

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1930



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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 for his mother and his 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 (Dan, 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 brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

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

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

[On a blank page at the front of the 1930 diary, Mr. Smith wrote the following: - ed.]

Church Subsc. for 1930
Local support 1.25 weekly
Missions & B .30 “
Envelope 70 20 “
L. support

Wednesday, January 1

Thermom at 40° above at 7:00 A.M. Gray. Rained gently late aft
At home all day. Rested. Potted among books and belongings. Developed two negatives of
ragweed and one of aster laevis Read cursorily. Not quite peppy.
Gave some thought to Audubon affairs.
Read from Howes' Backyard Exploration.”

[Inserted at this page is a decal for the American Automobile Association Chicago Motor Club. – ed.]

Thursday, January 2

Still mild. Sunny.
To Waukegan to confer with Co Supt Simpson over various matters. Talked with County Clerk's
office about our school revenue.
This aft the Goodman players Gave Ivanhoe in our aud. Well done. Good audience. Mr
Brownlow representing the players.
This evening to Chic. to see Fritz Leiber's company in Twelfth Night. Fine.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for the Chicago Civic Shakespeare Society's production of
Twelfth Night with Fritz Leiber in the role of Malvolia. – ed.]

Friday, January 3

Two or three inches of snow in the night. Cleared cold this A.M Down to 12° above now (11:00
P.M.)
This A M. Mr Leach and I went up to Sweeney's woods & dug up two clumps of sk. c. under the
snow, the ground unfrozen. We found a flock of about 100 tree sparrows. Little else.
Worked at various things Spent an hour at the dentist's – Dr Wurth.

[Mr. Smith was requested frequently to speak on nature topics. These invitations came primarily from
garden or women's clubs. On this day, Mr. Smith replied to two requests. The requests and Mr. Smith's
replies are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

General Science Dept.,
December 2, 1929.

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

My dear Mr. Smith:

The pupils at Nichols School who heard your Nature talk last year are so enthusiastic about your slides and your interpretations of outdoor life that those of us who are newcomers have become equally anxious that you may find time to come to talk to us again.

We are especially eager to have you come on Friday, January 31, to address the eighth grade assembly which convenes from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Any subject you choose will be interesting to us, but we hope it will be one which you will illustrate with your slides.

We shall hope that your schedule at the end of January will permit you to grant us this favor.

Yours very truly,
Grace K. Weber

January 3, 1930.

Miss Grace K. Weber,
The Nichols School, Evanston, Ill.

My dear Miss Weber :

With reference to the possibility of my coming to the Nichols School on the 31st I am obliged to offer a sort of alibi. The date is at the end of our semester and it may not be at all convenient for me to be away at that time. I should add that I have several special duties in the weeks just ahead and that I shall probably have to give quite a little time to a school that is destitute of the privileges that are almost a commonplace at Nichols. It is in a way a luxury to have a chance to talk at your school but if the other school needs me it is a necessity for me to go---I have no choice in the matter. I am sure that you will see that I must give my preference to the school that has little and as I can set aside but a few dates for nature study talks I am obliged to forego a visit to you this year.

Thanking you for your favor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Freeport, Ill
Dec 31st 1929.

Dear Mr Smith,

The Freeport Garden Club are specially anxious to have you speak to them on "Conservation of Highways" – Illustrated. Our meetings are held in the afternoon (2:30 PM.)

If you consider coming to us could you come on March 12th (Wednesday)

Our annual Calendar is in the making at present, so I should very much appreciate an early reply, stating lecture fees & etc.

Thanking you for the attention, and hoping you may be able to come.

Most Cordially yours,
(Mrs W.L.) Frances Farcher
1011 W Stephenson St.
Freeport, Ill

January 3, 1930.

Mrs W.L. Karcher,
Freeport, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Karcher :

Alas, I fear that I can not serve you! I can not go so far afield. My school board never inquires what I do with my time but I do not feel free to be absent a day at a time unless on what I can call a school errand. I wish I could meet with your garden club.

Sincerely yours,

Saturday, January 4

Rising temp in night. 18° above at 7:00 A M. rose to 30° & above

To city on 10:34. Conf with Schantz, Edward Ford, the latter on advertising possibilities of Audubon matter

To Field Museum in the aft. Home at 5:30 Went to Ev. on 7:34 & spent evening with the Pattees on Audubon matters.

Sunday, January 5

Mild. About 42°.

Went to G.B.R.S. this A M to water bulbs, then came home & slept until noon.

This aft to a committee meeting of F of O.N.L at Mrs Welch's. Mr & Mrs Jensen, Dr & Mrs Parks, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Pierce.

Dissected two blossoms of skunk c. this evening.

Monday, January 6

Threatening. Rain set in after night.

Miss Grunewald back. Miss Stine's sister wired from Cleveland that Ora is ill. Be gone a week. Mrs Chas T. Weaver – sub.

Miss Tschirgi in Texas Mrs Mason, sub.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Planning 8A program for grad. ex.

[With regard to their ongoing efforts on behalf of the St. Charles School for Boys, Mr. Storm wrote a letter about an upcoming meeting to Mr. Smith. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Jan. 6, 1930

Supt. Jesse Smith
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Friend,

Mr. Haggard of Joliet can't meet with us Wednesday, but Mr. Elliott has made arrangements for a wild duck dinner and has arranged with one or two of the head men from Springfield to be there, so the rest of the committees will meet as we planned at the Boys' Home on Wednesday.

We shall eat dinner with Mr. Elliott. Each man is to get out to the Boys Home as soon as he can in the morning. We shall visit the schools there, eat with Mr. Elliott and then we shall go to the Girls' School after dinner,

Sincerely yours,
H.C. Storm

HCS/BB

Tuesday, January 7

Down to 18° above at 7:00. Not much change during day. Most of snow washed off.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Visited there by Rev Mr Fischer, & Mr Childs
Conf with 8's (teachers) over promotions after school
Miss White ill & we had no sub. I taught one science class
This evening to Pub Libr. for a while, then to school

Wednesday, January 8

Snowed in flurries most of day. Blowing snow in drifts this evening.
6:00 A M for Chic & 7:30 for Batavia. Visited at Storm's office a while, then we drove out to St Chas S. for B. Coultrap already there visiting the school, & Mr Elliott took Storm & me to visit the farms. Very favorable impression. Then we all had a fine dinner with Mr & Mrs Elliott, including Thompson of St Charles. Long conf after dinner. Then we visited various shops Came away at 4:00 I caught 4:30 for Chic.

At 7:00 met with directors of Aud. Soc. Full and important meeting. Home at 11:20.

Thursday, January 9

Snowing, blowing, & drifting at intervals all day Still at it – 10:30 P.M Bids fair to check traffic.
Miss White still absent. No sub. obtainable. I heard a science class
Library board meeting this evening.
Emily Smith picked up a male old squaw duck in the snow this evening & has it in a laundry tub. A fine specimen

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to a letter from Dr. Alvin R. Cahn of the University of Illinois Department of Zoology. Dr. Cahn's letter and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

1/7/30

Mr. Jesse Smith
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I regret that I did not get a chance to see you during the holidays, for Louise Silver said you wanted to get in touch with me. Is there anything I can do for you? Fire ahead! There is something I hope you can do for me. I am wildly chasing a paper on the Birds of Lake Co., published by the Lake County Historical Society, and written by H.K. Coale. I can not give you the date, nor any approximation of it. We have nothing of the publication in our library here, and I simply must get hold of a copy at least for a short time. I am engaged on two books on the birds of Illinois one a pupolar handbook to be issued this spring, another a complete history of the birds of the state,

probably in two volumns, which will take a couple of years yet to produce; I have already briefed more than 1000 titles! If you can help me, it will be more than appreciated.

Sincerely,

A.R.Cahn

Dr. A. R. Cahn.

ARC/JK

January 9, 1930

Dr. Alvin R. Kahn,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Kahn :

I think the paper you have in mind was printed in "A History of Lake County", 1912, largely the work of the late Professor Halsey of Lake Forest. Mr. Henry K. Coale wrote Chapter XIV, pages 353-370, entitled "Birds of Lake County". I think you will find a copy of this book in the University Library. If not, and you wish it, I will lend you my copy. The book has long been out of print. The publishers "went broke" as the binders were finishing the first (and only) edition and the copies were largely boot-legged out into circulation to avoid the obstructions of the sheriff. Coale managed to secure one copy for himself (so did I---I wrote two chapters of the book) and a few reprints of his article, I believe. If you borrow my copy, you will have to cross your heart and agree to drop dead if you do not return it.

While you were here enjoying a New Year's dinner I had to go down to Gary on an errand and could not find even time enough to call you on the phone. I wanted to ask you for a forecast of the nature of the popular handbook on birds to be issued in the spring. I had hoped that there would be some way to revise and embellish Schantz' "Birds of Illinois". If your popular handbook is to be of the size in which the Natural History Survey Bulletins occur, there will still be a great need for a bulletin as simple and as convenient in size as the Schantz book. The latter as it is in great demand and if it contained adequate illustrations, were carefully checked up as to accuracy, and its descriptions changed from the stilted form to a running, graphic style, it would be of enormous service. I am thinking of school children. They can not come into their own until scientific material is offered in a form that will attract them. Has the Natural History Survey ever issued a bulletin for children? Why should it not do this? You see I am challenging you to prepare your popular handbook so that it will be popular and a handbook!!

Cordially yours,

Friday, January 10

Snow practically came to an end in the night. Heavy drifts. Mild day.

Left on 7:00 for Chic to funeral of Prof Cox at St Thomas the Apostle's Church – 55th & Kimbark Sat with the delegation of the Geog Soc – Schantz, Wright, Bradley, et. al. Saw Dr. Cowles for a few minutes. He looks badly. Home at 1:00.

To H.S. for conf with Mr Richardson over our pupils' tests and to consult with Mr Sandwick over midyear promotions

Then various conferences at school. At home this evening.

Prof Cox and I had not been in close relations for a few years since we disagreed on Geog Soc. policies. He was a very likeable man.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from Mrs. Roake to speak to the Glen Ellyn Garden Club. Her invitation and his reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Jan. 6, 1930.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith:-
141 S. 2nd Ave.,
Highland Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

The five chapters of the Glen Ellyn Garden Club are quite anxious to have you give your lecture with pictures on "Roadside Planting" in Glen Ellyn. I am writing to ask for the following:

What is your charge for a lecture? Are you available for Friday evening, September 12, 1930?

Yours truly,

Mrs. Edith P. Roake

Chairman – Program Com.

Aster Chapter.

St. Chas. & Riford Rd.,
Glen Ellyn, Ill.

January 10, 1930.

Mrs. Edith P. Roake,
St. Charles and Riford Road,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Roake :

I can reserve the evening of Friday, Sept. 12, for the illustrated lecture of "Roadside Plantings" if the chapters of the Glen Ellyn Garden Club should desire that. My fee would be thirtyfive dollars, this to cover all expenses.

Thanking your for the inquiry, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Saturday, January 11

Thawing a little, Gray. Some rain or sleet this evening.

To city on 9:04. To Pathe & Fox to look up films. To Mr Lodge's office to confer on Aud. matters
To City Club for Round Table luncheon & program

Home at 4:00. Left for Chic on 7:04 to hear the Symph orchestra & Josef Iturbi, Spanish pianist.
Bruner had recommended me to hear him & I am glad I bot a ticket A great pianist.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert featuring soloist José Iturbi. – ed.]

Sunday, January 12

Gray Mild Slight crust on the snow.

M & I to church. Heard a good sermon by Mr Fitt.

This aft I made hurried trip down to the Searles' house in Ravinia to see their amorphophallus bulb which is budding. Mine they think will need to be a year or two older before it will bloom

Colin Sanborn spent an hour with me. He took away the dead Old Squaw duck which Marian Smith brot this aft. It had died yesterday.

This evening to "tea" at Mrs Shay's. Mr & Mrs Bliss & Mr Richardson & Mr Leech – and Misses Fallstad, Nixon, Grunewald, Benz, Kennedy, Grenoble, Guiney.

Monday, January 13

Still quite mild. Crust melted a little.

Morning ex at 9:00 in playroom with 1 – 3's. Showed some farm pictures.

Ex at 10:00 with 4 – 8's in aud. H.S. girls' glee club sang. Mr Dinkaloo leading. Ruth Drake soloist

Messrs Richardson and Burwell came over to report on Mr R's ex of our 8A's.

Agent of Mirakel glasses called

Conf of 8th teachers this evening after school.

Board meeting this evening. Absent Wood and Guyot. Fine evening. Discussed midyear promotions.

Tuesday, January 14

Very sloppy until late aft when cold wind set in & ice formed.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Conf with 8A's and announcement of graduation.

Ag't for Book of Knowledge.

At home this evening.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from Mrs. Kilmer of the DeKalb Woman's Club. The invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

DeKalb, Ill.

Jan 10, 1930

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thru the courtesy of Mrs. Frederick Fisher, president of the Garden Club of Illinois, I am asking you if you can present your illustrated lecture here for the DeKalb Woman's Club at 2:30 P.M. March 14th? Our facilities are of the very best for the pictures and we sincerely hope you can come. If you come by rail and arrive on the 12 o'clock train, we shall be delighted to have you for our luncheon guest.

Kindly advise me if there will be a charge aside from transportation.

Sincerely yours

Angelique Parsons Kilmer

Mrs. W.E. Kilmer

Pres. Home Garden Club
of DeKalb

Chairman Conservation Department
Woman's Club.

I note I omitted to specify "Road Side Plantings"

January 14, 1930.

Mrs W.A. Kilmer,
DeKalb, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Kilmer :

This is in reply to your kind inquiry about my talk on roadside plantings.

I am a very busy schoolman and I can not lay aside my work for afternoon engagements nor for evening engagements that will encroach much upon daylight duties. I gave an afternoon without charge to the federation of garden clubs because I was thus able to present my "propaganda" to so many representative persons, but for local organizations I have to ask to set the time and charge a fee. My garden club fee is thirty five dollars.

I regret that I can not serve you in the way you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Wednesday, January 15

About 14° above this A.M. Snow flurries today.

Mr Burwell and Miss Wilson spent most of the day advising our 8A's who are to go to the H.S.

P.T.A. meeting this aft. I spoke on a number of "timely topics."

At home this evening.

Thursday, January 16

Colder today. Snowflurries.

Conf on promotions with 1 - 2 - 3's - 5' - 6B's

Visitors - Miss Pearson and Miss Crawford - Ravinia

Taught two classes this A.M. Miss Guiney absent.

At my desk this evening.

Friday, January 17

Snow flurries. Grew very much colder. At 6:00 P.M. - 3° below. At 11:00 P.M. 15° below.

Visitors - Capellor & Peterson.

At G.B.R.S. a while. Conf with 1B & 1A on promotions

Closed at 3:00 to let our pupils go to skating contest at Sunset Park. Ravinia & Lincoln versus Elm Place. Interesting. Then at 5:00 the 8B's gave a supper to the 8A's which was a great success At 7:00 several of us went to the Hillborns for dinner A fine time also.

Grunewald, Nixon, Mickelson, Benz, Tschirgi, Grenoble, Schultz, Richardson, Meyers, Hansen, McMunn.

Saturday, January 18

22° below

At 6:00 A M - 22° below. A cold day although the sun came out and the mercury arose considerably 8° below at 10:30 P.M.

To Chic on 8:34. At Schantz' office a long conf with Mrs Baroody and Mrs Richardson Then lunch with Schantz and Pattee & another conf. Home at 4:00.

Sunday, January 19

6° below at 7:00 A.M. but temp rose to 18° above by noon. A fine day.

M & I to North Ave M E church & heard a fine sermon by Rev Aubrey Moore

This aft I went to the funeral of August Peters, veteran furnace man, a man of honesty and integrity.

Late this aft I visited with Mrs Welch & Mrs Gaidzik to talk over the coming party of the F.O.O N L.

Monday, January 20

More snow in the night. Milder.

Morning ex as usual. Talked about Mr Egan. Also August Peters.

Conf with Mrs Danley, with Mrs John Childs, with Mr & Mrs Sherer.

Conf with Mr Sandwick & Mr Richardson at H.S.

Called 8A's together and announced my intention to give diploma to all.

Helped to plan a vaudeville program for 8A's for Wednesday.

Conf with upper grade teachers over 8A program.

This evening worked on program for tomorrow evening.

Tuesday, January 21

Down to zero this A M Light fall of snow. Grew colder this aft & was 3° below at 7:00. 6° below at 11:00 P.M.

Took photo of 8A's in front of Kg bld & west entrance of aud. Latter quite successful.

Got commencement invitations on the press

Conf with 5's.

This evening – fireside meeting of the F of O.N.L. at Ravinia Club House. Dinner at 7:30. Prog at 8:30 or a little later. – I got up a ceremony of fire lighting, candle bearing, etc. Used lantern to throw words on screen. Had Miss Benz, a h.s. boy violinist, Sperandi with a partner (concertina). Rowena Bastin Bennett recited beautiful (original) poems. Business meeting. Rush to catch trains. Clarke & Mrs Wright helped greatly.

Wednesday, January 22

18° below at 7 A.M. Moderated somewhat but now 10° below at 10:30 P.M.

Got commencement programs mailed, diplomas signed.

8A's vaudeville program after school netted 45⁰⁰ or more.

Gang Comedy

Tumbling (H.S. boys, Bob Lester & Bob Knox)

Magic – Rich. Pett.

Harmonica contest

This evening Schultz, Rudolph Ingerle & I went to Win. to Art League to hear Obermeyer on Art & Life, the approach to modern aesthetics – a splendid lecture. The Peyrauds, Ewells, Mrs Gertrude Spaller, Kindred, Mrs Lichtenstein, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Davies.

Thursday, January 23

About 7° below this A.M. Moderated during day. 5° above tonight

Called Sam Lewis out to confer about our superheated furnace room. Dr Fritsch consulted also. Some Lincoln Ave visitors.

Conf with some of G.B.R.S teachers over promotion. With 4th graders. After school with 7 – 8's.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Oakes to speak at The Central States Garden and Flower Show. The invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
Highland Park, Ill.

My dear Mr. Smith:

We hope to have one of your talks on the program of The Central States Garden and Flower Show. Mrs Karcher has given me your name as that of one willing to come. You know, of course, that all the lectures are donated in the interests of good gardening and conservation.

I am writing to ask your convenience with regard to the date. Perhaps Saturday would be the best day for you, and, as there are two, April 5th and 12th, I shall leave them open until I hear from you. The subject most suitable you will know best, I am sure. I have heard you several times with the greatest enjoyment and I should think your talk on Roadside Planting might be very inspiring to the Show visitors.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs B.F.) *Helen Hart Oakes*

January 15, 1930.

January 23, 1930.

Mrs Helen Hart Oakes,
317 Fourth Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Oakes :

I pray have a heart and excuse me from addressing leg-weary pilgrims at the flower show. A lecture always appears as a sort of a superfluity to me at such times, there is so much that is rich and objective in the exhibit. If I were an audience, I fancy I would go to the lecture to find a place to sit down for a while. Please let me "tend" a booth or do something similar for the afternoon to show my goodwill.

Sincerely yours,

[Apparently Mrs. Oakes was persistent with regard to her invitation. Mr. Smith sent a second note declining the engagement on February 17. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

February 17, 1930.

Oh, my dear Mrs Oakes :

Please have a heart and let me off this time.

Sincerely yours,

Friday, January 24

A little snow in the night. About 10° above at 7:00. Warmer during the day. Snowing again at 10:00 P M.

Morning ex for honorable mentions, etc Very interesting.

Conf. during day. Much explanation of promotions, etc. Met with committee of G.B.R.S. auxiliary this aft.

Commencement this evening. Recd with enthusiasm. Decided success M & K. there.

Saturday, January 25

About 6° above at 7: A M Sunny day but cold Drop to 8° below after supper

Home work this A.M. with an hour with Mr Richardson at school

At home with errands this aft, etc

Got out a lot of Audubon letters this evening

[One of the Audubon letters that Mr. Smith "got out" this day was written to Mr. Eifrig. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

January 25, 1930.

My dear Mr. Eifrig :

Perhaps if we begin promptly on time at the meeting next Wednesday evening we can not only present the proposed amendment to our bylaws first thing but there may be time to present the chairmen of committees who may happen to be present. It would be a graceful thing for each chairman to name the members of his committee. I give this as a suggestion only.

The tangle of my personal affairs this past week has unfortunately affected the Audubon work. It was the last week of my school semester and my time and attention was at a premium. So when I gave out local printer my copy I did not find time to check him up. The result that our letter to our members did not get down to the city until Friday morning. I sent the printed matter in to Buckley, Dement and Co. who have been doing our addressing for a long time. I thought I could save time that way rather than by turning it over to Mr. Bailey's secretary at the Academy. I hope the letters have been reaching our members today. At any rate all of us should get our notices by Monday noon.

I am mailing you and each of the Directors ten copies of the circular letter to send out to likely prospects. I have mailed over twenty myself.

If you have any bird news, please tell me next Wednesday.---- I have evening grosbeaks to report as well as pine-grosbeaks, etc.

Cordially yours,

Sunday, January 26

About 12° below at 7:00 A M. Moderated & at 14 or 15 above most of day. Light snow late aft.

Mr Leech & Billie Childs and I scouted around this A M in Mr L's car to try to find strange birds. No success but a good time. Went through Mr Pick's estate & the Boynton estate.

At home remainder of day.

[The following information is from miscellaneous notes in the Jesse Lowe Smith papers in the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library. – ed.]

Special Funds. Sept. 9, 1929

Telescope Fund:

1-Classes of June 1924 and Feb. 1925	372.69.
The above includes a contribution of \$40 and of interest \$79.92	
2-Class of June 1925 (Mason-Beneke)	288.75
3-Classes of Feb. 1926 and June 1926 (Thomas-Snite funds)	
	----- 270.73
	----- 265.26
4-Class of February 1927--Robert Lester	159.76
5-Class of June 1927--David Owen	233.49

1590.68

84.39Miscellaneous Funds:

1675.07	6-Colonial-Antique	67.40
	7-Interest of 1928, to be added to Telescope Fund	84.39
	8-Class of June 1929--Clifton Franklin	234.22
	9-Robin Hood	145.05

Sept 19

Withdrawn

Colonial Antique	67 ⁴⁰
From Robin Hood	48 ⁸⁰

Nov 12

From R H fund	25 ⁰⁰
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Jan 26 – 1930

Drew out From Robin Hood Fund as follows:

Spotlight	24.75
Bal on	
Abbott bill	<u>42.15</u>
	66 ²⁰

(Abbott bill

1 Print – Solitude	15 ⁸⁰
3 “ -	52 ⁸⁰)

Jan 26, 1930 – charged Miss Stine’s account with 26⁴⁵ on Abbott bill. A bookstore acc’t.

Monday, January 27

About 10° above this A M Rose to 30 or 32 during the day.

Morning ex then change of classes – promotions.

Went to Moraine Hotel right after lunch for chat with Jensen & Van Bergen.

At home this evening

Teachers’ meeting at 4:00.

Tuesday, January 28

About 10° above this A M Colder again this evening. About 4° above at 11:00 P M
Mr Richardson & some of our teachers gave the achievement tests to all our 8th's today.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S.
Eugene & Mrs Craig with Mrs Hagensick called this evening.
Conf with Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanst.

Wednesday, January 29

5° below at 6:00. Moderated some during the day Now 5° above – 12:00 P M
Mr Leech ill. No sub. Miss Michelson also. Mrs L.W. Nelson, sub.
Mrs Gould representing Mr Smith of Country Day called & we talked over our pupils that plan to go there
A photog. called to arrange for taking pictures of pupils
Conf with conditioned pupils. With upper grade teachers on math.
To Acad of Sc this evening to hear Prof Allen lecture before Aud Soc. on courtship of birds. Fine talk The Pattees brot me to Central St in their auto.

Thursday, January 30

About 10° above this A M & that much now – 11:30 P M Snowing a little about 5:00 P.M.
Mr Leech still absent. Miss Mickelson here.
I tested a number of pupils this A M
This aft Mr Schultz & I went in on 2:04 to Art Inst at a reception & first showing of works of artists of Chic & vic. Mr Schultz' painting "Ephraim" well hung. Met there Mr & Mrs Dudley, Mr & Mrs Ramoth, Mr & Mrs Bob Smith & Leonore Jerrems – the latter has a still life, a prize winner.
At 4:15 I left to go over to 100 No La Salle to meeting of Board of D of Geog Soc. Routine.
Home at 7:30.

Friday, January 31

About 12° above this A.M. Thawed some today 15° above at 9:30 P.M.
Spent much time with pupils needing remedial work
After school Dr Mann of Garret & two students that are working on a "survey" conferred with Mr Richardson & me over possible collection of data in our schools
St Johns Evang. had a benefit performance of some Jubilee Singers in our Aud this evening. I went for a while Good of its kind

Saturday, February 1

An inch of snow in the night. Mild sunny day
At home about all day.
Worked over Audubon material, notice of symphony concerts, etc.

Sunday, February 2

Snowed a while this A M. Then thawed all day. Gray.
At home this A M This aft walked out over the snow fields in the Skokie. Saw one sharp-shinned; gulls, crows Went to Mr Leech's & we drove over to Jim Mooney's to talk to young Jim about starlings and his collection of mammals He has a live possum which he caught in a trap
We called on the Parratt's this evening.

Monday, February 3

Thawing all day but with little sunshine.

At morning ex we showed two reels about sunlight (irradiated yeast) and a group of players staged an ad for the coming presentation of the Cricket on the Hearth.”

Mr Wright called to discuss school plans.

Mrs Millard came and she and I went over to G B R S to look over kg for possible decoration with pictures.

This evening I went to bldg to see that all was right as the basket ball boys were leaving.

Tuesday, February 4

Froze up again and thawing almost ceased.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Many small jobs today & long conf. after school.

Wednesday, February 5

As yesterday. Little thawing.

Took bulbs out of pits. Two concrete pits on west, all pots frozen Others in good shape.

G.B.R.S. auxiliary had a meet this aft. All the children performed – and well. I showed patrons some Lincoln slides.

Ag't of Nystrom called and I bot physiol. chart for school – to be paid Sept 1.

To city to Aud. meeting this aft – Small attendance. Pattee, Schantz, Eifrig, Richardson, Baroody

Thursday, February 6

A little milder, but little thawing.

This aft most of us went to H.S. P.T.A. to hear McCormack on mental hygiene. Good talk. Good time.

Cricket on the Hearth at Elm Place this aft & evening. Five or six of our staff went this aft. Large aud of children that grew tired & restless.

Moderate audience this evening. Good performance

Friday, February 7

Thawed very much today. The sun shone at times.

Worked with individual pupils today.

Mrs Denton of Ev. called as agent for Guy Caldwell.

An ag't for a pub. house – Whitman & Co – called

Signed 400 or more letters soliciting support for symphony concerts

[Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Chicago physician Dr. Edward H. Ochsner. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

February 7, 1930.

Dr. Edward H. Ochsner
2256 Lincoln Parkway, Chicago.

Dear Dr. Ochsner :

I have read with much appreciation your recent letter to the Tribune relating to the segregation of the criminal insane and I strongly hope that the program you suggest of informing our citizenry as to the conditions at Dixon and elsewhere can be thoroughly carried out. As you well understand there is not a moment to lose in preparing the general public to command the next legislature to give special attention to the work of the entire department of public welfare. I wish that Governor Emmerson would resort to so heroic a measure as to [c]all a special session of the legislature to consider only that one thing. When the legislature is in session there is seldom a very formidable group on hand to urge special attention to the needs of our very numerous state wards and so the trading and compromising when appropriations are pending seriously affect the welfare of these very wards. I think the moral of it all is to organize our groups well in advance stress the widest possible dissemination of the program.

I am one of a committee of three representing the Round Table of northern Illinois (sixty school superintendents). Our special duty being to study the work of the State School for Boys at St. Charles and report from time to time to our organization with the plan ultimately to prepare a program to lay before the entire teaching body of Illinois, a program, for example, for securing for such institutions a teaching staff of the very highest grade. We have had a long interview with Mr. Brandon and some written correspondence; we have visited the institution at St. Charles several times and at the request of the managing officer, Mr. Elliot, submitted two detailed reports with recommendations. We are trying to "bore from within" and so we have showed no impatience but have simply been persistent in suggesting improvements.

And now, getting back to your letter, you are quite correct, of course, as to the intermingling at St. Charles of criminally incorrigibles with the mildly delinquent, and as to the danger that the institution may be a source of danger to the state. The prosecuting attorney at Cicero told me that he never thought of urging a sentence to St. Charles. He and the magistrate bully delinquent boys into straightening up; find jobs for them and dog their footsteps until they make good--at least that is the theory upon which they carry on at Cicero!

Dr. Campbell, one of Dr. Adler's staff who spent three or four days a week at St. Charles, told me last spring that they had not been able to get through more than a very small part of a program for segregation. In November I found that Dr. Campbell had left in August and that no psychiatrist had visited the institution since!!

Several of the cottages house from forty to sixty boys with a man and his wife in charge and a watchman to patrol the dormitory at night.

The managing officer, Mr. Elliott, a very humane man, is open to suggestions whether he has the moral courage and vigor to carry them out and he is to be credited with the proposition to turn over a cottage to Dr. Adler to be officered by the latter and administered as a model for the other cottages. Dr. Adler avoided what I am disposed to consider the acid test. I understand that he desires more study of the "problem": he wants bigger and better laboratories and larger enrolment of students! To me every cottage at St. Charles is a laboratory and if we do not know all we should as to ideal methods of procedure at this time, one thing is sure something has to be done anyway and right now, for the laboratories are overflowing with "specimens" and we surely can do better than the mediocre persons in charge who have had no training whatever!

I am sure you are right, Dr. Ochsner, in insisting that the present laws are adequate and that all is needed is intelligent application. Financial support, courage in the grave task of eliminating the mediocre in personnel, sympathetic interest of a great body of citizens, St. Charles needs all this and all of our other institutions as well.

Sincerely yours,

[Dr. Ochsner's reply to Mr. Smith's letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

March 10, 1930

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

My dear Sir:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of February 7 received during my absence from the city.

I am indeed glad to know that you approve of my little article published in the Chicago Tribune of recent date. I am thoroughly convinced that if those interested could get together on this subject it could be solved. No one group can along solve it. The psychologist would naturally be a necessary member of such a group but he alone can not work out the problem because in my experience he has a very narrow view of the situation. He is not willing as a rule to apply the known remedies for the simpler conditions but seems to want to first work out the whole problem, a problem which of course will never be completely solved – at best only relatively solved. Practical men of affairs in the various professions and occupations working together and pooling their knowledge and experience could, I am sure, bring about great improvement and that in a short time.

Trusting that some day we may be able to meet and do our bit in discussing this problem, I am

Very truly yours,
Edward H Ochsner

EHO-CW

Saturday, February 8

A fine day. Sun shone Melted considerably. Colder again at evening.

To city on 9:34 To Schantz office for a short conf. To City Club for luncheon of Round Table.

W.H. Malone, chairman of Ill. Tax Commission, made a striking address on the tax situation

S.W. Ehrman, formerly princ. of Decatur H.S. was my guest & I introduced him generally. He has been in business for time and wants to get into school work again

To Fields, Boston Store, Brentano's, to Dr H.J. Smith's office to get advice about my reading glasses Home at 5:30. Had a chat with Miss Davis at Fields.

Sunday, February 9

Bright. Sunny. Thawing – then frozen up again at evening.

M & I to Presb Ch., Mr & Mrs Parratt took us.

Mr P & I went down to the Searles' at Ravinia to see the "lily" in its bud stage. Took two photos

This evening I went with Mr & Mrs Loewenstein to Cong. Ch. at Wilmette to hear Judge Florence Allen in the Noise of History. A fine talk

Peter (Pietro) Marchi sang over W M A Q this evening. A fine voice Quite a triumph.

Monday, February 10

Thawed some, but cold on the whole Clear

Mr Richardson & I laid the results of achievement and mental tests of all our 8's before Mr Sandwick & his Mr Richardson and it was practically agreed that most of our 8B's are the graduate in June Teachers' meeting. Discussion of an article in N.E.A. Journal based on Morrison plan of teaching.

Board meeting this evening. Mr R & I reported our arrangement with Mr Sandwick Mr Bliss announced his intention to retire in April. Mr Murray is to run for his position; Mrs Pfanstiehl is to run again; candidates for places filled by Murray & Guyot are to be selected.

Tuesday, February 11

Frozen up this A M, but moderated all day & still continuing – 12:00 P.M
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Showed Lincoln pictures
Then took 3rd's outside & dug into the root pit – potatoes, beets, cabbages, carrots, & apples.
Most of latter rotten. B & C. growing strong.
Assembly at El Place at 11:00. Some slides Some recitations; etc
This aft met 8's at 3:00 & talked to them about the June program
Helped Mr. Schultz hang his paintings & water colors at Woman's Club after school.
Mr Borg's boys and ours played basket ball in our gym
This evening heard Lowell Thomas at Orch Hall – Geog Soc. Wonderful talk.

Wednesday, February 12

No school today
Mild. Gray. Continued thawing. Slippery walks
Spent some time, morn. & aft. working in plant house at G.B.R.S.
This evening to banquet of C of C. at Moraine. Over 250 at tables. Very successful. Came away at 10:00 to go to G.B.R.S. where some of patrons were giving a card party, benefit of school. Great success. Left there after 12:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 13

Thawed some again today.
Mrs Millard and I conferred with Miss Stark at G.B.R S. over pictures for Kg.
Various conferences today.
Library Board this evening. Routine

Friday, February 14

Colder. Down to 8° or 10° above this A.M. Moderated but no thawing. Snowing a little this evening.
Committee and conference work. Mrs Kornblith called to present Better Homes; Mr Hannah to talk band instruments; Ray Cardy, school supplies, etc.
This evening at school until 9:15.

Saturday, February 15

After the slight snowfall of last evening the thermometer reading fell rapidly. At 7:00 A M it was 6° below.
Busy at school most of day
Mr Frank brot a class of 16 or so from the U. of Chic. to see our science equipment. "Cunny" was the host & Mr Leech & I helped. Fine time.
This evening Christian Science lecture in aud. I didn't go. Had a long visit with Mr Mann instead

Sunday, February 16

About 8° above. Moderated a little and a light fall of snow at noon
Clarence & Edith came at 10:00 & left at 2:00.

Mr Leech & I went down to Mr Searles' and photographed the "lily" this A M. It is now in early bloom, the stamens beginning to stand out from the shaft and giving off a fierce odor.

I developed two batches of neg. this aft & evening, 3¼ x 4¼, & one of 5x7, these latter long overdue.

Monday, February 17

Turned out mild. Balmy

At morn. exercises Miss Tschirgi's pupils dramatized scenes from discovery period of Amer. history.

Conf with Mrs Herman over P.T.A. program.

Had "open hour" from 10:00 to 11:00.

Teachers' meeting.

At school a while this evening.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from a Wilmette Parent Teacher group. The invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

632 Forest Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois
February twelfth.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith.

Highland Park Ill

Dear Sir,

I recently wrote to ask if you would be free to address our Parent Teacher group on Tuesday afternoon, March eleventh – our meetings are at half past three – not having heard from you, I tho't perhaps my letter had gone astray.

I have heard such favorable comments on your lecture, "Stimulating Interest in Nature Study" I am hoping you will be our speaker at our March meeting.

Since I am anxious to get my program arranged as soon as possible I am asking for a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Adams

Program Chairman

St. Francis O.T.A – Wilmette

Tel. – Wil978

February 17, 1930

Mrs Catherine M. Adams,
632 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, Ill.

Dear Mrs Adams :

It was very careless of me to let your letter of inquiry be side-tracked. I regret that you had to write to call my attention to it.

I will not be able to serve you in the way you suggest. I am obliged to conserve my time and energy these days in order to push two or three public undertakings along and so I have to avoid other engagements as far as possible. I am sure it would be a pleasure to talk to your organization and I regret that I must forego it.

Sincerely yours,

Tuesday, February 18

A fog at dawn. Sunny & mild. Ice crunching from shaded walks
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. In the aft I had the 3rd's there begin potting geraniums
Gave arith test of two problems to 6A's & 7 – 8's. Checked up some of the papers this evening.
Ray Phillips began the painting of the walls of some of our rooms

Wednesday, February 19

Balmy. Beautiful.
Mr Hudson of Libertyville & some of his staff here all A M
This aft Nelson L Greene, ed. of Educ Screen talked to a fine aud of P.T.A's. A most impressive address.

Thursday, February 20

Balmy. Almost overcoat less
Miss Behrens left last evening for home – her mother reported worse - - Mrs L E. Nelson sub today.
Conf. with children over arith problems
Conf with Miss Hendee over library bldg plans. Also with Mr. Garnett. Also with Mr Flinn this evening
Ray Phillips finished living room this day.

Friday, February 21

Left for Philadelphia

Washington exercises at 10:30. Busy day
Left Chic at 6:00 on Penn. special – Wright, Davies, Fairchild, Goble, Whitten, Cassady & Mrs C., Bogan, English, Jensen
Before leaving station I wrote to Dr. E.H. Bradley, Peoria; Alfred Bailey, wired Mrs Baroody.
Phoned Mayor Lewis about the Monday evening hearing I am to miss.
Ticket 45.63.
Meal 1.30

Saturday, February 22

To Philadelphia

Horseshoe Bend and Altoona about 8:30. Harrisburg, 11:00. Phil. 1:40. to Benj. Franklin Hotel, Wright, Davies & I in a suite
Took four hour bus ride to Valley Forge. Fairmount Park, Bryn Mawr, Valley Creek. The chapel and the wedding of William and Ruth. Boy scouts all about us
Isaac Potts House, excavations, the “forge”, hospital hut.
Feeling punk, went to bed early

Sunday, February 23

Philad to Atlantic City.

D., W. & I set out after breakf. To Independ Hall, Congress Hall, etc. Beautiful bldgs, within & without. White pine. Numerous portraits, by Chas Wilson Peale. Also portr by Rembrandt Peale, Sully, West.

Display of Ferris' paintings in Congress Hall.

Went past Christ Church burying ground & Franklin's grave, then to beautiful old Christ Church & heard portion of communion service. Wandered past Betsey Ross House to Carpenters' Hall – beautiful bldg walled in by its modern neighbors

D & W. left for Phil after lunch. I lingered. Revisited morning scenes & studied contrasting architecture of later day. Left at 4:10. At Ritz Carleton at 6:00. Great jam in lobby. – To evening meeting in time to hear musical program

Monday, February 24 Atlantic City.

Mild, very balmy weather here. Beautiful on the board walk

Sat thru out A.M session. Went to "child adjustment" program. Two stupid numbers. Then to Room 12 where we heard fine talks by Ryan and Beatty.

Nyg & W. & I had oysters at Dock's for supper. Fine food

Fine address by Ruth Bryan Owen this evening. Commissioner Cooper gave a very long and tedious address

Band music & addresses spoiled by echo effects.

[The following remarks are written at the bottom of this page, but they refer to Mr. Smith's Philadelphia architectural study of the previous day. – ed]

Many of the bldgs of the 80' & 90' mere monstrosities in style. See Manhattan Bldg – Chestnut & 4th – the most grotesque. Provident Bldg, 4th & Chestnut, a medley. Fidelity-Phila Trust Co, 327 Chestnut between 4th & 5th Faces Carpenter's Hall

313 Chestnut – Phil. Clearing House, a study in Norman defensive style. One could spend hours over the architecture of the City Hall – overloaded, far-fetched – impossible.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program of the annual meeting of the National Society for the Study of Education. The clipping includes a presentation on Social Adaptation of the Young Child, with the following two presentations.

Contributions to the Social Adaptation of the Young Child

By the Sociologist

Dorothy Swaine Thomas, Research Associate, Child Development Institute,
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City

By the Mental Hygienist

Douglas A. Thom, Director, Division of Mental Hygiene, Massachusetts
Department of Mental Diseases, Boston, Mass.

The Hon. Ruth Bryan Owen, Member of Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Florida, spoke on "Modern Politics." William John Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D.C. spoke on "Education for Dynamic Life." – ed.]

Tuesday, February 25 Atlantic City

Balmier still. Delightful,

Feature of the A.M. session the singing of about 75 boys from Minersville, Pa. Unusually fine

Addresses good but not notable

P.M. – session in Rose Room, Traymore Hotel. Neither Bagley nor Buckingham present, but latter's paper read Mr Allen's excellent

Evening performance has some very impressive features. Serious blemishes due to loud speakers. Organ had its troubles – echoes, etc Singers couldn't hear accompaniments, etc

Immensity of stage & audience room source of trouble. Libretto stilted and a little tedious. Grand finale tremendous

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program of the annual meeting. The paper of William C. Bagley, Professor of Education, Columbia University, New York City, was on "The Limitations of Educational Measurements." The paper of B.R. Buckingham, Lecturer in Education, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. was on "Measurement and Modern Educational Thought." Richard D. Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Providence, R.I. presented a paper on "Clerical Routine or Cooperative Research?" The evening performance was entitled "The Pageant of Time: an Adventure of Education in the Realm of Leisure." It consisted of a prologue, four cycles – the Commission, the Conflict, the Conquest, and the Coronation – and epilogue. It was presented by a high school band and orchestra of 125 pieces, and a choral division of nearly 500 voices, teachers and students of New Jersey schools. – ed.]

Wednesday, February 26 Atlantic City.

Little cooler Threatening. Downpour at 5:00 P.M. for a time.

At 7:30 Illinois breakfast at our hotel. Mr Blair presided. Responses by J.C. Brown, Pres. Adams, R C Moore, Mr McCormack

At morning session the nat'l h-s. orch. played Bloch's rhapsody episode, America very well

Sec Wilbur's address fine Stoddard, good

Schwartz of J.C. Winston took eleven of us to Hackney's – famous seafood restaurant.

Then Nyg & I bolted for the aft. Went to a Ford agency where a contractor volunteered to take us out to some primitive landscape – So we had three hours of that. Pines, holly, bayberry, trailing arbutus, - willows, alders, frogs in chorus, starlings, etc. Mr Lewis C. Carty, Pleasantville, N.J.

Attended "rehearsal" this evening

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program of the annual meeting. Music at the morning session was provided by the orchestra from the National High School Orchestra and Band Camp, conducted by Joseph E. Maddy. "America" by Ernest Bloch was performed. The address by the Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D.C. was on "The Anticipation of Future Needs." A.J. Stoddard, Superintendent of Schools, Providence, R.I. spoke on "Educational Advance Through Research." The evening event was an "Orchestra Rehearsal" by the National High School Orchestra. – ed.]

Thursday, February 27 Atlantic C to New York

Gen'l session this A.M. Fine talk by J.H. Finley.

Mr W & I went to the end of the long pier the noon [8?] saw the nets hauled up A cart load of rays, flounders, cod, herring, scorpion.

Took aft. train for N.Y. Bruner met me at Pa. station Supper at Columbia Univ Club.

Went to fine performance of Journey's End.

Then to bed.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program of the annual meeting. John H. Finley, of the *New York Times* spoke on "The Newspaper and the School." Also pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *Journey's End* by R.C. Sherriff. – ed.]

Friday, February 28 New York

Stomach trouble in the night and so I stayed in my room until Bruner came back from school at 2:00.

Then he & I went out for the remainder of the aft.

To St. John the Divine, Rockefeller Church, Columbia Univ., Riverside Drive, etc.

This evening to "The Apple Cart", witty & stimulating

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Martin Beck Theatre playbill for *The Apple Cart* by Bernard Shaw.

The cast of characters included Claude Rains in the role of Proteus, the Prime Minister and Tom Powers as Magnus, the King. – ed.]

Saturday, March 1

N Y. to Chic.

Fine cool day.

Felt better & Bruner & I visited Museum & Art Gallery & looked over some of bid buildings down town.

Then I took 4:00 o'clock west.

Bot copy of Great Meadows which a read on the way

Sunday, March 2

Home

Rode through several snow flurries today. Tummie still out of order & was glad to get home this evening

R.R. 46.25

6.40

11.00

Hotels 4.00

20.00.

Meals

about 25.00.

Books { 2.50

{ 1.00

Monday, March 3

12° above this A.M & not above 20° today

The Wilmette gram. sch. orch. Katherine Gramquist Wagner, came to play of us at opening ex. A fine effort. Mrs Maher came & 8 or 10 of the mothers

Then Mrs Harris brot in a fine Milwaukee teacher whom I showed around.

Teachers meeting this aft. - - Mrs Georgia Bradley Chingrin visited today –

Miss Jones, ill. Mrs Chas Mason sub

Miss Price ill & Mrs Nelson, sub.

Mrs Weaver sub for Miss Behrens.

This evening to city hall where I spoke against destroying the trees near the library to pave it 50 wide Lost out..

Looked in at Aud. on way home where Presb. Guild was rehearsing a play.

Wired Miss Behrens.

Tuesday, March 4

Fine day. Thawing but cool.

Mrs Nelson sub for Miss Thomas, ill from severe dentistry operation

Ag't for Grollier's. Ordered set of Lands and Peoples.

Cold working on me.
At home this evening.

Wednesday, March 5

Fine day.

This aft Misses Mickelson, Nixon & Grunewald took 53 pupils to New Trier to see Ben Gr[ee?]t players in Twelfth Night. I sub'd all aft

My cold got violently watery late aft & put me "hors de combat" the remainder of the day. Lois Green & her mother brot me a prescription this evening which seems very promising

[On March 5, Mr. Lodge wrote a letter to Mr. Smith regarding Audubon affairs. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

March 5, 1930.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
334 Vine St.,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I am leaving town this morning for the rest of the month. Have been trying to call you on the phone today, but have not been able to locate you. I have talked to Mr. Pattee and Mr. Decker and they have my ideas for tonight.

I feel that we should move the office to the academy at once.

I suppose the Bulletin will be coming out very soon. I think it would be a mighty fine thing if we could get out another issue of the bulletin around May 1st. I have received the biography of Frank Smith from Dr. Cahn and it is very nicely done in my opinion. I will also have either a picture or a cut already for use by the time we can use it.

Regarding Mr. Schantz and his work, I feel we have paid him all he has earned up to date. He very definitely agreed to accept one-half the cost of the office over there and now says that we can take it "out of the \$600 that is coming to me." I told him there was nothing coming to him that he did not earn. Personally, I hope that he can get enough lectures so that we can fulfill the \$600 proposition, but I would not agree to pay him a cent that he doesn't earn.

I think there is everything to gain by moving the office to the academy at once and nothing to lose. Sorry I cannot be with you tonight, but think I shall give a copy of this letter to Mr. Decker to hand to you so that you can have my views.

Schantz is already gloating over the fact that the bulletin has been delayed although I know he was largely responsible for it.

Very truly yours,
F.S. Lodge

FSL:HH

Thursday, March 6

Between 30 & 40 today. Fine.

Stayed at home all morning, nursing my cold. At school this aft At home this evening
Miss Behrens at her post again.
Mrs Weaver has Miss Kennedy's room. Miss K. taken to hospital last evening for observation
Seems to have an abdominal tumor

Friday, March 7

Mild. Rising wind.
Following went to conf. on emotional life of the child at Palmer House today:
Deile, Schultz, Fehr, Kirkland, Miller, McMunn, Hawkins, Cramer, Baur, Price, Parson, Fallstad
Mrs Weaver in Miss Kennedy's room.
Mr Leech & I supervised the planting of 50 or more flats – Matchum & Marglobe, & three of
Beefstead & oxheart.
Mr Lies & Mr Allen, social workers, called & invited me to talk at conf at City Club next Wednsd
evening.
At home this evening. Seem to have made a speedy recovery from my cold, thanks to Lois Green's
medicine.

Saturday, March 8

Fine day.
To city on 10:04. Shopped at Fields & Eastman's & then felt so weak that I debated taking first
train home However went to City Club to Round Table & cup of coffee braced me up some Chatted
with Thompson about St Charles affairs.
Got home at 4:00 & about "all in". Found out after supper my temp was 101.8! And so to bed
Lois Green called in & treatment begun - - citrate of magnesia, etc

Sunday, March 9

Fine day,
In bed all day. Temp about 99.20.
Lois came to see how I fared
Felt nauseated. Backache.
Fred Pattee called and left me a copy of Bulletin proof.

Monday, March 10

Still punk. Some temp
Dr Winter called at eleven.
Backache left at evening.
Began to read with relish
Finished Bridge of San Luis Rey.
Reading Denney's War between America & Great Britain

Tuesday, March 11

Temp about gone. On the bed all day.
Snow flurries. Moderating at evening.

Wednesday, March 12

Mild. Beautiful
Went to school. Weak, but comfortable

Busy day. This aft Harold & Mrs Shinn from the Drummond School called & I spent an hour or so with them. Two agents came, but were sent away.

Spent quite a while investigating the distribution of obscene literature. One girl, Helen, & one boy, Joe, with Bob & Hugo brot in by the latter Got the name of Walter L. So Police officer Maroney took charge & this evening I spent at "headquarters". In intervals between various police "transactions", Maroney gave W.L. & a certain B. the "third degree" & got more evidence to be further developed

Thursday, March 13

Cool but bracing. Sunny.

This aft called conf of mothers to boost symphony. Some were not so enthusiastic as I wished

Conf with Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanst. over salary schedule and over the delinquent pupils

Library Board meeting this evening. Changes in bldg plans discussed and further consid. agreed upon.

Fitt, Howes, Everett, Beardsley, Garnett, Hendee

Friday, March 14

Cool. Windy. Bracing.

Sent load of good soil from our Elm P. compost pile to G.B.R.S for repotting geraniums which we had set in soil too full of lime Walter Sleeman worked there for me today.

Began notifying teachers of election or otherwise. Notified Miss Pratt that we would select a more matured person in our place. Advised Mr Hawkins to try for a H-S. place elsewhere

This evening I selected articles from Billerica of 1915 & 1916 containing writings by the late W. C. Egan – to be reprinted in H- P. Press

Saturday, March 15

Beautiful day. Mild. Elm buds swelling.

Edited some of Mr Egan's articles in "Billerica" and left at H.P. Press for reprinting at intervals Arranged meetings at Library – Jacob L. Crane, Jr came from 9:30 to 10:00. Jens Jensen from 10:00 to 12:00. Mr Garnett, Miss Hendee. - - Mrs Everett & Mrs Beardsley, part time.

At school a while this aft. Home desk this evening.

Miss Kennedy was successfully operated on this A.M. for abdominal tumor

Sunday, March 16

Beautiful day. 70° or more in shade.

M & I to Presb Ch. The Parratts took us.

Mr Tom Wiles called this aft to talk over possibility of getting Jack Gibbs into a private school. He told me of the tragic death of Polly's little daughter

This aft had conf with Jacob L Crane Jr. over new library and its setting. We looked over street plan which we got at Pub Library – I borrowed Miss Hendee's keys.

Met Ashley Thomas at G.B.R.S. & we walked out to middle of Skokie – Bluebirds, kildeers, meadowlarks in abundance, et – Ashley went back but I rode on for a while with friends & got off at the Leechs about dusk. Mr L. & I watched two flights of one woodcock & then Mr L brot me home

Monday, March 17

Drizzle this A.M After 8:00 P.M. snow & sleet for short time.

Two errands to G B R S where Walter Sleeman has been helping at the plant house

At police station where dist mgr of Western Union brot in Francis B, night operator, who admitted his part in copying obscene lit.

Teachers' meeting for 6 – 8's after school

At home this P.M

M. fighting a bad cold.

[On this day Mr. Deane wrote to Mr. Smith regarding Audubon affairs. His letter is transcribed as follows:
- ed.]

Mch. 17th. 1930.

My dear Mr. Smith

While I know but little regarding the publication of the 1930 Bulletin of the Illinois Audubon Society, I was told that you, as chairman of the publication committee, would have the principal authority in its general get up.

I am now rather surprised to learn that Mr Pattee has been given charge and approves the omission of a Table of Contents. As this is a very necessary feature and one that has been continued ever since adopted it would seem very poor policy to make this step backwards when it is a matter of so little time to complete it. Another important feature is the wording of the cover. "THE AUDUBON ANNUAL BULLETIN" should read THE ILLINOIS AUDUBON ANNUAL BULLETIN"

Last year I had two or three criticisms to that effect and the good reason. I had no letter from Dr. Witmer Stone but if you will look at his review in the Auk July 1929, page 409. I am sure you will see the justice of his remarks. The U.S. National Museum also called attention. Now, when it does not cost anything I hope such a slight change will not be omitted. The Bulletin has always been trodden on by certain members of the Directors, but they are the ones who would not notice or care for the points mentioned. In regard to the little change on the cover I am free to say that I had not appreciated it until my attention was called to it and the reasons why. I am sure the members of the Society will welcome another issue after the omission of 1929.

Very Truly Yours

Ruthven Deane

Tuesday, March 18

Four inches of snow this A.M. & flurries later

Much of it melted. Clearing this evening.

Spent A.M. at G.B.R.S. While there Mrs W & her friend came to talk over Helen's case

Withdrew her for the next few days until some other arrangement can be made.

Mr Richardson went to the hospital this evening to be operated on for appendicitis.

I met with the Conservation Com. of Women's Club after school & talked over several projects with them

This evening I went with Mr & Mrs Van Bergen down to the Sovereign Hotel to hear a lecture on what children have a right to expect from adults by Dr. Williams. This was under the auspices of a group working for the Chic. Junior School at Elgin.

Wednesday, March 19

Cleared. Frozen this A.M. but warmed up

P.T.A this aft – in large aud. Girl scout demonstration Papers by Mrs Murray, Danley, Cramer, Hargraves. Mrs Plant spoke for the movie censorship. Fine meeting.

This evening I called on Mr Reay & had a long talk about library affairs, parkways, etc He gave great encouragement.

Stopped at library on way home to look up a poem with Miss Hendee's help – "A testament to beauty" by Bridges.

Thursday, March 20

Snow disappeared. Cooler again this aft
At G.B.R.S. planted 6 flats of petunia seed
Conf of com. on symph concerts this aft. Seemed to be near the goal
Called on Mr Richardson in the hospital after 7:00 P.M. Doing well. Was told Miss Kennedy had a bad day.
Library Board this evening met with architect Flynn & went over plans in detail.

Friday, March 21

Considerably below freezing all day Clear much of day
Lecture by J.C Wister at G B R S. this aft under auspices of Garden Club. I ran lantern
At Albert Larson's this evening to talk over community center affairs & other things.

Saturday, March 22

Still cold – but sunny much of day
To Chic on 9:44. Visit with Messrs Mann & Ingerle
To 55 W Wacker – Chic Stage Light Co for 1000 watt bulb \$6⁷⁵ To Dr Herbst's office – not in.
Fields to order a book To Mr Dasch's office – 218 Wab – to interview Mr Schulte about our proposed symph concerts.
To Vaughn's for onion sets Sweet Wallach for fixing powders. Lyon & Healy for copy of March of Israelites from "Eli" by Costa & for copy of Bloch's epic rhapsody, America
To Erlanger's to hear Otis Skinner in Papa Juan – beautiful, charming, touching – a spiritual bath
This evening helped Mr Siemens take our big "spot" over to his church and set it up
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *Papa Juan* by Serafin and Joaquin Alvarez Quintero with Otis Skinner in the title role. – ed.]

Sunday, March 23

Snow flurries in the night.
M., K. & I to tea at Mr. Bliss' at 4:00 Members of School Board there. Fine time.
We went to Bethany Evangelical to a pageant this evening. Fine
Raining this evening.

Monday, March 24

Threatening. Splashes of sleet & rain after evening.
Good news from Miss Kennedy & Mr Richardson, our hospital patients
An errand to G.B.R.S. and sprinkled petunia flats.
Teachers' meeting. Discussed report cards, arith tests, symphony concerts, etc.
Conf with Mrs Danley over symph concerts
Conf with Mrs Pfanstiehl & Mrs Creigh over teachers' schedules, etc
At desk at home this evening.
Consulted Dr Herbst at hospital at 6:00 P.M over bladder trouble
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of a flyer announcing a Pre-Primary Debate on the World Court regarding the United States Senate resolution:

“Resolved that the Senate Reservations of 1926 more adequately protect our interests and improve the quality of the Court as a judicial body than the terms proposed for adherence on the United States to the World Court under the present protocols already signed by our government.”

George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, recent U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, and a leading member of the American Bar, spoke for the Senate Reservations and Salmon O. Levinson, Chicago lawyer who pioneered the Kellogg Peace Pact and collaborated in revising the World Court statute, spoke for the World Court Protocols. The chairman of the debate was the Hon. Francis X. Busch, President of the Chicago Bar Association. The debate was held at the Adelphi Theatre, Clark and Madison St., on Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 P.M. See March 30, 1930 entry. – ed.]

Tuesday, March 25

Blizzard.

Snowing & blowing at daybreak & increased in violence for hours. Coming back from GB R S at 10:30 I decided the streets were unsafe for children in the blinding storm. Sent all home at noon for the day. We all took extra precautions for safety of children. I directed autos from 11:40 to 12:20 getting plastered with snow.

This aft I wrote out a letter for the Press commending the candidacy of Supt Simpson & Judge Persons. Gave Supt S. a copy – he called at the house.

This evening at Raymond Flinn's to talk over drafts & leaks at G.B R S and final library bldg plans. Miss Grunewald got bad news from home and left on 5:00 for Rockford.

Wednesday, March 26

The great snow.

Probably from 15 to 20 inches of snow! Chicago record 17.6 in. Huge drift on my south walk & at the door about 4 feet high

Had school but many pupils out.

I taught all day in Miss Grunewald's room.

This evening Mr Schultz and I went to Comm. House at Winnetka to hear D.C. Watson on Scandinavian art, etc. Fine time. Met Mr B[e?]hm again – who operated for him

Thursday, March 27

A fine day. Everybody busy digging out.

Melting very rapidly

Edna Behren sub. in Miss Stine's room. Her school in Chic. closed. Miss S. at the music conf. Miss Benz also. Do Miss Lynch, Nora Behrens, sub.

I used Mrs Nelson this A.M, partly in Miss Phillips' room (Miss P. came at 10:00) & as a reserve I taught this aft.

This evening I contracted with Purnell & Wilson for a Ford town car – 750⁰⁰, delivery April 15.

Called at school a few minutes this evening (Boy Scouts & evening classes), then home. Spent an hour with the Riddles talking over Joe's affairs.

Friday, March 28

Another fine day. Melting rapidly

Mrs Nelson had Miss Moore's room. Miss M & Miss Stine & Miss Lynch – Miss Benz also, at music conf. in Chic. Miss Nora in Miss L's room. The 4th grade teachers doubled up to take care of Miss S's pupils

I taught Miss Grunewald's room until noon.

Had teleg. from Miss Grunew. announcing the death of her father

Left Chic at 3:00 for Freeport. At Hotel Freeport. Gave talk to Mrs Karcher's group at dinner at hotel. Fine time

All night at the hotel. No snow nearer than 30 mi. of Chic!!

Saturday, March 29

Freeport to Chic.

Left F. at 6:45. Gray day but sunny at times Thawed some.

Reached Chic at 9:55. Talked to Pattee on phone. Conf. with Lodge. Went to Garden Show at Hotel Sherman. Interesting but similar. Met Mr & Mrs Wright, Mr & Mrs Sundell, Mrs Corey, Mrs Colton

Home at 3:00.

Clarence came last night but was at Kenosha

Got 35⁰⁰ fee. Spent R.R. 8.14 + .80. Taxi .75
Hotel 3.00.

Meals 1.40.

Sunday, March 30

Gray & sunny at intervals. Mild

Clarence did not stop off today. Probably went on through to Decatur

I went to Bethany Church to hear Bishop Streng this A.M. This aft to Chic to hear the debate at the Delphi. Mrs Balke was there & we sat together

Sen. Pepper gave a scholarly clean-cut statement of his viewpoint. He was dignified, eloquent, always a gentleman

Mr Levinson was a disappointment as a debater. He was discursive, personal, crude, not very much the gentleman He did not present his side well

Monday, March 31

Mild. Melting, although sky obscured much of time.

Miss Deile recovering from a tonsil operation. Her assistant carried on.

I sub'd for Miss Grunewald again.

Miss Baur's cousin, a H-S. teacher, visited us.

Mr Peel in A M assembly presented our boys with cup for winning lightwt basketball championship.

Mr Jensen & I had lunch together at G. Teapot. Discussed proposed ordinance on trees.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

At home this evening.

Tuesday, April 1

Sun shown much of day. Clear & cool at evening.

Ex. at G.B R S. this A M. & various errands there.

Miss Leah Stevens, critic teacher from Charleston Normal spent the day and I gave up the aft to her. Enjoyed her visit much She & Miss Moore & I ate at Green Tea Pot. - - I showed her the G B R S.

Mr Stanley Cook with Miss Thomas as sponsor came to see me to offer himself as sub. teacher

Conf with Mrs Danley over symph concerts. Fund nearly pledged.

Wednesday, April 2

Mild. Clear but a little chilly.

Miss Hoffman, teacher in h.s. near Cleveland (related to Miss Stine) a visitor. Mrs Gleason & Mrs Ewell came to borrow some stuffed birds for garden exhibit.

Ag't for Current Events.

To city on 4:03. Conf at Mr Lodge's office. Then we had dinner at Atlantic Grill (Lodge, DeLoach, Pattee, Gregory, Decker, Bailey). Then all to Aud meeting. Additional members Hunt, Gault, Eifrig, Mitchell. Much business transacted.

Home at 11:00

Thursday, April 3

Fine day

Miss Pratt absent, Ill.

Miss Howard & 6 pupils of Nat'l Kg Col. visited G B.R S. this A M & I gave them some time Miss Carswell came this aft as candidate (Alexandra). Agt for S.S. Ass'n called & took my \$3.00.

Worked at school a while this evening.

Visitors: Mrs Herman,

Friday, April 4

Fine day

Sadly interrupted by visitors again

Mrs Garland of Woodstock & 6 teachers took much of the morning Supt Hill of Northfield & his architect took part of the aft.

I met 3's & 4's in playroom this aft & showed them some slides and talked planting.

Miss White & Mr Leech had their pupils reset all of our tomato plants today.

Saturday, April 5

Beautiful day To city on 8:43. Visited with Rudolph Ingerle enroute. To west side stadium with Mr Schantz to serve as judge of bird houses and posters. Miss Dietz of Glencoe associated with us. Lunch there. Then I spent two hours looking over the exhibit and talking with various people Finest setting & exhibit I ever saw. Mrs Clark of DeKalb, Sturtevant, Karcher,

Home at 5:00. Worked in garden a while

Two fox sparrows in my back yard at dawn. Sang. Scratched about.

Sunday, April 6

Very balmy & mild

This aft Mr & Mrs Hawkins & baby came in their machine & gave K & I a ride.

Monday, April 7

Fine day. Cooler, Dash of rain in the night. Strong wind.

Mr Richardson back. Miss Lynch ill, Mrs Nelson sub.

I talked garden activities to several groups of pupils

Rommell, photog, called.

Mrs Creigh came for a conf.

I visited Mr Morse's office at City Hall to look up matter of building a garage back of but near the house. M, K. & I planned to shift our lily beds, etc Phoned Mr Brown to proceed

Tuesday, April 8

Beautiful day. Cool breezes

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Voted before school. For Deneen, Yates, F[o?]ss, Chindblom, Blair, etc. M. & K. voted this aft. Greatly desired defeat of Mrs McCormick

Auditor began on our books yest. At work today. Hazel away serving as election commissioner McCormick, the whistler, came to advertise two shows.

I talked at business meeting of Ossoli this aft about the club supporting symphony concerts, etc

Walter Sleeman worked all day, beginning to prepare our yard for a garage After school I helped him reset our lilies & various clumps of tulips out of harm's way.

Wednesday, April 9

Beautiful day.

Walter S. worked all day remaking garden beds, etc.

I gave a 25 min. talk at Horace Mann School, Winnetka, this A.M. with slides – called it “Odds & Ends”.

Visitors, calking expert, Mr Curtis; Lieut R.C.Ross – paid him \$20⁰⁰ for big spinning wheel -; Mrs Bowes; etc

Greatly disappointed over defeat of Deneen; also of Co Supt Simpson.

Thursday, April 10

Very sultry. Record breaking. I climbed into cotton underwear

Steele began on foundation for my garage Walter S. finished work in my garden.

Mrs Sonnenschein came for a conf. - - Matheny called for an hour & introduced his wife

McCormick gave an entertainment in our aud. after school

I set out onion plants from Georgia & planted beet seed.

Chop suey supper at G.B.R.S. – great success. I came away to H.S. at 7:00 to dinner of Barods & others, U.S. Comm. Cooper the guest. - - Then Mr C. gave in the big aud. an address on Democ & the High School. Fine.

Friday, April 11

Fire in attic of east (science) bldg of H.S. discovered at 2:15 A M! Smoke dense & baffling. Lake Forest & Glencoe teams called in Under control by 4:00, and so our neighborhood went to bed again. Heavy water damage.

Billie Steele & his men laid garage floor, & at 8:30 P.M. came to cover it with tarpaulins because of threatening rain (thunder & lightning)

Talked to ~~groups~~ four of 8A' girls today over boy craziness & they spread the news – so there was a sensation. Conf with two mothers.

Long conf with Mr Murray over school affairs after school.

Saturday, April 12

Fine day. A little chilly at times.

First lesson in driving a Ford, Mr Novak of Purnell & W. teacher. Sensation agreeable

Worked in yard some. Washed screens for 6 windows, washed windows & set screens in place

Some rain in the night.

School election this aft. Albert Larson, Hazel B. I appeared as a judge but spent only a little time at beginning & end. Only 14 votes cast.

I voted at H-S election this aft. K voted at Elm Place

Sunday, April 13

A little rain in the night. Light shower after lunch.

The Parrats took M & me to Presb. Ch. Palm Sunday

This aft the Cunninghams picked up M., K & me & drove us to the Curtiss airport where we were much interested in the movement of planes

Then we had supper at the C's. Home at 8:00

At 5:30 I met Mr Chisholm & one other from the Goodman Theater staff to measure stage at G.B.R.S., etc

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the April 12, 1930 election ballot for School District 107. All candidates ran unopposed; Howell W. Murray for president, Caryl C. Pfanstiehl and Maurice Berkson for members of the Board to serve for three years, and Henry Getz for member of the Board to serve for one year. – ed.]

Monday, April 14

Cool. Overcoats about right again.

Miss Mickelson ill & no sub. Miss Fallstead's sister ill, Mrs Nelson, sub.

Miss Anchester of Chicago T. Col. came to confer with Miss Deile & me.

Matheny called, again. Conf with Mrs Klee. With Miss Starke's friend, a teacher from Ferndale, Mich.

Teachers' meeting. Discussed Chap 3 – 4 of Martin's Meaning of Liberal Educ'n.

Board meeting this evening. New board. Murray (Pres), Getz, Creigh, Pfanst., Fritsch, Wood, (Berkson in Europe). Very interesting. Long session

Tuesday, April 15

Rained & blustered about all day.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Then to Mrs Patton's to meet Mrs Moseley and go with her to inspect shrubbery on her parkway – considered obstruction to view in driving.

Mrs Mason sub for Miss Fallstad. Phoned Miss F. this evening and learned that her sister had passed the crisis.

Conf with some of teachers over 8B's & 8A's after school

At desk for an hour or so this evening. Left when night classes were over – Miss Griffith & Miss Kirkland, teachers. Saw these ladies home.

Mrs Millard called today and presented fireplace utensils – tongs, poker, bellows

Wednesday, April 16

Rained at intervals much of day. Heavy rain for a time after 8:00 P.M

I talked to a garden group at Woman's Club at 10:00. Well received

P.T.A. this aft. The band gave a short program. Mrs Herman had sent out a letter to each of P.T.A. room chairmen asking them to raise ten dollars for telescope fund. This embarrasses those of us who are raising funds for the symphony concerts; for the band, etc

We decided to go ahead with the symphony concerts today

Went to church this evening. Fine talk by Dr Barr.

[Mr. Smith received a postcard announcement of the meeting of the Community Garden Class of the Highland Park Woman's Club. The postcard is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

The Next Meeting of the Community Garden Class

of the Highland Park Woman's Club

will be at 10 o'clock on Wed. Apr. 16
at Woman's Club.

"Wildflowers Along the

Public Highways"

Mr. Jesse Smith

Gertrude S. Dawson
Secretary

Thursday, April 17

Turned off very mild Sun shone a while Then cloudy & threatening.
Miss White and Mr. Leech began second resetting of tomatoes
Mr Fry of Emerson Sch. of Maywood & a young woman teacher of Rockford called. Also
Macmillan agent.
Mrs Grunewald and Miss G. at our house for lunch. Mrs G. stayed all day
I ate a later lunch at G.B.R.S., the teachers being guests of the officers of the "auxiliary". Fine time
Called at pub. library this evening for material on Ghandi.
Wire from Miss Fallstad told of death of her sister

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Cool again this A.M but grew milder
Visitors: Baker & other rep. of Baker Paper Co. – Milton Gantz of Laidlaw Bros, old college friend
– we had lunch together at Green Tea Pot. Dorothy Corey spent the day with us.
We sent flowers to the funeral of Miss Fallstad's sister.
Mr Leech & I with groups of pupils finished second resetting of tomato plants and planted more
than 30 flats of aster, zinnia, & calendula seeds.
Received 100 strawberry plants, 10 boston ivy, some rhubarb, asparagus from Onarga Nursery Co.
Edith came late this afternoon.

Saturday, April 19

Fine day. Chilly.
Had a short lesson in driving auto this A M & a longer this aft. (Mr Novak). Paid Purnell & Wilson
\$725⁰⁰; Sec of State 8⁰⁰
Worked in yard most of day. Ordered 14' – 6" of fence of Hartmann-Sanders. Trimmed my large
apple tree a little & my s. west hawthorne Dug in rotted manure about my peonies. Planted nasturtiums
Worked up nursery order for school children

Sunday, April 20

Easter

Rained almost continually for hours, beginning late in night. Drizzled much of day
Clarence D. drove in at 8:00 & he & E. left at 2:30 for home
C. took Mother & me to Presb Ch. Fine sermon by Mr. Fitt.

I took two hours walk towards end of the day – visited Mr Howes' place & the sassafras trees; Moraine bridges, Sam Holmes' bluff; Port Clinton site; the park up there, etc.

Monday, April 21

Gray & threatening but with sunny streaks

Visited plant house & looked after the tomatoes in cold frames. Conferred with Mr Bartoli over certain repairs

Met Miss Miriam Wells of Wauwatosa for a half hour or so this aft – Candidate for music position

Sent off orders to Onarga Nursery, Naperville Nurseries, Dreers, & Van Dusen nurseries.

To Wauk this evening. Dinner at Plaza Hotel with Business Women's Club & talked on Adventures by the Wayside. Well received Miss Nauman presided – Mrs Clark, Cawthorne, Weiss, Dunn & her mother, Miss Curtis, et. al.

[Regarding his talk for the Business Women's Club, Mr. Smith received several letters. They are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

April 5, 1930.

Dear Mr. Smith;

You are on the Program of the Business and Professional Women's Club for Monday April 21st. The meeting is usually held in the Y.W.C.A. Room at 215 Madison Street.

The President of the Club is Amanda Naumann, 1021 North Ave. Waukegan, Illinois, a very attractive school teacher.

I do not belong to the Club so cannot tell you the time of meeting, but I shall surely be there, and Miss Naumann can give you all the information you need.

Always at your service

Bess T. Dunn

April 11, 1930

Mr. Jesse Smith
334 Vine Ave.,
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smith:

We take pleasure in reminding you that your name appears on our program, for a talk on "Wayside Adventure", on April twenty-first.

This is to be a dinner meeting at the Plaza Hotel at six fifteen. Members of the Waukegan Garden Club will be guests for this occasion.

If you expect to come to Waukegan by train, and will let us know the hour, one of our members will be at the station with her car.

Both of the clubs are eagerly anticipating your message.

Very cordially yours,

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

Edith Joannes
Edith Joannes, Secy.

EJ: GP

Waukegan, Illinois,
April 23, 1930

Mr. Jesse Smith,
334 Vine Ave.,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith, find check for \$5.90 covering your fee and expenses for Talk given our Club on April 21st.

Thank you, we are

Respectfully,

BUSINESS & PROF. WOMEN'S CLUB
Alice Siver, Treas.

Tuesday, April 22

Beautiful day. A little cool.

Worked at home all day – heavy digging, hauling, etc. Reset a dwarf plum tree. Set posts for a trellis for dwarf trees. Watered tomato plants & boxes of seeds at school.

Wednesday, April 23

As yesterday. Cool winds

Worked at home about all day. W.J. Brown came to confer with me about plans for the garage. I stretched wires for my tree supports and tied up two dwarf fruit trees.

Treated perennials and some of my small trees to a feeding of vigor.

Planted the gladiolas

At Elm Place – looked after the grackle; set the three janitors to clearing out the leaves from east shrubbery. At G.B.R.S. talked over things with Mr R. Left 10 ampelopsis v. to be set out.

Thursday, April 24

A fine day. Chill wind. Ice as in two previous days

Took 6:34 for Milwaukee & caught 9:10 for Waukesha. To Union School where I met Supt Banting & saw work in arith in Miss Palmer's 4B & 4A. Also some in 7B in Junior High. Then Miss Norman, health supervisor, took me to the Randall School where I heard Miss Hahn give lesson in Eng & geog. Visited other rooms & then to Avalon Hotel for lunch.

1:23 for Milwaukee & the Wells St. car for state teachers' college Mr Oltz, head of music dept, gave me good attention. I met Miss Cludius, Miss Zahn, and Miss Audrey Boettcher Then took 5:15 for home

Workmen began our garage today.

Expenses 6.81

Fourth Church of Christ Scientist.

[Inserted at this page is a sheet of notepaper with Mr. Smith's notations. They are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

		Milwaukee – Waukesha	
		April 24	
N.S. –	2.16	2.20	} 6.81
Bus	.46	.14	
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Mr Banting. Triangle Arithmetics. Diagnostic tests.

5 periods per week

Junior High – Phys Tr. 3; Man'l arts 5; Hist 4 & hygiene 1;

Open Door Language Series HM&Co.

Scott, Congdon, Peet,

Frazee

Miss Hahn

Randall School

Stories of Early Times in the Great West

Florence Bass

Bobbs Merrill

Mr Oltz. Miss Cludius Mrs Gertrude Zahn

Audrey Boettcher

(Manitowoc nine yr.)

Friday, April 25

Just as yesterday

Worked on my place at intervals - - Two carpenters nearly enclosed the garage. – Shipment from Onarga nursery came. I checked it up & Mr D & Mr Lichtw heeled it in.

Mr Leech came in and took me for a lesson in my new machine. License plates came.

Called on Mrs West this evening to check up the funds she as P.T.A. treasurer holds for us. The telescope fund is 1737.58 plus the last two classes, 234.22 & about 150.00.

Lawn mower at work for first time.

Saturday, April 26

Fine day. A little milder but still cool winds. Film of ice in bird bath not so thick as before

At home nearly all day Mrs Hargrave called to get sample of velour sent me by Mr. of the Art Inst.

Jack Hansen & partner again worked on the garage. Ready for shingles I spaded up two garden beds; planted 3 rows of beets (replanting); 3 of radishes; 4 of beans; long row of onion sets; set up cold frame & brot up 6 flats from basement; planted cucumb. seed in two berry boxes in basement; scrubbed

stems of aspens with lime sulphur; ditto parts of the large apple tree. Cut away & burned lot of twigs badly scale infested.

Sunday, April 27

“Daylight saving”

Rainy.

At home nearly all day.

Mr & Mrs Geo Jones called at 11:30 & spent a pleasant hour.

This aft I conferred with Mrs Herman over P.T.A. matters. Then went on to plant house and planted cotton seed in ten pots.

Monday, April 28

Lake Shore Divisin

Threatening. Clearing some at close of day.

I went to Cicero with Mr Leech, Miss Nix & Miss Grunew riding with us. Great crowd. Program fairly successful.

Home by 4:30.

Men worked again on garage. After supper Ray Phillips primed it.

I mowed more of my lawn.

At noon today Mr Lowdermilk of the La Vergne School, Berwyn, showed me his “superaudio system of school integration,” a very ingenious affair

[Inserted at this page is a program booklet for the Lake Shore Division meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' Association at J. Sterling Morton High School at Cicero, Illinois. — ed.]

Tuesday, April 29

Sunny & mild.

Morning ex. Mr & Mrs Jack Reeves advertised their entertainment at these ex & then gave it after school. Our 30% amounted to a little over \$11⁰⁰. A poor show on the whole. Well-meaning people

Conf with Mrs Bowes; with Mrs Danley; Gantz; Field trips with two groups of 4A's.

Began distributing shrubbery, etc.

Electricians put lights on front of garage & in the south end & installed two additional lights in my basement.

Miss Kennedy on duty again; Miss Fallstad also.

Wednesday, April 30

Fine showers at intervals during the day.

Before school set out small plum tree I got at the Deckers last evening. Also planted a row of four-o'clocks

Ugolini worked at a driveway for my new garage.

Conf at G.B.R.S. with the P.T.A. auxiliary over a curtain for the assembly room. (Mrs Hargrave, Mrs Sheldon & I went to Community House at Ravinia to inspect curtain there). Miss Mary Strong of Oak Park came to see me about a position this evening.

Thursday, May 1

Thunderstorm and heavy rain about 4 A M. Sultry. A few light showers

Mr Ugolini finished driveway to garage

Hayes & —— of Rand McN called; ag't for Compton.

Distributed more of shrubbery today.

Another conf on color of curtain for G.B.R.S. and we finally agreed on green, the contract to go to Mr Schlessinger of the Goodman.

We sent two window boxes to pub. libr. today to contest – “Better homes”

Friday, May 2

Again a thunder storm in the night. Hail. Cleared. Bright. Warm.

Brot dahlias out of basement. Mowed parkway & yard

Miss Qualey of A.B. Co. spent morning here. Conferred about music supervisor.

We have had disaster with tomato plants in cold frames. Damping off. This aft shifted all in plant house into cold frames & vice versa.

Boyscouts in audit. this evening. Display of hobbies.

Saturday, May 3

A beautiful day

Worked around home until noon Then met Miss Adah Voss of Morris, cand. for music sup, and had lunch with her here at Green Teapot. Then spent two hours with her ~~and~~ at the school bldg's. Favorably impressed

John Butler went with me for practice with my auto & then we ran it into my garage. The g. still unfinished, but big door in place.

Finished mowing my yard. Planted 3 rows of golden bantam Dug out several barrow loads of clay where new fence is to be & had Ugolini haul it away.

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Sunday, May 4

Fine day. Warmer

Rested all A M

This aft to Country Day School at Winnetka to nature study conference. Dinner & evening program at Skokie School. Miss Palmer's paper very inspiring.

Mr & Mrs Harry Gillett, Miss Cook, Miss Morse, Miss Payne, Mr Osburn, Mrs Walton, Miss Weygant, etc

[Inserted at this page is the program booklet for the conference on Science Teaching in the Elementary School. According to the program, the evening program was Lillian Putnam of the Shady Hill School, Cambridge, Massachusetts on “The Use of the Environment.” – ed.]

Monday, May 5

Warm. Sultry. Everywhere blooms crowding on. Thunderstorm in aft & heavy rain.

Morning ex. Talk with Mrs Riddle of Win. about her summer camp Took 10:04 for Chic & reached Quad Club at 12:50. Lunch with the group of last evening. Then to El. Sch. gym. for the final conf. Worthwhile Mr Wright & Mrs Walton & I came back as far as W. with Carleton W [Carleton W. Washburne – ed.] & by trolley home by 6:15.

After supper Mr Cun came to take me to W. to get a pkg left in C W's machine. I drove my car to W. & Mr C. drove it back

Tuesday, May 6

Warm & sultry and then a tremendous but brief rainfall.

Men nearly completed the garage. Phillips finished priming coat after supper

Miss Margaret Taylor of Oak Park, music supervisor, came to investigate our position I had Mrs Pfanstiehl meet her

The band gave a matinee & an evening concert. Excellent. The G.B.R.S. rhythmic band scored a great hit.

[Inserted at this page is the program for the Annual Concert given by Elm Place School Brass Band under the direction of G. Brinley Shaw, Master, and Galanda Benz, Assistant. In addition to the band and the Green Bay Road School Rhythm Orchestra (directed by Marjorie Lynch), the following students performed: Lois Schultz, a piano solo; a clarinet quartet of Hiram Kennicott, Edward West, George Clark, and William Decker; Carl Dill, a cornet solo; Cody Pfanstiehl, a violin solo; a harmonica quartet of Fred Ullman, Renslow Sherer, George Gaidzik, and Sherman Keller; Carl Dill and Orin Spalding, a cornet duet; Jane Robbins, a piano solo; and a brass quartet of Orin Spalding, Carl Dill, Sherman Keller, and Harry Eaton. – ed.]

Wednesday, May 7

Beautiful day, though threatening at times

Prof Beatty of N.W.U. called to talk over candidates for music position

The first of a series of three symphony concerts this aft. A brilliant success. Pupils gave excellent attention

Conf with Mrs Phelps & Mrs Danley over possible co op with Womans' Club next year

Went to Chic to meeting of Aud Soc – at Acad. of Sc at 7:00. Good meeting. Home at 11:05.

[Inserted at this page is the program for The Little Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, George Dasch, conductor, in concert at the Elm Place School at 2:30 p.m. – ed.]

Thursday, May 8

Sultry. All blossoms have been hurried along by the rain & the warmth

Conf with 8'th teachers over grad. exercises.

Miss Greenman, candidate in music, came from N.W. Made a good impression

I worked an hour or so after school on compost pile, etc.

Library board this evening. Mrs Rubens back. Adjusted salaries for year. Adopted budget, etc

Friday, May 9

Mattoon

Sultry

Worked early & long before school to get soil carried in to new border beds & to set out the old roses – Hugonis, Hermosa, & two others, & the new climbers about the garage – Paul's Scarlet, Amer Beauty Climber, and Primrose. Set out Wealthy apple & Spanish cherry, both dwarf.

Mr Miessner came to my office & spent most of the A.M. with me.

I left school at 3:50 to catch the 4:34 for Chic. on way to Charleston Left on the 6:15 – S.T. Supper at I.C.R.R. station.

Wired music position to Adah Voss, Morris, Ill. at 1800.

Mattoon at 10:30 & to bed at Byers hotel.

Saturday, May 10

Charleston

Breakf at Mattoon. Bus at 9:00 for Charleston

At Normal School in time to hear end of morning ex

Mr Allen took charge of me and introduced me to several candidates.

At lunch I was a guest of Miss Stevens at a country home a mile or so in the country. Dr Lord, Mr. & Mrs Stover, Miss Orcutt, Mr. & Mrs Allen, & Miss Stevens. Fine time. Visited Miss Stevens' room a

while, then Miss Gardner's. Bus being late I had to taxi to Mattoon to catch 4:30 north Home at 11:30 P.M

Peonies full out at Charleston, tulips almost gone.
Met Grenadine Weaver at C. who wishes to be our sewing teacher.
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Sunday, May 11

Delightful day with light showers
M & I to Presb. Church Mr Parratt, our chauffeur
I rested all aft. Short walk at evening.
My three haws through blooming — .

Monday, May 12

Fine day. Slight shower late this evening.
Showed some bird slides at morning ex.
Talked planting projects in 8 rooms.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Discussed chapter on Value of Doubt in Everett Dean Martin's text.
Planted 18 dodecatheon plants after supper. Also my amorphophallus bulb.
Conf this evening over 8th grade pupils –
Nixon, Grunewald, Grenoble, Mickelson, Guiney, Richardson.

Tuesday, May 13

Fine day although light shower this A M
Menoni's ploughman operated on our 50 feet square plot in the park back of G B R S and on Ed Larson's back garden
I gave flower talk to a group of Miss White's 6's.
Mrss Parson & Mr Hawkins took Mr H's room in a bus to the warehouse terminal, etc in Chic Mrs Weaver, sub.
Group of us met after school to plan a "show" for benefit of band
Miss Zahn of Milwaukee called to ask about music position; also another young woman. Miss Eustis, to ask about 5 – 6 lit. position
I set out in beds – seeds of tuberosa, purpurea, phyto., verticill, Sullivanti.

[On this day, Mrs. Whitmore, president of the Arlington Heights Woman's Club, wrote inviting Mr. Smith to speak to the Club on November 5th or 19th. A subsequent letter from Mrs. Whitmore states that Mr. Smith accepted the invitation for the 19th, but Mr. Smith's diary indicates that he spoke to the group on November 5th. Mrs. Whitmore's letters are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

5/13/30.

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

My dear Mr. Smith,

We are working hard this year to get up some good and unusual programs for our club. And having heard you on more than one occasion (once in Western Springs and another very happy remembrance in Chicago at a

meeting of the "Round Table" when the wives were invited), I am in a position to know how very ably you could fill our need.

We that a talk on Winter Birds would fit in nicely either November 5th or 19th.

Hoping to hear favorable from you, I am,

Yours truly,

(Mrs. E.D.) *Emily W Whitmore*, Pres.

P.S. Please inform me of your fee.

(My husband says he will be glad to get & return you.)

6/16/30.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

In answer to your letter of May 28th, let me say that I am very glad that you can come to Arlington Heights, on the afternoon of the 19th of Nov.

About the lantern and slides: I feel that, that is up to you. If you decide to use slides I believe I could arrange for a lantern unless you prefer to use your own. Any details can be worked out I'm sure, if you just let me know a few days in advance.

Thanking you very much for your generous offer I am

yours very sincerely,

E D Whitmore

Wednesday, May 14

Cooler. Showery.

Set out 10 marglobe, 10 matchum (separate beds) and in another 1 each of beefsteak, Madam Green (yellow), oxheart, matchum, & marglobe One hill of cotton plants.

At Larson garden twice (thoroughly disced), made plan of it, etc. At G.B.R.S. to plan garden work Had half of geraniums & calendulas transf. to E.P.

Began distrib. of tomatoes. Over half given to 6A's, 7's & 8's.

Meeting of comm. of community center at Geo R. Jones' this evening to consider possible disposition of fund (65000.) Valuable talk by Mr. Allen.

Mr & Mrs Jones, Mrs Grundy, Mr Garnett, Mrs Wyles.

Thursday, May 15

Mild. Gray

Left for Chic last night & took sleeper on Burlington (12:30 A.M) for Quincy. There at 7:30.

Visited Jackson School to see Helen Cook at work & inquire about her. Her Principal, Miss Shanahan, rates her high. Spent morning until 11:00 at that school. Then called at Gem C. Business Co. to visit with T.E. Musselman, but he was away. Took 12:10 for Chic. & 9:00 for H.P.

Wired Miss Cook offer of \$1650 + R.R. + other expenses of one trip.

Miss Glenadine Weaver 1700.

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Expenses .40 + 13.25 + 75 + 1.00

+ .50 + 9:45 + 40
Self .55 + .35

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Friday, May 16

Fine day. Still a little cool

Yest. nearly all of the tomato plants given away. Today the supply came to an end

School garden (Larson) work. See acc. chart.

7B's to Chic – White, Jones, Phillips, Sands, Schultz Two subs – Mrs Weaver, Mrs Mason

I set out zinnias. Hoed garden

Telegrams of acceptance from Miss Weaver & Miss Cook.

Short assembly this aft at G.B.R.S. to talk over planting plans

Walter Sleeman had marked out the beds and the paths well – both at the Larson Garden & Green

B.R.S.

Saturday, May 17

Fine day, but decidedly chilly.

Worked very hard about the place. Hoed & dug & pruned. Set out some zinnias & calendulas

Planted 12 rows of about 16 hills each of G.B. corn in the Larson Garden 7 are for Mr L., 5 for me

Butler came at 10:00 to give me lesson in driving in & out of the garage.

Car stood out all day. This aft I swept out the garage, turned hose on & cleaned it well. After supper I ran the car in

Scrubbed 6 screens & set in place

Visitors: Mrs Walton, Mrs Ruwitch, Mr Jensen, two little boys.

Sunday, May 18

Shower in the night. Light shower again at 8:00 P.M Gray. Cool

At home all A M Mr Murray came for an hour or so this aft.

Then I went out for a walk on R R on Park Ave & looked up specimens. Found a clump of new milkweeds along trolley tracks!

Monday, May 19

Gray. Light showers before nine A M. Clearing. Cool.

Fine “goodwill program” in aud. this A M.

My “fence” came today from Hartman-Sanders & this aft. Jack Hanson & his mate set it up. This evening I set out dahlias on both sides of it. Mr Floriani had brot me six yesterday from the Robert Schaffner place

This A.M. in the drizzle I set out petunia plants about the bird bath with a border of alyssum

At G.B.R.S. this aft I helped Miss Dorsch's pupils plant flax. Then had a conf with Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanstiehl

Teachers' meeting after school

Board meeting this evening. Long & serious. Fine spirit.

Tuesday, May 20

Fine day. Warmer. Our furnace once more a discomfort as a week or more ago.

I left on 9:53 for Chic & the 11:45 for DeKalb. Spent aft at Teachers College. Visits with Parsons, Peterson, Miss Mann, Pres. Adams, et al. Looked up record of Bert Green & interviewed him. Then offered him 5 – 6 math. at \$2000. He accepted

Came home on the 5:05 (6:05) & caught 9:00 home
Expenses 4.20 + .70; Lunch .80; supper .50.

Wednesday, May 21

Sultry.

Conf at H.S with Mr Sandwick & Mr W. Richardson & our H.D. Richardson – over graduation of our pupils. Four 8B's recommended to be held All others pass – those well prepared, those poorly prepared who are over age.

Second symphony concert this aft. Great success. Large number of visitors.

P.T.A. afterwards Talk by Dr Norcross & Lois Green about testing of hearing among our pupils

After supper I drove my auto a while. Ran too close to my house coming up the drive & ripped off a bit of siding & bent the fender

Took a troop of B.S. (Mr. Udell's) for a nature hike afterwards.

Thursday, May 22

Fine. Sultry

Miss Parson & ——— took another group of 5's to Chicago.

I went with Miss Moore's 3's to Buffalo Creek farm this A M We went in autos driven by parents Stopped at Werhane's, Childerly School, etc

At 3:00 this aft. we closed school & were Mrs Millard's guests at the cabin on the Des Plaines. M & K went & all of the teachers as well as Mrs Pfanst & Mrs Creigh Fine time

Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanst & I came away earlier to attend special meeting of the Board this evening. All present. Discussed means of campaigning for extra funds.

Friday, May 23

Rain. Heavy showers this aft. Clearing.

A little while at G.B.R.S. this A M to help in garden work.

Distributed all the geraniums, asters, zinnias & calendulas at Elm Place & a fine supply of Shasta daisy, phlox, pinks, salpiglossis, etc given me by Mrs Towler

Conf over grad program after school – Guiney, Nixon, Grunew., Richardson.

Miss Thompson of Whitewater Normal a visitor today.

Two YMCA. workers corralled me today.

I went to the Fun Show at H-S this evening. A fine show.

Saturday, May 24

A fine day A little cool. Had furnace going last night & today.

Some work around home. Drove car to school & back on an errand Took 9:56 for Chic. Short caucus at Union Station with Mr Lodge over Audubon affairs. Then after lunch shopped at Fields, Eastman stores, Econ. Drug Co Home at 4:00. Again drove car to school & back. Put screens on basement windows after washing latter. Set out asters, calendulas & cosmos. Planted foxglove, three plots of canterbury b (rose, white, blue, delphinium & purple coneflower (seed I gathered in Nov.) Also hepatica & bloodroot seed freshly gathered day before yest.

Sunday, May 25

Fine day but cool! Threatened a while this A M

To church by myself. Slept this aft. Walked out late aft to Skokie meadow & brot back a clump each of Indian paint brush (in blossom) & of liatris.

Listened to Fosdick over the radio this evening.

[Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) was an influential theologian whose nationally broadcast radio sermons on the "National Vespers Hour" spread a message of social justice and liberal religious philosophy. His attack on fundamentalist beliefs resulted in his resignation from the First Presbyterian Church of New York, but his views were championed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who built the Riverside Church of New York and installed Fosdick as its first minister when it opened in October 1930. — ed.]

Monday, May 26

Fine day. Still cool

Helped Miss White start a group of pupils planting white corn in the Larson garden. They also set out cotton plants.

Conf with Mrs Danley over symph concerts

Mr Murray called at the house at 5:45 to tell me of the citizens' movement starting up to raise funds with which to employ a teacher of phys culture, etc.

I backed my auto out of the garage & into the street by myself this evening & drove about a while

Dist 107 – Carfare for Mr Schultz & Miss Mickelson 1.60

Tuesday, May 27

Clear at first but rained heavily at times in the aft. Shower of hail. Cleared

Went down to Francis Parker School this A M. Talked with Mary & Josephine Davis about an applicant for a place here. Visited with Dr Lukens, Miss Clausenius. Spoke to Mr Wright, Mr Phillips, Miss Cook, Mr Osborn.

Went to Chic Teachers Col. but Miss Anchester & Miss Morse not in.

Home at 2:00.

Much rehearsing for the play.

Mr Childs, the architect, called & spent an hour or so in interesting conversation.

The "Carnival of Fun" this evening a great success in every way. M & K went.

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1.68

Wednesday, May 28

A fine day Still cool

Conf with Mrs Danley and Mrs Law over symph concerts & band instruction for next year.

Phoned Mr Schulte to plan to send full ensemble of symph orchestra for next concert – June 4.

Drove my car to school both AM & PM

Went to picnic party given by H.S on beach at 5:00 A fine time

Afterwards planted one hill of pumpk & one of gourds along back fence Made three lath shelters for seedlings

[On this day, Mr. Gault wrote a letter to Mr. Smith regarding Audubon affairs. Mr. Gault enclosed a letter that he had received from Dr. Thomas Edgar Musselman. Mr. Gault's and Dr. Musselman's letters are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

424 S. Main St.
Glen Ellyn, Ills.

May 28th. '30.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

Enclosed find another communication from our good friend Musselman. Please have your typist copy it off and return the original to me at your earliest convenience. As he says, it will furnish additional material for our bulletin.

I wrote him it very likely would appear early in the fall. His notes, by the way, will be of good service to me in the revision of our next Check List.

Some of the information he has given us, and the writer in particular, certainly looks good to me, but will have to be cleared up some before being put out seriously in print. In other words, we want the bulletin to be as accurate as possible. Furthermore, I will endeavor to get in touch with the people mentioned in the letter as soon as I can. Just now I'm trying hard to put matters in shape to go north with a friend the latter part of June. I'm going to assist in the erection of a summer cottage on his land in northern Michigan, and may not return until sometime in Oct. He is in error in regard to the Brown Pelican, as I recorded the original capture in the pages of *The Auk* about twenty years ago. The bird was taken at Lacon on the Ills. River, as you will note in our Check List.

You will notice what he has to say in regard to his lecture work. Mr. Smith here is a man that could be utilized to good advantage by our society seems to me, giving attention to a part of the state which badly needs to be worked, visiting a wide area containing many schools and colleges and with an expense to the society considerably less than we thusfar have been paying. The results, too, I figure would be much greater all around, and should reflect in adding a very considerable number of new names to our membership list. I imagine he already is receiving something from his talks, and with a little added thereto by our society he can afford to do us a good bit of boosting. Dont you think so?

I wish you and Mr. Lodge, and others, would get your heads together on this matter and give it thoughtful consideration. I know the man personally and know that he is a good 'live wire' a good stirer-up.

There is'nt much more for me to add to this. Thought I'd mention it, anyhow, and will try to be on hand at the next directors' meeting. Hope to see you there. And, by the way, I understand you are feeling a bit discouraged about the future of the society. Banish such thoughts by all means. On the other hand, I feel very much encouraged over what has been done under the new arrangement.

I understand, too, a desire has been entertained, by whom I do not know, to go back to the old way.

Why that would be fatal, of course, and would result in the complete smashing of the society.

By all means go right along with the present arrangement, and we will come out with flying colors after awhile. Consider this fully, please.

Very sincerely,
Ben T. Gault.

To-

Jesse L. Smith
Highland Park, Ills.

May 20, 1930.

Mr. Benjamin T. Gault,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Gault:

Since the fourth of March I have addressed ninety high schools and colleges on the subject of birds. Imagine my surprise when going into the Whitehall, Illinois, High School, south of Jacksonville to see an extremely good specimen of a white ibis which was killed in the vicinity and which has been stuffed by a local taxidermist. If you wish the complete data on this find I shall probably have it within the next few days.

Starlings have passed on across the Mississippi River and I have had numerous reports of them from at least fifty miles west of Quincy.

I spoke at Carthage College last week and Dr. Earl Lambert, head of the Biology Department and school taxidermist reported the killing and mounting of a Burrowing Owl. I did not have time to go with him to identify the bird but I believe if you will write him he will be glad to send it to you for positive identification. I have had several other reports of Burrowing Owls from the rough country north of Quincy, one from a high school boy who has been doing some very good bird work, but I did not take the report seriously until I talked with Mr. Lambert. He also reports Starlings nesting near Carthage.

The third unusual occurrence was on May 8, I made the positive identification of a Brown Pelican which flew not more than thirty or forty feet from me, passing down the Mississippi River. I have seen the bird many times in South Carolina and in Florida, and as this passed within a stone's throw there was no question of its identity. This has never been reported before from Illinois except once when Dr. Worthen of Warsaw, thirty miles north of us killed one and I think it was in an old collection in Warsaw for many years. This record is recorded in Ridgeway's "Birds of Illinois."

I got a call today from Warsaw telling me of the killing of a small white, fast flying, hawk, so I imagine they have an albino sharp billed or Cooper's hawk. It will be in my hands in the course of several days or will be sent to Dr. Lambert.

I am sending this information so that you can embody it in your latest Audubon bird record. If you care to secure the white ibis for identification purpose you can probably secure the bird by sending to Mr. C.A. Whiteside at Whitehall, Illinois. I suggest that you get in touch with Dr. Earl Lambert at Carthage as he is a good bird man and is the recipient of a great many birds from the territory just north of us.

You may use my sight record of the Brown Pelican if you wish, but in your next edition of the bird list, under the discussion of White Pelicans be sure to include the fact that they are migrating along the Mississippi each spring and fall in some numbers. There's scarcely a year that we do not see from two or three hundred to a thousand of them in the vicinity of Lima Lake.

Mockingbirds are gradually extending their range northward. I have seen four or five different birds in the last ten days, practically all of them being in Adams County and I have two or three reports of their nesting hereabouts.

Cardinals have extended their range northward and are now nesting at least as far north as Galesburg, which is one hundred miles beyond Quincy. Harold Holland of Galesburg, a nationally known oologist came to Quincy in 1913 to collect a set of Cardinal eggs, he reported that he had probably seen three Cardinals that spring. I was in Galesburg last week giving two talks on birds at Knox College and while speaking with him he told me that the Cardinals were on the increase and that this year he had located a dozen or fifteen nests.

Holland is the man who took the pictures of the Great Horned Owl with the baby chicks, which appeared in Bird Lore several years ago, and if you want to know anything about nesting birds in the vicinity of Galesburg you would do well to communicate with him as he is a high-grade scientist, a man about fifty-five years of age.

I hope these suggestions may help you in the building up of material for the next edition of the Audubon Bird List. By the way, when are you coming down to see me?

Sincerely,
TE Musselman

Thursday, May 29

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, May 30

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, May 31

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

Saturday, May 31

Fine day. Cool at the start.

We entered the cave about 9:30 & went the "long trip", coming out about 2:00 P.M. The cave is what enthusiastic visitors say about it. Very worth seeing. The worm alley is hard and rather terrifying but most of our party did not hesitate to wriggle in & out of it.

nodules
concretions
magnesium sulphate
flint.
cave onyx
gypsum
St Louis limestone
oolitic limestone
Bedford stone

After dinner we went in our bus to Leavenworth & got into a barge ferry & crossed to the Ky side where we stayed a short time & inspected an old house, collected wasp nests, etc

While there we talked with two men who had been marketing at L. Talked about ox yokes, wood moldboard plows, etc

C.F. Bird
Battletown
Kentucky
(Sam Bird
County Road
Indian Ridge)

Mr Bird told of a very old violin he had & at my request is to copy title & marks & send to me

The bus party then went on to Corydon, an early capital of Indiana but I went back with Mr Market & his wife & friend in auto to the Lodge to botanize a little before dusk.

We visited with a summer tanager.
Oxydendrum arboreum just coming into bloom.
Q. stellata

Q. marylandica

The bus party was late returning & Mr Frank delayed at the home of a relative

At 10:00 P.M Cunningham & "Bob" the guide took 12 of us into the cave for the "short walk" which we covered in an hour

Sunday, June 1

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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

Sunday – June 1' – 30

Fine June day

We got up early and tried to get away by 6:30 – our time but were an hour late – Set off on 62 but had to detour north thru Birdseye & west thru Huntingburg. At Leavenworth we paused for the fine view on the hill west & above L. where the Ohio makes an involved oxbow. Then to Mr Tower's house where we went in to speak to the T's. Mr T just came in from the barn. Mrs T stemming strawberries. Anna Lee's little sister about. Real, genuine people Mr T. supt of S.S. at L.

Paulownia tree in their yard. Gathered some roses then on

At Birdseye a halt where we had an interesting chat with villagers

Saw summer tanagers three or four times. Cardinals more often & bluebirds. Indigo b's all the time Buzzards, sharpshins, broad shouldered

At Huntingburg ran past the Behrens house. So. to Lincoln City where we visited the Nancy Hanks burying ground They have moved the school bldg & church away from the site of the cabin, set up a marker, & are reforesting the hill top. Then they are busy restoring the burial ground Have taken out the pretentious entrance – lions on gateways – eagles on columns, etc & are working to bring back a natural setting Have removed the Culver monument of N. H's grave – all this very much to the good Mr Wiebe, now supt of grounds, talked with us about these changes very intelligently W were delighted with the new program. I am doubtful, however, of the proposed memorial.

Went through Gentryville & on towards Evansville. Trouble with the bus. Near Ev. turned north & at Princeton went to a garage for help

Specularia perfoliata

Lunch 45

Tip 1⁰⁰

Supper 80

Magaz 50

Monday, June 2

A real June day Sultry

Got into Ch. at 8:05. Phoned Mrs Howes – Kittie - & Hazel Bell. Breakfast & home at 10:10. To School. Morning ex at 11:00 A trio – Mrs Howes, Alexander & ———, sang four numbers very acceptably. Some children recited poems. I showed slides appropriate to memorial day.

Helen F Cook came on from Quincy to spend the day studying our school She is to have 5 – 6 lit, succeeding Miss Price. We had lunch at Green Teapot

Much work getting ready for mass meeting this evening. Band & children paraded aft school. Band played this evening. Crowd moderate in size Good feeling. Mayor Lewis, Walcott, Arthur Wood, Murray, McDonald spoke

Breakf .60; taxi .60; R.R. .40

Tuesday, June 3

Another sultry day.

Misses Hansen & McMunn took a group of 4's to Wauk this aft.

I photog the 8B's and then the 8A's this A M

At 10:00 o'clock ex at G.B.R.S. Mr Willkomirsky, violinist, accomp by Mrs Worth, played so beautifully that I persuaded him to come over to Elm Pl. & give the 6 – 8's a twenty minute program.

This aft I helped the 3's at G.B.R.S. to plant 5 rows of popcorn, and a row each of kaffir c., amber c., fet., soy b., broom corn, - and we reset 48 willows.

Conf aft school with the G.B.R.S teachers on promotions

This eve. Cunningham, Rich, Schultz & I went down to Julius Rosenwalds to hear a German school man – Mr Hahn – talk about Salem school Fine talk. Fine time.

Wednesday, June 4

Another warm day

Miss K & Miss M took a 3rd grade group to B. Creek Farm this A M Mrs Hargrave sub.

Mr Childs & Miss Fargo – A.L.A. author, spent an hour or more studying our library schemes, etc
Mr C. carried off a scrapbook of colon. architecture, a chart of time, etc.

The third & last Dasch symph. this aft a great success. M & K & Mrs Chapin much pleased

A com. of us prepared prog. of grad ex for the printer.

Took 6:33 for Chic – Acad of Sc – Aud directors Friendly but frank in discussion of some of past troubles

[Inserted at this page is a program for The Little Symphony Orchestra of Chicago (twenty-five players), George Dasch, conductor, in the last concert of the 1930 series at Elm Place School. – ed.]

Thursday, June 5

Very sultry.

Teachers' meeting. Discussed our annual reports, etc.

This aft Mr Murray & I drove to the home of the Norths in L.F. on G.B. road. Fine visit.
Discussed ways & means of acquiring the Morgan property.

Friday, June 6

Rain very much of the day. Ground soaked Cooler. Started the furnace this evening

Conf with 1 – 2's at 2:30 this aft.

Many of us went to Mrs Frank's for tea at 4:00. Mrs Getz played a number of selections. A fine time

Mrs Flinn called to discuss music situation Mrs Danley to discuss symph. fund

I called at Mr Murray's on an errand this evening. Then called at the Chapins. Mr C. in H.P. hospital for observation. Chat with Mrs Chapin, Mrs Telling & Mr Bunnell who happened to be there

Saturday, June 7

A beautiful day after the rain.

Got the car out & did errands down town but so tired when I got home that I left it alone the rest of the day. This evening Mr Leech came to try it out for us & we went to Libertyville & back A fine ride

"Jocko" flew away this A M & vanished in the heavy foliage across the way His squawking late aft in a tree down the street gave him away & when he alighted on a lower branch & I offered my arm he was glad to climb on my shoulder. He rode back on K's arm in raptures to be back

I set out more plants – ageratum, alyssum, centaurea. Trimmed grass in back yard

Fine colony of Heracleum along RR track near Rondout.

Sunday, June 8

Beautiful day. At 3:30 this aft a freak shower and a heavy downpour with some hail came – then the sky cleared again

Edith & D & Lennie & A came at nine and stayed until two.

The Pattees called for a short time at 7:00.

Monday, June 9

Fine day. Furnace not needed as yest.

Two of Mr Ritow's teachers spent the day here, especially to see nat study work

Mr Farquhar & Mr Clevering called to promote their encyc. – Ready Ref. I ordered one. – Fitzin of Scribners; Rep of window shades, of Eagle pencils called

Conf over promotions of 5 – 6's. Evening conf over soc. sc. of Jones, Sands, Tschirgi, Grunewald, Richardson

At 5:00 Misses Wheelock & Turpin & I, in my machine, drove to vicinity of Rondout & took 5 pictures of Heracleum on r.r. embankment

Tuesday, June 10

Fine day but grew gray after 7:00 P.M. & slow showers

Alice Johnson called about a school position.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Conf with 3's at E P. at 11:30. With 4's at 2:30.

Teachers at Mrs Pfanstiehl's "At home" from 4:00 on Then we all met for an outdoor dinner at the Goodmans at 6:00 Fine time

M & K at the Pfanstiehls

This evening I spent an hour with Mr Mann, going over the plans for an observ. recently received from Alvan Clark & Co.

Wednesday, June 11

Fine day Still a little cool.

Hoed for an hour this evening.

Conf over 7th promotions Also 6A's.

Keller of Macmillan called. Miss Graehling of Polo came to inquire about first grade.

Helped 8A's rehearsals

Mr Richardson & I worked on the general report this evening.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program booklet for the commencement of the Deerfield-Shields Township High School. The High School class of 1930 was: - ed.]

Milton Clyde Adair, Jr.

Peter Grimson

Esther B. Anderson

Eunice Stanford Hall

Ruth Isabelle Anderson

Cecil Marius Hansen

Helen W. Anselm

Dorothy M. Hansen

Frances Armalas

J. Edward Hardcastle

Cyril M. Atkinson

Robert Allen Hill

Mildred Lucille Attridge

Helen Bacon Hitchcock

Evelyn M. Bakke

John Steinhardt Horn

Elizabeth Ogden Ball

George F. Howe

Josephine Baumgartner
Katherine Lorraine Bazso
Melbourne Stansbury Beers
Mary Bennes
William Burton Berube
Agnes L. Bridges
Walter G. Brown
Harry M. Burbach
Dorothy Mae Burris
Dorothy Fielden Campbell
Murray A. Campbell
William G. Canright
Robert W. Carr
Thomas Cavanaugh
Lillian Chegwiddden
Peggy Crawford
Francis H. Collins
James Cuffey
William Daniel Desmond
Madelaine E. DeVogelaere
J. Richard Dewey
Armondo Dinelli
Fred John Drakeman III
Mary E. Duggan
Mildred A. Duncan
William A. Ellis
Virginia Letitia Engels
Eleanor Louise Erickson
Willard Edwin Ericson
Madeleine Helene Evensen
Priscilla Catherine Fincutter
Nora M. Fink
Gertrude M. Fisher
Marion Palmer Flinn
Russell C. Flint
Rosalis Fosbender
Faith Foyer
Alberta L. Franklin
Stanley R. Fredrickson
Nicholas Frigo
Bruce C. Frost
Margaret Harvey Galloway
Victor Woods Gates
Caroline Mary Ghini
E. Davis Ginter
Oscar W. Goepner
Earl W. Gosswiller

John Hubley
Clarence Huetten
Kenneth Hunter
Helen Ingalls
Ruth Eleanor Irving
LaFayette Francis Jacks
Margaret Mary Jacks
Virginia Jeffries
Henrietta Grace Jenkins
John Arthur Johnson
Robert Eastburn Jordan
Melvin David Julian
Leonard W. Keaster, Jr.
George A. Keller
Margaret Kerr
Edward Klee
Howard S. Knaack
Bessie S. Kostial
George David Kreuzkamp
Anne Kundrath
Kathryn Kundrath
Homer Landau
Marion E. Larson
Frederick A. Leffert
Lillian Louise Lindstrom
Edward Loewenstein
Avis Arline Lyford
Dorothy Regina Maiman
Daniel Patrick Maloney
Michael J. Maloney
Clarence M. Mannings
Charles Ira Marks
John Allison Martin
Bernice Rita McGovern
Matthew Harrison McKillip
George W. Meier
Jennie Mary Mele
Joseph J. Mele
Ruth Melzer
Helen Elizabeth Meyer
Wilda Miessner
Dante M. Milani
Walfred R. Miller
Florence C. Moeller
Melvin Herbert Moon
Tom A. Moore, Jr.
Agnes I. Moran

Paula Granholme

David Davis Morris

Richard Barclay Neff
Gordon Roy Nielsen
Edward W. Niemeyer
Richard O'Connor
Victoria Parshall
Roger B. Paul
Carl Dudley Pearson
Frank Perkins
Carl M. Petersen
William G. Pitt
Casmira M. Potirala
James M. Reilly, Jr.
Anthony Renz
Roy C. Rhinehart
Carl Ritter
Edna Louise Ritzenthaler
George Randall Roberts, Jr.
Dorothy Jean Robertson
Lydia J. Rockenbach
Mary Virginia Rockwell
Frances S. Rogalski
William M. Rogan
Edith Finnea Roslund
Harold J. Rudolph
Irma Salo
Theresa E. Santi
Dorothy Viola Scharlé
Edna Winifred Schneider
Florence Schneider
Hugh Martin Seyfarth

Ethel Louise Shott
Lydia Mae Simpson
Lillian Smith
Laura Louise Smith
John Taylor Snite
Eldon L. Soefker
Leslie Alfred Southerton
Marannette Elizabeth Stancliff
Burton Swansen
Roger Roy Taylor
Jack William Thomas
T. MacPherson Thomas
Ellen Truax
Robert Dyer Tucker
Thomas Alfred Wade
Frank Wagner
Betty June Warren
Marion Weisenberger
Edward D. Welch
Louis Werhane
Earnest M. West
Jessie Louise Whyte
Bernice Dorothy Williams
Jean Lucile Williams
Marion E. Wink
Marguerite Wolterding
Lolita Wright
Ada Maxine Wyman
Veronica Louise Zengeler

The Board of Education was:
George J. McBride, President
Frank W. Read
George T. Rogers
C.W. Getty
Nellie P. Flinn

Thursday, June 12

Picnic

Rain before day but cleared off warm.

Annual "parade of the colors," our own band at the head, Mr Brinley Shaw leading Exercises went off well. Picnic a great success. Shows well patronized. Betty Phelps gave a marionette show for our benefit. Our Gang Comedy, vaudeville, etc. M & K witnessed the parade.

I signed the 101 diplomas & turned them over to Mr Murray this evening.

Went to H-S grad exercises this evening. Rabbi Mann gave a fine address.

Friday, June 13

Last day of school

Warm June day

Morning assembly and honorable mentions passed off well.

This aft I checked up each teacher's reports & gave out the warrants Photographed the group at 1:30. Miss Marks here also.

I photographed a tall carrot stem & blossom in Miss Meyer's room

Grad ex this evening. Quite successful

M & K present. Largest class ever! 8B's & 8A's all at once.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the commencement program. The class of June, 1930 was: - ed.]

President, R. Duane Cope

Paul R. Allen	Jack Harris	Raymond Richards
Branner Armentrout	Jane Mary Haskins	Jacob J. Repholz
Darline E. Artis	Ruth F. Hjelte	Joseph J. Riddle Jr.
Jessie T. Barnet	Wallace J. Hilborn	Robert Frank Riddle
Kathryn Becker	Frederick M. Hodgdon	Edward Rogan
Edna Dorothy Bloch	Elizabeth Hopkins	Jane Owen Robbins
Clara Jean Bullard	Frances P. Jenkins	Charles E. Russell
Giulio Carani	Thomas Orton Jones	Stanton K. St. Peter
Sperandi Carani	Frank Karger	Carl Palmer Sanderhoff
R. Duane Cope	Christopher Keller	Lois Adele Schultz
Loa M. Croke	Hiram Langdon Kennicott	Dorothy Mary Schwall
A. Catherine Craig	Theodore A. Koch	Renslow D. Sherer
Sarah Crane	Raymond Kuehne	Harry Skidmore
Herman J. Cucchiaro	Frank Lambert	George Slack
Eleanor Margaret Cuffey	William R. Larson	Rose Smith
William B. Decker	Hettie Lytle	Elizabeth A. Solomon
Edward Dennett	Mildred Lytle	Hugo Sonnenschein Jr.
Carl Franklin Dill	Doris Mason	Frances Mae Spalding
Harry E. Eaton	Marjorie Mercer	Orin F. Spalding
Jane M. Eitel	Merrill Arthur Miller	Eileen M. Sullivan
Norman E. Evans	Wilbur Howard Mowers	Joseph C. Taziali
Barbara S. Frank	Lillian Nelson	Ashley C. Thomas
Dorothy Ruth Funke	Robert Nereim	Mary Martha Thompson
Erna G. Gaede	Edward Powers Norcross Jr.	Laurence G. Tillman
Mildred Gail	Dorothy M. Norkett	Ruby Tillman
Grace Gatewood	George Leslie Nunn	Mary Catherine Toigo
Wallace E. Glader	Patricia S. Odell	Mary Beverly Turriff
Joan Goodman	Barney H. Ozella	Charles E. Tyson
Carroll Gibbs	Sarah A. Paris	Nathan L. Udell
Robert B. Grant	Caesar Pasquesi	Fred Ullman
Le Ray Gunckel	Douglas Patterson	Armando Velo
Jay Lionel Haas	Richard Pett	Rosemary Watson
George Hall	Cody Pfanstiehl	Edward K. West
Henry Hall	Alex A. Rafferty	

Saturday, June 14

Fine warm day.

An hour or so in my garden. Most of remaining time at school

This evening Cunningham & I went to the Orrington at Ev. in C's auto & got Prof Lee of Dearborn Ast. Obs. & brot him up to Elm Place to study our proposed telescope sites. Miss Guiney met us at the bld'g and we all went up on the roof of the Int Bldg. Then the two men & I went up on the deck of the El Bldg. A great view but impossible because of the smoke stacks. Decided in favor of the Int Bldg site. After all four of us were refreshed at Pease's drug store – C & I took Prof Lee home – A fine evening.

Sunday, June 15

Sultry. Rain this aft.

M & I to church in Mr Parratt's auto.

I went down to Patten Gym this aft to bacalaureate of N W U. Sermon not very impressive

This evening Miss Cramer took M., K. & me to Ferry Hall to Roger Balke's piano recital. Splendid work

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the Lake Forest School of Music Junior Recital featuring Roger Balke, pianist. – ed.]

Monday, June 16

Sultry with a downpour or two.

Cunningham & I drove to U of C this A M. I registered for a field course in entomology. Had a fine visit with Dr Frank & chat with Allee, Bobbit, Emerson, Hill. Consulted Mr Baird of Teachers' Placement Bureau about first grade; also Miss Temple. A short visit with Mr Gillette & Mr Storm.

Downtown – conferred with Searles & Miss Smith at Albert Agency. Shopped at Eastmans Home at 6:00

School Board this evening. Murray, Pfanst., Berkson, Martin Hart. Long & friendly discussion.

Tuesday, June 17

Turned off rather cool. Foggy at first.

I staked my tomatoes, planted 6 hills of cucumbers in the L.G., hoed the bean bed there, and two rows of corn

Took 11:15 for Chic & at 1:15 was in class room for first lecture by Mr Emmerson.

Then to Cobb Hall to talk with Mr Baird, chairman of placement – then an interview with Miss Gladys Williams who has taught at Shaker Heights – Favorable impression.

Home before six. Took bottle of M's cough medicine to Mr Chapin in the hosp. & then to Mrs Millard's dinner party – Ingerles, Baldwin, Fisher, Bullard, etc

Wednesday, June 18

Cool Pleasant. A little fire in furnace this evening.

I met Miss Courtenay Davidson of Bloomington (daughter of Pres of Wesleyan) at 8:00 to talk primary position with her. Then I conferred with janitors about outdoor work. They hoed the L.G. this day.

Took 11:30 for Ch. Met Prof Emmerson's group at 1:30. Stopped off in loop on way back to shop Set out petunias this evening. Hoed corn in L.G. & planted 6 hills of cucumbers.

Thursday, June 19

Warm.

To Univ at 11:00.

Friday, June 20

Warm day.

To Univ. at 11:15. This aft a short collecting trip in neighborhood of Univ.

Finished mowing this evening

Left at 10:00 P.M. & went to bed at Hayes Hotel near 63rd & Univ. Ave.

Saturday, June 21

A warm day

Up at 6:15. Breakf at restaur. & at Zoology Bldg at 15 of 8:00 Mr Pearson, at the wheel of the "yellow peril". Mr Emerson in charge – 7 students & Mr E's little daughter. To Palos Park – collected along a brook – in the woods – in the meadows, etc. Lunch on a high slope looking north across the valley. Back to lab. at 4:00. Mounted some specimens. Then got my bag at Hayes Hotel & off for home

Sunday, June 22

Tempered somewhat by gray sky.

At home nearly all day. After dinner Arthur Lawley & his wife drove up with Jesse & Fred & we had a fine visit.

This evening I called on Mrs Herman and went down to the home on Princeton Ave where the Kendalls formerly lived. Later Mr Fitt gave me their address on Broadview

Janette K & a young Mr Collins were killed in an auto accident yest. —

Tony Lencioni was killed in an auto accident yest at Moraine & St Johns!

[Obituaries for Jeannette Kendall, George Martin Collins and Antonio Lencioni appeared in the local newspaper, the *Highland Park Press*. George Martin Collins, age 25, and Jeannette Kendall, age 19, were killed in an auto accident returning after a dance to a cottage at Gunn Lake, Michigan (near Kalamazoo). The automobile, driven by Alden Fork of Glen Ellyn (who was unhurt in the accident), was descending a steep hill and navigating a sharp curve when it ran into loose gravel, left the road and overturned. Another passenger in the automobile, Marion Collins, George's sister, was slightly hurt. Mr. Collins was a graduate of Deerfield-Shields High School. He was employed by Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company. Miss Kendall was attending Northwestern University and was engaged to William Lee Dickinson. Antoni Lencioni, aged 23, died at 3 a.m. on Saturday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening. He was a passenger in an automobile that struck another vehicle. Mr. Lencioni was a graduate of Elm Place school and was employed as a painter. — ed.]

Monday, June 23

Very warm Warmest of the year. 97° Did not go in to the Univ. this day. At school much of time. This aft to funeral of Jeanette Kendall & Geo Collins auto accident. Drove my own auto there & elsewhere today

Ordered paint, etc. for the school. Planned cleaning jobs, etc Made out pension report, etc

Got my hose running this evening. A brief shower

Tuesday, June 24

Shift in the wind in the night and delightfully cool today.

Went to city earlier and had a conf with Mr DeLoach over audubon affairs

Then to U of C. to Prof Emerson's lecture. Afterwards to Gen Biol Supply House – 69th & Cottage Grove & home

In the garden until nine Then to Mrs West and found our balance after telescope is paid is 823.00
+. Then to Mr. Mann's where we discussed plans for building, etc

Wednesday, June 25

Warmer but not burdensome

To Glencoe to interview Miss Marks & Mrs "Queenie" Grant about two candidates for teaching position. On to Univ. for aft class Then back to loop. Shopped at Fields; at Bausch & L; at Carson Pirie, arranged to have an estimator come out & look at linoleum in E.P. hallways Went to a movie. Then to 7:30 Audubon meeting at Acad of Sc Very successful.

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Thursday, June 26

A tempering breeze Fine day

Used my auto more freely for errands than before

At school some of the time. Met Carson P.'s estimator on linoleum. Got off reports for Supt Simpson

Tied up tomatoes. Reset some shooting star seedlings

Hoed some in the Larson garden

Looked up maps for tomorrow's trip to Olney; botanical & geological data, etc,

Friday, June 27

Chicago to Olney

Left early & at 10 of 8:00, met Mrs Hutchinson in her Pierce A. (Patrick as chauff.) & we set out. Picked Prof Osgood at Quadrangle Club. Left city by So Park Ave., & Halstead. Got on 49 beyond Matteson & took this route clear to Flora. Had coffee at Kankakee Hotel. Lunch at Mattoon (U.S. Grant hotel) & reached Olney (Hotel Hazel) at 4:00. Rested an hour. Then to Larchmound where Mrs Palmetier met us and showed us about. Then we all rode out to Bird Haven & rambled about. Visited Ridgeway's Grave. The farm attached to the preserve.

Supper at Hazel Hotel.

[Robert Ridgeway (1850-1929), American ornithologist and author of numerous books and articles, including the twelve volume *The Birds of North and Middle America*, was Curator of Ornithology for the Smithsonian until 1916 when he moved to Olney. He purchased 18 acres in the country which he developed as a bird sanctuary called Bird Haven and a home "Larchmound" on the outskirts of Olney. When his wife died in 1927, his widowed sister Lidia R. Palmatier came from California to take charge of Larchmound. - ed.]

Saturday, June 28

Olney to Chicago

Delightfully cool.

Walked about the more interesting streets before breakfast. - T.E. Musselman of Quincy had registered late last evening & he and Prof. O & I had a visit before breakf.

We drove away at 8:10. E. to Lawrenceville & north on No. 1.

Lunch at the Wolford Hotel (fine) in Danville. At Watseka went west to No 49 & came in on cross (diagonal) road through Mattison that we came out of yest.

Left Prof O at Quadrangle Club; me at Art Inst. I spent half hour there & then home

This evening planted some rudbeckia h. seed (old) & dioscorea. etc

Sunday, June 29

Thunderstorm in night Some rain.

Fine day Fairly cool.

This aft to funeral of Mr Messinger at Presb. Church.

Mrs Pfanst & I then went down to a Mr Armstrong's on Glencoe Ave to meet Miss Edna Engwall whom we have in mind for primary position

At 5:30 Mr Parratt drove me over to the H P. Hospital where I called on my old neighbor Mr Chapin, who seemed rational & improving. Mrs Chapin was there & came away with us in our auto – Mr Everett was in his room there – improving & in good spirits.

Monday, June 30

Strong wind late in night followed by gentle rain until 8:00 A.M. Pleasant day

At school much of time Sent away teachers' certificates. –

Kuehne came to prepare estimates for calcimining and painting.

Winter to estimate sheet metal work, painting inside of gutters, etc.

Mrs King came to talk school positions, etc.

I phoned Edna Engwall offer of 1st grade at 1700⁰⁰ a year.

Clarence came in from Decatur at 4:00. –

Tuesday, July 1

Drizzly at first. Cleared Cool

Clarence spent the day in Kenosha

I met Mr Laing on school grounds & he planned leveling the north playground so that it can be a rink in winter

To city & Univ. of Chic After lecture back to loop To Eastman store; Fields; Childs for loose leaf ledger, Schonbrod

After supper M, K, Clarence & I drove to Wheeling for some carpet Mrs Rockenbach wove for us. There were literally thousands of autos along the roads & at Sky Harbor watching the endurance fliers – the Hunter boys.

For School fund 6⁰⁰ (Album)

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[John (age 27) and Kenneth (age 21) Hunter were attempting to break the world's refueling endurance record. They eventually landed their airplane at 6:21 p.m. on July 4 after 553¾ hours (more than 23 days) in flight, breaking the record by more than 133 hours. John and Kenneth and their brothers Albert (age 33) and Walter (age 24) were known as the Hunter Boys flyers. They were former coal miners from Sparta, Illinois. – ed.]

Wednesday, July 2

Fine day

With Clarence's guidance I drove my car a great deal today. Called on Mr & Mrs Searls, Mrs Leaming, Mr Jensen. Visited Sweeney's woods to look up fruit of the Juneberry, etc. etc. At school several times.

Earl Fritsch & I spent the evening going over repair list.

Clarence took M & K for a fine ride this evening.

A fire in fireplace this A M to drive away the chill. 50° out of doors at 7:00 A M

Thursday, July 3

Fine day. A little warmer

Again I drove about with Clarence as my adviser.

Met Brown by appointment this aft to talk over details of estimate for building gym Later met Decker for the same purpose. This evening Mr Murray & I met at the building and went over this and playground & other matters considerably in detail.

Clarence & M, K, & I all went for a ride this aft – to Libertyville, Mundelein, & the “Model Farm” west of M.

This day paid W.J. Brown \$566.00, contract price of garage

Friday, July 4

Gray at times but warm enough for a successful Fourth

Met Mr Flinn at school for two hours to go over plans for the gym

Clarence tinkered about my dwarf tree trellis and I helped him a bit.

This aft we went for an auto ride – Old Mill Road, Ridge Road, etc.

To my delight I found a colony of *Asclepias speciosa* along C & M, & St P. tracks near intersection of Old Mill Road Saw this species last near Boulder, Colo.

Mowed most of outer lawn this evening.

Our first string beans

Saturday, July 5

Mild rain this A M. Clearing. Warmer

Worked at home much of day.

C., K., & I went over to Curtis Flying Field for two hours this aft. A fine spectacle

This evening K & I went to Mrs Chapin's & there showed her a lot of my lantern slides. Her friend, Miss Roberts of Boston was very appreciative.

Sunday, July 6

Fine day. Warm

Clarence & I went out to the colony of *Asclepias speciosa* n. of Deerfield & I took four pictures

This aft I developed these & some of cow parsnip which the Pinwheel girls helped me with a few weeks ago.

I went to Presb Ch. this A M

Late this aft we all went out in C's auto for a ride around Lake Forest, etc

Monday, July 7

A fine day.

Clarence & I took M in his auto to Evanston to try to find comfortable shoes for her. Not successful. - - We went to the city by train this aft & hunted up Mr Poedtke in Field's basement – as recommended by a shoe salesman at Ev. - & had him send out two pairs for trial Clarence ordered a suit at Kuppenheimers. I called at Chic Transp Co & at Bausch & L

Sprinkled two or three hours this evening

[On approximately this date (Mr. Smith's reply is undated.), Mr. Smith replied to a letter from Dr. Alfred O. Gross regarding slides of Prairie Chickens (See Mr. Smith's letter to Mr. Deane, December 10, 1929 entry.). Two letters from Dr. Gross and Mr. Smith's reply to the first letter are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Hotel Dixon, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. July 1, 1930.
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Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith,
Highland Park, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

On May 13 I sent to your address a set of 43 slides of the Prairie Chicken according to a request of the secretary of the Illinois Audubon Society, Miss Catherine A. Mitchell. I have never heard from these slides and I am wondering if they were received. Please let me know about this matter at once so that I may have them traced if you have not received them. If the Society did not wish to keep the complete set the remainder were to be returned to my address at Brunswick. In case you did not receive my letter written at that time the slides as charged by the photographic Department was \$ 1.50 each or \$ 40.00 if the complete set of 43 slides were to be purchased. I made no charge for my services.

I will appreciate very much if you will let me know about these slides at your convenience.

Sincerely yours
Alfred O. Gross.
Alfred O. Gross,
Hotel Dixon, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

The slides were shipped by express from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, on May 13, 1930.

Professor Alfred O. Gross,
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Dear Professor Gross :

I am obliged to admit that I and my tangled affairs are to blame for the neglect to attend to the matter of the examination of the set of slides and to remit for them. My colleagues of the Audubon Society were waiting for my report and are in no way to blame for the seeming discourtesy. As for me it seemed that I could not find a favorable time to run the slides through the lantern and prepare to recommend those best adapted for our purpose. I am unusually hard pressed with my school business and trying to follow up some university work which began before my regular work was at all completed. Only night before last was I able to run the slides through the lantern.

I decided that we should hold out at least fifteen slides but the price of the unbroken set is so reasonable that I am recommending that I be permitted to hold the entire set. I am writing you direct from my home in Highland Park and I will phone our secretary, Miss Mitchell, to send you a check. It should reach you almost as soon as this.

Please do not think unfavorably of any one on our Board, including your good friend Mr. Lodge, except myself. My intentions were all right but I have made a mess of it. If later on there comes a time when I may be of service to you, please give me the chance.

Sincerely yours,

Hotel Dixon, Wisconsin Rapids,
Wisconsin, July 15, 1930.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
Highland Park, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I received your letter also a letter from Miss Mitchell containing a check when I returned to Wisconsin Rapids today. I wish to thank you for your very nice letter and I wish you to know that I understand the circumstances perfectly. I am frequently guilty myself and it is consoling to know that others are also busy. I hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you in Chicago sometime. I had a delightful visit with the bird people in Saint Paul and Minneapolis this past week and all of them spoke very nicely of the work of the Illinois Audubon Society.

I am sincerely yours

Alfred O Gross

Alfred O. Gross.

[Mr. Smith recorded the following hand-written note at the bottom of this letter. — ed.]

Miss Mitchell;

Please read and return to me

JLS

Tuesday, July 8

Threatening at times. A slight shower. Warmer

To Chic on 9:04. To Chic Transp Co. for conf. with McLeod Made lecture (Prof Emmerson) at 1:30. Back to loop — 7 So Dearborn, at 3:20 to committee meeting. Library com. of Geog Soc — Miss Baber chairman. Other members Misses Hollowell & Alexander

Home at 6:30 This evening Mr Murray, Flinn, Fritsch & I considered plans for the gym until a late hour

Clarence built me a fine work bench with accessories in my garage today.

Wednesday, July 9

Warm day but breezes checked the heat.

Clarence took me to N.W.U. to hunt up Bert Haefer who later in the day came to apply for gym position Louis Jorndt and Chas M Kipp came for the same purpose this A.M. Mrs Pfanstiehl gave these men an interview. I favored H. but K a close second.

This evening Mr Kopp of Ravinia school came to advise with Dr Fritsch and me over the gym & playground and proved very helpful.

Mr Laing established levels for the playground this day and Mooney & Garrity began to lay off the grounds.

Thursday, July 10

Overcast sky screened off heat most of day.

Clarence set out for Decatur at 7:30.

I spent most of the morning with Mr Flinn going over details of the gym

At school most of the aft.
This evening at Library Board.

Friday, July 11

Fine day. Tempered with breezes
Met Cyclone Fence Man this A M. and got an estimate for re-setting playground fence
Went out on field trip to Asclepias s. north of D on C&M, & St Paul tracks
This aft Met Miss Engwall – our new primary teacher – for a while Then came Mr Childs the architect, & we had long conf. Showed him our G.B. school, plant house, etc.
Then I had a long conf at E.P. with Mr. Murray.
This evening we drove out to the Leech's & had a nice visit – Jammed a rear door that was not fastened when I started to drive into my garage.

Saturday, July 12

Very warm. 95° at 4:00 P.M. Breeze came on at 8:30 and tempered the heat
Conferred twice with the men working on enlargment of playground.
Sent Lichtwalt, Kolterman, & Santi on a vacation.
Set up Miss White's room & colonial room & photographed them for Mr Childs. Developed the three negatives and that of the teachers I took June 13.
Watered almost every thing this evening. Applied vigoro to phlox, & peonies.

Sunday, July 13

Turned cooler towards morning. Drizzle for a while this A M
At 4:00 it was 64°. This time yest. 94.
At 9:00 I drove out to County Line w. & s. of Deerf. but the drizzle interfered with collecting.
Slept most of day.
Called on Mrs Chapin this evening. Mr Chapin still at the hospital and in a precarious condition.

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Monday, July 14

Fine day. Cool. 53° at 7:00 A M
At school much of day. Cyclone Fence people took down the playground back stop – to be reset later
Brown came to look over playroom again. Architect Flinn also.
I went out to woods along east side of electric r.r. tracks a while, this aft
Edith & Danforth and their two birds arrived at 6:15.
School board meeting this evening – long but harmonious

Tuesday, July 15

Fine day. Cool. 49° at 7:00 A M.
Errands – at school and elsewhere.
Bert Greene, our new 5 – 6 math teacher came & we looked over the school together He proposed to lease a house on Deerfield Ave near the Leechs & inquired about bringing his children to our school

D. and I drove around this aft. Visited Central Park. – City Hall – Sunset Golf course where Mr Laing gave me fertilizer for use in feeding my trees – Ammon sulph 15 lb; acid phosphate 12 lb; Potash 3.

We all drove up thru Wauk to Hudson's farm near Zion to buy fruit & back via Wauk Rd. This evening all but M. to Leeches for a short time

Wednesday, July 16

Fine day. Warmer

Drove out to inspect my milkweed colony, Old Mill Road & CM & St P. Workman had mowed most of them down. Made a note of the location of two groups of Ascl. purp

At both schools on errands. Mr Davis and I took the two murals off the walls of the playroom & rolled them up for storage.

All of us went to Curtis Flying Field & to Sky Harbor this evening.

Thursday, July 17

Warmer. Too warm.

M, E. & Danf drove to Racine & back this A.M. I worked with books & specimens at home.

This aft met Milton Nelson, cand. for physic. tr. job. Fairly good tho not enough background

Dug three holes with digger as first of a series to feed my oak tree – put in gravel and a dose of chemicals 5 – 1 – 4 about the ratio of am. sulph., potash, ac. phosphate

E. K, D & I had a ride this evening – County Line, Deerfield, etc

Friday, July 18

Very hot day. 97° at 4:00 P.M.

Met Milton Gantz by appointment at 10:00 and looked over his readers (Laidlaw).

At home all aft. Took two photog with 72 mm lens. Devel. 4 negatives.

This evening D & I drove to Ev. & visited Leon D & his wife & daughter Mary.

Saturday, July 19

Hotter still. My thermo read 99 at 2:30 P.M. At four a lake breeze sprang up & mercury sank rapidly. 68° at 10:00 P.M

Clarence D & Edith left at 7:00 this A.M. for Gary

I took my auto to shop to have hinge repaired and a bent fender straightened. Then to Collins' shop to be painted

$2^{50} + 2^{00}$

Spent lots of time watering yard this evening.

Auto Exp to date

Gasoline 1.10 + 1.33 + .95 + .95; repairs 2.50 + 2.00.

Sunday, July 20

Another very hot day. The max seemed to be 98°. Wind blew all day.

I drove out west & south of Deerfield on co. line road, then north to Half Day Road & back home

Around the house all remainder of the day.

Asc. verticillate not yet in bloom. A. tuberosa coming out.

Monday, July 21

A warm night but a little after six AM a cool breeze came on and prevailed now & then during the day. Temp. below 80°.

Gentle rain for an hour or so late this aft.

Took M. & K for a ride about H.P. this evening

I went west of Deerfield & beyond the Wilmot school I took three photographs of roadsides – one decorated by dancus c., clover, etc; - one mowed clean Came back via Half Day. Worked at school this aft.

Tuesday, July 22

Cooler A very pleasant day Cool breezes and white caps prevailed at the lake.

Conf with Mr Mann over the proposed stairway to the roof; with Pub Service men over meter records. Then to Chic. To Chic Transp Co to leave 6 or 7 neg. (Asc. speciosa & cow parsley) and a number of school slides (art) to be rebound. To Vaughn's for nicoteen. To Fields for seat bottoms, canvas for screening planthouse, shoes to be repaired, quotations on filing cabinets, a straw hat, etc. At C. J. Albert's to confer about phys. tr. teacher Then to Adler Planetarium where I saw the remarkable spectacle.

Home at 6:50. To Library to be present at formal meeting that adjourned until Friday.

Wednesday, July 23

A delightful day. Warmer.

I dug three more holes for fertilizing & drenching my oak. Sprayed asters, etc with black drop Studied my insect visitors on milkweeds in back yard. Photo of egg of lacewinged fly. Developed three neg.

M. K. & I for a short ride after supper. Called on Dorothy Sheahen & her husband and baby.

Callers: Mrs Childs, Millard, Rhinesmith, Mr Witmer, Durbahn.

Thursday, July 24

Hot day. About 91.

Dug three drain & fertilizer holes about my apple tree.

We have gathered now more than a half bushel of apples off this tree

At school a while this A.M. Then at 1:30 met Winfield Angus of Rockford, cand. for phys tr job - & Mrs Pfanst. Mr A. made a good impression.

Linoleum men on the job in El. Bldg (Carson, Pirie).

Met with Dr Fritsch, Mr Wood & Mr Flinn at school this P.M to open bids on gym. W.J. Brown lowest on genl contract. Plumbing to be studied further. Electric work also.

Friday, July 25

Another hot day.

At school much of time. Had lock repaired on my auto – 3³⁵; gas 1.52 Conf with linoleum men. Job nearly finished. Sorted out books in various rooms – for the bindery and for discard.

M. K. & I with Lois Greene drove to Libertyville and back this evening without much incident.

Saturday, July 26

Another but we had rain this morning that refreshed things greatly. Humid this aft & evening.

At home nearly all day. Planned school work. Worked on insect problems

M. K. & I rode out on Ridge Road, Clavey Road, & home this evening.

Sunday, July 27

A heavy thunderstorm in installments in the night and fine rains

Humid & warm again today. 91° or more
M & I to church in my auto. At 1:00 M. K. & I (in my auto) went to the Greens to dine with Lois & Mrs G. Home at 3:00.

Monday, July 28

Another electric storm late in the night and fine showers

Humid & oppressive today, but fresh breezes from the lake moderated the heat after night fall
To city on 9:15. To Chic Transp Co. Fields. Home by 1:10. At 2:00 met with Mrs Rubens & Mrs Balke, representing pub. libr. We visited store rooms & the city hall with view to finding place for temporary quarters for library, during building of new. Decided to ask for city hall.

M. K. & I had a ride on Ridge Road, County Line past Jewetts, & home via Deerfield
✎ The I called on Mrs Chapin. Then had an hour conf. with Mrs Pfanstiehl
Brown's men began on new gym.

Tuesday, July 29

Delightful day. Cool breezes.

Took auto to be overhauled as per contract – at end of 500 miles of service. Pd \$1⁵⁰ for the oil, service free.

Went to city on 4:05 P M, picked up some slides made for me by Chic Transp Co & back
At Library Board meeting until nearly eleven. Passed on certain items in plans for new bldg.
Approved bid for general contract – Archibald and for plumbing – Decker.

Wednesday, July 30

Lake Geneva.

Set out at 9:00 for Lake Geneva via L Zurich, Fox River Grove. Reached village at 11:00 but spent half hour or more with harrowing experiences until I found the way to Wychood

Lunch at Mrs H's – Miss Naris (Mrs H's cousin), Mrs Johnson (Pasadena) and Mrs McElwee of Lake Forest

Gave a prairie flower talk with slides at Mrs Hubbard Carpenter's at 3:30. Very appreciative audience. Brot my own lantern & operated it. Mrs Frost presided. Later she phoned me at dinner time an invitation to visit Prof Frost, (blind), Director of Yerkes Obs. Patrick drove me over at 9:00 & I had a delightful visit with this great man for nearly two hours!!

[Edwin Brant Frost (1866-1935) became the Director of the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin in 1905, a position he held, despite his blindness, until 1932. – ed.]

Thursday, July 31

Another fine day. Cool in the shade.

Left Wychood at 10:15, bringing box of tomatoes to M. Mrs H gave me a copy of Peattie's Flora of the Indiana Dunes - - - My trip was without incident. – Route 12 to State Line; 61 to McHenry; 20 through Volo & Grays Lake & to Half Day; 22 to Highwood, etc

Time 2:15; mileage 56.

Expenses of trip – 10 gal. 1.90. Used 7 or so.

Telescope came by express today; excavators began to carry out dirt from gym floor.

M. K. & I rode out to Des Plaines R & back (Northbrook) this evening. The Pattees came to call and we had a nice visit.

Friday, August 1

Warmer but not oppressive.

Met De Bona at school at 8:30 and we worked over plans for stairway to the roof thru upper costume room

Met Gharrity (Geo) and set him to work on our new playground Mr Laing sent two truck loads of sod. This aft I watered as it was laid Spent some time working with pruning shears, etc.

Late this aft made two more irrigation holes filled with gravel for my apple & oak trees. Fed with 5 – 4 – 1 fertilizer Added half portion into the nine holes finished some days ago.

M. K. & I took Rev Mr Hopkins of North Ave M.E Church for a ride this evening. Old Elm Road & Half Day Road.

Saturday, August 2

A very warm day.

Made a trip – one hour – into Sweeney's Woods and dug up some skunk cabbage for study.

Then at 9:30 met Mr Steenhill to discuss the building of concrete platform for telescope - - Conferred with Ed Laing about our playground Geo. Gharrity worked here yest & today (until noon) Set sod on south border.

This aft I made a trip to site of Port Clinton School to direct where some soil exc. from gym should be dumped. Arranged with man living up there to level off site, scythe it, etc

M. K. & Mrs Chapin & I went for a ride this evening – Ridge & Clavey & Green Bay Road
Gas 1.52

Sunday, August 3

Very hot. At 8:00 short thunderstorm & downpour. Then s.w. wind set in later. Warm!

At 10:00 I met Thomas C. Adams, phys tr. from Dr Monilaw's camp, on the staff of the Westport Jr High of Kansas City. He came with his friend, Mr. Sinclair, a mn'l tr teacher from K.C. Mrs Pfanstiehl came over for a time. We had a long conf., then Mr A & his friend went on, & Mrs P & I are to agree upon an offer to him Paid half his expense - \$14⁰⁰.

The Pattees came after lunch & we rode around all aft – it was so warm we didn't stay in one place long – Long Deep Lake, Crooked, Druce, Gage L – Zion, Lake Forest – Then to our house where we ate ice cream & cake, etc.

Monday, August 4

Warm at first but cooler breezes came up after noon and temp. much reduced.

At school twice. Worked an hour or so. Mooney & Gharrity on job all day. Gathered second batch of beans at the Larson garden. Cut the rye, barley & wheat & made one bundle of each

Dissected one skunk cabbage plant today and began on the 2nd. Photographed its peculiar root stock.

Conf with Mr Murray over phone twice today. Authorized to act on Mr Laing's advice & have tile drainage of playground worked out.

Conf with Mrs Pfanstiehl & then wired Thos C Adams offer of \$2400 – for phys tr. (Camp Highlands – Sayner, Wisc)

Tuesday, August 5

Threatening at first. Then shower before noon & a shower or too late afternoon – and at length a fine downpour at 6:00. Cooled off.

Met Mr Mann & Maurice DeBona and the latter was authorized to begin the stairway to the roof – first move in getting the telescope up

Mooney & G. at work again today.

I worked over a skunk cabbage plant in my garage.
This evening went down to Mrs Weinberg's to help her tag some plants she collected on Waukegan Flats.

Borrowed \$300⁰⁰ at bank today. – Sixty days

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from Mrs. Ruth Work to speak before the Barrington Woman's Club. Mrs. Work's invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

July 31, 1930.

My dear Mr. Smith,

I heard you talk on "Delight in Simple Things" before the Garden Club of Illinois last year. I should like to have the Barrington Woman's Club hear that lecture and see your beautiful pictures. Will you please tell me what fee you charge, - also, in case the committee can arrange to have you, would you be able to come the third Wednesday of March or April?

Very sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Robert) *Ruth Work*.
Program Chairman

August 5, 1930.

Mrs Robert Work,
Barrington, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Work :

Thank you very much for your kind inquiry about my talk on "Delight in Simple Things".

I fear that I could not serve you for an afternoon engagement. It is so hard to get away from school work while the school is in session that I have about given up all engagements other than on "off days" or in the evening. If at any time you should have an evening open I would be glad to go to Barrington. My fee for nearby engagements is thirtyfive dollars.

Trusting that some time I may be able to serve your group, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Wednesday, August 6

A fine day Gentle lake breezes.

At school a while, directing things. The DeBonas began on the stairway.

Mr Steenhill came to furnish his bid for the concrete platform - 275⁰⁰

I went towards C. on 2:04 but forgot my slides and got off at Ev. I phone K. who sent them to Ev. by Joe R & I then went on to C. Took taxi to Univ. & arrived at Room 304, Sch of Ed – at 4:37 – 7 min late Talked to Prof Frank's students & received fine treatment.

Supper at Triangle Rest. – Movie at McVicker – The Dawn Patrol.

[Mr. Smith received a letter from Ed. A. Wight regarding Mr. Smith's talk at the School of Education on this day. The letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

5737 Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
August 13, 1930

Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith,
334 Vine Avenue,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith,

After hearing your delightful talk and seeing the beautiful pictures at the Science Club in the School of Education last week, I feel that I am not taking too great a liberty in addressing you.

To get at once to the point. A group of young people at one of the Hyde Park churches is interested not only in the religious side of its development but in the cultural as well. They have expressed the desire to have authorities in various fields at some of their Sunday evening meetings. I can think of nothing finer than such an illustrated talk as you would give.

Knowing nothing of the conditions under which you appear before organizations of this nature I hesitate to suggest a definite date. Yet I wish so much that you might be able to come before the summer is over I am taking the liberty of suggesting Sunday evening, August 24th. Or, in case that date is impossible, two weeks later, September 7th.

The group is the Senior League of the Hyde Park Methodist Church, located at Blackstone and 54th Streets. The meetings are held at 6:45, and are often followed during the summer by informal social or recreational affairs. The religious theme does not have to be a part of the speaker's program.

Possibly it would save time for you and expedite making an engagement if I call you on the telephone in a day or two. We could then discuss any further information or conditions.

Very truly yours,
Ed. A. Wight
Ed. A. Wight
Telephone, Hyde Park 6694

Thursday, August 7

Grew very warm and sultry today.

At school part of the day supervising the work

A Mrs Cummings of Lake Bluff applied for a teaching position A Miss Sullivan, reporter for the Examiner, called for news.

Worked on sk. cab. notes Went out Dundee Road to bring in euphorbia corollata.

This evening Mrs Chapin went with us for a drive to Lake Forest, etc

Got a teleg. from Thos C Adams declining our position of phys tr. at 2400. Then wired offer of \$2200 to Winfield S. Angus, 920 No. Church St., Rockford, and he wired acceptance

Friday, August 8

Very warm again but puffs of lake air at times.

Mowed backyard this morn & more parkway this evening.

At school a while. Garrity began laying drain tile on playground.

At G.B. school I inspected grounds. Mr R. had taken up linoleum in Miss Thomas' room & some in hallway. Rotting in places. Floor damp. To be left for inspection

Miss Mitchell, Mrs Cory, & Mrs Bangs came in an auto – stayed half hour (this aft). Fine visit. Talked possibility of exhibit at State Fair (- Aud Soc & W.F. Preserv. Soc.).

M., K, Mrs Chapin and I had nice drive again this evening.

Saturday, August 9

Very warm – but lake breezes set. A thunderstorm with a heavy downpour between 3:00 & 4:30 this aft!

This AM. went out nearly to the Des Plaines & took a photo of a group of Joepy weed there. Took a chicory group picture and a group picture of silphiums on my parkway this A M

Hoed a half hour in the Larson garde. Pulled two cucumbers (the first there) & gave them to Mrs Larson. Gathered 15 ears of G.B. corn. 13 two days ago. Two cucumbers in my backyard gathered Pallbearer at funeral of our neighbor, Mrs Love, this aft. Storm burst during ceremony. Lull afterwards but there was a downpour at burial in N.S. cemetery. Rode in auto with the Terrys & Rev M[r?] Edward

Sunday, August 10

A beautiful day. Cool.

The Enders and the Danforths came in at 9:30 in Arthur's car & are staying over night A fine time Some of us went over to the Larson garden and brot in about 20 more ears of corn. We pulled a large cucumber from our home vines.

This aft all but A., M., & I drove around Lake Forest a while. I developed some 3¼ x 4¼'s.

At five we all posed in front of haw on my west parkway and were photographed – two of the entire group & one of Mother, L. & Ruth.

Monday, August 11

Another

The "folks" left at 5:00 A M for Gary – to be there for breakfast & so that Clarence D. could open up the store

At school some this AM & most of this aft.

Mr Mann & I met there and went over things together

I mowed my outer lawn today. Hoed some in the L. Garden. Brot away one cucumber & got one off my own place

This evening met Mr Wood & Dr F at the office when they opened the coal bids. Martin Hart present – also Robert Denzel & Billie Bowden.

Tuesday, August 12

Another delightful day. At breakfast the ther. read 56°.

At school some of day. Took scythe from G.B R.S. to the neighbor n. of P.S. school site & engaged him to clear up the grounds.

Called on Wade McNutt to borrow some books

M, K. & I drove out to the Decker cottage on Long Lake but nobody at home. We learned later that Mrs D & Bettie were at Naperville.

This evening the Kennicotts & Danleys & I went to the birthday party of Santi's daughter – Annuciatina. Fine time in Italian style – dancing, vermouth, beer, lemonade, sandwiches!

Wednesday, August 13

Fine day. Gray in the aft.

Inspected the work at school twice. Went with Maurice DeBona to City Hall to get a building permit for our work at school. Fee, \$5⁰⁰

Had door latch on left rear door of auto adjusted. No charge.

M. K. & I drove this aft to Park Ridge and back Had trouble finding our way about Niles, Norwood Park, etc Found our old home Ahrensfield house gone & a church in its place.

Thursday, August 14

A fine day. Grew a little sultry, but a shower after 8:00 P.M & cooler.

Met Will Vetter at school & had him commence wiring for stairway, pent house and observatory.

Long conf. with janitors this aft.

Conf with Dr Fritsch this evening over new equipment.

Then to library board meeting in new quarters at old city hall. The moving from our now abandoned library bldg to the present quarters had been carried on skillfully, & the change has been inspiring. The enlargement of facilities even in temporary quarters is an earnest of what is to be in the new building.

Friday, August 15

Another fine day. Warmer.

Met Everett Millard a very short time just before the 8:09 & at his suggestion went over with Ed Laing the matter of landscaping a wedge of pub. lib. property across the ravine Mr L. promised to include it in an adjacent area in the Fall.

Met Mr Krumbach & helped plan some cases for kg bldg, book display tables, & shelving for certain rooms in el. bldg. OK'd a contract price of 237⁵⁰

Went to Chic on 1:15. To Chic Transp Co (McLeod) to confer about some photographic work. R.R. offices to collect circulars; Carson Pirie to discuss the preserv of linoleum; Fields – Vaughns, Wallgren, Boston Store. Chic Theater

M. K, Mrs Chapin & I had a nice ride after supper

Saturday, August 16

Short thunderstorm & shower before 6:00. Fairly cool. Air smelled of lake – as it has all week – fresh & delightful.

Washed my car, then went out to W. Park Ave woods to collect various specimens. Cardinal fl., joepye, poison hemlock, etc Dug up 8 or 10 mandrake roots. Couldn't find trilliums. Hunted up fringed gentian plants along n.s. right of way

This aft I dissected more sk. cab. plants. One wonderful specimen I worked down to the 25th leaf. This evening I continued this work.

At school only once today & that after 5:00 P.M. Steenhill's men began scaffolds for laying concrete floor.

Sunday, August 17

Fine day. Gray part of the time. Then clear. Cool

M. K. & I drove to Bethany Ev. Ch. to hear Howard Kuist preach a good sermon. Nice visit with people there.

This aft I went (trolley) to Garfield Pk conservatory and spent an hour or more there. Made some notes. Then I went to Oakley & Randolph to admire the architecture of St Malachy's. Home by 7:30.

Bell tower, Brick; stone trimming – pyramid top covered with tile – Belfry opening high, with two slender columns dividing space, an iron bracket – supported balcony beneath each opening. Central entrance and ambulatory entrances. Front wall above portals relieved by wide recess of low altitude

Monday, August 18

A fine day. Eight days in succession we have had cool breezes smelling of the lake

At school much of morning. Just before twelve Harold Gordon of Rockford came to talk phys training job. I spent with him the time until 3:00. Lunch at Green Tea Pot. Tried to find Mrs Pfanstiehl. Went to Lake Forest & back & to the H.P. Munic. Golf Links. Did not find her in time to have him meet her This evening she & I talked it over & I have just wired him an offer of \$2400.

At 4:00 went out to wooded strip along R.R – W. Park, & brot back specimens including a sod in which fringed gentians are growing. Set this in a garden bed.

Tuesday, August 19

Another fine day with fresh breezes

At school much of day, preparing a “brief” for the janitors

M. K. & I drove to the Noerenbergs at 6:30 where a garden dinner for the benefit of the church was given. Fine time. Howard Kuist & his wife & aunts were there. All enjoyed themselves

I wet down the tigrdias, four-o-clocks, etc. this evening – first use of my hose for a week or so. Unusually beautiful display of L. speciosum, tigrdias, four-o-clocks & petunias.

Wednesday, August 20

Another fine day

At school off and on. Howard K & I went for a fine ride in my auto & were gone two hours

I had my “picture” taken at Hecketswiler’s at the expense of the Herald-Examiner! At the urgent request of the reporter [The photograph that appears on the title page of the transcribed diaries is believed to be the photograph taken of Mr. Smith on this day. – ed.]

Wire from Mr Gordon declining our phys. tr. position – and I called up Paul Albert to send more candidates

Gathered half a peck of “cuques” today.

Mr Arthur Wood & I went over bldg projects at school this evening.

Mr Otis of Winnetka & of the N.S. Theatre Guild looked over our aud this day as to its possibilities for play production

Thursday, August 21

Still another.

Met Mr Mann & Mr Steenhill on the site of the telescope & they gave the DeBona boys final instructions as to the “forms.” Mr. S’s men assembled a derrick, etc., on the roof.

Steele’s men poured most of the concrete floor of the gym. Five of Brown’s men were hustling the carpenter work

Mr Brown & I had a conf about certain repairs of the street in front of our old playground and he promised that his city dept would undertake this work

Mr Flinn & I agreed upon making a niche for the piano in the gym. We went to G.B.R.S to inspect linoleum – Men were surfacing new playground with torpedo sand

M. K. & I had a fine drive down River Road & back Wauk Road

Friday, August 22

Another, also.

Met Mr Murray for a short time this A M. Robert Brown, formerly coach (asst) at h.S. at Elmhurst came to talk over job of phys. tr. here. Fine appearance. Not sure of his interest.

My auto spent the morning receiving its overhauling after 1000 miles of service

Went to Chic on 12:34 & to U. of C. to give up a locker key. Fine chat with Ruth Teucher on the quad. To Fields to look up steamer circular. Home by 6:30.

M. K. Mrs Chapin & I drove to L. Forest & back this evening.

Saturday, August 23

Another.

At school all A. M. Rob't Brown decided not to "consider" our phys tr. job. Talked with Paul Albert over phone about this

Steenhill's men poured concrete for telescope foundation.

Cyclone men reset posts for back wall fence on playgrounds.

I paid Frank & Geo Garrity & Fred Elstrom for playground material & labor, giving bookstore checks. I advanced \$120⁰⁰ as a loan to bookstore to give a large enough bank balance for this. M.C. Hart, Sec of Bd of Ed away & no other money available.

Frank G 84⁰⁰ (42 yd. torpedo sand); Geo G 66⁰⁰; Fred Elfstrom, \$69⁰⁰ – labor

This evening I went down to Chicagoland Music Festival at Soldiers' Field. Mr Dinkaloo & I together. Greatest crowd ever. Beautiful spectacle. Effects successful only in part. High spots – Negro chorus – Ukrainian chorus.

Sunday, August 24

One more.

M & I went to Highwood M.E. Church this A M and listened to a good sermon by Mr Hopkins

Late this aft. M. K. & I went for a ride, cruising about the east side – Called on Mr & Mrs Searles on Dean Ave.

A wire from Mr Murray relating to phys tr. instructor. I wired advising him to offer position to the man at his camp at Castle Park, Mich.

Monday, August 25

Yet one more

Each day is warm in the sunshine and cool in the shade and during the day puffs of lake air, cool and water-scented, come to refresh one

At school much of time. Cyclone people re-set most of wire barrier. Brown's men busy. The DeBonas at their shop working on our observatory material. Menoni's man surfacing our south playground.

I made list of teachers for the press & furnished an article about our new play facilities.

Mrs Greene, Alden, Elizabeth & Lois spent evening with us. Alden just back from three years on staff of college at Cairo.

I fed our oak & apple tree with fertilizer & soaked them with water this evening

Tuesday, August 26

Fine day again. Somewhat warmer

At school much of day. Had the DeBonas fasten up a shelf along window seat of Room 7 to make a wide rim 24" deep Had Winter come to arrange about surfacing with zinc. Gave him an order to do four at \$18⁰⁰ each.

Menoni's men continued to surface & roll the south playground. Fred Elfstrom worked on the north playground. The cyclone people finished setting the wire barrier and painted it. Work went on apace in new gym.

This evening K & I went in my auto to the Searles in Ravinia & brot them up here to see our garden & parkway & they spent the evening with us

Wednesday, August 27

Warmer.

City workmen began rebuilding street in front of south playground. I conferred with our neighbor, Mrs Lloyd, about the treatment of the parkway

Fred H. Vesel of Berwyn accompanied by Mr Simons of Batavia came to talk over phys tr. job. Made a good appearance

Bert Greene has become established on West Deerfield Ave. He called this afternoon

At school a while this evening to help watch the new concrete floor in the shower room – to make sure it was not marked up by mischievous persons.

The Lindberg beacon was dedicated this evening and we saw the flashes in the sky.

[The Lindbergh Beacon, named for aviator Charles Lindbergh, was installed at the top of the Palmolive Building (919 North Michigan Avenue) to guide airplanes to Chicago airports. – ed.]

Thursday, August 28

A slight shower this A M. Rather warm.

Gathered nearly a peck of tomatoes for canning. Matchum has ripened earlier but Marglobe averages finer fruit. Both seem equally good in flavor.

At school most of day This aft met J.S. Reynolds of Wheaton who wishes job of phys tr; Adah Voss came with her aunt & talked over places to live (Mrs D.C. Cregier). We drove around a bit & visited G.B.R school.

Mrs Gray, very attractive young woman teaching with Jessamine Crapser at Los Angeles called for a half hour & we had a most delightful visit

This evening Mr & Mrs Searles went with us for a drive to Libertyville & back.

Friday, August 29

Not so warm. Breezes.

At school about all day. Fed trees on so. parkway where street is being repaired 50 lb. vigoro.

A leak into the new gym baffled investigation. A workman spent most of day digging to discover its source.

DeBona boys began setting frame work of observatory tower

Clarence S & Edith D came in at noon from Gary They brot us a supply of apples (Wealthy), damson plums, crabapples & Bartlett pears.

This evening we rode in Clarence's machine down through north & south Deere Park

Saturday, August 30

Hazy at intervals. Moderately warm.

At school most of A.M. This aft. Clarence, Edith & I went to air races at Curtiss Field – a wonderful spectacle. Colombo (Ital Span), Doret (French), Atcherley (Eng), & Williams (Amer) the solo stars. Navy planes (Boeing single seaters), autogiros, glider, etc. etc.

Watered until 9:30 this Eve.

Wire from Mr Murray advising me to try to select phys tr director and not rely upon his candidate.

Sunday, August 31

Fine day. Hazy at times Storm clouds late aft but rain passed us by.

Clarence D came in at 9:00. He took me out to Skokie meadow to get some flowers. Liatris almost spent. Coreop. trip. nearly. Vernonia, also. In full bl – helenium, physostegia, silph. tereb., goldenrod sp. etc

This aft Clarence D & I spent at the Curtiss airport at program similar to that of yest.

Monday, September 1

Warm day. Threatening after night.

An errand to school with Dan & Tommie at which time I met Arthur Wood & discussed the progress of the work

Worked about home nearly all day. Thoroughly watered various parts of the grounds. Sawed a few limbs off the s.w oak.

Tommie worked over an unfinished cage left in the mnl tr. room to make it into a house for our “pest” – Jocko, the parrakeet.

This evening Dan & E. & K & I rode around at Highwood & then down as far as Ravinia Park

Tuesday, September 2

Vigorous thunder storms kept one awake in the night & a good rain fell – not a heavy rain.

Clarence D & E left at 5:00 A M for Gary.

I was at school much of day. Conf with plumbers, Mr Brown & Architect Flinn

Hazel Bell on the job. Sent notices to all teachers to attend a conf at 1:30 Sat.

Mr Laing promised me sod for our school parkway.

Clarence took me out to W. Park Ave woods at R.R. intersection & I brot in some mandrake and smilacina roots, etc

I dug up our madonna bulbs & regale bulbs this evening. Clarence took M., K., & Mrs Chapin out for a ride this evening but his battery went wrong when he was near the Dorcas Home. He phoned me & I went out with my Ford & brot in the folks. Nelson’s Garage brot him in

Wednesday, September 3

Fine day. Down to 51° at 7:00.

At school much of time. Conf. with Brown – Flinn – Vetter, et. al.

Set Walter Sleeman at work with Fred Elfstrom on parkway – setting in place concrete posts, etc.

Mr Laing sent two loads of sod

Mr Kinney of Winnetka sent us a candidate for phys tr. job – Harry Hart who came with his wife & met Mrs Pfanst & me this aft. I like Mr. H. very much. - - Remington man came & I signed for a No 6 noiseless machine for the school - - I reset the snowball bush & Asclepias Sullivanti & make four errand with auto for bags of sand, cinders, loam, & leaf mold. - - Clarence & I spent the evening with George & Trena Taylor.

Thursday, September 4

Find day

Clarence left at 1:00. His auto had been “fixed” at Nelson’s garage – new muffler & battery connections

Mrs Pfanst & I agreed to offer Harry Hart the position of phys tr for \$2400 & he accepted it.

Men began sodding our Elm Pl. parkway.

Two carpenters began laying maple floor in gym
I went out to Bahrs greenhouses on Ridge Road to get begonias, ivies & a geranium for teachers' rest room

Gave Hazel Bell our new Remington
This evening set our madonna lily bulbs in a new bed – raised up for drainage. Set bulbs in sand & covered with compost from school supply & leaf mold I scraped up in woods near Wyle's house
Mr Ingram called to talk over his little daughter's work

Friday, September 5

Fine day Warmer.
At school most of day. Only three carp at work & I went to H.S to see if the big force of Brown's men was there. Only two in sight & the work there way behind - - - Janitors rushed to get ready - - Mrs Pfanstiehl busied with finishing teachers' room in Int. Bldg. - - Mr. Richardson there this A.M - - Miss Grunewald this aft. - - Mr Santi & I planted a clump of mandrake opposite vestibule of aud.
M. K. & I rode out a while this evening – Deerf Ave., Deerf. Rd, Wauk Road – Werhane's – Dundee & Green Bay & home

Pd 1st installment (3⁵⁵) on assessment of \$30¹⁵ for Library Park. Yet to pay 26.60 in 18 payments of \$1⁴⁰ each.

Saturday, September 6

Delightful weather
Men very busy with janitor work. I used three extra men and three part time boys
Teachers' meeting at 1:30. All present but Miss Cramer & Miss Kennedy (sanitarium at Providence). Miss Guiney unable to climb stairs because of breast palpitation Enthusiastic gathering.

Sunday, September 7

Fine day Gray at times Cool.
M & I to Presb Ch. Rev Mr Pugh preached
Rested this aft. To school at 5:00 & investigated cleaning of bldg. While there Mr Getz & Mr Sherer & the boys came & I showed them around
The Pattees came in for a while after supper.

Monday, September 8 First day of school!

Beautiful day.
Opening ex. auspicious. Harriet Fogg of Old Orchard, Me., here to sub for Miss Kennedy who is in a sanitarium in Providence. M. attended the ex & sat in the balcony with Mrs Sampsell who has for years & years been present at these ex.
School until noon Teachers' meeting at 1:30, etc This evening Hazel & I worked in the office getting ready for tomorrow's sales.

Tuesday, September 9

Another fine day.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Then back to E.P. Long conference with Mr Murray just back from his vacation.
Helped whenever I could at book sale – a grand rush.
At conf a while this aft of officers of G.B.R.S. auxiliary at Mrs Hutchinson's.
Conf with Mr Hart over his playground activities & with Miss Weaver over sewing work

Spent an hour or so at Mr Mann's this evening.
A boy knocked a ball this noon that broke a side window in my auto.

Wednesday, September 10

Still another.

Accompanied three of the 4th grade classes to the Larson garden – Miss Hansen's, and two thirds
Conf on arith after school.

K & I shopped after 5:00. Repairs on auto window 4⁵⁵

This eve. worked on my talk to give at Glen Ellyn.

Thursday, September 11

Fine day Warmer. Rather sultry.

Spent most of day in school garden work. Took several groups thru my own garden also. Miss
White's pupils harvested sudan grass, feterita, popcorn, amber cane & some of the maize. I took two group
photographs.

Conf after school with Mr Richardson & Miss White. Library Board this evening. Edmund Eitel
resigned because of leaving for Virginia (Halifax).

N.E. asters & aster laevis just opening.

Had wind shield replaced. Charge 4⁶⁵ A flaw had developed but not during the three months'
guarantee, so I had to pay a reduced fee.

Friday, September 12

Quite sultry. Oppressive

Flower & vegetable exhibit in Hall of Pictures. The most beautiful we have had. I went with the 3rd
graders to the garden to harvest the pumpkins. They had four small express wagonfuls. I photographed the
children & wagons, also two boys (John Berkson & Walter) with stalks of broom corn

Mrs Gaidzik & the men judged the exhibits. Mrs Creigh helped

Mr Schultz went with me to Glen Ellyn to operate the lantern while I lectured to the allied garden
clubs. I drove both ways – about an hour & a half each way. Fine audience, fine time. Pearl McCord Hill
& Jean; Charles Jorgeson & wife & Chas & Althea!

Saturday, September 13

Almost as warm as yesterday.

At school most of A M. To city on 1:33. To Fields for vases, comb for M., shirt, look over new
books, bowl for pedestal of bird bath. To Eastman for plates. Home at 6:00.

M., K., & Mrs Chapin & I went for a ride – west on Half Day Road, s. to River Road – east
through Deerfield, etc

Afterwards I ran the hose freely.

Sunday, September 14

A few raindrops this A.M. Cooler

M & I to Presb. Church This aft at 4:00 we went over to the Greens where Alden showed us
some souvenirs from Cairo, Constantinople, etc.

I developed some negatives this evening.

Monday, September 15

Fine day.

Miss Greno back after three days of illness.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Board meeting this evening. Lasted until 11:30. Much business covered

Tuesday, September 16

Fine day.

Conf with 5's – 6A's after school.

M K & I drove out to the Werhanes at 5:00 for corn & squash

Lots of interruptions Visitors, Shirley, Axt, et al.

Wednesday, September 17

Fine day. Quite cool this A M

Lots of interruptions this day. Visitors included Elizabeth Doty Evans & daughter (a delightful visit), rep of Lyon & H., a mfr of plumbing, etc.

We teachers were entertained at Mrs Howes from 4:00 to 8:30 this evening. Fine time.

I left my auto along a parkway and found it lighted and a "ticket" when I got to it.

Thursday, September 18

Fine. So chilly this AM that the folks had a kindling fire in fire place. Quite warm this aft.

Vetter's men laying cable from El to Int to work outside lights

Playground work under Mr Hart going on fine.

Conf with Mrs Creigh over teacher's salaries.

Visitors – Collins of Lyon & H; Miss _____ of motor bus Co; Grimson; Junior Cope; Mrs Greenebaum;

Miss Sprague was a welcome visitor & I took her & Misses Grunewald & Nixon for a ride out to the Preventorium & beyond & back via Half Day Road. Miss Elliott showed use through the beautiful new bldgs at the Prev.

To City Hall this evening & police sergeant cancelled my "ticket".

Friday, September 19

Another sultry day.

Vistors: Matheny of Keystone; Ag't for Fredonia, N.Y seeds.

Conf with Mr Mann and Maurice DeBona over remodeling old stairs to costume room

Visited Lincoln school a while this A M. Did not get to meet Mr. Wright.

Conf with Miss Stine and other teachers over Indian program for next Friday.

Conf with Miss Hendee at Library late this aft.

Saturday, September 20

Quite cool this AM Warmer during day.

At school a while this A M Went to see bld'g foreman at pub. libr site & secured the drinking fountain abandoned when bld was pulled down – this for the school

This aft M. K. & I motored to Crystal Lake where Rose Miller Kellog and her friend, Mrs Cawthorne, met us & took us out to an extensive bog where we saw an immense number of fringed gentians The blossoms were larger and more profuse on stems than any I have hitherto seen Fine great blue lobelia; N.E. aster; etc. Home at 6:30.

Gathered small basket of beans & 8 or 10 cucumbers in Larson garden

[On this day Mr. Smith replied to an invitation to lecture before the Garden Club of Park Ridge. The invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Mr Jesse Smith

Highland Park – Ill

My dear Mr. Smith – I heard you give the illustrated before the Garden Club of Illinois about a year ago. Our Club is an evening club and I thought the men would be thrilled to see the lovely pictures you have. Could you give your talk at our next meeting the first Friday in October or if not then – the first in November? And could you let me know your fee? Our Club is about two years old, and the men are the most enthusiastic of the bunch, and I thot it coming in the evening, it would be less apt to interfere with any other work you might be doing. Could you let me know at your earliest convenience, and I do hope we may be able to arrange it. Also would you like me to rent a lantern here in Park Ridge.

Sincerely Yours

Julia G. Saul

(Mrs. J.W. Saul)

September 18

1930

September 20, 1930

Mrs. J.W. Saul,
Park Ridge, Illinois.

My dear Mrs Saul :

Thank you for your kind reference to the talk I gave before the Garden Group last winter.

I have an engagement for the first Friday evening in October but I can reserve the evening of the first Friday in November for you if your group decides that that date and my terms are satisfactory.

My fee is thirtyfive dollars. I furnish an excellent lantern and either bring an operator or operate it myself.

Sincerely yours,

Sunday, September 21

Again quite chilly. Sun came out & grew warmer

M & I to church (M.E.) on North Ave. Mr Hopkins talked about the tragic death this past week of an intimate friend, a young soldier Mr J H. Taylor preached

Rested all aft. This evening Mr & Mrs Craig called.

Monday, September 22

Fine day. A little warmer. So dry, I ran my two hose outfits a long time after supper

No tigridia blossom today!

Visitors: Alice Shreve who has a kg certif from Los Angeles; Mrs Harmon & Henry; Sears (World Book); McMillan man;

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

Mr Finch of the H.S. called this evening to confer over music situation

Tuesday, September 23

Autumn begins

Very sultry

Miss Miller ill & Lilian Fehr Borg a sub.

Just learned that Miss Kennedy will be unable to return. Talked with Miss Fogg about giving her permanent charge of Miss K's room

Morning ex at 10:00 at G.B.R.S.

From 1:00 to 2:30 in dentist chair – Dr Hamilton. Preliminary to re-setting bridge work that came out.

M. K. & I had a short ride this evening – went out into a grand sunset.

Wednesday, September 24

Very brief shower at 6:00 A.M.

Warm but not oppressive.

Met Mr Mann & Maurice DeBona at school early and agreed upon plans for new stairway

Ag't for Rand McN – for Alcyon Theater. Miss Hagi called to apply for substitute work

15 or more of us drove to Wauk Flats after school & had a fine time Fringed gentians not plentiful

I set out 6 madonna lilies this A M. which came from Dreers.

Thursday, September 25

Gray. Hazy.

Late (7:30 on) P.M. A thunderstorm and heavy rain.

Getting ready for Indian Day. The men of the staff got out the poles and tipi cloth after school & set up the tipi for practice.

Mrs Bowes & Hamlin conferred with me over P.T.A. matters.

Friday, September 26

Heavy rain of last evening occasioned many washouts; subways under water, etc At E.P.S – the auditorium was flooded with the wash from the playground – the areaways of the middle & west doors on the north furnishing a mass of water that banked up in front of the stage as far back as the 5th row of seats Our men had to bail all this out. - - At G.B R.S. the furnace room was flooded & the ceiling in the woman's rest room discolored

Postponed our outdoor Indian program but had a display of Indian curios in Hall of Pictures

Conf late aft with Mr West – then with Mr Murray.

Cold wind blew nearly all day.

Saturday, September 27

Beautiful day. Very cool this A M. About 40°. Set furnace working.

At school most of A M. Met Ugolini, DeBona, et. al. for conf.

This aft worked two or three hours about the place.

At 3:00 took M., K., & Mrs Chapin out to Franken's to get (for Mrs C) some bulbs & she & I got some delphiniums (I took 4 & 1 Boltonia). I set them out temporarily this evening.

Sunday, September 28

Frost!

Some frost on roofs and thin ice in my bird bath but no harm to garden plants

A fine day

M. not feeling able to go to church & I stayed at home

This aft. Harvey Lowe & family with Alfred Crooks came for an hour. Fine visit. Alf looks very well

Developed 5 negatives this evening – 2 of corm of sk. cab., 2 of joepye, & one of dodder bloom

Called at Miss Kennedy's apartments this evening. She has given up her position & will shortly leave for Dallas to recuperate indefinitely.

Monday, September 29

Fine day in every way.

Various conf – with Ugolini whom I authorized to build up areaways etc on north playground; Grimson about the kg. basement entrance, West & Flynn about the leak in boys' toilet room; Rep. of Geo B. Carpenter about a flagpole for the G.B.R.S.

This aft we gave our outdoor Indian show; a village with its activities; drying meat, weaving; making pottery, playing games, singing, pantomime, etc. Set up the tepee & back rests & had a fire in it. Fine spirit & success

Sent to Alcyon theater at 2:30 many of our pupils to the matinee – Commander Byrd pictures.

Tuesday, September 30

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, October 1

Fine day. Cool

Met Mr Murray at school before 8:00 & we examined repairs, etc. Authorized rebuilding stairs to costume room - & work is well underway. Work in east entrance to basement kg well begun Ugolini's men on third day at areaways for north doorways of aud.

Conf with 4's at 11:00. With 2's at 3:00.

Left my machine at garage (Ford) for the 1500 mile inspection, etc. (Mileage 1505). Pd 1⁵⁰ for oil.

To city on 4:40 & to Aud. meeting at 111 W. Jackson – Lodge, Hunt, DeLoach, Eifrig, Mitchell, Bailey, Craigmile, Richardson

At 7:00 went to Atlantic Hotel for dinner Home at 10:30.

Thursday, October 2

Light rain this aft. continuing after dark

Various callers – a band master, Mr Nygaard & his friend, Mr Dyche, et. al.

Mrs Taylor sub the 2nd day for Miss Cramer.

Mr Schultz & I went down this evening to hear a lecture by Frank Lloyd Wright at Goodman Theatre. Met Mr & Mrs Ewell & the Van Bergens there Very interesting lecture

Friday, October 3

Fine day

Fred Elfstrom yesterday & today has built up my perennial beds, hollyhock patch, & lily bed & reset much of the material

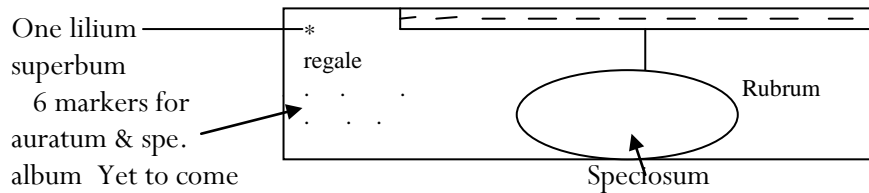
I went with Miss More's 3A's to Lasker farm this aft – used three autos. Fine trip.

Mr Murray & I had a conf from 5:00 to 6:00 over b'ld'g projects
 Mr Finch called this evening to talk over band matters. Then Mr Bartoli & Miss Johnson & I set forth to visit the Teri family to talk over the eye diseases of the family. Nobody at home.
 Then I went on & visited the Kutzer family to confer about Dorothy's physical condition.

Saturday, October 4

Fine. Milder. Let my furnace fire go out.

Much of the morning at school. This aft reset my lilies after adding to the soil two or three bags of leaf mould I brot from the bit of woods north of the T.R. Wyles house. Brot two bags of sand from school & set each bulb in a pocket of sand before covering it up. Plan of lily bed.



East border of tiny bulbs mixed

Set out 6 tigrinum splendens & one other tig. along south margin of madonna bed
 To reception at Gen Wood's at 5:30 – Sarah's "coming-out". Fine time.

Sunday, October 5

Fine day. A little cooler. Furnace set going again.

M & I drove down to First M. E. in Ev. and attended an inspiring service. Rev Mr Tittle preached fine sermon Crowded house.

Met Mr & Mrs Skiles, Mrs U.S. Grant. A beautiful drive.

Slept most of aft. After 5:00 went over to Mr A.B. Hills on Glenview Ave to talk over birdhouses with him Mrs Munro is interesting herself in helping this semi invalid to be self supporting and I am to try to help advertise his work

Monday, October 6

Fine day. { Light rain
 after sunset

Witch hazel in bloom

Miss More's pupils gave a lyre concert this A M

Two book agents and a photographer.

Ugolini's men through at noon

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Met the 1 – 3's a half hour before that.

Light rain.

Tuesday, October 7

Light rain in night, increasing this AM & continuing most of day. A heavy rain.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Various teachers' conf. this day.

Wednesday, October 8

Most beautiful day. Sunny & mild.

Mrs Rogan started our new electric washer

I made my third visit to Dr Hamilton's chair, my bridge work, upper right, being reset.

A photographer took individual pictures today.

At 3:30 – a conf on music at Mrs Howes', the exec. com of P.T.A & 5 others. Talked over orchestra concerts, the Damrosch programs, etc.

At 5:00 I went out W. Park Ave & lifted several cardinal lobelia roots, a clump of helenium & of Joepye.

Spent the evening with Everett Millard conferring over possible work of tree & parkway commission.

Thursday, October 9

Cleared this aft & we had the end of a perfect day. Mild

At noon set out clumps of cardinal fl, helenium, a smilax & a joepye.

7:30 AM. went out to pick up Mr Leech & we went to Deerfield to meet Mrs Engstrom & hunt for a Harris sparrow. We followed the east-west hedge across from the Ev. Ch. & flushed one fine specimen. -
- Palm warblers were abundant; myrtle's frequent.

This aft we dismissed school earlier & drove out to the river property of the Millards. Ravishingly beautiful woods & river view. Box lunch with wienies & coffee. Great time

Home before eight & went to Library Board meeting.

Friday, October 10

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, October 11

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, October 12

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, October 13

Fine day but warm. Mist & cool wind after night.

Paid some attention to Columbus in morning exercises.

Teachers' meeting this aft.

Prof Lee of N.W.U. came up late this aft and we unpacked the telescope & made arrangements to set it up Wednesday evening. While showing him how the shutter in the dome worked, I unwittingly caused a disaster. The rope did not hold the shutter in place & when I turned my back the shutter went over the parapet & cracked in two at the foot of the wall.

I spent an hour in Dr Hamilton's chair this aft.

Long & interesting Board meeting this evening

Tuesday, October 14

This aft went with Miss McMunn & group of 4A's to Wauk; saw fish catch on the docks & went on the Doughboy; watched unloading coal at the old docks. Went on into N.S. Gas Co's plant, visited several depts, saw coke oven discharged & reloaded; saw the Saturn unloading mine run coal; were permitted to go aboard. Home by 5:30. Fine trip

Wednesday, October 15

Drizzle at daybreak Cleared after noon but sky grew foggy.

Spent time trying to speed up work on the gym. Hired an additional man - - Elfstrom. By end of day painters were within a few hours of completion; plumbers installed metal stalls for toilets; carpenters set up back boards for basket ball; etc

A number of us decorated the gym for this evening's function – the P.T.A. meeting. Mrs Howes presided; Mr. Murray talked, followed by Mr Hart. Fine program. Everyone pleased with the gym.

Thursday, October 16

Rainy this A.M. early. Then drizzle at other times

Took two of our men to Mrs Snites & brot back quantities of geraniums for cuttings Gave lessons on these in 2 – 3'rds & 3 – 4ths

This aft had one of our men dig up & pot four cotton plants at the Larson garden & also dig up the peanut vines, & dig up & pot four tobacco plants from my garden

Small group of parents & four of us made up a group for “seminar work” on adolescence. Mr Richardson leader, after school.

Mr Schultz & I drove down to Winnetka this evening to hear Anita Willets Burnham lecture on her world travels Lots of fun. (The N.S. Art League).

Friday, October 17

Heavy frost & thin ice in bird bath. During the aft cold wind set in & overcoats were brought out. 30° at 10:00 & very chilly.

Visitors from Racine & Deerfield; ag't of Newson; parents, etc.

Used 4th & 5th graders to finish geranium cuttings & to set them in sand in G.B.R. plant house.

This evening Prof & Mrs Lee came up, & we assembled our men & Miss Cramer & Miss Guiney. Got telescope on pedestal & found it will be necessary to true the cement floor before bolting pedest. in place.

Saturday, October 18

Very cold winds. Clear

Wonderful day in Fox R. valley with Dr. Leighton, director of state geolog survey. As guest of Mr Zook, Dr. L. was here to give Mr Z & his other guest, Mr Fitt & me, a glimpse of the glacial history of the valley. In Mr Z's machine we went to Ski Hill, Cary, esker beyond the Hertz estate, gravel pit & two types of river banks near Algonquin, Elgin (Alexandrian formation), west of St Charles & near Wasco (pink till in road cuts), near Elburn – loess & Illinoisan, back past Bald Mound & home. Dr L. a very stimulating person. A rich country to study.

Sunday, October 19

Fine day. Still Cool.

Before church I showed Dr. Leighton & Mr Zook some features of our school.

Then M & I went to Presb Ch & heard a good sermon by Mr Fitt.

At 2:30 Mr Zook & little J D & Dr. L. came in Mr Z's machine & we went up to survey the Waukegan Flats. Dr L. pleased to look them over A fine occasion for me.

Monday, October 20

Record cold for this date

Down to 21° on my front porch. Mr Leech claimed 14°. (4 feet of snow reported in Buffalo).

Busy day. Conf with 7A – 8's at 4:00. Then to conf at Library to plan the part of the school children in Friday's ceremony of corner stone laying (library).

Mr & Mrs Chas Mason called for a while after supper – then I went to our aud to the open meeting under auspices of League of Women’s voters where various candidates appeared on the program.

When I got home I found that M. had had a terrible fall at the foot of the basement stairs & deeply gashed her forehead just above the left eye & bruised herself generally. Dr Lois Green came in & dressed her wounds & we got her upstairs to bed. Absolutely miraculous that she broke no bones.

Tuesday, October 21

Milder but still unseasonable cold.

M. in bed all day. Dr. Green called before 8:00 A M & again at 7:00 P.M The cut seemed in good condition. M’s left eye almost closed. She had a vomiting spell this evening.

Spent the A M. at GB.R.S. Continued work of geranium cuttings. Almost done.

At 1:00 in dentist chair (Dr H). There until nearly three.

Book agent. Visitors from Libertyville.

Conf with 5’s & 6B’s.

Wednesday, October 22

Milder. Gray at times

M. had two or three vomiting spells today and was more or less miserable, but the outcome on the whole seemed more favorable at evening. Dr Green called twice.

I went this aft. to Waukegan with Miss McMunn & a group of 4A’s. Coal freighter at Hussey Docks (Marquette) & one unloading in yards of coke co. We went on board latter & were well treated. At fish dock fine catch of trout, perch & ciscoes on display. Spawn were packed for shipment to Lincoln Park.

Thursday, October 23

Gray Milder.

M. much better. Sat up some. Read a while.

Fred Elfstrom worked for me today. Took down & stored my screens Dug up dahlias & tulips Spaded. I got a load of cow manure from Siljestrom

Spent some time talking with 3 – 4’s about the cotton & tobacco plants in pots which I had assembled in lower hall in El. Bldg. Took Miss H’s glass for trip about the grounds studying succession of trees.

Mrs Western of N.C. came to ask advice about a map of Wauk. flats. Mrs Creigh & Miss Weaver & I had visit from Singer sewing machine man from Wauk. Bot one new mach. & motor for an old.

Friday, October 24

Milder.

M. not so well part of the time. Doctor came again

I took in groups all 5’s, 6’s, 7’s & 8’s into new gym & talked over problem of its proper care, etc. Each group sat on the bleachers for a time & then sang one verse.

All of grades 4 – 8 inclusive marched down Hazel to Laurel to site of new libr bldg at 11:00 & took part in corner stone laying ceremony. All other schools represented.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the corner stone laying ceremony. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Laying of the Corner Stone

October 24th, 1930

11:15 a.m.

MUSIC

The Band of the Deerfield-Shields High School.

INVOCATION

Rev. Frank Fitt
Highland Park Presbyterian Church

ADDRESSES

The Honorable Benjamin F. Lewis
Mayor of Highland Park
Mr. Everett S. Millard
President, East Park Board
Miss Anna May Price
Superintendent, Library Extension Division, Springfield, Ill.

THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

The unopened box from the cornerstone of the old building will be placed with the new box.
Mr. Joseph B. Garnett
Chairman of the Building Committee

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Led by Mr. Harold Finch
Deerfield-Shields High School

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

KATHERINE LEE BATES, 1905

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And ever gain divine!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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REV. FRANK FITT, *Secretary*

Saturday, October 25

Fine day. Milder.

Brown's men finished our back steps

I reset my tulip bulbs in 4 clumps. One in south border bed, one in middle north border of north bed, east, and two in similar position in north bed, west.

To city on 10:40. To Chic W. Club's bldg to luncheon of W.F. Preserv. Soc Mrs Cory presided. Short talks by Mrs Beeman, Capt Sauers, et. al. I then gave my illustrated talk on road side flora.

Unusually appreciative audience. Shopped at Fields. Home at 6:00.

This evening Mr & Mrs Danley visited with me Elm Pl. Aud & G.B.R.S. aud to test out the new radios. Fine instruments.

Mother seemed much better this A.M. but was not at ease this P.M, so we had Dr. Green call again [Pasted at this page is an announcement card for the meeting of the Wild Flower Preservation Society. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

The Wild Flower Preservation Society
ILLINOIS CHAPTER
ANNUAL FALL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
The Chicago Woman's Club
72 East 11th Street
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1930, AT 12:30 O'CLOCK
MR. JESSE LOWE SMITH
will speak on
THE PRESERVATION OF OUR ROADSIDE FLORA
ILLUSTRATED

Our Guest of Honor Will Be
CAPT. CHARLES G. SAUERS, General Superintendent of Forest Preserves, Cook County

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Are Welcome*

LUNCHEON
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 24

[The Jesse Lowe Smith papers in the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contain the following manuscript. It is not dated, but addresses the topic that Mr. Smith presented on this date to the Wild Flower Preservation Society. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Something might perhaps be said by way of encouraging lovers of garden flowers to assume more and more responsibility for the preservation of our native wild flowers. In the list of cultivated flowers for the garden are, of course, many representatives of our native flora such as anemone, pennsylvanica, butterfly weed, shooting star, mertensia, cardinal flower, and a great many that have been "improved", even if not vulgarized as sometimes happens. But there is a great host of interesting and sometimes very beautiful plants which do not lend themselves readily to the more or less sophisticated surroundings of the cultivated gardens. Why not devote our public parkways to propagation of some of these where they may appear after the casual fashion that prevails on prairie and undisturbed highway and thus keep the primitive and the derived near at hand, though separated by concrete walks and broad bands of green sward?

We are coming to look upon the railroad right-of-ways as the last stand of our native flora where it makes a brave front against the section men who attack it with fire and sharp steel. Why not, then, offer these beleaguered primitives sanctuary along our public parkways? The parkways we mow over at necessary intervals are of little interest between mowings. Suppose they were laid off in large plots with sweeping curves and with well-mowed grass paths among them, and given up to masses of ragwort and yarrow and mullein and liatris, and to the successive displays of native asters and goldenrod and yellow-rayed compositae. Think of the weeks of pageantry there would be where now prevails only a uniform display of green sward, the grass itself not being allowed to bloom! Winter would find these parkways still interesting with mullein stalks and with the dark brown stems and seed vessels of yarrow etched against the snowbanks.

For help in deciding what to plant, one may consult almost any considerable extent of railway embankment. Practically everything that will flourish on a clay and cinder embankment will give a good account of itself on a dry

parkway, and that means both of our dwarf roses, *rosa blanda* and *rosa humilis*; it means New Jersey tea, butter-and-eggs, flowering spurge, wild four-o'clock, Indian hemp, daisy fleabane, black-eyed susans, cone flowers, goldenrod, and many, many others. What will flourish at the foot of an embankment where the runoff from rainstorms lingers awhile, will thrive where one can occasionally soak the parkway with a hose, and that means spiderwort, and sneezeweed and *physostegia* and jopye weed, and cardinal flower and *liatris*, and, again, many, many others.

Seed we shall have little trouble in obtaining, but where are specimen plants to be had for an immediate start? Keep only a jump ahead of the real estate promoter who is a very real scourge on the land. There you will find plenty of plant life in sore need of sanctuary. In his wake lie uprooted forests; he turns prairie and wayside into weedy wildernesses. We can often forestall his depredations, and with fair success, for many of the fibrous rooted plants survive the transplanting under unfavorable circumstances if watering is kept up persistently.

If we watch a natural area for an entire season, we can get valuable suggestions for plant succession on our parkway so that a single plot will in time show several phases in the same season. Stargrass, golden ragwort and shooting star, pennsylvania anemone, daisy fleabane, *krigia* and meadow rue will be succeeded by turkscap lilies and the milkweeds, the red, the common, the swamp and butterfly weed, by black-eyed susans, veronica, monarda, *liatris*, boneset, jopye weed, *gerardias*, sneezeweed, ironweed, vervain, and a procession of goldenrod, asters, and other composite flowers. There may be displays of chicory running through the summer, and of other travelers like butter-and-eggs, salsify and goat's beard with their huge seed balloons, and queen Anne's lace. Prairie dock and resin weed, those stout prairie sentinels with huge roots, and various members of the lettuce family notable for their leaf display can have a place.

If we are willing to cooperate with nature and accept her selective activities, we need not worry much about soil content and condition. Sanctuary is all that is asked of us. If such lovely blossoms as those of chicory can be lavished on the countryside without encouragement and even in spite of persecution, we can hope for great things where we are willing to work according to nature and follow her clues. Some planting, some encouragement, great forbearance on our part, and nature will do the rest.

[The Jesse Lowe Smith papers in the Archive of the Highland Park Public Library contain two handwritten letters of invitation to speak at the Wild Flower Preservation Society meeting. They are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Telephone Plaza 1387
5137 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago – September 12th 1930

My dear Mr Smith:

I hear that you have one or two new lectures that the members of the Wild Flower Preservation Society have not had the pleasure of hearing.

Can you give either of these at our Annual October meeting at the Womans Club on Saturday, October 25th at 12 – 30 o'clock? There will be a luncheon and the lecture will follow.

Will you kindly let me know the title of the lecture you consider best suited to our group and the charges for same?

I feel that you understand our work, and are more able than anyone else to make our members understand and appreciate the great need for conservation.

It was so nice to have a chat with you and your Mother the day Catherine Mitchell and I motored over to Highland Park.

How is the little garden, still blooming I hope in spite of the dry weather.

With kindest regards to your Mother

I am

Sincerely yours
Harriet W. Cory

5137 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago – September 24th 1930.

My dear Mr Smith:

We appreciate your consideration in offering to speak or not to speak as the occasion demands, and assure you that your lecture on the Preservation of our Roadside Flora is exactly appropriate and just what we want.

It is very generous of you to give us your lecture without a fee, and we appreciate your generosity.

I sometimes wonder if you know how much enjoyment you give us with your helpful and interesting talks. Everyone to whom I have mentioned the possibility of your lecture has said "Oh splendid" or "Fine" or "There is no one I would rather hear." So there is no doubt – you can depend upon an enthusiastic audience.

Our meeting will be at the Chicago Woman's Club 72 East 11th Street October 28th at 12 – 30 o'clock, and our lecture will follow immediately after the luncheon.

With many thanks for your generous help

I remain

Sincerely yours

Harriet W. Cory

Sunday, October 26

Beautiful day. Mild.

Clarence D. came up & he & E. left for Gary this aft.

Did not go to church

M. had a wretched spell in the night but was much better this day. Slept much.

C. & E. & I went for a drive over towards Everett. I dug up & brot back one root of *A purpurascens* & a dozen or so of *A speciosa*

Mattie Bottomfield Richards & husband & a young couple called for an hour this aft.

Towards evening I drove out W. Park Ave. Scouted in the fringe of woods & brot back a few phlox plants. - - Delighted with a short call from Lida Popejoy Jones' daughter Mary & her aunt Ora Jones – at dusk.

Miss White brot in from Essex a fine collection of *liatris* & *puccoon*

Monday, October 27

Mild. Rained a little way in the night.

M. much better. Had a good night's sleep.

Juhrend & his man began painting the new stairways. Kuehne's man painted inside of dome.

DeBona, Cunningham, & I conferred over the problem of mounting the telescope.

Teachers meeting. The principal discussion about types of report cards.

This evening went to City Council meeting & asked permission in behalf of Mr Jensen & myself to use funds to plant parkway along N. Green Bay Road. Friendly action resulted.

In Dr Hamilton's care from 1:00 to 2:30.

Tuesday, October 28

Fine day. Mild.

Met Mr Mann, DeBona & Cunningham in observ at 8:00 to consider plans for setting pedestal.

Morning ex at G B.R.S. Mr Jensen & I went down to inspect some spite planting on parkway on Cary Avenue. Then we had a conf with S.A. St Peter over planting No. G.B. Road parkway.

Conf with various teachers this aft.

Agt from World Book Co.

At school this evening on various errands
Set out 18 or 20 canterbury bell plants this A.M.

Wednesday, October 29

Fair & mild. Clouded over about 3:00. Colder. A slight drizzle.

Went to B. Creek Farm with Miss Fogg's 3B's. Five autos. Fine time.

Misses Mickelson and Nixon & group of 8B's went to Civic Theatre this aft (As You Like It).

I had short field trip with 4B's to collect seedlings.

P.T.A. of G.B.R.S had informal program and party this aft. Fine

Spent evening at school this evening, conferring with Boy Scout group, & Mr Hart over various matters

Mother came down to dinner & again to supper this evening.

Thursday, October 30

As yesterday but without a drizzle.

M. continues to improve

This aft. our band master – Manuel Santos – came to organize a band I helped a while – Miss Voss spent the afternoon.

Yest & today our men dug up much of area in sunken garden about the pool & reset out & added some liatris & puccoon.

After school about 20 of us drove to the C H McCormick place & had a fine walk thru the grounds. The red & Hills oak held on to their color here & there The Japanese wahoo on the big lawn still a mass of deep wine color & the sprays of fruit beautiful to behold

At home this evening.

Friday, October 31

Hallowe'en

Fine day Cool. Beautiful moonlit evening

Mrs Rude, a principal from Madison, and two other Madison teachers were here this A.M, sent by Supt R.M Bardwell. I gave them considerable time

Mr Leech & I went out to R R. at W. Park Ave and collected some plant life for the aquaria. Brot back fringed gentian seed.

This evening to committee meeting at Geo. Jones. Community Center matters. Jones & wife, Mrs Wiles, Mrs Grundy, Albert Larson, J.B Garnett, & Mr Allen

Afterwards scouted about school bldg for a time. Took Mrs Mason's gang into the observatory.

Set Joe Mooney & Jim Sheahen to plowing N. Green Bay Parkway. Inspected Kaufman's parkway near Ravinia Pk

Saturday, November 1

A fine day. Cold at its beginning

I worked out doors most of the day – Reset (and divided) the clumps of sedum as a border for the peonies, etc. Set out clumps of puccoon, using two bags of sand I brot from school

Trimmed down most of the stalks of wild flowers on the parkway.

Visited north Green Bay Road & conferred with Mooney & Sheahen working on the parkway.

This evening I was to have met N. Green Bay Road property owners at St Peters office, having sent out the notice last evening. No one came except Clarence Shetzley whom I called on the phone. The notices had not been delivered!

Called on my neighbors the Chapins, this evening. Mr C. came back from the hospital last Sunday.

Sunday, November 2

Beautiful day. Mild.

Edith & Lennie & their husbands came at 10:00. Fine visit, which Mother especially enjoyed. She noticed a certain giddiness and a half hour or so after they were gone, she toppled over at her bedside & bruised her forehead, but was otherwise little the worse for her experience. Dr Green came and assured her that her condition was not alarming.

Before this I drove out to West Park Ave woods & inspected things. Brot away three large cardinal flower rosettes to send to Mrs Grenoble, and some helenium, physostegia, Rudbeckia h., etc.

Monday, November 3

Another beautiful day.

Had Lichtwalt set out half doz each of Rudbeckia h's & heleniums in sunken garden at school

Morning ex. Referred to Roosevelt.

Dr. H's office until nearly 2:00. Then to Bannockburn – Mrs Miller's home - & talked to Garden Club – used my slides & the roadside planting topic.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

This evening met group of North G. Bay Road people in St Peter's office & outlined plans for work on parkway. They selected S.A. St Peter as their chairman to represent them.

[For his talk to the Bannockburn Garden Club, Mr. Smith received a thank-you note. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Deerfield, Illinois

November 7 – 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Bannockburn Garden Club wishes to express to you it's great appreciation and many thanks for your interesting and instructive talk on Wayside Planting.

The women are all greatly interested and your talk may be the means of making the roadsides of Bannockburn "a thing of beauty and a joy forever".

Sincerely,
(Mrs A.H.) *Julia Harrison*
cor. sec'y.

Tuesday, November 4

Election

Another fine day though foggy at first.

An hour and a half with Mr Mooney, visiting the golf nursery & Sheahen's woods to look for shrubbery

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Conf with these teachers at 11:40.

Visitors Mr. Watt, then Mr Murray with whom I spent nearly two hours

This evening worked over plans for G.B. Road planting

Wednesday, November 5

Arlington Heights

Another. Sharp & cool this evening.

Conf with Mrs Hamlin over P.T.A. program for Nov. 19.

Conf with Mr Jensen over parkway plan. Called on City Clerk Musser for same purpose
At 1:00 left in my auto for Arlington Heights. Mr Whitmore & I visited Miss Russel's bldg a while,
then set up my lantern in small lecture room of M E. Church At 3:00 I talked on roadside planting to
Woman's Club. Very appreciative. Left at 4:30. 40 minutes or so & about 18 miles.
At home this evening

Thursday, November 6

Much as yesterday but decidedly colder - 18° about.

M. spends most of the day down stairs.

Right after breakfast I drove to nursery on golf links & found wagon loading with elms, haws &
bittersweet for the No. G.B. Rd parkway. Later I visited the man digging for me in Sheahen's meadows.
Mr. Jensen visited the men at work, then I went down to his office & got instructions. - - 5 men on pay
roll. Planted elms & mostly nanyberries today

At school this evening

Planted this evening:

10 aphrodite Tulips

10 King George V.

5 City of Haarlem

5 Louis XIV

Friday, November 7

As yest. Cold & gray early, cleared, mild, beautiful

Visited G.B. Road parkway three or four times and much pleased with the work.

Had an Italian work at G B.R S today & six hours yest. - spading. Poor workman. Pd \$8²⁵.

Conf of G B.R.S. teachers at 11:30.

Visitors - Kendig, an ag't for fire prevention devices, parent or two, etc.

Saturday, November 8

A beautiful day. Mild

At 8:00 met Mooney & Cunito to give them directions (Sweeny's Sheahen's Woods); North Green Bay
Road to confer with men; Roger Williams Ave to inspect parkway planting - No 264, A.L. Miller; to
Jensen's office. Then he & I visited the men at work on N.G.B.R. Then I called on Mr. Kramer & Mr
Morrison, officials, at N.S. Electric office at Highwood. Got permission to take out a load of native
shrubbery on R.R. right of way at W. Park Ave. Aft lunch took Mooney & Cunito out there. Sheahen
followed with the team. Dug up downy viburnum, w. black cherry, some witch hazel (2), w. plums (5),
honeysuckle (5), buttonball b (1), elderberry (3). At N.G.B.R again. Conferred with Sleeman & got
promise of trees from his yard. - Home & set out one Asc. purp. & 20 or so A. speciosa. etc.

Sunday, November 9

A beautiful day. Mild

Rested this A M.

This aft drove out to scout a little bit. Visited woods west of Sacred Heart Academy. Then
Tillman's woods and nursery, and the woods just west of tracks on W. Park Ave.

This evening Mother began dictating to me the story of her school days, etc.

Monday, November 10

Most beautiful day.

Left at nine in my auto for Maine Tp H.S. near Des Plaines, an institute for teachers in northern Cook Co being held there. I was on program of science section to talk on some phases of the teaching of nature study. Mr Merrill presided over my section. Dr. O.D. Frank & I gave the program. Had a very good time. I drove him into Des Plaines to catch a train & came back – Mr T. Wilson of Arlington H. with me – to eat cafeteria lunch & hear the afternoon program. Fine baritone. Then Frank Lloyd Wright! Rather abbreviated address but very interesting.

Back at school before 3:30. Bd meeting this evening. Long session. Friendly.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the Cook County teachers' institute. Mr. Smith spoke on "Some Phases of the Teaching of Science in the Elementary Schools." Dr. Frank, of the University High School, spoke on "Utilizing the Interests of Boys and Girls in the Teaching of Biology." – ed.]

Tuesday, November 11

Yet another but growing gray as evening came on.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. and armistice day exercises at Elm Pl at 11:00. Informal but fitting & well done.

Capt's McCord & Fake of Ft S. conferred with me over proposed increase in tuition charge to begin Feb. 1.

Spent some time on the G.B.R. planting project.

Mr Schultz & I went down to hear Admiral Byrd at Orchestral Hall. Crowded & had to go into the gallery. Fine talk & pictures.

Wednesday, November 12

Much as yesterday, but threatening at times.

Scouted out on Dundee Road and nearer H.P. with Mr. Jensen looking for resin weed, etc. We inspected No. G.B. Road planting. - - I took Mooney & Cunito to the Noerenberg – Decker place, No St. Johns, & had them dig load of sumac to set along embankment.

At G.B.R. school a while. Dr Hamilton finished upper left bridge this aft.

Miss Kinsolving brot the Tony Sarg marionettes to our aud. this aft & evening. Good house this aft. Almost negligible this evening.

Thursday, November 13

Mild. Gray. Foggy at A.M.

Picked up Mooney, Cunito & Finley at 7:45 & took them out on Skokie meadows to collect rosa blanda, etc., liatris, silphium t., coreopsis t., veronica, wild grape vine, etc. Visited the men at work on No. G.B. Road three or four times. - - Turned in pay schedules at City Hall. - -

This evening Prof Lee came up about 9:00 to help get our telescope oriented & we made some headway, but cloud came up & obscured the sky & he had to leave his work unfinished

I prepared my luggage for the trip with Prof U.S. Grant's class to the Driftless Area.

Arranged with Chas Grant today for the bank to carry my mortgage note for \$1000⁰⁰ due Nov 17 – for ninety days. Mailed bank a check for \$210⁰⁰ interest.

Friday, November 14

To Plattsville.

Left at 5:00 A M for N.W.U. where Prof. Grant's party took bus for the "driftless area"

Breakfast at Elgin – Kelley Hotel – lunch at Galena, & dinner at Plattville, Wisc. Tracey Hotel, which we reached at 5:15.

Conf. in the evening & so to bed

Made the mine in the aft & went down to its lowest level. Studied process of separating ore from rock

Saturday, November 15 At Plattsville

Rained in the night, foggy & drizzly much of A M

We went to three or four “localities” this A.M. Back to hotel for lunch. This aft again to “make a section”, visiting Platte R & tributary streams.

Conf aft supper. Then Professor Grant & Ball, & one of the boys went to the movies. Poor stuff.

Sunday, November 16 Plattsville, Dubuque, Evanst.

Rained in night. Cleared somewhat. Cloudy much of time. Windy.

Left hotel at 7:30. Visited Prairie du Chien formation 7 mi from P., then went on to Dubuque. Coffee & rolls at 10:40; then back across Miss R. & through Galena, & Elizabeth to Freeport where we had dinner at Freeport Hotel at 1:45. On home, getting to Ev. at 6:00. To H.P. at 7:00.

Monday, November 17

Fine day. Mild

At morning ex. Mr Pryor of Chic. Mot. League talked dangers of auto. Mr Lyons & three of his assistants with three H.S. students demonstrated band instruments

I authorized Mooney & Sheahen to plow up parkway along R.R. north of Moraine Road viad. to H.P. limit & plant it.

Mr Jensen & I inspected their work at noon and then ate lunch at G. Teapot.

Teachers meeting.

This evening Mr Murray & I met at the office and worked up statistics & indulged in a very long argument on prohibition.

Tuesday, November 18

Beautiful day. Mild.

Mooney, Sheahen and Cunito on the parkway job today

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Helped Miss Stark’s pupils plant 50 p. w.’s.

Mrs Clark of Wilmette came to ask me to conduct a field trip for their garden club to the Flats in June

Matheny called.

In dental chair an hour this aft

Called on Mr Wright a short time this aft. Examined his map of the school districts. Made one for Mr Murray.

Took 5:04 for Chic To Aud. Soc. meeting on 23rd floor of Medical & Dental Bldg. - - - Got affairs under way.

Wednesday, November 19

Almost sultry. At 6:30 this evening – ther. read 64°.

Before 8:00 to Sheahen Woods to direct Mooney, Sheahen, & Cunito in digging a load for G.B.R.S. grounds – crab, plum, prickly ash, vib. lentago & pubescens, hazel, gray dogwood. Mr. Jensen

advised us as to the planting & they were set out in front part of grounds Mr J & I scouted out on Deerf. Ave & located some sumach. This eve tried to get in touch with owners & secure permit to dig. - -

Book week ex by 6 & 5's & 7's this aft with pupils & parents as audience. Beautiful. Great success.

Thursday, November 20

Burglary at Elm Place

Gray. Threatening. Then rain in aft & to dark. Not very heavy fall.

A phone message from Mr Kolterman just as I was sitting down for breakfast told of our school safe chopped open & rifled. I hurried over, called up the police & spent the next two hours or so on the job. The burglars borrowed a chopping ax & a pickax from the engine room & laid the former & the head of the latter on top of the safe when they got through. The plaster brot out of the safe wall got on their boots & so we could track the ment into several rooms. Took a little over eight dollars in cash, three dollars in stamps; two R.R. tickets from Miss Stine's pocket book, Miss H's Corona typewriter. Used gloves & finger prints N.G. No clue.

Conf with Miss Parson this aft & studied her group of pupils for two periods. Met with study class after school. Mr Danley & I examined the radio at 9:30 P M

Friday, November 21

Cold wind. Lowering temp.

Took Mooney & Cunito out on Deerfield Ave before 8:00 & set them digging sumach on Bodeweiss lot, Corner Sunnyside & Deerfield Aves.

Met rep. of safe dealers to plan for new door & top to safe

This aft supervised the planting in pots & flats of our remaining stock of hyacinths, tulips & campernelles, about \$60⁰⁰ worth 8th graders did this on "spec".

At plant house a while this evening writing labels etc.

Saturday, November 22

Cooler. But turned off clear & sunny.

To Chic with Mr Richardson & Misses Miller & Grunewald. On "Reconciliation trip" to Dr Schroeder's lecture room in Bldg for Juvenile Research; to Chic & Cook Co. Juv. Detention Home, Dr Berry leader; & to Judge Bartelme's court, Miss Kawin, speaker

Came away at noon & shopped at Fields & Eastman Store. Home at 3:30

Planted seeds of cardinal flower, shooting star, purple cone flower, turk's cap lily, silphium l & t, rudbeckia h. & helenium. Also Asclep rubra and tuberosa.

Sunday, November 23

A fine mild day. Overcast at times

Drove out to inspect latest planting on G.B R. parkway, then on W. Deerfield Ave to see how area looked after being cleared of sumacs Then to Wilmot road near junction with County Line where I got some seed and plants of A. verticillata.

Home in time for church. Mr F. preached a fine sermon. This aft I went to south end of Sweeney's woods on W Prairie Ave. Then on Ridge & W. Park Ave to the N.S.R.R. woods. Scouted in woods both side of R.R. Brot back 5 clumps of hepaticas, some phlox, rudbeckia h., etc. At school watered tulip & hyacinth bulbs in plant house.

Monday, November 24

Slight rain in night & turned off cold during day. Before school planted 6 clumps of hepaticas, three or four of phlox, etc. & a clump of Rudb. h. - this latter about southernmost elm

Morning ex as usual Directed our janitors who stored away the potted tulips & hyacinths
This aft two boys & I went out W.P. Ave beyond the Tillman farm & dug up 25 or so wild crab
seedlings & set these in a row in the G.B.R. nursery.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. This evening I called on the Petersons across from G B R S to talk over
children's work. Then at Pub. Library a while.

[Jens Jensen dictated a letter dated this day to Mr. Smith regarding a committee appointment for The
Friends of Our Native Landscape. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

November 24, 1930

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
Elm Place School
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smith:

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors a motion was passed instructing the chairman to appoint a committee to consider the need of more provisions for a popular outdoor recreation, particularly as related to the due protection of the Forest Preserves, and to arrange for a presentation to the full Society the committees recommendation as early as possible in the coming year. This motion was a result of a general discussion of giving the children in our schools of America a greater knowledge of the out-of-doors of which they are a part. Amongst other things discussed was the publication of a primer describing in a form easily to understand by the children groups of our trees, shrubs and flowers, as well as the animal life.

I am appointing you as a member of this committee and hope you will serve. The other members of the committee are Miss Irene Russell, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Miss Sophie Theilgaard, 431 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago. I realize the difficulty of the committee getting together. What do you think about each member putting his or her views in written form instead of holding meetings? If possible, I should like to have a report for our Board meeting, December 9th.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,
Jens Jensen

JJ/MF

Tuesday, November 25

12° above this A M & real winter all day. Snow flurries this aft & about ¾" snow fall

G B R S. pupils gave dress rehearsal of their Tanksg'v'g play at 10:00 A.M, & at 7:30 this evening gave it for their parents. The 1 – 3's of Elm Place were their guests this A M.

In dental chair an hour this aft.

Committee meetings after school. Then left on 5:04 for Chic. Met Catherine Mitchell and Miss Craigmile at Woman's City Club for a conf over Audubon matters. Home at 11:10.

Wednesday, November 26

Very much colder, the cold increasing as the day wore on. At 10:00 P.M it was down to 2° above.

Our children brot great quantities of food stuffs & considerable clothing to be given to Lake Bluff orphanage (Elm Place) & Dorcas Home (G.B.R.S). \$17⁵⁰ in money sent in.

Thanksgiving program at 2:00. Play by 4's, songs in costume by 3 – 4's, slides by 6's, the 5's recited The breaking waves dashed high, etc

The Fort Sheridan children left today – our Board had raised tuition charge to \$100⁰⁰ a year, & Lake Forest schools have agreed to take them in free of tuition.

We face a serious situation because of so much prolonged unemployment. Worst since 1893 I think.

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day.

Moderated a little in the night. 6° above this A M. Cold day Clear.

M & I to Presb Church, - reunion services, a River Forest pastor preaching. First time M. had been out since her fall, Oct 20.

Rested. Got together notes for a bird feeding leaflet. Covered rose beds, lily beds, other perennials, seed beds, with garden litter & leaves.

Friday, November 28

3° below at 7:00 A M. Moderated and 14° above at 10:00 P.M.

Prof Lee came up this A M & Mr Bartoli and I helped him in the necessary manipulations of the telescope so that is now correctly placed & needs only to be bolted to the floor

This aft I piled leaves in my "forest preserve" & sprinkled them to make them freeze in place.

This evening to Community Center meeting at Masonic Bldg, Geo Jones presiding. It was voted to employ Mr. Allen for one year at a salary of \$5000 & allot further funds if necessary. I was disappointed that funds were not set aside for opening Elm Pl. gym of evenings.

Saturday, November 29

Sleet on walks & roads at daybreak. Later slow rain all day long & into the night.

Met Mr Mann at 9:00 for conf on fastening pedestal of telescope in place. Then conf with Mrs Law over band matters. With Mrs Chapman & Mrs Coonley over seating scheme for auditorium (fashion show). Then with the DeBona boys about the pedestal work.

Took 12:34 for Chic. Shopped at Fields Raining briskly now. Then to Art Inst where I stayed until nearly five. Visited with Mr Gutherz some time. Then Mr George Hooker & I had a fine chat.

Went to Civic Theater for the evening – Fine production of Merchant of Venice. Met Harry & Mrs Gillett there.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *The Merchant of Venice*. – ed.]

Sunday, November 30

Moderated greatly in the night & temp rose above freezing today. Clear until evening. A little sleet fell late in evening.

To Presb. Ch this A M. This aft Mr Leech & I went to Sweeny's woods & dug up a fine skunk cabbage and two heracleum.

This evening I was one of a party of about 20 at Roland Hastings' house where after supper, we sang hymns until eleven. Mr & Mrs Fitt, Keller, Randall, Roger Vail, Sihler, Carver, Mrs R.E. Wood, Van Schaick.

Monday, December 1

Cold wave & drop in temp in night & everything frozen again.

Mr Bartoli pried off the crust of our school compost heap with a pick at noon and got me a bushel or two of loose soil. After lunch I excavated a wide hole & set out the sk. cab. plant, filling it in with the loose soil. This in so. west plot in my garden & an iron stake is set 12 in. no. of the leaf tips of the plant.

Morning ex. related to carols to be studied - - - Long conf. with the janitors - - - Conf with Mrs Creigh - - - Men began flooding play ground for ice skating.

Took 4:15 for Chic. to City Club where we Audubonites had dinner with mosquito abatement people & a fine conference on the work. Home at 10:10. Temp now 2° above.

Tuesday, December 2

Moderated in night. 10° above at 7:00. Much higher during day

Spent A.M. at G.B.R.S. Dr Hamilton from 1:00 to 2:10. Helped set up lantern at Woman's Club & two of our boys operated it.

Conf. with Miss Voss & others over Christmas music

At 6:30 to Presb Ch. to Fellowship Club. Splendid & courageous address by Dr Samuel Harkness of Community Church, Winnetka

Then I went (9:30) over to G.B.R.S. where a card party for benefit of the school was on. Big attendance. Fine time, apparently.

Wednesday, December 3

Mild. Gray.

Miss Parson ill yest. & today. Mrs Taylor, sub.

Miss White ill. No sub. I took her work two periods. Mr R. the remaining periods.

Talked to 3B's & 2B's about feeding birds.

Called in Pub. Service to plan for flood lights on skating rink

M. & I wrote another installment of story of her school days.

Thursday, December 4

Mild. A drizzle in the night made a little sleet which melted. Gray

Miss White & Miss Parson both back.

Visitors: piano tuner, Mr Richards; school supplies; Miss Charlstrom, representing state work in caring for pupils with defective vision; etc.

26 of us went to Waukegan this evening to an historical pageant at the Tp H.S. Fine time. I took Miss Voss, Miss Stine & Miss Hanson in my auto.

Friday, December 5

Still mild. Gray.

Chief Maroney & I made a "call" at the Willis home on Waukegan Road to protest at the inattendance of the children. - - Poor white trash.

Mrs Metcalf came to plan for C S. lecture Monday; Margaret Parkin to look up "properties" for fashion show in January; etc. etc.

At home this evening.

Saturday, December 6

Threatening. Mild

Planted 6 liliun auratum & 3 l. spec. album, the bulbs having just come from Dreer's. Ground not much frozen

To city on 9:04. To Acad of Sc. where I had a conf. with Catherine Mitchell over Aud. affairs. She and I then came down into the loop & I left her to go to the City Club. Here the Round Table were guests of the Geo Howland Club, the latter furnishing the program after lunch. Mr Roberts, editor of the Chic. Teacher spoke. Referred to work he had seen in our school three or four years ago.

Shopped at Fields

Childrens Plays, first number, at E.P. Aud. this aft. I had to miss this.

Sunday, December 7

Gray. Misty. A little cooler.

M & I went to Rev Mr. Siemsen's church.

After a nap this aft, I drove around inspecting streets west of R R & Ravinia station Then to Mr Meyer's on Vine Ave where I spent an hour or so looking over his Lee "material," etc. He gave me a book of pictures of the presidents for the school.

At 7:00 I went down to the Millards to dinner to see Ralph Seymour's movies of Spain & Yucatan, & Roland Hastings' of Wisconsin woods. Fine time. Mr. & Mrs Joyce, Jones, Hastings, Mr Seymour, Miss Boynton, Mrs Millard.

Monday, December 8

Still gray & moderately cool, but clearing

When sun came out intermittently this aft, Mr Bartoli & I went on the roof and took several photos of the observ.

Barbara Balke gave us two cello solos this A.M, Dorothy Best accompanying.

One more session with Dr Hamilton this aft.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00

Board meeting this evening.

C.S's had a lecture in our aud. this evening.

Tuesday, December 9

Beautiful day – like October. Frost. Then sunshine

Geo B Carpenter's men set up our G.B.R.S. flagpole.

Mr Blair rep. safe manufacturers called & I ordered new safe to replace old. Less in price than repairs on the old.

Conf with Mrs Ruwitch & Mrs Shire over children.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Set Mr Wygal at work on grounds at G.B.R.S – spreading manure, etc

This evening met Miss Guiney, Cramer, McBroom & Mr Cunningham at observatory. Mr Bartoli poured melted Babbit into bolt holes & the bolts were tightened. This seems to be the final ceremony.

Then we tried out the telescope on Pleiades, Orion, Jupiter, The Moon – Seems to be a great instrument.

M & K spent the evening at Miss Behrens. Had a good time. I brot them home at 10:00.

Wednesday, December 10

A beautiful day.

Directed Mr Wygal in his work at G B R S. - - Workman from Art Institute came & pasted on north wall of upper hall of El. Sch. Bldg the two mural panels originally set up in old aud.

Helped some on the Christmas play, etc

Thursday, December 11

Sunny this A M. Gray in aft. Slight drizzle at night

Much time spent on Christmas Play.

This evening our staff had a dinner at G.B.R.S., Mr Jensen speaker. Mrs J. & Martha guests. M & K. went. Mr J talked about his European trip this summer. Very interesting.

I hoisted a flag on the new pole at G.B.R.S. This had been given us (yesterday) by Catherine Gilroy.

Friday, December 12

Mild. Gray.

Up a little earlier than usual and spread two yds of green manure about plants and shrubbery.

Spent much time on the Christmas Play today.

The Harris Co. brot out our shelter house (a portable garage) and set it up (almost finished the job in a half day).

Went to Deerfield-Shields Tp H.S. to hear the International Harvester Co's chorus sing the Messiah. Had tickets for M & K but they were too tired to go – so Mr & Mrs Riddle went with me. Very creditable.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the concert presented by the International Harvester Choral Society, conducted by Richard De Young. The concert was held under the auspices of the Highland Park Woman's Club. Soloists were: Esther Nelson, soprano; Isabel Zehr, contralto; Carlyle Bennett, tenor; William Russell, bass; and accompanists Helen Leefelt and Henry Jackson. The clipping notes "The entire proceeds of this concert are for philanthropy in Highwood, Deerfield and Highland Park." – ed.]

Saturday, December 13

A light snow – mostly thawing as it fell

To city on 9:04. Shopped at Fields At Acad of Sc. conf with Mr Bailey over Audubon matters. Got back in time to attend the funeral at Episcopal Church of Chas Tyson, a h-s. boy, one of our last year's graduates. Injured in practice football game! Boy Scouts at funeral in a body. A fine lad.

Took K. down on shopping tour.

Then went to Jane Martin's coming out party. Great affair.

So tired that I slept all evening & went drowsily to bed

Sunday, December 14

Cooler. Snowed a little more this evening.

M & I to Presb. Chruch

This aft I went down on Sunset Ave to try to see the James Sheahen people but they were not at home

The Cunninghams called this aft.

I left on 5:04 for Chic – Cliff Dwellers Club. Dinner of the Friends of Our Native Landscape. Fine time. Mr. Jensen spoke of his European experiences

Miss Collins, Mrs Maher, The Dudleys, Miss Holbrook, Geo Hooker, etc. Mr & Mrs Welch went from here

[On this day Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Mrs. Clark accepting her invitation to speak before the Wilmette Garden Club. Mrs. Clark's invitation and Mr. Smith's response are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Mr. Jesse Smith –
Highland Park Schools –
Dear Mr. Smith –

Several weeks ago I called on you in regard to taking our Garden Club for a trip to the Waukegan Flats on June 5th. This is a small reminder that you will meet us at one o'clock at any place you appoint and we shall then have the pleasure of your guidance for the afternoon –

At that time we also spoke of a short talk you would make on Wild Flower Conservation –

On Feb 11th – we have a joint meeting with the Woman's Club at the club at 10:30 in the morning. It would be very valuable to be there as you will reach many women with your message. Will you write me if you can give a short talk (15 min) at this time?

Thanking you for your kindness – I am

Sincerely yours –
Marguerite Clark –
(Mrs W. U.)
418 – 9th St.,
Wilmette, Ill.

December 14, 1930.

Mrs W.U. Clark,
418 Ninth Street, Wilmette.

My dear Mrs Clark :

This is with reference to your kind invitation to appear for a short talk on a program on the morning of February 11.

I will be pleased to do this but I will put the responsibility of my remembering the date and hour up to you. A few days in advance, if you will.

Very truly yours,

Monday, December 15

Two or three inches on ground Then began to snow again. Several inches by evening
Christmas play received much attention today
Conf with Mrs Creigh

Tuesday, December 16

Colder. Sun came out a short time. Little thawing.
Morning ex at G.B.R S. Much attention to the Christmas Play
Our children brot great quantities of sandwiches to school this A M & Mrs Hastings and Mrs Creigh took these to the N.W.U. Settlement House in Chic.
I went down to dinner & meeting of directors of Aud Soc this evening at Medical & Dental Arts Bldg this evening

Wednesday, December 17

Down to 6° above this A.M. Moderated a little

Another busy day Mooney worked part of yesterday & today on our ice pond.
Mrs Weaver a sub for Miss Cook yest & Miss Richards today
At school a while this evening looking over slides for the Christmas story

Thursday, December 18

Mild. Gray

Ruth Anne came in from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. – Kittie met her at Wab R.R. station & they got here at 8:10 A M

“Pulled off” the Christmas Play this aft & evening. Best we have given. I did less to promote it than usual. Miss Mickelson & Miss Voss bore the brunt of rehearsals; Mr Richards & Mr Schultz, the staging; Miss Nixon & Miss Grunew & Miss Greno the costuming.

M., K. & Ruth Anne went this evening. Mrs Chapin also as our guest.

Friday, December 19

Gray. Mild. Melting some.

Last day of school before Christmas holidays.

Saw the Christmas exercises at G B R.S this A.M

This aft all met in our aud. for the carols and for the story of the Christ Child I used the slides of the Presb. Ch.

Ruth Anne left on the 6:42 this A.M

Mother began mailing her Christmas cards yest. Six yest & sixteen today.

Saturday, December 20

Down to 16° above at daybreak but moderated greatly. Snow flurries after night fall.

Errands this A.M. Dictated to Miss Nora ten Audubon letters

Left on 1:04 for Chic. Shopped at Fields & elsewhere. Movies at Woods. Supper at Triangle
Went to Stock Concert this evening. Great concert. The singing of about 250 – perhaps 300 children was simply splendid

[Pasted at this page is a clipping from the concert program. – ed.]

Sunday, December 21

Colder. Some drop in temp during day

M & I to Presb. Ch. this A M. Mr Fitt's last sermon, I believe, although no reference to his leaving.

This aft at 4:00, M. K. & I to Bethany Ev. to their white gifts pageant.

Mr Murray called this aft about our skating pond & I got Marks to come & help Kolterman for a while, then Santi came to take K's place – Cleared light snow away; then sprayed.

Monday, December 22

Gray. About 18° above at dawn. Moderated.

Built board shelf in attic for boxes.

At school a while conferring with janitors & Mr Hart.

This evening, farewell reception to Mr & Mrs Fitt. M. & K not able to go. Mrs Chapin went with me. Talks by Hastings (presided), Pres't Moore of L.F. College, Rev H.S. Brown, Rev Mr Keller, Mrs Alexander, Joseph Garnett.

A little over 12 years of service.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the reception announcement. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

The Session and Board of
Trustees

of the

Highland Park Presbyterian
Church

invites you and your friends
to attend a

RECEPTION

in honor of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitt

at Eight o'Clock
Monday Evening
December 22, 1930

in the

Presbyterian Church
Highland Park
Illinois

Tuesday, December 23

Colder. Clear.

Went to Exmoor this A M to see their ice rinks & brot Will Stupple, their foreman, over to see ours. Our men sprayed two or three hours. A fine surface this evening.

Ordered by wire waxoleum for the janitors.

This aft looked up streets on map at City Hall & conferred with Mr Musser about them. Spent an hour or so with Mrs Chas Everett talking over historical data concerning Elisha Gray.

Clarence came this aft. Looked better than a year ago

Wednesday, December 24

Cold & Clear.

Various errands today. At school a short time

Clarence worked on small jobs

Christmas cards have come in in great numbers. A pot of begonias, a book, some honey (from Mr Leech's). This evening we heard the Detroit symphony chorus sing – extracts from The Messiah.

Thursday, December 25

Christmas

Mild. Thawing. Gray.

Danforth & Edith came & spent the day with us – came on the train Slippery roads & I did not take out my car until evening when I took D & E to the train. C. & I delivered pkg of candy to Deckers, Noerenbergs & Behrens I left a pkg with the Parratts

This AM Mr Bartoli & I went up to 310 Ashland Ave, Highwood to see an Italian family – Del Monti – to size up the man as a possible helper at school. Nice family – without funds. Later Mr Murray visited them & engaged the man for ice pond work, etc.

Friday, December 26

Mild. Ice thawing. Then cooler. Slippery streets.

Worked some with the janitors this A M. Del Monti, the extra helper, was to go on at 1:00 today.

Clarence & I went in on the 1:12. To Merchandise Mart, then to Fields. Then to Shedd aquarium
Supper in lunch room at the Palmer House. Went to see Fred Stone and his daughters in Ripples. A fine
show of its kind.

Pd my state auto license fee today

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the playbill for *Ripples* with Fred Stone, Dorothy Stone, and Paula Stone. – ed.]

Saturday, December 27

Gray. Rather mild.

Slippery. Left my car in garage

Errands at school & elsewhere this A M

Mr Leech & I (in his car) went to the west (Sweeny) McCormick's woods this aft & surveyed a strip
100 ft wide & 600 ft long. Tabulated results.

The Deckers called after supper. Before supper Alden & Elizabeth Green & the latter's husband.

Bot chains for auto this aft.

Sunday, December 28

Gray. Near thawing. Slippery.

Left auto behind. Represented the house at Mr Fitt's farewell sermon. Large crowd

Slept this aft. Mr Leech called for a short while, this A M

Clarence & I walked to post office this evening. Otherwise we stayed right in home.

Monday, December 29 To Springfield

Left at 10;15 on I C.R R., our Lake Shore group having a car on the special train otherwise
occupied by the Chicago delegation

Arrived at 2:30. Called on R.B. Miller, state forester, and had a chat over several matters – the
proposed Birds of Illinois, etc.

[Inserted at this page is a clipping from the program brochure for the Illinois State Teachers' Association
meeting. – ed.]

Tuesday, December 30 At Springfield

Breakfast as one of fifty or more guests of Harry Wilson at the Leland.

At the morning session Mr Nygaard's committee report on a new pension plan came up & caused a
great sensation. Big opposition seemed on the horizon. Its final consid. was deferred until tomorrow at
9:00 A M to give members time to read over & think about the plan

G.E. Thompson & I took a half hour off during the aft to visit with Col. Whipp, supt of prisons.
Talked frankly over situation at St Charles A humane & honorable gentleman

This evening our Lake Shore Div. Group had early dinner at the Leland & talked over the affairs of
the Division Then we went to the evening session – which was quite flat.

Wednesday, December 31 The last night of the Year

About 7° above at 10:30 P.M

Attended first hour of the morning session. Our pension plan came up for action and for a time rather exciting debate took place. At length a motion prevailed to refer it to the legislative committee plus Mr Nygaard & Mr Blair (or some one from his office) and Mr Grimm to work into a bill if it seems feasible. This disposed of the matter for a time, and perhaps it was a wise move

I left then & spent nearly a half hour with Mrs Palmer, chief probation officer, - a very pleasant and profitable interview. Then to office of Highway Division where I had a very satisfactory interview with Mr L.H. Hendrick, Asst Eng. of Maintenance. - Then to our special car which left at 11:24 for Chic Home at 5:45.

[Mr. Smith made a notation regarding expenses for his automobile at the back of this diary. The notation is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Automobile	
Apr 19 - Purnell & Wilson	725.00
Previously	25.00
Sec. of State - - - -	8.00