

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1931



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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.

Thursday, January 1

Nearly 0° at dawn. Moderated much. Clear

Disordered stomach kept me awake in the night and made me off color today. At home all day except for short errand to school this evening. Skating pond lighted up as usual.

Clarence has a cold. He helped me label my topographic map pasteboard cylinders. He has tinkered in a very useful way for three or four days. Made a rack for my maps, painted lattice work to enclose the back porch below, etc

Nice visit with Lois & Mrs Green this evening.

Friday, January 2

Mild day. Thawing Above 32°.

Various duties.

This aft at school. The Goodman Players gave Oliver Twist matinee at 2:30 under auspices of Woman's Club. Fair audience. Very good production

Had my car out. Roads still dangerous at intersections.

Saturday, January 3

Mild. Thawed a great deal.

To Chic on 8:27. Acad of Sciences to confer with Mr Bailey & Mr Ford. Left mss of Aud Bulletin with Mr B. Then shopped at Fields & Eastmans. To 111 W. Jackson for conf with Mr Lodge & Mr De Loach Then long conf with Mr. Schantz at 137 So La Salle. Mr Deane looked in a while. Home at 3:30

Clarence & I shopped. At home this evening.

[The Audubon Society gathered information on bird sightings and census for the Bulletin. On this day, Sallie Dawson, reported her observations to Mr. Smith. Her letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Marshall, Ill.,
Jan. 3, 1931.

Mr. Jesse L. Smith,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I think I did not receive a copy of the Ill. Bulletin last winter and am in some doubt as to just what kind of reports it gives.

I did not report to Bird Lore this year, but New Years Day was so fine I couldn't refrain from rambling. My observations were all very ordinary but they may be of service to you.

1. Most of the juncos I saw were around our house. Except for a score or more there I saw only scattered birds totalling about forty.
2. Downy - 6. One was busy with a pile of frozen manure and I watched it as long as I liked at ten ft. distance.
3. Cardinals - 4
4. Titmouse - 2
5. Chickadee - 3
6. Jays - 5
7. Crows - 15. (Three days before I had counted 65 in a flock collecting to torment a barred owl).
8. Blue bird 3.
9. Red-bellied woodpecker 2.
10. Song-sparrow 4. (This was a surprise as I usually see a much larger number of tree sparrows which this day eluded me entirely. One bird found a little place where the stream was not frozen and perched on a brush pile in the water to sing a sweet, faint, (I imagined reminiscent song) not at all like the clear summer warble. It was so near I clearly saw the streakings at the sides of the breast and know it was not a tree sparrow.

11. Sparrow hawk – 1.

Dec. 27 I saw a flock of eight meadowlarks in an open field.

I have field notes for a number of years. Usually I observe about 110 or 112 species in a year. Would you care for my 1930 list?

I would like to have a copy of this years bulletin and know what is being done in the state.

Yours sincerely,

Sallie Dawson.

Sunday, January 4

Heavy fog & hoar frost this AM. Cleared by 11:00 – Sunny.

Clarence left at 9:00 for home.

None of us went to church.

This aft Mr Thorsen called to report about some depredations he had investigated

I drove down & called for an hour on Mr & Mrs Clark Wright.

Monday, January 5

Foggy. Drizzly. Snow flakes in the drizzle Ice mushy.

Miss Miller seriously ill at her home in Nokomiss and Mrs Weaver in charge. Mrs Taylor in Miss Jones room. Miss J. convalescing at home in Bloomington Miss Weaver unable to teach. No sub.

Morning ex. as usual.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

At home this evening.

Tuesday, January 6

Mild. Little below freezing. Icy roads. I walked today.

Morning ex at G B R S. Miss Weaver to be absent all this week.

At home this evening.

Wednesday, January 7

About as yesterday. Icy. I walked.

Lunch at Green Teapot with Mr. Jensen. We inspected grounds about the R.R. station with ref. to their landscaping.

Miss Qualey of the A.B.C. Co. a visitor. Also Silver B & Co's representative.

Miss Hamlin & Mrs Howes came to talk over the P.T.A. work

Thursday, January 8

The same. Gray. Icy

Various visitors: Mrs Denton of Ev., representing Caldwell, the lecturer. Sears – World Book Encyc

Spent some time looking over the work of Mr Santos, band master.

Library Board, this evening.

Friday, January 9

Milder. A sunny day.

Used my auto. After school Miss White & Miss Grenoble & I drove to Sunset Golf & walked over the links & the adjoining portion of Bobolink. Beautiful sunset wak. No birds!

M. went down in taxi to chirop. (Gordon) & I picked her up at noon.
This evening Cunningham, Cuffey & I spent in the observ. Cuffey & I staying until after eleven
Fashion show people had rehearsal late,

[Mr. Smith continued his efforts on behalf of the St. Charles School for Boys with a letter to Olive Hull,
executive secretary for the State of Illinois, Committee on Child Welfare Legislation. Mr. Smith's letter is
transcribed as follows: - ed.]

January 9, 1931.

Miss Olive Hull,
203 North Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Dear Miss Hull :

I am a member of the "Round Table" of Northern Illinois, a group of sixty school superintendents
representing northeastern Illinois outside of Chicago. Two of my colleagues and I are a special committee of that
body to keep informed about the State School for Boys at St. Charles and to report to the whole group. I have given
considerable attention to the very valuable report of your committee on child welfare legislation. I wish to get this
before my colleagues in as effective a way as possible. We receive so many "reports" and questionnaires these days
that a copy of your report might be regarded as simply "one more". So, I have a scheme for conducting a sort of
correspondence course to arouse interest. Your part in it would be to furnish copies of the report, and so I wish you
would give me an idea how you are off for extra copies. If there should be the demand, could you let us have fifty
copies? Remember, I shall not ask for copies for anyone who is not really interested.

Very truly yours,

Saturday, January 10

Mild. Sunnay day
To Chic. Shopped at Fields & Eastman Kodak Called on Mr De Loach & left lantern slide box.
Luncheon with the Round Table at City Club. Home at 4:00 Took M & K for a ride to
Deerfield, Dundee Road, home
I went to Fashion Show at E.P. Aud this evening. Hardly worth while on the whole.

Sunday, January 11

Gray. Still mild
Rested most of day.
Drove to Bahr's greenhouses to look over things. Regretted to learn that Mr. B. is in bed with a
touch of pneumonia At school a while then
Called a moment at Nora Behrens' to get some type written material.

Monday, January 12

Sunny at first. Then flurries of snow & decidedly colder.
Morning ex.
This aft at 2:00 to funeral of Geo. Childs Jr., one of our boys of some years ago. Had always been
handicapped by illness.
Met in Miss Guiney's class in astronomy at four.
Board meeting this evening. Amicable

Miss Weaver still ill. Miss Miller also (Mrs Weaver sub)
Miss Thomas ill, Mrs Borg, sub.

[George Frederick Childs, Jr. was 21 years old at the time of his death from a chronic health condition. He was born on July 3, 1909 in Highland Park and was a former student of Elm Place School. — ed.]

Tuesday, January 13

Colder. Sunny at times.

Miss Thomas on duty.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Collected sandwiches for N.W.U. Settlement. Mrs Hastings & Mrs Creigh took in a load from E.P. I sent Mr Lichtwalt in with a big hamper full from G.B.R.S. I talked to Miss Vittum over the phone about the acute needs of people in her district

Conf. over 7A & 8's this aft.

I gave a colonial architecture talk to 6's this aft.

At a stag dinner at Mr Sandwicks this evening. — Bates, Baggett, Loos, Thomas, Wright, H.D. Richardson, M.W. Richardson

Wednesday, January 14

A minor cold wave on. Clear. 8° above at 10:45 P.M.

Gave H.P. Press copy for article on our new observatory.

At G.B.R.S. tried to take interior photo.

Miss Floyd called this aft to speak of the possibility of an art collection at pub. library.

Conf with 6A — 7B's after school.

At school this evening. At 9:40 Davis Green came in and he & I went up in the observatory for a half hour

Thursday, January 15

8° above at 7:00 A M Moderated much during the day

We mailed out this A M. nearly 500 invitations to the dedic. of our new observ. to pupils that had raised the fund

Conf with Raymond Flinn this A.M. over (1) the estimated cost of an art wing to the pub. library and (2) over sagging floors in first & second story halls in old bld'g.

This evening our staff had its monthly dinner at G.B.R.S., Dr & Mrs Balke guests of honor. Dr Balke lectured on four rarer minerals. A fine talk which came to a sort of climax in a discussion of the economic situation M & K not able to go.

Friday, January 16

A mild, beautiful day

Miss Phillips took her group to Chic Hist Soc. & Art Inst. Mr Schultz went along. We hired no sub. I took two Latin classes.

This evening we dedicated the Ellen M. Guiney Observatory. Prof. Lee talked on exploring the sky, using slides. Splendid Mr Simpson talked in a fitting manner. Mr Murray presided well and introduced Miss Guiney who also talked well. There were flowers for Miss Guiney. Then I introduced James Cuffey who exhibited his reflecting telescope & did his part well. The rest of the evening people visited the obs.

M & K went & Mrs Chapin.

Saturday, January 17

Fine day in every way.

Mr Bartoli & I took Jas Cuffey's reflecting telescope home in Mr. B's auto.

The Ford people came for my auto to recharge my battery which went back on me last night.

At 10:20 I left for Chic in Mr Wayne Thomas' machine, Mr Bates & Schultz, also passengers. T., B, & I went to luncheon at City Club, special group of the Round Table & their guests to consider pension plan. I left before one to go to Fred Cardys funeral in the church near his home at 9550 Longwood Drive. Met number of my old friends there. Back at 6:15. This evening to gathering at Mrs Pfanstiehl's to hear Prof Adler discuss the "new plan" at the U. of C.

Had to come away early because of phone trouble – leaking radiators at school

Sunday, January 18

Light snow in the night then steady fall at times much of day. Resting lightly on trees & shrubs it has made a wonderful spectacle.

I went to Pres Ch. this A.M & heard Dr Clarke preach.

About four this aft I took out my machine & went thru Moraine Viad & down G.B. Road. Then home. Snow too bothersome. Then for a fine walk to lake shore, Moraine Hotel ravine, etc Met the Gaidziks & Greenes & Willard Erickson

Monday, January 19

Mild this A M. & the snow heavy & sticky.

Left my car at home. Took my lunch to school Everyone busy digging out. I had the two Ugolini boys with their truck help to clear snow from ice rink

Rep of Johnson's wax specialties demonstrated

Conf with 5 – 6B's over promotion.

At City Hall this evening, meeting of members of Community Center. Filled out our com. membership (30), elected officers, etc.

Miss Jones back to work again.

Miss Weaver, do.

Tuesday, January 20

Turned colder rapidly during day.

Went with Miss Tschirgi & a group of 7A's to Chic To Garf. Pk greenhouse where an excellent guide showed us about. Then to Field Museum. There until 3:15. To Lincoln Park – big animal house & bird house. Then I saw the bus off for H.P. While I set out for 57th & Univ Ave – Disciples Church. Had lantern, hymn slides, etc The F of O N held dinner & annual meeting. Fine time. I had Van D's Hymn to L, Swinburne's, We mix from, etc; Waldeinsamkeit, Home Road, Amer & led the ceremonies. The Pattees brot me & Miss Voss to Central St – We got to H.P at 12:45!

Wednesday, January 21

2° below. Moderated some

Sent supply of sandwiches to N.U. Settlement House again this A M

Miss Phillips out & Mrs Taylor on the job.

Conf with 4's over promotions (11:00 A M) and 7A – 8's at 1:30.

P.T.A at 3:00 Program concerned with work & needs of band and orchestra Band played; orchestra, do. Solos etc. Mr Santos gave a solo on the clarinet. He talked to the parents.

Thursday, January 22

18° above at 7:00 and mod. more but colder again this evening.

Miss Tschirgi took 15 pupils on same trip as that Jan 20. Went without an assistant.

Conf at G.B.R.S. with teachers about promotions. Ditto 1 – 3's at E.P. Also with 7A – 8's, & 6A' – 7B's.

This evening called on Mr Hawkins & had long talk about past days in H.P. Made some notes afterwards

Friday, January 23

About as yesterday

Streets slippery.

Conf with 7A' pupils about 8B work, etc

Miss Sands & Mr Schultz with 6A's to Art Inst.

At school a while this evening.

Saturday, January 24

Turned warm - 40° or 45° & snow melted rapidly. Above freezing at 10:00 P.M

At school part of morning. Met Miss Chalstrom & her (woman) chief of the I.S. for P. of Blindness to discuss possibility of our furnishing a room for a class (North Shore) for children with defective eyes

This aft I counted the shrubs we had set out along G.B. Road

At school a while this evening. Mr Cunningham & his family came to look through the telescope; then Miss Guiney, Miss Cramer, & Jas. Cuffey came to study the hour circle

Sunday, January 25

Mild and thawing heavily

M & I went to hear Mr Hopkins preach in Highwood M.E. Church

This aft I took two photographs in the kg room at G.B.R.S.

Then to public library (new)bldg for conf with Don Lowe, Ingerle, & Seymour & Miss Hendee over decorations, spaces for pictures, etc

Monday, January 26

A sunny day. Ice melting badly

Promotion day. Honor citizenship pupils, boys & girls, carried flags in audit exercises.

Various conferences.

At G.B.R.S. a while

Called at Pub Library to confer with Mrs Rubens.

Teachers meeting at 4:00.

Tuesday, January 27

Little difference, though grayer – then threatening.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Took P.T.A. dishes to that school for tomorrow's meeting.

Had new binding post attached to radio battery.

Mrs Chas S. Gillilan of Ev. called to apply as a sub.

Mrs Taylor a sub for Miss Cook – at Quincy because of a death in the family.

Supt Davies & Rowe (Lagrange & Western Springs) came at 2:00 & stayed until 4:00. Inspected G.B.R.S. also.

Mrs Millard came for a conf. Mrs Witmer also.
At home this evening.

Wednesday, January 28

As yesterday.

Sent quantity of sandwiches to N.U. Settlement again this A.M
G.B.R S. Auxiliary had a pleasant meeting this aft.

I was Harold Schultz' guest at Art Inst this evening to dinner & the first showing of the new Ex of A. of Chi & Vic. Mr. Schultz has 4 paintings in the ex. Mrs Millard one; Leonore Jerrems 3; Sat with Mrs Millard & the Jerrems at table Visited with Mrs Thorpe, Miss McCauley, the Dudleys, et al.

Thursday, January 29

As yesterday.

Mr Rowell visited with me at G.B.R.S. much of the morning.

After school Mr Richardson & I went to Mr. Thomas' office where we held a conf ~~with~~ which included Mr Wright – a conf about our over age pupils that we send to H.S.

My cold at supper time assumed the distemper stage – my right nostril offending.

Mr Murray called for a short time. Has to be away two weeks or so.

Friday, January 30

About the same

Miss Greno ill. Mrs ~~Taylor~~ Mason a sub. for her.

Ray Cardy called. Also Miss Elliot who wishes to organize speech classes.

Conf with 4's at 11:30.

A Mr Smith of Wauconda called to see the obs

Our boys played basket ball with Deerfield in our own school, after hours.

I took M & K. for a short ride to see a brilliant sunset preliminary to shopping.

Mr Jensen & Mr Baird of Joliet & I had lunch at Green Teapot.

Saturday, January 31

A little colder. Gray much of day. A brilliant sunset

To Chic on 8:09. To Garfield Pk. Conserv. where my friend, F.K. Balthis of the staff, gave me suggestions about cuttings, etc. Then to Chic Transp Co. to inquire about damaged slides. To Slide Dept of Art Inst to inquire about new slides. Spent some time in gallery where new exh is hung. Lunch there. Shopped at Wallgren's & Fields Home at 3:30.

Drove to Sweeney's Woods & brot away cuttings of waahoo, h.b. cranberry, ninebark, red osier. Then to Beverley Place where I made an inventory of trees & shrubs there.

Sunday, February 1

Sunny & mild alternating with "March" winds

M & I to Bethany Church this A.M.

This aft for a while at my office. Hunted up a picture of the German Bldg at World's Fair for Mrs Murray. Looked over negatives of past eighth grade classes Drove out to Menoni's Crossing to enjoy a glorious sunset.

At 6:30 to Mr Brackett's on Wilmot Road north of Deerfield to "tea". Mr & Mrs Claussen of Evanston, Mr & Mrs Seif & Mrs Otto Miessner guests. Fine evening

Monday, February 2

Mild, sunny day followed by bright moonlit evening. Sick list: Miss Voss, Mr Hart, Miss Dorsch, Miss Grenoble, Miss Engwall, Miss Cook, Miss Miller. Subs – Taylor, Borg,

At morning ex showed some slides relating to early hist of H.P.

Fine visit from Grace Bradshaw, sister of Mrs Thos Wood Stevenson.

Teachers' meeting.

At school a while this evening. Miss Guiney had a class.

Tuesday, February 3

Beautiful day – sunny, Spring like.

Morning ex at G B.R S.

Showed some of the slides I used yesterday.

Gave article to Press about Art Inst ex. of H. Parkers, including Mr Schultz.

Field trip with 4B's to get willow cuttings – off my own bush.

Went with Mrs Denton to our own Woman's Club to hear Guy Caldwell's lecture on birds & flowers. Fine slides.

This evening to Fellowship Club of Presb Church to dinner & to hear Dr. Shepherd talk about the Century of Progress Expo to be in Chic in 1933. Very interesting. Then Alonzo Jones & I spent a half hour in the observatory.

Miss Greno back
& Miss Engwall.
Mrs R. subbed in music

Wednesday, February 4

As yest. expect a little cooler

Sandwiches sent again to N. Univ. Settlement. Mr & Mrs Sherer this time

Spent some time getting ready for potting of our campernelles from the flats. Gave field trip to 4A's – also to my willow to get cuttings.

Lake Forest boys played basket ball with our boys

This evening Mr Greene with Mr Schultz & Miss Behrens and Miss Stark, and I with Misses Grenoble, White & Grunewald spent the evening with Mr & Mrs Chas Rubens looking over some of his books, especially Dickens material. We enjoyed ourselves greatly.

Thursday, February 5

Another fine, mild day.

Conf with Mrs Creigh this A M. Also with Mrs Pfanst late this aft. Lessons on cuttings with 5 – 6B's

Misses Cramer & Parson with 5B group to Chic. Mrs Taylor a sub.

Mr Baggett spent an hour with me this aft.

Miss Goddard came to tell me about Hugo Carver, tenor.

Cun, Grunew, Grenob, Phillips, Behrens, Hanson, Wheelock, Nixon, & I in 3 machines to sk. cab. woods. Dug up one.

Chop Suey Supper at Bethany Church. I went but M & K did not – didn't feel well.

At school this evening. Jas Cuffey & Miss Guin. at obs. Pupils night. A teacher from w. of Wauk came & brot 6 pupils

Friday, February 6

Threatening, then snow flurries late in the day

Mr Leech, Miss Nixon, & I finished with the pupils the transplanting of campnelle into pots. I had the hyacinths transferred to the plant house and a little heat started
My back is quite lame. A home this evening because of that
C.S. lecture in Aud this evening. N.W. players came this aft to begin setting stage scenery.
At Mr Sandwick's request I went to H-S. assembly at 1:00 to tell about the project for sending sandwiches to Hull House

Saturday, February 7

Crust of ice on walks & trees which largely melted
Stayed rather close some of day because of a game back.
This aft to children's play at Elm Place by N.W.U. players. Excellent. Direction of Miss Ward.
Got ready article on our E.M.G. Observatory to send to Dr C.H. Gingrich, Editor of Pop Astron, Northfield, Minn. & one to Geo Wm Bruce, Ed. of School Bd Journal

Sunday, February 8

A beautiful day Crust melted
M & I to Presb Ch. Heard Rev Jonas Boyer of Vincennes preach.
This aft Mr Schultz and I went to Chic to annual "pilgrimage" of Illinois Art Extension Society. Prof Hieronymus leader. Met to register at Art Inst. Then to concert in Fullerton Hall by Little Symphony – a beautiful concert. Chat with Mr. Dasch beforehand Met Mr Hendrik, maintenance engineer (State highway) whom I had previously met at Springfield. After concert we had meeting in Club Room. Mr Taft talked. Then we had dinner at Tip Top Inn. Mr & Mrs Western, & Mr Hendrik with S. & me I then came home but the group went to Sunday Evening Club. (Met Dr Goode. He was with Dr Cheney.

[On this day Mrs. W.U. Clark wrote a letter (which Mr. Smith had requested of her on December 14, 1930) to Mr. Smith reminding him of his speaking engagement on February 11th. Mrs. Clark's letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

	Feb. 8 – 13
Mr Jesse L. Smith Highland Park, Illinois	
My dear Mr Smith,	
on Feb. eleventh-	This note is to remind you that you are to speak to us at our joint meeting with the Woman's Club
an hour-	We have a speaker who will start the programme at ten o'clock and will probably talk for at least
	If you could arrive at eleven or shortly after I think it would be in plenty of time-
	The place is the Wilmette Woman's Club on the corner of Greenleaf and Tenth Sts.
	With pleasant anticipations
I am	
	Sincerely yours
	Marguerite K. Clark
	(Mrs. W.U.)
	418 – 9th St., Wilmette-
	Phone Wil. 520-

Monday, February 9

Wet snow a while this aft making a crust. Colder

After morning ex went to City Club to luncheon of Art Ex. Soc Duncan Clark talked Jens Jensen. V.K. Brown. At my table sat Mrs (Dr) Park & her mother, Miss Lena McCauley, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Soper of Bloomington, Mr & Mrs Wm Walker.

Afterwards we went to Board of Trade Bldg, visited the trading pit, went to 42nd floor & looked out over the city. Then to Chic. Civ. Opera House. Saw the stage & auditorium, dressing rooms (Mary Gardens), stage of Civic Theater. I came home then.

This evening School Board meeting. etc

[Elizabeth M. Getz, 64 Clifton Avenue, Highland Park, sent a note to Mr. Smith. The date Feb 9th, 1931 is written in Mr. Smith's handwriting on the note. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

My dear Mr. Smith –

You may be interested to know that my meadow-larks arrived this morning –

In 1926 they came to me on Mar. 19

“ 1927 on Feb. 22nd

In 1928 on Mar. 17th

In 1929 on Mar. 11th

In 1930 on Feb. 24th

Most cordially,

Elizabeth M. Getz

Tuesday, February 10

10° above at 7:00 AM. but warmed up much. Beautiful day

Conf with Raymond Flinn over underpinning first floor in El Bldg. Morning ex at G.B R.S. Showed Lincoln slides.

This aft. talked about our Lincolniana to one group of 8A's. Went with a group of Miss Hanson's pupils to G B R.S. & potted 50 or so small geraniums.

Mr Richardson & I went to Deerfield School at 4:00 & met Bates, Thomas and Wright there. Discussed remedial pupils at the H.S. This evening Americanization classes at Womans Club – a party. I talked on Lincoln for 20 min. with slides

Wednesday, February 11

Fine day.

Talked about Lincolniana at diff times to 2 8A groups today.

At 10:15 drove down to Womans Club at Wilmette & talked for 15 minutes or so about roadside planting (No slides). Heard much of a fine garden talk by Mrs Clay of Aurora.

Various conf with teachers & a book agent

At school a while this evening. Minstrel show rehearsal (Presb) this evening

Thursday, February 12

Spring! Little frost in the ground!!

Miss More absent. Mrs Richardson sub.

Met the 1 – 2B's in one group, 10-10:30 and gave a lantern talk on Lincoln; then the 2A – 3B's from 10:30 to 11:00. Then the 4 – 8's from 11:00 to 12:00 – these pupils furnishing the program except that I told three immigrant stories – about Lincoln

This aft I talked before the D.A.R in our aud. with slides about some of our colonial remains – Williamsburg, Yorktown, etc

This evening Mr Schultz & I were at dinner with Mrs Millard with the Ingerles & Mrs & Miss Boynton. A splendid time. I brot the I's & Mr S home.

Friday, February 13

Cooler & grew decidedly colder late aft. 10° above at 11:00 P.M

Spent much time at G.B.R.S. greenhouse today. Used 3rd graders there and 4th graders from E.P. to transplant geraniums, calendulas, cinerarias. Had the jonquils at E.P. moved from lunch room to plant house where hyacinths have been for a week

Took M., K. & Miss Behrens for a ride after 4:00 – To Bannockburn via Half Day Road, etc. Chat with Mrs Toller. Home by Deerfield.

This evening I went to minstrel show at E.P. Aud by Presb. Guild. All right of its kind.

Saturday, February 14

12° above at 7:00 P.M. Moderated Beautiful winter day.

Dr Frank brot his Saturday class in nature study – teachers – to spent three or four hours at our school. Cunningham, Leech, & I entertained. They ate their lunches before the fire in the fireplace in Miss White's conference room About 25 came. They were very appreciative. We took them thru G.B.R.S. after lunch. After they left I drove out into the new subdiv. east of Deerfield & explored a bit of woods there.

Back home – then the Leech's called for an hour.

After supper I called on Mr Skidmore & Axel Larson to discuss the possibility of a North St Johns Improvement Assn

Sunday, February 15

Milder. A beautiful day.

None of us went to church.

Went to Miss Robertson's in Ravinia for tea at four. Guest of honor, Dr Sutton, Supt at Atlanta, Ga., Pres of N.E.A. Thirty or more Chicago teachers there. Mr & Mrs Sandwick & Wright. A splendid time. Dr Sutton gave a witty & inspiring talk Mr Dudley Crafts Watson also talked.

Ruth Ann phoned from B.H. this aft & asked me to meet her & L. at Grand Central Station at 9:40. I did so & we went to Wab. Station. Visited with Ruth a while, then L. & I came out home.

R. looked so well and charming.

Monday, February 16

Dawned clear. Clouded over in aft. Drizzle beginning at 5:30.

At morning ex Hugo Carver, lyric tenor, sang – a beautiful voice. Miss Priscilla Carver, his aunt, accompanied.

M., K, Lennie & I drove down through Deere Park & in & around Ravinia after school

P.T.A. this evening – met in Music Room. Chorus directed by Mrs Meyers sang some beautiful songs (about 20 women). Miss Guiney talked about stars & telescopes & used some lantern slides. Fine talk & very pleasant gathering.

Paid \$500⁰⁰ on a mortgage payment of 1015⁰⁰ due at this time. I am to pay remainder Mar. 1.

Tuesday, February 17

Threatening. Mild

Lennie went to Gary this A M

Miss Engwall absent. Mrs Borg sub.

Mr Richardson went with M W. Richardson of H-S. to Inst for Juv. Research today.
Morning ex at G.B.R S.
Left at 4:30 for Chic to Aud Soc. at City Club. Most of directors present The Pattees absent.
Caught 8:28 home

Wednesday, February 18

Mild. Threatening.
Miss Engwall still absent – with a sub (Borg)
This evening we had another “fireside talk”, Ralph Fletcher Seymour the speaker. We served dinner in Miss Mickelson’s room & had the talk around fireplace in hall of pictures. Mrs Seymour, a guest also. Mr. S. talked on modern ideas of art. Radical. Interesting.
M. & K. present.

Thursday, February 19

As yesterday.
Conf at G.B.R.S. for a time today.
Began distributing jonquils to rooms.
Santi still ill.
Mrs Borg sub for Miss Engwall.

[On this day, Bess T. Dunn, deputy in the office of John R. Bullock, Clerk of the Probate Court of Lake County, responded to an inquiry from Mr. Smith. Her letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

February 19, 1931.

Dear Jesse Smith;

I cannot give you much information on Hunting Licenses in Lake County, but I can tell you where to get it. Section 27 Chapter 61 of the Statutes provides that any County, City or Village Clerk may issue Hunting Licenses, so that gives at least twenty six persons in the County such authority. The County Clerk has issued none for the year ending June 30, 1931 and to date the City Clerk of Waukegan has issued 1750 and has some books still out. They give out books to stores and offices for the accomodation of people on nights and holidays. The law provides that the license shall show the name, age, height, weight, color of hair, occupation, place of residence and place of birth. A naturalized citizen must give date of his papers. The applications are all on file with the Clerk who issues the licenses. He has to make a rather detailed Report to the State Department of Conservation at Springfield, where you can probably get all the information you need. Try me again on something easier!

Truly yours
Bess T Dunn

Friday, February 20

As yesterday Extraordinary weather. The sliighest diff in temp during 24 hours
Talked with Washington slides to 1 – 3’s at G.B.R.S. this aft & to 3 – 4’s at E.P.
Mrs Borg still a sub for Miss Engwall.
To dinner at Mrs Roberts’ on So Sher. Road this evening. Misses Floyd, Miss Mott, Mrs Mason, Mrs Annette Jones & Allen & Mrs Moss came in later Invited to look over Mrs R’s fine collection of Belgian, French & Dutch paintings. Mrs R. would like to will them to Pub. Libr on conditions.
Mr Bates called today & I helped him plan to go to Detroit

Saturday, February 21

To Detroit over Mich Central.

[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. Mr. Smith took notes at the education conference in Detroit. The notes for February 21 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

To Detroit
R R 40; taxi .75
Mich Central 16.82
Meals 2.30 + 1.00.
Porter 25; taxi 35 + 10
Razor blades .89; toothp. 33

Feb 21.

Mich Central at 11:00. Mr Bates appeared on my credentials as "Carl Smith" by advice of R.R. rep. so that he might get special rate. This because he had not yet the opp. to enroll & be eligible for rate. So he was known all day as my son.

Beautiful hazy day. Red osiers glowed, willows were orange tipped, birches were white and rich brown. Streams ran free of ice but snow patches lay in the fields in east Michigan

Detroit at 5:45 & to the Detroit-Leland, a fine hotel. Supper in Coffee Room. To Masonic Temple for evening prog of Nat'l Soc for Study of Ed.

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Guy Whipple.
- 3 Bagley. Influ. of textbook on methods of teaching. Alleged domination.
"Instruction hour" (Europe),
"Recitation" (America)
"Activity programs". "Materials of instruction".

"Never run after a street car, a woman, or an educational fad. There will be another one along soon"

4 Buckingham Discussed content of primer & first reader. 12 pages of an adult book, & 25 pages. Deluxe editions. Embellishments. Margins, 70 lb paper. Exp. showed 18 point poorest, 12 point preferred.

5 Judd Curriculum making & the textbook. Stereotyped curriculum due to textbook. Highly condensed. Not for fluent reading. Circumstantial detail & picturesque treatment missing. Advocated prep of materials by pupils – by teachers. Thus enlarging curric. by co-operative action.

- 6 Rep of MacMillan. Stood out for the imponderables
- 7 The small town supt – Leeds, N D. Witty. Quizzical
- 8 A.B. Co man
- 9 By play. Backfire

Sunday, February 22

Detroit

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The conference notes for February 22 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Sunday
Feb 22.

A.M. In hotel

P M. One o'clock to four Great auto drive to Dearborn, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti. W., Rowe, Eldridge & I. Miss Waters our very skillful and courteous driver
At 4:00 Vespers. Crozier presiding. Lynn Hough, speaker. Music good. Address also.
At 8:00. W., Walker, Skiles, R., E. & I heard program until beginning of Skeyehill's address which most of us had heard. Then to Cimarron, very interesting movie.
.90 + .85 + 1.00

Monday, February 23 Detroit
[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The conference notes for February 23 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Feb 23

McAndrew: Witty ref to mayors
One million marriages a year. Unpreparedness. Problems. Schools but supplement of home.
Weak spot is home. Crime & corruption Inadequacy of educ. both in school & home - - Neighborhood conf, now parent ass'ns. – Scientists - - - The Palmer School of research Child Study Associations, etc. etc.
Growing movement to organize parenthood to co op with the school Prestige given it by the White House. By colleges. Science has given us the yardstick
Household Economics in Baltimore – fine magazine. Get a leader from the Univ for classes. Get busy
Lefkowitz: The Dayton flood story. - - - The family Pillar illustration from manufacturer's discussion with employees
Pillars of family. Changes. Revolutionary. Disintegrating. Challenge of the new paganism. Scribners for March
Rehabilitation. Sacrament of marriage. A completion not a limitation. Early marriages. Start with a struggle but with romance. Educ. for this – not only sex educ but home making. Home a sanctuary. A shrine, not merely an apartment.
Palmer: Child guidance shared between school & home. Child traits studied in early years & reckoned with. Primary teacher offers child happy activities. Contacts with homes. Goals explained. Habit formation, cooperation therein.
Butterfield: Measured pupils. - - - Only dull persons are in school Reviewed careers of 8 typical pupils, 2 bright, 6 more or less dull. A brilliant discourse.

Afternoon
Monday, Feb 23 – '31

Julia L. Hahn

1. Newlon: Inconsistences & confusion in Amer Educ. Lack of definitions. - - - Lack of scholarship in normals, etc. Methods & devices – not breadth of view. Educ. of teachers thin & mechanical Prevents thinking. Fundamentals not considered. True of college & normals as well.
Proposed professional prep for teachers. Considers present training imperfect in
2. Judd: Poked fun at “progressive” director & at charges of formalism. Still stands for organization. “Subjects” should be taught. Adult minds follow trains of thought – coherence. Arith as an illustration. Suggests a new progressivism. [Vague seeing?] Analysis. Synthetic grasp No such thing as a “whole child.” Child is complex. There is an orderly progressive development. Milk teeth before permanent. Oral reading before silent. Hold fast to natural sequences Have natural course of study.
3. Horn: What makes progress possible. Successful practice must be carried forward without repeating mistakes. Glanced at educational theories that have passed: Compasses rather than weather vanes
1. Contemporary values (Analysis of social life) Sensitiveness to need for changes. 2. What is a good life for a child of six, let us say. 3. How a child learns. As to current discussions. Problems involved. Correlation. Incidental

learning Remedial learning & teaching. Children's purposes – not out of thin air Need of diagnostic & remedial tests (Reviews)

4. Kilpatrick: "Training" a hateful word applied to teachers. Progressive education the most serious forward movement – the van. A new outlook. A newer psychological outlook calls for newer methods. Creative learning. Analyze with ref to a point of view & we synthesize right away. As to the "whole" organism. Each act of learning involves the whole organization. - - - Organism & environment involved in learning. Intelligent self direction is perhaps the supreme act of life. Education of the teacher. Concerned with personality in the making. Learning to live with others. A succession of accumulating experiences...

[Mr. Smith's notes do not include the continuation of Kilpatrick's comments. Mr. Smith's comments include a summary of the morning and evening sessions. They are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Referring to preliminaries of morning session:

1. Music
2. Cody presents Mayor & Pres of Board. Mayor's address superior, challenging.
3. Dallas teachers present bouquets to Crozier
4. McAndrew, as previously noted

Evening

Feb 23 – '31

At Masonic Temple. Tremendous crowd. Fine musical program by school pupils Ovation to Commander Byrd. Introductory remarks by Grosvenor. Byrd's fine modest talk. –

1.00 + .65 + .60 Taxi .30

Tuesday, February 24 Detroit
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, February 25 Detroit
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, February 26 Detroit.
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Friday, February 27 Detroit.
[no entry on this day – ed.]

Saturday, February 28 Detroit to H.P.
Still mild. Hazy.

This A M – W & I went to the Prog. Ed. conf. at Book – Cadillac until 10:30 – then to committee meeting of science teachers presided over by Miss Wygant.

Then I went over to 706 Industrial Bank Bldg & introduced myself to J. Burgess Book, Jr. and had a friendly chat over family history. He has four children including a son in freshman class at Yale & a child of 6; Frank has 3; Herbert, 5. The latter is preparing a genealogical book & J.B. promised to keep me on the list for one

W & I left on M.C. at 1:50 (12:50) for Chi. Miss Cook & various others on the train. Home at 9:00.

Sunday, March 1

A beautiful sunny day. Cool.

Went to schoolhouse a while this A.M. where Mr Bartoli & two assistants and Lichtwalt & Kolterman were working. Mr Richardson was there & reported what had been done in the way of special cleaning. Del Monti had done unsatisfactory work & quit yesterday on being questioned about it.

Went back to school two hours this aft. Then took M & K to vespers at Bethany Church. Then at 8:00 I went over to Mrs Gaidziks for a meeting with her & Mrs Balke, Mr Wright & Prof Hamrin of N.W U. Discussed points in a paper Prof H is to present at the H-S Thursday evening.

Monday, March 2

A lovely day.

Mr Simpson called Lake Co teachers to a one-day institute at Elm Place School. More than 600 persons attended the morning session. Judge Florence Allen gave two brilliant talks. President Lord gave two fine talks. Some jubilee singers sang more or less acceptably. - - - We all had a very fine time.

M & K & Mrs Chapin attended the aft session. About 125 went to Bethany Church for lunch; 35 to G.B.R.S. where Miss Johnson's people had prepared for 100!

At school a while this evening. Miss Guiney & Mr Cunningham entertained in the obs. - - -

Tuesday, March 3

Gray. Snow flurry this evening.

Took M to Dr Turner for foot treatment this A M.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Gave a lesson in planting petunia seed there this aft to a 6th B group.

Teachers' meeting.

Miss Phillips absent. Mrs Taylor sub.

Wednesday, March 4

A thin coat of snow on the ground but melted all today.

Mr Richardson began today to share his time with the H-S, two days with us, three days at H-S, carrying on the testing work of M W. Richardson, resigned. Mrs Taylor goes on our payroll to fill in for Mr. R.

Short conf. with 5 – 6B's & with 8's over possible dramatic work for remainder of year.

Misses Greno, White & Grunew & I drove in my machine to Bannockburn & around.

Thursday, March 5

Milder. Clear.

Odds & ends today.

Called on Marion Swan, 4B girl, at hospital this aft. She was knocked over by D.C. Watson's auto, his daughter driving, last Wednesday aft, corner of Vine & Sheridan. A broken leg & numerous bruises

This evening to farewell banquet at Wauk for Mr Simpson who is to go to Springfield, Mar 10, to assume the duties of ass't supt of pub. instr. in charge of rural schools. Mr Newenham presided. John Clark & I talked. Mrs Tidy presented Mr S. with a traveling bag & Mrs S. with flowers. Mr S. responded. Fine time I went on the trolley.

Friday, March 6

As yesterday

Conf with Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pf. this A M.

Mr Leech & pupils planted tomato, beet, & onion seed today. With three groups of 5's at the G.B.R. plant house, I planted two flats of Balcony Crimson petunias and one of Rosy Morn.

Conf at G.B.R.S. with Mrs Hutchinson & her committee over the purchase of dishes for the school
Mrs Green & Lois called this evening.

M. had trouble with top heaviness today.

Saturday, March 7

The Big Storm.

Gray with a rising wind this AM. K & I at 9:30 drove to the Pattee home in Evanston to get some bird slides. The lake was heavy with white caps. Home at 11:30 Soon a regular northeaster set in and snow was blown about. By night fall heavy drifts were piling up. Snow ceased about 9:00 P.M.

At 7:00 I waded over to the schoolhouse. Santi came soon after. We found a portion of the plant house had crashed in & snow had drifted badly in the attic of the old bldg. So I had Santi call up help & four Italians came & worked two hours. Lichtwald came also. - - Removed snow from the attic. Cleared drifts away from skylights on roof.

I was to have entertained Mrs Hill (Pearl McCord) of Glen Ellyn & a group of boy & girl scouts here at H P. this aft!

Sunday, March 8

Storm – continued

More or less snow during day.

Huge drifts. Roads almost impassable.

Had the four extra men come back & work at school all day. I was there for an hour or two this

A M

Late this aft I went on the trolley to Washington Ave. Highwood to see Mike Scuornavaca who has been disabled with rheumatism for more than a year Two boys, John 17, Ralph 15, latter in school. Mortgage due on house. Family supported by the county.

Monday, March 9

Cleared. Mild. Sunny. Began melting. Some roads passable. Stalled autos pulled out & set going. Had 2 extra men helping to dig us out all day. Huge banks of snow all about. My auto still in the garage. Took my lunch to school

Visited G.B.R.S. to inspect leaks on ceiling of teachers' room & elsewhere

Phoned Pick & Co and arranged to purchase supplies from them to equal credit balance on dishes.

Board meeting this evening. Discussed candidates for Board for another year.

Tuesday, March 10

Still sunny. Thawing.

Busier streets beset with choppy snow masses. Walked today.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Showed some of Mrs Pattee's bird slides.

Conf with Mrs Creigh and Mrs Pfanstiehl.

Conf with 4's after school.

This evening the Chamber of Commerce had our aud. for a talk by a Col Hadley who has written a book entitled *The Sinister Shadow*. An alarmist, ignorant, prejudiced. Rubbish

[*Sinister Shadows* by Colonel Edwin Marshall Hadley (1872-1953) was a fictional book with an anti-Communist message. – ed.]

Wednesday, March 11

Another beautiful day. Thawing continued.

Miss Sands hurt herself in a fall yest & was at home today. Mrs Mason, sub.

Miss Mavity visited a while this aft.

We sent down large collection of sandwiches again to N W.U. settlement, Jack Hansen drove

Spent some time this evening finishing Cheney's "The New World Architecture."

Thursday, March 12

As yesterday. Piles of melting snow clogs some street intersections. I drove again today for the first time since Saturday.

Hazel Bell ill & at home Mrs Taylor still at home Miss Sands on the job Miss Grunewald went home ill at 11:00. I heard two of her classes this aft.

Mrs Sutton, a sister of Mrs Thos Wood Stevens, visited this aft. "John" Lucile Rhinehart Bergman visited this aft with her sister Bruce

G.B.R.S. P.T.A. had a fine program this evening. The 3rd grade rythm band played. The H.P. Choral Club of women sand. Mr W.I. Lyon of Wauk talked on birds & bird banding. A great success

Friday, March 13

Gray. Mild. Slight rain with drops of snow this aft.

Miss Lynch ill this A M. Her cadet a sub.

Mrs Taylor still ill.

Left my auto in garage today.

Agents: Mr Ritter & his associate sold me some atlases

At home this evening

[On this day, Mrs. Edna R. Kelly wrote to Mr. Smith inviting him to act as guide for a Kenilworth Garden Club nature walk. Her letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

March 13/31

My dear Mr. Smith,

I have had bad luck in trying to get you on the phone, so now I am going to try writing you. I had hoped to be able to drive up to see you before this, but a protracted attack of flue has kept me in-doors.

You doubtless remember that several weeks ago I asked if you would take our Kenilworth Garden Club for a walk in the woods, or fields, or along the shore, or any place that would be of interest to a botanist. At that time you encouraged me to think that you would be able to do this for us.

The date I have set aside is Friday June 26th. It might be better to have an earlier date, but you would probably be busy in school before that time, and our earlier dates are all filled. But I've no doubt that there will be interesting things to see at that time, to those who have eyes to see them.

A possible later date would be Aug. 7. But Aug. would perhaps not be as interesting as June.

Will you kindly think this over and call me up at your earliest convenience, as I want to get our year book to the printer within the next two weeks. Any other suggestion that you might make will be very graciously received.

Very cordially yours,

Edna R. Kelly

Vice-president Ken. Garden Club

Phone Kenilworth 1006

Saturday, March 14

Much as yest. Still thawing.

At home about all day Took Kittie shopping this A.M.
Down to barber shop this aft. Over to school a short time this evening.

Sunday, March 15

Gray. Threatening. Snow flurries. Mild

None of us at church this A.M. This aft I went (by auto) to new pub. libr bldg to meet Mrs Everett, Mr Garnett, & Mr. Seymour. We talked over various decorative features. I then drove Mrs Everett home. Then to G.B.R.S. to spray four flats of petunias. Then to Elm Place where I sorted out some stereographs. Home at 7:00.

Monday, March 16

Mild. Gray. Thawing.

At morning ex ~~Mildred~~ Mildred Hildred Densmore Nash had 16 of her pupils from the Alcott School. They came especially to see Miss Baur's 5A's give an illustrated talk on what we owe to Greek art.

Miss Dorothy Sellars of Oak Park came to inquire about a primary position

Teachers meeting at 4:00 I read some of Justice Holmes' dissenting opinions, & extracts from N.E.A. report on articulation in the schools.

Spent the evening at the Ingerles.

Mother had a sort of vertigo in the night & got up late this A.M

Tuesday, March 17

About as yest.

Miss Tschirgi ill, Miss Phillips away on acc. of father's illness. Mrs Mason sub for Miss T.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Then 10:05 for Chic. Lunch at Cliff Dwellers' Club as guest of Mr Ingerle. Then we went to Art Inst to see some frescoes by Hubert – thinking of mural work on pub. libr Then I left for U. of C. where I had an intimate chat with Harry Gillett about Mr Schultz's promotion, etc. Visited around to see new bldgs. Then down to City Club for dinner & meet of Aud Soc directors. The Pattees brot me to Central St in their auto.

Wednesday, March 18

Snowing at intervals today but melting as it fell Mild.

This aft at 1:30 rep. of Bowman Dairy showed some milk films to G.B.R.S. children. 30 or more parents present. At 3:00 we had a P.T.A. meeting in El. Pl. aud. – address by Miss Requarth, who taught 11 years at Millikin & knows Bruner well & Clarence also. Talk well received. Good crowd.

I called on Mr & Mrs Chapin a while this evening.

Thursday, March 19

Very spring-like today. Snow banks melting perceptibly.

Rep of Elson Readers called today

Conf with upper grade teachers over program for pupils needing remedial work.

After school – towards sunset – I drove with Misses White & Grenoble into Sunset addition. Saw 12 or 15 meadowlarks. They sang cheerfully although piles of snow cover much of the earth

Friday, March 20

Visiting day.

Another fine day. Snow banks melting rapidly.

No school. We all visited. Misses Hanson, Miller, Stone, Cramer, Fogg & I to U. of C. At noon we had lunch in Ida Noyes Hall & spent some time in the chapel. Miss Fogg & I went over to Dr Cowles'

office. Found him in. On his initiative we visited with him the new greenhouses & had a fine time. Then Miss F & I visited the new Unitarian church on 57th & the Theolog Seminary. Took train at 57th for loop. Home

Harry Gillette busy & I did not have but a short chat with him. Visited Mr Frank's class 11:00 to 12:00.

Saturday, March 21

Another fine day

Various errands at school in the way of preparing for the aft. play – Make Believe by Ev. Children's Theater – then to Chic. To City Club to meeting of Round Table. Fine address by Strayer of Columbia. Much talk among us about school legislation

To Art Inst to order some slides & to look up in journals reference to Barry Byrne's architectural comp. - - - To Merchandise Mart to Garden show. Chats with Huron Smith of Milwaukee Museum, Mr Castle, Mr Harper & his friends, Mrs Baroody, Corey, Wright, some Bannockburn people, Misses Cramer & Fogg, the Hartkes, et. al. Very interesting exhibits.

Sunday, March 22

Another fine day

We all felt rather punk & did not go to church

This aft I went over to Central Park for a few minutes, then down to Village House at Ravinia to hear a lecture by Neutra – an architect – “modernist.” Interesting pictures of the newer architecture. Mrs Peyraud, Burnham, Ewells, Carrs, Van Bergen, Marshall Carqueville, Virginia Luther Merrill & husband, the Seymours, et. al. - - - Mrs Millard & Miss Boynton & I sat together. Afterwards we had a nice chat with Barry Byrne, architect of St Thomas, the Apostle, Church at 57th & Kimbark, & of the cathedral at Cork!! I drove the two ladies home in my machine!!

[Inserted at this page is a newspaper clipping from the March 19, 1931 issue of *The Highland Park Press* announcing Mr. Neutra's lecture. “The Arts committee of the Ravinia Woman's club is giving a tea in the Music Room of the Village House on Sunday, March 22, at 4 o'clock. The guest of honor will be Richard J. Neutra who will talk about “The New Architecture.”” – ed.]

Monday, March 23

Gray. Still rather mild. A slight shower at evening.

At morning ex an “ensemble”, four violins, cello, & piano entertained; Mrs Mannings conducted Mrs Meyer, Mildred Cole — , Lipp, & Wilder, & Barbara Balke.

Rep of Western Electric in charge of sound movies called.

Rep of Grolier Soc.

At teachers' meeting – Mr Schultz talked about his Mexico experiences

This evening we teachers invited public to a display of Mr Schultz' paintings & water colors. A fine time. I especially enjoyed Mr & Mrs Brummit of Ev.

Tuesday, March 24

Gray. Mild. A little shower after dark

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Two classes exercises in the G.B.R.S. greenhouse to 5th graders – at 11:15 & 2:50.

Before school Mr Leech & I went down to see in blossom a fine spec. of Amorph. Riv. at Price's conserv, Mr Weisenburg gardener. At noon hour I made two trips with 8 teachers. After school I took in

one trip 10 teachers – 3 autos – Then I took M., K. & Mrs Greene & Alden there. We had a fine time I took my bulb of A.R. with me & Mr W. potted it & plans to force it for me.

This evening I conferred at school a while with Mr. Richardson, then went up to call on Mr Thomas at Highwood.

Wednesday, March 25

Fine day but a little cooler

At assembly ex of 1 – 3's in gym this AM

Workmen finished shoring up floor over engine pit & plumber came to make new connections

Mrs Richardson's father died (in Wisc) & Mr R. left this aft.

After 4:00 I attended a conf. in Mr Wrights office at Lincoln school – Bates & Thomas present.

Discussed plan of uniform records of pupils for our schools; also uniform texts in math.

I spent some time out of doors this evening hunting constellations.

Thursday, March 26

Gray. Cooler.

I drove to Wauk to 8:30 to attend caucus on the formation of a mosquito abatement dist, a petition having been circulated to present to him – I had heard of it only by chance. Lark, Lowry, Udell, Buchanan, Munro of H.P., Mitchell of Deerf., & Edwards of Glencoe. I set forth that I rep. I. Aud. Soc & F of O.N.L in a friendly inquiry, & I had a chance to stress the importance of carrying out such work in a scientific & humane manner. The judge authorized an election for Apr 25.

Mrs Rolfe, a grad stud of N W who is working up a master's thesis on H.P. & Deerf. called at 4:00 & I gave her considerable time

This evening we had our fourth & last teachers' dinner. M & K went. At Elm Place. Mrs Ball played brilliantly. Miss Deile sang well. A Great Success

Friday, March 27

Snowy at first but soon melting. Little gusts of rain.

Mrs Catherine Wagner brot 25 of her pupils of the Wilmette schools – orchestra - & gave us a 30 min. concert in the aud. at 9:00. A fine program.

Mr Levitt called & at noon I took him down to Mr Jensen's studio. Then we three came up to Mrs Tipton's for lunch & had a fine chat. Mr L. came back to school with me for a while.

Although it was drizzling Mr Schultz & I drove down to Winnetka about 5:00 & scouted around looking for interesting houses.

I worked in my office this evening.

Saturday, March 28

Rainy & blustry at intervals

This aft drove to Evanst to confer with Mrs Pattee over Aud Soc slides. Left a set of slides belonging to her bird club. Brot back in my machine a Ravinia girl, Eliz. Haller, who was visiting the Pattees.

This evening I went to Lincoln School to see "Dulcy" played by West Ridge Community players Very creditable in every way. Visited with Mrs Jewett & Miss Josephine. Chas Jewett was ticket collector.

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Gray. Bleak. Blustery.

I met with Mr Murray, Mr Getz, & Mr Hart at school a while this A.M. & then took Mother to the North Ave Church where Mr Hopkinson preached.

This aft I drove over to Mrs Everett's to confer with her about decorations for the library. Then I scouted about around Ravinia, Ridgewood Drive, etc.

Monday, March 30

Bright. Spring like.

Morning ex as usual.

Miss Parson ill but Mrs Taylor & others helped out

Teachers' meeting at 4:00 Mrs Wishman, rep. Salvation Army, spoke briefly & well. I read Woodruff's address at Detroit.

The Millards invited me to dinner at the Cliff Dwellers & to hear Galsworthy at Orchestra Hall. Mr & Mrs M, Mackie, Bettie, & Margaret Egan. A delightful group. Orchestra Hall packed, the platform seats all taken. Introd by Prof Boynton. G. a fine appearing man. His address largely in a lighter vein but towards the close he spoke seriously & impressively about world peace.

[John Galsworthy (1867-1933), British writer best known for *The Forsyte Saga*, spoke on the topic "Literature and Life." In 1932, Mr. Galsworthy won the Nobel Prize in Literature. – ed.]

Tuesday, March 31

Fine. Bright day.

At 10 of 6:00 I was at west entrance of Sunset Park to lead a bird walk for Commun. Service. Mr Leech, Allen & Nichols soon came & Misses Taylor, Hendee, & A. We walked over Skokie Meadows, into Sheahen woods & back by W. Park Ave – Meadowlarks [25?], Robins 20; Killd 25; horned larks 2, bluebirds 4, redwings 15; songsparr 6, tree sparrows 30, crows 2, sparrow h 1, marsh h 1.

At 8:00 I met Mr Getz at school to show him janitor service. At 9:00 Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Miss Davis & four other teachers from St Charles there, & spent day with us. Miss Hunter, superv of Kg & Prim. grades of Hibbing came & spent the day. I took her all around. She was very appreciative. - - Miss Fuqua came after school to apply for position. – This evening group of citizens held a caucus on mayor at El. Pl. I attended part time - - I entertained 5 boys in observ.

Wednesday, April 1

Mostly clear. Cool.

Miss Walker of Francis Parker School visited us all day. Miss Lemancik of Waupaca schools called to present her candidacy. Agent for paper company. - - - "Chief" Evergreen Tree & "Chief" Blackbird to try for an entertainment date. - - Conf with 8th grade teachers over program for commencement.

At school this evening. "Chaperoned" a group playing basketball in gym & another in the observatory. Light clouds floating over sky, bright moon.

Thursday, April 2

Fine day.

Mr Frye of Lake Villa & 3 of his teachers visited us all day.

Miss Breitenstein called to apply for a position

At 4:00 Messers Wright, Thomas, Bates, Richardson & I met for a conf at my office. Discussed form for uniform records.

Mrs Green & Lois called this evening

Friday, April 3

Good Friday.

Light rain in night. Drizzle now & then this A.M.

Worked on some problem cases today.

Miss Parson still absent & Mrs Weaver on her 3rd day as a substitute.

I called on Mr Jensen at the noon hour.

Saturday, April 4

Beautiful Spring day.

At 8:30 I called on Rudolph Ingerle & he & I took two of his largest canvases to the new libr & had them hung over the opposite fireplaces for a "try out". Then Mr Jensen & I rode around an hour looking over roadside conditions.

This aft I scattered vigoro over front lawn & parkway & back lawn & wetted these down. Then to City Hall to act as judge on a scout test. Then I went down on Beverley Place to talk with some of those having property frontage – about the shrubbery, etc.

Sunday, April 5

Easter

On the whole a fine day Chilly wind.

Clarence D & Edith came in their auto at 9:00 and stayed until four. Clarence drove M & me to Presb Ch. & came after us at end of service. Sermon by Dr Clark. Fine music. Big audience.

Late this aft I looked in at Elm Place & at G.B.R.S. and then west on W. Park Ave. Left auto at M's supply yard & wandered west of track by the woods & over the prairies. At sunset saw a woodcock in two high flights Called on the Leech's a short time. Brot from the woods some hepatica plants

Monday, April 6

Fine day. Milder.

Morning Ex. Then at 10:15 grades 4 – 8 assembled to see F.D. Rugg of Urbana demonstrate liquid air. Well worth seeing although lecture could be greatly improved. Pd \$50⁰⁰ out of school fund

Miss Parson back Miss Phillips out because of dangerous condition of her father. Mrs Mason, sub. Miss Hanson went home with a cold Mrs Weaver, sub.

After school I went to Ravinia school for Miss Stoddard, art teacher, and brot her up to advise us as to setting up our old loom. - - - Exec. Com. of P.T.A. met & considered plans for fixing up lunch room This evening I divided my time between City Hall & Library Board.

Tuesday, April 7

Another. Balmy

Saturday Anna Behrens had a "stroke" at her home at Huntingburg, Ind. Nora was there. Edna left on Sunday. - - - Miss Phillips' father operated on this A M. Mrs Mason sub for Miss P.

At noon Misses Grenoble & White & I & Mrs Taylor drove to Sweeney's woods & ate lunch together.

8th graders elected a class president, James Aubrey. I gave them an outline of early history here & advised them to make that history the theme for commencement.

Conferences after school. - - This evening at school where I watched over things while Miss Guiney & Mr Leech had visitors in the observatory.

Wednesday, April 8

80°

An unusually warm day. Sultry.

Much conferring with lower grade pupils over planting of trees & shrubs

This evening after school Mr Schultz & I drove out on Deerfield Ave to drainage ditch to study possibilities of planting.

This evening Mr & Mrs Hart, Miss Greno, White & Mr Schultz & I met at school to confer over the May day fete

Thursday, April 9

76°

Another sultry day

Two of Mr. Bardwell's principals from Madison spent the day with us

I left on 11:03 for Chic. & the Gt Northern Hotel where I had lunch with the Chic. Men's Garden Club & gave an illust. talk on roadside flowers.

Back at 4:00 & went to H-S for a conf. with Bates, Thomas, Richardson, Wright, & Miss McMartin, the latter representing H-S. – Conf over math texts & the possibility of adopting a text for grades 7 – 8 & 9.

Raining this evening. I went in my auto to Joe Mooney's to talk over getting together a labor crew for parkway. Then to Mr. Oliver to talk over sewage disposal problems.

Friday, April 10

Fine day Cooler towards evening. Nice shower in the night

Mr Francis, former gardener of Mr Egan, worked for me today.

Mrs Loewenstein sub today for Miss Parson

I went to Mrs Hardacre's home at 3:30 to supplement the program of the Ravinia Garden Club by reporting what Mr Jensen & I are doing on public parkways.

This evening I attended a political meeting in our aud. under auspices of League of Women Voters where candidates for city offices appeared Very interesting.

Visited Mrs Ewell's place for a half hour after the Garden Club program.

Saturday, April 11

School election.

Fine day, but a cool wind

I spent most of the day with Joe Mooney's group – four men besides himself (and his team), planting on Deerfield Avenue. All material was taken from Beverley Place. We made three "centers of interest" and plan to connect these with ribbons of shrubbery. People living along the road are taking a lively interest in the project.

School election – our own dist – this aft. 28 votes Pres Murray; re-elected Getz & Fritsch; to serve out one year (unexpired term of Arthur Wood) Dr Gatewood.

Sunday, April 12

Warmer. Beautiful day.

For 3 or 4 days now my hepaticas have (some of them) made a brave showing. My skunk cab. in garden has been in sight also.

Visited each plant house this AM., then down Deerfield Ave. to inspect the work of yest. Called at the riding stables and had a friendly visit with Mr Rothschild – who told me to do whatever I like with his vacant property.

This aft I went down to Mr Settles home (Priscilla Bradshaw) to visit Helen Bradshaw Stevens & Grace Bradshaw. Nice time. Planned to take M & K for a ride at five but visitors came. Mr Murray. Then I went to Highwood to call on Mr Thomas. He was not at home. Later I called on the Porters at Ravinia to inquire about some parkway planting.

Monday, April 13

Fine. Warm until 2:00 P.M. when a sudden cool breeze came on. 82° at 2:00 and 42° at 6:00 P.M.

At morning ex I showed some spring flowers slides

Mrs Loewenstein a sub for Miss Parson. Mrs Mason for Miss Mickelson. Mrs Weaver for Miss Behrens.

Conf. after school with Misses Greno, Grunew, & Nixon over 8th grade grad ex. Then I took all three out to Deerfield on inspection trip. Passing the Jewett farm we saw one lone martin in the box. The Jewetts said two arrived this A.M.

Board meeting this evening. Dr Gatewood, the new member, present. Amicable.

This A.M. I started "my crew" at work dragging on Beverley place. At one o'clock I met them again on Deerfield Ave. – Conferred with Mr Musser over funds.

Tuesday, April 14

Fine day. Moderately warm

Early on inspection of parkway jobs. Used Fred Lundgren on G.B.R.S. all day.

This aft Mrs Thos Wood Stevens talked about the Navajos & Pueblos – in costume. First to the 1 – 4's; then 5 – 8's. Brot along Pueblo – Johnnie ——— who sang a few lovely Indian songs & sold Indian curios

Wednesday, April 15

A grand rain!

Thunderstorm with miniature cloud burst came up late this aft &, clearing, left a spring atmosphere
Started my crew to work this A.M. Directed the plowing of the school garden. Drove to the Haven School at Ev. & talked on spring flowers & wayside conservation to upper grades Back before noon.

Met Mr Brown on Deerfield ~~road~~ Ave at noon to discuss planting project.

This aft went with Miss Mickelson's group to site of village of St Johns

This evening I spent an hour or so with Miss Hendee & prepared a list of nature books

Thursday, April 16

Mild. Threatening. Everything refreshed.

Mr Jensen & I spent two hours going over our planting scheme. Men set out some sumacs on railroad embankment.

I cast my vote at City Hall in anticipation of being absent the 21st.

Miss Dicey Moore called to apply for a position. At school a while this evening. Called at Mrs Beers' house to met Mr OBrien of the Byrd expedition who is to lecture for us May 1.

Friday, April 17

Planting.

Fine day Larson garden planted except peanuts, cotton, rye. At G.B.R.S. oats & other things planted.

Mr Leech & pupils heeled in some of our nursery stock at G.B.R.S.

At school a while this evening.

A big C.S. gathering in the aud.

Met Mooney's men this morning – then again at 4:30.

Saturday, April 18

A beautiful day. A frightfully busy one for me. Conferred with Rhinehart at G.B.R.S. - - Visited the parkway gang twice as they set two large elms – Took Elstrom in my auto to vicinity of Vine Viad & set him to planting out bittersweet & rosa setigera. Had Angelo Ugolini work on my place all day. At 1:00 left my auto at Ford garage to be oiled, etc Took trolley for Chic. Shopped at Fields & Eastman Kodak Stores. Home at 5:30.

Planted radishes, lettuce, & onion sets. Took K to grocery, etc

Sunday, April 19

H P to Petersburg & Springfield

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Mr. Smith kept notes of this trip 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 notes for April 19th are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

3145.4	<u>April 19, 1931</u>
5:05 – A.M.	Highland Park
3207.3	
Louis Joliet Hotel	
7:10 A.M	
7:40	
3228	
Braidwood – <u>Gasol</u> 1 ¹⁵ (8 gal)	
3274	
Chinoia – 9:45	
3320	
East Peoria – 11:00	
3341	
Green Valley – 66 70¢	
<u>gasoline</u>	

Note the gentle ridges generally east & west we crossed between Green Valley & Mason City.
Petersburg 1:10

[Magnificent display of red bud on slope in E. Peoria – Gen'l display – sugar maple, peaches, pears, plums.

Monday, April 20

Springfield to E. St Louis

[The following entry is recorded in Mr. Smith's diary for this date, but is an obvious error as Mr. Smith was not in Highland Park on this day. The editor is unable to determine the correct date for this entry. – ed.]

Fine day. Rather cool.

Used Walter Green & team, Jim Deering, Fred Elfstrom, & Louis Ozella all A.M. collecting shrubbery on west side of R R & W. Park Ave & resetting it on G B R S. grounds. About 55 trees & shrubs including two fine amelanchiers

This aft I worked an hour or more at G.B.R.S. watering shrubbery, setting out Heracleum & amelanchier (the latter in nursery rows). Raked front parkway. Sprinkled my tulips, etc. Took M. & K for short ride & to get eggs of Miss Johnson

[The following travel notes are undated, but may be for this day. – ed.]

The interesting topography at Edwardsville. Before this, our route had been over a beautiful plain stretching for miles. – Then over the bluff walls into the bottom lands. Tremendous cloud-wall faced us. We drove into the storm. Very heavy downpour. Drove slowly. Stopped once for a short time. Passed several machines with engine trouble. Got to E. St Louis & the Broadview Hotel at 4:30. - - At least two electrical storms with downpour occurred afterwards.

Illinois P.T.A. Congress here & headquarters at Broadview Hotel. Gertrude Nevins Williams here & we had a delightful chat. The boys, Jim & Dick. Her work as field representative for Illinois P.T.A. –

The apple trees here are coming into bloom. The buckeye shows its vivid green. Saw cornus florida in bloom. Also a clump of sassafras. – I should report bird's foot violets along railroad right of way south of Wilmington yesterday.

Venice. Gaso .75

Hotels 3.65 + 2.35

Garage & repairs 1.75.

Tuesday, April 21

East St Louis to Chester

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The travel notes for April 21 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

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Apr 21 East St Louis 3522
Redbud – 12:30 – → 3572
(Monks M – 12)
Ellis Grove 3610
4:00 P.M.
Gasol .99
Chester – 3641 – 4:50
Hotel at E St Louis 2:85 + 60

Left at 8:10. On No 11 to Mounds Park. Scouted in woods a bit. Photographed together Round Top and Fox. Then Monk's Mound. Used my 11" lens. We climbed Monks Mound. Impressed with general angularity of outline of this and the one on the highway which has a house on top. Visited museum of curios. Bot (1⁰⁰) copy of work on mound builders

Back on No 11 to E. St L, then south on No 3. At site of ancient village. Nothing much of interest.

Columbia – beautiful old homes, many of these. Most interesting we had yet seen. Waterloo similar & interesting. At Red Bud for lunch. Grew rather chilly. Clouds screened off the sun at frequent intervals. At Puma we turned off on a new road for a very beautiful ride to Ft Chartres, down on the bottoms. An impressive memorial of the past. Took 5 photos. Visited the museum of curios

“Foundations of officers quarters and commissariat”

“Foundation of Commandant's quarters. Official business of Illinois Country transacted in this building. Provincial Council, the first court of law for Illinois established in 1722 met here. First criminal case in state came before this court, April 1723.

“Foundation of barrack. Could house about 150 soldiers.”

“Oldest well in the middle west. Has been in use since 1754”

“Museum and shelter house. Constructed on the foundation of the store house. In the original building a large fur and merchandise business was carried on. Here Pierre Laclède stored his goods and supplies during the winter of 1763-1764.”

“Foundation of the bake oven.”

“Foundation of guard house & prison.”

“Magazine of old Fort de Chartres. Oldest building in Northwest Territory. Built 1754. Here were stored all ammunition and military supplies”

The bronze tablet bears the following legend:

“Fort de Chartres. Built by Prerie Duque’ Sieur de Boisbriant in 1719. Headquarters of French government in the west.

The most important monument of French imperial aspiration in the upper Mississippi Valley (C.W. Alvord).

Rebuilt in 1753-63 Surrendered to the British Oct 10, 1765. Abandoned & destroyed in 1772”

H J. Schlarman – From Quebec to New Orleans – Ft de Chartres, the story of the French in America.”

We went through Prairie de Rocher on way to Fort Chartres and again on our way back, this time driving about the village enjoying the sight of some very quaint houses.

On a mile or two beyond Ellis Grove where we followed a dirt road west over the upland & down the bottom to the foot of the elevation where the breastworks of Ft Gage were thrown up. A fine view of the river & its great flood plains Took one view from there. Went to the burial ground (Garrison Hill Cemetery) set apart for pioneers of Kaskaskia whose graves had been moved to this site near that of Ft Gage. Typical names:

Ambrose Bequette

Elisabeth Storck

Antoine R. Derouse

Emelie Bienvenu

Theophile Seguin

Rosella Heckman

Alesia Gendron

George Coubert

Marie Moreau

William Stone

Felicite Dobbs

Francis Charleville

John Curry

George Owen

Jacob Feamon

J.F Sealey

Chas Humphreys

Beautiful drive with commanding vistas all the way to Chester. Grandview hotel.

Meals 40; 60.

Twice met a mocking bird, each skulking about brush pile.

The great storm of yesterday had plundered most of the bloom except apple. Found beautiful hollows decorated with redbud, dogwood, sassafras. The juniper came in this aft & appeared everywhere.

The day’s ride gave one a deep impression of the Mississippi bluffs and rich bottom land.

Grandview Hotel

1.25 + .60

Wednesday, April 22

Chester to Anna

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Although Mr. Smith recorded Tuesday in the following notes, they appear to be for Wednesday, April 22. – ed.]

Leave Chester 3679

10:40

Rockwell 3688

11:40

Gasoline 1.12

Murphysboro 2:15

Leaving at 3:00. 3713

[Anna Bank

John Jackson, Pres

Jonesboro Bank

Ed Karraker, Cashier].

Stanley S. Locke

Springfield.

Tuesday – continued.

Backtracked to Prairie du Rocher this morning & photographed 6 or 7 houses. Then back through Chester (10:40) taking the “bottom road” for Murphysboro. It was a terrible trip. I drove but we got through safely though mud splashed. Leaving road out of consideration it was a very beautiful trip – the great bottoms, the wooded bluffs, the ravines opening out with slopes set with redbud & dogwood – rich spring flowers, etc. On the way to the uplands near Murphysboro we photographed some fine dogwoods massed against the hills.

At 2:15 we ate lunch at Murphysboro. The drive from there on to Anna was beautiful. We were now in the Ozark foothills. Great views. Orchards on nearly every slope. At Anna at 4:30. To the Anna Hotel. Rested until 6:30. At dinner met rep of Laidlaw Bros, formerly supt at Lombard, & Co Supt Brown (Union County). In the evening Mr Stanley Locke of Springfield (state forester’s office) and we planned tomorrow’s itinerary.

Meals 60 + 60. Razor blades .45.

Saw a buzzard today. Two species of larkspur. Pawpaw in bloom. Sassafras, a weedy growth. Sourgum.

Thursday, April 23

Anna to Cairo

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The travel notes for this day are transcribed as follows: – ed.]

Thursday

April 23 – 31

Left Anna at 7:00

3743

Hotel 1:75 + 80. Garage .50

Cardinal, Carolina, Tufted.

11:15 Benchmark

No 2 – 1930 Bald Knob

(Director U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey)

12:12 Start on. 3763.

Anna 3778 – 2:40

2:55

Cairo – Colonial Hotel at 5:40.

Clear at first – there had been a light frost in places – then threatening. A drizzle after night fall.

From Anna through Cobden to Alto Pass. Mountain view, great panorama. Garage – gasoline .80 cents. Man talked freely. Expect to send out 600 carloads of peaches – mostly Alberta. Aug 1 begin to ship. Transparent & Delicious apples predominate Formerly strawberries & tomatoes. Mr Venerable, a very successful farmer.

Pushed on to Gregory School. Asked the woman teacher for the trail to the top of Bald Knob. Nice looking girl – 17 pupils. One of them who it proved afterwards lived on Bald Knob told where the “School trail” led up from a stile at the road before an ancient cabin. We found another good trail & came back upon the former. 45 minute climb. Wonderful view. A stretch of the Mississippi in sight in the south. Two inhabited houses on top. One almost toppling in. Man came out of the other & chatted with us. The older house b’l’t by his father before the Civil War. His mother still living. Sells a little fruit & asparagus. As we came away we saw smoke coming up from flues leading under ground at distant edge of the bluff. We suspected a still but took no pains to investigate. Bench mark. Geodetic Survey – Rich woodland flora. Dug up some bloodroot & brot away.

We had left our auto in a farmer’s yard. Drank cistern water there. - - Pushed on several miles to the service bldgs of the State Forest (3300 A) Ate our lunch by a fine stream. - - Celandine poppy. Buckeye (2 species). Phlox. Bluets. Dicentras

Looked up Mr. Locke here for a short visit. Climbed through the woods to the fire tower. Then left for Jonesboro and Anna. At latter place we stopped to look over the very curious public library designed by Walter Burley Griffin. Sort of freak work. Beamed work. Narrow glass between piers. Stained glass. Flat roof. Coarse stone one story, half story above, stucco.

Turned south to Mounds then across to Horseshoe lake – State park. Beautiful water scene with cypress trees. This side trip greatly repaid us. Took several pictures. Back to Mounds (beautiful beeches & elms here as well as elsewhere), then on to Cairo. Note the remnant cypress trees on the flats as we approach the city. Colonial a fine hotel. Cafeteria .70. Teleg .48

This A.M. on way to Gregory School stopped to photog redbud & dogwood. Lovely creek valley.

[Walter Burley Griffin (1876 -1937) received his degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1899 and worked in the office of Frank Lloyd Wright until 1906. Influenced by the Prairie School style of architecture and an advocate of indigenous materials, Griffin used the area limestone in the construction of the Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, Illinois. The Library was constructed in 1913 and is considered one of the finest examples of Griffin’s work in America. – ed.]

Friday, April 24

Cairo to Charleston

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[The travel notes for April 24 are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

April 24 – 31

Cairo – Leav 7:30

3830

9:20 Road No 1 East of

Karuak 3865 Gaso 80

Fairfield 12:00

Gasoline 99

3955

(Occasional cypress trees near Karnak. Saw mill there. Great coal piles at Harrisburg.

Charleston at 3:40

4056

At New Charleston Hotel. Had lunch at Fairfield.

Ran through drizzle various times.

Starting out we went to [incomplete sentence -ed.]

Travelled most of the time from 7:30 to 3:40. North of Karnak we entered the Ozark belt again.

The old scissor sharpener who rode with us to Carrier Mills. The change in the soil as we reached Mattoon.

After getting into our rooms at the hotel we went up to the Teachers' College where I had a conf with Mr Allen. He introduced Miss Foulke of Maroa and Miss White of Springfield as candidates for positions in my school.

At Cairo paid hotel 1.75; Garage 2.75; breakfast .50.

Saturday, April 25

Return from Charleston

Got home at 1:10 P.M.

Looked over mail. Washed the car. Took Kittie shopping. Raining this evening.

Sunday, April 26

Daylight Saving.

Gray much of day. Chilly.

Mr Hart called this A.M. to present his sister who teaches in the Monmouth H-S and who would like to teach literature here.

This aft Mr Mooney and I drove around to inspect the work of the past week. I was pleased with what had been done.

Later I drove over to Deerfield to try to meet Mr & Mrs Jordan (they were away) & then wandered over a bit of woods owned by them, etc

Mr Weisenberg, gardener at E.V. Price's reported that my hill of amorphus r. was not likely to bloom So I went down to his greenhouse & got it and another one he gave me.

Developed 5 negatives.

Monday, April 27

Still cool & gray. Hard maples in bloom

Visitors: Mrs Ira Meyers & two of her staff of the Chicago schools. Mrs M the widow of Prof Ira Meyers whom I knew well & very favorably He & she were both students of Col Parker long ago when I attended summer session at Cook Co. Normal. I gave up much of day to showing the visitors around.

Two co-eds from N.W.U. came to ask for some data about our schools.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Miss Parson still away with Mr Loewenstein a sub. Miss Phillips father died a week ago yesterday. I had not heard of it.

After supper I planted four rows of G.B. corn in the Larson garden. (Two for Mr. L.)

Miss Hendee & I went to Elm Pl. this evening to look over globes & prices - for the public library

Tuesday, April 28

Frost on the grass. Ice in the birdbath at daybreak Much warmer during the day.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Spent much time today on topics for grad. program. Conf with 3 teachers about this after school.

Planted tigridias this A.M.

At meeting of finance com. of library board this evening.

Miss Parson back. Miss Baur ill. Mrs Loewenstein, sub.

Wednesday, April 29

Still cool. Dry.

Started Mooney's group removing shrubbery obstruction on Deerfield Ave & Elmwood Visited the place three times One trip to G.B.R.S. – Conf. with Mrs Creigh – Phone talks with Prof Jones at Madison & E.W. Powers at Watseka – Matheny of Keystone V. Co. called. – Rep of Rand McN. came to talk library globe with me & Miss Hendee – Alfred Lighthall, former pupil, now employed by Underwood & U. called to photog the obs., & I had Miss Guiney come to give him notes. - - The New Trier H.S orchestra came this aft to give us a concert. Our P.T.A. arranged this. Mrs Cotton conducted & we had a fine concert. Well received

This evening I spent very enjoyably with Ralph Seymour. He is to execute a mural for children's room. Pub. Lib

I got some bags of leaf mold for my forest Pres. Planted another row of tigridia

Thursday, April 30

Frost. Ice in bird bath. A little warmer this evening.

Mr L.O. Tetzlaff of Green Bay, Wisc., came to apply for place of ass't supt. I was favorably impressed. Gave him considerable time. - - - Three agents today. - - - Attended P.T.A. meeting at G.B.R.S. - - -

My group of men finished resetting shrubbery at D. Ave & Elmwood, took up & reset 12 or 15 shrubs on So 1st, etc; took up some small trees on Mr Nevins' property & set along parkway on No 1st. St, etc

Conferred with Mr Mooney about this this evening, etc. Visited with Mr. Bahr. ~

Friday, May 1

Little frost. Milder.

At 7:30 went with my group of men out to the city "garage" & set them to planting the foundation of the building and the parkway in front of it. They spent the day at this. Tommie Green furnished a team, Mr Mooney being called away on park work. I dismissed the men at the end of the day. - - Conferred at City Hall about payment of labor bills - - - A piston head snapped in my motor as I tried to pull away from the city hall & I had to be pulled to the Ford garage for repairs - - - Jack OBrien of the Byrd expedition talked to all our pupils this aft. – Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanst & I agreed to give asst's job to Mr Tetzlaff - - Atty for track depression conferred with me. - - -

Saturday, May 2

Fine day.

Took Tommy Green's team and Jim Deering, Fred Elfstrom & Louis Ozella out to fringe of woods west of tracks & south of W. Park Ave to get a load of shrubbery for the school. Set it on Green B.R.S grounds. Paid the men personal checks at noon. This aft went back there & watered the planting, etc.

At New Library a while this aft to measure off sidewalk limit.

Sunday, May 3

Fine day. Still cool.

M & I to Presb Church to hear John Timothy Stone.

This aft Thos W. Allinson made a fine call. M., K., & I drove out west & north of Deerfield to see the sunset & on the way home called on the Leeches.

Monday, May 4

Fine day. Frost. Ice in bird bath. Milder this evening.

Morning ex, Sperandi played & Miss Baur's pupils gave a Magna Carta play. McMillan rep. called. Two ladies representing I.W.L. called. I met the G.B.R.S. teachers for a conf on planting at 11:40.

This aft I met Misses Hanson & McMunn & their pupils to check up our experiments in germinating willow cuttings

Conf with 8's over commencement program.

Called at Moraine hotel to leave a letter for Mr. Metzler relating to our planting work; also called on Mr Taylor to give him a copy of it & a copy of our report on planting.

At school this evening. (Worked an hour in the garden first). Looked over correspondence. Spent some time in the observatory

Tuesday, May 5

Grew sultry. Cloudy this evening.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Miss Lynch still away. Second day Mrs Weaver as sub.

Douglas Nursery sent an installment of stock which we distributed to various children, keeping 8 rosa setigera to plant at G.B.R.S.

-- I took com. of 5 - 4th graders over to G.B.R.S. nursery & set out about 50 salix caprea rooted cuttings.

A Mr Nelson gave us a fairly good bird talk at 2:50 this aft.

Mr Keller of MacMillan's called & gave us an outfit of Confederate money.

I set out onion & beet plants in my own garden this evening.

At school until 9:30 this evening.

Wednesday, May 6

To Milwaukee

Rain began very late in the night and continued gently much of the day here in H.P. Still threatening at nightfall.

Mrs Loew. sub for Miss - No - a mistake.

I took the 9:29 for Milwaukee & spent most of the day interviewing candidates at the Layton School of Art. Miss Partridge gave me a lot of time. Then she and her colleague, Miss F[in?]k, and I had lunch together. Miss F. then drove me to the M.S.T. College but I did not find Miss Edmundson there & so came away.

This evening I spent some time with the 8th grade boys at school, planning their papers for commencement

Candidates interviewed: Mary Rowland₁, Dorothy Meredith, Bernice Steel, Ione Werner₂,

Miss Laux₃,

Expenses 4.36 + 1.35 + 1.80

Thursday, May 7

Gray. Chilly. Clearing a little at end of day.

Helped various 8th graders with materials for sketch of H.P.

At 4:00 this aft to City Hall by appointment of mayor but he was busy with the commissioners & I am to have a call from Commissioner Taylor.

Took Kittie shopping. Reset some hollyhocks & one clump of iris. Mr Schultz called for a short time after supper

Friday, May 8

Rainy. Total has been appreciable, especially this aft.

I went with the 3 groups of 8A's to Planetarium, Field Museum, & Aquarium. 3 bus loads. More than 75 pupils Mr Leech, Misses Guiney, Mickelson, Nixon, & Grunewald. Fine time at the Planetarium. Prof. Fox came up to chat with Miss Guiney & me. To Field M for lunch & to spend an hour among the animal life. Then to the aquarium. Home by 4:20. Raining all way home.

Edith came today. Steve Marks worked on our windows & screens today

Saturday, May 9

Rainy. Latter part of day considerable downfall.

Worked an hour at home - - Conf. with Commis. Taylor at 11:00. Then conf with Mrs Pfanst & Mrs Creigh until 12:15. - - Edith & I set out at 1:15 for Downer's Grove to the wild crab festival of the F. of O.N.L. At Des Plaines we turned back because of rain. At Park Ridge I visited for a while with Fred Gillick & his oldest son Then we got home a little after 3:00 Mileage 50.

After supper M., K; E & I drove about a while but smart rain sent us in.

This evening I called on Mr & Mrs Flinn & talked over candidates for janitor

Sunday, May 10

Rainy.

Clarence D. drove in at 8:30 & he & Edith went home at 2:40. I rode with them to Ravinia Park where I attended a great rally of boy & girl & sea scouts and cubs. Sat in grandstand & saw the parade. Drizzle & then rain. I sat with Mrs Goodman & the children & her Mother & the brother & came back with them to Mrs G's house for a while. Had tea, etc.

Clarence D drove me out W. Park Ave to get K a bouquet of trilliums before church. Then Clarence drove M. E & I to No. Ave M.E. Church. At close of service, Mr Hopkins gave M. the choicest bouquet because she was the oldest present.

This evening I heard Dr Chas Barker on Road to Happiness – at Bethany Church. Great address.

Monday, May 11

Raining a little again this A M, but cleared. Cool wind blew up a fog in the aft. Cleared again.

At A.M ex. Miss Chase's pupils played on the piano. I showed some slides.

Rep of Sheldons called. Miss Hale of Country Day called to apply for 5 – 6 history.

Dr Barker talked to Mothers & big audience of H-S. girls in our aud. this aft. & this evening to big aud. of men & boys.

Board meeting this evening. Fixed grad date at June 12.

Tuesday, May 12

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Miss Fern Sprague came to see me & accepted offer to return – Miss Mickelson's place & salary.

Luncheon with Miss Tschirgi's current events group at Green Tea Pot.

Wednesday, May 13

At Terre Haute.

Left on 11:20 (12:20) C & E I for T.H. Stayed on sleeper at T.H until 7:30 To T.H House for breakf. Then to State Col. to interv. Virgil Mullins, placement head. Called on Mr Arthur Bauer at his store. He took me to Sara Scott Jr H.S. where I visited at work Catherine Meredith, Marg. Stimson & others. Then at 1:00 I met three of Mr Mullins' candidates – ~~Dorothy~~ Myngle Dorsett, Marguerite Probst, & Lillian Rosenfeld. - - Fine chat with Miss Meribah Clarke – Eng Prof. (Bagley, Sidney Colvin, Peabody & Chas McM; Columbia & M.A.

Took 2:55 (3:55) for home. Carnival crowds in streets of Chic when I got in at 9:40.
Mr Jones, Princ of Sarah S. Jr H. Good schoolman. – Miss Stimson best cand. –
Arthur Baur – 677 Wab. Ave. T H. Crawford 3075.
Visited a few min. with Mrs Bauer.
Marks mowed the lawn.

Thursday, May 14

Fine day. Mild.

This aft rehearsal for May Day fete
Messrs Wright, Bates, Richardson & I had after school conf. on curriculum problems, etc.
M. K. & I took lunch with us & drove to Harms Woods to see the Spring delay, trilliums the big spectacle
Library Board meeting this evening. All but Mrs Beardsley, present.

Friday, May 15

Fine day. Much warmer. Wild crabs only in bud as yet – on the whole.
I spent much time on 8th grade topics.
Had our May day festival this aft on our north playground. Set up a bleacher for 200 or so patrons.
Informal. Great success.
Took M & K shopping after school.
Edith J. Smith called to talk over her problem in finding a position.
I planted 2 rows of beans; 3 castor beans; a row of alyssum about the base of the bird bath, etc.

Saturday, May 16

Dr Leighton

Fine day at first but blew up cold in the aft.
Drove to Elgin H-S. (36 mi) to join Dr Leighton's field trip. Mr Plapp shared my machine during the trip & at its close (4:30) I drove him to Oak Park & came on home by 42A.
Written up elsewhere

[Pasted to this page is a half sheet of notebook paper with Mr. Smith's notes about the Elgin trip. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday – May 16 – '31

To Elgin via L. Zurich, Barrington, Dundee. 36 mi.

Gas .84 at Dundee.

Once more the great rolling topog. in the Barrington area. Approaching D. the cuts show the gravel ridges intersected by 63A. Wild crab apple still in the red at Elgin.

Time to Elgin 65 minutes.

Sunday, May 17

Fine day.

M & I to Presb. Church & heard Dr Clements preach

Late this aft we drove to Lake Bluff & back.
Developed 3 small plates and 6 larger ones.
Worked over some slides of the Audub Soc

Monday, May 18

A warm day.

At morning ex. Mrs Manning's violin pupils gave a program. - - Miss Fallstad's pupils recited some original poems. - - Some H-S. boys advertised their stunt show to be given next Friday evening

Ag't for Winstons.

Teachers meeting at 4:00. Passed out annual registration blanks. Conferred with 8th graders over promotion list.

At home planted cosmos, helychrissum, & marigolds. Watered tulips.

Tuesday, May 19

Rained in the night and more or less all day. Great weather for tulips. Hawthorns opening out great masses of bloom

Bruce Hinman of Francis Parker School visited all day, his special interest nature study.

Miss Mary Rowland of Milwaukee came to see us & be seen as candidate for drawing work. Mrs Creigh & Mrs Pfanstiehl at separate times came to meet her.

I conferred with Mr. Getz (at Mr Sherer's) this evening over the janitor situation

Called on the Chapins a while this evening.

Wednesday, May 20

Cleared during the day. Cooler.

P.T.A this aft. Mrs Pfanst told about the Board's finances. Mr Richardson talked about problems of 8th grade pupil placement in the H.S.

Afterwards Robt Moseley, John Steele & Harvey Zimmer & I drove down to interview Mr Geo Hessler (aet. 91) at his home on G.B.R. near County L. Interesting data about old times.

This evening Mr Cun. & I and two girls met to work over the film of the old district school but could not find it. Believe it was ruined & discarded.

Thursday, May 21

Almost to 36° this A.M. Moderated during day.

All our pupils were given a "field trip" to the lake front from 9:00 to 10:00 to see the great plane parade southward from Wauk

At noon I drove to Glencoe & picked up Mr Rowell & we drove to Mr Nygard's office at Kenilworth. Here we transferred to Mr N's car & after picking up Mr Harper at Wilmette we set out for Riverside to attend the funeral of our friend, Supt A.F. Ames, aged 70 – had served there 43 years. 20 or so of my colleagues there.

This evening Mr Lindsay brot me 3 dahlias to set out (Forgan greenhouse) & I set out the best of those I saved last Fall. - - Planted a flat of tobacco seed

Friday, May 22

Fine day though chill.

Had Mrs Truax come to school to talk about H P. history to a number of our pupils.

Left on 6:29 for Milwaukee this evening. Talked at the Wisconsin Ave school to 75 or so people – girl scouts & others. Slides – Tree & otherwise. Very appreciative. Home at 12:30

Saturday, May 23

Fine. Some warmer.

Worked in garden this A M. Went out to Skokie meadow & brot back a basket of liatris & blackeyed Susan

This aft at school until 3:30. Arranged for Mr Getz to meet Messrs Lichtwald, Kolterman & Santi to whom we have not offered places for another year.

Took 4:03 for Chic. Shopped at Vaughans. 70¢. Picked up pkg of slides & negatives which Chic Transp Co had left for me. Then to St Hubert's Guild for dinner of Round Table Group. Mr Rowell spoke of his experiences in Italy. A very good talk.

Sunday, May 24

Fine day. Gray at times. After night some rain. Threatening.

At 8:30 went with Mr Durbahn to spend an hour & a half with Mr & Mrs Aiktin at Bannockburn, enjoying their artificial lake and the natural woods beyond it.

Late this aft M., K & I went out to the Leeches for supper

(At 10:30 a terrific hailstorm!)

Monday, May 25

Cleared off fine, but a sorry spectacle of stripped foliage, shattered tulips & other stiff stemmed plants Still windrows of hail stones at daylight. Shooting star plants had blossom stalks snapped off; some of the lilies, etc Young leaves & twigs of oak with catkins littered the walks No windows broken!!

At morning ex – orchestra played; 7B's gave Latin play; 5th's dramatized some short stories

Worked with Orson Brand to secure original material about H.P. – Conf. over 8th program this aft. - - With Mrs Mann, over lunch room equipment.

– This evening I set out 16 tomato plants & some liatris & rudbeckia plants from Skokie. Planted antirrhinum in a flat.

Called on Mr & Mrs Terry to inquire about the Wolff boys & on Mrs De[x?]heimer to inquire about Irene Wolff.

Tuesday, May 26

Fine day though a little cool.

Went on bird trip at 6:00 A M with Mr Allen's community group – Miss Cramer, two other women, one boy, 5 or 6 girls. Drove to Sweeney's woods. Fine time.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Misses Moore & Voss brot their own pupils over for the program

Miss McNutt's room went to Wauk Mr R. went along.

Gov Preuss came for a time this evening. Also Mr Shacht. Then I spent an hour or so at Mr. Joe Mooney's talking over old times

Set out Petunias – Rose of Heaven; 10 or 12 more asters. Planted nasturtiums

Wednesday, May 27

A beautiful day. Height of wild crab season

This A M. I took three pupils out to interview Miss McCraren & her sister about early H.P. history. A nice time but not much material.

This aft I met a group of garden club members (H.P. Women's Club) at Beach & spent two hours or so on the flats with them Early yet. Shooting star just beginning; also pedicularis, puccoon, etc. Hypoxis and star grass in blossom; osmunda regalis a beautiful spectacle. - - - From there I drove to the

Millard cottage in the river woods where our teachers & Mrs M were having our annual picnic. A rare evening.

Thursday, May 28

Warm. Fine day

Misses Lynch & Muggleton in a bus to Buffalo Creek Farm, & Behrens & Dorsch to Old Mill Farm
Began distrib of tomato plants today.

I have set out 24 Margraves at home

Miss White's Rip Van Winkle play this evening. One of the very best we have given. Mr. Schultz did fine work on the scenery. Miss White is a star producer.

M not able to go this evening. K, also.

[Pasted a this page is a clipping of the playbill for *Rip Van Winkle*. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Rip VanWinkle
presented by
The Sixth and Seventh Grades
of Elm Place School

ELM PLACE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Wed., May 27, 2:00 p.m. Thur., May 28, 8:00 p.m.

Rip VanWinkle

Adapted from Irving's story, "Rip VanWinkle"

The Play

PLACE: A Dutch village in the Kaatskill Mountains

TIME: Before and after the Revolutionary War

SCENE I Outside the King George Inn early in the afternoon

SCENE II Dame VanWinkle's kitchen Late afternoon of the same day

SCENE III Glen in the Kaatskill Mountains Evening of the same day

SCENE IV Same as before A few minutes later

SCENE V Same as before Twenty years later

SCENE VI Outside the Union Hotel, formerly the King George Inn, a hour later

Cast of characters

Rip VanWinkle.	John Rogan
Nicholas Vedder.	Joe Kennicott
Brom Dutcher.	Tom Petros
Jan Pederson.	Tommy Thompson
Derrick VanBummel.	Alfred Pfanstiehl
Daniel Loots.	Milton Tillman
Peter Brinker.	George Stricker
Hans Schenck.	Donald Siljstrom
Traveler.	Elmer Slack

Barmaid.	Phyllis Udell
Dame Schuyler.	Frances Buhl
Dame VanWinkle.	Betty Carlson
Dame Vedder.	Grace Cohen
Rip Junior.	Michael Gaidzik
Judy.	Dorothy Herbst
Children	
Jean Hastings	Bobby Gifford
Nancy Meyer	Marjorie Murray
David Aubrey	Jay Bob Crane
Patsy Roach	
Henrik Hudson.	John Law
Old Men of the Mountain	
Joe Kennicott	Alfred Stratford
Marc Law	Jack Preus
Quentin Greene	Bruce Sampsell
Gene Montechie	George Olsen
Melvin Borgeson	Alfred Pfanstiehl
Franklin Fritsch	John Berkson
Sheriff.	Walter Stuenkel
Master Dolittle.	Mario Goffo
Orator.	Tom Steele
Judith.	Emily Harmon
Barmaid.	Nancy Stern
Dame VanGleck.	Catherine Krohn
Dame Kolp.	Florence Patterson
Wolf.	John Berkson's "Pepper"
Village Band	
George Gaidzik	Sherman Keller
Franklin Fritsch	Alfred Pfanstiehl
Village lads and lassies	
Joe Toigo	Nancy Kaufman
Ronald Lindsay	Helen Hansen
Sam Teri	Olive Lindstrom
Mariano Dalponte	Marjorie Shay
Ernest Glover	Vera McCreadie
James Snobble	Mary Ellen Okey
John Duffy	Dora Peterson
Ira Frank	Louise Shire
Bruce Cliffe	Elaine Marks

Friday, May 29

Fine. Then gray in aft. Fine shower. Considerably cooler.
 Misses Tschirgi & Mrs Taylor took a 7A group to Garfield Pk Cons. & Field Museum.
 Miss Parsons & Miss Bauer took a 6B group to Munic Pier, & otherwhere
 Mrs Mason & Mrs Lowenstein subs.
 We passed out most of the tomato plants today

Our men filled the urns & window boxes today. Mr Bahr supplied dracenas & vincas. Our plant house supplied geraniums & petunias

Memorial day prog. at 10:00. Miss Tschirgi's group had charge & carried on well.

Saturday, May 30

Memorial Day

Rained at intervals until late this aft. Landscape well soaked.

I ventured out to W. Park Ave & R.R. during a lull, but got rained on & wet through.

Took 4:33 for Chic. & went to see "He" this evening. Well acted. Stimulating.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *He*, a comedy by Alfred Savoir. The cast included Claude Rains, Victor Killian, Pedro De Cordoba, Edith Meiser, Tom Powers (He), and Violet Kemble Cooper. – ed.]

Sunday, May 31

A beautiful day

M. not well enough to go to church. So I stayed at home also.

This aft I went over to Exmoor with Mr Murray & Bettie & her friend & photo – a meadowlark's nest. Then I went up north end of town & photographed Miss Monahan (daughter of the old lighthouse keeper) & Miss Nafe – both old pioneers. Incidentally I called on the Rhinesmiths & took their picture (the two).

Then I took M. & K. out for a fine ride up Lake Forest way.

Developed 7 pictures tonight.

Monday, June 1

Fine day. Still cool enough for furnace fire

Various duties. Gave out about all the remaining tomato plants.

Teachers' meeting.

Went to Glencoe for a while to talk to Miss Dietz about facts in Mr Rowell's career as sup't there

This evening Mr Getz & I met at G B R S. four candidates for janitorship. Decided in favor of Mr Elwood of the H-S who has been Mr Larson's ass't there.

Tuesday, June 2

Fine day. Gray late in aft & light rain.

Miss Moore ill & Mrs Weaver a sub.

Miss Tschirgi took a group to Chic., Miss Dorsch accomp. Miss Deile sub'd for Miss Dorsch in aft.

Miss Fogg took her own group to ~~Old~~ Mill Road farm this aft. I went along. This A M. Miss F took the 3B's to Buffalo Creek Farm by herself.

I took the Tenant twins down to see the reed organ at Lincoln this A M.

This evening Mr Sandwick and I went to the P.T.A. reception at Glencoe in honor of Mr Rowell, retiring. Mrs McLeish and I spoke. Things went off well.

Wednesday, June 3

Fine. Sultry

Worked with pupils over their commencement talks.

This aft & evening, ex of sewing, mn'l tr, drawing. Rather small attendance.

This evening I went to dinner at H.S., Present rep of schools sending pupils to H.S. Amicable

Jessie Clarke visited with our folks a while this aft.

Thursday, June 4

Slight rain in night accompanied by thunder & l.

P. Ugolini's brother mowed my yard today.

We gave away geraniums today – probably 60 at G.B.R.S. & 140 at E.P. Also aster, zinnia, calendula, & petunia plants.

At noon I met the Rotarians at Deerfield & gave an illust. talk on roadside planting.

Conf. with 1 – 3's after school. With hist – geog teachers at 7:30 this evening.

Friday, June 5

Fine day Cool.

Distributed plants again. Have given away probably 200 potted geraniums. Today I pieced out with 100 or more small pkgs of cosmos, self sown on our school grounds

Conf with 4's after school. This evening at 7:30 to 9:30 a math group, Greene, Nixon, Meyers, Richardson. Talked over Jr H-S. texts

Various agents.

Sent letter to Mary Rowland of Wauwatosa, offering her our drawing position.

Photographed 8A's today. Also the entire teaching staff (Miss Tschirgi overlooked)

Saturday, June 6

Raining at daylight & continued late in the morning. Cool. A mist in the air all day.

Met Mr Owen, an adv. man for Johnson's Wax Co. at 7:45 & looked over his notes.

Took 8:33 for Chic. To Sweet Wallachs & Fair. Then took a "Pathescope" machine to 844 So Wab. for repairs. To Chic. Transp Co for slides. Lunch. To Fields. To Lyon & H. to secure copy of Root's Curriculum – old piano exercises

Home at 4:00. Worked two hours or so weeding garden. Called on manager of Alcyon at 9:30 PM

Sunday, June 7

Rain frequently during the day. Sometimes almost a downpour.

This aft Mr Leech and I examined the white oaks on the C.T. Boynton place Found the fungus badly in evidence. Toured around on Judson & Dean Avenues & found this trouble prevalent.

Then I went up to the Lake Forest Library at the reception of its opening.

Then back & to Miss Stine's tea in honor of Mrs Watkins and two other friends.

Then after a while I called at the Rudolph Ingerle's for a while – Met three artists there, Grigwire being one. Then I spent a half hour with Mrs Everett.

[Edward T. Grigware (1889-1960), painter and illustrator, was the founder of the Frontier School of Western Art. – ed.]

Monday, June 8

Beautiful day. Cool

Conf. with 1's – 3's – 6' – 7's. Distributed commencement programs

Board meeting this evening.

Elected Lester Elwood head janitor this evening.

Aurora b. late this evening.

Tuesday, June 9

Mild. Gray at times.

Morning spent at G.B.R S. Morning ex. Conf with teachers

Sent Mr Kolterman to city to get the projector left last Sat for repairs.

Had H.P. Press print revised programs for 8th graders.

Conf at my office after school. – Bates, Wright, Richardson, Loos. We decided to adopt the Schorling Clark 7 – 8's. (Arith)

This evening conf with Mr Bert Greene over his work. Then Mr Cunningham & he & I tried out the projector with the old film – The District School. Very unsatisfactory.

Wednesday, June 10

Warmer. Threatening.

Many & various duties.

Planted two hills of long green cucumbers this A.M. at home & 4 at Larson Garden.

Various conferences. This evening Mr Ingerle and I met in the new library bldg to look over a mural sketch for the children's room by Ralph Seymour. While there Miss Wright, Evanst libr & four others & an architect – Mr Tilton – happened in for a short inspection & we had a fine interview

Then I met Misses Voss, Parson & Stine at school for a conf. on music.

Thursday, June 11

Flag Day

Sultry. Humid

Held flag day ex this A.M followed by the picnic. Our own band, Mr. Santos conducting, led the way Parade of colors a success. M & K present.

Picnic went off well. P T A. sold ice cream and candy. The 8A's sold lemonade & lollypops, and gave three or four sessions of vaudeville, the Hoot Gibson film, and two performances of Betty Phelps' marionettes. They cleared about \$100⁰⁰. Their vaudeville show run by themselves a great success

This evening library board meeting – first in the new bldg to inspect Seymour's sketches for a mural & then at the temporary library.

Friday, June 12

Warm. Clouded up at 8:00 P.M. & thunder storm imminent but blew over

Assembly at E.P. at 9:00 & school closed at 10:15

At Green Bay R.S. I came in at 10:30 & was present at the close at 11:00.

Conf with various teachers during day.

Nearly all of us drove down to the Hearth Stone in Hubbard Woods for lunch in honor of the 3 retiring teachers present.

This evening our eight grade exercises were very interesting & well received

M & K not able to go today.

Saturday, June 13

[no entry on this day – ed.]

[Occasionally, Mr. Smith kept notes of travels away from Highland Park 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. Inserted at this page are notebook sheets with a travel entry for June 13. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

June 13 – 1931

Funk's Grove

Drove this A M to the Pattees at Ev; left my car there, & got in their car with them to go to F.G. Via Joliet. Ate our lunch on the old stone bridge at Wilmington. F.G at 5:00. Walked about in the woods a while in a party led by Thaddeus Stubblefield. Then dinner was served in the churchyard by ladies of M.E. church of McLean. Then we went to a hollow in the woods just before dusk where our masque was given in an unusually impressive manner Miss Funk read a valuable paper on the history of Funks G. Mr Stubblefield talked fittingly. Jensen responded. Then we drove to the Rogers Hotel.

A day of roses – of peonies, syringas and iris! The fine park planting in Evanston. The mulberry tree near the bridge at Wilmington. The fine showers through which we rode - - The “Coxey army” – Joliet – Dwight - - Purple cone flower, heracleum, meadow parsnip, iris, yarrow. At Funk's grove – papaw, wild ginger, moonseed, the great oaks, walnuts, hackberries, coffee trees.

Mrs Ewing, Spencer, Ewing, Mr Aldrich, Mr Buzzard, Jessup, Mr & Mrs Dudley, Miss Eystone, Miss Murphy, Mr & Mrs Bley, the Jensens, including Kenneth & Hudson.

[The following information is from The Friends of Our Native Landscape materials in the Jesse Lowe Smith papers at the Highland Park Public Library. – ed.]

FULL LEAF MEETING

FRIENDS OF OUR NATIVE LANDSCAPE

Bloomington, Ill. June 13-14, 1931

HEADQUARTERS, Hotel Rogers, Corner Grove & East Sts.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 13

After registering at Hotel Rogers members may be guided about parks and other places of interest in Bloomington, if they wish, before going down to Funk's Grove. Someone will be at the Hotel to give them further directions.

FUNK'S GROVE. To get to the Grove take State Road No. 4 on South Main St. and drive south just over viaduct, then turn west and follow markings about 10 miles to the filling station at Funk's Grove, then turn west across railroad tracks and follow red arrows to the Church in the center of the Grove.

Those interested in forest trees and wild flowers will find persons available to conduct short tours through the woods. Many trees are over 400 years old and Funk's Grove contains some of the few stands of original timber left in the State. As one person stated it, “It seems almost an act of Providence that this Grove has been preserved.”

DINNER AT THE GROVE. You will be served with an excellent chicken dinner in the Grove by ladies of the M.E. Church of McLean at 5:30 Standard Time or 6:30 Chicago Time. Please be ready for dinner promptly on time. Price 75¢ per plate.

EVENING PROGRAM

The masque “Beauty of the Wild” will be given at 7 o'clock (8:00 Chicago Time) in the deep woods a short walk from the Church.

Dr. R.G. Buzzard, Vice President of the Bloomington and Normal Garden Clubs, (who are your hosts) will welcome the Friends to the Grove just before the masque is given.

After the masque, Miss Hazel E. Funk, a grand-daughter of an original settler, will give a brief history of Funk's Grove.

Mr. Thaddeus Stubblefield, a grandson of an original settler, will give stories of the grove.

Mr. Jens Jensen will talk upon the preservation for future generations of the beautiful and historic spots in Illinois.

Announcements for Sunday will then be made but the following is what has been planned.

MACKINAW TOUR, SUNDAY, JUNE 14

A tour of the beautiful Mackinaw River region northwest of Bloomington has been planned and the route perfectly marked. The tour begins at Hudson, on State Road No. 2 (North Main St.) about 10 miles north of Bloomington. Turn west at filling station and FOLLOW THE RED ARROWS. Go slowly on this trip after you leave the hard road and enjoy the hills and the woods. You will end the tour at Lantz's Bluff overlooking the Mackinaw where you may rest before returning to Bloomington. Then return on State Road No. 9 right through Bloomington to the Bloomington Country Club where you are to be guests of Mrs. Davis Ewing of Bloomington, a director of the Friends, for luncheon at 1 o'clock (2:00 Chicago Time).

Sunday, June 14

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, June 15

Fine day, Gray. Cool

Miss Mary Rowland, our new drawing teacher, spent the day with Mr. Schultz & me, preparing for next year's work. We went to our new public library to look over Ralph Seymour's plans (sketch) for a mural. Then to Lake Forest to visit the beautiful new library. To Green Tea Pot in H.P. for lunch Miss R went home at 4:00. Then I hoed a while in the Larson garden. After supper M, K, & I drove out Dundee Road to Wheeling, north to Libertyville & home by Lake Forest.

Tuesday, June 16

Fine day.

Had the three janitors in the Larson Garden all day. Frightfully weedy. I myself spent 3 or more hours weeding out the tobacco beds.

At four I met Thomas & Richardson & a rep. of World B Co at my office to talk over plans for introducing the Shorling-Clark arith.

This evening dug up a tulip bed & reset with snapdragons, etc.

Wednesday, June 17

Fine day. Warmer.

I led the Deerfield Garden Club on a field trip to the Waukegan Flats today. We got there about 12:00 and left about 4:00.

Mrs Jordan, Ginter, Platt, Metcalf, Clark, - - -

Coreopsis, ragwort, ceanothus, spiderwort, puccoon.

This evening I cruised around the north end of town investigating "lost" bicycles.

Miss Grunewald called on the folks this evening.

Thursday, June 18

Warm. Sultry.

To Chic on 8:03. To tailors for a fitting. To 1 So. LaSalle where Illinois Com. Commission gave a hearing on the northshore track depression plan. I testified as to the grade crossings used by our pupils. - - To Chic Transp. Co to get some negatives. - To Vaughans for castor beans. - Fields for shirts & pocketbook - Eastmans for Paneros - 3¼ x 4¼. Home

At 3:00 to new library with Miss Hendee & Louise Kendall to talk over equipment. We then rode about & visited Mr Jensen's studio & grounds

This evening M., K, & I to D-S Tp H.S. grad. Dean Gilkie spoke. Margaret & Catherine Denzel were among the 53 E.P. pupils to graduate.

Friday, June 19

Very warm.

This aft I showed the Wilmette Garden Club the "Flats. I met them at Deerpath Inn, Lake F., after they had had lunch. Then I rode in their bus to Beach station where I gave them a talk preliminary to the walk. The women seemed to enjoy the trip in spite of the great heat.

Worked on my place this evening.

Saturday, June 20

Very warm but tempering breezes.

This A.M. I planted another bed of amber cane in the L.G. where the sudan grass had not come up. Also set out there 6 tomato plants (Matchum) self sown from my garden.

Then I went down with a tree expert to Mrs Boynton's & we & Miss B. conferred over the proposed spraying & feeding of the oaks

This aft Miss Hendee & R. Flinn & I met at the new pub. libr. to discuss bulletin boards, etc.

Late this aft I began on my yard & worked until 9:00 P.M. Lawn mowed, hoed, sprinkled.

Lieut Paul Blanchard called. Also Billie Zimmerman of Winnetka.

Took M to Dr Gordon this A.M.

Sunday, June 21

Cooling breezes did away with our heat wave.

Rested nearly all day. This evening M., K. & I rode out Deerfield way and enjoyed the sunset.

Monday, June 22

Cooler, again. Late this aft very heavy rain which flooded everything. High water record in Vine Ave in front of neighbor Chapin's.

This A.M. I set the E.P. staff the task of taking down the shelter house. At G B R S I worked with Mr R. while we made a seed bed of red maple seeds & planted a row of amber cane. Conferred with Moran about water connections.

At home worked on my back border, began staking tomatoes, planted a few peanuts, etc.

Compiled statistics of pension report, teachers' report, etc.

Tuesday, June 23

The rain & thunder storms set in again about 2:00 A M & continued until 8:00 A M. Everything drenched. Clearing somewhat at end of day.

This A.M. worked on my reports at school. This P.M. to Chic. Called on Dudley Crafts Watson at Art Inst & secured his permission to sit on Art Advisory Commission of pub. library & his promise to give a lecture there during current season

Shopped at Fields To North Park Hotel for dinner with Board of Aud Soc. Then to Acad of Sc. where we held our meeting. Rode with the Pattees to Central St. Home by N.S. Electric.

Wednesday, June 24

Cleared. Grew quite sultry at the day wore on.

All A.M & most of P.M. at desk at school.

This evening M., K, & I drove out Wilmot Road & on County Line Road to area where I first found Ascl. o. This time I found 40 or 50 specimens, many of these in bloom. Back by Dundee Road

Thursday, June 25

Very hot & humid all day but at 7:20 P.M. a lake breeze set in and in 20 min. the temp had fallen from 90° to 73°.

Errands this A.M. Tested two boy scouts on bird lore

This aft Julia Lowe and Blanche & Vincent & Harvey drove over from River Forest & spent the aft with us. A fine visit.

This evening I was cutting thistles leisurely in the vacant lot when the cool breeze came. – Then M. K. & I went out to the Leeches & then took Mr Leech out to the milkweed colony we visited last night. He took three specimens to show Dr Fuller tomorrow at U of C.

Friday, June 26

Another very hot and humid day. A fresh breeze a while this morning gave only temporary relief. Mowed my yard. Vermine for ant hills in lily bed. Dusted calendulas with arsenate of l. for cut worms.

Met Mr Peyraud (and his son) at Mrs Everett's to look over his sketch for the big painting in the public library. This aft Garnett, Everett, Balke, Ruben & I met at new pub libr bldg to talk over the sketch.

Lent Miss Levy 12 kg chairs for her pre kg class for the summer

M. K. & I had a drive w. of Lake F. this evening.

Saturday, June 27

Breezes tempered the heat somewhat until late in day

To city on 8:33. To Abbott's to confer with Mr Deane about decorations of Vestibule of Presidents. Shopped at Fields. To Art Inst for a half hour. To Anderson-Carlson Co to get my new suit. Home.

At 5:30 to reception at Gen. Woods after wedding of Sarah to Mr Addington Fine visit with friends

Then motored to the Pattees to be a guest at Dinner. In honor of Prof & Mrs Pratt of Williams. A fine evening. Short chat with Homer Kingsley who looked in a while. A delightful evening.

Sunday, June 28

A very hot day. At nine I drove to Braeside & carried my camera down the trolley track to a fine colony of spiderwort & took four pictures. Then back & to Presb Ch where Rev Walter Malone of Urbana preached. So disappointing.

Slept & read during this very hot aft. – The Forsyte Saga & Rugg's Civilization in America.

Thermom at 96 all aft.

Monday, June 29

A very hot day though temp held down at times by breezes. My thermo 92°. Yest 96°. Chic. higher, naturally.

This A M. I took Mr Peyraud's sketch to his studio & on behalf of the library authorized him to proceed with the painting Then I went on down R.R. south of Braeside & brot back some spiderwort. Then Mrs Green & Lois drove up & M & I went on long drive. Found the colony of A speciosa on M & St

P. tracks in full bloom. A fine sight. Brot back specimens which I photog. this aft. Develop'd 4 neg this evening. M. K. & I had a drive to Bannockburn this evening.

Tuesday, June 30

Another very hot day tempered at times. My thermo 92°

M. K. & I went for a late drive again.

This A.M. handed pay checks to janitors & engineers & notified Santi & Kolterman that they would not be needed longer; that there was a possibility that the new head janitor might find a place for one of them, etc. I was so sorry to let these men go. There is so much unemployment!

Took two photos of Asch. spec. posed in a vase.

Wednesday, July 1

Another very hot day. My record 96°

Between 8:00 & 9:00 I went out to my colony of *A speciosa* & took two "habitat" pictures. An hour or so later when I took Mr Jensen there to see them the section men had just mowed them all down. - We visited the *A. ovalifolia* group and found several stems fruiting. - - Our new janitor, Lester Elwood, on the job today with as assistant, a Mr Davis. - - - I spent some time at school. Had Mr Decker come to plan a new heating outfit for the lunch room.

Developed 4 neg. this evening

Mr Bartoli brot 2 bags of soil from the school compost pile & some sand to my home to build up some experimental beds

Thursday, July 2

Cool wind came up late last evening, then brief rain at midnight. A heavy shower this AM, then cooling breezes – gratefully received!

This evening I planted G.B. corn in two unused plats in the L. garden.

At school both A.M & P.M. With the new head janitor, Lester Elwood and Clarence Davis & Lichtwalt we took an inventory of supplies, etc

Staked & tied tomatoes. Mr Murray called this evening & we had a long talk about school affairs.

Friday, July 3

Lovely day. Threatening at first – clearing – cool breezes

To city on 8:03. To Amer Seat Co to figure on chairs for school lunch room. Talk'd with Mr Roach. (Mr Gibson, Mr Paulson). – To Chic Transp Co. to inquire about slides – To H.M. Hooker to look up colors of paint. Shopped at Sweet, Wallach. Home at 1:30.

Took Kittie shopping. Then met Mr Mailfald at school & went over proposed carpenter work. Met Mr Kuehne to look over kalsomining work

Hoed cucumbers in the Larson garden & weeded in tobacco plat.

Visited with Anna Vetterliet on street in Chic today. She is at Roger Sullivan Jr. H. (Lew Colwell). Talked about J.A Montgomery & Addie & their boys; about poor Mrs Lewis – Austin Johnson, et al.

Saturday, July 4

A fine day Clear and cool.

Worked at home most of day. Weeded tobacco patch in L. Garden. Mowed lawn. Hoed etc.

Mr Leech & I explored two bits of woods this A M. Much pleased with the one near the Rasmussen place

Not so noisy a Fourth as usual.

Sunday, July 5

A fine day.

Rested all A M. This aft Mr Sidney Morris came to have me call at Leeches, at his brothers, etc
Abundant supply of young hepatica seedlings at Leech.

On the place bordering Cary Ave owned by Mr Bock we found promising colony of Liparis L. — Mr M. had visited it two or three years ago. Flowers spent.

Monday, July 6

Fine day. Grew sultry in aft.

Worked at school nearly all day. New janitors start off well.

Board meeting this evening. Mrs Creigh absent. Authorized considerable repairs.

Tuesday, July 7

Fine day. Somewhat sultry.

To city on 9:03. Academy of Sc. bldg for a conf. with Miss Mitchell over publicity material to be printed. At noon went down town. A Eastmans K.S., Fields, Marshall-Jackson, Chic Transp. Co. — Furniture Mart to confer with Pattee. Home at 4:00.

Worked on a letter to R.F. Seymour relating to his proposition to paint a mural for the children's room in new pub. libr. bldg.

Conf with Mrs Everett this eving over the above.

Wednesday, July 8

Fine summer day.

This A M. met Mr Ingerle & Miss Hendee at the new libr. bldg to try out three of Mr I's sketches for the proposed painting. Then we drove up to Lake F. library to look it over. At 11:00 I met Mrs Pfanst & Leslie Brand to confer about calcimining & painting. I met Herman Juhrend this evening for the same purpose.

Spent most of this aft working on the dummy of an Aud Soc circular. Watered garden this evening.

[On this day, Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Catherine Mitchell, Secretary of the Illinois Audubon Society. This letter is typed on Society stationery, and the letterhead lists the officers, Orpheus M. Schantz, President, Jesse Lowe Smith, Vice-President, and Catherine A. Mitchell, Secretary. Mr. Smith's letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

July 8, 1931.

My dear Miss Mitchell :

Mr. Pattee thinks we would better print our circular on white paper. Colored paper is likely to look cheap.

I have made up a dummy which shows that what copy I have enclosed will easily go on the four pages printed. Please make what changes you think advisable. But--let us insist on having proof. In the leaflet on Feeding of Birds I prepared last winter a serious error was overlooked on the second page. The second sentence is what is left of two sentences that were telescoped and it does not make sense.

I wish you would go ahead and order a small cut of our quail picture. I think the size I suggest is all right but I wish you would give some attention to it your self.

What do you think of a new scheme for enlarging our Society?

It is this :

I. Announce the organization of Chapters, each being enrolled upon application and a membership fee of two dollars or more. There would then be the Deerfield Chapter of the I.A.S., the Glen Ellyn Chapter I.A.S., the Elm Place School Chapter I.A.S., Boy Scout Troop 32 Chapter I.A.S., etc., etc.

Each chapter files with us the name and addresses of its president, secretary and treasurer and each of these receives each of our publications.

Each chapter pays us five cents each for copies of the Bulletin and sells them for ten cents; one cent or two cents each for our own special leaflets as they appear and sells them for twice cost, acting as our agent for their chapter's profit.

We sell National Association of Audubon Societies supplies to our chapters at cost plus postage and they sell them at list price. Making a little profit for the chapter may stimulate its activities. Each chapter would likely borrow at least one set of slides during the season. Through the chapter organizations we might be able to accomplish a lot of work.

We would need to thresh this all out thoroughly right away and prepare a circular to send out to prospective organizers of chapters—members of woman's clubs, school teachers, clubs, etc. This circular should go out about Sept. 15.

Chapters would charge each of its members a fee of (usually) ten cents. Children can enroll anyone they choose in their chapters and they might easily enlist adults right and left, especially at a ten cent fee. With chapters in existence, it might be rather easy to float bird lectures of a high type. The big thing is to utilize the enthusiasm of children and grown ups for promoting a local organization.---I would write to Deerfield, for example, and ask the principal to send me the address of one of his staff who is especially interested in bird life, and then I would send her our circular and a special letter asking her to lay the chapter idea before the children of the town or the clubs and other organizations. And so on.

Think this through and if it appeals to you I wish you would try it out on Mrs Baroody and others. Perhaps we could start it then by agreeing among ourselves to cover a certain amount of territory—I to have Lake County, Mrs Baroody Dupage, you Cook, etc. etc.

Ho, hum!

Yours,

Jesse L. Smith

Thursday, July 9

Beautiful day. Then overcast in the aft, some l & t, & a fine shower

Conferred with Mr Ingerle at 8:00 over financing his painting for the library.

Met Nicholas Rioux at school to show him some carpenter work upon which to bid. Later on, Mr Norkett for same purpose. Met Mr West on a matter of heating & ventilating. Met Joe Mooney to discuss enlargement of playgrounds. Authorized him to begin this work.

Library Board this evening. Much business to transact.

Friday, July 10

A fine day. A light shower at 4:00.

Met Paul Bolten & a Mr Clampit to talk over chairs for the lunch room. Paul formerly a pupil of mine at Park Ridge. His father & mother dead, Ingeborg, also. Amy in Calif, Hedwig in Chic area. Paul's wife Ellen Ayotte.

At school most of day Mooney & Garrity pulled down two oaks as a beginning on extension of playground.

M. K. & I rode out to Wheeling, north to Libertyville & home.

Saturday, July 11

Delightful day.

Met Cyclone Fence crew at 8:00 and directed them in taking down & storing 22 feet of it. Mooney's group continued to clear away trees & shrubbery. Our men shaved off considerable top soil from the area to be graded & filled in for wild flowers elsewhere, etc I met Mr Flinn & Mr Gestke (Times System Co) at G.B.R.S. to consider how to get the electric clock in good condition. - - Met Fritz Boynton at 11:00 to look over Rockwell publications which he represents - This aft at home. Worked over my machine. Sunk 8 flat frames & filled with special soil for seed experiments.
Etc.

Sunday, July 12

Light rains this A M Mild

M. & I to Bethany Church Mr Siemsen ill with the mumps & Mr Taylor sub

Late this aft M. K. & I drove out to my milkweed colony on County Line Road & back. Seed pods forming nicely.

Reading from Fairchild's Exploring for Plants.

Monday, July 13

A fine day.

At school all A M Callers - a Mr Whatley, ex janitor at Glencoe, desires employment; a Mrs R R Taylor of Lincoln & Forrest, desires a teaching position; salesman for soap products.

This aft I staked & pruned 50 hard maple seedlings in the G.B.R.S. nursery.

M. K. & I went over to Mrs Green's to see her fine Illinois rose - *rosa setigera*, in bloom

I called on Ray Phillips & family this evening. Asked him to proceed painting our house at his pleasure.

Tuesday, July 14

Grew quite sultry.

Spent much of morning in Larson garden with Elwood, Clarence Davis & Bartoli. I weed tobacco plot, hoed the peanuts, hoed the late planting of G.B. corn - - The barley, wheat & oats & flax & popcorn and - - amber cane & broom corn fine!

This aft at school. Overhauled my files, etc

This evening Dr Fritsch & I went over certain bids & awarded Nicholas Rioux carpentering & Brand Bros the decorating.

Mr & Mrs Loewenstein called this evening.

Wednesday, July 15

A very warm day. 93° at my house.

Ray Phillips began painting my house yesterday. White lead and oil.

At school much of day. Mowed most of my yard first.

Mooney & Garrity grading the extension of the playground. Began July 10.

This evening Mr Bartoli & his friend, Mr Martin, & I met to try to adjust the shutter of the observatory so that it will slide readily.

Thursday, July 16

Another. 93°.

Finished lawn mowing before nine. Planted great mass of red maple seed in sunken box frame, bottom removed. Seeds had been soaking two days.

Mr Murray came at 9:30 and we went over to inspect the work on the school grounds. A Mrs Taylor called there for a few minutes. Pease, ag't for soap called. Mr. Kolterman came to ask for a recommendation. I spent all aft at school working in my office.

M. K. & I drove to Mundelein & back this evening.

Friday, July 17

Dreadfully hot. 97°. About 4:30 a brisk shower and temp fell 10° degrees. Cooler breeze during evening.

At school. Met Matheny of Keystone View Co at 10:30. This aft Mr Bartoli & I went to G.B.R S. & Mr B. helped Mr Rhinehart begin a floor (linoleum, cleaning & waxing). I reset 60 solanums in 2 inch pots.

Then I picked up Mrs Everett & we went down to Mr Peyraud's studio to see the new picture he is painting for the pub. libr.

This evening I took M & K out to the Werhanes to buy some beans.

Then I spent the evening at the Ingerles. Returned the three sketches Mr I. had made for a picture for the pub. library.

Ray Phillips worked only two hours or so today acc of heat.

Saturday, July 18

Cooler breezes in the night continued during the day. Quite refreshing.

Brot some fine soil from school & sifted it in my frames. Planted one frame (flat in size) each of de luxe delphinium, fox glove, blue delpinium (two shades) and one each of rose & white delph. Made cheese cloth frames to protect the planting.

This aft, the funeral of Ralph Davis from his father's house. Went to North Shore Cemetery for the final ceremony.

Repotted some solanum plants at E.P.

Met Fritz Boynton for conference over the Rockwell publications. Gave him an order.

Clarence Smith came in at supper time. - - We all had a ride to Everett & west, home via

Bannockburn

No painting today.

Sunday, July 19

Cooler. Breezy. A little rain fall this evening.

It did not seem well for M to venture to church.

I met F. McDonald Lowe at new libr bldg & talked over paintings with him. Then we went over to Mr Lowe's house & looked over his collection of paintings

Leon Roecker

This evening M, K. C. & I drove down in the Ravinia area.

[Henry Leon Roecker (1860-1941), American artist, had studied at the Academy of Design (forerunner of the Chicago Art Institute) and the Royal Academy of Art in Munich. - ed.]

Monday, July 20

A little rain in our area in the night. Heavy rain in Chic & Wauk. Cooler.
Clarence spent morning in Chic. conferring with rep of Fidelity Investment Co.
I spent an hour or so talking with Alex Rafferty, street foreman; & with some of his workmen about treatment of shrubbery along W. Deerfield ave.
At school much of day. Had my car greased, etc
This evening we all had a fine drive to Lake Zurich. A great sunset there

Tuesday, July 21

Grew warmer About 4:00 P.M. breeze, then thunder storm, downpour, some hail. Cleared Set Biagi to mowing weeds in L. Garden
At school now & then. Mooney & his crew nearly completed playground extension.
Bert Green called to confer about plans for his thesis.
Ag't for fire escapes.
After supper K. & I drove to Tower Road & west to Greenwood & home.

Wednesday, July 22

Fine day.
M. K. & I drove to Ev. to Foster Shoe Store and bot M. some shoes. Salesman, A. J. Gaser, very competent.

Thursday, July 23

Fine day Cool
To Chic taking down to the Abbott Co (1) a photo of the Lincoln statue at Freeport to frame, (2) Some Linc Memorial pictures to mount for the Lincolniana collection and (3) the deluxe album of steel engravings of the first 16 presidents to frame into a panel for north vestibule. Mr Deane of the company is to come up to inspect the vestib. soon.
To Art Inst to look up filing cabinets, then to 844 Rush – Interior Metal Equipment – same purpose. To Carson Pirie's to place order for linoleum repairs
Then to U. of C. to hear the 4:30 lecture of Prof Downing on the science curriculum. Mr Leech there & Alden Greene & Mr L. & I came home together
M. K & I drove west of L.F & home this evening.

Friday, July 24

Fine day
At 11:40 I met Mrs Rolfe & Mr Millington of N.W.U. & Prof Bretz & his assistant, Mr Otto, of U. of C. at Roger Williams Ave & the lake. About 200 ft so. of this point, along the foot of the bluff, Prof. B spent an hour or so taking soil borings to determine whether a stratum of peat underlies the till. Negative result. Then we went to Ft. S. and Prof B & I in Adj't's office. Capt McCord, negotiated a "pass" to be used if needed later. Then to Scranton Ave, & lake at Lake Bluff. Examined cliff wall there. Then back to so. end of Ft S. Reserv. & the lake. Examined clay cliffs & two ravines. Then the party went back to city.
M., K., C & I drove to Diamond Lake & back this evening.

Saturday, July 25

Cool in the night but warmed up a great deal today.
This A.M. Miss Marion Stimson of Terre Haute drove in with her father, M. & sister & I showed them around for three hours. This included a trip to the public libr at Lake F.
Routine work this aft & lawn soaking this evening

Sunday, July 26

Very warm again. 90° or a little more.

This A M I took two pictures of my "black calla"

Edith & D., & Lennie & A. & Ruth came in at 9:30 in A's auto and we had a delightful day together. They left at 6:00. Clarence still here. Many reminiscences & much looking over of old pictures.

Monday, July 27

Another. 90° or so. There were cool breezes in the night and considerable air stirring thru the day.

Clarence went home this A.M. He was to spend the morn. in Chic, adding to his knowledge of instructions how to sell F.I. Co' contracts Then the aft for Decatur.

At school part of day Mr D & Mr L back from vacations.

I took two photos of one of the newer swinging frames this aft. Developed 6 neg. this evening. Watered lawn & garden (most of it) heavily.

Tuesday, July 28

A hot one! 96°. Warm wind.

I set Santi at work at G.B.R.S. this A.M. Rhinehart away on his vacation.

Went out on Wauk Rd no. of Deerfield to see clump of silphium perfoliatum as reported by Jensen but I saw only heliopsis helianthoides, as I think.

Took 4 more pictures of swinging frames & developed them today.

Late this aft sprayed about 2000 sq ft of my lawn with nitrog prep. recommended by Mr. Bahr. Used my watering supply much today.

Wednesday, July 29

Started out very warm but a cool breeze from the lake sprang up at 10:30 and has been fanning away the heat all day

Set Santi to work this A.M. Then to E.P. to start Mr Ugolini's crew to replacing some broken units of cement sidewalk. Then set janitor at tree pruning.

Worked over pictures at school, aft & evening, etc.

Thursday, July 30

Mother's 89th!!

Fine day Breezes smell of the lake

At library much of morning. Conf with Miss Hendee at temporary bldg, then with her & Mr Flinn at the new. With Mrs Rubin. With Mrs Everett & Elisha Morgan & wife & daughter, Mr M. took two or three pictures with his graflex. The M's were just leaving by auto for the N.W.

This aft at school. Then at 4:00 I took a picture of new playground. Then I set up my camera to photog new libr bldg from N W. Mr Ingerle came along & helped me.

This evening I developed 8 negatives.

Friends called & phoned today – Mrs Loewenstein, Decker, Gourley, Mrs Green & Lois . Harvey L's group paused coming thru to greet M.

Friday, July 31

Fine day. Warmer

At school much of time. Late this aft went with Rafferty's express van to Mr Peyraud's studio & had Mr P's large painting brot up to new library bldg.

This evening the guest of Mrs Boynton & Miss E to grand opera – The Bartered Bride. A great performance I left my auto at the Boynton place & rode to Rav Pk & back with the B's. Everett M & two ladies made up the party.

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

Saturday, August 1

Warmer Sultry. Thunder storm & downpour at 4:00. Muggy afterwards

Passed out payroll this A M.

Met Mr Peyraud, Flinn, Garnett & Miss Hendee at new libr bldg at 9:00, set the new picture up, & planned for its permanent installation.

9:33 to Chic. To Chic. Transp Co.; Remington-Rand; Yawman-Erbe; Marshall Jackson; Fields – Home at 2:30.

Met Miss Nixon & her mother at school for a while. They are settling in Evanst.

M. K. & I had an auto ride to Libertyville this evening.

Sunday, August 2

Warm but breezy. Overcast & some rain at 4:00 Cooler.

M & I to Mr Hopkins' church.

This aft I went by trolley to Ravinia Park to hear the concert.

Mr Parratt & I drove out on County L. Road to inspect my milkweed colony. All mowed down! Retrieved four small pods!!

Developed two negatives this evening.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the Ravinia Park program. The concert included solos for harp performed by Joseph Vito, selections from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, *Pathetique* and Suite from *The Fire Bird* by Stavinsky. Inserted at this page is a sheet of unlined paper unto which Mr. Smith drew three treble clef staves (the third indicating F[#]) annotated with musical notes and identified as "6th (Pathetique) Symph."– ed.]

Monday, August 3

Cool night. Grew sultry.

Hoed my late corn in L. Garden & brot away one large cucumber

At new libr bldg all A M. looking on at pasting of Peyraud painting on wall – by Mr Reber and his assistant.

This aft went down to 1240 Judson Ave & conferred with property owners about protecting their parkway planting.

At school for a time. Then M. K., & I drove to River Forest & had dinner with the Lowes. A delightful time. We got home at 9:40. 26 miles and 33 miles – Wauk Rd & back on River Road

Tuesday, August 4

A very warm day. 90° at my door.

Mowed my lawn. Then scouted out on Half Day Road just beyond Skokie bridge Hunted unsuccessfully for seeds of juneberry. Visited meadow east of bridge & was able to find two stalks of prairie white-fringed orchis in seed. Plan to return to dig them up. Note: 25 ft east of easternmost clump of willows & 50 ft north. *Liatris* beginning to bloom

Gathered two cucumbers off our corner vines. Our first tomatoes – 6 or 7!!

Photog libr bldg at 4:00. Developed this evening. Soaked most of my yard today.

Wednesday, August 5

Another hot day but tempering breezes.

Much time at new libr. bldg. Met Mr Reber & Mr Peyraud at 8:15 to confer over the canvas on the wall which has wrinkled badly. Then I called up Art Inst for help & one of their men came at 1:30 to look over the work. Mr P. & I met him & agreed that he is to send out a workman tomorrow.

With Mrs Rubin & Miss Hendee, looked over our pictures & studied placing them.

At school a while. M. K. & I took a sunset ride & visited the Leech's.

Thursday, August 6

Another!

Spent all A.M. at new libr bldg. - - Mr Cannon from Art Inst with help of Mr Reber remounted the Peyraud painting. Looked well yet this evening.

This aft I went to Wauk. Left certificates of our staff with County Supt Petty to be renewed. Called on Mrs Dunn in Probate office. Looked up Mr. W.G. Davis at 417 Madison St - - about loom repairs

Back to H.P. & helped a photog take some pictures of libr bldg. Then Mrs Balke came to libr bldg & she & I went over things together.

Mr Flinn & I had conference at 6:00.

Ate a Waneta plum off my south tree this evening.

Friday, August 7

Tempering breezes smelling of the lake.

Met Mr Ingerle at new libr bldg at 8:00 this A.M. Conferred over situation but did not succeed in persuading him to go on with the mural.

To Oak Terrace Planning Mill to order molding for the Peyraud picture but found it closed.

At school all afternoon.

This evening M. K. & I drove up Ridge Road to Lake F.

Then I called on the Flinn's & we worked at the identification of lantern slides of "old timers".

Saturday, August 8

So hot! So humid!!

A.M. I met Mr Ingerle & we carried one of his large paintings to the pub. libr. & set it up over the mantle for a tryout.

This aft. at school.

This evening to Ravinia Pk to hear Peter Ibbettson Unable to get a good seat & could neither see much nor hear much of the singing. Towards the last I was much impressed with the music

Began to rain at 7:15 and at times the rain fell in sheets until nine or ten.

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Sunday, August 9

Cooler today. Overcast much of time. Sprinkle after 9:00 P.M.

To the Presb. Ch. at Lake Forest. Our neighbors, the Chapins, had gone up by trolley & I drove up, meeting them near the church. Sat with them & brot them back in my auto.

Late this aft Mr. Parratt & K & I drove out Half Day Road, across near Aptakisic & home on Dundee Road.

Later I went to the Larson G & brot away 7 cucumbers

Monday, August 10

Delightful day.

At school much of time.

Mother's tigrerias had 37 blossoms. First blossoms (2) appeared Aug 1.

L. speciosum album nearly through blossoming; L.s. rubrum just coming in. L. tigrinum in full bloom

Santi called this evening to get a check for labor at G.B.R.S and he told me at great length about his troubles.

I lent Victor Larson two cyanide bottles, a copy of Lutz' Fieldbook of Insects, some outline pictures of butterflies, and my butterfly net.

Tuesday, August 11

Rain in the night but cleared this A.M. Pleasantly cool

To Chic on 9:33. To Abbotts to leave about 200 five by seven prints of school subjects that have accumulated during the years. These are to be mounted for us To Fields; Eastman Kodak Co for focusing cloth; Bausch & Lomb. Home at 3:00 & took M. to Foster Shoe Store in Evanston to secure certain changes in her shoes.

Dug up Madonna lilies to give them a resting period. At library this evening conferring with Miss Hendee

Had my auto greased & oiled & tested

Wednesday, August 12

H P. to Sawyer

Left in my auto at 9:45 AM Reached Edith's at Gary at 12:15. She got lunch for me. A nice visit. Then I called on Clarence D at the store, - Then on to Waverley Beach, my first visit since its natural beauty was blotted out. Parked my auto & walked east along the shore to the cottage of the Dudleys. Received most cordially. Mr D. had an audience of Chic people to whom he was showing his canvases. - Left after 4:00 and in an hour was at Carner's hotel at Sawyer. After supper I walked over to Warren Beach & saw the sun go down. - - Phoned Ruth Anne an engagement for breakfast tomorrow.

Had my oil changed yest, 6213.5 at H.P. 6318 at Sawyer 104 miles. (Frist trip thru "loop").
5 gal gaso .70; 5 at Mich City .78

Thursday, August 13

Sawyer to Benton Harbor

Left Carner H at 6:50 (2⁰⁰) At Lennie's at 7:35. Meter 6337. [Stopped on way for fine view at Stevensville] Ruth's two girl friends, Bettie Freeman & Verona Elliot. After breakf I visited with Alf & Eva - Ruth A & her friends drove to Niles to put V. E on train. Later in day Bettie drove home to So Haven. - - Lennie & the girls & I had a long drive this aft. After supper L. & Arthur and I had a fine drive to lake front Parks, "Rocky Gap", etc.

As my auto was parked at Lennie's, a "flat" developed in my left front - a large tack. A. helped put on my spare. Downtown man mended tire which became the "spare". 50¢. - - This evening I had a short-lived scare when I could not find my camera among my baggage. - - Phoned Kittie and found I had not taken it out of my room. - -

Spirae tomentosa in boggy pasture. Pitcher plant in swamp at Riverside

Friday, August 14

Benton Harbor to Whitehall

Left at 9:40 after nice visit with all including the Crookses Saugatuck at 11:30. Loafed there until 1:00. - To Macatawa Park where I back tracked to the Murray Cottage at Castle Park. No one to see but Margie, the 6 year old.

South Haven with its beautiful dune-walled harbor Holland, fresh & inviting. Muskegon, noble dunes shutting in its fine harbor At No Musk. I turned left on the new scenic highway which is notable in many ways Around Musk harbor & through Musk State Park. Very beautiful. At last came out at Mrs Austin's old country resort where in Aug 1907 (I think) I was as a member of Dr Cowles party of 14 spent several days Found Mrs A & had a fine chat. Place little changed. - - Beautiful drive to Whitehall. - Colonial Inn - At supper Salome Brand & Dora & Ella Krueger appeared. Delightful chat. Drove out to Salome's cottage 5 mi. after supper - - Saugatuck 63[8?]9 (B.H. 6339). Whitehall 6471. Gaso .88 Mileage 132 Meals 1.95 + .30.

Saturday, August 15 Whitehall to Glen Arbor

Left W at 9:15 after ineffectual attempt to find the H.P. colony.

Running thru morains as we approached Shelby. Boulder strewn fields just beyond. Cherry country. Ludington 10:50. Unusually well planted with fruit is this area (Beautiful setting of Pentwater). Beyond Manistee took M 22 - "scenic drive". One kame, beautifully situated on its bay. Dinner at Inn. Then looked up Supt Lemon & visited with him & wife and daughter. Then he & I took a drive in his auto to some of the beauty spots. - - At 3:30 went on, & had a most beautiful and varied drive for two hours. Ride around western shore of Crystal Lake!! Mile after mile of winding drives brot me at length to Glenn Lake, the gem of all, & then to Glenn Arbor. At Sylvan Hotel. Only guest. Phoned home from corner grocery. \$1⁰⁵. Whitehall 6500. Glenn Arbor 6644.

Gaso .75 + .78 Meals, etc 1.04

Sleeping Bear Bay just back of hotel. Glen Haven in sight.

Sunday, August 16 Sleeping Bear Dune

Hotel 3²⁵ Set out at 9:00 for Glen Haven - 2 miles

Warm day Parked auto near G.H. Inn - at land end of long pier. Put on boots, etc & set out across sand and woods for Sleeping Bear Dune. Followed shore 3 or 4 miles where gravel terrace began. Toiled up over the gravel to the top and walked along a half mile to the dune. Climbed this. Great view - lake, headlands, Manitou Islands. Stunning spectacle of gravel dipping down nearly 30 feet into deep blue water of L. Mich. - Found good company on top - man & wife & her sister from Toledo - - Made our way back together a mile or more over moving dune front & down into orchard along Glen L. These people took me to the Inn where I engaged a room Washed up. Dinner at 3:00. Drove back at 5:00 to vantage point in dunes to get sunset views - Glenn Lake, L. M, etc - Slow leak in rt rear. Repaired by mechanic 1.50.

Monday, August 17 Glen Haven to North Manitou

Left S.B.I at 9:00 5⁰⁰. To Leland 22 mi. 6678. Changed oil 1⁵⁰

Found Col Bournique's house Col had just left for N Y. Bettie & her husb & boy there. Made a date for 4:00. Then pushed on to North Point sightseeing. Lunch at Inn. Back in aft to Leland. Bettie & Peter & I took steamer for No Manitou at 5:00. Mrs McMunn, relative of Bettie, & her daughter, Mrs McHattie, also on board A beautiful trip of an hour and a half. Mary Louise met us at dock with her Ford buckboard and we drove 3 miles through the woods to their "farm house". A Mr & Mrs Anderson, old retainers, on the job. - - A farm no longer a farm, well-equipped but no animals on it. Attractive setting. Lake 400 feet in front. Great juniper bushes. Nearest neighbor, the lighthouse, a mile away. (Mrs Ehrhart & Bobbie at the settlement, Saw Carroll Vigeant among group of girls visiting island)

Fare 1.50 Inn .90 + .35;

Tuesday, August 18 Leland to Petoskey

Mary-Louise & I had a walk through the woods before breakfast. After b. we got into the wagonette & took a hurried trip to the lake in the heart of the island. Fine setting

10:00 took the boat back & had pleasant ride to Leland. Got machine out of storage - 25¢ - & set out. Stopped at Sutton's Bay for lunch .65¢. Excellent shave & shampoo, 1⁰⁰. On to Traverse City, Big Rapids, Charlevoix, Petoskey. Wonderful scenery by land and water. Petoskey has a fine situation. Think of the beauty of Grand Traverse Bay and Charlevoix!!

Cushman Hotel at Petoskey for the night.

Wired Mother - 58¢

The ravages of caterpillars on North Manitou – this the 2nd year. Great areas of forest defoliated – beech, maple, hop hornbeam. Couldn't find a pupa case or egg.

Wednesday, August 19

Petoskey to St Ignace

Left at 9:30. Hotel 2.50 + .85. Storage .50. Meter 6622

Bay View – beautiful suburb. Approaching Mackinaw City, great panorama of the strait. Found myself in a long line heading into the car ferry. Mine in the last six or seven which filled car ferry full. Perhaps 80 or 90 cars. – Most beautiful day. - - At St Ignace parked my car & took a speed launch for Mackinac I. Lunch here & at 2:00 took passenger boat for Les Cheneaux Islands, my third or fourth time on this beautiful trip. Every minute of it enjoyable. Back to M. I. as sun went down & took speed boat to St Ignace. Car into garage and a room at Mrs Lake's near by.

Note: Low water in passages among islands – 2 feet less than last year. Birches turning gold.

Ferry 2.00; boat fares 2.75; meals 2.20. [~~Hotel 2.50.~~]

Thursday, August 20

St Ignace to Green Bay

Room 1.25; breakf .90; storage .50

Left St Ignace at 8:20. Got to Green Bay at 520. Mileage 281. Very tired this evening.

Note: The beautiful Lake Huron shore line at St. Ignace. Castle Rock. Morainic hills Stratified limestone Beautiful setting of Manistique, Escanaba, Menominee, Green Bay.

The Northland, very attractive hotel at Green Bay

Gas at Engadine .92

Escanaba 1.04

[Mr. Smith kept notes of this trip 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. In a departure from his usual habit, Mr. Smith copied his travel notes into the pages of his diary for August 20, 21, and 22, 1931. There are slight differences between the original notes and the diary entry copies, and so the travel notes are transcribed as well. The travel notes for August 20th are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday, Aug 20 – 1931

Room 1.25; brkfst .90 Storage .50

Gas at Engadine 92

Escanaba 1⁰⁴

Left St Egnace at 8:20. Reached Green Bay at 5:20. Had a half hour for lunch at Escanaba.

Mileage 281.

Very tired this evening.

Note: the beautiful L. Huron shore line at St Ignace. Castle Rock. Morainic hills. Stratified lime or sandstone The great setting of such cities as Manistique, Escanaba, Menominee, Green Bay.

Friday, August 21

Green Bay. Left garage near Northland Hotel at 9:20. Hotel 3.00 + .25 + .85; garage 1.50 + .50 + 1.00 + .35. Changed oil (meter 7140), greased, stored, put on gasket

Gas 7 – 1.12

Algoma 7174 at 10:20

Sturgeon Bay 7193

Ellison Bay 7230 – 12:20

Put up at Ellison Bay Lodge – The Wickams. Had been there Aug 4, 1923. This aft called on the Jensens.

Note: beautiful setting of Ephraim, Sister Bay, Ellison Bay.

Phoned H.P. from Ruckert's Store this evening. 90¢ Cloth gloves .20.

[The travel notes for August 21st are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Friday, Aug 21, 1931

Green Bay: Left the garage near Northland Hotel at 9:20. Bills, Hotel 3.00 + .25 + .85; garage 1.50 + .50 + 1.00 + .35 – changed oil, greased, stored, put on gasket.

Meter 7140

7 gal. gaso - 1¹¹

Algoma 7174 – 10:20

Sturgeon Bay 7193.

Ellison Bay 7230 – 12:20

A detour 6 mi. beyond Green Bay to Algoma & from there to Sturgeon Bay. No 17 to Ellison B.

At E.B. put up at the Ellison B. Lodge where I had stayed 6 or 7 years ago. [See August 4, 1923 entry. – ed.] This aft I went over & called on the Jensens.

Note – beautiful setting of Ephraim, Sister Bay, Ellison.

Phoned H.P. this evening. 90¢ Cloth gloves .20.

Saturday, August 22

Short ride in country before breakfast.

This A.M spent an hour or more visiting Mr Hooker & his two women guests. Late this aft I drove over to Gill's Rock & saw the ferry put out for Washington Island

After supper I drove over to the Jensens and spent a delightful evening.

Guests at Ellison Bay Lodge: Mr & Mrs Piper and small (badly spoiled) boy; Miss Weimar of Chic Schools; and a persistent fisher, a Mr Thor something, also of Chic

Note: Mr Jensen reports the defoliation of trees on Washington I. as at North Manitou.

Gas (7 gal) 1.12

[The travel notes for August 22nd are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Saturday, Aug 22 – 1931

At Ellison Bay Lodge. Short ride in country before breakfast.

Called at Mr Hooker's & had a fine visit with him & his two women guests.

Mr & Mrs Jensen called in passing. Late this aft I drove over to Gill's Rock & watched the boat load and sail out for Washington I.

After supper I drove up to Jensens & spent a very pleasant evening.

At this inn, guests are Mr & Mrs Piper of Elgin & small (badly spoiled) son; Miss Weimar of Chic & Mr Thor — also of Ch.

Note: Mr Jensen reports the defoliation of trees on Washington I. as at No Manitou.

Gasol (7 gal) 1.12

Sunday, August 23

Drove over to the Jensens at noon. We went in their auto to Garret Bay Inn for a fine dinner. Afterwards we drove around most of the aft. I stayed for "tea" & spent the evening.

The Wheelers came in and Mr Hooker and his two friends & we had a delightful time

Monday, August 24

Ellison Bay to H.P.

Left E.B. Lodge at 7:20. Rode through State Park near Ephraim on the way

Green Bay before 10:00 Breakfast. At Northland Hotel found address of man whose hat I had carried off on Aug. 21. — Here got on the wrong road & went to Oconto & had to turn back to G.B. Left here at 12:30. Fondulac at 3:00. Ate lunch here. - - One U.S. 41 until I got opposite Milwaukee — about 6 mi. south of Menominee, picked up Route 100 & stayed with it 20 mi. or so until it rejoined 41. This route passes west of Racine & Kenosha but swings east to Wauk. I continued on Wauk Rd and Green Bay home. About 8:30 P.M

Ellison B — 7254; Green Bay 7348 and 7415; Fondulac 7486; H.P. 7622

Gasol — 18 gal. 2.68.

E.B. Lodge 7.50; meals 1.75;

Total milage 7622 — 6213 = 1409

Tuesday, August 25

Pleasant. Gray at times

Began on my accumulated mail. Found dry flower beds & lawns & began soaking process. - - Went down to Mr Jensen's office to deliver a letter to Miss Fulkerson. Chat with Johnson & the others.

To the new pub. libr which was opened yest. Spent an hour or so there. Called at school

Worked at home some this aft. Took Kittie to Dr Hamilton's to get her teeth xrayed

This evening M. K. & I drove to Ravinia² and then to Bannockburn¹.

Wednesday, August 26

Fine day.

At school much of time. Some time a pub. libr. bldg. Went there with Mr Thomas of the Highwood Schools to help him select for his school furniture the library no longer needs.

M. K. & I had a nice drive to Lake Forest & back this evening.

A Miss Selig, ag't fo rthe "Volume Encyc" came & I showed her some attention. She is selling a poor book.

Continuing my job of soaking the dry places in my yard.

Turned my car over to Walter Sleeman to clean & simonize. He did a beautiful job. He had a firm remove some dents in my fenders. His bill 4⁰⁰. Repairs, etc. 2⁸⁰

Thursday, August 27

Grew sultry this aft and a storm, electrical and wind, set in this evening & a liberal rain fell. Some accident cut off lights & telephones. Our phone out of commission.

Leonard & Martha drove in this aft. Had been at Edith's for two days

All but M. went out for a drive this evening.

Friday, August 28

Beautiful day

Leonard, Martha & I spent the day in Chic. To the Mdse Mart, then to Fields for a while. To Planetarium for the splendid eleven o'clock lecture. Field Museum for lunch, & spent two hours with exhibits. Then to Shedd Aquarium for two hours. – Then to Chicago Theater for movies. To Palmer House restaurant for ~~the~~ supper. Rode on top of bus to Wilson Ave & home from there on N.S. Electric
Mr & Mrs Craig & Mr & Mrs Hagensick made a pleasant call this evening.

Saturday, August 29

Leonard & Martha left at 11:00 this A.M. Battery trouble held them here later than they intended. I mowed my lawn.

After supper K & I drove down to Ravinia Pk to get a ticket for this evening (Peter Ibbettson). All sold out. I bot one for tomorrow evening – K & I drove out west to Wauk Road & back

Sunday, August 30

Fine day. Cool.

M & I to Presb Ch. to hear Rev Mr Johnson of La Grange. Sermon well received.

Felt punk all day and stayed in, but had a ticket to Ravinia, so I went down for the first part of the double bill this evening. Fine performance.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia Park program of *Pagliacci* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*. – ed.]

Monday, August 31

At school much of time At Pub. Libr at 5:30 for a while.

Met Mrs Brown this aft & with her planned for curtains to shut off the view in the lunch room

M. K. & I drove out west this evening. Found the new road through the river woods & came back via Highwood

Then I spent the remainder of the evening at the Ingerles. Fine time.

Tuesday, September 1

Thunderstorm and good rain in the night. Continued to rain until 9 or 10:00 A.M.

At 7:30 I hunted up Norman Cowles & engaged him to work three days to help Mr Elwood's staff.

At school most of day. Mr LeVitte & his wife called. I went thru the Lake F Pub. Libr with them & then thru our own. A fine visit

This evening M. K. & I drove out Dundee Road & discovered the new road which goes thru Childerley & finally comes out on Half Day Road west of Prairie View. Fine drive.

Had W.G. Davis of Wauk come to look over school loom, then I drove him home & looked over his loom.

Wednesday, September 2

Fog at first. Cleared. Then gray & threatening. Some rain drops late in day

At school this A.M. Various errands.

Took K to Dr Hamilton's for treatment

After supper I went out W. Park Ave – met Lloyd & gave him a boost to his "shack" on the old Tillman property. He gave me some coreopsis, Shasta daisy, and gaillardia plants which I set out.

Phoned Clarence this evening.

Thursday, September 3

H.P. to Decatur.

After errands at school & elsewhere I left at 8:30 for Decatur – Dundee Road to Dundee, then 22 to Joliet, 4 to Bloomington & 2 to Decatur. Picked up a Jew at Wilmington on his way to Peoria & took him as far as Chenoa. Lunch at Dwight. At Lexington at 2:00. Found Main St blocked for three blocks with the paraphernalia of a street carnival. Shave at Bill Barnards. To Lindsay's store where I chatted with Mary. To the central park where a concert of old time fiddlers was on. Billie Lindsay presided. Chats with Harry Shade, Emmet Douglas & Amny, Mrs Dement & Lura Poole Goddard. Drove on to Decatur, passing through one shower. - - Clarence met me at Mrs Hostetter's. Put up my car. Then we ate supper at Mrs Webb's tea room. Afterwards drove around a while – to Staley's plant. Then we spent the evening at Elsie Webb's home

Log H.P. 7819. Dundee 7849; Elgin 7876; Joliet 7899; Dwight 7936; Pontiac 7955, Lexington; 7974 Bloomington 7991; Dec. 8036. Deduct 5 extra miles at Bloomington 8031-7819 = 212.

Friday, September 4

Decatur to Macon and Moawequa

We had a delightful drive to Macon. Visited Mary Gordon. A half hour at the cemetery. A call at Mrs Lawley's. Visited some time with Geo & Walter Glenn. Lunch at a wretched joint. Then to Mowequa. Shave at Jeff Jarvis' place – he has been a barber 50 years. Called on Mattie McHenry. Then Dr Arthur Kyner. Then to his house and visited with Mabel Cole. Drove by the old Keiser home, now a hospital. Then back to Macon. Called on Mrs Glenn & Edith. On Geo Lowe & Elmer Reedy. Will Towson & Fred. Then off to Decatur. Scouted along R.R. tracks north of Elwyn to try to find seed heads of purple cone flower. Supper at Mrs Webbs & visit with Crate & Frances & Clara Webb. Spent evening with Leonard & Martha.

Saturday, September 5

Decatur to H.P.

Left Clarence's at 10 of 6 this A M (10 of 7:00) and ate breakfast at the Rogers Hotel in Bloomington. At 9:00 I was at Lexington. Called on Douglas Mahan at the store, then on Mrs Jim Van Dolah, then drove out to the Mahans and had a nice visit with Mr & Mrs W.R. Then I resumed my journey. Lunch at Louis Joliet Hotel, home at 4:00. Anticipated congested roads but did not find serious conditions

Took M & K shopping after supper & then we drove up to Highwood & looked on at the carnival in the school grounds

Meter 8041 at Decatur, 8086 Bloomington, 8104 & 8109 at Lexington, 8185 at Joliet, 8214 at Batavia, 8263 at H.P. Deducting 5 mi. extra at Lexington – the mileage was 217.
Gas 1⁰² (Lexington) .86 at Batavia

Sunday, September 6

Fine day. Warm at first. Cool winds came up

Edith & Dan came this A M. M & I to Highwood M E. A Mr Nelson preached

This aft M & K and E & D took a drive to Barrington. I stayed at home.

Miss Stimson came in late this aft & went to Mrs McCrystle's as I had previously instructed her Peaches on my tree beginning to ripen

Monday, September 7

A fine day tho rather warm.

At school all day. Mr. Schultz, Mr Tetzlaff, and Miss Stimson appeared this AM & we visited the pub libr for a while

The entire staff met me at 1:30 this aft. A pleasant reunion
At 5:00 Mr Tetzlaff & I went out in the Skokie to get a big bouquet & called on Mr Leach.
Clarence D & Edith left at 7:30 A M for Gary.

Tuesday, September 8 First day of school.

Very warm.

The opening was pleasant & successful. No pressure in attendance except at G.B.R S.
kindergarten. 54 came, some too young to be accepted!

There were, as usual, parents asking for special favors - & children who were sorry because they
did not pass.

School in session only until noon.

Teachers' meeting this aft.

Am now eating peaches from our tree – not Elbertas, as I expected – but common peaches, with
sweet taste – free stones – faintly flushed with pink

Wednesday, September 9

Very warm. Closed school at noon.

Spent the morning visiting all the rooms and “boosting” the fruit, flower, & vegetable exhibit.

Worked with teachers this aft.

At school for a short time this evening.

Sent boxes of sandwiches to N W U. settlement (Miss Vittum) This to be done every
Wednesday.

Thursday, September 10

Very warm, but we “kept school” for one hour this aft.

Got together our material for exhibit of flowers, fruit, & vegetables during the day. A surprisingly
good exhibit. From the school gardens came displays of wheat, oats, barley, popcorn, maize, flax, peanuts,
tobacco, hemp, brown corn, amber cane, buckwheat, etc.

Library Board this evening. Long but useful session.

Lunch today at Green Teapot with Mr Jensen & with Mr & Mrs Bird of Joliet.

Friday, September 11

Another very hot day We had all groups visit the exhibit. It was a very successful affair. A few older
visitors, Mrs Pfanstiehl, Mrs Creigh Mrs Green.

This week I have had several agents – one came the first day of school!

After supper I went out on W Park Ave to the R.R. crossing. Walked down track. Found only
five or six stalks of fringed gentian – not yet in bloom.

Saturday, September 12

Again, very warm. At times clouds mercifully screened out the sun.

Mowed my yard this morning. At school a while this aft

M. K & I rode out county line road, the river road, & back by Half. Day.

Sunday, September 13

Another very warm day tempered after noon by clouds that blew over

M & I drove to First M E. at Evanston & heard a fine sermon by Mr Tittle on, “Does God care for
the individual.” Service was all splendid.

Late this aft I drove out W. Park Ave to R R. & scouted a bit.

Monday, September 14

Another, but increasing cloudiness mitigated the heat. Slight shower at 7:00 P.M. Muggy afterwards

Morning ex.

Conf with Mrs Creigh this aft.

Visit from two rep. of Book House this A.M.

No general teachers' meeting. Group meetings.

Board meeting this evening.

M & I called on Rev Mr Doble a few minutes to turn over her conference blank

Tuesday, September 15

Gray. Cooler. Then brisk rain at 3:00. Heavy rain after 6:00 P.M

Morning ex at G.B.R. S. Miss Foresland, "story lady" from the Book House, entertained Kg's & 1's at G B.R.S. and the Kg's & 1's, & 2's the 3's, & the 4's at E.P.

Rep of Cable Co., McMillan, et. al.

Conf with 3's at 11:30 (of E.P.) & with corresponding group at G.B. after 3:30.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to an invitation from Julia Saul, President of the Park Ridge Garden Club. Mrs. Saul's invitation and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Mr. Jesse Smith

Highland Park, Ill –

My dear Mr Smith – Last year we wrote you [See September 20, 1930 entry. – ed.] asking if you could come to our club with the wonderful illustrated talk you gave before the Garden Club of Illinois. We felt at that time your fee was too much for our treasury – but we feel we can afford it now and would love to have you for our October meeting, Friday Eve October 2nd at 8:30 o'clock. Our meetings are held in the Pickwick Club room in the Pickwick Theatre Bldg. I do hope you can arrange to be with us. Will you let me know as soon as possible if you can be with us and also your fee.

Very Cordially Yours

Julia G. Saul

President G.C. of Park Ridge

323 Meacham Ave

Park Ridge Ill.

September 11th 1931

September 15, 1931.

Mrs Julia Y. Saul,
323 Meacham Ave., Park Ridge, Ill.

My dear Mrs Saul :

This is in reply to your kind letter of the 11th and with reference to a possible date for a talk.

When I wrote you a year or so ago I did not recall that I had talked at Park Ridge before and your recent letter has set me to thinking. I have just found my notes for Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1926, which show that I talked before a garden club at Park Ridge that evening. It was at Mrs Crowell's house on Grand Boulevard. Among those present were Mrs Stoltze, President of the club, Mr. and Mrs Parson, Mr. and Mrs Merrill, Miss Nellie Orr Woodley, Father Cumming, Mrs Mabel Stebbings -----, and others. I seem to have talked on "Planting in Nature's Gardens". I now recall that I gave the talk at Mr. Merrill's request. [See October 5, 1926 entry. — ed.]

Now--- as there is a possibility that I may be considered to have talked myself out by appearing once at Park Ridge, I have reminded you of the occasion. If under the circumstances you may think it wise to defer my appearance indefinitely, I will assure you of my cheerful acceptance of the situation. If, however, you wish to go on with the plan, I will be glad to serve you. The fee will be twenty-five dollars. If desired, I can bring my own lantern and operate it. I will give much the same talk as the one to which you referred.

Sincerely yours,

Wednesday, September 16

Very humid. Did not cool off as we had anticipated

A busy day.

After school Mr. Leech & I scouted around for a while in area about the intersection of W. Park Ave & the railroads

I spent the evening at Rudolf Ingerle's. While there Mr Mortensen came in & we had delightful discussions

Mr I's painting for the new pub. libr. is coming on beautifully. A moonlight scene over L. Michigan.

Thursday, September 17

Cleared and grew warmer but not unpleasantly so. (There were light showers in the night).

Miss Muggleton was transferred from G.B.R.S. to E.P. to help Misses Moore and Miller. A.M.

Agents for Laidlaw and Nystrom

Vetter's men set up outlets in lunch room for attaching irons. Also, repaired defects in wiring of aud.

Mr Leech & I took in our autos Misses McBroom, Deile, White, Grenoble, Sprague to collect aquarium materail – to Fourth Lake near Lake Villa. Fine ride but poor collection

Spent the evening at the observatory. Miss Guiney & Miss Cramer – James Cuffey and various children and adults to look at Saturn, etc.

Friday, September 18

Gray. Cooler.

Agents – Shirley (S.B. & Co), Palm Olive, Piano tuner, - - - -

Set Santi to spading garden areas at G.B.R.S. Miss Behrens' pupils & I planted winter wheat; Miss Lynch's winter rye.

Lunch at G.T. with Mr Jensen. Chat with Mr Metzler.

Various conferences.

This evening at school for an hour or more.

C.S. people had large audience in auditorium, Bartoli & Elwood on duty.

Mr Bush's troop had exercises in gym.

My last peach still on the tree. This crop has delighted my palate – so sweet & juicy. Don't know the name.

Saturday, September 19

Cooler. Threatening. Rain – brisk – at 12 noon. Thunderstorm near by.

I worked on my place all A M. Cleaned wood cellar. Mowed back yard. At 4:30 I went to Wealthyan Harmon's coming out party. A good time. Then I went over & visited Mrs Snite's grounds.

At school a while this evening.

Sunday, September 20

Turned out clear and most unpleasantly warm.

This aft our new libr bldg was formally dedicated. Fine exercises. Small crowd

Then I picked up M & K. and we drove to Howard Krum's house at 85 Robsart Road, Kenilworth. Howard & Fay were away for a week & Ed & Margaret Wilson were in possession We had a pleasant visit. Their friend, Mrs Russell, & her friend were there

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the library dedication program. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

P R O G R A M

3:00 P.M., September 20, 1931



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Rector, Trinity Church

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*Librarian,
Chicago Public Library*

ADDRESS: *"Books as Factors in Community Advancement"*
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Mayor

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Monday, September 21

Very warm. High winds
Conf of P.T.A. leaders in my office this A M
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
At school a while this evening

Tuesday, September 22

Great gale of wind in the night and only a little rain. Cooler today but "warm in the sun".

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Miss Dorsch's pupils rec'd a live goose shipped from Charleston by Miss D's friends

Capellor called (Milton Bradley). Agt for Cyclone Fence Co.

M. K. & I drove out to Werhane's this evening & bot some vegetables

The wheat & rye planted Friday is making a good showing!

Wednesday, September 23

Warm but grew moderately cooler towards evening.

Mrs Pfanst & Mrs Creigh and I had a conf over teaching Latin & decided to go on with it in 7A & 8B with "Latin for Today" as our text as usual.

Capellor called. So did Anders, piano tuner.

At GB R S. a while this A M.

Whirling Thunder called. I visited Mr Sandwick & Mr Richardson at the H.S. at 1:00 o'clock.

Called on Dr & Mrs Weinfeld – neighbors – for a time this evening.

[On this day, Mr. Smith replied to a letter from Julia Saul. Mrs. Saul's letter and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Sept. 18.

Mr. Jessie L. Smith
Highland Park Ill –

My dear Mr. Smith – Thanks for your letter and we would be happy to have you come the first Friday in October. The "club" you refer to was merely a department of the former Improvement Association (now the Century Club) and Mrs. Stoltze was chairman.

I helped to organize our present Garden Club about two and a half years ago – and we have a splendid enthusiastic group. Can you give me a title for your talk and any thing that can be used for publicity. We are looking forward with much pleasure to your visit.

Sincerely – *Julia G. Saul*
(Mrs. J.W. Saul)

September 23, 1931.

Mrs Julia G. Saul,
Park Ridge, Ill.

My dear Mrs Saul :

I like to talk about preserving the natural beauty of highway and meadow. I suggest that as the title of my talk.

I am at a loss to offer any statement about myself that would be of interest in luring the reluctant and "tired" business meeting to come to the talk. Very few would be interested to know that I was superintendent of schools at Park Ridge so long ago that the few that remember me will be reluctant to admit it because it reveals the passage of their years. Fred Gillick and I are almost in the pioneer class. I am a member of five or six out-of-door organizations and have served these in various capacities. That is not very definite material but it is all I recall.

Please let me know in good time if you wish me to bring a stereopticon or other materials.

The date I note is the first Friday evening in October.

Sincerely yours,

Thursday, September 24

Cool. Fire in fireplace for M & K. Gray this aft.

Two field trips about school yard with 4th's.

Ag't for World Book (Sears), for duplicator, - - - Applicant for teaching position.

13 of us went down to the A.G. Becker estate after school for a walk through the grounds. Memo:
Fine display of fruit on some of the dwarf apples & pears.

Friday, September 25

Raining before daybreak & continued much of the morning. Fine spray in the air at times this aft.

Rec'd paychecks today. At G B R.S. a while.

After school took Misses Rowland & Stimson to see the Millard place, etc.

At school & pub. libr. a while this evening.

Saturday, September 26

Cool. Gray

Drove out this A.M. to inspect the milkweed colony along Milwaukee tracks north of Deerfield.
Brot back stalks of *Asc. syr.* with pods, etc but found no fruit of *As. speciosa*. No fringed gentians this year in "Greenwood Gardens".

This evening went down to see "Green Pastures" at the Illinois A fine production – fine in every way.

Sunday, September 27

Fine sunny day. Cool.

M & I to Presb Ch. Rev Gerrit Verkuyl preached. Not a great effort.

This aft I went out to the Leeches & photographed N.E. asters. The wind blew & work very unsatisfactory.

Late this aft Mr & Mrs Sundell called. Then at 7:30 Ernest & I met at the observatory and looked at Saturn & at the faint stars in Vega

Fireplace

Monday, September 28

Fine. Cool.

Pet show this aft. Mr Hart in charge. Great success. Used north playground.

Ag't for Elson readers.

Conf this evening with Mr Murray. Afterwards looked in at the observatory a short time Miss Cramer & Mr Cunningham had gone home, but a Mr Davis, a NWU. student, was using the machine
Furnace, most of time

Miss Sands out with a cold. Mrs Taylor sub. - - Miss Tschirgi excused until noon to see Swiss Consul in Chic on business.

Tuesday, September 29

Fine day. Cool.

Furnace most of day Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

This P.M at school. I served as clerk to record the names of visitors to the obs. Misses Cramer & Guiney there

Wednesday, September 30

Fine day Warmer. Gray sky at nightfall

Mrs Leech ill & I sub'd for Mr L the first periods, he resuming his work later

Gathering of patrons at 2:30 in response to invitation we had sent through the mails. I set forth the plan of groups meeting once a month to discuss subjects studied by the pupils during the month. Plan favorably received

This evening looked in at school a short time. Then at Mrs Law's to confer with her over evening classes. Decided to hold plans back for the present. Then I called at the Greene's.

Thursday, October 1

Fine day

In the Kilroy bus Miss Moore, Miss Behrens, & I took all the 3B's "to the farm" this A.M. West from Deerfield, then past Aptakisic & on to the turn & at length to Childerley & home.

This aft to funeral of W.W. Bartlett at Highwood M.E. Church – Rev Messrs Goble & Hopkins

After school 3 auto loads of us to beach at dividing line between the two McCormick estates, then walked towards Ft. Sh. pumping station & back. Fringed gentians.

To Fellowship Club – at Presb Ch. – dinner. Came away before lecture. To school bldg a while

[William Wilde Bartlett was 56 years old at the time of his death at his home on Bloom Street in Highland Park. He was born in Evanston and had served for a time as justice of the peace for Deerfield Township. He was engaged in the insurance business and was survived by his wife, Helen, and eight children. – ed.]

Friday, October 2

Grew rather sultry.

Rommell finished taking group pictures of our pupils today.

Went to Park Ridge – Pickwick Club Room – to talk this evening to Garden Club on wild flowers of roadside, etc. Mrs J.G. Saul, presided. Good audience Fine time. - - Mr Tetzlaff took me over in his machine and helped me. Met Mrs Holbrook (Helen's mother) and Grace Jorgeson Pate & her husband. Before the lecture visited with Paul Bolten & his associates in his real estate office.

Saturday, October 3

Another bright warm day.

Mowed in back yard & spent 2 hrs at school this AM.

Desk work this aft, then took M. & K west of Lake F & back by Libertyville & home

Still great displays of N.E. asters & others.

Sunday, October 4

A fine day

None of us went to church this A.M.

This aft Mr Parratt & I drove to Wauconda & Volo & back

[On this day, Mr. Smith sent a letter seeking payment for a lecture given on May 22nd. [See May 22, 1931 entry. — ed.]

October 4, 1931.

My dear Mrs Denton :

It is almost ancient history but it is a fact that I received nothing for the talk I gave in Milwaukee the evening of May 22. I had practically forgotten the incident until yesterday when I was quizzed at the breakfast table as to the fee I had charged for a lecture the evening before and then I was asked if I had ever heard from the Milwaukee lecture. My own household remembered the incident!

My notes which I have just consulted say that I talked at the Wisconsin Avenue school to 75 or so people—girl scouts and others. It records that the audience was “very appreciative”. The Principal of the school presided and was very courteous. Miss Endris was away, I was told. One of the girl scout leaders lingered with her group some time after the talk to ask questions but she apparently did not represent the program committee. Possibly there was no one there that knew that a fee was involved. ---Perhaps by this time the organizations will have spent all their funds in the activities of their summer camps. If they are “busted”, we will write it off to profit and loss.

Your telegram came to me from Newton, Kansas, where I supposed you were vacationing and when after I realized I was not to hear from Milwaukee, I decided not to bother you about until the summer was over. As I said before, I almost forgot the affair. If you think it too late to do anything, let's all forget it.

Sincerely yours,

Monday, October 5

A fine day.

McKaye (Laidlaw) called; Dushkin, music; Mrs T. of Evanston (pastels) the fire chief & all of his men. Fire drills.

Teachers meeting.

At school this evening. The observ. open. The girl scouts had a party in the gym.

Tuesday, October 6

Mild. Gray. Then at 2:00 a heavy thunderstorm & downpour

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Agt for Mobet's Puppets; for Chic Motor Club. Spent considerable time, Mr Tetzlaff & I helping 6A – 8's dividing up into Clubs.

At home this evening.

Wednesday, October 7

Gray. Mild.

Very busy.

Children brot ripe tomatoes, beets, carrots, empty mason jars, to school for use by community service workers

We sent a heavy shipment of sandwiches to N.W.U. settlement this A M.

Especially interesting film shown this aft – building new bridge over the Hudson

Conf with Mr Richardson & Mr Tetzlaff over pupil tests, etc

Called on Mr & Mrs Colin Sanborn this evening. Took a pressed specimen of leaves for him to have identified at Field Museum.

Thursday, October 8

Fine. Cooler. Fireplace in use again
Conf with Mr Horr, bandmaster. With Mr Metzel at the City Hall over water tax of school, etc
Many of us teachers had a beach party from 4:00 to 6:30. Walked through the Boynton estate and then had supper on the beach. Fine party. Cool. Windy – but had sheltered place Great color effects of sumac and sunset.
Library Board at 8:00. Long session.

Friday, October 9

Fine day. Cool. Furnace fire.
Rep of Beckley-Cardy. Investigated seats at G.B.R.S.
Worked over idea of club organizations
Went with Mr & Mrs Charles G Mason to look over a lot on Ridgewood Drive recently purchased by them
At school a while this evening
Walter Sleeman on duty, this his second evening, as watchman during the use of the telescope.

Saturday, October 10

Threatening. Heavy rains in aft & evening
To Chic on 9:34. To City Club to Round Table meeting. Mr Washburne talked on his errand to educators of Europe & the Orient. Mr Tetzlaff went as my guest.
Shopped at Fields. Went to Abbott's to confer over illustrations for vestibule of Presidents
To Dr Hiram F. Smith's office to have him check up on my glasses. Owing to a misunderstanding Dr S. had gone when I arrived for my appointment at four

Sunday, October 11

Thunderstorm & heavy rains in the night. Today windy & clearing.
M & I to Presb Ch. Heard Dr Clark
Late this aft M., K, & I drove to Evanston. While M & K waited in the car I called on Dorothy Watt, confined to her bed with threatened T.B. She looked well & seemed in good spirits.

Monday, October 12

A fine day tho' gray in the morning
At morning ex. I introduced the subject of Columbus; a group of children recited Joaquin Miller's Columbus, etc Mrs Shaw of Evanston drew a crayon portrait of Mr Hart. - - - -
Teachers met in four groups to discuss (1) Miller's Creative Learning & Teaching, (2) Morrison's Teaching in the Secondary School, (3) Rugg's Child-centered School, (4) Gates' Reading for pub. school administrators. - - Miss Howell of Chic pub. schools, a visitor
School Board this evening.

Tuesday, October 13

Raining at daybreak & continued at intervals during day.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Kg's gave a circus.
Mrs S. Shaw of Evanston gave a chalk talk to our 6A – 8's at 11:00 & the 4 – 6B's at 11:25.
Interesting.
Nygaard called for a short time.

This aft Misses McMunn, Hanson, & Turpin & I took 2 bus loads of 4B's to Wauk. Fishing dock – coal dock. The N.S. Coke & Chem. Co. had a freighter (Perseus) unloading. Captain not there at the time & we could not go on board. - - Oven (coke) emptied, etc.

At school a while this evening conferring with Mr Tetzlaff.

Wednesday, October 14

Gray. Threatening. Mild –

Gave most of my morning to study of conduct in El. Bldg. Conf with 2 – 3's at 11:30

P.T.A. this aft. Reception Held in Hall of Pictures. A fine gathering.

This evening spent an hour at Pub. Libr conferring with Miss Hendee.

On my way there while going west on Centr Ave & rounding the safety island near the bank I ran into Romanello Ullian's auto south bound & damaged his left fender. No particular excitement. Left it for adjustment tomorrow.

Thursday, October 15

Gray mostly, Clearing.

Bowman Dairy Co presented us with their bedding geraniums & some coleus. Our men dug up & potted some tobacco plants from the school garden

20 or so of us drove to Crystal Lake after school and after considerable maneuvering succeeded in finding the boggy meadow where so many fringed gentians blossomed there. Alas, found none. Inquired at Mr Duff's near by. - - Ate supper at hotel near R R station.

— I rode in Mr Leech's auto. We had a fine time.

Friday, October 16

Fine day. Cooler

Had 4's make geranium cuttings & stick them in sand.

Agent from Compton's; from Ozite. Mr King, scr[i?]ptor, made a welcome call

Various duties.

I took Miss More's 3A's on field trip to G.B.R S.

This evening meeting of directors of community recreation. Authorized a program until June 1.

Edith & D. came late this aft.

Saturday, October 17

Fine day Cool. Well down towards frost this A.M.

Edith & D went home this A.M.

I worked most of A M in my yard

This aft Mr Tetzlaff and I went on a drive. To Mr Jordan's nursery where we looked over the estate with Mrs J &, later, Mr J. - - - To the brickyards just south of Deerfield where we examined the deep quarry pit. Along County Line road where we dug up two specimens of *A. ovalifolia* & a clump of *A. verticillata*.

Sunday, October 18

Frost

Frost last night but seemingly doing no harm

Obliged to lie low all day because of a cold. In the aft. developed a "crick" in my back – on the right and high up.

Mattie Bottomfield Richards & husband & a friend spent an hour or more with us this aft.

Monday, October 19

Very beautiful day
I was greatly handicapped by my cold
At A.M. ex. Mr Horr played several selections on the xylophones.
The men & I gathered two big hampers of geraniums at Mr Snite's place, and 4 groups of 5 – 6's made cuttings.
Teachers' meeting
Rep of window washing platform; Harcourt, Brace & Co; Stanton of D.C. Heath

Tuesday, October 20

Another very beautiful day.
My cold still annoying but I worked nearly all day.
Mrs Wood called to consult about blackboard for the Preventorium
Mrs John Steen, formerly Bertha Mickelson, called & we had a nice visit.
Morning ex at G.B.R.S.
Club day – last period – at Int School.

Wednesday, October 21

And yet another.
My cold much better.
This A.M. Miss White's & Miss Cramer's groups harvested maize, sorghum, broom corn, peanuts and popcorn.
This aft a conf with Mr Richardson over a program of reading testing.
At 3:00 I attended the meeting of the G.B.R.S Auxiliary and talked for fifteen or so minutes.
This evening a visit with the Ingerles. Then to H.S. where evening school was on. A fine chat with Mr Ball.

Thursday, October 22

Beautiful. Gray most of time. Autumn haze.
Miss Cramer's pupils washed soil from peanut vines & distributed them
Miss Hanson's pupils made room bouquets of popcorn stalks.
Miss White's of the maize stalks.
The janitors cut off four foot long bouquets of broom corn & amber cane and these were distributed
I gave Miss Crawford of Ravinia school a potted tobacco plant or two & several peanut vines. Gave McNutt of the H.S a tobacco plant
Misses Turpin, Wheelock & Parson & I left at 11:30 in Miss Turp's auto for Elgin where we attended the funeral of Miss Fallstad's father. On way back we stopped at the Hager potteries at Dundee.
This evening I phoned Milo Winter & secured him for the first lecturer at Pub Libr.
Mrs & Miss Grunew called on M & K this evening.

Friday, October 23

Threatening. Rain before dawn & a intervals during day. Heavier after nightfall
Got out programs for P.T.A. conferences next Wed aft.
Matheny called & repaired our stereopticons.
I called on Mr Jensen after school hours and discussed the roads leading to Holy Hill
This evening at school a while. C.S. lecture in Aud. Crowd came despite the rain.

Miss Phillips ill and Mrs Mason sub.

Saturday, October 24

Cleared. A most beautiful day.

Shortly after 8:30 eight of us left in three autos for Holy Hill, Miss White & Miss Stine in mine; Miss Cramer with Miss Marks; Mr Cunningham with Miss Rowland & Miss Stimson. Enroute we stopped at Heg Park to admire the pioneer relics. At Holy Hill at 1:00. Lunch in restaurant. Left at 4:30. My auto home at 7:30.

One of the most brilliant autumn days I have ever seen.

Sunday, October 25

A most beautiful day

M & I to Bethany Church

Late this aft the Lowes made us a pleasant visit.

K. went out for a ride with Mrs Decker this aft.

Read from Van Wyck Brooks – Emerson & Others today.

Monday, October 26

Rainy this aft, clearing after night.

Miss Fallstad back.

Mr Jensen & Oscar Anderson & Miss Hendee & I spent an hour and a half this A.M. discussing the landscaping of the pub. libr. Mr. Jensen is to sketch out a plan. I had a long interview with Mrs Everett about this & other matters this aft & Mrs Rubin & I talked it over the phone this evening.

I spent an hour helping David Swan with his Latin lesson this evening

Stayed at school until nearly 10:00. Drove Miss Rowland home

Tuesday, October 27

Rain before dawn & during morning intervals. Cleared afternoon.

Before school drove out to Mrs Werhane's and brot back 10 cabbage plants for the school.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S – Afterwards I had the 3's repot solanums (pepper plants). Then Mr Olander came & we went back to Elm Place where he measured swinging frames to duplicate — Three visitors from Lake Forest Bd to examine our fire escapes. - - A school photog. called. - -

Clubs met at 2:50. I entertained the camera club with display of my camera

After school I drove out to R R (West Pk Ave) and dug up some Rudbeckias.

This evening at school.

Dist 107 - \$1⁰⁰ Cabbages

Wednesday, October 28

Fine. Cooler. Winds.

This AM we had a short assembly to give H.S. pupils an opportunity to advertise their Hallowe'en carnival

This aft. we closed early & at 2:30 had conferences on some of the work of each grade. Very small attendance of patrons in most grades but interesting time

The Leech's invited Anna-Lee's teachers & the special teachers & me to an outdoor dinner on their grounds this evening.

Thursday, October 29

Harold Rugg

Gray. Cool. Rain drops

At 7:30 I drove out W. Park Ave to R R. crossing & cut branches of autumn leaves. Gave one load to Mr Leech & brot some in myself. An hour later one of the janitors & I made a second trip. Miss Grunewald & others decorated the hall of pictures beautifully. - - The janitors & I went to Rudolf Ingerle's house & brot away five big pictures which we hung among the autumn decorations.

This evening Harold Rugg talked in our aud before a fine audience, a joint P.T.A. group. Fine address. Reception in hall of pictures. A fine time.

[Harold Rugg (1886-1960) was a leading proponent of Progressive education. His ground-breaking work continues to influence educators in the 21st Century. In 1928, he wrote *The Child-Centered School*, which had a major impact on the teaching profession. (See February 25, 1922, March 12, 1927, and February 16, 1928 entries.) – ed.]

Friday, October 30

Chicago regional White House conf.

To Chic & Palmer House by 8:40 to register. Then back to H.P. an hour to check up on the Ingerle display & other matters. Back to Palmer House in time for the noon lunch with Welfare Workers. During the aft prog I sat with Goodier, Rowe, Davies & Nichols & Lemon. Mr Nichols & Mr Lemon stayed for the evening program & we sat at table with Earl Sherff, formerly botany teacher at D-S. (20 years ago). Home at 12:40.

Saturday, October 31

Hallowe'en

Suggestions of showers. Clearing.

Various errands. Then to Chic on 11:04. To Palmer House. Luncheon at 1:00. Sat with Miller of Harvey, & Mr Hanson, & Homer Davis of Chic Schools. Good program.

Left at 3:00. To Dr. H.J. Smith's office to check up on my glasses, then to Dow Optical (upstairs) to order a new pair of bifocals To Abbotts. Then home.

This evening made rounds of the schools – All of our janitors on duty most of evening.

At H-S. a while at the "carnival" for charity.

Sunday, November 1

Frost. Thin ice on my birdbath Plants did not suffer seriously. Bright until after noon. Gray & threatening later.

None of us to church. Late this aft I drove out to Mrs McCormick's woods across Skokie; W. of Highwood, & walked around Then on Ridge Road to Bahr's nursery Visited with "himself" who had just walked in with Dr Shedd & Mr & Mrs Borg. I drove Mr & Mrs B home to Ravinia. Before leaving the lane leading to Ridge R. we saw a snow bunting feeding in the road. Stopped the auto, got out, & walked up close & followed the bird a while. –

At home this evening.

Monday, November 2

Fine day Cool.

Number of visitors from Mr (Dolton) Bright's schools. Mr Lemon's daughter one of them.

Teachers' meeting. Miss Nixon's group presented three chapters of Rugg's C & E in America.

This evening Mr Murray set out to reach several school boards to interest them in a meeting at the Gt Northern tomorrow evening in the interests of school legislation. Visited Mr Bates at Deerfield; the Board of Waukegan; the one at South School, in No Chic. & the president (Jacob Novak) of the one at North School

Tuesday, November 3

Fine day. Milder.

Four visitors from Oak Park.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Went to Highwood to confer with Mr Thomas over school legislation. This aft to Lake Bluff to see Mrs Rockwell on same errand. Phoned Mr Murray twice in the city. Talked with Mr. Locke, attorney, over the phone.

Santi has spent a day and a half cleaning up the Larson garden.

A group of our teachers & I had tea with the librarians at the public library.

This evening I attended school gathering at Oak Terrace School where the new manual training equipment was dedicated. I talked for 20 minutes. John Meyers, one of my former pupils, presided.

Dug my 2nd & last "black calla"

Wednesday, November 4

Fine day.

A number of visitors from Zion..

Prof Fowkes & wife of Madison called on Tetzlaff & Richardson, his former students, & thus visited us for a time

Mr Richardson and I had a conf this aft over some of our pupil reading problems.

Most of us went to a buffet dinner at the Peabodys' this evening.

After we came away I spent a half hour at the observatory. Miss Guiney & James Cuffey in charge.

Thursday, November 5

Fine day

Before school dug tigrdias & gladiolas. Stored them in basement temporarily this evening.

Field trip with one of Mr Leech's classes. Dug up maple seedlings, etc

{ Arranged at H.P. State
Bank to pay \$1000 on my
mortgage Nov 1, & pay balance
(5000.⁰⁰) in 3 years

After school eleven of us drove to the McCormick estate (Cyrus H) and had a delightful walk through it.

Mr Murray called this evening & we talked over the legislative program.

Friday, November 6

Fine day. A "killing frost" last night. Ground slightly frozen.

Field trip with a group of Mr Leech's pupils to G.B.R. nursery.

Agent for wax.

This evening to Everett to talk before the P.T.A. Small audience. A good time. Mr Loos of Lake Forest (Ass't Supt) present.

Saturday, November 7

Stevensville

Fine day.

Left at 5:30 in my auto, passengers Leech, Grenoble, White. At 7:40 breakfast at Coffee Shop (Spaulding) at Mich City. - - Stevensville at 9:30. Drove down & followed back road to the cranberry marsh. Parked. Packed a mile or more along the dune border to the pitcher plant bog.

Climbed over dune & down into my “witch hazel park” where we ate lunch. Were back to our auto by three. Drove back & go on to main trail leading to lake shore - - Then back & up on the dunes highway to see the sun go down – Then to Carner’s hotel near Sawyer for the night.

Sunday, November 8

Sawyer. Warrens Woods.

Beautiful day. Warm. Needed straw hat instead of wool.

Left Carner’s at 9:00. To the big Warren Drive & tramped over it & thru the ravines in its folds Then south to the Ramoth’s and a short visit there Then, south on Dunes highway & the Three Oaks road to Warrens Woods. The color in the woods, the majesty of the giant beeches, maples, tulip trees, sycamores, etc, the richness of plant life – all memorable. Ate lunch here. . Pushed on at 1:30. At North 4th Ave, Gary, saw result of auto accident a short time before – 2 killed at crossing, one injured, etc ---- Got into a heavy blockade near St Luke’s Hospital. In Evanst stopped to call on Dorothy Watt. Home at 6:30.

Monday, November 9

A fine day Very mild –

At morning ex our band made its debut under Mr. Horr. Excellent start.

A photog. made individual pictures today.

Board meeting this evening. Getz & Berkson absent.

Tuesday, November 10

Fine day. Mild.

Mrs Steele saw 3 humming birds today! Child brot in a dead woodcock yest. Colin Sanborn took it to the Field Museum taxidermist this A M.

Miss Daugherty, former Kg assist (Miss Fargo) called this day

Conf with Mr & Mrs Mack this A.M. - - - - -

Conf with Mrs Pfanst & Mrs Creigh after 4:30. With Mr Wright prior to that.

At school a while this evening.

Wednesday, November 11

Rainy day. Mild

Visitors: Mrs Bentley, from Lake Forest, representing play to be given at Day School

Mrs Lacks, representing Community Service, called to look at our facilities for storing vegetables

Bates, Loos, Wright, Richardson, Tetzlaff, and I met for dinner at Green TeaPot, Lake Forest, 5:00 to 7:00, to discuss curriculum changes to relate high school and grammar grades

Excellent meeting.

We assembled for armistice day exercises at 9:45. Listened to exc in Washington including the President’s address

Thursday, November 12

Mild! Gray most of time.

Field lesson on architecture with Miss Rowland’s 8A’s.

Conf with O’s mother.-- With Mr. Hart.

Tony Sarg’s Marionettes here, aft & evening. Miss Kinsolving here. Mr. Searl for the company.

I called on Jens Jensen at 11:30 to speed up plans for landscaping library grounds. At 6:00 P.M I got drawings & estimate. These I submitted this evening at meeting of library board

Friday, November 13

Beautiful day.

Had Mr Mooney plough the Larson garden. - - He & I went to libr bldg grounds & figured on expense of landscaping. Consulted Earl Shehan about tile.

Various conf at school.

This aft I went to Mrs Paul Dittmar's – 2815 Colfax, Ev., to talk to Garden Club – Mrs Turner, Pres., Mrs B E. Gage, Sec. Had fine time. Mrs Pattee there & I went over to her yard a while.

This evening talked over phone with Mr Cushing over plan for a lecture on work of Elisha Gray. Called at the Ingerles.

[Frederick W. Cushing, resident and owner of the Moraine Hotel in Highland Park, was a former employee of electrical inventor Elisha Gray (1835-1901). Mr. Gray, also a resident of Highland Park, is considered by many to be the true inventor of the telephone. – ed.]

[Prior to his talk to the Garden Club in Evanston, Mr. Smith had received a reminder note from Mrs. Gage. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Univ. 3856

Mrs. B.E. Gage.
2418 Hartzell Street
Evanston, Illinois

Nov. 6th '31

Mr. Jesse L. Smith:

My dear Mr. Smith: -

I hope you remember that you promised to talk for our Garden Club this fall. I am enclosing our year book which gives your talk on "Worthwhile Community Projects" for Friday Nov. 13th.

Our program generally begins about 3 P.M. and I imagine it may be difficult for you to get there earlier. In case you do not remember me, I met you last spring in Ravinia at one of their garden club meetings. Mr. Gage gave a talk and so did you.

Mrs. Dittmar lives at 2815 Colfax Av. Colfax is 3 blocks south of Central St. In case anything happens to prevent you coming will you kindly let me know ahead?

Cordially
Ethelyn A. Gage

Saturday, November 14

Rainy day. Very mild-

In lulls I managed to plant 3 peony roots sent me by Edith Glenn Stoner from Macon – the Spillman peonies – west border of porch at south entrance. Dug up dahlias. Planted tulips I dug up in May.

Bert Green & I drove to Ev. at 10:30 to North Shore Hotel to meeting of Round Table. Address by Englehard - - Conf on revenue situation and proposed legislation.

This evening to Raymond Flinn's to show lantern slides of old group pictures of school children & to work up name chart for each. Present – Helen & Walker Flinn, Dorothy Carlson & a Mr Zook

Took Mother to Dr Wurth to plan new set of teeth

Sunday, November 15

Clearing. Very mild-

M & I to Highwood M E. and heard a thoughtful sermon by Mr Nye, the new pastor.

This aft M. K, & I drove out Deerfield, Des Plaines R., Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, & north to 59, then east to Lake Forest & home

Afterwards I called on Mr Taylor to talk over work on parkway shrubbery, etc. On Mr Howes, to talk finance of landscaping for public library.

Monday, November 16

Mild. Almost sultry

At morning Ex – Miss Grunewald's pupils displayed models showing the history of stage settings. A fine program.

Three agents

Teachers' meeting. Miss Meyer's group in charge. Mrs Gaidzik, Mrs Law & Mrs Danley assisted

Took M to the dentist at 1:00 & brot her home at 2:15. She had impression of upper jaw made.

Tuesday, November 17

Rained at intervals all day.

Took Mr Wygal & 2 other men up No G.B. Road this A M to start them digging around shrubbery in parkway. The men are paid largely in orders for food or clothing, - Community Service.

Went to Ev. at 4:15 & got in Mrs Pattees machine & we went to Aud. meet. at Acad of Sc. Then supper at nearby hotel. Then back to Acad to hear Bailey's lecture on the Haunts of the Golden Eagle

Wednesday, November 18

HP to Urbana

Clark Wright & I left at 8:30 for Urbana via Joliet and Kankakee No 45. About 4 hours. Lunch at Urbana-Lincoln. Aft session of Supt Assn of Ill. at Little Theatre of Lincoln Bldg.

Walked around a while after Met Marian Flinn & Billie Gifford. - - Heard (band) orchestra rehearsal, etc.

Evening session & dinner at U-L. Hotel. Mr Moore's comments on Mr Murray's & other's bills offensive in tone & I assisted in calling him down. Much group discussion afterwards - - Logan, Storm, Nygaard, Shaifer & I then had long talk about the status of our schools for delinquents.

Thursday, November 19

Urbana to H.P.

Before morning session, C.W., Harry Wilson & I drove about among the univ. bldgs

Session at Lincoln Bld. Fine program.

Lunch with C.W., Storm & Shaifer, then at 1:30 C.W. & I started back.

To Kankakee on 45. Then 51 to Willow Springs & 46 to La Grange, etc. Fine drive. Home at 6:10 Mileage 160.

Hotel 2.75. Meals 85 + 60 + 1.25 + 75.

Registration 1⁰⁰ Tips .20.

Friday, November 20

Downers Grove

Visiting day for teachers. I left at 8:10 for Avery Coonley School at Downers Grove, Miss Hanson & Miss McBroom with me. Mr Tetzlaff had Miss Stimson. Miss Cramer & Misses Marks, Fallstad & Cook. Raining as we left – and at length a deluge. Rain at intervals all day.

Miss Morse gave us courteous attention & we had a fine time. Lunch at the Ella Mary Inn at DG. Then to the Int School at Elmhurst, where Supt Beggs was very cordial & helpful. Home at 5:00.

At 6:15 to "Chinese" dinner at church. Met the new minister, Rev Louis Sherwin. Favorably impressed. - - Called on Mrs Rubens to confer over framing the Ingerle picture

Saturday, November 21

A beautiful day Mild.

Conf at Library at 10:00 with Ingerle, Mrs Rubens, Balke, Beardsley, Everett, Mr Platt – over framing Ingerle picture

Took 11:33 for Chic. Met Harold Schultz & we had lunch at Art Inst. Then spent an hour in the galleries. Then to Dow Optical Co & Dr Hiram J. Smith's office to get my new bifocals. Neither Dr S nor I satisfied with them, but I carried them off for trial. Shopped at Fields, "Food Shop." Home at 5:40.

Errand to school & Mr Sandwick's after supper

[On this day Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Miss Mitchell regarding a scheme he had for enlarging the Illinois Audubon Society. (See July 8, 1931 entry.) His letter may have been prompted by a letter that was forwarded to him from the office of Francis G. Blair, Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Smith's letter and the letter from Mr. Blair's office are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

November 21, 1931.

Oh, Miss Mitchell :

It was proposed to sell Nat'l Ass'n of Audubon Society's supplies to our chapters at cost plus postage and they sell them at list price, thus making a little profit.

Please make me a list of everything that would come under that head and give cost and list price of each.

I propose to enumerate the advantage a Chapter would enjoy :

Receive a copy of each issue of the Bulletin; a copy of the quarterly notices of the Academy; a copy of each leaflet issued by the Society; act as agent of our Society in turning our press bulletins over to the local papers; take part in an annual Christmas and (possibly) a Spring census, these to be published by the Society; use one or more of our sets of slides each year; receive a certificate of membership from our Society; wherever possible receive a talk by one of our approved speakers;

Please add to the above anything that occurs to you. Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours,

Greenup Illinois

Nov. 17. 1931

Francis G. Blair.
Springfield Ill.

My Dear Mr Blair.

I am a girl in the 8th grade I would like to join the Auduborn Bird Society If you have any materil as to how to become a member of this socity will you kindly mail it to me or give me the address of the Socity.

Yours Truly.

(Miss) Iona Paul

Greenup

Ill.

Sunday, November 22

Downpour much of day. Cleared after 7:00 P.M. Mild.

M & I to Presb Ch. Dr Louis Sherwin, the new pastor, preached a simple earnest sermon.
Excellent music.

At 4:45 I drove to the Pattees & got into their car with them & we went to Cliff Dwellers to a dinner of the F.O.N.L. About 70 there Mr Jensen gave the princ. address I opened with a welcome to the fireplace.

Mrs Welch came back with us & I brot her home.

Monday, November 23 Another birthday!

Fine day. Almost sultry.

At morning ex some musical numbers and Miss Phillips' Latin class gave a word exercise. The "new minister," Dr. Sherwin present & enrolled his daughter

Took M. to dentist at noon & brot her back after 2 hours. Met rep. of business staff of Art Inst at noon & arranged for the mounting of the Ingerle picture

Conf with groups of teachers; with Mrs Law, Mrs Klaber (landscape), Mrs Brion (N.S. Art League), et. al.

Miss Rowland & I drove to Winnetka to lecture of D.C. Watson before N.S. Art League. Synchronized music & slides Fine time. Cordova and the Alhambra

Tuesday, November 24

Rain over but gray skies & steady drop in temp all day. Rising wind, the blasts of winter. Freezing by sunset.

Morning ex at 10:00 at G.B.R.S.

Worked on a letter which Mr Murray wishes sent out by our teachers to their downstate representatives.

Took M. down again to the dentist.

This evening a lecture at Pub Libr. by Chas A. Brown on the invention of the telephone. I introduced Mr Cushing who presented the lecturer, a patent atty of Chicago, a fine type of man who has in his notes much material relating to Prof Gray's part in developing the phone. A fine evening. David Gray & Mrs Stubbs, & Elisha Gray II; Gray Stubbs, Chisholm Stubbs; et al.

Wednesday, November 25

First cold day of season. Rising temp.

3rd grade at G.B.R.S & 3rd Grade at E.P.S. made their vegetable pits

I met Mr Ingerle, a workman from Art Inst & one of Brand's men at Libr Bldg & saw the start of pasting in place Mr Ingerle's painting. It is a great success.

Today we sent sandwiches as usual to the N.W.U. Settlement, then we collected a truckload of provisions, etc., for Lake Bluff orphanage.

Thanksgv'g exercises at 2:00 in the aud. The 6's & 7's showed the Pilgrim slides & gave a beautiful original Pilgrim play

Santi 12⁰⁰ – labor (Dist 107)
Dist 107 for apples for "pit."

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Gray. About 32°. Ground frozen a half inch.

Worked about the place some. Covered madonna lilies & put cold frame about c.b. & foxglove plants Cut off the stalks in my wild flower beds, etc. Set out 3 or 4 Clumps of hepaticas.

M & I to Episc Ch. to union Thanksg. services 9 or 10 ministers took part. A Rev Mr Rand preached a good sermon M & I much pleased with the service

Chicken dinner.

Slept this aft.

The entire Craig family spent part of the evening with us. Pleasant visit.

Friday, November 27

Mortgage

The H.P.S. Bank renewed my mortgage – issued a new one for \$5000 payable Nov 17, 1934 with \$150⁰⁰ due May 17, & Nov. 17, 1932; May 17 & Nov 17, 1933; & May 17 & Nov 17, 1934.

I paid – on Mortgage	500.
Int - -	180.
Commission	100
Insurance	<u>92</u>
	\$872.

I owe \$500.⁰⁰ to be paid in thirty days

Worked around home all morning. Scattered manure, made compost pile, etc. Edgar Eisenstadt called for a while.

This aft I called on Chief Maroney & then on Miss Hendee at the Pub. Libr.

At home this evening. Mr. Murray called to talk over legislative program.

Saturday, November 28

Gray. Milder.

Worked about place most of A M. Potted the two amorphophallus bulbs & set away in cool place in dirt room. etc.

Took 1:03 for Chic. Was to meet Dr Dow (bifocals) but he had gone to football game (N.U. & Purdue, latter won). Shopped in book dept at Fields. Called on Mr Dean at Abbotts. Made my first visit to Michigan Square Bldg & saw exhibit of the “Chicago artists” in Increase Robinson’s galleries. (Harold Schultz rep. by two paintings; Leonore Smith by one). Then to Art Inst for a while Home at 6:30

Mrs Millard called for a while today. She got back from Europe the 19th.

Sunday, November 29

Mild. Gray

M & I to Presb. Ch. Heard Dr Sherwin.

This aft I drove out W. Park Ave & collected some seeds. Then on Ridge Ave to the Old Mill Road & Home.

At 6:00 at Mrs Gaidzik’s. A small group heard an Englishman describe Wycliffe School & the summer trip of its students to Greece.

Afterwards I called on Robt Rogers who is disposing of the property of the late Dr Daniel W Rogers. Agreed to accept two paintings of Yellowstone Country for the Library, these to be loaned to schools.

Monday, November 30

Mildly winterish. Gray

Ag’t for Junior Literary Guild called.

Teachers’ meeting. Rugg text. Miss Parson’s group.

Conf at 6:30 – 7:30 with Misses Sprague, Grunew, Gren, & Nixon & Voss over Christmas Play.

Took Misses Voss, Stimson, Grunewald & Sprague to Winnetka to hear D C. Watson's 2nd lecture
– Norway. Fine
Miss Marks ill and Mrs Anderson a sub.

Tuesday, December 1

Cleared. A little cooler
Morning ex at G.B.R S.
Called 8's together to talk over Christmas play with them.
Conf with G.B.R. Staff at 3:00.
At 4:00 conf with Miss Voss and the music staff over program of carols.
This evening M & I went to the E.P. Auditorium to a benefit concert which was an artistic success.
Audience rather small

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program. Performers at the concert were: Elizabeth McCrystle Heath, Priscilla Carver, Katharine Seymour, Mary Hayes Sheridan, and Harry Weisbach. The program was sponsored by the Dumaresq Spencer Post of the American Legion. All proceeds were donated to the Social Service Committee. – ed.]

Wednesday, December 2

Fine day Cool.
Miss Parson ill. Anna Behrens sub.
Mrs Anderson continuing to sub for Miss Marks
Conf with Mrs Danley, & with com on the play.
Went down to Pattees at 6:50. Then Mrs P & I drove (her machine) to Merchandise Mart, picked up Mr P. & to Orchestra Hall. Heard a fine talk by Roy Chapman Andrews.

[Roy Chapman Andrews (1884-1960) was an American explorer, author, and naturalist. On an expedition to the Gobi Desert from 1922 to 1925, he discovered a large collection of bones of dinosaurs that were previously unknown. His expedition was the first to discover dinosaur eggs. He became director of the American Museum of Natural History in 1934. – ed.]

Thursday, December 3

As yesterday
This aft I went with Miss Moore's pupils to Mill Road Farm – used three autos. Fine trip.
At home this evening.
Spent time working up carols – lantern slide material, etc.
Miss Parson back. Miss Marks left the hospital this aft. Gone to Glencoe for remainder of week.

Friday, December 4

A little snow in the night but almost vanished at dawn. Rainy.
Took M to dentist and home during A.M.
Conf with David S. & others. Left on 6:33 for Chic and to Chic Woman's Club to hear fine talk by Dr Miriam Van Waters on Goals of Correctional Education. Sat with Mrs Treadwell. Mr Logan of Winnetka & his wife there & we got to meet Dr V.W. & the presiding officer, Mrs Francis Dummer
Phoned Lennie today to learn about Edith's affairs

Saturday, December 5

Gray. Chilly.

Left at 7:00 for Joliet. There by nine. Attended meeting of "Com. on Redistricting" in Co Supt Ma[u?]e's office. Present Downs of Reddick, Meyer of Harvard, Root of Kankakee & I. Conf. over, I left for Gary via Chicago Heights, Dyer, & Merrillville, making it in about 1½ hr. Lunch with Clarence D., then to the house. - - E & I drove to Maggie Wilson's & had a fine visit with her. The first time we had been in the beautiful new house

E & I had supper together, then drove down to the store at 10:00 Left my auto in storage & rode with E & C. home to spend the night

(Turned in an expense of four dollars to Mr Ma[u?]e for the I.S.T.A

Sunday, December 6

Beautiful. Chilly.

Left Gary at 7:30 and at home in little over two hours. Fine ride.

M & I to M.E church & heard a sermon by Mr. Nye

This aft M., K., & I drove out to L. Zurich & back on Dundee Road. A fine ride.

Monday, December 7

Fine day. Cool.

At morning ex. the orchestra made its debut very successfully.

Two agents.

I spent an hour or so in dental chair. Dr Hamilton took off a crown – lower right. To replace later.

This evening Ralph Fletcher Seymour talked on the art of etching at the Public Library. I presided. Small but intimate audience. Fine time

Miss Cook ill & Mrs Loewenstein sub. Miss Marks back.

Tuesday, December 8

Fine day. Cool.

Met Mr Flinn at Library at 8:15 & planned the details of putting frame on the Ingerle picture. Called in Francis Berube to do the work.

Conf with Mrs Danley & the Ex Com of P.T.A.

Morning ex at G B R S.

Gave talk to the Camera Club this aft.

Went to Ev at 6:00 & went with the Pattees & Miss McCauley to dinner at Dr Parks, 1627 Sherwin Ave. Present Mr & Mrs Jensen, Ed & Mrs Wheeler, Dr & Mrs Cowles, Mr & Mrs Van Bergen, Miss Mitchell, Geo Hooker, & our party. Fine dinner. Discussion of educ. program for the F of O N L.

I brot away a box of candles & also meat for sandwiches

Wednesday, December 9

Snow. 7 in. or so.

Heavy fall of snow occurred late in the night. Wet. Melting. Cars skidded & stuck fast. I had some trouble

Six dentists came to our school & "surveyed" the mouths of the children. Finished before noon. Mrs Creigh and a group of volunteers helped record data

I took Angeline Ronzani to H.S. & helped her get started. Since August she has been in the Preventorium where she gained 18 pounds. Mrs Sellery & Mrs Robt Wood befriended her.

Our "group" met from five to seven at the Galloway House at Deerfield – Thomas, Bates, Wright, Wheat, Richardson, Tetzlaff & I. Discussion of social science & of English. Valuable meeting.

Thursday, December 10

Melting. Sloppy. Drizzle & fog late in day

Rep of Allyn & B called.

Mrs Rose Miller Kellog and four other women from Crystal Lake called and I showed them about from 11:00 to 1:30, leaving them at G.B R.S. where they were still forty minutes later (had not had lunch!) I took M. to dentist at 1:30. Then ate lunch & went after her.

Conf over Christmas Play.

Library Board this evening. Absent Mrs Rubins & Miss Hendee. Authorized payment of \$200 to Mr Ingerle.

Friday, December 11

Heavy rain in night washed nearly all the snow away. Very mild day succeeded by balmy evening & clear sky

Spent an hour or so in Dr H's dental chair

The G B R S P-T-A gave a stunt show this evening which was a great success. Big crowd. Good time.

M. not feeling well, so neither she nor K went.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program brochure for the Parent-Teacher Stunt Night. The program began with a performance by the Parents' Orchestra of the *Overture* "March Militaire" by Franz Schubert. The members of the orchestra were: Mrs. C. Sheppard, Mrs. H.A. Kruse, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. K. Lacy, Mrs. H. Lehr, Mrs. R.B. Culver, Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. E.H. Pfister, Mrs. A. Dixon, Mrs. J. Barber, Mrs. B. Sesso, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mr. M. Fell, Mr. A.E. Wolters, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. M.C. Hart, and Dr. A.J. Wurth. It was followed by a performance of Lytton Cox's song "Hats." Performers were M. Turpin, J. Johnson, L. Behrens, E. McBroom, S. Weelock (sic), M. Dorsch, V. Thomas, I. Stark, and M. Lynch. This was followed by "A Trip Through the Orient" a travelogue by Mr. W.E. Cunningham. Next was a performance of Worth Knight's one act play, *Old Lace*. The cast was Betty Worth, Margaret Wolters, and Betty McCaffrey. The closing performance was "Goodnight Ladies" performed by "the Gentlemen [of] the Orchestra. - ed.]

Saturday, December 12

Dist 107 - .60

Beautiful day.

To Chic. after seeing that preparations for play at aud this aft. were OK.

Bot mending tissue⁶⁰; Fair 1.05; etc. An hour or so at Art Inst. To Dr. Smith's office. He & I conferred with Dr Dow over my bifocals. Left them with Dr D for further treatment.

Home by 4:00. Took Kittie shopping.

Mr Murray called to talk over legislation.

This evening I went with the Loewensteins & Miss Jones to Betty Phelps' (Hill) wedding at Ft Sheridan. Then to reception at the Phelps home. Fine time. Big crowd

Sunday, December 13

Drizzly.

I went to church (Presb) alone. Good sermon.

This aft Mr Leech and I drove in my auto to the Wauk Flats & mad an unsuccessful search for fringed gentian seed. Brot back some shooting star seed.

Monday, December 14

A little snow in the night. Colder.

Lunch at Jensen's studio.

School Board meeting this evening. All present. Much talk about possible legislation. Mr Murray has spent most of his time the past few days in committee meetings and at mass meetings to consider the school bills now before the House

Tuesday, December 15

As yesterday but growing milder.

Much attention to the Christmas play. An evening rehearsal of part of it.

Wednesday, December 16

About as yesterday Sunny much of time.

Busy with Christmas Play.

Sent copy to Tribune today. Their photog took pictures yesterday

This evening I had a friendly but very frank interview with Commissioner Taylor about proposed destruction of five elms just east of intersect of Sheridan & Central. Then I went to the Moraine & had a friendly interview with Mr Metzel on the same subject.

Took M. to the dentist this A M & he brot her home later. Her new teeth are now being tried.

Thursday, December 17

Mild. Like early spring

Gave our Christmas Play at 1:45 and at 8:00 P.M. A "great success", once more. Miss Sprague bore the brunt of production.

This evening Jane Weinland was in the audience. Also Harold Schultz. M & K went this evening.

Friday, December 18

Mild. Spring-like.

Sang our carols & told the story of the Christ Child this aft. Considered a great success. Mrs Howes & her group sang for us the Carol of the Bressan Waits.

M. went & enjoyed the program much Mr Leech took her over. I brot her home.

I returned the Presb Ch. slides I used & the bell for the watchman in the play to Mr. Talbot.

This evening I made some investigation of the Ponzi family & visited them on Deerfield Avenue. (Called on Fontana, grocery man, whom I helped three or four years ago in naturalization trouble) [See January 13, March 14 and 24, July 2, August 2, and October 23 and 24, 1927 entries. - ed.]

Saturday, December 19

Foggy & slight drizzle at times.

Drove to Wauk. At Judge Person's Court at 9:00. Sat with Mocogni & Mr & Mrs Ponzi & their children, Geno & Clara - 14 and 12 respectively. Dr ONeill came in. He had filed a "dependency" charge - he meant "delinquency". He told the Judge that the children had been guilty of immoral acts. He was obliged to name three others against whom he had preferred no charges. The judge ordered probation officer to investigate & postponed hearing for three weeks. I volunteered that the "Ponzi's" had an excellent home. So the hearing ended

I visited Co Supt Petty & then home. Bot 40 or so Christmas cards & addressed & mailed them for M. She sent out 42. - - This aft I planted out in the garden (no frost) a flat with shooting star seed. Took M to dentist. Later to Dr Gordon.

Sunday, December 20

Gray. Mild

M & I to Presb Church Fine sermon (Dr Sherwin) and the best music I have heard there in years.
Late (5:00 P.M) M. K & I drove over to Bannockburn & I called in on Mrs Brackett on few minutes

Monday, December 21

Foggy, more or less, all day & great masses rolled up the streets after night.

To city on 8:33. Shopped at Fields & Stebbins Hardware Store & at Davis Store. To Dr Dow's & brot away my new bifocals for trial.

In Dr H's dental chair at 2:00. Some preliminary filling getting ready for replacing a crown
Sent out 8 letters inviting field notes for the Bulletin. Wired T.E. Musselman at Quincy about it.
This evening I went to the service of installation for Dr Sherwin. Interesting & impressive.
M got disquieting letter from Lennie. All banks in B.H. failed & Arthur is short of ready money.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the installation service for Dr. Sherwin. It lists the following ministers participating in the service: Dr. A.S.C. Clarke, Evanston; Rev. Mark Andrews, Deerfield Presbyterian Church, Deerfield; Rev. Christoph Keller, Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Highland Park; Dr. George Arthur Frantz, First Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis; Dr. Clarence A. Spaulding, River Forest Presbyterian Church, River Forest; Dr. John Timothy Stone, President, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago; and Dr. Douglas H. Cornell, Glencoe Union Church, Glencoe. The invocation was given by Dr. Clarke. The scripture lesson was given by Mr. Keller and a prayer was offered by Mr. Andrews. The sermon was given by Dr. Frantz. Dr. Clarke presented the constitutional questions and the announcement of installation. The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. Spaulding and the charge to the people by Dr. Stone. Dr. Cornell offered the installation prayer and Dr. Sherwin gave the benediction. The clipping also provides a list of ministers who had served the Highland Park Church. That list is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

- Rev. E.L. Hurd, D.D. ----- 1872-1876
- Rev. E.J. Bissell ----- 1877-1880
- Rev. John B.L. Soule, D.D., Ph.D. --- 1880-1886
- Rev. Henry Neill ----- 1886-1895
- Rev. Samuel Myrtle Johnson ----- 1895-1897
- Rev. A.S. Pfanstiehl, D.D. ----- 1897-1907
- Rev. M. Bross Thomas, D.D. (Supply) 1907-1908
- Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson ----- 1908-1910
- Rev. Roy Calvin Dobson, D.D. ----- 1910-1917
- Rev. James G.K. McClure (Supply) -- 1917-1918
- Rev. Frank Fitt ----- 1918-1930
- Rev. A.S.C. Clarke (Supply) ----- 1930-1931

Tuesday, December 22

A beautiful Spring day!

In dental chair a while this A.M.

Called on the Peyraux this aft & discussed the framing of the picture

Then I drove to Waukegan and interviewed, first, Mr W.I. Lyon in his office. Then I drove out to Mr Henry Kern's house & visited a while with him. Home at 6:30

This evening I called on Mr Cushing a while, then carried two bundles of books & documents in my auto Pub Libr where I placed contents on the shelves.

Wednesday, December 23

Gray Mild

Had Ugolini's truck haul me a load of rotten leaves & two for G.B.R S.

In dentist's chair an hour or so this A.M

Authorized Olander to replace a door in the kg bldg.

Met Mr Payraud at Pub. Libr to consider reframing of his picture. Came to no decision. I am to consult Art Inst mural worker.

Mr Cunningham & I spent two hours this aft working over our swinging frames.

Thursday, December 24

Gray. Colder

Found some tiny seedlings of larkspur or snapdragon in the yard!

Scattered rotted leaves in my forest preserve

Went to N. Chic & ordered a Balkeit radio of the N.C. Radio Products Co (Maj. Klock) and it was delivered at 1:00 & set up. \$39.50 Gave Raymond Phillips my old radio outfit

Called on Miss Dietz of Glencoe (West Dundee Rd) at 4:30 and talked "bird news" with her

M. K. & I drove this evening as far as Kenilworth to see Christmas illuminations. Great displays. We thought displays in Kenilworth the best.

Friday, December 25

Christmas

Cool but not cold. Sunny at times. I dug up & potted some larkspur seedlings that have come up recently!

The Danforths & Enders appeared at 9:30 & stayed until 3:00 Cooked a turkey and had a fine meal. Very pleasant visit.

I showed them through the public library before they left.

Last night at 12:30 some fellows lit two flares and set one burning on the ground s.w. of sun room & threw the other one on the roof of the sun room. M. K. & I were aroused, of course, and as I was below getting a pail of water, a young man passing by climbed on the roof via the apple tree and dislodged the flare. We have no clue!!

Saturday, December 26

A most beautiful day. Mild No frost in ground

Busy in my room most of A M. At 11:00 got offer of a grand op. ticket from Mrs Johnson. So I took the 12:33 to Chic. My first opera in the new opera house. Beautiful performance.

Then I went to the Blackstone at 5:00 & bot ticket for the "Strange Interlude" Began at 5:45. Intermission at 8:00. Curtain at 9:00. Play over at 11:00.

[Pasted to this page are two clippings of playbills, one for the opera, *Martha*, and one for the play, *Strange Interlude*. — ed.]

Sunday, December 27

Fine day

M & I to Presb Church & heard another fine sermon by Dr Sherwin.

At home all aft until 5:00 Then called on Mr Murray a while. Stopped at Santi's to ask him to run my furnace in my absence, and at the Ponzi's to inquire whether they had had a visit from Mrs Funk, probation officer

We heard a great sermon by Fosdick over the radio.

Monday, December 28 Springfield

Left Union Station on the Alton for Springfield in car of Lake Shore Division Members, Wright & Sandwick also from H.P. (Leland Hotel)

At 4:00 attended session of City Supt at A.L. Hotel. Dinner with same group at 5:30.

Evening session at Centennial Building & at its close the dedication of the Wm Bishop Memorial Bldg.

Ruggs fine address the principal feature of the evening.

Tuesday, December 29 Springfield

At most of sessions all day. Held a special caucus of interested persons over H.B 72 at 4:30.

Storms, Thompson and I spent a part of the aft visiting Col Whipp (Supt of Prisons) & Mrs Palmer (Probations) I visited R.B. Miller, state forester.

Special items:

Mr Keenan's analysis of the tax muddle in Chic & Cook Co.

Dean Dennis evening address.

The Ariel Quartette

The dinner of our L.S. members at New Leland

Wednesday, December 30 Springfield & Decatur

Session ended at noon. After lunch my colleagues left on the 1:15 for Chic. Clarence drove over from Decatur with Leonard and met me at 2:15. We went over to the State House where I called on Mr Miller, again, then on Mr L.H. Hendrick of the Maintenance Dept.

We drove over to Decatur Ate dinner at Martha & Leonard's. Slipped away a short time to have a pleasant visit with the Holmquists.

Stayed all night at Clarence's.

Mild weather. Gray.

Thursday, December 31 Decatur to Springf & home

After early breakf. Clarence drove me to station & I took the 7:28 on the I.T.S. for Springfield. Rained more or less all day

I visited Lincoln's tomb & had a nice chat with Mr Fay. Then spent some time in historical library in Centennial Bldg. Took 11:20 Alton for home. Got to our house at 5:30 P.M.

Raining very heavily. Still not cold.