, Lake Forest, this aft., audience nearly all pupils Went all right.

Miss Jones & I had geog. conf. aft school.

Developed three negatives this evening.

Saturday, March 12

Rained nearly all day Mild.

To city on 9:04 - To Almer Coe & Co, 105 N. Wab. - to leave my lens for repair on shutter - cleaning (Mr Macomber). To Florentine Room, Cong. Hotel, where I heard fine addresses by Dr Goode & Harold Rugg. Met Hooker, Allinson, Paul Douglas, Mary Davis, Baber, et. al.

Lunch at sandwich shop To Fields for shirts; Sweet Wallachs for 2 plate holders, 4 kits (3¼ x 4¼), one doz Panchro 3¼ x 4¼. To Econ. Drug Co for razor blades & soap - - To Congress Hotel for afternoon session - Overstreet, Norman Angel, Merriam. Then to Field Museum for ¾ hr. Then home [Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program presented by The Chicago League of Women Voters Forum and The Association For Peace Education. The following sessions were presented:

Geography and World Citizenship - - - Prof. J. Paul Goode

Professor of Geography, University of Chicago. Author of a series of wall maps, a series of base maps, and a series of globes for colleges and schools. Author of "Goode's School Atlas," "The Geographic Back-Ground of Chicago." Director and former President of the Geographic Society of Chicago; late President of the Association of American Geographers.

The Construction of the Curriculum and the Development of International Understanding - - -

Prof. Harold Rugg

Professor of Education, Teachers' College; Director of Social Science Research in the Lincoln School, New York City. Editor of the Journal of Educational Psychology. Member of the Educational Survey Commissions in the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 1925. Author of Social Science Books dealing with problems of international understanding for high school students.

Building Up the International Mind - - - Prof. Harry A. Overstreet

Head of the Department of Philosophy at the College of the City of New York. Lecturer at the New School for Social Research, New York. A leader in the adult education movement. Frequent contributor to important journals. Author of "Influencing Human Behavior."

Why the Obvious Failures of Education? - - - Norman Angell

Noted publicist and lecturer. Author of "The Great Illusion," "Fruits of Victory," and "If Britain is to Live." Constant contributor to important publications in Europe and America.

Open Discussion at Both Sessions - - -

Among those participating briefly are the following: Prof. Charles E. Merriam, University of Chicago; Prof. Bessie L. Pierce, Iowa State University; Victor Olander, Secretary Illinois Federation of Labor. - ed.]

Sunday, March 13

Gray Cooler

To church this A M with Mother

This evening M & K went in the Sundell's auto to S.E. Club. I walked After it was over, all came back to our house and visited for a while.

Rep of Gt Northern & others talked about our nat'l parks & showed pictures, stills & movies

Mr Leech reported that the woodcock performed last evening.

Monday, March 14

Cleared. Milder

Board meeting this evening Mr Mann's drawings for proposed front to the aud. presented. Gen'l Wood promised \$3000 in two yearly payments; Mrs Millard, \$1000; & the Board was expected to set aside \$2000. So campaign is to open with 6000 provided for.

Archie Norton called and showed me proof sheets of the new Barrows-Parker Geog.

I went to Wauk ~~æ~~ with Fontana (Italian) to try to help him in a tangle over his citizenship. Home before one o'clock

Conf. with teachers at 4:00.

Tuesday, March 15

Lovely day.

Carpenters came to fit screens, blinds, etc.

Mrs M, Mr Mann & I worked for an hour or more on plans for aud. front

Miss Luther absent and Mrs Cumming sub'd for her.

Kathryn Moore, teacher in Oak Park schools, came to talk position with me. Will offer her a position.

P.T.A. function this evening in the nature of a conf. between teacher & parents. Each teacher in her room until nine to talk over work with patrons Fine time

Wednesday, March 16

As yesterday. Mild

Some hepaticas out. Also some hazelnut bushes

Miss West called to apply for a position. Nice appearance.

Talked at Ravinia before P.T.A. this evening Fine time Mr Wright took me back & forth

Yesterday & today five loads of soil hauled away.

Frank Schaar worked on our blinds & screens

Mrs Helen Bradshaw Stevens talked to our 6 – 8's this aft. very acceptably on the Pueblo Indians and their art. Mrs Beardsley (Ethel Pardee) of Winnetka brot her here.

Thursday, March 17

Rained a little in the night. Cleared. Cooler

Long conf with Mrs Millard & Mrs Creigh over teacher schedule

14 of us went down to Miss Boynton's after school & inspected their valuable collection of life masks & works of art in general. Fine time

M & K went out to spend the aft at Cunninghams Mr C & I went out for supper. We all came back at 7:30.

[For details of the Boynton life mask collection, see September 19, 1927 entry. – ed.]

Friday, March 18

Fine day

Went with Mrs Taylor & her group by bus to Hull House, Union Station, The Ghetto, Lincoln Park, & home Fine day.

M, K & I ate supper with Mr & Mrs Finkbeiner & spent the evening.

Saturday, March 19

A real March day. Strong wind, blustry, cold Almost the first of its kind thus far. It finds the earliest hepaticas in bloom, - hazelnut bush, aspens, etc

To City on 8:04; back before noon. To Almer Coe's for my lens left for shutter repair, Fields, Rand McN., etc

This aft Mr Santi worked for me & we completed grading in front, etc Mr Ugolini hauled away a load of rubbish

Mr Leech took me down to Mr Searles to photograph the "lily" now in full blossom The spathe a dull red; stamens brown; pistillate flower-fresh.

Visited on train today with Mr Campbell, rep. of Leitz. Talked telescope, etc.

Sunday, March 20

Sleet storm in night & trees iced & sidewalks coated at daybreak. Not much below freezing, however, & sidewalks soon clear. Misty, Gray.

To S.S. to hear Mr Everett talk about his association with Moody in the shoe business in 1857. Did not stay for church. Watered flats at school on way home.

Rested this aft.

To S.E. Club and heard fine talk by Mukerji, a Hindoo.

Monday, March 21

Threatening. Light snow squalls at times

Dahn Gopal Mukerji talked at assembly this A M. – about animals, jungle stillness, etc. Impressive He came with Mrs Pfanstiehl. I was invited to talk with him at 5:00 and we had a delightful hour together.

Miss Heffron on the job again. Looked well.

Talked at Glencoe P.T.A this evening. Very appreciative audience

Mr Fontana & Mr Bartoli brot me a big box of apples, & oranges this P.M – because of favors shown Mr F. [See January 13 and March 14, 1927 entries. – ed.]

Mr & Mrs De Beers drove me home afterwards

Tuesday, March 22

Cool. Clearing.

Talked at Lake Bluff school this aft to Woman's Club & Garden Club members Not very well done. Lantern out of order, boy operator not effective

At H.S. to dinner and an evening program – various board members & school men Talked junior high schools and taxation Important committee on taxation organized

At noon several of us went down to see the “lily” at Mr. Searles.

Wednesday, March 23

Cool. Gray

Visitors: Mrs Balke; ag't for Garden City Educ Co.

Yesterday rec'd 20 paintings from Mr Wright and Mr Nygaard of Oak Park artists – Spellman, Wickwire, Topping, et. al & four pieces of sculpture by Seidel

Mr Bliss and I had long conf. this evening over matters of business policy, etc

Thursday, March 24

Milder. Gray

Got copy to the Press announcing a series of three Tuesday evening nature talks, Mr Leech to assist.

Got 18 signers to petitions for board members.

To city on 2:04. To Federal Bldg to interview Mr Schlotfeldt in behalf of Fontana & his naturalization case Then to B'd of Direc. of Chic. Geog. Soc Amicable but not much done

This evening Mr. Bliss and I spent with Mr. Obee discussing assessment question, etc

Friday, March 25

Gray, then light rain by evening.

Representatives of N.S. Electric talked safety first at 10:00 to our children who came in groups 1 – 3, 6 – 8, 4 – 5

Mr Mukerji came at eleven and after I had shown him about, he talked to the 8A's in Miss Grunewald's room for an half hour. Left a deep impression in the minds of the children.

This aft – Mr Gibson of Macmillan called; Mrs Danley & Miss Goddard and I had a conf. on the movie question This evening I went to N.S. Art League at Winnetka. Mrs Hibbard gave a fine talk on Chinese marionettes

Saturday, March 26

Cool. Gray.

Various errands this A M This aft. set Santi to digging up 3 elms on Green Bay site. Then after seeing two acts of the Treasure Island play given by the Ev. Children's Theater at E.P. Aud., I helped Santi set out the elms on the Vine Ave Parkway

Sunday, March 27

Cleared Cooler. A beautiful day. Still above freezing. Elm trees in blossom here and there. The cardinal calls before I get out of bed – this morning about 5:00.

Lennie, A, & R with Clarence D & E. arrived at 11:00 in A's machine. Edith & D went back on the train this evening.

This aft Harvey's folks with Aunt E. came over in an auto & spent an hour.

Monday, March 28

Beautiful day. Cool

Lennie, A. & R went home this A.M

Mr Leech had trouble with the grandmother & uncle of the little niece he & Mrs L. wish to adopt, & I excused him to consult a lawyer in Wauk this aft.

Mr. Fout and I spent the evening going over the proposed budget.

Daniel Boone, the C. of A. film today

Lee, the steeplejack, painted our flagpole and re-hung the chain on the pulley.

Tuesday, March 29

Gray. Then light rain after nightfall.

I gave a nature talk this evening – first of a proposed series – to a small but sympathetic audience Mr Leech received the people first in his room, & showed specimens, books, etc. Then I talked with slides in the Hall of Pictures

Wednesday, March 30

Fine day.

Three candidates for position of kg asst came – sent out by Miss Morse – Fox, G[ittn?]is, &

Left at 4:34 for Charleston. Caught 6:15 I.C.R.R. Got to Mattoon at 10:20. Found Rowell had been on the train We looked up rooms, & found with difficulty accomodations at the Savoy.

Thursday, March 31

Light showers at times

R & I, after breakfast, took 8:00 Interurb. for Charleston - - - Reported to Mr. Fiske Allen (Met Dr Lord for a time), and had interviews with a number of girls – English, Miller, Thomas, Ge[ro?]e, Moore. I talked with a Mr. Lee, also.

Had luncheon at Mr. Allen's beautiful home, meeting there Mr & Mrs Stover, members of the faculty.

I came away at 3:20. Caught 4:35 – I.C.R.R at Mattoon for Chic & 10:03 Elect for home

Friday, April 1

At daybreak, blustery and snow falling – to melt soon. Misty, raw all day The lake heaving towards the shore

Mr Wright and some of his teachers visited us today

The Misses Behrens and I worked in the elem. office this evening, balancing the books and making an inventory of book store

Called on Mr Egan at 5:00 to consult him about rose bushes. Found it was his 86th birthday. Roses, cut blossoms, potted roses, and various other flowers had come in has gifts, - there was a clever original poem, typewritten, and anonymous. Mr E. was reading without glasses. [Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of an article written by Jesse L. Smith, entitled "Master of Egandale Observes Birthday." The article notes that Mr. Egan came to Highland Park in 1888. It mentions him as an authority on fossil remains of the Chicago area, but most especially, it notes his reputation as a nationally-known horticulturist. Mr. Smith consulted Mr. Egan on rose bushes recommended for the Highland Park environment. Mr. Egan suggested the old fashioned yellow rose, known as the Persian Yellow and Austrian Briar. He also recommended the Rosa Hugonis, the China Rose, and the Rosa Rugora and hybrids, which he said could survive even if neglected. The anonymous poem is transcribed as follows:

A band of fairies gathered,

One first of April morn,
Around a cradle, where there lay
A baby, newly born.

Said one, "I bring the gift of Health
And competence to him;
Four score and ten shall be his years
Ere yet his sight grows dim."

Then spoke another, "He shall have
A keen and merry wit;
No doleful grouch will long endure
Where he is pleased to sit."

The third then voiced her gift, "A
man
Of learning he shall be,
With many interests, and given
To hospitality."

"And he shall love the earth, and
learn
The secrets of her lore;
Beauty shall follow in his path,"
Said fairy number four.

A cock crowed, and the fairies fled;
The baby winked an eye,
And thought "That's really not so
bad,
My stock is pretty high.

"I guess I'll hurry up and grow."
Forthwith, he raised a yell
For sustenance, that waked the nurse,
Yet failed to break the spell.

For fairy wishes all come true,
They never, never fail.
Who was that baby? Can't you
guess?
Our host at Egandale. – ed.]

Saturday, April 2

Cleared today. Fine

To city on 8:04; to Fields to return flag socket; Exhibitor's Supply Co; Paramount to confer with Mr Washburne; to Art Institute where I hear Arthur Pillsbury's great lecture on flowers (motion pictures of

flower movements). Wild Flower Preserv. Soc. luncheon there. I sat at speaker's table and made one of the short talks. Visited with Mr Pillsbury; Miss Baber, Schantz, et. al. Went to Schantz' office to get a set of bird slides. Home before six. - - To dinner at Miss Kennedy's & Miss Kramer's (Boynton House), Mrs Pfanstiehl & Mr & Mrs Law guests. Fine time.

Sunday, April 3

Drizzly. Cool.

Went over to look over Mrs Klee's grounds & walked about some. Slept before noon and much of aft. Wrote long letter to Junior Also a newsp. article about Mr. Egan

Monday, April 4

A rainy day but typical.

Showed a lot of the Audubon pictures at morning exercises

Auditor came to examine our books and we spent much time with him today.

Our new safe for the office came

Board meeting this evening to consider the tax situation, the possibilities in revaluation, etc.

Tuesday, April 5

Fine day.

Cyclone people set posts for my back fence

Miss Fallstad ill and Mrs Roth her bus.

Got up an article on Mr Egan and sent it to the Press

Mr Leach & I gave our second nature evening, using Miss Grunewald's room Small audience
Mr. L. used the bird slides. I followed with flower slides.

The Lewis side held a mass meeting in our aud & almost taxed its capacity. Mr L. made a great talk it was reported

At ten this evening M., K, & I heard the depressing news of the election of Bill Thompson as mayor of Chic & afterwards heard his bunk address to the people

Wednesday, April 6

Fine. Mild.

Set safe in El. office today.

Much desk work

After 5:30 Mr Leech and I went down on Woodland Ave, Rav., to secure name of owner of certain vacant property.

Called on Mr Herman this evening to get ideas on trellis fence

Thursday, April 7

Cooler. Gray.

Telephone men shifted fixtures in office to make place for the safe

Winifred Wilson, friend of Miss Stine, pianist, applied for 2nd grade

Miss Levy came to try to get "special problem" work.

Mr Hoffman (Ass't State Supt) came with Mr Simpson & spent aft with me

Mr Leech & I went out to copause west of R R. & got some hepatica clumps which I set out on my grounds

Went to com. meeting of N.S. Art League this evening at Winnetka.

Friday, April 8

Gray. Misty, Rain towards evening.

Conf. with Mrs Millard.

Three young ladies from Charleston came by appointment to see Mr & Rowell & me. Got to my office by 12:15 & went to lunch with them at G.T. Visited with them until 2:30. Then to Deerfield to talk before P.T.A. & Garden Clubs. Fine time. Brot home by Mrs Hanmer.

Then at 5:10 went with Mrs Gaidzik & Jack to single out shrubs to take from vacant ground near Mr Wiles' home

At office for a while after supper

Saturday, April 9

Clear much of time Cool.

Worked some on my grounds today. Had a stranger work 11-12 and 1-5, & Santi worked 1-5.

Dug over sod pile, & worked on parkway

School election 2-5. Votes cast 64. Mr Bliss, Pres't, Members Mrs Childs, Wm E Guyot.

Worked on plan of home grounds this evening

Brown's men set office safe in wall – Elementary.

Sunday, April 10

Fine day. Cool

I walked about on Vine Ave this A M. a while, looking over trees on vacant lots.

M & I went to church

After long nap this aft. I walked down into Skokie Woods and brot away some specimens of Smilax r. & may-apple, just peeping out – also violets & w. geraniums Picked up down W. Park Ave by Mr & Mrs McBride in their auto, Mr Ball also being in it.

This evening called on Mr Parratt a while

Monday, April 11

Fine day. Growing gray.

At morning ex. talked about signif. of "holy week", about jews & Christians, etc

This aft (Movie – The frontier woman) at the conf of 6 – 7 – 8th grade mothers. Mr Burwell talked about private camps; Mr. Leech about Scout camps, and I commented upon them, etc

Long conf. with Mrs. Snite over P.T.A. officers for next year.

At home, worked an hour or so, battering down remnants of "public comfort station" left by Brown's men, & burning them. Spaded under haw tree & gave it top dressing of loose soil. Then set out smilacina r., mandrake, w. geranium, pyrola, violets

Ugolini's men made my concrete back walk; dug & partially finished drains for my down spouts, etc.

Tuesday, April 12

Gray. Cool. Rain set in after nightfall.

Conf with Mrs Danley; with Mrs Millard.

Went to Ev. this aft. and talked successfully at Womans Club. Introd. by Mrs Eddy. Fine time

This evening gave third talk of my series to a small audience at school A good time

Ugolini's men finished my cement walk and laid a stone section connecting with it.

Wednesday, April 13

Cleared. Cool.

Annoyed by a rather rude phone call challenging my opposition to badgering teachers over politics
– This before 8: o'clock. Wife of the person called in my office in friendly manner.

Manure for hot beds came

Mr Simpson came for me and we went to Lake Zurich School where we visited Mr. Geo Hawkins at work in the H.S. - - Ate fine lunch with Mr & Mrs H - - Then on to Hawthorne school for a short time. Then to Gurnee School & a good visit with Mr Baker, Princ. Then to Wadsworth School to see brilliant one-room school – Rose Thorson. Then to Wauk where I took trolley home - - - - Men took 18 loads of dirt away today. - -

Thursday, April 14

Gray. Cool. Rain drops late in evening.

Mr Zahnle began on my parkway, hauling away heaped up soil. I worked both morning & evening.

Conf with Mrs Creigh, Mrs Snite, Miss Jennie Whitten (French teacher at Normal), Mrs Jones, Miss Boehmer, Miss Barker.

This evening to Presb. Church to hear a sermon by Dr Barr

M. went to a D.A.R. meeting this aft. – a musicale

Mr. Leech and pupils began re-setting tomato plants today.

Friday, April 15

Mild. Rain after nightfall

Clarence came today in his auto – before noon

Conf with applicants: Miss Simer of Harvard School

“ Killifer of Danville

“ Zapler of Chicago.

Mr Nygaard came to take away the Oak Park exhibit of paintings. Visited with me at school and over at my home. - - Discussed my back fence, etc

Mr. Leech & I & some upper grade pupils & Miss White and her pupils re-set all of the tomato plants today.

Teachers scattered for the Spring vacation.

Saturday, April 16

Rained heavily in the night. Thunder Everything under water, Mild. Growing weather

Clarence spent the day in Kenosha, returning in time to take M & me for a ride before six.

Pattees called for a short while about six.

Sent telegram to Helen Harris at 5431 Hyde Park Boulev. & she called me up on the phone.

Talked first grade position to her (Dorchester 8156)

Worked at school all day on the bills & until 11:00 this evening.

Sunday, April 17

Beautiful. Decidedly warm. Cottonwoods scarlet with catkins shed them before evening under the bursting spell of warmth

Clarence & I rode over to Harms Woods to see the great display of hepaticas!

Then he & I went to church with Mother.

Slept & loafed this afternoon & evening.

Roads swarming with machines.

A brown thrasher sang for me before I got up this A.M. – my first record of the year

Great display of red maples!!

Monday, April 18

Rained heavily before noon. Cleared Warm. Vegetation coming on rapidly, - - - My shipment from Dreers (Roses) came.

Clarence & I went to Chic. on 8:04. To Fields for shirts, etc Bot a short step ladder for kitchen (Clarence). Visited Pattee & saw his offset presses at work – To Hartmann-Sanders Co. & chose screen fence for back yard. Home at 4:00

To school to listen to last part of program by 1 – 3rd grade mothers, Mrs Pfanstiehl leader. - -

Board meeting this evening – all present, including new members – Guyot & Childs,

Big political rally in aud. by coalition group. This marks end of political campaign which has been distasteful to me

Tuesday, April 19

Rainy day

Clarence left in his auto at 8:00. I voted early, & then left on the 9:30 for Oshkosh. The Normal was closed but I found Prof. Frank E. Mitchell and obtained a list of men recommended for an assistant's place.

Wesley Roels at Iola

Luther Zellner – Marinette

Kenneth Exworthy.

Clifford Barnard – Amberg

I decided to go up to Green Bay for the night. To Northland Hotel.

Athearn Hotel at Oshkosh.

Expenses this day.

R.R. 5.12 + 2.65. Taxi 1.00

Meals 2.10

Misc. 50.

Wednesday, April 20

Gray – cool – sunny at times.

Took 7:15 at Green Bay Junction Green Bay & W. for Iola At Scandinavia got off & waited 50 minutes in a caboose before the train started on its four mile trip to its terminus at Iola.

Town beautifully situated. Visited off-and-on with Mr Roels in his school. Ex-service man – Married. Nice face. Not sure of his energy or resourcefulness

Left at 3:00. Back to Green Bay & the Northland Hotel. To bed at 7:30. Up at 12:15, & caught 1:00 A.M. train (C & N W.) for home.

Expenses this day.

R.R. 2.38 + 2.38 + 8.82

Meals 80 + 1.00 + 90

Hotel 3.00 + 3.00

Misc. 1.83

34.88

Thursday, April 21

Rainy. Colder. Finally snow flurries after 5:30 P.M. and thin patches of snow on house roofs. Cleared late in evening.

Got up at 6:20 & left the train at Wauk at 7:20. At 7:40 took train for H.P., visiting enroute "Jim" White, Judge Thompson & Mr Buchanan of Winnetka - - - Got my mail, ate breakfast, then after a shave, went to Chic. - - To Sweet Wallach's to leave kodak for repairs; to Fields to look over books. Lunch at Sandwich shop, then I.C.R.R to U. of C. Inquired for Harry Gillett but not in. Went to Dr Hoyt's office & looked up candidates. Met four - - Home at 6:00. Took 6:25 for Winnetka - Dinner of N S. Art League. With Mrs Millard. - - Fine chat with Stella Roberts who played first violin in string quartet - Chas W. Hawthorn, artist, guest of honor.

Expenses: 40 + .40 + .50

1.30

Friday, April 22

Heavy frost this A.M. Snow flurries during the morning. Clearing.

Worked at home all morning & most of aft.

Brown's men put on our blinds.

Went to city this evening to pretty slim entertainment.

Saturday, April 23

Ice in water puddles again this A.M. Clear and gray alternating, but quite chilly.

Various errands. One to look up styles in garden paths. To order weathered stone for front paths
Worked about the place. Gave an interview to Miss Marion Williams, Gary school teacher

Wired Mr Allen an offer to Florence Miller for second grade at 1550.

Promised Miss West a position, third grade tentatively.

Sunday, April 24

Gray. Milder.

At desk an hour or two this A.M.

Slept until late this aft. Walked up to the Port Clinton School to inspect the grounds. Then north in Highwood to strip of woods across from car barns. Looked up specimens of waahoo & brot home a clump of bloodroot.

Geo & Mrs Jones called this aft.

Monday, April 25

Lake Shore Division

No school. We all went to the session at Ev. Tp H.S. Great success. All addresses good The cafeteria service at noon efficient

Mr Leech & I came home together Then I went out with him & got some aspens & wild crab trees, a choke cherry, a "blue beech" & some gooseberries I set them out (heeled in the aspens), finishing up in the dark

[Inserted at the back of the diary is a brochure of the program for the Illinois State Teachers' Association, Lake Shore Division meeting at Evanston Township High School. The meetings were as follows:

Elementary Section

Speaker: Dr. Carleton Washburn, Superintendent of Schools, Winnetka

Topic: New Schools in the Old World

Fine and Applied Arts Section

Speaker: Albert F. Siepert, Head of Department of Education, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria

Topic: Factors in Efficient Teaching

Music Section

Speaker: Margaret Lowry, Supervisor of Music, Kansas City

Topic: Public School Music Appreciation

Intermediate and High School Sections

Junior High School

Speaker: Dean Raymond A. Kent, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Northwestern University

Topic: The Composition of Seventh and Eighth Grade Population

Language

Speaker: Dr. Edward Sapir, Professor of Anthropology and American Indian Languages, University of Chicago

Topic: Certain Peculiarly American Difficulties in Language Instruction

History

Speaker: Dr. James Westfall Thompson, Professor of History, University of Chicago

Topic: Social Problems and Conditions in Town and Country in the Middle Ages

Science

Speaker: Dr. Henry Chandler Cowles, Head of the Department of Botany, University of Chicago

Topic: Science and Culture (Questions and Discussions)

Mathematics

Speaker: Dr. Elton J. Moulton, Professor of Mathematics, Northwestern University

Topic: Reasons for Teaching Mathematics (Discussion)

Primary Section

Speaker: Dr. William S. Gray, Dean of the School of Education, University of Chicago

Topic: Principles of Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades

Principals and Supervisors Section

Speaker: Dr. William Mather Lewis, President of George Washington University

Topic: Education and Modern Needs

Rural Section

Speaker: Theda Gildemeister, Winona State Teachers' College, Winona, Minnesota

Topic: The Teacher as a Leader

Parent-Teacher Section

Speaker: Dr. John J.B. Morgan, Professor of Psychology, Northwestern University

Topic: "The Evanston Psychological Clinic"

Mr. Smith is listed as a member of the Appropriations Committee of the Lake Shore Division. — ed.]

Tuesday, April 26

Heavy rain in night Everything drenched Then a clear day until 4:00 P.M. A brisk shower with thunder. Then clear again

Our nursery stock on hand. Puddle, Arranged Most of it sent away after school.

Roses from Dreer,

Small shrubs from Meehan.

Fruit trees, etc. from Jewell Nursery

I set out a mt. ash this evening and heeled in two roses — hugonis & hermosa

Wednesday, April 27

Cleared. A beautiful day.

Mr Ugolini laid four sections of cement in front of our house

I filled the cold frame which I had set along my S.E. fence (on my neighbor's lot - Williams) & set out old onions (sprouting), Brot home & heeled in 2 Sapata plums, 1 Champion, 1 Elberta,

Continued distrib. of fruit trees, etc. Most has gone

P.T.A meeting at 3:15. Business meeting. Our scheme to have ex. board instead of Pres put thru, but with opposition.

Miss Hanson of Kenilworth came to consult about course in nature study.

Thursday, April 28

Fine and mild. Then overcast. Heavy rain after nightfall.

A contractor began hauling my clay pile away. I paid for a man & team with a scraper & he got half of the pile out on the parkway.

Cement blocks in front of house finished

Got nearly all of nursery stock disposed of.

Miss Phillips called to talk over positions with me

Mrs Danley came for a conf. Mrs Millard, do.

Musical this evening a great success Big crowd

[Inserted at this page is a clipping of the Music Festival program. Among the performers were the First Grade Rhythm Orchestra, the Girls' Chorus, Fourth Grades singing songs of foreign lands, Boys' Chorus, Harlan Pike performing a violin solo, and the Elm Place Orchestra. Among the dancers were the Beginners' Dancing Class, the Folk Dancing Class, the Advanced Dancing Class; and solo dancers, Elizabeth Morris, Patricia O'Dell, Helen Ambercromby, Isabelle Hunt, Ruth Patterson, Patricia Hoffman, Mary Beverly Turiff, Josephine Hildreth, Ellen Greig, and Eleanor Jones. Music directed by Miss Mary Quick, assisted by Miss Orva Stine and Miss Harriet Marks. Dances directed by Miss Elizabeth Keller. Accompanist for the dances was Lola Robinson. — ed.]

Friday, April 29

At Joliet.

Mr Leech & I left at 7:00 for Joliet, getting there in 3 hours Rooms at Woodruff Inn.

Morning session not very successful. Complimentary luncheon served for us in H.S. cafeteria fine.

Many fine things on aft. program Then we went over to Chamb. of Commerce for dinner — pretty occasion Then back to H.S. for evening lecture by Fay — Cooper — Cole

Pleasant visits with Dr Downing, Eifrig, Lukens; with Hildebrand, Elizabeth Morrison (now a senior at U of C), Prof Crooks, Dr Latham, - - Dr Cowles there but a short time Had to go back to his classes

Saturday, April 30

At Joliet

Beautiful day,

Went on trip of geology & geography. Left H.S. bldg at 10:00. I rode with others in open truck. Several autos followed Prof. Fisher, very capable leader. To Nat'l Stone Co Quarry, Brandon Bridge, Markgraf quarry, Rockdale gravel pit. Channahon, to Alexandrian deposit (Edgewood) for fossils; Langford Indian mounds; Kankakee R. for glacial grooves & Illinoisan drift; Wilmington Bridge & fossils; then back to Joliet.

Mr Leech & I drove back to 2½ hours, getting in at 8:20.

A great trip

Cormorant on Kankakee R.

Shrike Bank swallows

[Inserted at this page is a clipping of a portion of the program brochure. The organization is not identified but appears to be the Illinois State Academy of Science. The sessions for the morning of April 29 are not included in this portion of the clipping. The afternoon sessions of April 29 consisted of 29 ten-minute presentations of papers by their authors. Of these, Mr. Smith placed pencil marks next to the following:

H.S. Pepoon, Lake View High School, Chicago. "The Railroad Right of Way Flora from Waddams to East Dubuque."

M.P. Somes, Joliet Township High School, Joliet. "Some Joliet Visitors and Their Work."

Willard N. Clute, Flower Technical High School, Chicago. "Solidago houghtoni in Illinois."

Lewis M. Turner, Blackburn College, Carlinville. "A Preliminary Report on an Ecological Problem in the Illinois River Valley."

G.N. Hufford, Joliet Township High School, Joliet. "The Starling."

The clipping provides the following description of the Geology and Geography Section field trip on April 30.

"Drs. D.J. Fisher and A.C. Noe, leaders. A rather extended trip by auto and of exceeding interest is planned. The State Geological Survey will furnish topographic maps for the trip. Some of the geological features including both bed rock and glacial deposits, just south of Joliet will be visited. Stops will be made at the National Stone Company quarry, Brandon Bridge, Markgraf quarry, Rockdale gravel pit, Flathead mound, Channahon Mound, Indian Mound, drive along Kankakee River, Mazon fossil locality, old Beach Ridge, Cross Minooka moraine and return to Joliet." – ed.]

Sunday, May 1

Beautiful day. Mild. More like Easter but not so warm.

To church with Mother. This aft. she and I had a long auto ride with Mrs Gehr, Page Beers driving. To Western Springs & back

Wild plums past full bloom. Shad coming well out. Pear trees beginning to bloom.

Monday, May 2

Fine Spring day.

Mr Leech reported the bobolink for yesterday

Roger Balke our soloist at Morning exercises. Played well.

Agent for Newson visited us today.

Man with horses and scraper finished his work this morning. I had a man work all day, leveling off in back yard and spreading my compost pile. - - - I dug holes & planted a Champion peach & Sapa pear this evening. I also planted grass on the corner

Mr Bliss & I conferred at school, this evening.

Tuesday, May 3

Fine warm day. Furnace fire out two days

Two laborers on the job today. Dug holes for my trees. Spread soil, etc.

My new colonial lattice fence came & Brown's men began setting it up.

This evening I set a big ash brot from school; a clump of four aspens and one hornbeam, a cherry tree (E.R), sapa plum, dwarf Duchess pear, & heeled in a dwarf G.Golden, and Delicious

Long conf with Mrs Childs this A.M. Visited Mr. Thomas & his school at Highwood this aft

Teachers' meeting. Then Mr. Guyot & I met the working force each separately to listen to grievances.

Wednesday, May 4

Gray. A little cooler.

Ori & Donati worked for me again today. Brown's men finished lattice fence

I set out a dwarf Grimes Golden & a Delicious this evening & seeded one plot with grass

I went with Mr Nygaard to Kenilw. school this A M. & gave a bird talk – which the children responded to delightfully. After looking over Mr N's new house, we came back to H.P.

Thursday, May 5

Fine day Warmer.

Donati finished today what I propose to hire for the present. I planted a plum tree I dug up at the Deckers this A.M. Also a wild plum from school grounds & four wild grape vines.

Mr Fitz from Univ. came to see me today. re the assistant's place –

Gave some outdoor lessons to some of 7th graders.

Mr. Leech & upper grade pupils began potting tomatoes

This evening the heads of schools tributary to the H.S. had dinner with Mr Sandwick and three of his staff at H.S. Fine time

Friday, May 6

Fine day. Gray at times

Ugol fixed (raised) our catch basin top, & downspout connection

I planted a cornus a., a Salix Britziensis, and two sumachs, & worked some on ground in front.

I gave a bird & flower talk to the children of the Wilmot School at 3:00. Mrs Ginter took me there and back in her auto.

Phlox beginning to bloom, white trilliums also;

This evening Mrs Chapin & her friend, Mrs Wright called & I showed some lantern slides

Saturday, May 7

As yesterday.

Worked very hard about home today.

Burned some rubbish chopped up quantity of old boards, etc.

Santi helped me this aft & a young Italian whom I paid 3.35 for 3½ hr S. dug out shallow trenches for flowers & filled in with good soil. Other leveled off north parkway.

Planted grass seed on no. parkway & inside walk on left. Rolled. Covered with manure.

Sprinkled thoroughly.

Set out eight hollyhocks Miss Johnson brot down

Sunday, May 8

Light showers at times.

Slept soundly after 10:00 this A M

Edith & D & Lennie & R & A came in at noon, leaving at 3:00. Later Harvey & B & the two children came & spent an hour. Then I had a fine walk up into Sweeny's woods. Great displays of trilliums. Brot some home to plant.

Monday, May 9

Storm & rain about 4:00 A.M. Then very heavy storm with violent downpour in early afternoon. Another heavy downfall at five.

Lights out for a while. N.S. electric out of running for some time A lake at Vine Ave Viaduct, one a few rods east of our house

Miss Lilian Fehr and her sister, Marjorie, of Bloomington, came to see our schools, etc Offered Miss Fehr first grade

Mr Van Dyke came up from Urbana & spent a lot of time with me. Is interested in assistant's place
I had the young ladies & Mr Van Dyke for lunch at Green Tea Pot.
Board meeting this evening.

Tuesday, May 10

Gray. Cool. Misty

Bird walk this A.M. Mr L., Miss Cramer, Miss Kennedy & I met children at school at 7:00 & a little later & went out in four groups for an hour or so. Windy & not very favorable, but worth while.

Teachers' meeting with 7 - 8's this evening.

Agent for Denoyer (Koontz) came & I order set of historical maps, etc

Set out a few more wild gooseberry bushes this evening; some white trillium At noon Mr Butler & I set out a fine aspen on our place.

Mrs Craig & the boys & the Hagensicks called this evening.

I used taxi this evening to call on Mr D R Thomas (not in), Pub. Library, etc

Wednesday, May 11

Grey and cold

Another bird walk this A M with about 30 children, Miss Cramer & I.

Miss Kennedy ill, but I could get no sub. Used Mrs Cumming in Miss Foreman's room.

Miss Parsons, Foreman, & I took one 5A group to Sears Roebuck Shown around by Mr St Aubin. Given pie & ice cream at lunch gratis Then drove along lake front. Half hour at Field Museum Less than that at Municipal Pier

This evening I went over to Miss OBrien's & brot home a Gen. Wilder rose and a briar rose Set these out together with my Rosa Hugonis, & Hermosa, and two elderberry bushes

Thursday, May 12

Fine day. Cool

Mr Leech & pupils reset tomatoes into all our supply of ~~fl-~~ pots. Some crowded flats were reset into others. A number left undisturbed

Asters & Zinnias were planted.

Conf. with 5B's.

This evening I set out 10 Miss Lingard phlox, 17 hollyhock, some bittersweet vines, our supply of tigridias & gladioli.

At 1:15 I talked to Mr Wright's pupils at an assembly. Used some slides

Friday, May 13

Mild. Showery.

I left on 10:04 for De Kalb. Spent aft. there. Interviewed several about my need of a man assistant. Heard of one who is to come to see me

Session of N. Illinois Supt & Principals' Assn. Program Nice visits with Parson, Nygaard, et. al.

Home at midnight.

Charge carfare to Dist 107.

40 + 40 + 2.10 + 2.10.

Saturday, May 14

Showery. Cold.

Two men began working on the place but got in only 2½ hr. because of rain

I joined Prof O.D. Frank's party of students at Ft. Sheridan (Cunningham & Leach among them) and helped show them about. We followed up the rife-range ravine to the lake where they ate lunch. At this time C. & I pushed on to the C.H. McC. estate to arrange for the party to go across it. - - Then I left for home to direct the work there, but the rain stopped it.

After supper I went out to a new switch track on W Park Ave & dug up a basket of trilliums, etc
Went on to the Leechs & he brot me in by auto The Woodcock was performing as usual
[Mr. Leech lived on Sunnyside Avenue. -ed.]

Sunday, May 15

Gray. Cool. Clearing.

After breakfast walked out to woods where I was last night & picked up my glasses I had dropped there. Incidentally brot back clump of horse gentian and of meadow rue.

Slept afterwards until noon.

This aft. went down to city. To Art Inst. Home by 7:30.

Mr & Mrs Hintz called this evening.

Monday, May 16

Fine day.

James Moore worked on my place this aft - 5 hrs Good work

I "laid" out my back yard this evening for paths, etc. Planted trilliums, w. geraniums, triosteum, thalictrum, etc.

Mr Marks resigned and quit today. I took on a Mr. Kolteman, at least temporarily.

Ag't for folding chairs I bot 2 doz

Ag't for safes looked over our needs

Tuesday, May 17

Fine day. A little sultry

Jim Moore worked until 3:00 & complaining of being tired, went home!

I planted nasturtiums, holychrisum, & four-o-clocks this evening. After supper Miss Turpin with Miss Wheelock & Miss Behren took me on road no. of Ft Sher. & I "lifted" some shooting star plants

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Passed out registration blanks

Had a bird walk at 7:00 A M Not many warblers. Saw a kinglet

Wednesday, May 18

Gray, then rain in late aft. Had rained in the night & day began with a cold wind

Morrison worked until about 3:00 P.M.

Miss Turpin sketched outline of flower beds for parkway.

Mr Landis came from DeKalb to interview me about assistant's position, leaving at 2:15. Not sure of his equipment.

P.T.A. meeting (business) this aft. Last of season.

P.T.A's made us present of three chairs this aft. Fine.

Worked at school for a time this evening.

Thursday, May 19

Cleared. Cool

Bird walk at 7:00. Interesting. Later in the day a great wave of warblers was evident.

I worked at typewriter at home much today on notifications to teachers.

Moore worked all aft. on my place

I went to Antioch to talk before teachers' club this evening. Trolley to Wauk where Mr. Bright met me. After talk Mr Stark & his friend brot me back to W. Small crowd but appreciative

Friday, May 20

Unsettled and finally deluge of rain with th. & l. at 7:00 P.M

Moore worked on the place all day.

I spent much time at home typewriting notices of reelection for the teachers. Mrs Creigh & Mrs Childs came to school to sign & distribute them Long interview with them Also with Miss Guiney

M. & K. spent latter part of aft. at the Leech's Mr. L. picked me up & took me out at supper time We came away early because of approaching storm Mr Cunningham brot us in –

Saturday, May 21

Grew very warm today. Glad to shed my undies this aft.

To Chic. Fields for book, hat, shoes, bird bath for garden Vaughans for arsenate of lead & Bordeaux mixture. Art Inst. to meet Miss Sprague and talk over position for her. Turtle's to get stuffed birds, etc

Home at 2:30. Planted 25 hills at G.B. corn, 3 rows of beans, 3 of beets, & border of icicle radishes around corn patch. Dug up a large lilac at Mr Chapin's place & set it out along my back fence. After supper set out shooting stars & one ragwort plant on parkway etc

Clows called this even.

Sunday, May 22

Gray. Light showers

Went over to Mrs Klee's to see her tulips this A.M Then to church. Mother & K at home

At 12:30 met Gen'l Wood, Mrs Childs, Dr Fritsch, & Mr Ugolini at school to discuss the fate of the pool. Decided to try to make a sunken garden of it.

Nap after dinner Late in day a walk down into the Skokie

Wild crabs in beautiful condition.

Monday, May 23

Rained heavily in the night and again just before noon. Clearing

Visitors: Supt Thompson of Woodstock, three of his staff, & four boys

Also – Mr Challis of Bausch and Lomb.

Teachers' meeting this aft with 7 – 8's at 2:30. Subject: the sociology pamphlets.

P.T.A. social committee entertained all the teachers at bridge – 4:30 & dinner, 6:30. I went at the latter time Place, Mr Herman's. A fine time

Met Mr. Guyot at 8:00 at bld'g & talked over janitors, etc.

Before dinner I planted (from Dreer's) 4 Bocconia, 6 phlox (Thor), & 6 sedum.

Wired G.E. Van Dyke, 1003 So 3rd St. Champaign, - assistant's position. Got his acceptance

Tuesday, May 24

Thunderstorm & heavy rain in night. Brisk shower today.

Several of our teachers partially disabled due possibly to eating chicken at the P.T.A. dinner last evening.

Mrs McNutt out. Miss Heffron, also. Mrs Webster as a sub.

Call from agent of Winston encyc. Signed for set for school.

Conf. with 6's over promotions.

Miss Sands took me and my baskets to Skokie meadow at 5:30 & Misses Turpin & Wheelock picked me up at 7:00 with plants – star grass, blue-eyed, bastard toad flax, anemone (P), meadow rue, paint brush, daisy fleabane, krigia, pedicularis – which I set out on parkway. Planted sun. fl. seeds for compost box.

Wednesday, May 25

Cleared. Fine

Went with Miss Parson & Fallstad & 23 of the 5A's to Chic. To Railway Terminal & Warehouse Co. – Mr. Johnson & Mr. Peterson – 344 Grand Ave. Latter took us all around. Fine trip. Then to Munic. Pier Ate lunch Then watched unloading of Penobscot (autos), the Waukegan, The Puritan. A drive along Wacker Drive, then across Roosevelt Road, around Field Museum & the Stadium – then home.

Then I hurried to dress & catch 5:42 for Chic. & the Directors' dinner (Geog) at U.L. Club. Interesting evening. Love feast but some of us had mental reservations

Thursday, May 26

Misty beginning, but cleared beautifully.

Moore worked today. Set in stone blocks, put in place bird bath, painted clothes line posts & compost box, etc

Visited by Mr Hawkins this aft. Offered him fifth grade & principalship of El. Bldg for 2100. Took under advisement Phoned Miss Strague offer of 2000. Accepted. Wired Mr Fiske Allen & learned that Virginia Thomas is available

Friday, May 27

Threatening. Then rain this evening.

Moore worked all day, finally spreading black earth on garden paths & seeding them for grass

Mr Leech & I brot three different groups of pupils to take part in spraying my apple tree.

I attended banquet at Moraine H. this evening in honor of Mayor (ex) Hastings. Fine time. Sat at table with Mrs & Mr Moseley, E.A. Bournique, Spencer & Fred Spencer

Saturday, May 28

One heavy shower this A M. Before that I did some work on my place. Then washed the basement floor, etc.

Late this aft. I went over to G.B. site & then down W. P. Ave to R R. Got two baskets of plants – violets, krigia, bracken, ranunc. sc., etc

Jas Moore worked on my drive this aft.

Geo Zahnle plowed last half of my west parkway & disced it. Then he ploughed the G.B. garden site. Wet – soggy!!

Sunday, May 29

Gray & cool at first, but sunny until late in day.

To S.S. – Mr Lenington's class. Then walked to Ravinia & rode home on electric

Long nap this aft. After supper walked out to Cunningham's to leave a collection of essays on the flag for him to look over. Found Mr & Mrs Hawkins there Then I went over to Mr Leech's a while. Mrs L's sister there and a young man from La Porte. Walked home as evening came on.

Monday, May 30

On the whole a fine day

Taxi to Blodgett & caught 7:57 for Glenayr. Saw that nothing had been done about running sidewalk along my lot. Caught 8:32 back to Blodgett. Walked over Sunset Terrace & Mr Menoni brot me home - - - Planted castor beans and set out some plants Mrs Leech gave me last evening – 2 Canterbury bells, 1 golden glow, 1 forgetmenots - - After lunch walked out towards Mr Leech's – stopping on Skokie Meadow to dig up basketfull of liatris . There I dug up 3 cow parsnip, two prairie dock, & miscellany – Mr L & his b-in-law brot me & my baskets home & I set them out. –

Tuesday, May 31

About as yest.

Moore worked all day, getting my west parkway leveled & planted.

After school Mr Leech & I went out the county line road s.w of Deerfield to look for asclepias ovalifolia. None to be seen. Brot back specimen of rosin weed, eryngium, heuchera, etc. These I planted out this evening.

School again today. Miss Parson gone for rest of term and Miss Rose Thorson of Wadsworth here to sub for her.

Wednesday, June 1

Fine day but cold Furnace still going. Have been without fire but few days this Spring.

Moore finished driveway today.

Field trip with 4B's to Exmoor & Sunset Ridge.

Long conf. with Mrs Klee over phys. tr. in our school.

Agt for Book of Knowledge left new set; took away old.

Agt for Dixon called

Gave Otis II Classification Test to 8A's. At conf. with 7 – 8's – we made out information sheets for H S.

Thursday, June 2

Cool. Gray. Clearing.

Geo. Hawkins, who is to teach 5th Arith & preside over Elem. Bldg, visited with us this aft.

Distributed tomato plants, continuing work of yest.

Long conf with Mrs Childs – over teachers, etc.

Set out wild asters, etc on parkway this evening. Wet down the drive with its newly laid crushed stone

Friday, June 3

Mild. Gray. A short drizzle at 6:00. Shower at 8:30.

Distributed most of our tomato plants today.

H-S teachers gave us a picnic this aft. at Gage's Lake. We set out in autos about 4:00. Fine time there. Good food. Mr Leech took me. On way back we stopped at R R crossing about 2 mi. no. of Deerfield & dug up two western four-o-clocks, some mullein & milkweed. These I set out on my parkway.

Saturday, June 4

Rained a little this A M., then cleared A beautiful June day, but the strong sun hard on my prairie plants on the parkway. - - - Worked three hours this A.M. Then to school to meet Miss Ma[rjor?]e Hansen of City Hotel, Gary, to whom I offered fourth grade at \$1700.

This aft. to wedding of Marg. Forgan at Presb. Ch., & recept. at their home Fine, big affair. Mr & Mrs Schneider & Miss Guiney & I were together at the function

This evening I set out two h.b. cranb. bushes Clavey sent me to replace snowballs sent by mistake. The latter I set out against our back fence - - Planted four hills of the new squash. Table Queen, the Des Moines.

Sunday, June 5

A beautiful day but a furnace fire still grateful.

Clarence D & E. got here by nine & later in the morning we all went for a ride – Deerfield, Genview, Glenayr, Glencoe, etc

C & E. left at 4:00. Took six book sections I had stored in the attic.

I left later on by trolley intending to spend an hour at Garfield Park conserv. & later call on Dr. Cowles. - - - I found conserv. closed & Dr. Cowles not at home, but I had a fie leisurely ramble about the Univ. campus & then came home.

Monday, June 6

A fine day

Renewed my note at Highwood State Bank for for 30 days

A competent man from Highwood disced & harrowed our school garden this aft. I figured with Ugolini for concrete work & filling at our pool.

Santi & Kolteman set out an apple tree, Wealthy & a dwarf Duchess pear on my grounds – unsold stock, to be kept for another year.

Mr Leech & I went out after school & brot in for my prairie gardens – three chicory, one rudbeckia h., one goldenrod, one or two thoroughwort, a vervain I set out 25 ferns I purchased from a “peddler.” Set out 7 more tomato plants.

Tuesday, June 7

Beautiful June day

Went with Misses Behrens & Miles & the 3B's to Buffalo Creek School & Farm, N.W. of Wheeling. Bus & four autos Shown around by Mr Carpenter & Mr Brigham – by Mrs Allet et. al. - - fine time

This aft with Miss McMunn & one group of 4B's to Wauk. A freighter – the Clemens Reiss – unloading coal – 6100 tons from Ashtabula. 13 hatches Visited Gas Co. Only a catch of herring in. Season about over until Oct

I instructed the janitors & teachers of grades 3 – 4 – 5 & 6 - & school garden was planted by noon Mrs Mott brot in camassia in full blossom gathered along prairie road Also cynoglossum.

Wednesday, June 8

Fine warm day. Record for June

Mr Van Dyke visited me all A.M. and conferred about his work

I took 8A's picture.

This aft. Mrs Taylors' pupils gave a part of their Treasure Island play to grades 1 – 4, & 8.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Conf with 7's over classification of 7B's Long talk with Miss Greno about teaching conditions.

This evening raked off straw mulch in back yard & watered the young grass Set out some zinnia plants.

Thursday, June 9

A real warm June day.
 Developed negatives taken yest. & had Heckets make prints (proofs)
 Went to Wauk with another group of 4B's – Miss McMunn & Dameier. Successful. The N.S. gas people emptied an oven for us & drenched the coke, etc
 Mrs Taylor's group gave "Treasure Island" this evening to a good aud. Beautiful show. Very successful scenery. Miss Bradley credited for that
 Called today – Mr Oleson, representing the Little Symphony Orchestra
 [Inserted at this page is the playbill for *Treasure Island*. It is transcribed as follows:

TREASURE ISLAND

A play based on the story by
 ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
 Given by the 7A class of Elm Place School under the
 direction of Trena J. Taylor
 Elm Place Auditorium, Thursday Evening, June 9, 1927

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jim Hawkins.....	Betty Zimmerman
	Grace Arline Flint
Mrs. Hawkins.....	Louise Willard
Dr. Livesey.....	Harlan Pike
	Almyra Gibson
Squire Trelawney.....	Henry Clark
Captain Smollett.....	Jane Kaufman
	Jane Loewenstein
Long John Silver.....	Janet Gaidzik
Pew.....	Almyra Gibson
Bill Bones, the "Captain".....	Hugo Winkler
Ben Gunn.....	Edward Marder
Villagers and pirates	
Delphine Chavis	Florence Warren
Grace Arlene Flint	Marion Moon
MacDonald Lowe	Frances Carroll
Teddy Pasquesi	

THE PLAY

ACT I	Admiral Ben Bow Inn
ACT II	On board the ship, Hispaniola
ACT III SCENE I	Treasure Island
SCENE II	The Stockade
ACT IV SCENE I	Pirates in camp just before dawn
SCENE II	Heavily wooded part of the island
SCENE III	Camp fire – Ben Gunn's Cave

Scenery and stage settings made in classes under the direction of Miss Bradley and Mr. Cunningham
 Costuming by Miss Grunewald and Miss Heffron
 Music between acts by sixth grade directed by Miss Quick
 Assistance also given by Mrs. McNutt, Miss Turpin, and Miss Johnson

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Friday, June 10

Lovely day. Cooler

Miss Behrens & Miss Miles' groups planted peanuts & popcorn

Miss Moore of Oak Park who is to be a 3A member of our staff visited this A.M.
Misses Luther & Palmers' groups went in bus & auto to the Albert Farwell farm towards
Libertyville
8B's gave 8A's picnic in Ft Sheridan grounds. We had a fine time.
This evening I worked until ten, drenching west parkway, lawn, etc Planted some asters & more
zinnias. Hoed, etc

Saturday, June 11

Fine day. Gray towards close.
To city. To — to buy mate (male) for dancing (waltzing) mouse, prop. of 3rd grade To Fields
for slippers, hat, cloth for backgrounds (photog.) (veloir, etc), collars, Sweet Wallachs for negatives &
gelatine films for filters, Vaughans for alyssum seed & pumpkin.
Home by 2:00. At school Visited by Misses Kussel & Brewster, candidates Then worked over
bills with Mrs Bowen - - Then Mr Leech & I went out to Sheahens Woods, et. elsewhere, & brot in joe-
pye, vernonia,, helenium, thoroughwort, and cardinal flower. I set this out this evening.

Sunday, June 12

Beautiful day. Cool
Slept most of day.
Late – walked down Ravine Drive to Lake & along Beach to Central Ave & home
Two stalks of showy ladyslipper showing but no flower buds.

Monday, June 13

Gray. Light mist for a while.
At morning ex. I read Coolidge's speech, presenting medal to Lindbergh –
Miss Stine's pupils gave fine show this aft – flower songs, & Rip Van Winkle.
School Board meeting this evening.

Tuesday, June 14

Flag Day,
Gray and cool at first. Cleared. Beautiful
Annual parade of the colors. Fine event. Mr Barendsen of Evanston furnished a band of eight
pieces & Harold Bloomfield played snare drum.
Picnic great success. Vaudeville show fine – Tumblers from Miss Luther's 3rd graders & from 7 –
8 boys; hurdy gurdy (Sperandi), harmonica, kg. circus, etc. - - Puppets – 6th graders – very good (Snow
white, etc); Roethig gave two magic performances; “nonsense movies”, 5 reels.
This evening, Elks gave patriotic program in our school. Awarded three medals in junior contest
(Flag Essay) to Janet Gaidzik, Beatrice Thorsen, Betty Karger. Awarded our school beautiful flag.

Wednesday, June 15

Last day of school.
Fine day. Quite cool.
Assembly and honorable mentions this A.M. Went off well. Teachers leaving us: Dameier to go
to school; Luther to N.W.; Kennedy & Dorsch to travel and study; Stewart to teach in Chic.; Palmer for a
half year to study; McNutt to be at home; Miles, Foreman, and Heffron to marry;
Conf. with teachers this aft.
“Commencement” this evening. Moved off well.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the commencement program. The Eighth Grade Class of June, 1927
was:

David R. Owen, President

Catherine Bernardi

Grace Brewer

Nellie Calkins

Eva A. Cox

Beatrice Yvonne Crissy

Isabel Danley

Katherine T. Denzel

Virginia Early

Louise Gehr

Marion Greenlee

Helen L. Holstrom

Alice H.M. Michela

Ella M. McEwen

Elizabeth Marcy Morris

Florence Netcher

Mildred Rhinehart

Beatrice A. Thorson

Marjorie W. Spalding

Sophie Zingler

Lloyd Anderson

Henry Holmes Belfield

Harry Carlson

Harold Evans

Hubert P. Harmon

Rolland T. R. Hastings, Jr.

Mathias Maiman

David R. Owen

Clarence Peterson

Norman Porter

William A. Walters

Harry C. Wetmore

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Lena M. Nixon, Mathematics

Miss Edna Grenoble, English

Mrs. George Taylor, English

Miss Margaret Heffron, Literature

Miss Georgia Bradley, Art

Miss Mary J. Quick, Music

Mrs. Wade McNutt, Sewing

Mr. Bert S. Leech, Science

Mr. Wm. E. Cunningham, Manual Training

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

George E. Bliss, President

Margaret Coxe

Myrtle Dorr

Winnifred A. Finch

Felicite R. Buhl

Charmian N. Crissy

Leone A. Fay

Lucille L. Gerkin

Tevis R. Gibson

Betty Karger

Alice Koller

June E. Kuehne

Ruth A. Lenfesty

Janet L. Saathoff

Jean V. Schreffler

Mary E. Swazey

Edna B. Winter

Henrietta Jean Zimmerman

James Dallas Clark

John D. Creigh

Bennett E. Goodman

Charles H. Guyot

Bob Hammer

Darwin E. Inman

Howard W. Klee

Robert S. Ruwitch

James Sommerville

Charles E. Steele

Sam Toigo

Morton J. Traub, Jr.

William Zimmerman, Jr.

William Fout, Secretary

Robert E. Wood
Elizabeth L. Childs
Frances C. Creigh

Earl D. Fritsch
William Guyot
Alfred Meyer – ed.]

Thursday, June 16

Fine day.

Spent two hours at school, the remaining time at home Sprinkled & worked with the lawn; hoed garden; hauled soil to surface a garden plot; planted alyssum and some more beans.

Too fagged at evening to go to H.S. commencement exercises. M & K. went with Mrs Chapin.

Friday, June 17

Gentle rain at daybreak & for a while.

At school much of A M & some this aft. - - Miss Sands took me to Mrs Burnham's at Winnetka to deliver box of Christmas cards lent to me & I came back by trolley. - - - Phillip Danley & I went to school garden & planted three hills of Mammoth Prize Pumpkins; a row of sunflower seeds; three rows of Golden Bantam. - - I went up to 364 Bloom & had long conf. with Mr & Mrs Free about Glen Church. - -

Too fagged this evening to go out

Saturday, June 18

Fine day. At school two hours this A M.

Worked a great deal about my place – sprinkled, mowed lawn for first time, scrubbed three little elm trees with lime-sulphur solution, planted 25 asters, 20 calendulas, etc.

Started Edgar Jenkins on census work.

Miss Gordon interviewed me about a teaching position

Sunday, June 19

Fine day. Warmer. Threatening towards evening

Before church Mr Morris drove me down to a ravine near Ravinia school, then to his house where he showed me two specimens of liparis lillifolia which he had taken from the ravine. He had found the only other colony I know of – keeping mine at Ft. Sheridan (Mrs McCormick's) in mind I visited this at 5:00 this aft & found two stalks of bloom - - - Found big col. of dodecatheon in woods diag. across from Sacred Heart Acad

Monday, June 20

A great rain in the night – a life-saver to my lawn & gardens. Sultry this aft.

To city on 9:14. To Nixon Co. to secure plat of business block at Glen Ayr where I have invested. Got names of adjoining lot holders but not addresses

Shopped at Fields & Mandels. Home by 2:00. Worked at school on my reports This evening at home, do.

Tuesday, June 21

A flooding rain this A M & generous shower after supper. Sultry

At school all day. Worked on reports - - Long conf. this A.M. with Mrs Childs and Mrs Creigh - - Miss Guiney & I worked over “special” funds this aft. - - Mr Bliss and I met this evening to plan campaign for funds for audito. front.

Catholic school held its commencement exercises in our aud. this P.M

Wednesday, June 22

Longest day

Fine Sultry. Dash of rain this aft.

At school all day, about

At 7:30 this evening met at library conf. at Mr. Fitt's – Mrs Everett, Beardsley, Mr Eitel. - - We are parleying with the Mayor to get him to withdraw one of his new appointees to Libr. B'd and substitute Mr. Garnett whom he did not re-appoint as we recommended

Mailed "Annual Report" to Mr Simpson last evening Finished Budget Report this evening.

Set out 7 more John Baer tomatoes. Some more lily-of-the-valleys. Reset three four-o-clocks

Thursday, June 23

Fine day. Cool.

Lots of errands. Two agents Mr Leech & I went up to Ft Sheridan woods & brot away one specimen of liparis l. This aft I took 5 pictures of it – 3¼ x 4¼.

Went down to Glen Ayr to interview Mr. John Evert – he was away. I measured off block & located my lot.

Planted out 8 asters & 8 calendulas; two hills of squash

Friday, June 24

Fine day. Growing warmer.

With camera, etc., I went down to R.R. culvert below Braeside to photograph fine colony of spiderwort Mrs Sellery took me as far as the R.R. crossing in her auto. This evening I developed the negatives taken yest. Nil!!

A school only short time today.

Walked to Blodgett & took electric at 4:37 for ~~Blodgett~~ Glen ayr Met Mr John Evert & had friendly talk but he was unable to give me any information about property ownership at Glenayr Took bus to Wilmette and train home

At office a while this evening with Mr. Bliss & Helen Bell – planning circularizing patrons for funds

Saturday, June 25

Fine. Sultry most of day, then a cool north easter

At school most of day. Mr. Fout and I were together a while this aft.

This A M. I went over to Mrs Snite's home and conferred with her over ordering water lilies for the school pond

Mr Ugolini finished a new 12 foot pond for us this week, and we have been dumping earth along it to make a sunken garden

Mr Leech and I spent an hour or so, this aft. late, beating up woods beyond Insull farm; gathering stems of wild four-o-clock, north of Deerfield, etc

This evening Mr & Mrs Clow took M & me for a fine long drive – west & south.

Jimmie Sandwick was killed early this A M – near Winnetka – struck by an auto!!

[Richard F. (Jimmie) Sandwick was the 22 year old son of Deerfield-Shields High School Principal Richard L. Sandwick. He was struck by a passing car as he stood beside his own car at around 3:00 a.m. after leaving a party in Winnetka. Born in Highland Park on March 23, 1905, Jimmie graduated from Deerfield-Shields High School in 1923 where he was captain of the football team and a member of the swimming team. He was a senior at Stanford University at the time of his death. – ed.]

Sunday, June 26

Beautiful day. Cool.

I went to Episc. Church this A M and heard a stirring address by a Rev. Mr Tucker.

This aft I went to Wauk flats with Mr & Mrs Leech, getting back at 9:30.

Coreopsis, Lilium Phil., Phlox, Spiderwort, etc

Saw three autos making away with perhaps 1000 blossoms of Lilium P!!

Monday, June 27

Fine day.

At school this A.M. This aft. to the sad funeral of Jimmie (Richard) Sandwick. Then to committee meeting – Mrs Geo B. Chapman, Sol St. Peter & I with a rep. of the N.S. railway – Mr Kock – to consider approval or otherwise of bus route to L. Zurich – passing our house! We agreed to recommend another route - & via Green Bay Road. I Sprinkled heavily until 9:45 (after supper). Hoed in garden. Mowed lawn. Planted short row each of broom corn, sudan grass, cane, feterita, kaffir korn, milo maize

Tuesday, June 28

Fine day. Quite warm

At school much but accomplished not a great amount.

Visited delightfully with Mr & Mrs Zukowske & this aft. went with Mrs Z. & Mischa (son) to H.S. to arrange about some summer school work for him Lent the Z's two pianos for the summer

Conf. with Mrs Law & Mrs Denzel (treas. of P.T.A) over disposition of pupils funds, etc.

Sprinkled a great deal today.

Library Board meeting this evening. All present but Mr Mott Mrs Balke, new member, there.

Wednesday, June 29

Very warm day.

Sprinkled considerably this A M. At school both A M & P.M

Hazel Bell began writing letters to secure contributions to aud. fund

Our men practically finished the sunken garden.

I spent the evening with Mr & Mrs Alfred Meyer & Alfred Jr Edgar Eisenstadt there. Fine time Showed movies Mr Meyer had made – Flag Day parade real good

Got thrills looking over some of Mr Meyer's recent acquisitions – autog. letters of Wilson, Roosevelt – of Queen Elizabeth, et. al

Thursday, June 30

Hottest day of the year

Tried this A.M. to get a clue to the persons who have been stealing from our compost pile on G.B. site

Sprinkled some during day & from ten to eleven this evening tried to drench the back yard

At school. Entertained two young women teaching at Evaeth, Minn., who are hunting positions.

Mr Reaney, rep. Beckley, Cardy went over the blackboard situation with me this aft.

Mr Leech & I went out late aft in his machine to County Line wild flower "preserve" Found colonies of penstemon l., lobelia sp. Asclep. Sullivanti & verticill. coming on

Reception at Library this evening for Miss Hendee. Small crowd but fine time

Friday, July 1

Very warm again, but thunder storms and drenching rains ended the day.
Sprinkled heavily. Hoed some At school some
One of the water lilies I ordered came. The new pool ready
Read many pages from a new beginning Latin text – Latin for Today.

Saturday, July 2

Cooler. Fresh. Pleasant
To city on 9:34. To Federal bldg to confer with Mr Schlottfeld about Fontana's case. To
Transportation Bldg to see an immigration agent about the same
Fields for buttons & collars Sweet Wallach for plates, Vaughan for bean seeds; Barnards for lily
tubs which I took by taxi to Pasquesi's motor office - - Home at 2:30.
Planted some wild flower seeds in Mr Gourley's garden.
This evening potted five lilies for the pond
Miss Sprague called with Miss Newcombe

Sunday, July 3

Blew up cool in the night and one had to hunt up blankets. Decidedly cool today. We ran our
fireplace today & this evening.
Tramped down into Skokie just west of Ex. Club. Found one stalk of *Habenaria l.* in bloom & 8 or
10 in bud. *Ascl. rubra* in blossom Also *lythrum a.*
This aft attended funeral of George Bock at St John's Evang. & went with Moldaner & Balz in the
long procession of autos to the cemetery near Des Plaines
[George F. Bock was born on July 4, 1869 in Chicago and moved to Highland Park with his parents the
following year. After the death of his father around 1903, Mr. Bock managed the family's grocery store on
Central Avenue. He was a charter member of the Highland Park Business Men's association (predecessor of
the Chamber of Commerce), serving as its president. – ed.]

Monday, July 4

Fine day. Cool. Fireplace in use all day. Overcast late in day. Slight shower after nightfall
Hung out our flag. Then photographed the house Then worked about the place nearly all day.
Mowed lawn. Hoed nearly everything. Planted some more beans.
Made a seed bed for perennials & planted it as follows – left to right, 3 rows each of Pink
hollyhock, yellow, red, white, rose; and 5 rows each of white canterbury bells & 5 of pink
Heavy rain late this evening.

Tuesday, July 5

Fine day – growing sultry & overcast
Took Mr Kolterman to G.B. gardens & set him to hoeing corn. I weeded the peanuts & the bed
where we planted scarlet maple seeds
Mr Ugolini's truck hauled our one year old compost pile to our Elm Place bin
Butler left for vacation Saturday night. Santi, do. Bartoli back after one week's leave
Worked in my office. This evening checked up work of Edgar Jenkins in hunting up census matter

Wednesday, July 6

Warm day but not oppressive. Mounting storm clouds after nightfall
Worked at school most of day & an hour this evening. Checked up census data Got report upon
this and the teachers' pensions into the mail.

Went into the Skokie this evening & took two pictures: red milkweed and sunset sky.
Counted 18 stalks of habenaria l., nearly all in blossom. Prairie dock here & there heading up.
Lobelia spicata in full bloom.
Conf. with Will Brown today about financing my unpaid bills.

Thursday, July 7

Fine day. Cool
At school much of day. But first spent an hour or more weeding out seedlings at Green Bay site
This aft. Mr K & Mr Bartoli & I plotted off the sunken garden & planted forage grasses, etc., there
After supper I planted more things in Mr Gourley's garden – seeds of T.C. lily, Juneberries, &
butterflyweed. Already planted there: fringed gentian, viper's bugloss, winterberry, blue cohosh, etc.

Friday, July 8

Fine day.
Turned hose on windows.
At school this aft Dug into school bills Kept hose going until late this evening.
Conferred with Mr Sandwick this A M. about a possible trip to the Yellowstone country.

Saturday, July 9

Fine day, growing sultry. Thunder storms impending.
To city on 9:34. To Dow Optical Co to get Mother's glasses recemented To Mr Tenn[u?]ant's to
negotiate a two year loan to clear off payments on the house. To Ec. Drug Co for astringosol; Sweet
Wallach for camera supplies; sugar (brown) & marmalade, shoe polish. Home at 2:30. To the
Louderback-Mason wedding at Episc Church at 4:30. Then to reception at the Louderback home. Fine
time
This evening planted a lot of choice petunia seed in a special bed at school Arranged waterlily tubs
in place in pool & turned on more water. - - Gave Mr E.C. Holcombe of Zion some of our bird bands

Sunday, July 10

A beautiful day. Warm but not oppressive
I took a fine walk into the Skokie – north from W. Park Ave into Sweeny's woods and out via
Washington Ave. Thence by trolley home
Flocking of bobolinks; Turks cap opening here & there; white fringed o., asclepias purpurascens &
exaltata, rudbeckia h., waahoo, elderberry, in full blossom Anemone P. lingers, aquilegia in seed;
After a nap this aft. trolley to Ft Sheridan Walked through rifle range ravine to bluff & lounged
there an hour or so – Lake a most beautiful sight Then walked down shore home
Lysimachia

Monday, July 11

Fine. Warmer Sultry and late in day thunderstorm & some rain
At school some this A M. . . .
Talked before Kenilworth Garden Club this aft at the home of Mrs Johnson Fine time Lantern
slides Operated myself.
Board meeting this evening. S.R. Lewis there to advise about proposed changes in heating plant.
Other business transacted
Recd 25⁰⁰ for my aft. talk

Tuesday, July 12

Warm. Sultry. Heavy shower during morning.

Met Dr Fritsch & Mrs Childs at school & planned program of repairs Had Curry & Winter there this aft to prepare estimates.

Long conf. with Mrs Redheffer about work of her children

Clarence came late this aft. After supper we all had a fine ride over Deerfield way

Wednesday, July 13

Still warm & very sultry, but cooler late aft – Then at 7:30 tremendous downpour of rain – with thunder & lightning.

I mowed my yard and parkway this A M. Then to school for an interview with Mr Yowell about painting & decorating.

Then Clarence came & took Mr Bartoli & me to Mooney's Pond to get fish for our pool – not especially successful

This aft I hoed nearly all my garden

Late aft Clarence and I went in auto to Evanston & back

After supper all of us drove to Lake Forest & while there got caught in the great downpour which stayed with us all the way home & held us in the machine for a time at the corner of the house

Thursday, July 14

Gray. Clearing. Cool

Clarence went to city this A M & came out late aft with Clara Webb of Decatur and her niece, Frances Webb. We all went to Green Tea Pot for supper, then had a fine ride around H.P. afterwards

At school this A M. After lunch tramped out into the Skokie with my camera & took pictures of purple milkweed, poke milkweed & turk's cap lily The milkweeds were past their prime. - - On meadow east of this place (Sweeney's Woods) I found a number of fine specimens of habenaria l.

Friday, July 15

Started out clear. Sultry. Heavy rain about 3:00 P.M.

After breakfast Clarence took me to the edge of Sweeney's Woods & I brot away a super-specimen of Turk's Cap Lily, some Habenaria l., Asclep. p & ex; etc.

C & the girls left before nine. - - I went with Mrs Childs & Wilson to school & we planned renovating our costume cabinet.

Then I set up my properties & began photographing Took during the day 3 – 5x7; & 10 – 3¼x4¼. Also 5x7 view of our side fence. Developed 10 plates.

After supper walked out to Cunninghams & they & the Leech's & I came back in C's machine, & visited at our house a while.

Saturday, July 16

Warm. Sultry. Windy.

Developed a number of plates today. Experimented with camera stand and short focus lens. Mr Leech helped a while

Cut some of the Canada thistles on my neighbor's lot this evening

Sunday, July 17

Gray at first. Clearing. Fine Cool.

Left with Mr Cunningham & Mr Leech in Mr C's auto at 6:20 and was at Tremont by 9:10. Prof. Frank's class came there by auto & train & after we went with them a ways, Mr L. & I turned off & spent the day on the Furnessville trail & in the woods near Kaiser. We walked the railroad right of way back to Tremont – and from here we three started back in our auto.

Butterflyweed today. Aletris farinosa, polygala sanguinea, typha angustifolia, habenaria lacera, etc.

Monday, July 18

Fine day.

Clarence took me out W.P. Ave to photog. a fine spec. of saponaria vaccaria, but I found the scythe had leveled everything. Picked up part of the plant & photog'd it in my room. Photo of lily cup, also.

Edgar Eisenstadt & a friend (Mandelbaum) called to discuss a problem they are working on. I lent him the school microscope with the condensing lens

Hoed in my garden

Clarence took us for a ride to Wauk this A M I called at the Co. Treas office & found that Mr Duffy's assessor's books are not yet in

This evening we took a ride to Libertyville & Diamond Lake

Wild four-o'clock entirely through blooming.

Tuesday, July 19

After a dash of rain this morning it cleared, and day was fine – and cool.

Finished hoeing in garden before it rained This aft mowed everything. This evening set tomato stakes

Met Mr Butler this A M & had friendly conf. He left his keys

This aft at school desk a while Two phone messages to Mr Fout today. One conf with Mr Dooley.

Clarence D. drove me to N.W. Univ. this A.M. and I had a conf with head of Bureau of Rec., Miss Cravens, over candidate for Sec.

M, K. E. & Clarence went out to Long Lake a while this aft. - - I met the janitors over at G.B. garden & planned some work.

– – I hoed there an hour or so.

Wednesday, July 20

Cool. Fine.

Planted twenty hills or so of Stowell's Evergreen at G.B. site - - - Gave Yowell a copy of specifications to use in estimating cost of painting - - Met Brown & Tennant at Strenger's office & signed a note for 3264.00 to be paid in 24 monthly installments This covers my note at Highwood Bank for 1870.00; a bill of Brown's for 727.21; of Curry for 91.50 and finance charge 575.00. Kittie went with me to notary Duffy & signed documents - - -

Clarence D & I left by auto at 2:30 – L. Zurich, Crystal Lake, Woodstock, Harvard, Walworth, Darien, Whitewater, Ft. Atkinson & 5 mi. farther on at Hoard's Hotel at Lake Koshkanong. 102 miles – 3½ hr. Old fashioned hotel on high terrace overlooking lake Quiet. Attractive. - - - Very interesting ride

34 ½	$3\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{102}$	35
3 ½	<u>9</u>	3 ½
1 ½	<u>12</u>	105
102		<u>17</u>
117		122

Thursday, July 21

Rained heavily (Lake Koshkonong) late night & deluge this A.M. C & I set out at 9:30 in face of a black sky but clouds blew everyway, & no rain struck us. To Ft. Atkinson, Whitewater, Lagrange, Elkhorn, Lake Geneva – Kenosha, Zion, Wauk & home at 5:30.

We drove entirely around L. Geneva, visited grounds of Yerkes Observatory, & North Western M. & N. Acad – Col. Davidson was not there. Lunch at L. Geneva - - At Wauk bot pkt of G.B. corn

Big events of today: the approach of the chain of hills near Elkhorn, the scenery about L. Geneva. Planted 15 or so hills of G.B. corn at G.B. site this evening.

K & E. went to city today.

Friday, July 22

A fine day Still cool

E & C. went home this A.M. I was at school most of day Spent some time touring the grounds using my pruning shears. The stone mason began to lay the curbing in the sunken garden.

I reset a few calendulas this evening.

Saturday, July 23

Fine day.

Conf. with Mrs Childs at office Then took 9:42 for Chic. To Geo B. Carpenter's to arrange for estimate on an awning for kg terrace. To A B. Dick to look up mimeo. Sweet Wallach for camera supplies; Carson Pirie's to look up linoleum & shades. Lunch at Sandwich Shop. An hour at Oriental Theatre Back to office at school. – Then to help out in our canning of peaches went to L.F. & Wauk to try to get wire clamps for jar caps. No avail. By this time it was 7:30. I dressed to go to Ravinia with Mrs Klee. Great performance of Fedora

Sunday, July 24

Fine cool day.

At home all day save for a walk late aft in Skokie meadows

Turks cap still linger; Asclepias p. through & not fruiting; great displays of Rudbeckia h. Culvers root just beginning; a species of goldenrod, do. A few specimens of prairie dock opening buds

Monday, July 25

Fine day Gray occasionally.

Sprinkled a great deal today.

Met Yowell at school this A.M. and awarded him the painting – calcimining contract, after quizzing him about his estimates – which are very low.

Worked at school much of day. Entertained two visitors. Also visited with Alden & Mrs Green

The Craigs spent the evening with us

Tuesday, July 26

Fine, warm day

At school much of time. In dental chair – Dr Hamilton – 10:30. At 12:00 met shade man, Carson Pirie. Their linoleum man came at 2:00. Ag't for cleaning solutions came

This evening sprinkled lawn. Trimmed off sprouts of apple tree infested with aphids. Burned them.

This A.M. sprayed my two dwarf apple trees for aphids. Ditto nasturtiums.

Geo Bowden called this evening to instruct me in the duties of a judge for tomorrow's parade

Wednesday, July 27

Warm day!

Acted as one of the judges in the parade – Highland Park Day. This took until 12:30. Didn't return to the Park after that.

Mr Leech came late afternoon & we went to school bldg a while.

At my desk at school until 10:00 P.M.

Thursday, July 28

Very warm day

At school most of time Met agent for Geo B. Carpenter who measured kg front for an awning. Agent for Plymouth Press called and given an order

Hoed the plants in the sunken garden. Mr Leech and I turned more water into the pool.

I soaked the garden and most of the parkways

Friday, July 29

Heavy showers in the night. Cooler – this evening much cooler

At school this A.M. & part of P.M.

Yowell's men began calcimining.

Some of the men & I looked over the attic & planned its overhauling

Mr Leech & I went out to his place, then along the county line road this aft. - - Asclepias sullivanti in bloom; silphium laciniatum, eryngium, asclepias ratibida, etc. - - - We brot back 6 species of butterflies which I mounted this evening.

Mr Durbahn called to announce rooms to rent

Saturday, July 30

Mother's 85th birthday!

Fine day.

Photog in my den most of A M. Went over to G.B. Garden to ph. fine colony of chicory but wind interfered. Photos of Queen Anne's Lace, 4 or 5: of b. e. susans; Developed 12 plates – 3¼ x 4¼.

Mowed my lawn.

Met Mr Guyot & Armstrong & Son of Glencoe to examine school roofing this aft.

Met Dorothy Marsh of Libertyville, candidate for secretarial position.

Sunday, July 31

Beautiful day.

Dr Sheldon called a few min. this A M and gave me copy of bulletin on classification of birds' eggs

Mrs Ruwitch called and took me to their place to look over their trees and advise with them

Arthur & Lennie came at 10:30. Ruth was away at a house party & did not come

This aft. we had a fine auto ride to Mundelein, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest

Monday, August 1

Fine day. Turned much cooler

Arthur & L. left this A.M.

I went to city on 9:34 with Mrs Fritsch & Herbert We went to navy recruiting office in Transportation Bldg to try to secure H's enlist. Greatly disappointed to find him under age, 16 yr. 2-mo. - I went to Rand McNally to leave four post road maps to be mounted as one. - - To Sweet. W. for camera supplies; Vaughn's for Vermine; Fout's office & then Bliss' for conf. on school affairs

This evening scouted for traces of caterpillar of tussock moth. Found reason to anticipate an epidemic.

Tuesday, August 2

A fine day Quite cool this A M

Hoed garden today.

Photographed – several exposures – chicory colony on G.B. grounds. Hoed my own planting of Stowells Evergreen there

Developed 6 plates. Went to Waukegan to interview Mr Simpson for the School Board – about the distributable fund. He & Mrs S. back only yesterday from trip to Seattle & Alaska. - - The fund not to be available for 2 or 3 weeks.

– — Interviewed Circuit Clerk Wilmot about naturalization case of Adeodato Fontana & got some valuable hints about presenting his petition in October. - - Wrote an article for Press about addition to aud. (proposed)

Wednesday, August 3

A lovely day. Cool in the night.

Spent some time at school today.

Called on Howard Kuist & his wife this A.M. & they came over to our house for an hour late this aft.

Had Winter examined several window sills & authorized him to sheath with sheet iron Conferred with Yowell over the calcimining.

Mrs Geo. Bowden brot her friend Miss Scott, a Chic. teacher interested in dramatics to interview me about a teaching venture. Fine interview.

I went down to Mr. Eisendrath's for dinner. Fine visit Chatted over European experiences While there met Dr & Mrs Julius Lackner, Dr & Mrs Frank

Thursday, August 4

Fine day. Warmer. Then sultry. Showers at 10:00 P.M.

Howard Kuist and I drove out, stopping on W. Park Avenue to explore wild flower meadow (too windy for camera), then drove on & home via G.B. Road

At school this aft. Sent out number of orders

This evening at 6:00 O'clock dinner at the Zukowski's, meeting Glenn Dillard Gunn & two of the Z's friends now at Moraine Fine time.

Then at 8:00 to Library Board meeting. Spirited affair. Plans for new bldg focus of discussion.

Borrowed 500⁰⁰ at H.P. Bank today. 90 days

[Glenn Dillard Gunn (1874-1963) was a music critic for the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Herald Examiner*. – ed.]

Friday, August 5

Fine day.

This A.M. prepared a bed for milkweeds, etc. Applied vermine to roots of asters.

This aft. worked on school program. At school a while.

This evening to Ravinia Park – Fra Diavolo. Not a very compelling opera. Mr & Mrs Watson brot me home

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

Saturday, August 6

Rain very early this A.M. Then at 1:00 P.M. Then very sultry.

To Chic. on 8:34. To Fields for velour and to inquire about chairs. Sweet Wallach for negatives & loading block. Field Museum for two hours. Home at 2:30. Worked at my desk. Then at 5:20 M., K, & I were picked up by Miss Josephine Jewett & taken out to their party – given by the Zontians, a business group (women). Fine time. Came home at 11:00. Rain storm coming on

Sunday, August 7

Fine day.

M & I went to Lake Forest to church and heard Mr Draper preach a good sermon

When we got home we found Edith & D here. After dinner they took Mother away with them

Late this aft. it rained very heavily

Monday, August 8

Fine day until aft. Then very heavy rain.

At school this A.M. Met Dr Ingall's friend – Lessie Lockhart who inquired about position here

This aft. Frank Lauridsen called. Been three yr. in Los Angeles. Studying for ministry (Presby). Wholesome appearing.

This evening went to Highwood looking for specimens

Tuesday, August 9

Fine day. Cool.

In dental chair – Dr Hamilton, this A.M.

Four to 6:30 a tramp out into Skokie

This evening at desk at school a while.

Met Elisha Morgan & his son, Donald, this evening. Here from Seattle. Drove through.

One stalk of habenaria psycodes today. Physostegia well represented. Only one stalk of cardinal flower

Wednesday, August 10

Fine day. Warmer

Went down into Skokie & took 6 photos of prairie dock. Cut aspen poles & made framework for background & hung up velour drapes. Developed neg. this evening.

To city on 11:30. To Dr. McDaniels for xray of two upper teeth to which Dr Hamilton proposes to attach a crown. To Bausch & Lomb to order a lens board. To Sweet W. to order another & buy dozen plates. Consulted Mr Barnard about a 1A, Series III – 29⁰⁰ for Alden Greene. To Fields to arrange for a conf with Mr Hanlon over chairs. Mr Guyot called this evening to confer over repairs.

Thursday, August 11

Fine day. Warmer. Growing gray. A little sultry.

At home much of day. Took 4 pictures in my den. Developed 6 negatives. Mowed the yard.

Met Mrs Edith C. Reinardy at school and offered her position of sewing teacher at 1175⁰⁰ – 3 days a week. She accepted. Is highly recommended by Supt Nygaard - - Husband a dentist in Evanston

Edgar Eisenstadt called for an hour this aft.

I went by trolley to Acadmy station & collected flowering spurge & butter and eggs there

Friday, August 12

Threatening & warm Light shower late aft. (Shower in night)

Worked about yard two hours. Then at school & to Dr Hamilton's office Again at his office at 3:45.

Arthur, Lennie, & Ruth arrived this evening – to take us on an auto journey tomorrow.

I photographed specimen of butter-and-eggs & of flowering spurge in my den.

Saturday, August 13

Left – Arthur, Lennie, Kittie & I this A.M by auto – Elgin, Rockford, Freeport, Galena, Dubuque, McGregor (Iowa), by 9:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 14

Left at 10:30 for Prairie du Chien, Sauk Center, Prairie du Sac, Devils Lake, Baraboo, Kilbourne.

Monday, August 15

Boat trip through the Upper Dells then at 10:30 left for Portage, Madison, Janesville, Delevan, L. Geneva, Kenosha, - - Zion, Waukegan, Highland Park (9:00 P.M).

Tuesday, August 16

Fine day. Quite cool in night. - - - Suggestion of rain this evening.

A & I went out to photograph rosin weed but found no blooms Brot in specimens in general and this aft. took 5 photographs Not very successful (Developed this evening) –

In dentist's chair at 1:00 & 4:00.

Lennie & Ruth went to Ravinia Park this evening. A & I met them at Vine Ave station at 10:45.

Wednesday, August 17

Fine day. Cool

L., A, & Ruth went home this A M.

I had an appointment with Dr Hamilton at 8:30. At school a short time this A.M.

Photographed this aft. in my den & developed 6 plates. Principal subject – Queen Anne's Lace

– At special meeting of library board this evening. – There – Beardsley , Eitel, Fitt, Garnett, Everett. Passed resolution to ask approval of council for power to levy 150 000. over a period of 7 years – for new bldg.

Thursday, August 18

More or less gray. Cool Very light shower after noon

Mowed yard. Hoed asters & calendulas and applied vermine to their roots.

Sprinkled west lawn, etc.

Worked over flowers some.

At school a while Ag't for Beckley-C. came

Mrs Kirkland & Zana called this evening. Have been into Yellowstone Co.

Friday, August 19

Light showers – little more than drizzle. Cool.

Met with Mrs Millard and Mr Mann at office to check up specifications for addition to aud.

To city on 9:34 To C & O. office to look up time tables for a proposed trip to Randolph, Va Sweet, W. for negative envelopes.

Visited Brentano, Kroch & Fields to try to get a book on southern wild flowers. No success. Broke home a copy of Wells' Meanwhile. Home by 1:45. Spent hour & a half in dentist chair, then worked at school. Again in chair from 6:00 to 7:30. Set bridge in place, anchored to two vital teeth
Sprinkled some late this evening.

Saturday, August 20

Fine day. Sunny.

Sprinkled at odd times today. At school most of day

This evening our neighbors, Mr & Mrs Newman, & Mr & Mrs Chapin & their friend, Miss Knapp, came & I entertained them with some flower pictures.

Clarence came in this evening from Kenosha. Broke the latest letters from Junior in Europe

Sunday, August 21

Beautiful day.

Mother arrived with Edith & Clarence D. An hour later Clarence Smith left for Decatur, and Edith & Clarence D. left a half hour later.

Late this aft. we visited the Chapins in their garden.

This evening the Sundell's spent with us.

Monday, August 22

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Tuesday, August 23

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Generally, Mr. Smith did not record entries in his diary when he traveled away from Highland Park. However, he kept notes of some travels and recorded the entries onto 4¼" x 7¼" sheets of blank paper. Holes punched in the left margin of these sheets indicate that they were once contained in a loose-leaf notebook. The August 23 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Log – Aug 23, 1927

Left at 11:25 from 12th St – Big Four. Porter .35; Trolley .40; R R & Pullman 14⁰¹ Sultry. Cooled off in night.

Cincinnati at 8:20, Eastern time Breakf 1⁰⁰ Papers, etc .15.

Read of death of Sacco and Vanzetti at breakfast.

Half of passengers in station colored.

11:05 A.M. Maysville, Ky. Covington & Newport with a yellow channel between. The great heights of Cincinnati opposite - - - Panorama of broad stream, wooded heights looking down – stern wheelers splashing along; old fashioned houses; ailanthus, elms & sycamores; the slitted windows right under eaves; iron weed & chicory & wild lettuce; corn; tobacco, now & then; U S. dam

Wednesday, August 24

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 24 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

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Richmond Va.

Monticello etc.

Aug 24, 1927.

Comfortably cool night. Left C F at 9:35. Moderately warm. Fine ride. First along the upper James. Then across into the upper reaches of the Shenandoah. To Staunton. Then on. Great tunnel near Afton. Mountain barrier left behind. Two engines to our train. Charlottesville looked well from R.R. Here changed to another train & on to Richmond. Much of the country looks like cutover land reforested.

Bright red soil. Some Clover. Corn and grass

At R. went to Jefferson Hotel. Beautiful. Bath & a nap. At six went down to capitol grounds. Read labels on trees. Crawford's equestrian Washington. Statue of Jackson - - - Dinner at Richmond House. Saw Chang at Movie House

Chang

Rain

Covered Wagon

Nanook

Moana

The china berry tree

Melia Azederach

Nyssa biflora

Ulmus alata

Magnolia grandiflora

Hotel 1.50 + .25; breaff. 1⁰⁰; luncheon 1.15; supper 1.50

Taxi .80; porter .50. Movie .50

Note: the fine panorama as one emerged from the tunnel at Afton, looking down into rich valleys and back at the mt. barrier through which we had come

This A.M. bot copy of T. Nelson Page's The Old South. Inquired at three bookstores for a book on southern wild flowers – but nothing had.

Beautiful Tiffany windows in St. Pauls'.

The Houdon Washington impressive in the setting there. The Crawford monument should not be repeated.

Richmond seems to be quite modern in its tone. I realize that Decatur, Ill. was really southern in tone – buildings, etc. - - At Richmond the square brick houses with green blinds, severe fronts, decorated cornices; porticoes with columns, recessed or otherwise.

Oxydendron arboreum

Thursday, August 25

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 25 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

August 25, 1927

Gray. Cool. Threatening & rain by 12:30.

Visited the Capitol, St Paul's Church, and St. Johns, famous for various things, including Patrick Henry's speech

Then I came away at 1:00 o'clock on the Southern R.R. to Randolph – thru largely unproductive country, it seemed. At 4:07 – met by Miss Goddard, Elizabeth & Annette – most cordially. Met Russel Jones & a Mr Cheney, also. Eliz. "drove" the Ford & so we came up the plantation, past the "big house" and on to "Pine Hill", the cabin where the girls stay. Mine a few hundred yards father on is Russel Jones' house. Modern equipment. No one to occupy it but me!

Hotel 4.16

Taxi 1.75
R R. 4.96 + 28
Books 2.00 + 50

Friday, August 26

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 26 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Friday, Aug 26, 1927

This A.M. we drove to Saxe to get auto repairs & on to Charlotte Court House. Here we visited the old court house, dating back about 1825 & were shown courtesy by Mr Fitzgerald, clerk of County Supt Bobbett. Talked over antiquities of county, etc. Shown some teachers' correspondence. Fine ride to and fro. After dinner, Mrs Cheney came over & volunteered to go with us a few mi. to Dowell, home of Misses Bessie & Mattie Gaines, the former a retired teacher.

Fine old brick mansion, date of 1818. Three courses of brick made a moulding under eaves. Plaster lintels with sunburst designs on keystones. Porch columns of plaster (concrete). - - Broad hall, handsome stairs. Elaborate & beautiful paneling. Furniture dating back to early days of the house

The majestic trees in the "park" & garden. One white oak over five feet in diam. Spread of 80 feet or so. Elms almost as large. A post oak also. Fine holly trees, magnolias, ailanthus, box, osage orange. Went through old fashioned garden. Cape jasmine, roses, rose of Sharon, etc.

This evening Russel Jones & Mr & Mrs Cheney called & we had a fine exchange of reminiscences of Highland Park

Saturday, August 27

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 27 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday, Aug 27, 1927

Threatening and cool.

We had a picnic party. Set out in the Ford with Mrs Cheney, and followed later by Mr Cheney and Mr Jones in the latter's machine. We had lunch in a glade on a long island in Roanoke R., near its junction with the Dan, & then visited "Prestwoud", near Clarkesville. We had a letter of introduction but could not get into the mansion until the negro custodian returned from town & even then had to make a hurried inspection because the owner and a weekend party were expected shortly & the caretaker did not wish them to see strangers there.

Wonderful four poster beds; day bed and a crib with arching frames over head. Remnants of gorgeous wallpaper in dining room. Brilliantly colored upholstery in drawing room. Rich paneling & carving. Lovely old stairway and overhanging balcony It would be a delight to spend a whole day admiring this partially restored house.

The dressed stone walls about the estate The burial ground – partially in ruins. Sir Peyton Skipwith's tomb

(Died .1805).

coat of arms, inscription in French acknowledging that without God man can do nothing. That of lady Margaret, whose imported piano we saw in the drawing room. – Broad slabs laid face up on brick or stone foundations. A few other graves in the walled enclosure The great bush of large and fragrant white roses.

The great spread of lawn (poorly kept). Crape myrtles, pecan trees, mimosa, elm, white oaks, two trees I could not identify.

One white oak near the front of the mansion was at least 6' -6" in diam, five above ground and had a spread of perhaps 90 feet. Holley trees with ivy climbing all about them. Box trees.

A severly square brick house, shuttered windows, Wide entrance porch with pedimented front. Dentils edged with narrow moulding – all about this & cornice of bldg. - - The fan device in dining room. The pictures of birds dating to 1736. A former owner, Goddard of Peoria who restored much of the sadly mutilated furniture & hangings, but who because of a bereavement lost interest & sold the place. Present owner – a Judge Hughes, perhaps “Colonel.”

Sunday, August 28

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of George J. Smith of Lexington, Illinois. George J. Smith was born in Selma, Illinois on March 16, 1863. In 1887, he graduated from the Evergreen Business College in Bloomington, and, a year later, married Emma Lindsay, the daughter of his partner at the Lindsay General Store. They had one son, Milton, who died in 1919. Mrs. Smith died in 1899. George J. Smith was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Lexington and for twenty-five years immediately preceding his death was a member of the Lexington Board of Education. All businesses in Lexington closed during his funeral service. (See entries for August 31, 1912; June 16, 1913, April 4 and 14, 1914, and September 28, 1927.) – ed.]

[The August 28 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Sunday, Aug 28, 1927

Fine day. Not much of a program. Russel Jones had dinner with us and we learned some very interesting things of him. Mr Sargent, manager of Mr Tittsworth's chain of stores, our nearest neighbor, called in the evening with his daughter Marian. Very intelligent & interesting man.

Monday, August 29

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The August 29 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Monday, Aug 29, 1927

Fine day. This A M we had an expedition to “Mt Bowman”. Drove a mile or so, parked the machine, & walked along an easy road to a wooded summit – too many trees for a view. Then we explored a rich ravine with fine beech trees. Found ground pine, rattle snake plantain, ginger, & beech drops, the latter in blossom.

This aft. collected leaves & made a pkg to take home. This evening we called on the Tittsworths for a half hour or so, then went over to the big house to visit Mrs Cheney, Gerald & his wife, Nelson Cheney & Russel Jones. A delightful time. Old Mrs Cheney a woman of fine charm.

The great view at the Tittsworth place The map of the two hemispheres at Cheney's. “Marsyloa”. The old text by Prof Wm Barton (1817) on medicinal plants of Va. The pewter mug once owned by Oliver Cromwell

Investigating the papaw. The starling. The great trees near the dairy. The tobacco industry. “Bright tobacco.” This area in strips peculiarly adapted for cigarette tobacco. Curing the tobacco. Ovens. Regulation of temperature. “Gritty soil.” Glistening sand seemed to be disintegrated mica schist. Here are the old crystalline rocks as contrasted with the sedimentary rocks of the Alleghany plateau.

Pres. Alderman and Ambassador Page and the remarkable progress of N.C. of recent years. The Duke fortune and the university to be.

The Elizabethan vocabulary. "Squized" for squeezed. "Wracks" for clouds.

Lunch 1.25

Service .50

Picture 2.00

[Gerald and Nelson Cheney were the sons of Clarence C. Cheney, founder of the Western Bank Note and Engraving Company (established in 1864) and president of the Columbian Bank Note Company, two Chicago companies. According to his *Chicago Daily Tribune* obituary, Clarence Cheney was born in Albany, New York in 1838 and came to Chicago just before the Great Fire of 1871. He had a summer residence on Prospect Avenue in Highland Park until 1902 when he moved with his family to Roanoke, the Virginia estate of John Randolph. Marsyloin was Clarence Cheney's mother. - ed.]

Tuesday, August 30

[no entry on this day - ed.]

[The August 30 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Tuesday, Aug 30, 1927

I left Randolph at 8:12 this A.M. Miss G & the girls drove me down and saw me off. Richmond at 11:50. To Jefferson H. for lunch. Picked up my laundry there. Then to Confederate Museum (Battle Abbey - The White House of the Confederacy). Very interesting relics of Lee, Jackson, et. al. Pressed for time. Visited with the regent and got name of photographer she recommends for supplementary pictures of Lee

H.P. Cook

107 East Grace St

Richmond

Bot colored print of Gen Lee. 2⁰⁰.

Came away at 2:40 for Charlottesville getting here at 5:25. Rather warm & dusty ride.

To Hotel Gleason. Hot bath & shave.

Read today (re-read) much of Mrs Pryor's book.

This evening after dark strolled up street to grounds of U. of Va & sauntered there awhile.

Wednesday, August 31

[no entry on this day - ed.]

[The August 31 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Aug 31, 1927

At Charlottesville. Not unpleasantly warm. Gray. A few raindrops

Took a bus at 9:40 for Monticello. About 3 miles. Winding drive up the "little mt" Past the burying ground Then to entrance

A very satisfying visit. Bot of Mrs Thurman in charge of bookstore - Wilstach's J & M & a pamphlet by Kimball, et. al. - - - Servants' quarters Tunnels - Magnificent views. - - Entrance - Clock - Bust by ; fireplaces, doors, ceilings; J's bedroom; qua[int?] and tiny & artistic stairs; the secret place of the guards; various rooms; detached study; the little house first occupied; ivy in bloom; great tulip tree; beech;

My companion who first went to school near Monticello in 1862; now a New Yorker.

This aft to U. of Va. Beautiful, beautiful pile of bldgs. The "lawn"; the Tuscan colonnades; the Rotunda; the Cabell Hall; the series of professor's apartments. The gardens. The statues of Jefferson.

Out in the city.

Statue of Lewis & Clark.

George Rogers Clark

Robt E. Lee

Stonewall Jackson

First M.E. South

At Monticello

2.00

5.50

1.50

At U of Va bookstore

2.95

Hotel 5.40

Sleeper 5.36

Porters .80

Barber .50

Thursday, September 1

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The September 1 travel entry is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday, Sept 1, 1927

Left Charlottesville last night at 10:15 – got up this A.M. as we were approaching Huntington, W. Va. Had another interesting ride along the Ohio for some hours. Cincin. at 12:30. Caught the Big Four 1:00 for Chic. Sam Holmes got on at Indianap & we ate dinner together. Came to H.P. & home together. I finished Willstach's J & Monticello today. Thrilled.

Porters .75

Meals 1.15

1.35

1.70

R.R. 11.76

~~Cab.~~ " .80

Papers, etc. .55

Friday, September 2

A warm tho not oppressive day

Met Miss Marsh, the new sec., at 9:00 & we worked all day at the office. This evening I called on Mr & Mrs Geo Jones, Mrs J. in bed, & talked over Virginia with them.

Sprinkled yard after that until 10:00.

Saturday, September 3

Bright day. Cooler

Miss Marsh & I worked at school nearly all day. Edgar Nelson worked 3 or 4 hours this aft – unpacking books

After supper mowed small part of lawn; set the hose going. Edgar E. called a while.

At four Mr Leech & I went into Skokie to scout about & to see his house.

Sunday, September 4

Fine day.

M & I went to church & heard a fine talk by Dr. McClure

This aft. the Clows invited us to go riding & while they were on their way here the Pattees came to take me out. We excused ourselves & went for a nice ride with the Clows

Developed some negatives this evening.

Monday, September 5

Labor Day,

Fine day.

Mowed lawn Then to school. Mr Van Dyke came & we worked together much of day. Miss Florence Miller came with her sister & I gave them some time to try to find a room for her.

Some visitors were to be shown about.

At 4:00 Mr V. & I quit & went off in Mr Cunningham's auto with Messrs Leach & Hawkins to Wauk Flats. Home at 8:00. Found one fringed gentian opening. Liatris nearly through.

Tuesday, September 6

Fine. Warm. Then brief rain at 8:00 P M

Mr Vandyke & I worked together much today. Edgar Jenkins helped Miss Marsh with book store preparations Louis Smith washed windows. Teachers came in today.

Teachers' meeting at 1:30. Fine time

Various people to interview us today.

This evening at home; sprinkled a while. Worked on my notes.

Wednesday, September 7

First Day of School

Very warm. Sultry. Threatening thunder storm went over with a slight dash of rain at 8:00 P.M

School opened auspiciously with an assembly; new teachers were presented, etc. Very busy day.

No afternoon session. Conferences in aft.

Mr Vandyke & I worked until 10 this evening.

Miss Dorsch visited us today.

Thursday, September 8

Very sultry. Rain during morning. Cooler by 4:00 P.M.

Closed school at noon. Teacher conferences this aft.

Conf. with Mr. Platt at H-S. over Latin teaching this aft.

Mr Leech and I worked at book store this evening assembling parts of nature note books

Friday, September 9

Still sultry.

Another very busy day. Mrs Kuh & I conferred & agreed that she would spend two mornings a week helping make records of kg children. Mrs Creigh & I had a conf. I conferred with 8A's about having Latin class

Mrs Weston called to confer over Melody Way classes; Mr. Anderson about violin classes, etc.

Mrs W. is not to try to push things because of lack of place for class work. Mr. A. is to come again on Tuesday.

I set out about 20 seedling hollyhocks after supper; also some roots of butterflyweed (asclepias t.) which Miss Sands had dug up for me in Michigan.

Mrs Beers gave us a friendly call this evening. Later I met with Mr Vandyke & Miss Grunewald to discuss history.

Saturday, September 10

Still warm & humid but cooler this evening.

Miss Marsh & Mr V. & I worked in office all morning. Then Mr V. & I with Mr Fout until 4:00. I then went up to Mrs Childs to see her garden & brot home some plants, anchusa, canterbury bells, foxglove, - - I dug up all our lilies & got the new bed ready. By that time it was too dark to continue.

K & I were over to the Riddles this evening to hear the radio work

Sunday, September 11

Warm but tempering breezes.

Looked over the school garden, then spent the rest of the morning at home. At 12:30 the Pattees picked me up & we visited first a tamarack swamp near Wauconda (C.K. Werden), then the swamps on the grounds of the Pistaqua Country Club north of Volo. Home by 7:00. Fringed gentians in bloom both places; great blue lobelia; coreopsis; gerardia, N.E. asters, poison sumac, winter berries, choke berry, bog birch, etc

Mr & Mrs Eugene Hintz visited us this evening.

Yesterday I soaked the roots of some of the asters & calendulas with Vermine to try to head off the onslaught of aphid trouble (roots)

Monday, September 12

Very warm & sultry.

Closed school at 2:40.

A busy day.

Board meeting this evening.

Brot in today – a female grosbeak, injured but lively. A female redstart flew in the office window & stayed a while.

Tuesday, September 13

Probably hottest day of season, thus far. In school rooms from 82° to 92°!

This evening I soaked back yard & some of parkways

Teachers' meeting, short, at 3:00. Dismissed at 2:40.

Mr. Anderson, musician, came to confer with Miss Quick about violin classes, etc.

Wednesday, September 14

Very hot.

This aft. the fruit, vegetable & flower exhibit.

Also: the pet show. Quite successful. Sent the children home afterward. A pony cart, three saddle horses, 30 or 40 dogs, 15 or 20 cats, pigeons, chickens, turtles, goldfishes, sparrow hawk, ducks, a large king snake,

This evening I went to reception at Mr Fitt's. Fine time. Sundells brot me home in machine

Miss Jewett called at 5:30 for a while.

I used the hose on the front lawn.

Thursday, September 15

Another severely hot day. Had no school this aft. Chicago schools closed entirely.

Finished up our flower & vegetable ex. this A.M. Mrs Childs & Miss Johnson, judges.

This aft I did not go back to school. Had a nap & at 2:00 drop in temp. began. Sky overcast. Heavy rainstorm from Winnetka so. to Rogers Park. None here – few rain drops

I took adv. of the cooler air to excavate for lily & canterbury bell beds. Hauled out 10 wheel barrow loads, replaced with soil hauled here for me by Ugolini. - - Planted 10 c. bells & 8 foxglove. Reset all our bulbs. Drenched some of the flower beds & young trees

Friday, September 16

Sultry – but cooler than yesterday. Finally, delightful evening. We had no school this aft but I had a conf with teachers of grades 4 – 8 inclusive

I dug out clay to widen flower bed along front of west fence & filled with loose dirt

Went with Mr Ewell to the Ullrich house at Wilmette to Directors' meeting – North Shore Art League Fine. Planned sale of tickets to course of six lectures by DC Watson; program for next meeting, Sept 29; and Saturday classes for children.

Saturday, September 17

A very warm day, but not so oppressive as yest. Grew much cooler at evening

Wm Rose worked for me all day & I worked with him until 10:00 Took out clay lumps all along south fence & filled in with loose soil Reset some bocconias and two d. hollyhocks. Mr. R also mowed yard everywhere, etc This evening I watered backyard & sprinkled part of front.

This aft at 4:30 to reception by ex Mayor & Mrs Hastings & Miss Moore. Fine time. Visited with Mrs Moseley, Sampsell, Elizabeth Morrison, Elizabeth Buckley, Helen Willets, et. al.

Sunday, September 18

Heavy and most satisfying rains in the night. Wind & sunshine today, and cool!

To church M & K. at home M. under the weather.

After a nap this aft, I took trolley for M Elect. offices at Highwood & tramped over into Sweeny's woods and down the Skokie to West Park Ave.

Monday, September 19

Beautiful autumn day Seemed cool enough in the night for frost.

A Chippewa, Peake by name, appeared at A M exercises to adv. his entert. to be given after school Wednesday

This aft 15 or 20 of us went down to the Boynton house to see the Browere portrait busts. Mrs Millard showed us about. Had a delightful time.

This day Mr Brown's men came and changed the shelves in my book case so that I could accomodate the books better and this evening I began the big task of replacing the books

Spent a half hour at P.T.A. committee meeting at Mrs Law's this aft

[John Henri Isaac Browere (1790-1834), sculptor and painter, made a series of life masks and busts of famous people. Among his subjects were the Marquis de Lafayette, Dolly Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Admiral David Porter, De Witt Clinton, Henry Clay, Gilbert Stuart, and Martin Van Buren. Browere died of cholera in 1834. On his deathbed he directed his family to box up his life masks and store them away for forty year. They reappeared in 1876 when Browere's son, Albertus, exhibited them at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The collection may have consisted of as many as sixty busts. After Albertus' death in 1887, the collection was divided between his two daughters. Some busts were accidentally

broken and others sold. In 1924, the surviving busts, around forty-four, were acquired by Browere's greatgranddaughter, Mrs. Charles T. Boynton, [Elizabeth Millard's mother – ed]. Her son Donald T. Boynton and grandson Everett Lee Millard, Jr. exhibited the collection at the Chicago World's Fair in 1934 before selling the collection (numbering seventeen busts) in 1940. Source: www.bgcjaffee.net/Meschutt.pdf accessed on June 11, 2011. – ed.]

Tuesday, September 20

Fine. Cool. Little fire in furnace. Fireplace this evening.
Ag't for brushes; for McKnight and McKnight.
Miss Marsh & I worked quite a while on preparing list of school patrons Mrs Denzel & Mrs Decker called to go over the subject with us.
Teachers' meeting – Kg, 1's, 2's & 3's at 3:15
At 4:30 Miss White and Miss Sands & I went to W.J. Quigley's branch studio at Lake Forest to see some Italian vases as possible purchases for the school
Worked at home this evening.

Wednesday, September 21

Decidedly cool again today. Gray. Threatening at times, then sunny.
Fires in house & at school Visitor: agent for World Book; agent (Lewis) for Pillsbury. Agreed to try to float four fine numbers, including Pillsbury & Finley.
This aft went with representatives of Womans Club to Wauk. Flats. Fine time – Mrs Zook, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Shelton, had machines & three or four others, two from Lake Bluff – Mrs Stuart Reed Brown & Mrs Stern
This evening Mr Riddle set up my radio with new storage battery etc

Thursday, September 22

As yest. but a little warmer
I took M. down on the 4:04 to Pere M. station to go to Benton H. Here Aunt Eva stepped up to our great surprise – she, too, on the way to B.H. - - - a plot of Lennie's to please M. I saw them on the 5:15 (6:15) and came over town; ate waffles at station, and after sauntering a bit, took electric home.
Mr. Riddle came in to try to restore our battery which we had left running since last night!! but to no effect
Field trip today with the two 3A's – to Mrs Steele's garden.
Ag't for writing series of F.-A. Co.

Friday, September 23

Fine day on the whole. Milder.
Rep. of Paramount – (Simons) called & offered rental of Beau Geste & Chang on a percentage basis!
Various duties.
At school for a while this evening.
Agreed to let group of Italians rent aud. for a play, Sunday P.M, Oct. 2.

Saturday, September 24

Gray foggy – at length sunny & warmer
Mr Green took me out to Frankens where I bot 1 Festiva maxima, 1 Albert Course, & 1 Marie Lemoine, 1 Thor, 1 Rynstrom & 1 Rheinlander. To Werhane's to buy some vegetables. I planted the peonies & phlox this aft.

Worked with Miss Marsh & Mr Vandyke in the office a while this A M.

Sunday, September 25

Rained some about 9:00 this A.M. Gray & mild rest of day.

Slept some both this A M & P.M.

K & I went down to the Temple this evening and heard Ernest Wray O'Neil preach. I heard him once before – at Macon! A political address, then, — 33 years ago perhaps!

Monday, September 26

Threatening, then rain after 2:30 P.M.

Mrs Wheelock came up from Ev. with Mr W & a nurse to attend morning ex. We sang “Massa dear” (Dvorak) at here request & others.

Miss Sands took me to Briergate Station to catch the 4:37 for Glenayre. I stayed there until the 5:53 north and was again at Briergate in a few minutes. Emmet Duffy brot me home.

Nothing doing at Glenayr. My lot looks like a hole in the ground overgrown by weeds

At school a while this evening. Group of Italians rehearsed for a play.

Tuesday, September 27

Considerable rain in the night. Threatening & some drizzle today. Mild, yet.

Ag't for Little Brown

Science lesson in Miss Phillip's room.

Teachers' meeting.

Various other things.

Wednesday, September 28

Rained persistently thru the night. Threatening much of time today.

At 9:05 Miss Johnson & I went to H-S for conf with Mr Wright, Mr Sandwick & the other two nurses & Senator Swift over complying with revised school law relating to function & powers of school nurse. - - Then conf. with Mrs Law & Mrs Hermann over P.T.A.; with Mrs Hilborn over Wallace's physical cond., Mrs Kuh over primary work; Mentzer over his publications; Sears about the World Book Science lesson in 6B.

P.T.A. meeting, amicable, followed by informal reception to teachers Very successful.

At school a while this evening. Let group of boys use playroom; and a boy scout troop the aud.

Got copy of Lexington Unit of Sept 1 telling of the death Aug 28 of one of my best L. friends – G. J. Smith - - - - Called up Chas Scrogin this evening and had talk with him Tot not at home just then

Thursday, September 29

Rained heavily this aft. Almost sultry.

Science in 6A at 10:00. Ag't for Appleton – Halstead.

Conf with some of the teachers at 3:45.

Went to Y.W.C.A. reception to teachers at 8:00. Then took 8:47 to Winnetka to N.S. Art League. Meeting just over, but visited for a while. Then Nygaard brot me home in his auto & we visited then and for a time after reaching here.

Clarence came in at 9:00 P.M

Friday, September 30

Mild. Rained again late this evening.

Busy day.

Clare went to Kenosha – back this evening.

Miss Knox visited us today & I showed her around. Took her over to the Green Bay nursery. She has just published a book (H.M & Co) on materials of teaching.

Went down to meeting of Board of Directors of Geog. Soc. – 4:00 at Mr Bradley's office. Friendly session. Cox absent. Also Cowles, Goode, & Grant.

Spent the evening very delightfully with Rudolph & Mrs Ingerle

Saturday, October 1

Aunt Eva here.

Rained in the night & now & then today. Great excess of rain.

At school a little while then to city. Spent most of day at Field Museum. Expected to meet M. & Aunt Eva at 1:30 from B.H., but their train came in earlier & I missed them. They came on out here, but I waited until the 4:40 came in. Then phoned & found they were out here.

[Inserted at this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of Anton Beschle, Macon resident. – ed.]

Sunday, October 2

Rained at intervals during day. Very heavily at times. Strong wind for a while

None of us went to church

The Highwood Players (Italian) set up the stage scenery & gave their play this evening. In spite of rain about 350 people present. Very creditable performance for such amateurs

Monday, October 3

Cleared – then unexpected showers appeared aft & ev.

M., K. & Aunt Eva at A.M ex.

Four new pupils.

Field trip with 4B-1's to Ex Ridge. ; 4B-2's to lake shore.

Conf. with 4's this evening

Floriano and Guarini, rep. Highwood Players called this evening & paid 35⁰⁰ rental. Int. talk with them

Tuesday, October 4

Clearing but light showers earlier

At 4:00 Aunt Eva & M., K. & I had fine taxi ride to see the town

Miss Cooke spoke at the DeForest School but I was obliged to miss her talk

Field trip with one 4B group to lake; with another to Ex. Ridge

Long conf aft school with 4th grade teachers

Wednesday, October 5

Beautiful day although a few raindrops fell at 8:00 A M & there was a short dash in the night
Science in 6B. One in 4B (Miss Hansen). Brown's men put up some molding & shortened legs of some tables. Agt for Univ. Pub. Co. For Y.W.C.A.

Aunt Eva left on the 4:47 this aft. Her visit had been very pleasant

I mowed all my lawn before supper

Worked at school this aft evening until after nine. Met Mr Fout for a while at seven. At eight Mr Bliss & Hazel Bell came to work on the audit. campaign

Subscribed to Y W's today – 10⁰⁰ Pd 2⁰⁰ cash. Remainder Jan 1.

Mrs Cumming sub. for Miss Kratsch.

Thursday, October 6

Heavy rains with severe thunderstorm 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. Similar condition after 7:00 P.M. Hail, also.

Mrs Taylor ill. Mr Vandyke held her room this A.M., I this P.M.

Box of ferns arrived from Dreers.

Bulbs last Monday.

6B science at 10:00. Visited 3A (West), 4B (Hansen) et. al.

At home this P.M.

Friday, October 7

Clearing. Gray at times. Cool, this evening.

Visitors: King of Newson Simons of Paramount.

This evening at 9:00 I went to the Alcyon and had a friendly talk with Bruce Godshaw, manager, about an entertainment program.

Saturday, October 8

Frost

Frost on housetop this A.M but not in the garden. A beautiful day in every respect.

After some work at school this A.M. Mr Vandyke & I went to city on 10:04. An errand at Fields & Milwaukee Electric station, then to the Round Table at the City Club. Hamilton presided. Harper talked about curricula making. Duffield about school room ventilation

I came home before Mr V did, - Found Bert Stevens' auto drawn up before our house - Reba & two daughters, Rachel Brennerman, & the two Miss Goddards. Visited a while & they went on to Lake F. - Then I went to Ethel Harmon's coming out reception and to Anne Wood's. - - After supper to Mrs Daneley's to talk over movie policy.

Sunday, October 9

Gray mostly today. Some raindrops this A.M.

We all went to church

Late this aft I walked out to the Skokie on the Half Day Road, troweled up one root of *A. phytolaccoides* & three of *A. purpurascens*. On way back dug up one plant of paint brush in blossom!

Developed some very poor negatives this evening.

Monday, October 10

Frost

Beautiful day. Some frost on roofs again but none in the garden.

Had no assembly. Fear of infantile paralysis is in the minds of many. A case each at Glencoe & Lake Forest, fatal at the latter.

Nature lesson with a Four B group.

This aft. the teachers of 6 - 8's met the parents for a conf. I presided.

This evening I took Mr Vandyke to the Community House, Winnetka, to hear first of a series of lectures by Dudley Crafts Watson - this one on Spanish Art. Very fine. Mrs Schuman invited us to ride back with her & her friend in the latter's machine.

Tuesday, October 11

Gray. Finally, rain toward evening.

This A.M. Mr Lichtwalt took Mr Santi and me out to Skokie beyond Exmoor and we brot back prairie dock, Culvers root, rudbeckia, etc for the sunken garden.

Visit from representatives of Paramount.

Science in 6B.

Teachers gave a progressive dinner party this evening in honor of new teachers. Rained while the dinner was in progress, but we went around in autos. To Taylors, Wheelock – Turpins, Jones – Fallstad, Kerr – Quick, Nixon, Sands – White, Grunewald. Ended up at our house. Songs & stunts. A fine time

Wednesday, October 12

Rainy again – this aft. Clearing in late aft.

I planted my tulips & daffodils this aft.

Science in 6B.

Conf with Mrs Childs

Office work

Thursday, October 13

Gray. Cold. Misty.

Held our “festival of the falling leaf” this aft. under unfavorable auspices

Program

1:30 to 2:00. Pilgrimages to special trees about town to “wassail” them & bring away a leaf for each child

2:00. Sing in the aud. Parade across platform of each pupil in special costume. Presentation of prizes – 18 potted plants, 100 potted ferns; 100 paper whites – Then outdoor procession through our wood trails & over to open playground before the Kg. Bldg where were stationed King & Queen to whom homage was paid

Library Board this evening. Afterwards I visited Mr Godshaw at the Alcyon & treated with him about special Friday evening programs

Friday, October 14

Very pretty day. A busy one.

Wrote letter to Paramount declining to show their films. Have decided to stand by the Alcyon management

The Misses Fallstad, Parson, Cramer, White & Grenoble & Mr Vandyke with Miss Welch of Lincoln School left Chic on 6:45 P.M. South Shore Bus for Sawyer. A delightful moonlight ride, arriving there at 10:28.

Saturday, October 15

[At?] Sawyer

Wind blew cool but day turned out clear & delightful. Mr Cunningham appeared at 8:30 with Hawkins & Misses Kratsch, Hansen & Kirkland in his auto. Had made it in 4 hours. - - We went into the dunes by the n. & s. road west of Sawyer. A great day. Noon meal in the brook valley. - - - Pushed on to 4th or 5th blowout. Great dune crest. Came out at last a few hundred yds north of where the east & west road (a tp. line, I think) runs into an advancing dune. Visited Mr Ramoth at his experimental farm Thrilled at his work. Cunningham took most of us in at dusk.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary of James H. Duffy, police magistrate and township assessor, who died on this date at his office in the Highland Park State bank building. Mr Duffy was born March 16, 1867 in Lake Forest and came to Highland Park at age six. He worked for a time as train dispatcher at the Northwestern headquarters in Chicago and then at Highland Park, later in the transfer and express business and the insurance business before his work in banking. – ed.]

Sunday, October 16

At Stevensville

Left Sawyer at 6:48. At Stev. at 7:30. A wonderful day in every way.

Climax being a trip into a tamarack swamp where we found about everything that is rare in the Chicago area – Showy & stemless lady slipper, gold thread, bunch berry, Mitchella, Linnaea, cranberry, pitcher plants (in profusion), cassandra, poison sumach.

Intense color effects A climax of sour gum, sassafras, red maple, cornus florida, sumac.

Left at 2:17 for Chic. Fine ride back. Chic. at 6:45. Home at 8:15.

Found Leonard & Martha, - M's sister & Mr Maxwell, here. Had ridden all night in their auto.

Monday, October 17

Started out well but dashes of rain came & considerable showers toward evening.

Leonard & his group left this A.M. after riding about the town with Mother.

Visit from Simons, the Paramount man today. Friendly.

School Board meeting this evening. Not altogether pleasant.

Mrs Pfanstiehl met the mothers of earlier grades this aft & outlined history of present-day psychologists.

Tuesday, October 18

Fine day.

Two visitors – retired teachers, friends of Miss Meyers from Chic. were appreciative visitors today.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Short conf with Mrs Danley.

Endorsed Edgar Gurnee's note for \$150⁰⁰ today. Hard-luck story.

Worked over notes this even. for a talk tomorrow.

Wednesday, October 19

Beautiful day. A frost at dawn that really touched the ground

Spent considerable time today working with a mother to help unravel troubles of her little daughter – theft & lying. Met these & another mother & her daughter again at 5:45 for further conf.

This aft talked with slides at Evanst. Garden Club at home of Mrs Amos Miller – 2829 Sheridan Place. Miss McCauley present. Fairly successful

Thursday, October 20

Beautiful day.

Conf with Mr Peer of the H-S. over the coming concert of Symph. (Little) Orch.

With Supt Rowell of Glencoe over various matters.

Science with 4B's.

Elm Pl. teachers pulled off the annual walk thru McCormick grounds this aft. late & served a "box" dinner at Int School afterwards. A most beautiful late aft. walk About 80 of us. All came back by auto. Delightful time in Int school. Beautiful decorations.

Friday, October 21

Most beautiful day. Mild.

Went with Miss Behrens' group to Buffalo Creek & Lily farms this A.M

This aft about 400 of our children & 12 or 15 teachers and I went to the Little Symphony Concert this aft at H-S.

I went down to Univ. Club this evening to a delightful dinner given by Mr & Mrs Chas Hull Ewing to members of Bd of Geog. Soc. Directors, Mr & Mrs Gilbert Grosvenor being guests of honor. Splendid occasion.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the Little Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, conducted by George Dasch. – ed.]

Saturday, October 22

A most beautiful day A little warm.

Worked around home all day This aft. Santi came and we spaded over the "Forest Preserve," re-set some of smaller growth, scattered additional soil over it, etc

I dug up gladiolas, tigridias, & dahlias, etc.

This evening to Ev. to visit Mr Skiles new junior high. A fine time. A great equipment.

Sunday, October 23

Most beautiful day Blew up cool for a while but cleared and shimmered.

Met Bartoli & Fontana at school at nine to talk over naturalization problems.

Later, met Mrs Klee to talk over children's drama, etc

This aft. took trolley to N.S. offices, then walked across into Sweeney's Woods, down to Half Day Road, then across Greenwood Gardens & along Exmoor & home

Found a stunted fringed gentian plant on the meadow with one blossom and two buds. Waahoo in fruit. Brot home pyrola plants, one Asclep. ph., & purpurascens, some mitre wort.

Monday, October 24

Still a very fine day.

This aft. went to Wauk with Mr Fontana to assist him in securing his final papers. Fortunately he got through without question – I did not find it necessary to intercede. He was a very happy man.

Mrs Fitt's group of P.T.A. met at 3:30. I attended & a number of the teachers.

This evening Mr Vandyke & I went down to Winnetka to hear D.C.W's third lecture - - this on English art. Fine Mr Olson brot us home along with his daughter & Miss Wood.

Tuesday, October 25

Another. Warmer. Hazy.

Field trip with 4B's & Miss McMunn. Skokie

Ditto with 6B's & Miss Phillips

Conf. with 7 – 8's over standing of pupils

This evening went to the Wheelock house in Evanst. Mrs Wheelock died Monday A.M – after an invalidism of years Miss Turpin came in while I was there & I came back in her machine, Mrs Douglas also.

Wednesday, October 26

Again. As yesterday. In the warm air the leaves shower down.

Field trip (Skokie) with 4B's. Short one with 6B's.

Began conferences with delinquents in 8A.

One the way home from school this evening, one of our nice 8B boys, fell dead – heart failure.

Joseph Velo. I called at the house late this evening. Father & M. speak little English Number of neighbors in the house

Thursday, October 27

Another. Even warmer than yesterday.

Conf with Mrs Creigh this A M. - - with Mrs Millard in the aft. – and with Miss Baber who called for a few minutes.

Science in 6B's. Planting in 4B's.

Set our men to transplanting aspens in front of aud. to parkway; some sumacs & one wahoo, also; & two wild plums to place in grounds. Brot away three small sumacs for my own yard.

This aft 21 of us and several H-S went to the Lasker estate west of L.F.

This evening to meeting of B'd of D of N.S. Art League at Winnetka. Rode back on train with Mr Ewell.

Friday, October 28

Gray & clear at intervals. A few raindrops. Strong puffs of air showering down the leaves.

Orville T. Bright and 8 of his staff spent the day with us. Very intelligent visitors. Another visitor, a Miss Grace Swartout, 606 Main St, Three Rivers, Mich. I did not get to see.

Lunch at H.S. cafeteria

Clarence came in his auto this aft.

At home this evening.

Saturday, October 29

Foggy. Cooler. Threatening.

To the funeral of Joseph Velo this A.M. Helped arrange for pallbearers. Left procession at church, then at 10:30 Mr Leech & I drove down into Skokie to dig up material; physostegia, iron weed, boneset, etc; pocket full of bulbs of Turk's cap lily; a waahoo shrub. - -

This aft. Mr Santi worked for me. Dug up my wild flower beds on parkway & I reset material.

Dug up my lilac & reset with a Persian lilac from Clavey's. Set out 1 Niagara & 5 Concordes. One wahoo. One wild crab, etc

Clarence went to Kenosha. Came back this aft

Sunday, October 30

Fine day. Mild. Leaves nearly stripped from trees

To church with Mother & Clarence. Early dinner & Clarence & I rode out into the country for a while. Then – we all went to concert of Chic. B. Men's Orch at Elm Pl Aud – benefit of hospital - - -

Promising & very encouraging work.

At home this evening.

Monday, October 31

Mild. Threatening. A light shower about 7:30 P.M.

After school I worked on my wild flower project on the west parkway. Set out about 12 T.C. lilies; some prairie dock, etc

At assembly this A M. had pupils pay a silent tribute to the memory of Joseph Velo. I also spoke of the passing of Mrs Wheelock.

Workman began excavating for walls of aud. extension

Dead evening grosbeak brot in by Miss Cramer – Waukegan Flats. Shot!

Tuesday, November 1

Another mild – even warm day. Gray. South wind. Finally heavy rain after 7:00 P.M – then cool wind at 9:00.

Visitors from Grays Lake – Supt & wife & four or five teachers.

6B science. Took pupils to G.B. gardens & we re-set 15 or 16 red maple seedlings

This A.M. our men worked on the sunken garden. Reset some things & set out great number of specimens of prairie plants.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

This evening a conf with Mr Bliss over pupils living outside of district. Then to Mrs Denzel's to check up children's funds held by her as treasurer of P.T.A.

Children bring in stray bouquets of wild asters and stunning dahlia blossoms. Bare trees but sultry weather.

Wednesday, November 2

Cleared. Fine. Cool.

This aft. farm trip for Mrs Anderson's 3A's Miss West acc. us to Ravine Farm – A.L. Mills.

Back by 3:40. Then with a number of our staff by trolley to Highwood for walk thru Sweeney Woods to Prairie Ave. On way back along road had narrow escape from fight with some intox. fellows in machine who mistook a wave of the hand by Mr Cunningham Close call.

Hayes of Rand McN a visitor.

Alice Louise Davis called me up from St Charles to ask advice in selecting a speaker for a Co. convention I talked with Nygaard about it.

Thursday, November 3

Much cooler. Gray & sunny alternately.

Two women members of Libertyville Board visited me this aft

Mrs Creigh called

Grant Herman came to the house this evening & passed bird test - - for Eagle scout.

Worked at my school desk a while this eve.

After school I spent a half hour or so working in my yard

Friday, November 4

Heavy frost but a light rain washed it off early. Cleared, but a dash of rain in aft.

Planted paper whites with Kg's & 1's.

To city on 2:34. To Dow Optical Co., & R.A. Turtle. Then Board meeting of Geog. Soc. – Stayed down. Heard Lynne Fontaine, et. al. in *The Doctor's Dilemma* Great company. Came home with Mr & Mrs Mann on electric.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *The Doctor's Dilemma* by Bernard Shaw, starring Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt. – ed.]

Saturday, November 5

Ugly wind. Thin ice this A.M. A chill Nov. day.

Mr. Leech & I went out this A.M. to collect plants for our landscaping. Asclep. Sullivanti, rosin weed, and eryngium at Co. Line and nearby on Wilmot road, A. verticillata; N.E. asters on W. Park Ave; more liatris, rudbeckia h. & l. on Skokie meadows; some chicory & lobelia siph

This aft I set out some of this on my parkway. Then set out my milkweed bed – speciosa, tuberosa, syriaca, purpurascens, incarnata, verticillata, phytolaccoides.

Planted seed of purp., phyt., tubero, & verticil.

Sunday, November 6

Killing frost. My castor bean stalks collapsed utterly. Clear. Moderated a little, but a real Nov. day.

Edith & D came at 10:30 & left at 2:00.

Had a fine nap this A.M & another at P.M. Then late – walk down W. Park Ave to Kollers & back

We called on the Chapins' this evening. Fine people. Came away at 9:00 & I went over & chatted with Mr. Parratt for a half hour or so.

Monday, November 7

Still cool. Moderated during day.

Masons began brick laying on addition today

Dr Pierce gave the first of a series of three lectures in aud. at 3:30 under auspices of Womans Club. Ten of our staff present; more of Mr Wright's teachers. Valuable talk.

Went down to Winnetka to 4th lecture of series by Dudley C.W. – French art. Interesting. Too long

This day made out a note at H.P. Bank for 750⁰⁰ for 90 days Got Ted Decker to sign as surety.

Tuesday, November 8

A little rain in the night. Gray. Threatening. Moderating

To Geog Soc. at Orchestra Hall. this evening. Lecture by Col Greeley. A little prosy, yet interesting.

Wednesday, November 9 No School

Mild day Visiting day. The staff scattered

I visited at H.S. until 10:00. Went to conservation meeting at Wilmette Woman's Club & talked a half hour or so. Then to city. Lunch at Henricis To Field Museum until 4:00. Met Miss Guiney there We came away together in a taxi to Fields. Then I went to Sherman House & interviewed Mr Naylor of the Pond Bureau about lecture dates Home at 5:44

After supper met Mr Van. at school office We went to office of Boy Scouts and I took part in annual election. Then I went to Alcyon & conferred with Mr Godshaw over possible entertainments Saw some of the evening program.

Thursday, November 10

A little rain in the night Gray & misty today.

Spent considerable time with problems of pupils' work.

Conf with teachers about 8A work this aft.

To Library Board this evening. Then Miss Hendee & I went to the St John's Evang. Church to hear the latter part of a concert by students of Elmhurst College & take part in the social hour.

Friday, November 11

Mild. Then thunder storm and very heavy rain after 4:00 P.M. Turning much colder.

Armistice Day exercises from 10:40 to 11:40. Sang the old war songs, etc.

Mr Vandyke left in auto with Mr Taylor for Urbana at noon and I took his room for the aft. - - I called all the 8A's together at 1:30 and talked over their work and chances for promotion with them

Called on Deckers' this evening. Ted signed my note referred to on p. 311. [Page 311 of the Daily Reminder book was Monday, November 7. – ed.]

Saturday, November 12

A beautiful day. A frozen crust which soon thawed out.

Worked at home all day This evening went down to the Evanst Univ Club & heard Carleton Washburne's talk on his experiences in Russia this past summer. Very interesting.

This A.M. – took off and stored all screens on lower floor windows. Turned hose on windows, etc

This aft worked with Santi who wheeled two loads of manure upon the garden & spaded it in. I set out rhubarb plants (Mc Clow) and from Mrs Obee – phlox, oswego balm, white iris, etc. Reset two elderberry plants & removed on snowball bush. Used up all the manure brot me by Mr. Zahnle & nearly all the soil brot some weeks ago by Ugolini.

Sunday, November 13

Fine day. Mild.

Slept most of A.M.

This aft. Mr. Leech & I went up to Wauk Flats. On way gathered fringed gentian seeds on open space just beyond the tannery. On flats, dug up some baptisia, liatris, & puccoon

This evening the Deckers came for us & took us to their church where the choir gave an excellent program

Monday, November 14

Rained much of the day, in sheets at times.

Before eight this A.M. I set out on my parkway three baptisia roots and two liatris. I planted one bulb (possibly Philadelphia lily) in my lily bed

Book week pageant this A.M – “Exercises.” Beautiful.

Misses Bean & Vincent of Springfield visited all day.

Mrs Creigh & Mrs Childs conferred with me. We had fire drills in both buildings

Board meeting this evening – Fout absent. Creigh, Fritsch, Wood, Meyer, Bliss. Amicable.

Tuesday, November 15

Rained in the night and some this morning. Mist during day. Clearing but not cold

Conf with Fire marshal Haskin over problem of changing fire escapes

Teachers meeting at 4:00. Then to Pearl Theater to private showing of a Babe Ruth film which censor had condemned but company had protested decision A vulgar performance

Then – Mr. Leech & I drove to Ev. to lecture by Prof. A.H.R. Buller of Univ. of Manitoba on Pilobolus & Sphaerobolus as Fungi G[nu?]s. Splendid Entertaining.

Wednesday, November 16

Gray. Threatening. Cooler. Hardly freezing weather

My face so swollen with ivy poisoning that I called in Dr Grady, & spent the morning at home. At school this aft.

This evening at home doping my face

Thursday, November 17

Snow – a little

My face much worse One eye nearly closed. Hands much affected. At home all day

“Spitting” snow but only half inch or snow fell. This evening several inches fell in Chicago

Friday, November 18

Not much change in temp. A little below freezing.

My face and hands hardly better. At home all day

Yesterday Mr Morris, bldg inspector, came to see me & conferred over proposed changes in our fire escapes. He sent me a letter which I enclosed in one I mailed for Mr Bliss – addressed to State Fireman, Dept of Commerce & Labor, Springfield

Saturday, November 19

Snowed lightly this aft. Still about 25°.

Swelling in my face only a little reduced. Hands spotted with blisters.

Have used Zonite part of the time; grindelia the remainder.

Read chapters from "Inner World of the Child." Studied volume of pictures on Chartres Cathedral and used French dict. to translate descriptions Reread some of Adams' Chartres. Rearranged books in my library. Overhauled flower negatives taken this summer.

Sunday, November 20

Gray. Moderated

My swollen face was much improved; my hands ditto. Was able to shave for the first time since Wednesday. Stayed in all day.

Monday, November 21

Threatening. Slight rain after nightfall. Mild.

To school as usual. Good day.

Visited by Thrift agent.

Helped 3rds to make vegetable pit.

Specimen of least ermine in summer coat brot in Caught by a dog. Sent to taxid.

The three groups of P.T.A. classes met simultaneously at 3:30 – Lowenstein, Fitt & Pfanstiehl Last named discussed first two chapters of Inner World of Child

This evening went to Ev. Woman's Club to hear Dr Clara Barrus talk on John Barrus Quite interesting. Schantz, Gault, Brodkorb, Mr. & Mrs Baroody, et. al.

Tuesday, November 22

Mild. Drizzly, but very little rain

Work on aud. entrance progressing rapidly.

Today we let children who desired to do so, go at 3:00 to matinee at H-S. "King of Rogues." About 225 went. I chaperoned them. Fairly successful. Play nicely done, in spots. Very ambitious for H-S. pupils.

This evening to Geog. Soc. Prof. Osgood – Very interesting talk on Abyssinia. Came home with the Mosely's.

Wednesday, November 23 Another birthday!

Threatening. Finally heavy rain after nightfall

Wrote a paragraph or so for the Press (about new bldg) & delivered it before school

The Dep. Fire Marshall – Mr Bertram came this A.M & Dr Fritsch & I went over situation. Insists that we change fire escapes & exits

Miss Harriet Dumolo, head of Kg Training College of Sidney, Australia, & Miss Elizabeth Jenkins of Cincinnati spent a pleasant hour with me this A.M.

The 6B's gave fine Miles Standish play at 10:00.

Workmen cut openings for windows in west wall this A.M.

At 1:30 we all met for Thanksgiving Ex. 6th's gave Thanksgiving tableaux (fine) I showed some slides

Mrs Flinn called me this evening & told me that Eva Cox had been kidnaped at H.S. by her aunt. Mrs F & I and others have been trying to get Eva a home away from her aunt. More later, maybe.

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Gray. Cool but not cold

M., K, & I left on the 7:34 for Gary via S.S. Electric, getting there a little after ten. Clarence D & Arthur E. met us at station The Enders had come in last evening.

Before dinner the boys took me out into the country where I got a basket full of dwarf huckleberry, prairie clover, St. John's Wort, etc.

Fine dinner The Enders' left at 3; we at 4:00 Home by 6:30.

Friday, November 25

A beautiful day. Mild

Worked all A.M. on the place. Brought piles of leaves from Parratt's parkways, covered lily beds, peonies, phlox, etc Dug out within the cold frame, filled in with leaves, and stowed potted calendulas & canterbury bells in it. Cut down the sides of the compost box & scooped out most of its contents Set out the stuff I got at Gary yest.

At home this P.M. most of time.

Saturday, November 26

Worked at home nearly all morning. Mild day.

To city on 11:04. Schantz' office to pick up some slides Shopped at various places, then home by 4:00. Felt much fatigued

Sunday, November 27 Mel Collins.

Gray mostly. Little colder.

M & I to Presb. Church. Taxi there & home in Mr Belfield's machine

This aft went up into (Sheahen's) Sweeney's Woods Leaf tips of a number of skunk cabbages way above ground. Dug up two & found flower buds tightly folded in leaf sheaths.

This evening went down to call on the Collinses. Mel. was stricken at his office yesterday & died within a few hours - - Mrs Harries there

Mel & his sisters have been preparing themselves for a European trip next summer. Mel seemed to be in good health

Monday, November 28

Rained this A.M, then thunder storm & down pour at 3:15. Did not dismiss pupils for some time.

Called 8A's together to talk Christmas play,

Miss Quick & I worked over list of carols and of songs for the play.

Dr Pierce gave his third & last lecture this aft. It began just as thunder storm came up & attendance somewhat reduced

Worked at home this evening on the play.

Tuesday, November 29

Cleared. Mild.

Mrs Millard & I went by auto to Mr Krehbiel's studio at Park Ridge this A.M. to view the present stage of our murals. We were very much pleased with them. We made the artist promise to try to have them ready by April 15 – 1928.

This aft I went with Miss McMunn & some 4A's to Wauk. – Fish dock, coal, salt, etc - - the N.S. Gas Co fine plant

This eve met Nixon, Taylor, Sprague, Quick, Grunewald, Grenoble – to select characters for Christmas play.

Wednesday, November 30

Chilly, Threatening. Clearing. Much colder. Real wintry.

Was to have gone with Miss Parson's 5A's to Chic but could not get a bus. Gave the children trip to H.P. Ice Co (Gallagher's) at 11:00. Ate lunch with the children in the playroom

Helped Kg's & 1's reset their paper whites in pots today.

Started some of the characters in their parts in the play today.

This evening went down to the Collins. Jack was there & we had a fine evening together.

Thursday, December 1

About 24° this A.M. Moderated. Clear.

Conferred with Mr Mann and contractor Steenhill over brick ornaments on front of aud; also about fire escape alterations.

Science lesson with 6A's.

Assigned some parts in the play.

At school this evening.

Friday, December 2

Clear Decidedly colder. Down to 18° above

Miss Parson & I took group of 5A's to Chic by bus.

To Terminal Warehouse Co, 444 W. Grand Ave where Mr. Albert Peterson showed us fine attention for an hour and a half. To Union Station & ate lunch in bus on parking space east of it. – To Minic. Pier, driving along both of decks of Wacker Drive on the way. – Went thru steamship Illinois, etc. Stopped at Lincoln Park on way back. Saw animals fed, etc.

Saturday, December 3

Nearly same temp today. Rising wind. Gray

At home most of day Worked at my desk. Gathered more leaves and spread them out in my "forest preserve."

At school a while this A.M. Talked with architect & builder about aud. front. Wrote number of letters.

Sunday, December 4

A.M. fine. Cloudy later. Colder.

Mr Leech & I went up to the Wauk Flats this A M – looked for gentian seeds & strange birds without success. Visited Mr Lyon & his bird traps on way home. Saw a mockingbird in one of his trees Mr. L. ate his noon meal with us.

Went to Chic to Cliff Dwellers Club this evening to function of F of O N. L. – Mrs Welch, Mrs Gaidzik, Miss Phillips & I from H.P – Mrs Pierce from Hubbard Woods. Dr Cowles gave lecture on Utah – with slides. Fine time. Came as far as Ev. with the Pattees in their machine.

Monday, December 5

Cold at daybreak but moderated much.

This aft Mr Leech went with Miss McMunn & a group of 4A's to Wauk. I heard for a short time part of two of his recitations - - I spent some of the aft. at Mrs Page's funeral at Presb. Church. Gertrude House, students and faculty present. Many others from Chic

This evening went to Orchestra Hall to hear Paulist choristers on invitation of our Mr Anderson – band master – who is one of them A great concert.

[Mary B. Page was a graduate of the Chicago Kindergarten College, founder and director of the Chicago Teachers College, and a charter member of the Illinois Council of Parent-Teacher Associations. – ed.]

Tuesday, December 6

Mild. Sunny. Gray in aft. Rain after nightfall

Two visitors from Oak Park this aft.

Mrs Mason came to help us with the miracle play,

I got the Christmas slides from Presb. Church & lent them to Miss Irene Russel of Arlington Heights.

Tony Sarg's Marionettes under Miss Kinsolving's management showed here at 4:00 & 8:00. I helped supervise the audience each time Fine show

Had Carter Bartlett go with our lantern to Y.W.C.A & operate for them this evening.

Mr Leech & I went up to Sweeney's woods at the noon hour & I took four pictures of skunk cabbage

Wednesday, December 7

Rained much of day. Mild change in wind about 4:30 & colder. Snowed some after night set it. Strong wind

Worked on play today. Science in 6A.

Mrs Taylor & Miss Sprague & I worked over the text of the play, then this evening I worked until midnight re-arranging & revising it.

Thursday, December 8

Zero weather!

About an inch of snow fell last night and a high wind ushered in a great drop in temp. A little below zero at daybreak.

Some difficulty in heating certain school rooms – Our house all right except – water in bath room cut off. Later in day the plumber found an unaccountable draft in the panel housing trap, etc. back of bath tub. Thawed out with hot water – again frozen this evening!

Had a sort of rough rehearsal of Christmas play this aft.

Mr Jensen & I had lunch at H-S. at noon.

This evening we members of library board met with sundry citizens at Mrs Beatty's house to consider what part if any our Board might have in financing a park near libr. bldg

Friday, December 9

Close to zero if not below this A.M. but moderated. About 20° above at night

A full day. Christmas play plans, etc

Miss Sands' second day's absence. She fell down a basement stairs night before last & battered herself up. Margaret Heffron Mason sub'd.

This evening M. & K. went to Lowell Mason's lecture (Lawrence in Arabia) at H.S. I went to "New Evanston Theater" & heard Jack Miner's unique talk & saw his remarkable movies. [Born in Ohio, John Thomas Miner (1865-1944) moved with his parents to Canada in 1878 where he created a bird sanctuary on their Ontario farm. He began tagging Canada geese in 1909, an effort that led to the Migratory Bird Treaty between Canada and the United States. He was a frequent lecturer after 1910 and wrote his first book, *Jack Miner and the Birds*, in 1923. In 1943, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire by King George VI, "for the greatest achievement in conservation in the British Empire." – ed.]

Saturday, December 10

Mild.

To city on 9:04. To City Club to meeting at 10:15 of rep of Lake Shore Division who are to be delegates at Springfield, Tues. Wed., Thursd. 27-29. R.C. Moore & others talked

Then at 12:00 met with the Round Table. Lunch Supt Jensen of Rockford talked about his Junior H.S.

Then I shopped around rather futilely for two hours among tremendous crowds Home at 5:30.

This evening at Everett Millards, principally to confer with him over my real estate contract with the Nixon Co.

Pd out 1.40 at Schoultz' for masks for Christmas play

Sunday, December 11

A little cooler. Gray. This evening a mist made walks a little slippery.

M. K, & I to Presb Church Good sermon by Mr Fitt.

This aft I went down to Art Inst to see Annual Ex of Amer Paintings, etc. Fine Talked with Mr Gutherz & Met Mrs Prato & her brother, Mr. Z , who loaned us two fine paintings for nearly two years

This evening I called on Mrs Everett a while to talk over library affairs & then went to the Denzels to confer with Mrs D. over some school funds

Monday, December 12

Still milder. Misty. Some rain at evening.

Workmen resumed work on aud. front, - laying coping today.

Longmans Green and Scribners' representatives Two Oak Park teachers.

Will Brown came to confer about a blackboard job of last summer.

Rep of Baird Warner came to talk about vacant property at Port Clinton

Board meeting this evening. Gen'l Wood absent.

Floriani & friend of Highwood called on me after Board meeting – with reference to the Italian play given in the Aud. Sunday.

Tuesday, December 13

Misty morning. Then rain in the aft. Clearing & cool after night.

Spent this aft. in rehearsing play.

This evening to Chic. to hear Lowell Thomas on "With Lawrence in Arabia. Fine. Model lecture.

Sat with Miss Baber during the lecture Visited with Rowell & Watson on way home. Also Mrs Millard

[Lowell Thomas (1892-1981), a reporter for the *Chicago Evening Journal*, met the then unknown Captain Lawrence at Felsal's desert camp, where he shot moving and still pictures of the "mysterious blue-eyed Arab in the garb of a prince" for a documentary film *Lawrence in Arabia* that soon captivated a world-wide audience of millions. A 1917 photograph of Lowell Thomas and T.E. Lawrence in Arabia was accessed at www.cineramaadventure.com/thomas.htm on June 5, 2011. – ed.]

Wednesday, December 14

Fine day. Thawing. Muddy. Cooler at evening.

Rehearsal of play this A.M.

Taught a 6A science lesson this aft.

At home this evening.

Called up radio station twice today to learn about Lindburgh's progress to Mexico City.

[Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974) achieved world-wide fame with his solo non-stop flight from New York to Paris on May 20-21, 1927. His non-stop flight from Washington, D.C. and Mexico City, mentioned in Mr. Smith's diary, was less noteworthy except that he met his future wife, Anne Morrow, while in Mexico City. – ed.]

Thursday, December 15

Misty. Then blowing up very much colder after 4:00 P.M.

Workmen practically finished brick and stone work on aud. front today.

Three agents today.

Ex. Comm of P.T.A. met in my office today.

Complete rehearsal of play this aft.

Miss Cramer & Miss Parson took about 20 of 5A's to Chic today.

Friday, December 16

Very cold wind. About 5° above. Snow flakes blown about.

Christmas play this aft & again this evening. Great success

Visitors: Miss Watt & Miss Weinland, et. al.

K. went to city this A.M & too tired to go out this evening. M. has now for three days been having trouble with her leg – neuritis, perhaps.

Saturday, December 17

Biting cold. Little above zero.

Various errands here – then 10:38 C & N W. for Chic., visiting with Mr John Benson on way

To Schoenbrod for mending tissue (1⁰⁰); to Fout's office to confer; to Chic Transp. Co. to leave some negatives; to opticians (31 E. Madison) to get Kittie's glasses; Devoe for crayons for Ruth; Keystone View Co to get map slides; etc

Home at 6:30.

Sunday, December 18

Quite cold. Penetrating. About zero.

At home this A.M. except that I went over to schoolhouse on an errand

This evening went to Mr. Roth's church and heard a very creditable rendering of a cantata – choir. Very much pleased at what the Roths are doing.

Monday, December 19

Still biting cold. About zero. Moderated during the day But penetrating wind at evening.
In aud this A.M. I showed them on slide maps the flight of Lindy to Mex City.
Much rehearsing of carols, etc. today.

At noon was guest of Rotary Club at Moraine & gave a twenty minute talk on "Something should be done about this" Well received.

Visitors this aft – Mrs Chapman & Mrs Muir of Lake Bluff.

Tuesday, December 20

Milder. Fine day

Masons resumed work on aud. front. About through their work

This aft. we sang our Christmas carols, had the nativity play & the story of the Christ child with lantern slides. A beautiful "service" M & K there & took Mrs Chapin along Rev Mr & Mrs Pfanstiehl among those present.

Margaret Heffron Mason had drilled the cast of 7th graders for the nativity play, & it was beautifully done.

Wednesday, December 21

Mild Fine

Carpenters on job – on the aud. addition.

At school much of day Mr Vandyke & Miss Marsh and I worked on book store accounts.

The janitors & I took out the potted bulbs from the leaf pits & set them on the dirt floor under the terrace. I potted some cabbages.

Mr Cushing sent me the 23 vol. of the ninth edition of Britannica – a gift.

Finished, this evening, addressing 55 Christmas cards for Mother

Thursday, December 22

Gray. Cooler today,

Mrs Childs and I met Mr Grimson this A.M. & authorized plastering ceiling in Miss Behrens' room

The workmen from the Advance Iron Works came to lower our fire escapes

Went to Chic on 1:04. To Sam Lewis' office to leave some plans Fine chat. To Pattee's to arrange for some special Christmas cards To Miss Nichols to leave 25 negatives (3¼ x 4¼) and 2 neg. (5x7)

To C.J. Albert agency to interview Miss Smith & Mr Searles about candidates At McVickers for a very unprofitable hour or so.

Friday, December 23

Mild. Fine –

To Chic To Alberts where I interviewed Miss Duncan & Miss Williams

To Beckley-Cardy's – went to lunch with Fred Cardy & Mr Sindelar at the Metropole Then to Stevens to buy stockings for Kittie (which were not in my bag when I got home). Dennisons for Christmas seals; Fields for a calendar for M.; to Thomas Concert where I sat in a front balcony seat as guest of Tommie Jones. A great concert.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program which featured the PASTORALE from "Christmas Oratorio" by Bach; CONCERTO GROSSO, No. 8 ("Christmas Music") by Corelli; ORCHESTRAL FRAGMENTS from "Daphnis et Chloé by Ravel; and SUITE, "Schéhérazade" by Rimsky-Korsakow. – ed.]

Saturday, December 24

Gray. Cooler

Washed some of the first floor windows, etc.

Took 11:04 for Chic To Pattee's but found him gone at 12:15. To Stevens for K's stockings
Kroch's for Bennett's new book. To Studebaker for a fine play.

Met Miss Jennie Whitten there & had a fine visit there. Also met Miss Tear.

This evening we set up a small tree & lighted it. Had candles burning in our window.

We have received stacks of Christmas cards.

Clarence talked to us over phone from Decatur this evening.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from a playbill for *Mr. Pim Passes By*, a comedy in three acts, by A. A. Milne. —ed.]

Sunday, December 25

Still mild. Hazy

Beautiful Christmas trees within & without doors glowing this evening, but no snow.

Enders & Danforths all came in this A.M. M & I to church

Big Christmas dinner. The turkey a present from Mrs Greenlee. Mr Fontana left a basket of
assorted fruit for us yesterday

After dusk some of us drove about some to see the lighted trees. Mr Willits' the most beautiful.
The community tree on the R.R. right of way was also pretty.

Much radio listening. Heard Apollo Club sing the Messiah this aft. Atwater Kent — Christmas
music this evening. D[o?]rvie's phonograph record broadcast by Zion

[The Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company was the largest manufacturer of radios from 1926 to 1929. —
ed.]

Monday, December 26

Beautiful day. Thawing a little

The folks left this A M & I rode with them as far as Art Inst. Went over to Adams St & picked up
box of slides left there by Miss Russel & came home

At home most of day. Read much from Sullivans Our Times.

Tuesday, December 27

To Springfield

Left at 8:34 for Springfld. The Alton Special left at 10:15. We Lake Shore delegates had our own
car. Fine visit going down

Hurried over to A.L. Hotel to attend meeting of appropriations committee already in session
After it was over met Dr Crook of the State Museum in lobby He had Rhys Davies, M. P. [Member of
Parliament — ed.] from Manchester in charge & introduced me - - - invited me to go along with Chamb of
Com. represent. We went to Watch Factory, Fair Grounds, & Memorial Bldg, visiting museum
collections, etc Then to Memorial Hall — where Mr Davies amused himself a little while at the piano.
Parted with him at his hotel.

This evening he gave a very interesting talk

[Rhys Davies (1877-1954) was a Member of Parliament for the Labour Party. —ed.]

Wednesday, December 28

At Springfield

Mild A little rain at times

My roommate at Leland - - Mr Haack of Riverside At breakfast we had a caucus & considered the
matter of presenting a resolution condemning Mayor Thompson & the Chic School Board in the McAndrew
matter. I was selected to present it if such action should seem wise

Interesting program today.

At 4:30 I went over to visit Sue Tait Child. There until 6:00 – delightful with her & her son Dick. Latter brot me back to hotel – where we men gave the women delegates of our division a dinner. Gay time Then to evening meeting at H.S.

Not enthusiastic about Beck or Miss Amos.

Root. McBirney H.B. Fisher. Beman. H.A. Fay.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of biographical summaries of Hon. Rhys J. Davies and Dr. Paul R. Mort. The clipping is not identified but is presumably from the program of the Illinois State Teachers' Association meeting. The biographical summary for Hon. Rhys J. Davis is as follows: Member of Parliament, Great Britain. Was elected Labor member of the House of Commons for the mining constituency of Westhoughton, Lancashire, in 1921, and has held the seat with substantial majorities at the three succeeding general elections. Has been a coal miner, trade union leader, officer of a co-operative society, member of city council, and under Secretary of State of Home Affairs, acting as assistant to Arthur Henderson. He is regarded as an authority on criminology and social and industrial legislation, is a writer of note and a brilliant speaker. – ed.]

Thursday, December 29 Springfield

Very mild. Almost warm.

All breakfasted together Discussed idea of the McAndrew resolution & decided not to go on with it.

Business session Notable incidents – Owen's vigorous cross questioning of Mr Moore about his program of activities & why he did not ask for a larger budget. - - - The Chic. bunch voted solidly against us in a resolution to instruct investigation of pension laws elsewhere & defeated it.

Visited Lincoln's tomb hastily after lunch. Found it littered with Mr Fay's "documents". - - - We left at 3:00. Very delightful ride home Funny stunts, etc

Springfield expenses about 10⁰⁰

Home at 9:10 P.M.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program of sessions of the Illinois State Teachers' Association held at the Centennial Building at Springfield, Illinois on December 27, 28 and 29, 1927. – ed.]

Friday, December 30

Much colder this A M, & a northeaster this aft brot in four or so inches of snow. Strong winds

At school most of day. Workmen resetting our fire escapes Another began cutting the extra openings for the exit doors.

I inspected the plastered ceiling in Miss Behrens' room.

Clarence & Junior got in this evening at 8:00.

Mother laid up somewhat with a cold.

Saturday, December 31

There had been a heavy fall of snow in the night & much drifting. Today a northwester set in and a blizzard like condition prevailed all day. Close to zero all the time

Junior & I went to Chic on the 9:34 – he had a program of his own. - - I visited Albert Teachers' agency; called on Anderson-Carlson tailors & secured cloth samples; to Field Museum where I had an interview with Prof Osgood about a possible program for the Geog Soc. Left there at 2:15 & had to buffet my way across the open spaces back to Wab. Ave & the trolley. To Crerar Library for a while. Then shopped a little To lobby of Aud. Theatre to meet Junior – he decided to remain down for dinner. I came home. - - After supper to school to see if all was right. – Mr Davis on job. OK

[Pasted at the back of the diary is a clipping (source not identified) with the heading "The Floods of 1927 in the Mississippi Basin." – ed.]

[Written on a black page at the back of the diary is the following information.

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Finance charge	<u>575.00</u>
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Bal. due	727.21
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July 20, 1927
24 installments - 136⁰⁰
15th of month. – ed.]