

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1932



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Forward

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

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

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

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

[Pasted at the front of this diary is a clipping of a newspaper article, "Turner Land is Auctioned for \$47,000," written by N.H. Shere. The article notes, "A bid of \$47,500 offered by the John G. Oldweiler real estate firm of Decatur, bought the John McClure Turner farms at an auction held Monday afternoon on the Turner home place at the edge of Macon. Individual bids on the four farms fell approximately \$3,000 short of the total mortgage indebtedness.....Approximately 300 people attended the sale." – ed.]

Friday, January 1

Drizzly. Mild. Brisk noise of celebration at midnight but soon quiet came down.

Edith arrived at 9:00, Clarence D. had brot her as far as Adams St terminal & she came rest of way on Electric

I worked at my desk most of day. Audubon Bulletin material.

M. K. E. & I drove down to Winnetka (Swedish architecture) & up to Lake Forest this aft.

[Mr. Smith wrote letters thanking people for contributing material for the Audubon Bulletin. Two letters from Mr. Smith are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

January 1, 1932.

Mr. Watson Hall,
Athens, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Hall :

Thank you for another valued contribution to the field notes for the Audubon Bulletin. Your remark about the scarcity of items that are unusual applies to each of the reports that has thus far reached me. Each report is of interest never-the-less as helping to get a picture of the whole situation. Up our way there is some evidence that northern birds are straggling into this area. A collector for the biological department of the coming Century of Progress exposition has "taken" an evening grosbeak in my (Lake) county and some one sent in to him a specimen or two each of crossbills and pipits. I happened to meet a stray snow bunting on the prairie west of my home and had a nice visit with it, the only one I ever met in life in this area.

Well, again thanking you for your good assistance, and wishing you the best of the new season, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

I will remember you when our Bulletin comes form the press.

January 1, 1932.

Mr. Carl Gower,
606 So. Illinois Avenue,
Carbondale, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Gower:

I am under obligation to you for the very welcome notes for the forthcoming issue of the Illinois Audubon Bulletin. I have taken the liberty to add three or four more sentences of description of Horseshoe Lake to emphasize

the importance of your reference to the region. I have just spent three days at Springfield and had a fine chat with Mr. R. B. Miller, our state forester. We talked about Horseshoe Lake and I inquired how I might find someone who could give me an idea of the bird life likely to be wintering there. I told him I knew Miss Steagall and he advised me to writ her and inquire about a Miss Stein who he thinks is preparing a thesis on the ecology of the region. I had already written Miss Steagall as you know but I sat down at the hotel and wrote her the second letter. You can imagine my pleasure when I got home last night to find your letter with just what I was asking for. I will now write Miss Steagall and tell her I do not need to hunt up Miss Stein.

During my vacation last April I drove with our drawing supervisor down to Cairo and back. We took five or six days for it and our itinerary included Cahokia Mounds, Fort Chartres, Alto Pass and State Forest and when we reached Mounds it was late in the day and we had only a short time for the detour to Horseshoe Lake. We were there only half an hour and could not get a boat across to the island (there was lots of real water in the lake then) but I have been talking about the cypress trees and the whole area ever since. I would certainly love to spend a lot of time there studying the plant and animal life. I envy your comparative nearness to the area.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of each of the last two Bulletins and when the new one appears I will send you several copies. --- Again thanking you for your kindness, I am
Sincerely yours

Saturday, January 2

An inch or so fell in the night and lingered in patches during the day A snow flurry in aft. Still about freezing point.

Edith and I went to the city on the 11:03 & to the Presb Hosp. where Dr Lee C. Gatewood and his assistants gave her a thorough examination. Decided that there is no necessity for goiter operation. She has an enlarged heart & some kidney trouble. She is to return to the Hospital for a few days of observation. – I started her back to H.P. – Then I shopped & got home at 6:00. - - This evening took M. to Dr Gordon's. K & E. shopped.

Pd 6.50 to have oil changed, for greasing, & for half gal of Prestone R R 1.60 + Lunch .50; Toothpaste .25;

Sunday, January 3

Gray. Cool.

M & I to Presb Church All at home the remainder of the day.

Mrs Noerenberg called this aft & Mary came for her.

Miss Moore wired me from El Paso, Texas, that she would be unable to return for two weeks. She had been operated on for tonsil trouble

Monday, January 4

Colder this A.M. About 16°. Perhaps the coldest yet this winter!

School began favorably.

Teachers' meeting this aft.

At school this evening doing odds & ends. Took Miss Rowland home at ten.

The panels of steel engravings of the Presidents in place in the hall of presidents.

K & E spent the day in Chic – shopping.

Tuesday, January 5

Rainy. Mild

Edith went home this aft.

Morning ex. at G.B.R.S.

Luncheon at Mr Jensen's studio with him and Mrs Park to plan for the program of the meeting for Jan 19.

Jim Mooney called this evening & left some notes for the Bulletin. I spent some time revising them.

Wednesday, January 6

Grey, Cool with a rising & wintry blast.

Mrs Jenkins came to overhaul my book shelves.

Conf with 8's over promotions.

At home this evening. Worked over a program for meeting of the F of O.N.L.

Thursday, January 7

Cleared. Mild. Beautiful star-lit sky.

Mrs Jenkins finished her second day's work. Nearly through.

Conf of 6A' – 7B's.

This evening dinner at Fellowship Club. (Presb) Address by Dr Sherwin – "Together". Superior Letter from Edith. Banks containing store funds failed at Gary. Clarence's wages unpaid

Friday, January 8

Colder. Some snow flakes in the air.

Mrs Creigh and I had a conf this A M.

Then in response to a phone message from Mr Murray I went to the city and had lunch with him at the Univ Club. We talked over school legislation – then our financial condition

Then I went to the Art Inst & conferred with Mr Thon about resetting the Peyraux painting at the Pub Libr

Then to Mr H.P. Chandler's office at 30 No LaSalle to talk over the plan for putting the St C. School for Boys under care of U. of I.

Shopped & home

At school a while this evening to observe the affairs in the gym

Saturday, January 9

Milder. Gray.

Rode with Mocogni to Wauk. At Judge Persons Court. The Ponzi case heard "in chambers." Mrs Funke's report. Charges dismissed. Dr O'Neill much disgruntled

Caught 10:28 for Chic. To Fields & Carson Pirie. Lunch. Then to City Club to Round Table. Afterwards to Lyon & H (Fitzmorris) & Clayton Summy to hunt up music.

Home at 5:00. Shopped & then at Pub Libr. a while. This evening set Santi to flooding skating ground. Temp. getting milder!

Sunday, January 10

Gray. Milder.

M & I to North Ave M E. Afterwards we drove thru Ft Sheridan as far as Acad of S.H & back to note the destruction of trees and shrubs by the authorities.

Mr Murray called for a while this aft.

I left on 4:03 for Dr A.S. Parkes – 1627 Sherwin, F of O.N.L. com. on music. We practiced several songs. Had “tea.” Came away at 8:30. I rode to Wilmette in Ed Wheeler’s auto. Present Miss Collins, Mrs Maher, Misses Ethel & Sophie Theilgaard, Mr Moline, Mr & Mrs Dudley. Fine time.

Monday, January 11

Mild. Almost thawing.

Morning Ex – girls’ club gave some folk dances

At teachers’ meeting Mr Murray & Mrs Pfanstiehl appeared & Mr M. told in much detail the plight of our finances. He asked the teachers to accept a cut of ten % in salaries from Jan. on. Then he & Mrs P. withdrew & after friendly discussion our staff gave a vote of confidence in to the Board & agreed to the reduction in salaries

At Board meeting this evening finances discussed. Getz & Berkson absent.

C.S. lecture in aud this evening. Great crowd.

M. & Mrs Chapin went to missionary meeting this aft at Mrs John Putnam’s. Mrs P sent for them. My battery went back on me today.

Tuesday, January 12

Rained off and on today and heavier after nightfall. Mild.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Conf with Mrs Becker. With Mr Udell. Answered phone call of reporter for Wauk Daily Sun.

Conf with 5th graders.

At school this evening. Talked with Rudolph Ingerle who came there to practice with a male quartette.

Worked late making hekto copy for songs for F of O N. L.

Wednesday, January 13

Mild! Over 60°.

Spent an hour this A M in dentist’s chair, Dr H. - - Mrs Cunningham gave birth to a girl baby this morning. - -

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

Interview with Mr Metzel at his office in City Hall at 11:30. Long & friendly talk. Offered Jensen and me a place on a new Parkway commission, I to suggest the third member – a hard-boiled person. - -

Conf with 4th grade teachers - - - Met with the group of local superintendents at Green TeaPot for dinner.

- - - At school a short time afterward

Thursday, January 14

Mild. Gray. Then, drizzly. Heavy rains & thunder and lightning after nightfall.

Visitor: Ruth Pierson of Class of 1920, a very appreciative one.

Took my two potted amorphophallus to the G.B R.S. greenhouse today.

Conf with G.B R S 3rd graders.

Library Board this evening. Absent: Garnett, Howes, Balke.

Friday, January 15

Somewhat colder but not enough to freeze the ground. A week ago some ice ponds were opened but soon abandoned.

Spent a lot of time investigating an ugly fight that took place after six o’clock last evening on our school grounds.

After school took Mr Hart & some of our boys to Lake Forest to a basket ball game between our boys & the L.F. boys. Both our heavy weights and light weights won.

At home this evening. Worked on notes for a P.T.A. talk next Wednesday.

Saturday, January 16

Gray and threatening. Then rain in the evening.

Most of the A M at the Pub. Libr. Mr Reber of Brand Bro. helped Art Inst worker to take Mr Peyraud's painting off the wall, trim it a little, & paste it on.

This aft at home.

Phoned Edith this evening.

M. K. & I drove down to shop this evening.

Had to buy a new battery for my auto today

Sunday, January 17

A beautiful day. Mild.

M. did not go to church this day & I rested also.

This aft I went in on the 2:33 & met Edith & D. at the Presb Hospital. Edith is to stay there three days for "observation". D. & I came away together. He took the South Shore for Gary.

Read Chapman's Lucian, Plato & Greek Morals.

[Mr. Smith received a letter (to which he replied) reminding him of his engagement with the Glencoe Woman's Library Club. The letter and Mr. Smith's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Jan. 14 - 1932.

Mr. Jesse L Smith

Dear Mr. Smith,

As per our arrangements on the phone last summer you are scheduled to talk to the Glencoe Woman's Library Club at the Union Church - Jan 20 - Wednesday - at 1-o'clock on "Plant Life indigenous to these Parts," for a fee of \$25⁰⁰. As this was all done over the phone, I expected to remind you and give you details. The Union Church is on Park Av and Green Bay Road.

You will recall Miss Flora Cooke gave me your name for this subject and she knows. Please Mr. Smith, would you use some of the slides you are using for your Highland Park lectures? Bring an entirely different group, - we would love to see them too, and can furnish you an operator and a lantern. Trusting this is all satisfactory

I am Yours Sincerely

Rachel W. Koretz

451 Wrightwood Av

Chairman

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January 17, 1932.

Mrs Rachel W. Koretz,

451 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago.

Dear Mrs Koretz :

I have in mind the engagement for 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Union Church at Glencoe. I will bring slides as you request and to make sure that all goes well, I will bring a stereopticon also.

Sincerely yours,

Monday, January 18

Drop in temp in night but day moderated. Clear & beautiful.

Mr Tetzlaff at home with a bad cold.

At morning ex. Mr Horr & the band furnished an interesting program Miss Miller's pupils, also.

Conf with Miss Fallstad over promotions. Also with 1 – 2's.

At school a while after 9:00 this evening.

Worked up an article on pub. libr. for the Press

Tuesday, January 19

Threatening but cleared at evening

Mr Tetzlaff at school only for a while.

I gave a talk on colonial architecture to 6's this A M.

This aft at 3:00 I went to Woman's Club with Leonard Loos of Lake Forest to hear Prof Breasted's son outline the work of the Oriental Inst in Asia Fine talk.

Then at 5:30 set out for Chic with two H.S. girl violinists, Margaret Esmis & Virginia Parenti, to annual meeting & dinner of F of O N L at College Club, 196 E Delaware Pl. - - Fine dinner. Fine time.

Took my ~~dinner~~ stereop & threw songs on screen.

Wednesday, January 20

Mild day Gray.

Talked at Glencoe at 1:00 today. Mrs Nelson chairman of nature study section of Womans Club presided. At Union Church Had appreciative audience. Used my conservation slides - \$25⁰⁰.

At 3:00 talked to our P.T.A. on some educational changes in the past 30 yr

Mr Murray called this evening.

Miss Miller ill. Mrs Anderson, sub.

Thursday, January 21

Drizzly. Mild

Conf with Mrs Creigh and Mrs Pfanst this A M

Conf of 4 – 8's over reassignment of classes

Lantern slide talk with 6's.

Usual class with 8's – four boys, Swan, Pasquesi, Rudolph, Maroney

At school until 9:00 this evening. Commun. Center group in gym; Americanization classes; Miss Rowland's small group working on stage scenery; Amer Legion practicing in Aud.

Miss Thomas ill. Mrs Anderson, sub.

Friday, January 22

Gray. A little drizzle.

Took time off to take some samples of moulding to the Pub Libr where Mr Flinn and Miss Hendee & I tried them out on the Peyraux painting. Then I went down with them to show them to Mr & Mrs Payraud. We agreed on one style & I wrote an order to Newcomb-Macklin for the frame.

This aft I gave a short talk to the children of the Lake Forest Day School, Miss Ammerman, director. A nature study talk on "What have you." Used a few slides – beet, cabbage, etc.

Conf after school over 8A program.

Today we gave "tests" to 7A's & all 8's.

At school a while this evening. At nine Miss Rowland & I went over to the Ingerles & had a delightful talk.

Saturday, January 23

About 3 in of snow by 7:30 A M. But much of it melted during day. Colder this evening.

Clearing

At school most of day Worked in Int. Sch. stock room. There this evening also.

M. K. & I went shopping after supper.

Sunday, January 24

Some colder but it thawed some.

M & I to Presb. Church

This aft I went to meeting of N.S. Art League at Winnetka. Principal speaker, D.C. Watson – “Art & Modern Art”. Discussion by J.C. Ewell. Mr. Bentley, Mrs Venema, and me. I got off rather well Had fine time. Present from H P – Mr & Mrs Bliss, Mr & Mrs Sherer, Mr & Mrs Murray, et. al.

Monday, January 25

Fine day. Rising temp.

At morning ex. I called attention to approaching anniversary of Lewis Carrol. - - - The 5's dramatic club gave “The princess who would not laugh”.

This aft Miss White's pupils gave the story of Simple Simon – one of the most beautiful things our children have ever given.

At school this evening. Amer Legion rehearsing for their show; Boy Scout officials had a lecture and various group activities; Miss Guiney had a star group; the Girl Scouts met; the H.P. Press players had the gym.

Tuesday, January 26

Began snowing at daylight but ended before long. Much melted. Gray.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Mt Vernon talk to the 6's.

Various conferences this aft. Then I talked to the “travel club” about my trip to Europe.

This evening Miss White's group gave their play to adults & some children. Again a great success. K.'s ankles hurt her and neither she nor M. went.

Wednesday, January 27

Fine day. Thawing.

Various conferences. Goodman Theater representatives came to look over our equipment, their performance to be Feb 22.

Miss R[^{in?}]kenberger & the H-S. pupils began rehearsals for play to be given Jan 30.

I went to Art Inst as dinner guest of Harold Schultz to attend dinner of exhibitors & see the new exhibit. We sate with Mrs Millard & Miss Boynton & Mr Wilder. The Ingerles were there, Leonore & Arthur Jerrems, etc. Fine time. Spent a half hour in the new collection before starting home. D C Watson gave a talk on Mexico

Thursday, January 28

Mild Gray

Visitors: Rand Mc., Laurel Book Co., Supply House; Group Insurance, Newson & Co., et al.

Helped plan Lewis Carrol program.
Conf over promotions.
Fighting an incipient cold

Friday, January 29

As yesterday but growing colder late in the day.
Miss Barbara Muggleton absent all week – exams at Nat'l, “flu” the last two days.
Our pupils gave an Alice in Wonderland program this aft. Recitations, costume parades, etc.
After school I went to police station to sit in at an investigation of charges against Edw & Francis
Wing for taking bicycles
My cold worse this evening. Laid “low”

Saturday, January 30

Near zero!
Severe drop in the night. Clear & cold today.
Stayed in all morning nursing my cold. Went to school this aft to help police the audience of children. The H-S. players gave Ali Baba in pantomime as the 2nd number of the Woman's Club series of entertainments for children. Good audience. Fair performance.
Cold bothering me. K & I shopped at 1:30

Sunday, January 31

2° below.
At 7 A M it was 2° below. 10° above at 7:00 P.M. Bright day.
I stayed in all day to check my cold.
Phoned Edith this evening. No particular news.

Monday, February 1

Milder. About an inch of snow fell this A M
At morning ex the airplane club exhibited very creditably.
Mid year promotions. Moved Miss Hanson, 4B, to 5B. Moved Miss Fallstad, 5B to 6A. Miss Grenoble, 7A to 8B. Consolidated two 4B's under one teacher. - -
Miss Moore resumed her work after an absence of one month.
Various teachers' conferences.
This evening Mr Cunningham & I ran off the new Geo Washington film, the property of the town & with Pub Libr as custodian. Paid for by various organizations. D.A.R. took initiative.

Tuesday, February 2

Mild. Then rainy. Ice thawing. Our school pond used yest. but today thawing.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00.
This P.M. went to Chamber of Com. to attend a meeting of com on Salvation Army work. Only three came & a new meeting decided upon. R.J. Battis there, rep. Salv. Army. - - - Then I visited a while with Albert Larson
Foggy this evening.

Wednesday, February 3

Rather mild. Melted somewhat.
Longman's. Green.
Herald-Ex photog took my picture
Miss Grunewald's mother ill & she left at noon.

Conf over music. Over phys training
Our janitors worked this evening, painting gym floor – the boundary lines, etc.
At school a while this evening. Called at the Flinn's for a half hour or so.

Thursday, February 4

Heavy fall of snow early this A.M. Ceased about 9:00 A.M.
Had a "crick" in my back and did not clear away paths. Folks hired the first man who asked for the job.

Left my car in the garage all day. Walked in my boots to school.
Took a taxi to Jensen's for lunch with his group. Lew Sarett, the poet, the guest of honor. A fine visit.

Mrs Loewenstein sub for Miss Grunewald.
I heard one of Miss Grunewald's recitations, also one of Miss Guiney's – who was absent.
At home this evening.

Friday, February 5

Fine day. Moderating. Our skating pond in great use.
Another conf with Janet Davis, our Kg asst at GB R S. who does not seem to be making good.
Various other conf.
Vetter put in a new light for basement (east) entrance to kg bldg.
At school until 10:00 this evening.
Mary Quick Taugher and her husband from Milwaukee visited today.

Saturday, February 6

Fine day. Melting. Skating came to low ebb. Froze a little this evening & our school pond in use until 9:00 P.M.
"Crick" in my back made it advisable to go slow today. Much desk work. Gave special attention to indexing lantern slides of E.P. pupils in the 90's.
At school a while this evening.

Sunday, February 7

Still Mild. Gray
M & I to church at North Ave this A.M.
I went to Art Institute this aft to study the current exhibit of Chicago artists. Back at 6:30
In my absence Dorothy Kemp Williams and Olive Enoch Clark with the latter's son came and spent some time. I regret that I missed them.

Monday, February 8

Colder this A.M. A fine winter day
No regular meeting this P.M.
Board meeting. Much talk of reduced budget for another year.
Good skating.
Mr Danley worked late this evening to adjust our school radio.
Miss Grunewald to be absent all this week. Miss Loewenstein, sub.

Tuesday, February 9

Mild. Thawing. Skating came to an end and snowballing came in.

Morning ex at G.B.R S.

Wm Koller brot a week-old calf to school (G B R S) this A M & It spent the day in a corner of one of the workshops. It was greatly admired by the children

Various conferences

At school a short time this evening.

Wednesday, February 10

Warm Melting. Foggy. After dark the heaviest fog I ever saw here.

Went to Lake F at 5:00 to conf – dinner of my colleagues. Came away at 6:45 & went to dinner given us by P.T.A's at Mrs Shire's. A splendid affair.

Coming back from Lake Forest was a perilous affair. The fog rolled up in waves & often one could not see even the curb. An experience without a parallel for me

Miss Fallstead ill. Miss Anna Behrens, sub.

Thursday, February 11

Heavy rains before daybreak washed almost all the snow away. The day grew warm - 60° or more. Spring like

Mrs Getz said "her" meadowlarks came in today.

Miss Anna Behrens still a sub for Miss Fallstad.

Mr Raymond Warren, author & illustrator, a friend of Mr A.W. Stern, came to talk to the 4 – 8's at 1:30 on Lincoln. Mr. Stern presented him. Delivery poor but talk was worth while.

Library Board this evening.

Friday, February 12

Beautiful day. Thawing. Cool breezes.

Talked with slides to 1 – 3's at G B R S at 10:00.

Shared the program with upper grade pupils at E.P. at 11:00. They recited Lincoln quotations.

At 3:00 I talked with slides about Williamsburg & Mt Vernon to P.T A's at Deerfield

This evening at 6:30 dinner for men at North Ave M E. Church & talked with slides about Lincoln

Saturday, February 13

Beautiful day. 16° above at 7:00. Ground hardly thawed today.

Took 9:34 for Chic. To Chic Transp Co. To Remington's to inquire about machine with large type

City Club. Round Table About 60 present. Discussion of salary schedules, etc. Severe financial difficulties of very many school brot out The com on St Charles & Geneva reauthorized – I as chairman and Thompson & Storms with Logan of Winnetka & Hamilton of Oak Park added

Shopped at Fields, Rothschild's, Lyon & H., and consulted Dr H.J. Smith about my glasses. Home at 5:30. M, K. & I went shopping after supper

Sunday, February 14

Still cool. Sunny until afternoon. Gray.

M & I to Presb Ch. At 4:00, M, K & I drove to Lake Forest & home by Deerfield

Mr Murray called with an engrossed & illuminated copy of a portion of an address by Einstein & of a letter from Prof Frost congratulating our pupils upon the opening of the observatory. A very beautiful memorial of the opening of the E M G. observatory.

Mr M & I took it over to leave with Miss Guiney until tomorrow.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping headlined "Macon Woman Takes Own Life." It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Macon Woman Takes Own Life

Miss Lillie Draper, Macon, died in St. Mary's hospital Friday morning after having taken poison with suicidal intent. Illness is believed to have prompted her to take her own life.

Miss Draper was found in the Macon cemetery about 9 o'clock by Mrs. C.R. Jones who summoned a physician. The woman was conscious and told those who attempted to give her assistance that she had taken poison. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital where she died.

Miss Draper was about 50 years old and had passed her entire life in Macon. Until the Farmer's State bank of Macon closed some weeks ago she was employed as a bookkeeper.

She leaves her mother, two sisters, Mrs. Leta Shirrey, Lovington and Mrs. Lena Hoskins, Jacksonville. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Monday, February 15

Cool but moderating.

At morning ex Misses Voss & Marks played a duet for two pianos (3 numbers). Mr Horr played cornet solos. The band played.

Teachers' meeting this aft.

[On this day, Mr. Smith wrote a letter accepting an invitation to speak before the Prairie Club. A handwritten reply to Mr. Smith's letter from Jennie Pettersen is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Chicago, Ill. Mar. 6 – 1932

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

My Dear Mr. Smith;

I received your letter of Feb. 15 in accepting my request to talk on plant life and birds at one of the Open Meetings of the Prairie Club.

Our committee meets once a month so could do nothing until we had our March meeting. I read your letter to committee and they are very much pleased and we have decided we want you for a whole evening. I hope you do not think us selfish in asking for so much.

We decided at our meeting that you have just as much right to pay as anyone else.

Laura Frazeur is always paid.

I suppose you noticed in the March Bulletin that the talk this month was on Yellowstone National Park and Billboards. It seems Major Martindale was to be in city now and the Open Meetings committee thought they had better take him while they could. The open meetings Committee work fast and one never know what they are going to do before another committee makes its decision. It happens they have the rest of the Spring months filled so the Open Meetings Committee and the Conservation committee are very anxious to have you speak to Prairie Club either the third Tuesday in September or the third Tuesday in October.

Maybe I am asking too much of you, but both committees are enthusiastic about having you talk. It is some years since we have had any talk like that. Seems to me it is all of ten years since Mr. Schantz gave his bird talk and the gentleman with him gave the bird calls. Your talk would fit in Spring better but there will be many who will appreciate it in fall. I should have known you are a member of our club. I joined in June 1910. Sincerely hoping we will have the great pleasure of hearing you next Sept. or Oct. I am

Sincerely

Jennie M. Pettersen

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Chicago, Ill.

Tuesday, February 16

Gray, then rain this evening.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. At 11:30 committee meeting at Pub Libr of Com. on the Geo Washington film.

This aft a Garden Club dedicated a newly planted elm on grounds of Woman's Club across street from E.P.S. A troop of cavalry, three boy scouts, the mayor, some short addresses.

Went to Chic at 4:30. At City Club. Dinner & meeting of directors of Aud Soc. Came away with the Pattees & rode in their auto to Ev. Home by trolley

More reports from Bohemian Waxwings – flock near Deerfield School House

Wednesday, February 17

Fine day. Cool.

At 10:00 met com. at Pub. Library to consider site for an elm tree. Jensen, Rubens, Balke, Murfey.

At 11:00 had a 4B group transplant geraniums at G.B R.

At 2:00 spent a half hour at Y W – meeting of League of Women voters, to hear Mrs Chandler talk about St Charles

At 3:00 our P.T.A met Mr Tetzlaff, Miss Jones, & Miss Tschirgi on the program. A great success

This evening I went to Curtiss Hall, Fine Arts Bldg, Chic to hear Mary Elizabeth Jones, violinist, in recital Fine work. ~~Lida~~ Blanche Popejoy, Mrs Millard (Jones), Mrs Cochran, Mrs Doonan I was thrilled at Lida Popejoy Jones' daughter.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the Phi Beta Artist Series at Curtiss Hall, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan, featuring Mary Jones, violinist and Allene Herron, pianist. – ed.]

Thursday, February 18

Florence Clark

As yest.

Conf with Mrs Corwith. With Mrs Creigh. Club conferences.

Mr Cunningham & I inspected movie machines at schools at L. Forest, Oak Terrace, visited Deerfield, inspected machines at Lincoln, Ravinia, & H.S – all this for the com. in charge of the Geo Washington film.

At school for a time this evening.

Frank Anderson phoned us this evening of telegram from Altadena, Calif, telling of the death of Florence Clark. She had been ill a long time. Jessie Clark Anderson & Mort were with her.

Friday, February 19

Beautiful day. Cool. Thawed only a little

At 10:00 I showed Washington slides at G.B.R and helped the 3's open their vegetable pit.

At 9:20 I helped the 3's & 4B's do the same at Elm Place.

At 1:30 I showed slides to 1 – 3's at E.P.

At 2:30 I did the same for 4 – 8's in the aud

An errand at school this P.M., but otherwise at home.

Lent my Washington Centennial book to the Pub. Libr. this aft.

Saturday, February 20

Beautiful day. Mild

To city on 9:03. To Acad of Sc. Conferred with Mr Bailey, Mr Dickinson & Dr Eifrig over lantern slides.

To Nat'l Theater Supply Co, 825 So Wab. (Mr Jos. J. Duffy) to exchange a rewind and two mirrors for Simplex machine

Lunch at restaur near C & M Elect on Wab. Ave – with Bruce Hinman of Francis Parker. Then again to Acad of Sc. to prepare lantern slide boxes for shipment to H.P. Then to Fields for shopping. Palmer House for bread.

This evening K & I went shopping.

Sunday, February 21

A beautiful day. Mild.

M & I to Presb Ch. Afterwards I went to Mr Hess' place at 202 Beech St to look over the work of the squirrels. They have shredded the bark of two linden trees – slender, tall - & have been giving some attention to a sugar maple.

This aft I went over to Mr Wm Watson's house to look over his paintings and sketches.

Then M., K., & I drove to Lake Zurich & Barrington and coming back – to Deer Park, Glencoe & home

Monday, February 22

200th Anniversary.

A beautiful day. Cooler

At school only a little while this aft. There all aft.

The last of the series of children's plays under the auspices of the Woman's Club was given at 2:30 by the Goodman Players. A good audience. I did not see much of the play. The janitors and I made two trips to Mr Wm Watson's house to bring his paintings to our school for an exhibit. He & his wife directed the hanging.

This evening under the auspices of the D.A.R. the Geo Washington film of 4 reels was shown to an audience of adults. Afterwards the ladies served chocolate in the Hall of Pictures. M. went with me and enjoyed the pictures.

Tuesday, February 23

8 Bohemian waxwings in my highbush cranberries at 7:00 AM

Fine day. Quite cool.

Miss Grunewald back. Miss Parson ill. Miss Anna Behrens, sub.

I attended Florence Clark's funeral today. Left in my Ford at 11:25, via Harlem Ave, Routes 55 & 50, 103rd St. Ed & Margaret Wilson, Grant & Edward Wilson & their wives, Margie Wilson Dorman & her husband, Bessie Baer, Fraeme Clark & wife, Mr & Mrs Christiansen, — Frank & Jessie Clark & their children Clark, Bus, John David & Florence — and Mort Clark. I got there a little after one. Funeral at church at 2:30. Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. I started back from there. Spent from 5:15 to 5:45 with Blanche Lowe & the boys. Home before 7:00

Wednesday, February 24

Beautiful day.

Showed Geo Washington film to all 1 – 3's at 9:00. To 4 – 8's at 1:30.

Planting lesson with Miss Meyer's 4A's at G.B.R.S.

Various visitors

Miss White ill. Mrs Loewenstein sub.

Agent for group insurance explained his plan to 14 of us after school

Thursday, February 25

A very mild day. Even a light overcoat a burden.

Conf from 9:00 to 10:00 with Mrs Pfanst & Mrs Creigh over proposed drastic cut in our school budget.

At 11:00 Miss Stine and I took the 4B's to G.B.R.S. plant house for lesson in potting geraniums.

Visitors: Beckley & Cardy; Matzene (photo); Appleton; a "pest", et al.

Conf over 8'th pupils after school. Then Misses Grunewald, Grenoble, Marks, Sprague & I drove up to the skunk cabbage patch. None in sight.

Edith came this evening.

Friday, February 26

Milder still! Almost overcoatless.

Today I helped Mr Leech plan a seed planting program – Marglobe tomatoes, 25, Schell's — 5, cabbage 2, onions 1, etc.

At G B R.S – Miss White and her pupils and I potted all the cuttings, & repotted 50 or more rooted plants

Ordered stakes for nursery.

Edith went home on the 1:34. Seemed in good spirits

Called at the Com. Service at 4:30 & Mrs Flinn showed me about & discussed many activities.

This evening I called on Mr Francis & had a friendly talk about his financial condition I left a "box" from the C S., a bag of oranges, etc.

Saturday, February 27

Gray and colder but a fine wintry day.

Much of the time at my desk working on a geographic society memo.

This aft trimmed my small trees & did odd jobs.

Sunday, February 28

Milder. Fine day.

None of us went to church this A M.

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This aft we drove to Libertyville, Gurnee, Lake Forest, Waukegan, & home [Numbers above

indicate that Mr. Smith visited Waukegan first, then Lake Forest. – ed.]

Heard & saw a meadowlark. They have been about for two weeks or so. The Bohemian waxwing in rather large flocks is reported again & again. Mr Leech & I heard a killdeer, Feb. 25.

Monday, February 29

Fine day.

Our migrating birds seem to be here in flocks

At morning ex our upper grade boys' glee club sang well.

Miss Jones away. No sub. Miss Grunewald away with Mrs Loewenstein sub.

Group teachers' meeting this evening at 4:00.

Miss White and I being last out of school, drove out to the new bridge over the Des P. west of Deerfield & home by Wheeling.

This evening to Mr Benedict Goodman's where Prof Starr lectured on Japan, China & Manchuria. Large proportion of the aud. univ. of C. Graduates. Kennicott presided. Fine time. The talk all right if one accepts the exploitations of the past as a precedent for the present.

Tuesday, March 1

A real March day! Gray, then a drizzle and sleet, continuing into the night.

A G B R S. this A.M. Got 50 four inch pots at Bahr's for the school.

Spent considerable time with club organizing this aft.

At home this evening

See page 45 [February 14, 1932 – ed.] for clipping telling of death of Lillie Draper. Clarence sent it to us. Date is probably Feb 24.

[The Jesse Lowe Smith papers at the Highland Park Public Library include a membership list of the Superintendents' Round Table of Northern Illinois. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

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Wednesday, March 2

Rained easily all night Milder. Sleet largely gone.

Assembly of 5 – 8's to give Mr Hart to put over the E P.A.A.S idea

About 70 of our pupils went to see Jane Adams & Otis Skinner, this aft Milw Elect. Misses Nixon, Sprague, Fallstad & I. Pupils behaved very well. Adams & Skinner had mostly mediocre support.

Miss A. inspired only in court scene where she presented an original interpretation. Skinner effective but not great

Thursday, March 3

Gray. Milder. Still "March like"

Mr Richardson gave our 8th grade tests for H.S. today.

I gave planting lessons to all of the G.B.R.S 3's today.

This evening I went first to the dinner of Men's Club at Presb Ch – which was delayed one hour because of lateness of speaker – and came away at 5 minutes of eight. Picked up Misses Voss, Sprague, Rowland, Stimson & Stein and took them to Ravinia Community House to see 4 one act plays by competing players from Wauk, Highwood, Glencoe & H.P. We had a fine time.

[Pasted at this page is a clipping of a portion of the playbill for the one act plays. The Threshold Players of Glencoe presented *The Valiant* which Mr. Smith indicated with a handwritten note was "superior" and The Leonard Players of Waukegan presented *All the World Loves a Lover*. – ed.]

Friday, March 4

Gradually clearing. Rather fine afternoon.

Various conferences.

Pupils of 6A – 8's voted on first choice among Mr Watson's studies, this to be copied into a large painting.

M. K. & I rod out through Wheeling, past Buffalo Grove & through Prairie View & Everett & home

This eve I went to the aud & heard Gen Davis lecture on the campaign against Palestine & tell of Allenby's entrance into Jerusalem. Slides & motion pictures. A fine talk. A crowd – perhaps 700.

Saturday, March 5

Snowed & froze the first part of the day. Roads got slippery at once.

I drove to Wauk to attend teachers' convention and had my share of skidding. Heard the Ariel quartette sing but came away before the speaker, Tom Skeyhill, began (I had heard him twice). Went to office of County Highway commissioner to get latest road map

This aft K & I shopped. Then I spent two hours at school.

At home this evening.

Sunday, March 6

2° above at 8:00 A.M.

Clear and cold. 5° above at 10:00 P.M.

We stayed in today. Listened to a sermon by Dr Shannon, etc.

This aft to a conf with Mr Murray, Mr Getz, and Martin Hart at Mr M's. Conf over finance.

Saw a flock of 30 or 40 Bohem waxwings in yard three doors south of Mr M's house.

Monday, March 7

Zero (or lower) at 7:00 AM

Cold. Moderated as the sun shone but only 4° above at 11:00 P.M.

Some heating trouble at G B R S. Mr Bartoli and I went over at 11:00 to inspect. Mr B tightened the belt on the fan.

At morning ex. the 1 – 2's rythm performed

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Chapters in Rugg on the community centered school.

Worked on probable class enrolment & pupil distribution for next two years – this evening.

Tuesday, March 8

2° below or lower at 7:00 AM.

A cold day. This aft a cold wind at intervals carried about a fine spray of snow. At 11:00 P.M - 1° above

Conf with Mrs Creigh at 11:00.

With Miss White & Miss Cook at 4:00

Mr Hart showed up but too ill to stay.

Miss Grunewald back

Miss Jones also.

At my desk this evening. Mailed out 40 or more Audubon Bulletins

Wednesday, March 9

0° at 7:00 A M

Cold all day. Snow flurries. 10° above at 11:00 P M.

Bohem waxwings in our tree & h.b. cranberry bushes yest. This AM in Mrs Thayer's.

Mr Hart on duty today.

Mr Cunningham and I went to Pub Libr at noon to test out facilities for operating stereoptican

Conf with Miss Stimson after school. Then to G.B.R. School to P.T.A. meeting. Miss Levy spoke, Miss Turpin also.

Then to Green Tea Pot at 5:30 to dinner. Wright, Thomas, Tetzlaff, Wheat, Richardson & I. A good conference. - - Then to Pub. Libr. Introduced Dudley Crafts Watson who lectured on Norway. Came away after he started & spent an hour at the Board meeting Very important action. Then back to hear close of Mr. Watson's fine lecture.

Thursday, March 10

5° above at 7:00. Moderated much during the day.

Yest aft the Bohem waxwings cleaned up all my h.b. cranberries. M & K reported 50 or more birds

Miss Parson absent because of funeral of an uncle. Mrs. Loewenstein sub.

Various activities. Taught a 6A lang. class as a follow up of one of Mr Leech's science lessons.

At library board for half hour or more this evening, then to the high school where Mr Sandwick had all the teachers etc of this area as guests. Mr Washburne spoke of his educational tour of the world. A fine time.

Friday, March 11

10° above at 6:30 A M. Moderated much during the day.

A busy day. Obligated to inform Misses Rowland, Weaver & Hanson that their places would be vacant an other year.

Our light & heavy weight basket ball teams played corresponding Highwood (Oak Terrace) teams in our gym after school & won both games. Close games. Big crowd.

I went to Senior H.S. Play this evening. Very interesting. Mary Noerenberg surprised me at her showing in the part of "the queen".

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the playbill for *The Queen's Husband* by Robert Emmet Sherwood, the Deerfield-Shields High School Senior Play under the direction of Miss Rinkenberger. The cast was Richard Gault, Carl Gustafson, Harley Dee, James Ewell, Myra Jane Hutton, Mary Noerenberg, Dorothy Balling, Helen Verwee, Mavern Hamilton, Jeff Bennett, David Canmann, James Tibbetts, Ted Pasquesi, Alfred Meyer, and Fred Fell. — ed.]

Saturday, March 12

Beautiful day but cool & little thawing.

To Chic on 9:34. To Sherman House to all day session of Chic. Ass'n for C S. & Parent Ed. –
Lunch session with the group concerned with the movies.

Highwater was Pres Frank's address in the aft. Sat with W.R. Hatfield this aft.

Shopped at Vaughns, Fields, Palmer House.

K & I shopped this evening.

Blount, Hatfield, Miss Johnson, Mary Davis, Miss Cook, Hamilton, Mrs Ruwitch, Mr & Mrs Law,
Mrs Walton, Miss Marks, Miss Kirkland, Mrs Jim ———, Hudson, Worthley, et. al.

Sunday, March 13

Cold. Gray.

M & I to Presb church this A M.

2:04 for Chic & to Civic Opera House to hear Padarewski! A great performance. He responded at
the close with, all together, 10 numbers.

Then to Miss Babers at 6208 University Ave to dinner & a conf. on the library collection for the
Geog Soc. Mr & Mrs Utley, Miss Conwell, Miss Alexander & Miss ———. A good time but little
accomplished

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the concert program for the piano recital by Ignace Paderewski at the
Civic Opera House at 3:30 p.m. – ed.]

Monday, March 14

Bright day. Still cool. 14° above at 7:00.

At AM Ex – Mr Horr had brass sextette from H.S. Played well. Our band also played. Miss
Moore & Miss Miller's 3's sang pioneer songs in costume. I showed some bird slides, waxwings et. al,
including some new ones for Aud Soc just recd from Brownell.

Kathryn Wagner of Wilmette schools (orchestra) & a friend visited & were appreciative.

At teachers' meeting I talked over salaries and assignments for another year. On Friday I had told
Misses Weaver, Rowland & Hanson that their places would be vacant. Today I told Mr Tetzlaff. If an
upper grade position opens, Mr T will accept.

Tuesday, March 15

Clear. Cool.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Conf with Mrs Creigh over moral problem

Left on 4:34 for Chic. To 185 Wab. to dinner & meeting of directors of Aud Soc. Came home
with the Pattees to Ev. & by electric home.

Wednesday, March 16

Moderated much during the day.

Took group picture of lt. wt. bask. ball team and also of "big five"

Had photographed the 11 players of heavy wt team on Monday.

P.T.A this aft. Subject: Science. Miss Cramer, Mr Leech & Miss Guiney spoke. A fine program.

At home this evening.

Thursday, March 17

Moderating. Sunny.

Rabbi _____ of Glencoe came to inquire about Sammie Giallanza and spent a pleasant hour with us.

After school Misses White & Grenoble & I went up into Ft Sheridan woods to get cuttings to force & then on to Sweeney's woods. Here we found a flock of grackles. One skunk cabbage hood was showing.

This evening I picked Miss Rowland & Miss Stimson up at school & we went to the Wm Watson home to call. Had a fine hour there.

Friday, March 18

Sun soon under cloud Chill. Snowed late aft & 2 inches fell by dark

Field trip with Miss McMunn & 4B boys to Vine Ave Viaduct, Exmoor Ridge, Sunset Pk., G B.R S.

At home this evening

Saturday, March 19

Clear. Sunny. Melting.

Errands this A.M. This aft at school. Much clearing away of accumulations, etc.

This evening worked on a memorandum to be sent to the officers and directors of the Geog. Soc

Sunday, March 20

Gray. Cold wind

M & I to North Ave M.E. this A M.

I took 4:34 this aft for Chic & to Mrs Sippy's home at 5615 Woodlawn for meeting of F.O.N.L. Mrs Bley presided. Dr Schneider showed beautiful autochromes of Zion, Brice, & Grand Canyons. Came as far as Wilmette in Mr Jensen's machine

Dr & Mrs Cowles & daughter, Miss Holbrook, Mr & Mrs Dudley, Jaques, Jerome, Pattee, Marshall Johnson, Wheeler, Mr Jessup, the Misses Theilgaard, et. al.

Monday, March 21

The big snow!

Began before daybreak and continued at intervals all day & into the night. A northeaster!

At morning ex. Mr Linderman of the H.S. presented our heavies with the championship pennant for this season.

I left during the ex and met Dr Paul Schroeder at the City Club to talk over the St Charles situation, etc. He invited me to stay on at a luncheon committee meeting of the child welfare group of the City Club. Benj. Bachrach, public defender, talked Rev Phillip Yarrow present.

Various errands. Stopped at Acad of Sc. on way home & brot out the prairie chicken slides of Aud Soc.

Tuesday, March 22

Snow piled up in great drifts. A clear sky and a warm sun.

Left my machine at home this AM. but ventured out this aft when roadway was dug out

At Dr Hamilton's from 10:15 to 11:45.

Conf over W. Bicentennial celebration in my office this aft – Allen, Sandwick, Wright, Mrs Murfey, Mrs Phelps. Prepared tentative program. Are to meet one week later.

Dinner this evening with Mr & Mrs Wyatt Brummit at Turpin-Wheelock's. Fine evening. Mr B showed some of his fine photographs (Son of Dan Brummit).

Wednesday, March 23

A beautiful day. Streets still cumbered with snow. My machine stuck in front of my drive this A M & some H-S. boys shoved me out

Various activities. – Hayes and Rounds visited me for Rand McN.

Mr Crosse demonstrated a Hoover sweeper at our house today and we bought it - \$64⁰⁰ plus our old vacuette.

Conf at Library at five. Mrs Beardsley, Miss Hendee, Mr Platt & I - - - Book Committee

Thursday, March 24

A fine day. Thawing. But some of the streets difficult to navigate.

Mrs Law & I had a conf. this A M. when we agreed to have our next P.T.A. meeting on evening of Apr. 19.

A day of disciplinary problems.

Matheny of Keystone View Company called

I photographed the lightweights this aft. Used flashes for first time.

This day at 4:30 I took M to Dr Gordon's for treatment of her feet.

To Presb Ch. this evening to hear Dr Sherwin. Afterwards I spent an hour or more at Mr Murray's – talking over speakers for a proposed symposium or two at the Pub. Libr.

Friday, March 25

Fine day Thawed heavily.

Visitors: Mrs Steele, Mrs Loewenstein, Mr Schroeder,

Wilmette boys played our boys (basket ball) after school here. Both our light & heavies won.

I spent some time over Aud Soc. slides after school. Mr Cunningham has just finished four new carrying boxes for the Soc.

I went to services at Presb Ch this evening. The most impressive I ever attended here. - - - -
Marion Moseley here over Easter. - - - -

Dr H. capped a splintered tooth this A.M.

Saturday, March 26

Beautiful day. Snow melting rapidly.

To Chic on 9:04. To Fields – sport coat. Dennison's, seals & blotters. Eastman's, lens & D.C.O.'s Palmer House, bread. Mdse Mart & lunch with Fred Pattee. Inquired about mimeo work at Marshall's.

Home on N.S.E.RR & chat with Mr Hubert P. Harmon on way.

Took M. & K. for ride at Sunset – to Deerfield & back on Half Day Road

Called on Mr Henry Mortensen on Sunset Terrace this evening.

Robins sang everywhere; meadowlarks in fine form.

Sunday, March 27

Beautiful day. Thawing, ground water soaked.

Clarence D & E. came in at 10:00 and stayed until 3:30.

M & I to Presb Ch. Almost the largest crowd in the history of the church

Mr & Mrs Cunningham & the children called for twenty minutes or more

M., K, & I drove late aft to Wheeling, Techny, & home. Fine sunset.

After church Laura Sweetland brot Mother a fine Easter lily from the Presb Ch. display.

Monday, March 28

Fine day Late aft a brisk shower in which some snow flakes contributed, but all cleared off.
At AM. exercises, Miss Tschirgi's pupils gave an excellent program on Japan.
Teachers' meeting this aft. Discussed a chapter of Rugg & considered plans for programs of April
19, Apr 29, & commencement.
At school an hour or so this evening.
Elmer Hecketsweiler came to school this aft to teach me how to take a flash picture of a group.

Tuesday, March 29

Another fine day with rising wind late in the day
Mr Tetzlaff visited schools at Whitefish Bay today.
I showed bird slides to G B R children, and at E.P. to all the 4's & the 5A's.
Conf after school with Mr. Allen & Mrs Wright, et. al., about Washington celebration.
This evening the League of Women Voters held an open meeting at the Aud where numerous
candidates presented their claims. Among these: Congressman Chindblom, & Rep. Lyons & Carrol

Wednesday, March 30

Drizzly. Clearing.
Showed Audubon slides at times today.
Mr Leech's pupils began re-setting tomato plants.
Troublesome disciplinary problems in Miss Grunewald's room.

Thursday, March 31

Fine day Cool.
Agent Hanley for Practical Drawing. Wm Harshaw, "Class of 1910", now family man at Winnetka,
spent an hour or so with me this aft. Fine time
Christian Science lecture this evening! Great crowd
At school bldg. Mr Murray came for conf. He & I ate ice cream with the evening class which had
its last session. Then Miss Rowland and I had a long talk about her work & prospects.

Friday, April 1

Fine day.
A busy one. - At G.B.R S. a while. Met Walter Sleeman there & with Mr R. planned work for
next week
Got 70 slides together for the Aud. display at Municipal Pier & at noon hour took them to the
Pattee house in Ev. Mrs P. was to take them in this aft.
A host of errands to get ready for the trip to Gatlinburg.

Saturday, April 2

Highland Park to Louisville
Mr L. Otto Tetzlaff, my assistant and I left H.P. early this day. A most beautiful day. Breakfast at
Dyer, Ind. Lunch at Indianapolis, dinner at St James Hotel Louisville. And so to bed.

Sunday, April 3

Louisville to Knoxville
Another most beautiful day.
Breakfast at Shelbyville, Ky. Then Frankfort, Lexington, Richmond, Berea, Mt Vernon,
Barbourville, Pineville, Middlesboro, Cumberland Gap, and after dark, Knoxville!
Mistletoe on one long stretch of sycamores, then on elms.

The old water wheels. Kentucky Utilities. Tobacco seed beds, Cottonwoods in bloom. Hyacinths, Daffodils. Splendid country mansions. The market at Louisville. Ground hog meat. The Univ. at Louisville. College at Berea.

Monday, April 4

Knoxville to Gatlinburg

This aft Mr Trainor took T and me for a fine walk. Climbed up to Uncle Tom's cabin & visited with him and Aunt Lizzie for a while. Primitive. Then down & across the river to deputy sheriff's cabin & home.

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April 4, 1932.

Knoxville. St. James Hotel. The fighting bellhop. Sevierville. Court Day. The election of a highway commissioner. The clerk at the drug store explained that there was "a right smart interest in it". Three or four hundred men milling around. The ride on to Gatlinburg. The tiny violet by the roadside. Cinquefoil. Mountain View Hotel, 10:15 A. M. Rest before lunch.

Looked up Mr. Trainer after lunch. Dorothy and Mrs T. were in Knoxville for the day. He laid aside his work and took us around for the afternoon. First walked along the valley to get a fine view of LeConte. Then climbed the trail to Uncle Tom's cabin. Two rooms. Aunt Lizzie. Been there 39 years. Five children born there. All gone elsewhere--to "Alabam" etc. Two grandchildren there. The boy sold me a sourwood walking stick. The row of bee-gums.

Back down the trail, then across the creek and finally up to Harrison Owenby's at end of the trail. Mother and 6 or 7 children at home. Two oldest girls go to school--the Beta Pi school, in G. Walk down trail--two miles. A friendly visit. The pile of corncobs.

On way down to G. two young fellows obligingly showed us how gristmill worked--undershot wheel.

Mr. T. ate with us at hotel. Mrs T. and Dorothy came in at 7:30 and we visited an hour or so.

Wash-day. Two kettles by a brook, the usual outfit. Alas, only the budding stage of dogwood and redbud. Sassafras beginning. Oxydendrum arboreum--sourwood. Sorrel-tree.

Tuesday, April 5

At Gatlinburg

[no entry on this day - ed.]

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April 5, 1932.

Introduced this morning to Curtis Mc.Carter, a fine mountaineer, our guide for the day. Drove in my auto, I the driver, the guide on the back seat, up the very steep and winding trail to New Found Road. Spectacular. At top of the pass found a construction gang from Tennessee preparing to blast out the final barrier so that our road can go over the pass and down the completed road on the Tennessee side. Parked my auto back in a safe place and then we climbed higher and on along the ridge, then finally descended into Indian Gap. Pines, spruces, firs, large amelanchiers with tops broken by bears.

Here McC instructed T and me how to start down trail, "The Prong" by ourselves, and then he retraced his way to where my auto was parked and drove it down the way we had come. T and I had a gorgeous walk down the Prong. crossing and re-crossing the creek, tramping through thickets of laurel, azalea, leucothea, etc. McC parked the auto far down valley and started back on foot to meet us where the last broad ford was to be made across large and slippery boulders. And so to the hotel for lunch. After

lunch McC. and T and I with the three Trainers drove in their machine out towards Henderson Springs and looked up flowers along the cliff and floodplain of the stream. Then we walked up Norton's Creek to the great tulip tree and back.

Yellow trillium, wild ginger, heuchera. Oil-nut, silver bell, magnolia, leucothea. The cabins. The "board maker" at work. Clapboards. Phacelia fimbriata.

Visited at the hotel this evening with the Trainers. Looked over Dr. Pepon's card catalogue of the flora.

Wednesday, April 6 Gatlinburg to Mt Vernon, Ky

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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Wednesday, April 6, 1932.

Left our friends at Gatlinburg at 7:00. Went out by way of Marysville, a wonderful romantic gorge ride. Then to Knoxville. At Cumberland Gap at one o'clock. Lunch there. Drove up through the Gap.

The stop to see a slope coal mine at work. Negro labor. Block coal. Sold for \$1.50 at the mine mouth.

Barbourville. The filthy courthouse. Curiosity prompted T. and me to make a friendly call at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools (Mr. Barge) in the building. A young man of good appearance.

Ride to Dixey-Boone Hotel at Mt. Vernon for supper and bed. After supper went on an errand to the other hotel there and found Mertie Tabor a guest there. She and her father were on their way by auto to Benton H. Had driven from St. Petersburg, Fla. Nice visit with her. Did not see Mr. Taber who was in bed.

Thursday, April 7 Mt Vernon to Hodgenville

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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Thursday, April 7, 1932.

Left Mt. Vernon at 6.30 and had breakfast at the charming Daniel Boone Hotel at Berea. It happened to be Founders' Day, a gala day at the college. We were given a guide, a Miss Elliot, who showed us and a gentleman and his wife about the buildings--the kitchen, bakery, dormitories, and the extremely interesting building given up to household utilities.

Then we went to the Founders Day exercises in the college chapel. Edwin Embree, secretary of the Rosenwald Educational Foundation, a grad. of Berea, the speaker of the day. Pres. Hutchins presided. -- The story of Rev. John G. Fee, founder. (Embree's grandfather). A grad. of Lane Seminary. The mad of "one (great) idea". The pacifist. Colleague of Cassius . M. Clay, the militant abolitionist. Fee's father. Wife. Baptism. Fee's address in Beecher's church after John Brown's raid. Fee's autobiography. etc.

Choir sang, "O God, our help in ages past".

The women's glee club sang some beautiful words set to an air from Finlandia. I had always wanted to use that air for that purpose and after I got back to H.P. I write Miss Gladys V. James, musical director, who sent me a copy of her arrangement of the music and the source of the words.

Following the address, Prof. Samuel L. Mayfield of the department of forestry made an arbor day appeal and announced the afternoon exercises.

After lunch we drove on to Bardstown and visited "My old Kentucky Home" mansion. Beautiful rooms, stairs, four-poster bedsteads. Stephen Foster. Wall paper. Noble stairway. House finished about 1795. Ailanthus trees.

The church of St. Joseph at Bardstown.

The beautiful old homesteads visible in the Bardstown area.

Pushed on to Hodgenville for the night. At same hotel, Ben Wimsett, (and his mother) proprietor, as on previous visit in 1911.

Raining as we approached H. and rained all evening. The usual meals heavily supplied with biscuits, pancakes, meat, etc. Colored waiters. Wimsett looked like an old man now. Mother dead. He did not remember me, of course.

Friday, April 8

Hodgenville to Indianapolis

[no entry on this day – ed.]

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Friday, April 8, 1932.

After breakfast drove out to the Memorial. Raining at intervals. Profitable visit with the caretaker. Mr. Cissell. There is a fine looking Nancy Hanks Inn near the Memorial which might have been the proper place to have stayed over night.

Saturday, April 9

Indianapolis to H.P

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, April 10

Gray. Chilly.

M & I to Presb Church After nap this aft, K & I drove to Wauconda, Lake Zurich, Staple's Corners and home

Monday, April 11

Milder

Miss Sprague absent because of illness. Mrs Mason, sub. Miss Stimson away because of the death of her grandfather Mrs Loewenstein, sub.

Two new pupils; one left.

Teachers' meeting at four.

Board meeting this evening.

Planted six "yellow trilliums" I had brot back from Gatlinburg, also a wild ginger & some iris.

Tuesday, April 12

Led the bird walk from Central Park at 6:00 this A.M. About 20. A cold wind that chilled one sorely. New arrival – myrtle warbler & winter wren

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Miss Voss ill, No sub. I talked over with groups of 8th graders the meaning of primary election Had sample ballots

I voted for the nomination of Custer for governor, Church for Congress, etc. Greatly disgusted at 10:00 P.M. at radio announcement that Small has gotten the Repub nom. for Governor.

Meeting of Com. on Bicentenary Celebr. in my office at 3:30 – Allen, Sandwick, Wright & I. We decided to abandon contemplated parade, etc. on Apr 30.

Wednesday, April 13

Milder.

Sent copy for a "memorandum" to officials of the Geog Soc. to be mimeographed this AM
At school a while this evening.
Conf with 8'th's over "commencement program."

[On this day, Mr. Smith wrote to Miss Funk requesting mimeograph copies of a memorandum. His letter to Miss Funk and a typewritten memo believed to be the one referred to in his diary are transcribed as follows: – ed.]

April 13, 1932

Miss Clara E. Funk,
The Robert G. Marshall Letter Co.,
1167 Merchandise Mart, Chicago.

Dear Miss Funk :

You may recall that Mr. Pattee introduced me the other day in your office and that I spoke of a memorandum I wished mimeographed. I enclose the memorandum and also copy for a letter to accompany this. I wish 100 copies of each.

Please use your judgment as to form, paging, etc. of the memorandum.

I would like the mimeographed letter to carry my private heading and I plan to put the copies you send me into the press and print the desired heading.

Very truly yours,

MEMO

This memorandum is addressed to the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Geographic Society of Chicago and has to do with a possible enlarged program of activities for the Society. It is put forth at this time in the belief that in time of depression there is nothing more appropriate than to plan for the better times ahead. There, too, is the consciousness that the coming of the Century of Progress Exposition may make the present moments fateful in the history of the Society.

This the 34th year of the existence of the Geographic Society finds it actively promoting only a small portion of the program laid out for it in the earlier years of the Society. The present constitution of the Society adopted in 1910 and revised to May, 1930, still enumerates eleven "objectives" of the Society. These may be more or less vaguely in our minds as we carry on these days but little is said about them. Perhaps it should be admitted that the multiplication of means of distributing geographical knowledge in the past twenty years have rendered less urgent some of these objectives and that the expansion of activities of other organizations has covered much that once seemed to devolve upon the Society. On the other hand resources now available make possible the accomplishment of aims once regarded as more or less ideal. In view of this one can hardly avoid the feeling that the present activities of the Society are rather meager and that these activities should be challenged from time to time lest we come to accept them as the measure of our possibilities.

It is quite impressive to find ourselves filling Orchestra Hall ten or twelve times a year but the series of lectures is surely not a major reason for the existence of our Society as a Geographic Society. The prestige of that name should belong to an organization committed to a varied and aggressive program of activities. A fortuitous program of lectures, no matter how valuable each lecture may be, is not sufficient. When we confer our medal upon a distinguished geographer his acceptance of this honor implies his confidence in the seriousness with which we regard our mission as a geographic society and as a patron and promoter of geographic research. We thus incur a responsibility to every one who accepts our medal. It is this responsibility that might well make us uneasy over our present status.

From its very beginning the Society conceived of itself as an intermediary in the educational world. It was hospitable to scholarly addresses and it had a zeal for acquainting teachers and laymen in general with less technical though highly important results of research. It frequently shared with the University of Chicago in the expense involved in bringing some noted lecturer to Chicago. Its ambition was to minister through varied activities to scholar and layman alike. It is the purpose of this memorandum to emphasize the point of view that an "enlarged program of activities" more consistent with the earlier aims of the Society than the present is possible and to suggest a way of enlisting our entire membership in the work.

Many features of a "varied and aggressive program" readily suggest themselves but we can hardly outline any undertaking of major significance for our Society without coming to the problem of administration. The analysis of practically every important undertaking would reveal the necessity of having a trained executive to carry it out. A discussion of what sort of an executive we need and how we might finance him and his activities would better take precedence of any program planning. After all the nature of a practical working program for the Society in the changing world of today could hardly be determined without repeated tryouts involving executive initiative and responsibility. Without something of this sort we shall have to be content with the functioning of committees and with more or less fumbling of important matters. In all fairness an honest discussion of what we would like to do and the obstacles in the way of doing that will make us all the more appreciative of the skill with which our present program is carried on today. We will be patient with its limitations but we must not be content.

An executive director for a geographic society with a broad and challenging program should have a significant place among the educational leaders of the Chicago area. We should wish him to be a scholar, a promoter and an educator of fine vision. To a man fitted to occupy such a place we should give a liberal salary and to insure time for important tryouts and adjustments this salary should be guaranteed for at least three years. By that time we should be more nearly sure what important contribution the Geographic Society might reasonably be expected to make to the higher life of Chicago and what influence it might exert in the great area from which Chicago derives.

Assuming that under a new organization with an executive director in charge the present activities would be maintained as a sort of by-product of the enlarged program and that the membership dues would continue to be needed to maintain this status quo, there would need to be a special fund of fifteen or twenty thousand dollars a year to provide for the director's salary and some necessary increase to our present clerical force. The writer thinks that when the proper time seems to be at hand the entire membership should be enlisted to raise such a fund. This would be wide apart from our endowment fund which for the present purpose we might forget. In the opinion of the writer the Geographic Society has gradually gotten into the bad habit of waiting for some one to endow it. The remedy for this would be to carry on with a well-defined purpose and pay our way as we go. Perhaps many of us who could not contribute in sums of three or four figures to an endowment fund could and would contribute for a definite period of years the interest on such sums.

A contributor's fund, let us call it, to be used at once in important undertakings of the Society would interest every member of the Society, even those who would not feel able to help support it. It would be a great thing to try to enlist the entire membership in some undertaking for a well-defined goal. The effort to establish such a fund would bring the officers and directors of the Society and the rank and file of the Society into direct

contact. It might establish a precedent for discussing the affairs of the Society with its membership at large and for asking this membership from time to time to help define the aims and ideals of the Society. An endowment fund fails to appeal to many people, even to those of large means, but a serial fund, as it were, involving the acid test of the worth of the organization to be supported, has the appeal of a good investment. We may well be proud of our present endowment fund for which in great part we are indebted to the generous contribution of a few of our members. It is gratifying to envisage this enlarged in time as the growing significance of the Society attracts financial support and making possible the prosecution of far-reaching special projects. It should be jealously reserved for such purposes but for the support of programs that demonstrate our productiveness as an organization we should rely upon funds raised to accomplish immediate ends, funds which it is understood would vanish in due time if the program lagged.

It is seen that the discussion has referred to three funds, the annual dues of the Society, its endowment fund and a proposed contributor's fund. The annual dues seem to be ample for the present activities of the Society, the major feature, as above noted, being a series of twelve lectures at Orchestra Hall. It is likely that a series of this sort will always appeal to a great many of our membership and represent their chief interest in the Society. However, since the annual disbursements of the Society at this time exceed \$12,000.00 it will be seen that the lectures as the more tangible part of our present program are indeed very expensive. With an enlarged program of activities much of this "overhead" would, of course, be charged elsewhere. The relation between the endowment fund and the proposed contributor's fund should be noted. An executive director made possible because of the latter fund would have, let us say, two special functions to promote the study of Chicago, its cultures, its commerce, its art and architecture, its history, the physiography of the region of Chicago, etc., and to promote far-reaching special projects which would involve endowment funds and special gifts. There are usually funds forthcoming in Chicago when great occasions present themselves and are properly interpreted.

Generally speaking the executive director would conceivably bring to the Society a program of his own to be developed in due time but his immediate usefulness would be in helping our standing committees to function. It would be easy to show in detail how much major committees as those on program, conservation, excursions, publications, research, and public relations might richly contribute to the work of the Society if there were someone always on the job to insure continuity of effort. To our lecture series, for example, there might be added yearly a few lectures of outstanding significance prepared especially for the Geographic Society. Important messages might occasionally get their first public hearing before our Society. Our series of research lectures, one of the most promising features of our work, of recent years, would assume a fixed and important position in our yearly calendar.

With the help of the executive director the committee on conservation might greatly increase the influence of our Society in matters relating to conservation in the Chicago area and the middle west. Our Society had an honorable part in initiating the movement which resulted in the establishment of Starved Rock State Park and the influence of its members has been felt in practically every conservation movement of importance. Usually, however, the initiative has come from other organizations. The most important pronouncements on state parks for Illinois have come from the Friends of Our Native Landscape. The Chicago Regional Planning Association is covering a field in which it would have been peculiarly appropriate for the Geographic Society to have been recognized. Fryxell's "The Physiography of the Region of Chicago", the outstanding bulletin of recent years, was sponsored by that organization. The extremely interesting work on the revision of the Chicago Folio of the U.S. Geological Survey is going forward without the official knowledge or participation of the Geographic Society.

The work of the excursion committee could be greatly enlarged and enriched with the assistance of the executive director. The more significant excursions, for example, could be anticipated considerably in advance by excursion notes with bibliographies, maps, etc. sent out to each member of the Society. These notes having been tested in the excursion activity itself and duly expanded would later on appear in permanent form as an excursion bulletin of the Society.

It is a pleasure to recall that the earliest publications of the Society are still among the "best sellers" in our list. In recent years the committee on publications of the Society has practically ceased to function. An executive director with a jealous regard for the achievements of the Society might be able to revive interest in this phase of its activities.

This memo concludes with the recommendation that the officers and directors of the Society resolve themselves into a committee of the whole on a possible enlarged program of activities, associating with themselves on this committee such other members as are necessary to make it widely representative of the most thoughtful members of the Society. This will, of course, include Chicago public school teachers who are not now directly represented on the official list of the Chicago Geographic Society. It is the hope of the writer that those to whom this addressed will approve of the suggestion to set this committee to work to the end that a program may be thoroughly outlined and ready for the opportune moment.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse L. Smith

Thursday, April 14

Fine day Still rather cool.

Various conf. today.

The 8's & I studied the test scores of our pupils given by the H.S.

I went down to Fullerton Hall this evening to hear a (Geog Soc) lecture on the survey of Isle Royale by K C Murray. Interesting

Met Jas H. Smith, Mr. Castle, Miss Hartke, Prof Wellington Jones, Louise Boswell. Last named away from Kalamazoo on sabbatical leave.

At noon I went down to the Pattees to get a box of Audubon slides. M & K went for the ride

Friday, April 15

Mild. Sunny.

Much administrative work. Some conferences

At 5:00 I took Misses White, Grenoble, Marks, & Sprague up to Sweeney's woods. Many skunk cabbage.

Worked over some data for Mr Murray this evening.

Saturday, April 16

Sunny but a penetrating chill wind

To City on 9:30. To Mr Murray's office to deliver a report I prepared for him

To City Club to meeting of Round Table.

Shopped & then home by 4:30.

To Ravinia Community House to Prairie Club Dinner, celebrating an afternoon walk there 24 years ago. Fine time.

Sunday, April 17

Still bright & cool

At home all day, fighting off a "cold" that seemed to be in my bronchial tubes.

Called in Dr Crossman at 7:00 P.M for a little dope

[On this day, Mr. Smith prepared two typed sheets of notes regarding the St. Charles School for Boys. The notes apparently were sent to members of the Superintendents' Round Table of Northern Illinois. Mr. Smith's notes and three replies that he received are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

April 17, 1932.

RANDOM NOTES.

We need considerable authentic data about the new commanding officer at St. Charles. Mr. Bardwell wrote me that the impression at Aurora was that it was a good appointment because of Mr. Havelik's considerable experience in the vocational training work at Mooseheart. We should have as much data as possible about the manner of dismissing Mr. Elliott. Perhaps he can be persuaded to unbosom himself to some one on the committee. We should know Mr. Havelik's previous history as a politician and his affiliations.

Mrs. Henry P. Chandler told me that right after Mr. Havelik's appointment he spent several hours in Mr. Chandler's office carefully studying a mass of confidential material Mr. Chandler's committee thought it wise to withhold from publication. She thought this a good sign as to Mr. Havelik's seriousness. Incidentally should not our committee as for access to this datum? Much of this must have been accumulated by Mrs. Chandler for she spoke of spending six weeks at St. Charles while the investigation was going on.

In the Report of the Committee on Child Welfare Legislation which was published February 3, 1931, pages 11 and 12, one finds the names of workers and organizations who assisted the committee in its investigations. (Mr. Chandler lost his first wife two or three years ago, as I remember, and his present wife is probably one of the workers mentioned under her maiden name in the report).

I had a talk with Mr. Chandler in his office in November and he listened sympathetically to the suggestion that all educational work be transferred from the Dep't of Public Welfare to the University of Illinois but he said that it was of course out of the province of his committee to take the matter up and commit itself.

Mrs. Chandler told me that during the summer some of her associates had some hopes that Brandon would appoint Harrison H. Dobbs to head the school and that they were disappointed at Mr. Havelik's appointment instead. However, they were "hopeful". Mr. Thompson has some data relating to the consideration of Mr. Dobb's appointment which he will present to us. Incidentally Mr. Thompson is, and has been, able to lay the case for and against St. Charles before the American Legion people and this promises to be one of the most important things this committee can do. I suggest that at his discretion he outline his experience and give us a synopsis of his communication with the educational committee of the Legion. If he prefers to make an oral report when we meet, O. K.

If you haven't a copy of the Report mentioned above, write to Mr. Henry P. Chandler, 30 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. Copies are scarce but your requisition will be met, I think. I would write for you but I want to make a raid later on and do not wish to dull my credit.

The last report of the Department of Public Welfare is dated 1930. Better write to Mr. Brandon at Springfield if you haven't a copy.

Early in March I had an interview with Dr. Paul Schroeder, head of the Dep't of Juvenile Research and he expressed much interest in the educational plan proposed. He sent me a formal note the next day thanking us for our interest in his work and inviting us to a conference at his offices. --- Mr. Brandon told us two years ago about Dr. Schroeder's work with a group of dull boys at the Cook County Infirmary, this group being referred to as "The Oaks". The project has been transferred to St. Charles where it is still referred to as "The Oaks". This might prove to be the entering wedge for opening other cottages for special projects. I wish some of us could look this up.

It seems that the department of sociology at Northwestern is nibbling at the St. Charles situation. A few weeks ago Dean Stout told me casually that the University was conducting tests at St. Charles. I found out last evening that a Highland Park boy, a junior at Northwestern, has recently spent a week at St. Charles with other students in some sort of "research" program. He told his mother that he had had some wonderful experiences. Is there some one of us who can talk this over with Dean Stout?

When one reads over the reports in the bulletin of the Dep't of Public Welfare and notes the numerous references to clinics, conferences of training students with social workers, etc., etc. and reflects that this practically fails to reach St. Charles, it seems sort of hopeless to expect anything better.

The University of Chicago issues a bulletin of 57 pages relating to the Graduate School of Social Service Administration in which there is much specific reference to undergraduate work. The titles of lectures offered and of field trips outlined fairly makes one's mouth water. I find very little of this outlined in the bulletin of the University of Illinois. I wrote to Urbana asking for all data relating to this type of work and received in reply only the general catalog of the University. I think that university does not do much to occupy the field.

What do you think of one or more of the following projects:

A morning with Miss Edith Abbott or Miss Breckinridge at the University of Chicago and an afternoon with Dr. Schroeder?

An hour with Mr. Chandler at his office down town.

A day at St. Charles--at Geneva.

Have you some dope you can write out hastily as I have done this and send it around so that we can be thinking it over before we meet?

Jesse L. Smith
His own stenographer.

April 20, 1932

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

Dear Friend:

I have your communication entitled "Random Notes" and hardly know what to advise. I think there is little to be gained by ~~you~~ talking with Miss Edith Abbott, or Miss Breckinridge, or Dr. Schroeder or even with Mr. Chandler. I feel that the only solution is to get the St. Charles School for Boys under the management of the University of Illinois. Whatever steps you think necessary for that are the things we should work for. Please sit down and outline the steps you think necessary for the preliminary political work to gain this end.

Your suggestion about talking with Dean Stout is not bad. You are so near Dean Stout I wonder if you could see him.

Your suggestion on ~~the~~ a day at St. Charles and at Geneva is wise to me, because we always have such good times together. I do not know that we would accomplish anything but it will put us in a better position to talk on the

subject. If you can come out for a day, please write me beforehand and we shall "kill the fatted calf" or something of that kind. My wife is very anxious for you to "break bread" with us.

Hoping to see you at DeKalb if not before, I am your old friend,

Howard Storm

HCS : eda

I am using some girls in stenography department. This is Esther's second letter, hence two mistakes. Not bad.

April 21, 1932

Supt. Jesse Smith
Highland Park, Illinois

My dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 17th. I must confess that I am not well informed as to the character of the work which our committee is expected to undertake. I shall immediately take the steps you have suggested and see what can be done to make me more intelligent.

Possibly sometime during the month of May I will be able to get away for a day to visit the school. I imagine that it is necessary for us to proceed with tact and secure cooperation from the political forces which are in control. I feel that it is somewhat unfortunate for so many student groups to be making investigations. These investigators usually have very meager background and are unable to see relations. This is because of their immaturity and very frequently they do more harm than good as has been illustrated in the Kentucky coal fields.

I am writing for the official documents which you mentioned and trust that I may receive copies of same.

Very truly yours,

WJ Hamilton
W. J. Hamilton
Supt. of Schools
Oak Park, Illinois

WJH:GB

May 9, 1932.

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

My dear Mr. Smith:

I read your general communication of April 17th with a great deal of interest. Evidently you have been quite active, and have been getting in touch with the right people in connection with the idea of educational

jurisdiction over St. Charles. As the whole situation is new to me, and I really know nothing about it, I cannot think of anything at this time worthy of consideration by members of the committee. I shall be glad to join in the meeting with Dr. Schroeder and the others. A couple of weeks ago Mrs. Gass, who was teaching at "The Oaks" after leaving here, was here but I did not have a chance to talk with her about the subject that we are interested in.

Sincerely yours,
SRLogan

Monday, April 18

Beautiful day. Cool.

A little better, but not able to leave the house. It was annual meeting of Lake Shore Division at Oak Park.

Miss ~~Tupp~~ Wheelock took my machine with Mrs Danley, Miss Guiney, & Miss Sprague as passengers

Read & slept nearly all day.

Tuesday, April 19

Fine day. A little milder

My cold some better & I spent most of the day in school.

This evening we had an "exhibition" in every room which was a great success. Children showed the various activities, etc

Mrs Childs & Mr Steele came to talk over our list of hymns this AM. Mr S. is an authority on hymnology.

Agent for Lippincott's, a Mr Burnham.

Wednesday, April 20

A little milder. Rain after nightfall.

Cold bothered me some.

A busy day, never-the-less.

Spent an hour or so this A M in dentist's chair. (Dr Hamilton)

Forrest Colwell (Lou's son) called incidental to an errand at the H-S where he is applying for a job – as Eng teacher.

This evening our principals' club met at Green Tea Pot – 5 to 7. Bates, Rockwell, Wheat, Wright, Richardson, Ball. The latter spoke. General science, the topic. Good meeting.

Thursday, April 21

A brisk rain last night but of comparatively short duration. Freshened grass & flowers. Has been rather dry

Yest & today Mr Bates of Deerfield used the Audub. bird slides. Showed them 8 times.

Three agents today.

Conf with Mrs Pfanst and Mrs Creigh over teacher assignment.

Called 8A's together to elect a president – John Davis. We proposed that their 8th grade exercise be a Washington program. The idea not well received.

At 5:00 Miss White & Miss Grenoble & I went out to the new Des P. bridge & walked over to the Millard cottage. Hepaticas in bloom. Spr. b. also

Friday, April 22

Fine Spring Day

Finished writing formal letters of notification to members of the staff and distributed them

This A.M. before school I took the set of Aud slides to Mrs Rockwell's office at the Lake Bluff School. M. K. & E. went along for the ride.

After school M. K. E. & I drove to Half Day, Lake Bluff & north. Stopped at Serbian St Sava Orthodox Monastery & took two photographs. On to Spinney Farms (Farwell) where we all went into the goat barn and admired the herd of Toggenburgs. To Gurnee, Waukegan - - at Lake Bluff picked up the Aud slides at the drug store - - home.

Saturday, April 23

Fine day but cool wind.

Edith went home at 1:04.

Elfstrom worked all day for me, raking, spading, etc. I planted sprouted onions, onion sets, lettuce (G.R.) Simpson radishes (turnip rooted & icicle)

A pair of robins have for three days been building in our oak tree

Sunday, April 24

Gray. Cool. Showery late aft & evening.

M & I to Bethany Church. Late this M. K. & I drove as far as south limit of Winnetka, then west & north to Dundee Road & home.

This aft Marg & Ed Wilson called with the three Krum grandchildren.

Shirley-Jean, Charles, & Mary.

Monday, April 25

Gray. Still a biting cool wind.

At AM. Ex I showed a few spring flowers. Girls' chorus sang.

Mrs Taylor called. Rep of McCormick photog. called.

Miss Parsons ill. Mrs Loewenstein sub. Miss Phillips, also. Mrs Mason, sub

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

I had janitors at Elm Pl. set out dutchman's breeches, mertensia & viola pedata on ravine slope.

Mr. Rhinehart & I set out similar colonies at G.B. I set out violets & d.b. at home.

At my desk this evening.

Tuesday, April 26

As yesterday. Snow flakes in air several times.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Showed some flower slides. Miss Howard from Nat'l Kg C. with several students there. I talked informally on nature study with them from eleven to twelve.

Gave the H-S students permission to advertise their stunt show before 5 - 8's at spelling time - 11:00-11:20.

To dinner of N.S. Art League this evening in the new community house at Winnetka. Irvine St John Tucker, the speaker. Exhibit of paintings also. Mr Wm Watson exhibited the landscape he is to present to Elm Place. Fine time. Mr & Mrs Jensen, Ingerles, Peyrauds, Wilder, et al. Helen Bell & friend there. I brot the girls home in my auto.

Wednesday, April 27

A real spring day. Cold breeze died away

Mr Mooney's helper disked school garden in good shape

I worked over the diagram of the garden

Mrs Gardner of Winnetka called to inquire about entertainment groups of the North Shore with reference to C of P Exposition

Took M to Dr. for foot treatment. Then we rode out Park Ave way. I dug up some mandrake, etc for G.B.R.S.

Luncheon at Green Tea Pot with Mrs Wurth & her associates of the G.B.R.S. auxiliary.

To Natl T. College at Ev. this evening to hear Carl Sandburg read from his poems & sing a few ballads. Very much enjoyed. Took Misses Lynch, Stine & Hanson.

Thursday, April 28

Another fine spring day

I spent much of it in the Vine Ave garden. The 3'rds, & some of the 5's, 6's & 7's planted most of the 48 plats 6' x [8?]'.

After school Miss White & Miss Greno & I explored two strips of woods near the Rasmussen place & found them very rich in spring flowers. Broke back specimens for the G.B.R.S. "preserve".

Friday, April 29

De Kalb

Clark Wright & I drove over in his machine this A.M. Morning session began at 10:00. We registered for the night at Fargo Hotel, Sycamore, on the way.

A mild spring day with showers late aft & evening

Interesting program. Fine dinner at Williston Hall in the evening. Dr. Judd genial & unusually happy in his remarks

Clark & I went over to Sycamore at 10:00 P.M. to bed

Walk about campus with the two Storms, Raymond Rogers & Clark W.

Saturday, April 30

De Kalb.

Beautiful day. Good program. Breakfast at Williston Hall & interesting talk by Pres. Adams

We left at noon. Wright & I met Harper, Bright, and Nygaard at Baker Hotel at St Charles & had lunch together.

We got home at 4:00. After supper M. K. & I went shopping, then drove out to the Des Plaines woods

Great display of spring beauty & bitter cress

Sunday, May 1

Fine day. A little cooler

M & I to Presb Church

Late this aft M. K. & I drove to L.Z, Wauconda, Volo, Ingleside, Lake Villa, Gurnee, Wauk & home

This AM the rose breasted grosbeak sang vigorously early in the day.

This evening Mr Bartoli & I went over to Chas Sheahan's to relieve his family of the care of the G B R S goose which had run away & been penned up in the Sheahan garage We shut up the goose for the night in the cinder-floor room at G B R.S.

Monday, May 2

Frost this A.M. Fine day though a cool breeze

4th graders gave a performance at morning ex.

Clarence Davis adopted our goose today & took her to his Half Day home

I took Guido Taziali & 3 of the teachers down to the H.S. athl. field to see nest of p.h. lark on the field – near N.E corner. Only one baby bird left. A killdeer sitting on her nest a hundred yards [aw?]ay. Belligerent.

Music festival this evening. Great success M & K went.

Bad news from Aunt Eva today. She was to be operated on today for cancer of breast.

This day I took out auto insurance with the Inter-Insurance Exchange (C. Motor Club) & renewed my membership in C.M.C. 10⁰⁰ + 52.00 +

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the music festival presented by the Music and Physical Education Departments of Elm Place School. The program consisted of performances by the violin classes, the orchestra, the Boys Glee Club, the Girls Glee Club, the Mixed Chorus, and the band, with a performance of calisthenics, a folk dance, and stunts by the Physical Education Department. Members of the violin classes were:

Class C

Patty Dickenson	Josephine Lloyd
Edith Johnson	Erling Zaeske
Marion Williams	Edith Walters
Charlotte Brandt	Enid Ball
Donald Farmer	Anna Repholtz
Dorothy Farmer	Agnes Kreuger

Class B

Helen Wood	Judy Howes
Virginia Tashjian	Rose Carol Pfanstiehl
Alice Artis	Nancy Goodman
Jean Ball	Charles Cross

Class A

Elaine Ball	Franklin Fritsch
Hazel Williams	Beatrice Gaidzik
Virginia Pinkston	Jean Jenkins

Lorraine Nestruck

Members of the Orchestra were:

Tom Steele	Franklin Fritsch
William Schmidley	Neumann Fell
Julius Laegeler	Stewart Gail
Wright Witmer	Alfred Pfanstiehl
Lorraine Nestruck	Walter Borgeson
Hazel Williams	Robert Black
Phyllis Udell	Nancy Stern
Joan Greenberger	Virginia Pinkston
James Black	Elaine Ball
Robert Mack Jr.	Quentin Green
George Borchardt	George Kellner
Marcella Lolmaugh	Dora Peterson

Members of the Band were:

Traver Hamilton	George Shelton
Bob Kellner	Jean Webster
Bob Shelton	James Black

Leslie Rankin
Wright Witmer
Marc Law
Alfred Pfanstiehl
Stewart Gail
Paul Tillman
George Borchardt
John Law
Billy Cope
Robert Mack
Sanford Peabody
David Allison
Ronald Lindsay

Members of the Boys Glee Club were:

Gordon Pett
William Watson
George Kellner
Peter Stern
Sam Sherer
Ted Johnson
William Schmidley
Harold Bloch
Amadeo Menoni
Dexter Calkins
Jim Kerr

Members of the Girls Glee Club were:

Josephine Dowdall
Gwendolyn Killelea
Virginia Creigh
Lorene Lindstrom
Dorothy Boylan
Maybelle Hawkins
Anna Reholz
Peggy Newman
Virginia Leffert
Janet Greuel
Louise Ozella
Lorraine Nestruck
Vera Johnson
Ruth Ryder

Lorraine Roach

Robert Black
Harold Connolly
Julius Laegeler
Tom Steele
Quentin Green
Parliament Peabody
Billy Jennings
James Tyson
Dexter Calkins
Michael Gaidzik
Tom Stein
Jim Kirk
Jack Dayton

Osburn Mason
Phil Danley
George Borchardt
Frank Anderson
Harry Hansen
Raymond Rogers
John Berkson
Edward Fisher
Howie Murray
Needham Ball
Frank Keller

Marjorie McDonald
Claudia Mortenson
Elaine Ball
Doris Inman
Ruth Schwall
Lorean Marinelle
Mildred Cameron
Eileen Zimmer
Betty Kreuger
Hazel Koch
Joan Greenebaum
Ruth Garling
Jean Webster
Magdaline Petros

The orchestra was directed by Adah-Louise Voss, the band was directed by Haskell W. Horr, the violin classes were directed by Mrs. Helen Manning and the physical education was directed by Harry Hart. – ed.]

Tuesday, May 3

Fine day

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Went out to R.R. on W. Park Ave & advised our men what shrubs to bring in for our E.P. grounds

Started G.B.R.S. children to repotting geraniums

Planted 4 rows of G.B. corn in Vine Ave garden, 2 for Mr. L. & 2 for me.

Planted Mother's tigridias.

Mr. Murray called this evening.

Mrs Gould of the Ivanhoe called to return 2 Aud. slides left out of the box the other day

Wednesday, May 4

Still cool & dry

Worked on back financial data for Mr Murray.

Conf with 8's over graduation exercises.

Got a telegram from Margaret Nattinger giving reassuring report of Aunt Eva's condition after the operation.

Sent Edith a package of tigridia bulbs.

Went to V.A. garden with Miss Kirkland's 2B's and helped them plant about 60 hills of popcorn

Miss Grunewald went with me at 5:00 when I took some nature books to Lake Bluff – to Mrs

Honar.

Dinner at 6:30 at H-S given by Mr Sandwick for our principals' group Fine meeting.

Thursday, May 5

Thunder storm & brisk shower in night. Two or three showers by 1:00 this aft. Clearing.

Mr Leech & Miss White reset most of tomato plants today.

I brot my "black calla", now flopping over, to the E.P.S. this aft & showed it to all in the Int school

Mrs Toller's man brot me 4 bundles of hollyhock plants & one of hibiscus Mr Rhinehart set out one at G.B.R.S. Walter Sleeman one on N. Green Bay Road

Dr Sherwin took me out to (Sheahen) Sunset Woods to show me where a woodcock had nested, & I took him over to H.S. field to see the killdeer & her nest. After supper I took M. & K. to see this nest & then we visited at the Leech's to inspect their new house. I spent the evening at office at school

Friday, May 6

Sultry. This aft & evening thunder storms & heavy rain

Turned my auto over to Walter Sleeman at 10:30 & took 11:02 for Chic. To Carlson-Anderson to order a suit. Then to U. of C. where Illinois Acad of Sc. held annual session Botany section in the aft for 8 papers & then to Geog section. Afterwards visited around Then to Oriental Inst., Chapel, & then to Shoreland Hotel for the dinner & lecture. A fine dinner. A fine lecture by Fay Cooper-Cole – Drove as far north as Addison Ave with Mr Graham, took elevated to Wilson, & caught N.S. Electric home

Clarence drove up today

Saturday, May 7

Gray & clearing, then cooler & fog. Thunderstorm late in evening

Clarence & I shopped with Kittie this AM. & tinkered at plumbing, etc.

This aft we all went for a drive in my auto to Crystal Lake & McHenry & Home.

I reset some canterbury bells & delphinium plants this evening.

Ted Decker came up & I helped him prepare a memo of a pet plan for bank finance which he is sending to Gen. Dawes. I typed it.

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

A beautiful May Day

Edith & Dan came in at 9:30 and later on Lennie & A, & Ruth & Mary Jackson. We had a delightful visit.
Fine dinner

After dinner I took photographs of the group

They all left after three.

At 6:30 M. K, Clarence & I drove in my auto to Ridge Road; down to Winnetka, & home.

Mr Morse with his brother & sister & son David took me away for an hour this aft to show me the profusion of flowers in the "Village in the Woods"

Mr Artis came with his son Everett to talk over with me the lad's problem.

Monday, May 9

A rainy day. Frequent showers.

Clarence worked with Walter Sleeman in getting up most of our screens

Mrs Wagner brot the Wilmette school orchestra to our aud. this A M & gave us a fine concert. 8 or 10 mothers came along & I showed them & the children about our school afterward.

In Dr H's dental chair from 1:00 to 2:30.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

Board meeting this evening. Uneventful

Tuesday, May 10

Gray. Cool breeze. Moderating late in day.

Morning ex at G.B R S. Spent some time studying a problem case. Mrs Weitzer, the mother, called in for consultation.

Clarence left at 9:00 for Decatur. I gave him some tomato plants to try out.

Today I called the 8A's together to outline their grad program

After school the 8th teachers, Miss Voss, Mr Tetzlaff and I held a conference over promotions, etc.

I set out some clumps of shooting star on my parkway; planted our gladiolis; brot up dahlia roots to out-of doors; planted me a row of beans & one for Ed Larson. - - This evening I visited Mrs Danley to plan for next P.T.A. meeting.

Wednesday, May 11

Gray. Raining earlier in day.

At G B R S twice this AM. working with a problem child

Conf with Mr Richardson over promotion of 8B's.

Lunch at Green Tea Pot with Mr Jensen & Miss Fulkerson.

Dinner at G.T.P. with Bates, Thomas, Richardson, Tetzlaff, Wright & Wheat. Discussed an outline of formal grammar

Spent an hour at a drawing exhibit in an empty salesroom two doors south of P.O. Arranged by Miss Wood of H.S. Her pupils & repres. of our & other schools exhibited. Our orchestra played this evening.

Thursday, May 12

Clearing. Cool wind died down at noon. Milder.

Worked on a problem child in grade one at G.B.R.S. & at E.P. Kg

Hunted up Frank Garrity this A M & ordered 2 yds of well rotted cowmanure for E.P. & one yd for myself. Walter Sleeman has now worked over ~~two~~ three days for me on yard, cleaning windows, etc.

After school Mr Cunningham & I took 5 of our staff to the Rasmussen woods to see the tremendous display of trilliums!

Library Board this evening. Long session Amicable.

Mr Murray & I talked over promotions at my office afterwards

From 1:00 to 2:15 in dentist's chair.

Friday, May 13

A fine day Warm

Sent out letter to parents of all 8B's who are to hold over at Elm Place in Sept.

Went with the 1's (Marks & Engwall) to set out their pots of pumpkin plants in V.A. Garden. Also with 4B boys to plant 4 rows of peanuts.

Mr Jensen called to talk over plans for tomorrow.

I planted at home nasturtium seed, helychrysum, & plants of onions & beets

Took M. K. & Mrs Riddle for a ride to the Rasmussen Woods. We walked in a ways to see the display of trilliums. Shad is well in bloom.

Saturday, May 14

Warm. Sultry.

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To Chic on 8:34. At Carlson-Anderson's for a fitting – Dow Optical to tighten spectacle shanks; Fields, Vaughn's & Tribune (Road map).

Home at 12:00. (Had left my auto to change oil & be greased).

At 2:00 at R.R. station at Deerfield & picked up Mr. Hooker & two other passengers for the F of O N.L. picnic in the Millard Woods. I led a large group for a walk through the woods. All then sat down for a picnic lunch I served coffee but did not eat. Left ahead of the group at 6:00. - - Changed clothes & went to Mrs Millard's for dinner – Mr & Mrs Ingerle, Peyraud, Engel, & Miss Robyn. Delightful evening.

The wild crab not yet "in the red"

Sunday, May 15

A warm day. Flowers hurrying to open. My dwarf plums in full blossom; also my "sport apple", one of my trellised trees; a few blooms on the dwarf apple at compost box. A few on the pear.

M & I stayed in this A M This aft I went to Mr Murray's a while to help get some statistics ready

M. K & I drove around an hour or so this evening. Afterwards I looked up some data at school

A child brot in a bay-breast. I saw magnolia & redstart. Veery sang. Vireo also.

My second amorphophallus r in full bloom at plant house

Monday, May 16

Drizzle early in day, a cooler wind, then clearing. A lovely evening.

Our band and orchestra were the guests of the Wilmette G.S. this A M. Reported a fine time.

Very busy day. Phone from Mr Murray from city calling for hunting up of statistics At 2:30 took Mrs Blasier's garden club members for a trip into the Rasmussen Woods. I left them at 4:30 and drove to the Millard Woods where our teachers were having a picnic. Fine time. Left at 7:30 & was a pub. libr at 8:15 to preside at meeting & present Mr Jensen who lectured on Living in a natural landscape. Very small but friendly audience.

Tuesday, May 17

Fine day. Cooler.

Went on a bird hike with Mr Leech's party at 6:00. Took Mrs Ingerle & Mrs Hawkins in my machine Black poll, Cape May, Yellow, Md Y. Throat, Starling, Tanager, etc. Found the killdeer on the athlet. field guarding one weak legged baby.

Miss Todd of the Orrington School here & I gave her much attention

P.T.A this evening in Hall of Pictures. Mr Murray the principal speaker. Fine time. Only fair audience.

Wednesday, May 18

Built a fire in furnace to take away the chill this A.M. Moderated. Fine day

Visitors; repres. of Childs of Evanston; Rem-Rand.

Spent much time getting material for 8th grade program. Miss Grunewald and I met for an hour or so this evening

Conf of 8's teachers over promotions, etc.

At 5:15 M. K. & I drove around to try to get a calla lily potted – to Lindsay (Forgan) & Weissenberg (E [V.?] Price). No success. To Sweeney's Woods where I got a fine Jack - - Skunk cabbage blooms all gone

Thursday, May 19

A little fire needed this A M. A fine day

At G B R S. a while to help plan the garden work

Went to Bahr's Ridge R'd Greenhouse to get specimens of calla blooms & then I set up these and a jack-in-the-pulpit with the "black calla" this aft & photographed them.

Conf with Mrs Millard etc.

Misses White & Grunewald & I drove out to Libertyville after school and north & east across the river to Bailey's Woods which we found very attractive. W.H. Matheny of Keystone V. Co. went along

This evening Miss Grun, Miss Nix & Miss Greno & I had a caucus over the 8th grade program

Friday, May 20

Beautiful day

Went to Vine Ave Garden with Miss Kirkland's 2B's who set out potted gourds, & with the 2A's & 3's (More, Miller & Muggleton) who set out potted cotton plants.

Assigned nearly all the speaking parts for the 8's.

Set up the "ar[uan?] group" in Hall of Pictures. Late in aft took more pictures of them.

At 3:30 went to final meeting of G.B.R.S. P.T.A. auxiliary. Miss Silber played some fine violin numbers & Mrs Ball gave some piano numbers

M. K. & I drove out west thru Everett, & south to "River Road" & home

Saturday, May 21

Fine day but a chilly wind.

I hoed Mr. L's two rows and my two rows of G B. corn in Vine A.G. & planted myself two more rows.

Walter Sleeman mowed my lawn.

I gathered up a great pile of books, mostly census reports, donated by Allen Jones & delivered them at pub. libr

Slept some this aft. Mrs Rhinesmith & Ruth, & Virginia Bennet called this aft, & the two girls went with me to school where I photog. the spadix of a riv. The long projected portion just ready to flop over.
M & I set out our dahlias this evening.
I developed 10 neg. 5x7.

Sunday, May 22

Beautiful day Still cool

M & I to Presb Church to hear Dr Sam Higginbottum talk on his work in India
This evening M. K. & I drove about in Lake Forest.
As yet the wild crab are "in the red". West of us they are in full bloom

Monday, May 23

A fine day but still a cool breeze. One has to fire the furnace
Fine morning ex. Boys' Glee Club. Play by Miss Stimson's pupils
I went to Chic on 11:02 & got back at 1:40. Got my new suit at Anderson-Carlson. \$100⁰⁰.
Various conf. - - At specially called teachers' meeting, Mr Cunningham presented Mr Leech, on behalf of our staff, with andirons & screen for fireplace in his new house
I took home a supply of Marglobe tomatoes and 4 King-of-all.
The various artists exhibiting in the complimentary loan collection began to send in their pictures to be hung this evening. - - I remained at home to work on my notes.

Tuesday, May 24

Turned out quite sultry. Threatened thunderstorm late evening.
Very busy day. - - Mr Simpson visited G.B.R.S with me for a while this AM
The pictures hung last evening were added to today
Miss Grunew left early for Rockford. Mrs Loewenstein, sub.
Kg pupils at G B R.S trying to bring up a lamb on a bottle.
Talked at Bethany Evangelical Church on early history of H.P. Showed slides.

Wednesday, May 25

Kittie's death.

About 3:00 this A.M. I was awakened by the creaking of the stairs, my door being open. I thought it might be someone from outside, so I turned my flashlight down the stairway. Kittie had just come up and from her doorway she called out "Is that you, Jess?" I said it was and asked what was the matter. She said she had been to the kitchen for some baking soda. So I went to bed and to sleep. I got up before six, bathed & came out, when M. told me that K. was not in the room. She was not downstairs. The back door was open. - - At 8:45 the police officer called. Kittie's body had been recovered from the lake. - - Edith & D came at 11:00. - Lennie & A at 2:00. Clarence S at 4:00. - - Numerous people called. We have been overwhelmed with offers of assistance. - - Refreshing showers this evening. Had been a very warm day. I set out some tomato plants.

Thursday, May 26

To Decatur

Undertaker had prepared the body for burial in the night and at 8:00 we - Mother, the girls & ~~their~~ Danforth & Clarence & I had our last look. It was a great mercy - - Kittie looked peaceful & well. The distraught look was gone. The casket was then closed & not again opened.

Enders had started for B.H. before this. The rest of us left for Decatur. M. was tired but game. We stopped twice, & then at noon ate lunch at Pontiac. The first part of the trip was in the rain. - - At Lexington we went into Jim Van Dolahs so that M. could rest a bit on a couch. Mrs V., Jim & Hyatt - then

came Curtis & Mrs Mahan & Tot - - Resumed our journey & to Mrs Hostettler's house before 5:30. Fine reception by Mrs H & Celia Stroh. Leonard & M. called

Friday, May 27

The funeral at Macon.

Clarence & I drove to Macon at 8:00 (& Clarence D) to check up. Visited Walter Glenn, & the minister, Mr Wroughton), etc Back to Decatur. We all set out for Macon at 10:00. M., Edith & D., Lennie, Clarence S. & I. Found the casket there (Mr Spalding & Frank Freberg had come down with it). The Holmquists & Arthur Webb had come with us. The grave was decorated in good taste. Minister read the burial service; his wife & another woman sang two verses. And our Sister's burial was effected.

We were almost overwhelmed with old friends & at length we got M into the auto to take her away.

Home to Decatur & rest.

Saturday, May 28

At Decatur.

Shopped some this A M & rested

This aft. E. Celia Stroh, C & I drove out to some more or less undisturbed woods near the Sangamon R. so that I could check up on the flora a bit. Found a very rich remnant woods. Wild ginger, sassafras, redbud, waahoo, etc etc.

To Leonards for dinner & spent the evening

Sunday, May 29

Decatur to Macon & return.

Clarence, M., Edith & I went to church at Macon. Visited with various people. (Dr Waltz; his wife & a friend went there also). After church our people visited the cemetery for a half hour. Then drove to Moweaqua for a fine chicken dinner (50¢) at Coburn's. Looked around there, then back to Macon. Visited Mrs Lawley (Lou was there for the day), Mrs Glenn & Edith, Mrs H. Taylor (Anna Bottomfield) & Mary Gordon. Back to Decatur, we spent two hours at the Holmquists. Tea at Mrs Hostetters. Then Fannie Bivans, Bert & his wife (Anna Vetterliet), Minnie Stouffer & Daisy Daggett made a fine call. Then came Geo. Stouffer & his wife and another fine call, and so – to bed.

Monday, May 30

Decatur to H.P.

Fine day. A little sultry.

We got up early & after breakfast M. E. & I set out for H.P. Got to Clinton at 9:15 & waited near court house a few minutes until Arthur W. & his daughter Violet came. Visited a half hour, then resumed our journey At Lexington (11:00) we visited a half hour while M. rested on a couch (Jim V., Hyatt, Louise, Mrs Carnahan (Jones), & Mr & Mrs Millard, all of Chicago). Morris at 12:45 and lunch. St Charles at 3:00 P.M – ice cream cones. Home at 4:30. – 209 miles.

Lots of mail. - - After supper watered some of flowers. Set out petunias Clarence had given me. Planted alyssum around border of petunia bed

Tuesday, May 31

Gray. Mild. A little grate fire this A M.

Took auto to garage to be oiled & greased & for examination Front right wheel & hub "sprung" & they advised new parts. Total bill \$12.45.

In my absence last Thursday & Friday the tomato plants distributed by Mr Leech

This evening I set out my two Amorphophallus "bulbs" in the garden

Mr & Mrs Murray made a very pleasant call this evening.

Wednesday, June 1

A little sultry. Light shower after night fall.

This evening I transplanted about 80 red maple seedlings which began in my little seed bed a year ago

Mr Murray and I spent the evening together at E.P. He showed me the tablet of dedication of the auditorium to me.

Letters of condolence continue to come in. We are collecting these and those congratulating me on my 30th year of service

Mrs Kellog and two or three ladies from Crystal Lake & a "bunch" of children came to our observatory this evening. An overcast sky!

Bees swarmed but the queen with clipped wings didn't get far, & the swarm came back to her.

One flowered cancer root in bloom at the Ed Larson place.

Thursday, June 2

Fine day after a drizzle this AM. Then a fog after 6:00 P.M, a few rain drops

Set out zinnias & asters at home.

M. E. & I rode out & down Skokie to Winnetka & back this evening.

Much attention to 8th graders today.

Friday, June 3

Fine. Light showers in afternoon.

We distributed geraniums today. All pupils at G.B.R.S., & nearly all at E.P. Anyway 600 plants - or more. Gave away solanum plants, asters, zinnias & calendulas.

Weeded out on my parkway after supper.

Chas & Mrs Mason and Fred & Mrs Pattee came & spent an hour or so with us this evening.

Saturday, June 4

A warm day

Worked at home nearly all day. Mowed. Weeded out my parkway Watered.

This evening, M., E. & I drove out as far as Bannockburn & back Grateful odor of flowers & vegetation

Made a new (my second) will today.

Sunday, June 5

A little cooler. Then fine rain this aft.

Clarence D came in at 7:00.

None of us went to church

I went down to the Larson yard near the R R embankment and dug up a colony of Orobanche uniflora with its host, the wood aster, and washed soil from the roots

Monday, June 6

Splendid rains at intervals during the night. Drenched landscape.

At morning ex Miss Chase's pupils gave piano numbers. Groups of girls gave folk dances

Teachers' meeting at four. We filled out our teacher's application for registration

I staked my tomatoes this evening.

Mrs Loewenstein took M & E. for a ride in the country this aft.

Tuesday, June 7

Fine day. Cool

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Spent much time with 8th graders.

Miss White's pupils gave a play – the dress rehearsal – before the 6A – 8's this aft.

Misses Grunewald and Grenoble & I worked at school late this evening on copy for commencement program.

Hazel Bell drove to Chic this A.M. to leave 5 maps with Chic Transp Co – to be made into slides

I set out a number of calendulas this evening

Consulted Mr Lindsay at noon about fungus attack on stem of my Paul's Scarlet Climber Rose

Wednesday, June 8

Beautiful day

Mrs Rogan cleaned some upper floor rooms today.

I hoed a row of corn and one of beans at V.A. garden

Mr Rhodes, formerly of Winnetka & now of Bloomsburg, Pa., called for a short visit. Miss Maida Bacon called.

Miss White's pupils gave "The Silver Thread" this evening. Fine play.

Thursday, June 9

Beautiful. Cool.

Hearth fire until noon.

Saw two farm trips off today. A.M – Miss Lynch's party to Crane farm. P.M Miss Behrens to Mill Road Farm.

Worked with 8A's. At the printers

Mr F.M. Steele's funeral at 2:00. Mr Steele wrote me such a fine note of condolence the other day!

Took M. & E. out to the Leeches at 5:00 – a tea for the teachers.

This evening a conf. at school on geog – McMunn, Stimson, Jones & Parson.

[Frederick Morgan Steele (1851-1932) was born in Albany, New York, and came to Chicago in 1879 where he married Ella A. Pratt in 1883. They moved to Highland Park in 1902 where he purchased a palatial neoclassical style home on Sheridan Road that had been designed by William W. Boyington for William A. Alexander. Mr. Steele was a steel manufacturer and railroad president. Before his retirement in 1916, he was president of American Bridge Works and the Standard Forgings Company, two leading iron corporations in Chicago. He was also president of three railroads which were later sold into larger systems. He was the author of a book of poetry, *After Hours Idyls* (1909). He had one of the largest collections of autograph manuscripts and documents in the United States, and the largest collection in the world of hymn manuscripts signed by the authors. (See April 19, 1932 entry.) – ed.]

Friday, June 10

A beautiful day Still a little cool

Peony weather. Three fine bouquets in our living room from M's friends.

Busy with eighth grade work. Found time to visit the garden with the 4th's. Miss White took a 6th grade group there.

I took the 8A picture this A.M

The group pictures I took Mother's day were developed yest. & I ordered 25 copies.

Distributed commencement invitations.

Hoed my corn & beans in V.A. garden and planted more beans. Tied up my tomato vines.

Saturday, June 11

A beautiful day.

E & I went to Chic on 9:02. Shopped at Fields, Carson Pirie, Fair, Hartman, etc. Rug, towels, pitchers, at Fields etc. I bot G.B. corn at Vaughns & weed exterminator

Home at 3:30.

I hoed in garden, mowed lawn, watered, planted 2 more rows of G.B corn in V.A. garden for me and 3 more rows for Mr Larson.

In our absence this AM, Margaret & Ed Wilson & Fay Krum visited M for two hours

More peonies brot in for M. today.

Sunday, June 12

A beautiful day

Dannie & Mrs Eklund got in at breakfast time and stayed until 4:00.

This aft D., E, M. & Mrs E. & I drove up to the Rockefeller-McCormick estate to the garden show.

A great spectacle. Unfortunately we had to park a half mile from "anywhere" & M. could not walk to the display.

Lou & Mrs Colwell and Ella gave us a fine visit. Mrs Clow also.

Monday, June 13

Another.

Morning ex. Pupils sang "Lovely appear", Miss Deile soloist.

"Took" over again the picture of the 8's. Defect in those taken Friday.

Conf. today with 1 - 3's at G.B R.S; then the 1 - 3's at E P.; the 4's; the 5 - 6B's; the 6A - 7's.

A garden trip. Also a trip to collect red maple seeds.

Conf at 7:00 this evening with Mr Hart and a com. of 8's over tomorrow's program.

School Board meeting this evening. Resolution of B'd relating to the commemorative tablet read to me. - - Mr Hart & I afterwards went to the Alcyon to secure Manager Jones' help as to films for tomorrow.

Got Fred Elfstrom to come to beat rugs etc for me today. He did a fine job.

Tuesday, June 14

Flag Day.

Rain. Heavy showers until 10:00 A M, but a lull permitted us to venture out on our flag parade.

We shortened it a little bit and successfully raised the big banner & the souvenir flags to the top of the mast.

Then the picnic began. It rained at intervals until 12:00, but a good time was had anyway.

The pupils gave two shows in succession in the aud. after lunch. These were very good. We sent down for movies but were not able to obtain them. 8's made about \$100⁰⁰

At school a while this evening. Signed the 97 diplomas.

Have given Edgar Gurney checks - \$38:00 - \$75⁰⁰ & \$25⁰⁰ as loans, June 20, due me \$38⁰⁰

Remainder \$25⁰⁰ a month.

Wednesday, June 15

Last day of School.

A beautiful day. A little sultry at evening.

Last morning assembly of the year. Went off well.

Conf with teachers. Most of us met at Green Tea Pot at a luncheon in honor of retiring teachers - Tetzlaff, Parson, Thomas, Hanson, Barbara Muggleton, More, Weaver, Rowland

Exercises this evening went off well. 97 graduates. All had a part in the program. Amer Legion medal given to Lorene Lindstrom and Sam Sherer.

The tablet in my honor was dedicated and a bushel of nice things said about me.

M & E and Mrs Chapin came and enjoyed it greatly.

Thursday, June 16

At school most of the day. Various conferences.

Edith went to the city. She selected another and smaller rug as Mother wished and our big rug is to be returned.

H-S. graduation this evening but I was too tired to go. Eleanor Parson called and I took her home in my auto.

I stopped in at the school and found a Crystal Lake delegation headed by Mrs Rose Miller Kellog enjoying the observatory, Miss Guiney and Miss Cramer in charge

Friday, June 17

Fine day.

Conferences at school. Miss Fallstad and Miss Hanson in English. Miss Cramer & Mr Leech in science. These two & I made a hasty trip to County Line Road beyond Wilmot Road to look up Asclepias ovalifolia. A few stalks – no flowers

Lois Greene took M. to Dr Fitzgerald this evening and to our joy found that her right eye is normal & remarkably good for one of her age. The left eye has a slow cataract.

Mrs Craig & Eugene & R. spent the evening.

Saturday, June 18

Fine rain in the night. Sultry.

This AM. I helped to entertain Prof Parson who came to take Eleanor & her belongings home to DeKalb. - - Visited our public library & had fine conf with Miss Hendee. Then we visited L.F. Pub libr & had an interesting time exploring it.

At home most of the aft. Mowed most of the lawn.

M. E. & I drove out for a while this evening - - Bannockburn, etc

Sunday, June 19

Cooler Cloudy

M & I to Presb. Ch. Edith stayed to get dinner. While ~~she was~~ we were gone, she got a phone from Mrs Eklund saying that Clarence D. was ill & really needed her. So we got her off at 3:00.

Mr & Mrs Everett called this aft & spent an hour or more

My Paul Jones & climbing Amer Beauty making a fine showing.

Monday, June 20

Fine day Sultry.

To Chic on 8:02. To Fields to arrange for return of a rug & select a 9x12 and a 5x7 or so. Salesman Baylies.

Bot camera plates, etc Home at 12:00.

Sent about 70 letters acknowledging notes of condolence.

Took Mother to Hattstrom & Sanders for her new glasses (\$19.50). Then to Dr Gordon for foot treatment. \$1⁰⁰

Planted about a pint of red maple seeds this evening under shade of my S.W. hawthorn

Mrs Vercoe visited M. today. Also Misses Fallstad, Cramer & Taylor. Mrs Decker, this evening.

Tuesday, June 21

Warm

M & I set out at 10:15 for Gary. Got there in 2½ hr. Lennie & Ruth there. All had dinner together

Dan looked badly.

L & R. left as I did at 4:15 M stayed behind I got home in a little more than 2½ hr. Distance 59. +

Gas .90 (Gary).

Wednesday, June 22

Warm. Pleasant in shade

I put in about 5 hours today in V.A Garden. Hoed my 6 rows of corn & 1½ of beans, & Larson's 5 rows of corn.

Spent nearly 3 hours in Dr H's dental chair. He crowned lower right (living) molar.

Ray Phillips came after supper & "sized" M's room

Our new rugs came

Thursday, June 23

Fine day. Cooler

Two hours or so in V.A garden. Planted two plats of beans and one of amber cane.

Sprinkled Atlascide over some poison ivy vines on grounds of public library.

At school a while this aft. At 4:00 at dentist's. This time Dr Wurth. Cleaned my teeth

To Mr & Mrs Everett's for dinner. A nice visit.

Spread the two new rugs on the living room floor.

My bendix spring broke today & could not start the auto. \$2.87

Ray Phillips papered M's room. \$5.00.

Friday, June 24

Fine day. Decidedly cool this A M

Worked at school most of day.

This evening set out 60 or 70 rooted cuttings of Salix Caprea at G.B.R.S garden These should have been set out May 1.

Planted 6 hills of White Spine cucumber and a bed of castor beans in Vine Ave garden

Saturday, June 25

Warm day. Thunderstorm threatened at [5?]:30 P.M. and a bolt crashed near by as I was working in the yard It set fire to the playhouse on the A.L. Mills place & the fire dep't was unable to save it.

A light shower fell

At school this AM

Hoed & planted in my garden.

Went to funeral of Axel Larson this aft.

Didn't mention the shower at 7:00 this A M.

[Axel T. Larson (1881-1932) was a well-known and respected Highland Park businessman. He was born in Sweden and came to Minnesota with his parents at the age of three. He moved to Highland Park in 1904

and went into business with the Highland Park Ice Company. In 1910 he married Lillian Freberg, and in March 1911 he purchased the Freberg livery. On June 16 of that year, he opened Larson Brothers Garage at the corner of First Street and Laurel Avenue in Highland Park. (See October 24, 1917, May 15, 1918, July 30 and October 13, 1920, April 17, 1926, and February 14, 1931 entries.) – ed.]

Sunday, June 26

Sultry day. Light rain towards evening.

At home this A.M. This aft I attended program at Oak Terrace School and talked on "Trees". Gen Clinnin talked on George Washington It was the occasion of dedicating some memorial trees.

Took 6:02 P.M for Chic & to Orchestra Hall to attend a prohibition mass meeting Fine. Speakers, Graham, Taylor, Evangeline Booth, Cath Waugh McCullogh, Patrick Callahan, etc. Great music by the Mundy Jubilee Singers

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the dedication of memorial trees. Addresses were given by Mr. Smith and by Gen. John V. Clinnin. – ed.]

Monday, June 27

Warm day, but cool breezes late afternoon.

Spent considerable time getting sprayer in order & sprayed nicotine about my yard.

At school. Supervised spraying & outside work at both schools.

Watered back yard.

Spent two hours this evening with Dr Fritsch, inspecting school buildings for repairs

Tied up tomatoes

Tuesday, June 28

H.P. to Wilsons' (Porter)

Fine day.

I got away in my auto at 2:30 after very busy morning.

Parked in Grant Park long enough to go over to Dow Optical & pick up glasses sent in for new frame - \$3⁰⁰.

Edith's about 6:00, & M. got in & we went on to Ed & Margaret Wilson's, where we were very cordially received. A most delightful home.

Eddie & his wife there now as part of the household. Married in Feb. Bettie, a fine you woman

Wednesday, June 29

Fine day.

Eddie & I scouted around a lot this A M – after a short auto trip in which all of us took part

This aft Ed & Margaret took M & me for a ride along the lake frontage of Michigan city.

At intervals during the day & all this evening we listened in on the Democratic convention. We heard most of the debate on the "repeal plank".

Thursday, June 30

At Porter Porter to Benton H.

Sultry.

Eddie & I went scouting in his Ford. - - Found to my delight that the splendid plant society at the Mineral Springs bog has been left undisturbed all these years since I visited it. - - We pushed into the woods and found the lady slipper colony. Most blossoms spent, 18 or 20 this time. – Drove on along dune edge as far as Wilson – then back to Ed's.

After luncheon – about 3:00 M & I set out for B.H. The Wilsons had given us a great time.

Lennie's at 5:00. Yard & garden plants needing rain. Madonna lilies beyond peak. - - Went driving with the Enders after supper – Sodus, Eau Claire, & beyond

Friday, July 1

BentonH to H.P.

Fine day. Thunder storm & light rain in night. Breezy.

Left B.H. at 7:40, M. staying behind. Stopped at Wilson's 15 minutes & took on box of eggs for Fay Krum. Stopped at Edith's & she and D. decided to go home with me. So we set out in my auto at eleven. Got to H.P. before 2:00. Got groceries, etc & ate at 2:30.

We drove out to Old Mill Road Farm for milk & eggs this evening & ate supper afterwards - - My colony of *A. speciosa* was cut down two or three days ago! - - Listened in this evening to the balloting at the convention & heard the announcement of F.D.R.'s choice.

Set out some zinnias & perennial ageratum Arthur E. gave me
Groceries 1.07 + .15 + .30 Household 8⁰⁰

Saturday, July 2

Fine day Cool.

Much work in yard. Tied up delphiniums & canterbury bells; grape vines, etc

Mowed on south side of fence – in the Williams' property, etc.

E, D, & I drove out Dundee Road this evening & coming back, visited with the Leeches a while

We listed in today when Gov Roosevelt arrived at the stadium & delivered his speech of acceptance.

Sunday, July 3

Rained more or less all day.

I went to church at Ev. & heard a most stirring sermon by Dr Tittle. Courageous, searching, eloquent!

After lunch (4:00) Edith, D & I drove down to Leon Danforth's in Evanston. I left them there & went over for a pleasant visit with Mr H.B. Wheelock. I rejoined them at Leon's & we had supper with them.

Got home at 9:30

Met Rev & Mrs Roth at Dr Tittle's church.

Monday, July 4

To Gary.

E & D & I set out at 9:15 for Gary. (I had time beforehand to prune my dwarf apple trees and tie branches to the trellis)

Lunch there. In the aft we drove out to Crown Point & visited a fine estate, amateur flower lovers who do all the work

Beautiful homes in C.P. & interesting farming country.

Tuesday, July 5

Return to H.P.

This A M D & I drove out to the shrine (shrine) of St Francis, about 13 mi. from Gary, & came through Hobart.

At 1:00 I started for H.P.

D. seems to have improved somewhat but is still weak

Our madonnas still hold out. The regals in bud. Found a stem borer in each of two stalks of madonnas. Yesterday found one in a calendula stem in the Crown Point garden

Asclepias p. in full blossom.

The tips of the stems of amorphophallus r. are showing above ground

Wednesday, July 6

Cool early in the day but grew hot & sultry rapidly.

Heavy thunder storm late in the evening.

Phone message from Miss Hendee before 8:00 AM told of a robber in library bldg in the night. I went down & found policeman copying footprints. - - Not much damage. Had knocked off knob of safe door but could not get in

At school a while. Called on janitors who were working at G.B R S, trimming trees.

Clarence Davis on vacation. John Rhinehart also. Walter Sleeman working at G B R S.

Got my own breakfast at home. (& lunch). Supper at Tipton's. Ate with Miss Stine & Miss Sprague As it was raining a little I took them home in my machine

Thursday, July 7

Rather sultry

Very heavy rain and thunder storm in the night

Went over to V.A. garden this A M & found the lower part in standing water

Weeded on parkway. Trimmed some of my trees. Tied up delphiniums, etc.

Friday, July 8

Fine day. A little cooler.

Worked at school much of day. Then in my own yard.

Gathered a large "mess" of string beans in my V.A. Garden & gave to Mrs Riddle.

Dinner at the Millards Parents & Mackie & Bettie. Fine evening.

Saturday, July 9

Warm day.

Drove through to Benton Harbor Stopped with Edith a while enroute Found M. enjoying her visit at Lennie's.

Arthur took us for a ride

Sunday, July 10

At BH.

We went to Cong. Church this A.M

Monday, July 11

At B H.

Warm day.

Ruth came home to B H this evening from Kalamazoo.

I drove to Three Oaks this A M. Spent an hour or so in Warren's Woods. Lunch at Three Oaks An hour in Chamberlain Museum.

Tuesday, July 12

At B.H.

Ruth went back to Kalamazoo this evening.

Wednesday, July 13

At B.H.

Too warm to scout about much

Thursday, July 14

Benton H to H.P.

Very sultry.

M & I left B.H. at 8:40 this A.M. At Gary we stopped for an hour & a half and had lunch. Edith packed up her bag & some fruit she had canned for us & she & M & I set out for home. At H.P. by 3:20. Opened up the house. Soon came up a local thunder shower of intensity and a heavy fall of rain. This did not cool the air much & this evening the air is warm & very humid

Library Board this evening. Absent Platt, Bowes, & Garnett. Long & interesting meeting.

Friday, July 15

Very, very sultry.

Gathered a mess of beans this A.M. We ate beets from our garden.

Hung pictures from M & her room. Tied up tomato plants. Sprayed with nic. sol.

Conferred with Walter Sleeman at G B R S (the last of 12 days as sub for Mr Rhinehart).

Conferred with Lichtwalt & Bartoli at Elm Place

This evening we drove out to Everett, Wheeling, Glencoe & home. There had been a shower nearly everywhere we went but none at H.P.

Saturday, July 16

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, July 17

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, July 18

Lake Geneva to H.P.

Warmer today. Sultry.

Got up at 5:30 – there was coffee in a thermos pot – crackers, fruit (cherries) on my writing desk - - Mr & Mrs Sturtevant (Anne) also had gotten up & our autos both pulled out at 6:00. I came home by Kenosha Here before 8:00 in spite of two detours.

- - Gathered beans & hoed one row by 10:30. Then showed two teachers around until 12:00. A Miss Bahls from Sacramento was one

This aft – worked some in my den – hoed two rows of corn – mowed front lawn.

M. E. & I drove out Mill Road to Half Day, Libertyville & home

Tuesday, July 19

Again – very warm. Sultry.

Got an hour's work in my V.A. garden before breakfast. Mosquitoes fierce. "Laid by" my corn etc.

Mowed my yard and got in out of the sun by 10:30.

Are having apple sauce from our won apples these days

The 3rd mess of beans Worked in my den all aft.

Ride to Lake Bluff this evening with M. E. & Mrs Chapin.

A great dane, a run-away from Leverone farm, visited our parkway & the milkman got him into our garage & I phoned the owner. The dog had been missing a month. Reward of \$50⁰⁰ had been offered! I told the milkman it was his.

Wednesday, July 20

Another very hot day

Worked with the men at school an hour or so this A.M. weeding out the sunken garden.
Much of the day overhauling papers, etc., in my den.
Clarence & Bruner came in about 3:00 after a long hot drive from Decatur.
This evening E. & I and Bruner drove to Lake Bluff & back

Thursday, July 21

Distressingly hot but rain storm late afternoon changed conditions delightfully.
Bruner, Clarence & I drove to Ev. this A.M. Visited some of the college b'ld'gs C & I came home for lunch B. remained & was the guest of Jas Bergen at the North Shore Hotel
After supper C., B. & I visited the H.P. Library; then the Lake Forest Library. Drove on to Diamond Lake, Zurich Lake & home by Dundee Road A remarkable sunset & the after glow on the wet grain fields was memorable

Friday, July 22

Pleasantly cool in the night but the day grew quite warm. Fine breezes after nightfall.
C., B. & I drove to Chic in my auto this A M To Adler Planetarium for the lecture. Field Museum for lunch & a short tour. To Shedd Aquarium. Then we drove through World's Fair grounds. Visited Science Bldg, Travel & Transport bldg. Then to U. of C – Oriental Institute, etc. Home by 6:40.
James Bergan, friend of B's, came up from Ev. to spend evening

Saturday, July 23

Delightfully cool all day.
This aft we all went in my auto to Lake Bluff, Spinney Run Farm (Toggenburg goats), Gurnee, Lake Villa (Allendale), Fox Lake, Volo, Wauconda, L. Zurich Bannockburn, home 70 miles.

Sunday, July 24

Cool this AM but grew quite warm.
Dan drove in at breakfast time
M. C. B & I to Presb Ch Late aft – E. D. B & I drove around Winnetka, etc

Monday, July 25

A warm day but mitigating breezes
At home most of day Errands at school.
Bruner and I called on Mr. Jensen. We found him dictating a letter – he & the steno were at his council ring. We had a fine visit with him
This evening we all drove to Kenilworth & back
Dan left before breakfast this A M

Tuesday, July 26

Again very warm but electric storm & heavy rain at 5:00 P.M cooled us off.
At home about all day We all drove a while this evening to enjoy the coolness

Wednesday, July 27

Beautiful day Delightfully cool
Bruner left this A.M. C & I drove with him (my auto) to 12th St station & he took 10:15 for Boston – from there to Martha's Vineyard

C & I shopped at Field's & Hartman's, ate at the Triangle Restaurant, then drove to Garfield P. conservatory. Visited a while, called at office for Mr Balthis but found him away. Home by Oak Park, Harlem Ave & Waukegan Road. Stopped at Mrs Werhane's for vegetables - - -

Thursday, July 28

Warmer during day but cool breezes towards evening.

Mr Jensen & Mr Leech & I drove over to the George Brainard farm north of Ivanhoe and scouted over some prairie areas. Very interesting flora On way home looked into Bailey woods north & east of Libertyville.

This evening M. E. & C & I drove out past Buffalo Grove & north to 59A & home by Lake Forest.

Friday, July 29

Delightful day

Mowed the lawn. C & I got ladder & tree trimmer from school & harvested two bushels of apples from my tree The H - S pupils had begun to take the apples & jest with anyone that remonstrated So C & I stripped the tree.

Lent Roger Bresnahan five dollars this aft, he to repay it Aug 5.

M. E. C. & I drove to Fox Lake at 4:30 & took a launch ride (Jensen) to the lotus beds in Grass Lake. Still in full bloom, a fine sight. Home by 8:30.

Saturday, July 30

Mother's 90th birthday

Fine day. Warmer

Mother got grist of congratulatory letters from Decatur. During the aft. callers came in - Mrs Denzel & Margaret, Mrs Noerenberg, Mrs Decker, Dr & Mrs Sherwin, Mrs Millard, Mrs Loewenstein, Mrs Garling, Lois Green, Lily Gallagher, Lida & Lyle Gourley, Mary Noerenberg & Catherine Denzel, Mrs Kellog of Crystal Lake with her friends, Mr & Mrs Marsh, came to see me after supper Flowers, two cakes, etc

Sunday, July 31

Fine day.

Danforth came in before breakfast

M. rested at home all day Clarence & I drove to Ev. & heard splendid sermon by Dr Tittle

Leon Danforth and his wife came up from Ev. & spent the aft. Mr & Mrs Fred Richards (Mattie Bottomfield) came from Kenosha and spent an hour or two with us.

Monday, August 1

Fine day. Gray. Threatening.

Clarence D. left at 5:00 A M for Gary & Clarence Smith left about 8:00 for Decatur

Worked in my room about all day, copying family data, etc

Our first tigridia blossom yesterday, three today.

Our first tomato (Marglobe) yesterday. Another today - and a nubbin of a cucumber. Our second mess of corn.

Tuesday, August 2

Rather sultry. Threatening. A short but heavy shower after 5:00 P.M

Wrote long letter to Rev. Geo H. Smith this A M. Also to Margaret Wilson, to Clarence Smith etc. Worked again on Smith genealogy.

Met Mrs Farwell of Lake Forest at my office to advise her as to the curriculum at Allendale School.
Gave her a set of our teachers' annual report.

Mary Rowland here to finish her report & straighten up things

Conf with Mr Hart over health lessons.

Called on Mrs McCrystle this evening to confer with her about Edgar Gurney's financial status. He owes me \$192⁰⁰.

Wednesday, August 3

Warm but not disagreeable.

Worked at school most of day. Long talk with Edgar Gurney over his financial affairs.

Filled 4 flats with cuttings from geraniums in music & art rooms

This evening M. E. & I drove down G.B, Clavey, Ridge to Dundee R & beyond & back by Highwood

Thursday, August 4

Cool at daybreak. Warm during day

E. went to Chic to see Dr G & shop this aft.

Mr Schultz visited me an hour or so this aft.

Supplies' agent.

Candidate for job.

Watered back year

Mr Siemsen called on Mother. Mrs Rioux also called.

Friday, August 5

Rather warm but fine shower this aft & much cooler

Went to Ev. this A.M. At 7:50 in Mr Lane's class on Educ. Psychol. Harold Schultz & Mr.

Durbahn taking this work. – Then fine talk with Mr Lane over his investigations at St Charles. - - Met Miss Fargo & went with her to Prof Witte's class on psych of school subjects

Home for lunch

Kathryn Caryl and her two daughters called a short time at noon. She dates back 26 or 28 years. Is to come back with the girls to spend an aft.

At Dr Hamilton's office – he reset a porcelain plate in right upper.

Saturday, August 6

At home about all day. Cool.

E & I drove around some after dinner this evening.

I have written long letters to Cricket Keiser, Elsie Needham, Aunt Eva, Rev. Geo Smith, and short ones to Mrs Calista Harman, Mattie McHenry, Clarence, et al.

Sunday, August 7

Fine day. Quite cool at dawn

Clarence D. came in before breakfast.

M & I went to M. E. Church on North Ave. Small audience

Late – after supper – we all took a drive about H.P.

Monday, August 8

Beautiful day Cool but a warm sun.

I drove to U. of C. this A M. expecting to attend the funeral of Dr J. Paul Goode - - It is to be tomorrow. - - Spent an hour in the Oriental Institute Met Supt Hamilton of Oak Park & had a chat with him.

Then went to Ev. to N.W.U. & had a fine conversation with Mr. Fairchild over St Charles' affairs. Home for supper.

School board meeting this evening to discuss our finances.

- 1 – Uncertainty of situation of banks that hold our money
- 2 – Possible default in tax payments.
- 3 – Effort to cut down our assessed valuation

Tuesday, August 9

Threatening. Light showers –

Drove to Chic. At 11:00, Field Museum. Stayed there until 1:30. Lunch. Then to U. of Chic, and to Bond Chapel, to the funeral of Dr. J. Paul Goode Principal address by Harlan Barrows – adequate, splendid. At funeral – Miss Baber, Miss Nichols, Dr Coale, Mr Chas Hull Ewing, Metzenburg, Castle, Plapp, & Dr Cowles. It was touching to see Dr Cowles walking up the aisle, shuffling one foot as he went.

Afterwards I spent an hour in the Oriental Institute. Home by 6:00

M, E. & I drove out to Mrs Werhane's for vegetables & visited the Jordan Nursery.

[John Paul Goode (1862-1932) was born in Minnesota. He received his doctorate in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1903 he began teaching in the Geography Department at the University of Chicago. He was a charter member of the Association of American Geographers and member, with Mr. Smith of the Geographic Society of Chicago. His *Goode's School Atlas*, first published in 1923 by Rand McNally, became a standard school text. He is mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith's diaries. See especially the entry for April 14, 1923, which noted Dr. Goode's lecture that evening, "Chicago: A City of Destiny." – ed.]

Wednesday, August 10

Fine summer day

Spent some time with Matheny this A M. who represents Keystone stereographs, etc.

Today I cleaned the attic for Mother, wiping the floor with a hand mop, spraying trunks and boxes for moths, etc.

Late this aft. gave a strange working man the job of scything the weeds at Port Clinton site. Broke him down here afterwards, Edith gave him a square meal, & I handed him a dollar.

Thursday, August 11

Fine summer day. Cool.

Mostly at home. Mowed yard.

Library Board meeting this evening adjourned so that we could get back to our radios by nine. Mrs Everett resigned the Presidency & intends to file her resignation with the Mayor – 31 years a member. Joe Garnett elected Pres, & Mr Gallagher Vice Pres.

M., E. & I listened to Hoover's speech of acceptance delivered at Constitution Hall. Strongly commits himself to conservatism; reaffirms his faith in rugged individualism; fine stand on internat'l peace; hinted at new stand on war debts; firmly "agin" the saloon and "agin" the evils of the 18th amendment.

Friday, August 12

Beautiful day Cool.

Various duties at home. Helped M. sort out her photographs & file them so that they can be easily found
M. E. & I drove over to Park Ridge this aft. Called on Mrs John Ahrensfeld & her daughter-in-law,
Mrs Wm Ahrensfeld. Took a good look at the building where we once lived. Called on Miss Ford and Mrs
(Millard) Schram, then on Mrs Jorgeson. Home before 7:00.
Drew out from H.P. State Bank the funds remaining in Kittie's name, \$16.60.

Saturday, August 13

Another fine day
Much "genealogy" work today.
Ruth and Lennie came in about 6:00 this afternoon.

Sunday, August 14

Fine day
Dan came in for breakfast.
M & I to Presb Church to hear Dr Sherwin.
Late this aft Dan took M., E., R-A. & L for a ride to Kenosha.
While they were gone the Pattees came and I went with them to Skokie meadow off W. Park Ave
to get some liatris. Getting a little late for this.

Monday, August 15

Warmer but still mild.
Danforth left at 7:30. Ruth Ann and Lennie at 9:30.
I worked at my desk most of day.
E & I took a ride out Mill Road & over towards Des Plaines R. & back into Deerfield & home
We began eating from our second planting of corn. Have taken 7 or 8 "messes" from the first
planting.

Tuesday, August 16

Sultry today. Cooler breeze arising at 9:00 P.M
Desk work most of day. I have spent hours and hours over genealogical records, old letters and
Father's diaries, and today I finished a record embodying all the material at hand and supplying blank spaces
for needed information. I typed this, making four carbon copies. One I sent to Aunt Eva. I wrote Jas L.
Marr at 335 Pennsylvania Ave El Paso, Tex, inquiring about Major Jas Marr & his descendants.
I called on the Ingerles this evening.

Wednesday, August 17

Warm but intermittent fresh breezes
Second mess of corn from second planting. Ditto of beans.
Matheny called again this A.M.
I met Mr Sampsell at school this A.M. and prepared Bruce's transfer papers for Frances Parker
School. The last of the Sampsell children in our school and Mrs Sampsell – one of our most enthusiastic
patrons – a suicide in July!
This aft took photos of three of swinging frames and one of the room. Developed these this
evening.
Edgar Gurney came to see me this AM & begged me to lend him more money. Refused. He owes
me \$192⁰⁰ which I should have now.

Thursday, August 18

Delightfully cool.

At school this A.M. Conf with Mr Hart. Lent him from Book Store fund \$100⁰⁰. Worked until noon.

Down to Newberry Library this aft. Read up records of Strong & Mathews families

This evening M. E. & I drove out towards Northbrook. Bot vegetables

Friday, August 19

So cool this A M that I made a grate fire for M.

Photog a map of the world and the ox team days poster in Miss Grunewald's room & developed these & two neg. taken May 19 of "black calla".

This aft. E & I drove to Cubs Park and saw the Bostons win, 5 to 4.

Saturday, August 20

Fine day Warmer

At school part of AM

This aft to Lake Forest cemetery to funeral services of Dr Stewart Sniffen, Marion Moseley's fine husband who while on the staff of psychiatrists of U. of C. broke down a year ago and never recovered - -

Dr N.S. Davis III at the funeral. I told him how my Father (July 7, 1874) consulted Dr N.S. Davis I and paid him a fee of one dollar! (In Chicago). Many years afterward Edith went to N.S. II - a fine physician I believe she paid only 2⁰⁰ a visit. I am told Dr N.S. III knows how to charge

Took M. up to call at Mr. Nye's at 5:00 (not at home), then to the Vercoes where we had a nice visit

M & I made notes this evening about Bridget Eastman & Hannibal Lowe

Dan came in at 10:45.

Sunday, August 21

Fine day.

M & I to Presb Church E & D had a long drive late aft.

I slept & rested all aft.

Monday, August 22

A fine day

Dan went home to Gary at 5:00 A M

I worked at school much of the day

M. E. & I called on Rev. Mr Nye after supper this evening and then went down to the Deckers and spent the evening

Aunt Eva wrote disquieting news about her physical condition.

Tuesday, August 23

Fine day Warmer.

Got a letter today from James L. Marr of El Paso, Texas, giving me information for the Lowe Genealogy.

Worked at school all aft. At noon today, I met Mr. Metzler (Mayor) in his office and we went out and examined a tree in front of a store on Central Ave. Me to pass upon its conservation. Decided to let it live as long as it will. Then to corner of Elm & St Johns to consider widening. This involves removal of trees

Edith & Mrs Decker spent the evening with the Misses Kuist, talking quilts.

Wednesday, August 24

A hot day

I took E. home to Gary to be gone a week and pack up her things. D. is to have a room near the store and come here week ends. We got there by eleven & I started back at 2:00 Spent an hour or so at Field Museum. Home before six.

Mrs Garling came today to "look after" us until E. comes back

After supper M & I with Mrs Garling drove out to Bannockburn & back

Gave E – 10⁰⁰ today.

Thursday, August 25

Another hot day but cool breezes in the night.

I spent most of the day at Newberry Library trying to check up "Cornelius Low" et al. Browsed around generally. Made a few discoveries but have not learned much about the origin of the Lowes.

Mrs Beers called this evening. Claire Kennedy called. She came in today by auto with her brother from Mass.

Friday, August 26

A dash of rain last night and another this aft helped out.

Mr Leech and I talked nature study program this aft.

M & Mrs Garling & Bob and I had a nice auto ride this evening.

I spent two or more hours today on my genealogical notes.

Saturday, August 27

Gray & sunshine alternating Cool

Gathered over half bu. of tomatoes which Mrs Garling canned for us.

Overhauled my trunk full of souvenirs of Macon, DePauw & Lexington

Went to Ellen Truax' coming out party this aft. Held on the Egandale lawn. All seemed to have a good time Some present: Mr & Mrs Barbour Brown, Catherine & Margo Cushing, Mr & Mrs Kinder, Mr & Mrs Winston, Mrs Annette Jones, Miss Carver, Ethel Berkson & cousin, Mrs Boynton, Everett Millard, Mrs Bacon & Miss Moss, Robt Patton & Wife, Jerry Leaming do;

This evening M & I & Mrs Garling & Bob drove to Lake Forest & back

Sunday, August 28

Raining before dawn, & gentle showers continued until the afternoon

M & I rested at home this A M.

This aft the Leechs called & we had a fine visit.

I took one photo this aft of a head of the prairie dock Developed this negative and three others that had been set aside last Fall These proved to be of the N.E. aster.

Monday, August 29

Heavy shower with lightning & thunder in the night.

Warm & humid today.

At school part of the day. With Miss Hendee at the Pub. Lib. a while this aft.

Made a written report to Mr Metzel (at his request) concerning the tree in the cement sidewalk at 382 Central Ave & on the proposed widening at the intersection of St Johns & Elm

Jas Cuffey visited us a while this evening

Tuesday, August 30

Very hot.

I sprayed the poison ivy vines behind the pub. libr. bldg this A M. with salt solution – a little soap in the water and nearly 3 lb of salt to the gallon.

At school all aft Conf with Mr Leech over science work With Miss Nixon & her sister & mother who were here on an errand; with Eleanor Conrad who wishes to have Saturday classes in drawing.

Wednesday, August 31

The Eclipse

Began on time at 2:07. M & I & Mrs Garling used our smoked glass from our back porch at the start. Then I went to the school observatory where Jas Cuffey & one of his friends were using the instrument. The image thrown on a white background showed the mountain masses at the edge of the silhouette. On the sidewalk & pavement under the trees crescent shadows appeared. Mrs Millard & [Ch?]evie & Mrs Walling (of Winnetka) came up & enjoyed our facilities. The display was not much more than half over when a storm cloud came up. Wind with some rain & the severely hot temp gave away.

Mr Murray called for a while this evening.

Thursday, September 1

Cooler. Fine day

Mowed yard. Gathered basket of beans. A dozen or more of corn. Gave a supply to Miss Bezar of the H – S who is “keeping house”. A lot of beans to Mrs Riddle

Dr Hamilton set a new crown on a lower left molar this aft.

I set Fred Elfstrom to work in the yard back of the Libr Bldg this aft. Dug out burdocks, cut off dead branches, pulled weeds, etc.

M & I & Mrs Garling & Bob enjoyed a gorgeous sunset after supper – out to Deerfield, down to Dundee Road, east to Green Bay Road & home

Friday, September 2

Fine day. Cool.

At home much of the day

M. & I & Mrs Garling & Bob rode up Ridge Road and out past Melody farm after supper.

Francis Drake & Lewis Domke called this evening & stayed an hour or so.

Saturday, September 3

Gray & threatening

To city. Abbotts to confer with Mr Dean about a large photo of Capitol at W. To Amer Terra Cotta in an unsuccessful effort to meet Mr Gates and Karl Schneider

To Newberry Library where I spent two or three hours mulling over county histories, etc
Home at 5:30.

M & I & Mrs Garling & Ruth & Bob drove down Skokie Highway to Winnetka & back.

Sunday, September 4

Fine day. Cool

M & I to North Ave M.E. Church, sermon by Mr Nye.

Late this evening M. & I drove out W. Park Ave. I left M in the auto at R.R. crossing for a while and searched for fringed gentian plants Found two or three in bud

Monday, September 5

Fine day Too chilly at first and M. appreciated a wood fire in the grate.

Edith & D came at 11:00, bringing in their auto considerable house equipment. Mrs Garling had been with us 12 days (11½). Her bill was \$23⁰⁰ E. brot bushel of Hale peaches, ½ bu of damson plums & a bag of apples.

From my own peach tree we gathered a basket this evening. Have been eating from it for three days.

Teachers' meeting at 2:00. All present except Deile & Marks. Deile in hospital at Oak Park (sinus trouble). Marks at Springdale, Arkansas, where her sister is gravely ill.

At school a while this evening. Miss White brot up from Essex this evening beautiful bouquets of bittersweet.

Tuesday, September 6

School began.

Cool at dawn Fire in grate.

Quite a rush of new pupils. Pleasant time at opening exercises

Lots to do

School closed at noon Margaret Denzel in Miss Marks' absence registered the E. P. Kg children, & Miss Turpin in Miss Deile's absence registered the 1B's.

Teachers' meeting this aft. Mr Murray come in at 3:00 and gave a friendly talk to the teachers about the tax situation.

Misses White, Sprague, Grunew, Grenoble & I drove out on Skokie, w. of Exmoor to look for fringed g. & late liatris.

After supper E. M. & I drove out to Mrs Werhane's for vegetables

Wednesday, September 7

Still cool. Fine weather

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. at 10:00.

This aft at V.A. garden with grades 3 and 4.

Various conferences

Board meeting this evening until nearly 12:00. Agreed upon an additional cut of 10% in salaries beginning Nov 1.; also agreed to drop phys tr after that date. Other deductions added made a total decrease in budget of nearly 10,000. - - - All present except Mrs Creigh.

Thursday, September 8

Fine day Still quite cool at dawn

Spent the morning at Vine Ave garden while groups of children came to see the products. The 1s & 2B's & 2A's carried back small wagons filled with gourds and pumpkins.

The janitors hauled considerable material over to Elm Place this aft & the 8th graders worked to set up the exhibit.

Conf of teachers – upper grades – after school.

Conf with Mrs Mack over music – band situation.

Mr & Mrs Huston and child (Billie) met Miss Marks & me at 9:15 to confer over the child – a psychopathic case

Friday, September 9

Fine day Warmer

Spent most of day working with children that came to the exhibit. The display of products of our garden (Vine Ave) was impressive. Mrs Mack helped us at times I displayed a small basket of peaches A number of interested mothers, et al.

This evening I went over to Deerfield and broke the news to Mr. Hart, Phys Tr Instructor, that his position would be eliminated after Nov. 1. I was requested to do this. A painful task but Mr Hart took the news manfully.

Mr Jensen & I had lunch at G.T. Pot together.

Saturday, September 10

Fine day. Warmer

Scouted about a bit this A M. Potted in wet sand some carrots and beets left over from the exhibit. Went out and explored the woods on both sides of the R.R. at West Park Ave. Along the track I found 3 stalks of fringed gentians – one with three wide open blossoms

At school bldg this aft. Prepared a plan for the sunken garden

M. E & I rode out Dundee Road for vegetables and on to Vernon Road – then crossed the Des P. R. on old bridge & came back by the new.

“Dan” is at Toms River, N.J. to see Alice D. who is very low (cancer).

Sunday, September 11

Fine day. Mild.

Met Mrs Rubens at Pub Libr at 9:30 and conferred about resetting evergreens, etc.

M. E & I to Presb Ch. at 10:40.

Rested this aft.

E & I rode out for half hour after 6:30.

Monday, September 12

Warmer Threatening. Shower with wind at 5:00 P M Thunder & rain after 9:00 P.M.

Miss Deile on her job again, rather reduced from her hospital operation of last week (sinus).

Miss Wheelock called away during day because of dangerous illness of her father at Evanston

Donald Nelson starting home at noon missed his hold on the parallel bars in the front yard at school & dislocated his wrist

At teachers meeting this aft I broke the news to the teachers of the proposed additional cut in salaries of 10% and of the dropping of physical training (Mr Hart) after Nov 1. – Teachers indignant at non payment of taxes.

M. E. & I drove out on Dundee Road for cucumbers.

Mr Murray & I had conf. from 8:30 to 10:30 P M

Tuesday, September 13

Fine day.

Morning ex at G B.R S. Then to nursery of Park Dist to look over their stock & to office of Dist at City Hall to confer with E.J. Brown in charge. He looked over the Pub Libr grounds with me and advised about feeding the trees

Matheny called this aft. Mrs Law also.

Conf with upper grade teachers about program

Miss Sprague rode with me after 5:00 when I called on Commissioner Taylor to confer with him about a drain in the ravine back of the library.

Gathered the remainder of my peaches this evening – nearly a half bushel. I never ate sweeter peaches.

Wednesday, September 14

A fine day

Gathered nearly a basket of grapes this AM to save them from being stolen by H.S. boys. - - The excavating machine came & opened up the entire basement for our neighbor's new house today.

Conf with Mrs Creigh, with Mr Horr & Miss Voss; visit from Chas Masterson who is leaving for Europe on a scholarship. At City Hall conferred with Mayor M. over trees on parkways

Short ride in country with some of the teachers

Visited Mr Mann this evening

Mr Leech & I crushed the amber cane in a clothes wringer & helped El Pl 3's to make molasses.

Thursday, September 15

Another.

Conf with Mrs Mack Visit from Dorothy Dalzell Lewis & her husband – on way to Ithaca to spend year – Mr L's doctorate.

This aft Mr Rhinehart & I helped Miss Behrens' pupils crush cane and make molasses

Teachers meeting to continue discussion of salary. Ended in agreement to accept decision of Board

This evening meeting of Com. Center trustees to meet Mr Scheuchpflug, candidate for director – met at Geo Jones'. - - Then I went to Mr Murrays for a short time

C-S lecture in our aud, this evening. Great crowd.

Friday, September 16

Another Delightful weather

Gave Mr Murray copy of revised salary figures for employes this A M. and his sec. in Chic wrote a letter to each teacher notifying her or him officially of cut in salary. Mine is now \$486⁰⁰, after Nov 1. It was \$600 one year ago. For this & next mo. it is \$540.

Ex com. of P.T.A. met in my office this A M & planned for mass meeting on the school finances.

This aft I met with Mrs Reed & Mrs Speed at Pub. Libr to consider placing of a bird bath the garden club wishes to present to Libr. Then we went down to Braeside school to see one there. On way back called at Mr Jensen's office but he was away.

Conf with Miss Nixon, Miss Sands & Mr Greene on math. - - Visit from Miss Hansen - - M. E. & I drove to L. Forest & back

Saturday, September 17

Fine day. Cooler.

At my desk compiling revised salary schedules.

Late this aft to Exmoor Club at coming out party of Caroline & Barbara Bullard & Janet Bard. A great crowd. A fine time

M. E. & I drove away at 6:00 – out G.B. Road, Dundee R., etc.

Went to Libr this evening. Then fine visit at the Ingerles.

Sunday, September 18

A Fall day. Gray and gusty. Cool. Pleasant.

Fire in hearth all day. Did not go to church. During the day Miss Cramer brot Donald Morgan, one of our 7's in 1923, now blind, to call. A fine visit with him He is a senior at Cornell! Rather handsome young man.

Mr Murray called this aft. I worked over a salary report.

Edith and I walked over to lake bluff & around to the school about sunset.

Monday, September 19

Grew very sultry. Warm s.w. wind

Morning ex. Office work. Came home at 11:15 & photog. Hibiscus trionum against my house

To funeral of Elson Rice at 2:00 at Kelley's Chapel. Fell from tree Saturday.

Conf with 1 – 3's of entire school at G.B.R.S. at 3:45

Sprinkled some this evening

[Elson Rice was born in Highland Park on June 8, 1891 and attended the grammar and high schools there before becoming an electrician. He died from injuries received when he fell from a tree he was trimming in a yard near his home at 632 Onwentsia Avenue. – ed.]

Tuesday, September 20

A wind storm without rain in the night. Cool today.

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Took Miss Helen Dickerson, new Y.W. worker, there to make her announcements. This aft she met pupils after hours in the drawing room. Conf with Norman Ingerle over office equipment. With Mr Field of World Book Co. Mr Murray. Mr Hart. Mrs Mack. Mr Horr. Mr Levitt.

Dan drove in from Gary, today. Just back this A.M. from Toms River, N.J. where he visited bedside of his sister Alice. He rec'd a telegram here this A.M. announcing Alice's death

I called this evening on Mr Elson Rice.

Wednesday, September 21

A fine day

It is so dry. The sumacs are "turning" but the leaves will soon shrivel up if it does not rain.

This aft I had a garden trip with Miss Cook's 3B's

Long conf with Miss Levy this A.M. She wanted advice about her work.

Ag't for Junior Lit Guild, Mr OLeary. For Libertyville Independent.

Spent from 1:00 P.M. to 2:15 in dentist's chair, Dr Hamilton.

M. & I drove out to Mr. Leech's & Mr Helm's to look up a possible blossom of hibiscus trionum

E & Dan drove out around this aft.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of an obituary for Dr. Ulysses Sherman Grant, head of the department of geology and geography at Northwestern University. He died in Evanston on this day. Dr. Grant was born in Moline, Illinois and received his doctorate in biology from Johns Hopkins University. He came to Northwestern in 1899. He is mentioned frequently in Mr. Smith's diaries and was a member of the board of directors of the Geographical Society of Chicago. – ed.]

Thursday, September 22

Fine day Cool Dry

Picked Mr Murray up at his house before the 8:09 & took him to the train. Gave him some school statistics to be copied.

At 11:00 I came home and took some photographs of hibiscus trionum. This aft Mr Floyd Goodier, Supt, Chic Heights, & family visited my school and we spent nearly all the aft together.

Matheny also came. Also Mr Scheuchenpflug. Also Mr Mentzer.

Program conf with upper graders after school.

Friday, September 23

Fine day Cool.

Alice Danforth Berach was buried today at Tom's River, N.J., & Dan and E went down to Leon's this aft to sit during the time set for the funeral in New Jersey

Dan drove home this evening

Spent an hour in Dr. Hamilton's chair this aft. He crowned a lower left molar.

Long conf with Miss Levy over her work.

Visitors: Miss Wolf representing Thrift, Inc. Mr Wheeler rep Iroquois Book Co. Mrs of Winnetka, wanting a job.

At home this evening. Developed 5 negatives.

Saturday, September 24

Cool. Threatening, at times (Showers south of us).

Conf at 10:00 at Pub Libr with Mrs Speed & Mrs Reed (Garden Club) & Mr Jensen, over setting up a bird bath on the grounds.

Went to Ev. after lunch (with auto) to funeral of Prof U.S. Grant. I was very fond of him and profited by his friendship. Addresses by Scott (Pres of N W.), Ball of Dept of Geology, Bain (geologist). Met Waterman, Fay Cooper-Cole, Mr & Mrs Joe Wright, & Miss Baber there. The latter accepted my invitation for a ride afterwards & I drove her to Lake Forest & back to H.P. where she took the trolley home.

Sunday, September 25

Still cool & dry. I started a fire in the furnace this A M.

M. E. & I to Bethany Church this A M. Attended both S.S. & church

This aft I took 6 pictures of parts of hibiscus trionum

M. E. & I drove out to L. Zurich & came back by the Dundee Road.

Monday, September 26

Milder. A sprinkle early this A M. A gray day.

Morning ex. 8th grade girls sang a group of Indian songs.

Mrs Loewenstein came to sub for Miss Phillips who was operated on Saturday evening at the Presb Hospital for appendicitis

Ruth Siljestrom subbed for Miss Miller (illness)

Teachers' meeting Mr Cunningham & Miss Turpin finished three large wall charts for Mr Murray who is to use them in his talks about the schools & the tax situation.

Heard of the death yesterday of Mrs Edith Reinardy of Ev, formerly our sewing teacher. We had very pleasant relations with her.

Tuesday, September 27

Drizzle with occasional showers until 12:00. Clearing. Cooler

Morning ex at G.B.R.S. Conf over report card with a committee this evening

Dinner with Mr & Mrs Mack & the two boys this evening.

Then to E.P. Aud to mass meeting under auspices of P.T.A. Mrs Mack presided & Mr Murray gave an extended and illuminating report on the financial situation in Dist 107. An audience of nearly 400. Many of the members of the taxpayers' league (unfriendly) there but did not say much in the discussion. Very good effort by Mr Murray.

Wednesday, September 28

Traces of frost on roof of shed this A M

Fine day

Finished form for new report card this AM.

This aft conf with Mrs Mack. Then Mr Bartoli & I went to Dearborn Observ of N W U. to consult Prof. Lee about the rigging of the shutter on our dome. Fine visit with him. Mr Scheuchenpflug went along.

Conf with upper grade teachers about next week's program

This af evening, dinner with Mrs Millard & went with her to meeting of Bd of Directors of No Shore Art League at Winnetka We found it a humorous bore & came away before it was over.

Mrs Borg sub for Miss Wheelock; Mrs Taylor for Miss White

Thursday, September 29

Fine day.

Mr Nygaard called this A M & we had a fine visit.

Mr Elwood & I went over to GBR S to select some seats needed at E.P. While there I gave a short trip about the grounds & nursery to the 3B's.

An hour in Dr Hamilton's office this aft completes the requirements of my outfit of teeth.

Field trip to Exmoor Ridge with Miss Stimson's 4B's this aft.

At four Mr Leech, Miss Kirkland, Miss Marks & Miss Stark & I drove in my auto to Wauk Flats & had a fine walk across to the lake & back. Found fine gentians in the meadow bordering the dunes

Friday, September 30

Beautiful day

We had our American Indian Day program this aft. Great success. Mr Hart & Miss Voss in charge. Set up our big tepee on north play ground. Had a small piano there I had M & E as guests.

This was Mr Hart's last day. The Board gave him two months' pay. He has registered at N. Univ. & will run private classes after hours

I wrote ~~48~~ 20 21 checks this evening totaling ~~377¹⁵~~ 417¹⁵

Saturday, October 1

A beautiful day. "October's bright blue weather".

E & I went to Chic on N.S. She went to Dr Lois Greene's office in P. Coke & G. Bldg & had her hearing tested I shopped at Fields & East Kodak Store. Later we had lunch at Art Inst. & looked over some of the exhibitions. Then we both went to Fields & home.

Mrs Hesse called in, & then she, & E & I went shopping down town

At home this evening.

Sunday, October 2

Beautiful day. Much gorgeous color about us.

Danforth came in in time for breakfast.

M & I to Presb Church

Rested all aft. I went over to school & made a photo of a world map. Developed this & other negatives this evening.

D. went home at 4:00.

Monday, October 3

Mild. Threatening Light shower after nightfall.

Autumn coloring is now gorgeous. The display has come on rapidly.

Morning ex as usual. Trip to Exmoor Ridge this aft with another group of 4B's and Miss Stimson. Conf with the 3 - 4th grade pupils teachers after school.

This evening called on Rhinehart to sound him as to what he hears on the tax situation, then to Mr Murray's for a long conference

Tuesday, October 4

Light rain at intervals most of the day. Clearing & cooler the latter part of the day.

Morning ex at G.B.R S. & a conf afterwards with Mrs Worth, Pres of P.T.A. auxiliary of that school.

Mrs Snite called up this A.M. & offered us all the geraniums in the "east bed", and our men took the trailer & brot them away and a big basket of ageratums & marigolds

Conf with 5 - 6'B's after school.

This evening M. E. & I listened to Pres Hoover's speech at Des Moines.

[On this day Professor Raymond W. Fairchild of the School of Education at Northwestern University wrote a letter to Mr. Smith regarding the St. Charles School For Boys. Prof. Fairchild's letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

October 4, 1932.

Supt. J. L. Smith,
Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for sending the enclosed clipping to me. It is interesting even if not true in most respects. It is difficult to conceive how some things can even by manufactured on such a wholesale basis.

Thinking you might be interested in a report that our sub-committee made a few weeks ago I am enclosing a copy of this report which you may keep if you wish.

I shall hope to see you at the Round-Table and we can talk at greater length on this St. Charles matter.

Yours very truly,
R. W. Fairchild.
R. W. Fairchild.

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[The clipping referred to in Prof. Fairchild's letter was from the June 12, 1932 issue of the *Decatur Sunday Herald and Review*. Headlined "With St. Charles School Revealed as a Sorry Joke, Illinois Welfare Department Gropes for Solution of Bad Boy Problem," it was written by Robert A. Barracks, a Herald-Review staff reporter. The article quotes Rodney Brandon, director of the Illinois State Department of Public Welfare, "Two years and a half ago, the Chandler commission was formed to make a study of child welfare legislation and problems. At that time Miss Olive Hull, who later married Henry P. Chandler, head of the commission, was sent to St. Charles to make a study of the situation here. Her report was so discouraging that I decided some drastic steps must be taken at once." According to the article, Mr. Brandon stated, "During all of the years that St. Charles was going to the dogs, Illinois was growing famous through the world for her Institute of Juvenile Research in Chicago....I decided to try a whirl at working out a new system, using the institute, taking St. Charles out of politics and substituting scientific methods for the ones in use. The Institute agreed to take over the job, but it wanted some help. I agreed to give it and named an advisory board made up of experts to serve without pay. Three months ago the board held its first meeting." The article notes that Mr. Brandon named Prof. Harrison Dobbs of the department of sociology, University of Chicago, to the board. Prof. R.W. Fairchild of the faculty of Northwestern university was given the job of building special curricula in St. Charles. He had been a school superintendent in Elgin. — ed.]

[In his letter, Prof. Fairchild also refers to a sub-committee report which he enclosed for Mr. Smith. That report is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

August 19, 1932

To the Advisory Council of the St. Charles School for Boys:

It may be somewhat disappointing to some members of the advisory council to note that this report of the Sub-Committee on Education does not contain extensive recommendations for marked changes in educational procedure. While your sub-committee recognizes the need for improvement in the nature, content and methods of educational offerings in the St Charles School for Boys, it does not seem advisable just at the present time to advocate any radical changes or to recommend a completely new program. The results from the present period of general readjustment within the school as a whole will undoubtedly soon pave the way for a more definite proposal along educational lines. However, there are certain reactions and recommendations of a general nature that your committee is pleased to present for the consideration of the Advisory Council.

A. Your Sub-Committee on Education recognizes:

1. The general educational program of the St. Charles School for Boys is the center around which the institution revolves and hence should be just as strong and as effective as possible.
2. Vocational training is an essential part of the general education program, especially for boys of the St. Charles type. As such an essential element, vocational work should be definitely offered and encouraged, being closely coordinated with the so-called academic program.
3. The teaching staff of the school is the hub of the institution and both through selection and in-service improvement should be of high order for both academic and vocational work.

4. That good teaching cannot be expected without both good quality and adequate amount of equipment and materials.
5. That there are many trying situations that confront the Managing Officer in the much needed general reorganization of the institution. We commend Mr. Havlik for his forward-looking view of his entire problem and for his constructive attitude toward the educational interests of the institution. Noticeable progress is evident despite serious handicaps.

B. Your Sub-Committee on Education recommends:

1. That the Advisory Council take such action as will definitely hasten the delivery and installation of the vocational equipment already authorized and so much needed in the school at the present time.
2. That there be a close coordination of the so-called vocational and academic phases of the educational program.
3. That the teaching of vocational work should be in the hands of qualified instructors. There is no reason why this group should not aid in the maintenance and production departments of the institution, but their first responsibilities should be in matters of education.
4. That a program of in-service improvement of teachers be actively projected to include:
 - a. A liberal amount of visitation of other types of schools by all teachers in the St. Charles School for Boys.
 - b. Regular faculty meetings of a professional nature having as a portion of their program reports of visitation of various schools.
 - c. Outside speakers on special educational subjects to be brought to St. Charles once each month from September through May by such arrangements as will not involve expense to the school or the state.
 - d. The inviting of teaching groups in near-by towns to meet with the St. Charles teachers, possibly on the occasion of having special speakers, such meetings to be both social and educational.
 - e. Definite encouragement to be given members of the school staff to further their education through summer session and extension courses.
 - f. Provision of professional books and magazines for extensive use of the teachers of the school.
5. That each Quarterly Requisition have definitely included needed educational equipment and materials, especially for geography, history, science and commerce courses.
6. That special provision be made for the immediate acquisition of much needed magazines for both the school and the cottages.
7. That present part-time music be extended to full time.

If the foregoing recommendations can be carried out we believe the foundation will have been laid upon which a more satisfactory educational program can be built than by a too hurried procedure at the present time. It

should be the early expectation that the educational program finally developed will be such as will at least serve the following purposes:

1. Make for easier, happier and more satisfactory adjustments of the boys while they are in the St. Charles School for Boys and thus reduce disciplinary problems.
2. Create a spirit of interest and, if possible, enthusiasm for a new type of experience in recreation and in academic and vocational endeavor beyond anything that public schools have been able to offer.
3. Eradicate as far as possible non-social and anti-social inclinations so prevalent in boys of this type.
4. Contribute definitely to the knowledge of the boys those things that will make them more valuable citizens, -- capable of better adjustment to society when they are returned to their respective communities.

Toward some such ultimate educational program your committee is actively committed at such time and in whatever order its introduction will be in the best interests of the institution as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle Dolton
Harry F. Hill
Martin Reymert
Harrison A. Dobbs
R. W. Fairchild.

Wednesday, October 5

Cleared. Cooler after the rain.
Much plant house work today. Upper grade children made geranium cuttings.
Met with G.B.R.S. P.T.A officers, Mrs Elizabeth Worth & others, at 10:30 and talked over tax situation. They decided to hold a mass meeting next Tuesday evening in G B R. School
M. E. & I had a half hour ride at 5:00, about town, to admire the coloration.
Got a letter from Hannibal Allen Hopkins of Saint Clair & wrote him this evening for genealogical data.

Thursday, October 6

Ice in bird bath
A heavy frost and a stout coat of ice in bird bath Tomato vines, tobacco plants castor bean plants ruined.
Geranium cuttings finished today. Fresh sand in plant house shelves & cuttings partially planted.
Our annual walk in McCormick estate this aft. A wonderful spectacle. The gold of the maples especially abundant this year. 12 or 15 of us in party – 19 or 20.
Mrs Taylor a sub for Miss Fallstad.

Friday, October 7

Fine day
P.T.A. conf in my office this day. Discussed coming election, etc.
Field trip to W. Park Ave & Sunset Terrace with 4B's.

Lunch at Jensen's studio. Miss Fulkerson served. Long chat about his plans for a school for landscape architects.

I conferred with City Clerk Musser over project for landscaping Library grounds.

E & I drove out to Clavey Nursery to inquire about Boston Ivy & drove north past Bannockburn to Half Day Road & home

Miss Engwall ill & Mrs Borg sub. Miss Cook, do., with Mrs Anderson as a sub.

Saturday, October 8

A fine day. Windy.

An hour in plant house at G B R S. seeing that the geranium cuttings were well set in sand

At home all aft. Overhauled some old letters.

At Pub. Libr an hour this evening.

E & I drove out at 5:00 to the Werhane's for vegetables.

Sunday, October 9

Threatening. Light rain during aft. Again after nightfall

Clarence D. came in with Mrs Eklund & Miss Emma & they stayed until 4:00.

I took the women and E for a ride around H.P. & Lake F. this aft.

Monday, October 10

Rained most of the day. Clearing at night fall.

Regular teachers' meeting.

Board meeting this evening. Voted to call an election to vote on increase of levy from 2:00 to 2:30 – date Oct. 22.

A group of older boys met in gym to organize a football team

Mrs Weaver sub for Miss Cook today.

Tuesday, October 11

Heavy frost and ice covered bird bath, this A M.

Cloudy but cleared after night

Morning ex. at G.B.R.S. - - - Ag't for Laidlaw Bros. - - -

Went to Presb Ch at 2:30 to funeral of Berwick Forgan, 24 years – one of our fine boys of the past, who was killed when his plane crashed at Ithaca last Saturday.

Mass meeting at G.B.R.S. this evening. Mrs Worth presided, & Mr Murray spoke on the tax situation. Small attendance – we had prepared for a crowd – some discussion, for & against.

Wednesday, October 12

Ice again this A M. A cold wind. Overcoat weather although I wore a sweater vest

At 11:30 I went to the city to check up on some slides. Back at 3:00.

Various conferences. Mentzer of A.M & Co. called. A Chicago teacher came to inquire into our nature study work.

Thursday, October 13

Rained a little in the night. Cleared. Mild. Heavy smoke fog this evening.

Luncheon at Mrs Lackners to meet Norman McClintock who lectured this aft before No Shore Garden Club at Gen. Abel Davis' at Glencoe. Mr Cunningham operated the Acme machine. I went down

& heard a portion of the lecture – The spirit of the garden – Came away in time to join the teachers who went on the “walk” through the Millard River Woods. I took 4 in my machine. Lovely vistas
This evening to Library Board.

Friday, October 14

Fine day. Mild.

Took E to bank to introduce her for identification. Then she cashed a check & made a deposit at the P.O. in postal savings. She then went on to Gary to spend the day, getting back at 8:00 PM Mrs Garling got dinner & supper for us.

Matheny called. Mrs Mack. Mrs Danley. I went out with our men to the new highway under construction in Skokie Valley & they loaded their trailer with forest soil for our school grounds. They made two trips.

At school a short time this evening. Miss Cramer had charge of the observatory - - - . Group of Waukegan pupils came

Saturday, October 15

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Sunday, October 16

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Monday, October 17

Threatening – a slight shower in the night, but cleared.

Morning ex. Orchestra. Showed ilex, pawpaw, honey log, etc.

Mrs Mack called for a conf. Fire chief – Cummings visited a while

This aft went to farm with Miss Behrens' 3B's Volunteer autos – Marie Cawley, Mrs Nizzi, Mrs Wirth, ——. To horseradish farm (Co. Line & Ridge), Jewett farm, Werhane, Crane. Fine trip.

This evening set out 3 small pawpaw seedlings in my forest preserve. - - -

To Pub Libr this evening to the 2nd Monday evening book review program.

My “starter” machinery broke at G.B.R. School & I had to go on farm trip in Mrs W's machine.

Tuesday, October 18

Rainy at intervals

Morning ex at G B.R S.

Conf with 4's over pupil progress.

Wednesday, October 19

Fine day. Mild.

Ag't for a new encyc. P.T.A. meeting at G.B.R.S. I spoke

Went to Art Inst this evening & spoke in Fullerton Hall before Prairie Club on “Friendly Pathways”. Fair success.

Bruhman, Allinson, Walker, Baroody, J.B. Morrow, Emma Evans, “Miss Butler.”

Thursday, October 20

Mort Clark

Fine. Cool.

At Pub Libr twice today – conferring with garden club com – Mrs Speed and Mrs Phelps - & Mr Caldwell (stone worker) & Mr. Jensen over the bird bath being financed by the garden Club.

12 or 14 of us went out to have a walk in Harms Woods (Forest Preserve) this evening Ate sandwiches & made coffee.

At Com. Center ex com meeting this evening at Pub. Libr.

Jessie Clark phoned me today of the death of her father, Mort Clark, in Calif today. Pneumonia following a heart attack.

Friday, October 21

Fine day.

The 3 – 3rd's set up tables on floor of gym and gave a pioneer exhibit. Grades 1 – 6 visited it this A.M., & the remaining grades this aft.

At 2:00 our annual pet show on north playground. Mr Green chairman of activities. Unusually fine exhibit of dogs. Marc Law exhibited a fine raccoon. Mr Hennig brot the pet monkey from the fire station

M. E. & I drove out to Werhane's this evening for veg. I brot back 13 cabbages, roots & all, for the school.

Miss Fallstad called away early this AM and her mother died today
Mrs Taylor, sub.

Saturday, October 22

Special election

Fine day, but clouded over at its close. Rain during evening.

I went out with our 3 janitors to woods across Skokie & west of R.R. and in their trailer they brot in a fine collection of hepaticas, false solomon seal, helenium, heracleum, etc & set out on the Elm Place grounds.

School election from 12 to 7:00. Very disappointing. The taxpayers' league had organized thoroughly & a big rivalry resulted. 1319 votes cast. For 551. Against 768. Proposition was to increase school rate from 2:00 to 2:30.

Sunday, October 23

Fine rain in the night. Cleared this aft.

Rested at home all day.

Dan came in at 8:00 & stayed until 3:30.

Mrs Sonnenschein and Jane made a pleasant call this aft.

M. E & I took a short ride to check up on the progress in clearing for the new highway.

Monday, October 24

Gray. Clearing.

Three of Mr Storm's teachers visited us today.

I came away before noon & set out for Mort Clark's funeral which was held at Bethany Union Church at 103rd & Wood Streets, burial at Mt Hope Cem.

Besides Jessie Clark and her family there were present Mr Clark's brother with his wife, also his sister & her husband, Ed & Margaret Wilson, Marjorie, Edw & Liselebert & their wives, Grant, Bessie Baer, et. al. I went by Harlem Ave, 22nd & Western & came back by Western Ave to Ev., etc.

38 miles from Mt Hope to H.P.

Tuesday, October 25

Rained off and on all day.

Worked with Miss Kennedy's 3rd A's a while this A.M. Then taught reading to two small groups of 4A's this aft. Catherine Denzel and Mary Noerenberg sat in with me to prepare themselves to do this for me for at least one period a day for a while.

This evening I went with Mr Richardson to the Jewish Temple at Glencoe to hear Glenn Frank's analysis of institutionalism. Great address.

Wednesday, October 26

Cleared. A fine day.

Visitors – Drake & Lark, Insurance. Ag't for Nystrom. Scheuchenpflug.

Taught a 4B. reading class Met Henry Kern on the street and had a visit with him

Dinner following conf. at G. Tea Pot Present Wright, Wheat, Bates, Thomas, Richardson.

After school dug up the tigrdias, dahlias & black callas (amorphophallus r.), the latter having multiplied well.

Thursday, October 27

Threatening. Colder Cleared

I went with Miss Cook's 3B's on a farm trip this A.M, duplicating the one made with Miss Behren's pupils on Oct 17.

Walter Sleeman spent several hours on my place today

This evening M. E. & I went down to the Krums at Kenilworth for dinner. Ed & Margaret Wilson also there. A fine time.

Friday, October 28

Fine day Rising wind late in day

Cleveland Grant, lecturer formerly of Field Museum called. Wm Bowden & 2 rep of Coal Co. called. Bulb planting lesson in 1B.

Took some wild crab seedlings & some hepatica plants to G.B.R.S. Mr. Rhinehart planted these and a small elm and a nannyberry

Harold Schultz called & he and I inspected the bird bath building at Pub. Libr. Then visited Jens Jensen's place and the pub. libr. at Lake Forest.

Saturday, October 29

Cool. Gray. A high wind whirled the leaves about all day. I was at home most of the day working up genealogy notes and writing letters.

Sunday, October 30

Clear at first. But gray & threatening.

Went to Deerfield at 9:00 and had Dr. Davis begin treating me for a possible "peptic ulcer".

M. not feeling very well & did not go to church E. expected Dan to come (he didn't), so I went to Dr Tittle's church in Ev. Sat with Mrs & Mr. Watt and in front of Mrs Nixon and her two daughters

A great sermon on "Poise"

Prof Sven Parson there with his son & wife, & I had a fine visit with him.

This aft Mrs Maher, Miss Collins & Miss Vincent paid us a fine call & E & I went part of their way back to show them the Jens Jensen place.

Had a nice call from Jim Mooney this evening.

Monday, October 31

Mist & some rain much of day. Clearing later.

Morning ex as usual. Mrs Bacon came to look over facilities for some special classes she wishes to organize – I drove out to Half Day to tell Mrs Davis I could not meet a P.T.A. engagement. She accepted Mr Leech as my sub.

This aft Capellor called; Scheuchenpflug; a group of Italians wishing to borrow some costumes; Mrs Goodman.

Teachers' meeting.

Mr Leech & his friend, Mr. Edwards, came right after supper to get some slides. Then I went to the Pub Libr & presided at the forth of a series of six book review evenings. Took Mrs Everett home & went into her house to hear the last 20 minutes of Hoover's Madison Garden address.

Tuesday, November 1

Gray Mild

Morning ex at G.B.R.S.

Mr Batho of the Grays Lake School and five of his teachers visited us this aft

School Board meeting this evening. Special meeting. Discussed the possibility of closing up the Elementary Bldg at Elm Place

Wednesday, November 2

Sunny until noon. Cool & rising wind this aft.

Farm trip – 3A's this aft to Mill Road Farm. Four autos, including mine. Mr McMillan, the herdsman, showed us much courtesy.

Emil Johnson, one of our most unpromising boys of years ago, called on us today – fine appearing – after years on a battleship, now a baker at Gt Lakes.

A Horner rally in our aud this evening. More than 1200 present. Judge Horner made a good talk. Appears well.

Thursday, November 3

Fine day.

Planting lesson with Kg children.

Lesson with each of two 3rds at Elm Place.

Attended a surprise party on Misses White & Grenoble in their new apartments. Only the women teachers in their dept present

Mrs Decker & Betty called on our folks this evening

Friday, November 4

Fine day. Grew overcast at evening A mist

Planting lesson with 1A's, 2A's, & 3B's

Yest. & today spent much time planning a radical change in our seating arrangements.

At pub. libr. a while after school.

Saturday, November 5

Beautiful day

I went out with Mr Lichtwalt & Mr Clarence Davis to Skokie meadows for an hour or so & collected liatris, veronica, rosa blanda, and prairie dock for the school garden.

At ten M. E. & I drove to Wilmette where E had one of her feet treated for fallen arches by Dr. R.M. Evans.

This aft I went out to rt of way of Electric on W. Park Ave & got clumps of roots of cardinal flower, helenium & fringed gentians. Brot back two or three rosettes of f.g.

This evening worked over some old letters.

Sunday, November 6

Beautiful day.

M & I to Presb. Church This aft M. E. & I drove to Lake Zurich & return.

This evening E. went with Mrs Decker to Bethany Church to hear a declamatory contest on missions.

Monday, November 7

Foggy at dawn. Threatening. Rain this evening

Morning ex. Mr Horr, soloist

I talked about the coming election to three or four groups of upper graders, today.

Dr Sheldon came with a very ancient map to be a loan.

Mrs Mack called.

Teachers' meeting this evening. We discussed candidates.

This evening at the pub. libr.

Tuesday, November 8 Election Day.

Fine at start but turned out a very rainy day

Edith left this A.M. for Gary to vote and to be gone until Friday & Mrs Dexter came to stay with us.

I voted before school and took M. to vote after lunch. Mr Brand (Enoch) went into the booth to mark her ballot, her hand being too shaky to do that

I talked to more groups of children about the election

The 3A's and I planted our remaining paper whites & some kaizerkroon & Clara Butt.

Listened with M. on the radio this evening as the reports of the Democratic landslide came in!!

Wednesday, November 9

Rainy. Then late afternoon & early evening great flakes of snow forming in readily melting masses.

Planting lesson with Miss Miller's 2B's.

The 4A's & I planted 4 clumps of Kaizerkroon & Clara Butt tulips in front of the El. Bldg this aft

Took M to Doctor Gordon, Chiropodist, this aft.

5:30 to 7:00 at Green Tea Pot. "Articulation Group" dinner. Discussed "oral English". Mr Loos, leader

Thursday, November 10

Patches of snow on the roofs. Nearly freezing all day. Misty. Cool.

Conf with Mrs Pfanstiehl and Mrs Creigh over possible closing up of Elm Place Elementary Bldg

Mrs Taylor a sub for Miss Cook Mrs Weaver for Miss Kirkland.

Miss Jones and I after school drew a world map on a large beaver board background. We threw a lantern map on the background & traced the outline

Library Board meeting this evening.

Friday, November 11

About 26° this A.M. Squally & cold all day.

We had armistice day exercises at 10:50 and on. I left at 11:20 for Chic to attend a conf at Woman's City Club on the needs of our mentally defective wards. Addresses by Rodney Brandon, Dr. Willgus and Helen Myrick.

Afterwards I went to Newberry Library and worked there over genealog records until 6:30. Home at nine.

Harold Schultz came out to spend the day at our school & help any of the teachers who wished it in drawing

Edith came home late from Gary. I paid Mrs J. Dexter \$6⁰⁰ for her services. - - Met Will Erman in lunch room today.

Saturday, November 12

Gray. Cold. Clearing at evening.

To Chic this A M. Meeting of the Round Table. Address by Supt Melton of Normal on tenure of superintendents. Mr Kingsley was present as a guest and we had a delightful time with him Also F.L. Miller who now lives with his daughter at Urbana.

Shopped at Stebbins, The Fair, Fields, Palmer House Bake Shop. Home at 3:45.

Ordered a load of sand today. So I put the dahlia roots & my amorphophallus away in sand.

Trimmed tops of glads & tigridias & stored the bulbs also.

Filled 14 small seed plots with sand preparatory to planting.

Sunday, November 13

Gray & cold.

I called on Dr Davis at Deerfield at 9:00 A.M & got some more alkaline tablets for my stomach.

Did not go to church. M. did not feel strong enough.

This aft I went down to the meeting & exhibit of the N.S. Art League at Community House, Winnetka. Mrs Increase Robinson expounded the ideas of the modernists and a vigorous discussion ensued. Mrs Murray came back in my auto.

Mr Bartoli's little son, born night before last!

Monday, November 14

Rather a fine day on the whole but an overcast sky again this evening. No clear sky for 8 or 10 days.

The 3rds at Elm Place made their vegetable pit today.

I went with Alex Rossi to the Decker-Noerenburg place on No St Johns to get a few sumacs for the library grounds

After school I took M. & E. for a ride – Mill Road & Wauk Road & Deerfield, & home. Then to Dr Gordon for a foot treatment for M.

Board meeting this evening. Agreed to close up Elm Pl. Int & mass our pupils in G.B R S & the Int School. A momentous decision!

Tuesday, November 15

Snowed an inch or so in the night. Flurries & high winds today. Slippery roads this evening.

Morning ex at G B.R.S. Helped Mrs Behrens' 3B's make their vegetable pit.

At teachers' meeting this aft I laid before the teachers the proposition of closing the Elementary Bldg. A fine spirit of cooperation manifest.

This evening I spent with Miss Sprague & Miss Grunewald at the latter's apartment, discussing the Christmas Play

Wednesday, November 16

Melted a little but still cold.

Mr Peterson of Albert Pick & Son met Mrs Creigh and Mrs Pfanstiehl and me & discussed linoleum for certain floor spaces. Mr Heydrick of Beckley Cardy came to talk blackboard

At P.T.A. this aft Miss Harriet Vittum laid before us the terrible needs of her people in the N.W.U. settlement district. A very moving story.

Thursday, November 17

Thawed a little. Sun at intervals

Miss Cook back after several days' absence.

Mr Norman Ingerle came to talk over office equipment.

Miss Southward of Kenilworth called to apply for substitute work.

M. E. & I drove to Fields at Evanston where the folks did some shopping.

I took Misses Grunewald, Sprague and Jones to the Pub. Library at Ev. at 7:00 to hear Thomas Tallmage's talk on the restoration of Williamsburg.

Friday, November 18

A fine day

Spent some time investigating the case of Stedman and Kenneth.

Miss White, Miss Jones, & Miss Sands' pupils gave a book week play this aft. A brilliant affair.

This evening to dinner at Moraine of those who are to be workers in the drive for a \$30,000 community fund. Graham Taylor present & made a fine address. Mr Leston B. Nay, chairman I am on Mr Howard Kornblith's committee.

M & E went to our "show" this aft. Mrs Decker took them.

Saturday, November 19

Drop in temp to 18° and even lower Summer clothes felt thin. Took my heavy overcoat to tailor for exam. He pronounced it too far gone for repairs.

Left my auto at Purnell & W's this A.M. to have a heater installed & the brakes repaired - \$9⁸⁵

To city on 10:32. Phoned W.E Welch Co. an order for blackboard To Art Inst for lunch & to view current ex of "Amer Paint'g & Sculp";

Then to Newberry Library to continue geneal. searches

Then to the newly opened new Chic Hist Bldg —, a splendid institution

This evening at school for a conf with Dr Fritsch over blackboard & lineoleum.

Sunday, November 20

Cold. Gray, most of day.

M. E. & I to Presb. Church to hear Dr Sherwin.

This aft at 2:30 to school for a conf. with Mr Murray, Dr Fritsch, Dr. Gatewood, and Mrs Pfanstiehl & Martin Hart over linoleum, etc.

Then I called on Mr Witmer & Mr Allison in the interest of Com Service fund.

The Sundells made a friendly call on M & E. while I was away.

Monday, November 21

Clear. Cold About 14° above

A rep. of Carson, P. Scott came out to measure our linoleum needs. Talked with his chief in Chic at 5:15. Got his price.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00.

At home this evening.

Tuesday, November 22

A little milder.

I had to go to Chic to negotiate for linoleum for the "sewing room", the "boy scout room" & the shop room. I went to Carson Pirie's to confer with Mr E.C. Dwyer. Then I was variously delayed until three o'clock in meeting with Mr Murray. After this there was one hitch after another & at length – just before 5:00, the contract was awarded to Norman Ingerle!

Wednesday, November 23

Another birthday

Cool. Clear.

The notice of the closing of the "old bl'dg" at Elm Place was "news" in the Tribune & the Examiner this A.M. – We had carefully concealed the news to reveal it today. – I called all the 330 or so children in the bldg together in the aud & told them the details - - It has proved a sensational story today. ———

I held morning ex at G.B.R.S. at 10:00 – a thanksgiving program Showed some slides. This aft we had a program at Elm Place. The 6th graders showed slides & commented on them

Various duties relating to the shift in class rooms.

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day.

Fine day

Clarence D. came in last night at 11:00. Arthur and Lennie & Ruth and a friend, Sam , came in at 9:30. We had a fine day. Clarence Smith was to have been here but wrote that he had too bad a cold to come

Late this aft, Dan, Edith & Lennie & I had a drive out Dundee Road & down Skokie Boulev to Winnetka On way back spent half hour with the Deckers & Noerenburgs.

I worked two hours or so this A.M. Planted in seed beds dodder, yam, joebye, branneria, asc. tuberosa, exalta & purpurea, cardinal flower, lilium superbum & regale, silphium l., etc.

Friday, November 25

Moving day at Elm Place

A fine day.

Our janitors hard at work today moving desks & seats from the Element Bldg to the Int Bldg & to G.B.R.S. Hazel Bell worked all day. Office material & equipment all moved.

At eight this evening two men came to prepare the floor spaces in basement rooms to receive linoleum. I left the men at work there at 10:00 P.M

This aft Mr Leech & I visited Mr & Mrs Percy W. Armstrong at 861 Bluff St, Glencoe to get their experience in germinating fringed gentians. Then we drove to Prairie View to visit a very intelligent gardener, a Mr Mather, who gave us cuttings of several kinds of grapes. We found this man very interesting.

Dan, the Enders all went away at 8:00 this A.M.

Saturday, November 26

Colder. A few frost granules in the air.

At school most of day. The linoleum crew came at 9:00 & were at work yet at 10:00 this evening.

This aft the janitors set up new blackboard in four rooms. Miss Bell worked all day

I took two hours off and worked in my garden. Made a gentian bed. Took out about a foot of soil & replaced with sand, selected soil & peat moss. Set in this the contents of three pots of sod & gentian plants lifted some days ago, and planted with them gentian seed

Sunday, November 27

Fine day

M., E & I to Mr Nye's church on North Ave.

This aft we drove to Garfield Park via Harlem Ave., Oak Park & Lake Ave but so jammed was the area about the conservatory with autos that we could not park near by. So we came back home. 64 miles

A phone from Charles Scrogin this A.M. told of the death of our good friend, W.R. Mahan, at Lexington.

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the obituary for William Robert Mahan, retired merchant and former mayor of Lexington. Mr. Mahan was born in Lexington on January 5, 1857 and married Miss Emma Strausbaugh on January 20, 1881. They had three children; E. Curtis and Douglass S. Mahan of Lexington, and Mrs. Clara Mahan Scrogin of Oak Lawn. Mr. Mahan was engaged in the hardware, farm implement and grocery business in Lexington. He was mayor of Lexington for two years and was member of the board of education and the Presbyterian church. — ed.]

Monday, November 28

Fine day

Sent 3rd graders at Elm Place home for the day to give time for getting the rooms ready.

The 4th graders moved into their new quarters at G.B.R.S.

Mrs Cora Taylor Benedict Burdick who was on our staff from 1903 to 1908 visited us this aft. She lives at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Conf at 11:30 at G B R S with all the staff of that building.

At school a while this evening

Ray Phillips began re-finishing our bath room.

Tuesday, November 29

Another fine day!

Morning ex at 9:20 at G.B.R.S. for the 4th graders; at 10:00 for the 1 – 3's

At 11:00 I met all the 8's to discuss the Christmas play.

Princ. of Norwood Park School a visitor this A M.

Various conferences.

Called at the Rhinesmiths a while this evening to advise with them about the friendly but dreaded advances of Herbert B.

Then to school for a while.

Wednesday, November 30

Another.

Worked at adjusting pupils to new situations.

Three agents.

Mr Leech & Miss McBroom absent.

Mrs Taylor & Mrs Borg, subs

Thursday, December 1

Fine day. Mild Gray towards evening.
Mr Leech & Miss McBroom still ill. Mr Elwood, also.
Much work overhauling supplies, etc.
Miss Sprague & Miss Grunewald & I rode out at 5:00 to Bannockburn and back.
Ray Phillips finished redecorating the bath room today & began sizing the walls of E's bedroom and mine.

Friday, December 2

Fine. Quite mild.
Three Aurora teachers visited us – The Misses Grad[e?]win & Miss Shoger.
Mr Leech & Miss McBroom still absent.
Miss York rep. Yale Univ films called on me after school this evening

Saturday, December 3

Mild Gray. Rain this evening.
I raked leaves over my forest preserve. Planted 12 Pride of Harlem tulips & a flat of lunaria.
Scouted around in the patches of woods bordering the electric R R. west of town. Dug up 2 small wild crab trees, & 2 liliun superbum. Conferred with Mr Denzel about drain tile for the public library grounds
To city on 3:32. Had a fitting for an overcoat at Anderson-Carlson. As I had a check with me, I paid for the coat in advance. Shopped at Fields. Then home.

Sunday, December 4

Threatening at first. Snow flurries. Then clearing
Dan came with Mr & Mrs Doltsch & Mrs Mercer to spend the day. They left at 4:30.
M. not so well after the guests had gone. Her strength ebbs quickly. Her eyes bother her
Am reading Ernst's Roger Williams

Monday, December 5

A mild & pleasant day. Gray. A shower after nightfall
A busy day. - - I heard one of Miss Sands' arithmetic classes while she drilled some 8th graders in dances for the play
Ag't for Laurant, the magician, called. Mrs Bacon came for a list of prospective drawing pupils.

Tuesday, December 6

Rained at intervals. At 3:00 some thunder and lightning.
Morning ex for 4's at G.B.R.S, but as tuner came to work on piano, I omitted exercises for 1 – 2
Arith class at 11:20.
Matheny called
Ray Phillips finished our bathroom floor today. He has papered E's & my bedrooms, decorated the bathroom, shellaced & varnished the floor, etc.
Called on Mrs McCrystle at 4:30 to talk over Edgar Gurney's finances
At school a while this evening.

Wednesday, December 7

A thick mantle of snow by daybreak & during this aft a decided drop in temp. Now 11:00 P.M – down to 7° above.

Miss White ill, Mrs Taylor a sub. Lichtwalt went home ill. Elwood has been out several days.

The North Shore Trust & Savings Bank closed this A M. & there has been much excitement today. More or less a run on the State Bank as the consequence Anticipating trouble I phoned from the school for Edith to cash a check I gave her several days ago.

An evening meeting, P.T A. at G.B.R.S. this evening. Miss Hendee & Miss Aigress talked on new children's books. Splendid program. Miss Chase played.

Thursday, December 8 2° above at 7:00 AM

Cold. My auto reluctant to start up. Clear & cold this evening. Put on my heavy overcoat this evening (first wearing this winter) to walk to Library Board meeting

Taught two classes this A M.

Edgar Gurney came to see me at 6:00 this evening as to advancing him forty dollars for court proceedings. His aunt, Mrs McCrystle, assured me three days ago that she would reimburse me, but she wants it to appear that I furnished the money.

Library Bd this evening. (This aft I had a conf with Miss Hendee over our local history collection).

Friday, December 9 3° above at 7:00 A M

Clear. Cold all day

Heard two classes in arith & geog.

Conf with Mrs Redfearn over group of plays given by Evanston players.

Mr Davies & I spent some time inspecting the toilets in the Elementary Bldg to safeguard them from freezing.

Talked with Mr Musser at City Hall about historical records

After supper E & I drove to Deerfield where I consulted Dr Davis. Then to H.P. Pub Libr. Brot home some pamphlets, etc to examine.

Saturday, December 10

Two or three inches of snow at daylight and a little more during the day. Milder

Gave breakfast to a man in the basement. Have done this three times lately.

Took 9:32 for Chic. To Palmer House (Ass'n for C.S. & Parent Ed) to hear a fine & penetrating address by Waldo Frank. Delightful chat with Margot Cushing Small afterwards.

Lunch at Art Inst & tour of galleries. Shopped at Fields. Got my new overcoat at Anderson-Carlson Home at 5:00.

Spent the evening at Clarke Wright's.

Sunday, December 11

Snow from N E. Off & on. 5 inches or so.

We stayed in all day except that Edith and I walked to the post office at 6:00 P M. We then stopped at school & brot home a framed map of the world lent me by Dr Ham Sheldon. Worked over it some while – in Latin, French & Dutch. Not later than 1650, perhaps.

A pair of cardinals, a pair of jays, a squirrel, & 50 or 60 sparrows are our regular boarders now. An additional male cardinal appeared this A M, but the other male chased him away.

Monday, December 12

Heavy drop in temp. after midnight. 1° above at 7:00 A M. Temp rose slowly until after noon but fell to ~~4-0~~ 1° above at 6:00 P.M. At 10:30 P.M it was 2° above.

Morning ex. Review of a number of carols.

Various conferences.

School Board this evening Serious discussion of the problem of recovering funds tied up in the failure of Highwood Bank and the N.S. Trust & Savings.

Tuesday, December 13

2° above this A M.

Temp. rose slowly during day

Found myself with an incipient cold. Began aspirin treatment at 5:00 P M

Morning ex at G B R S

Wednesday, December 14

Clear. Cold 5 or 6° above & rose to 20° or so. Colder at night time

Fighting to keep down a cold

Helped with the Christmas Play.

At home early from school.

Thursday, December 15 9° —

9° below at 6:30 A M!! Cold all day

Couldn't keep the two 3rd's in basement rooms warm. Sent one group home at noon. Some trouble at G.B R S.

Our hot water pipe for the bathroom froze again - & this time burst at 11:20 A M — Decker came & gave temporary help. Late aft he came with Fred Noerenberg & tore off lath & plaster on wall & ceiling to locate the leak. Is to replace broken pipe tomorrow.

My cold has taken the form of a violent distemper this evening

Friday, December 16 — 11°

Very cold still.

My distemper so bad I stayed in all day. Phoned directions to school. The 3rd's in basement rooms were instructed to use upper rooms, the latter to double up.

I left cold water running in bathroom all night & an hour after I shut it off this A M. the pipe froze up. However it thawed out all right when Ted Decker insulated things over head in the kitchen lavatory. Decker & Noerenberg refitted the pipes today & hot water is running now in the bathroom. Mr N. plastered the openings

It was -1° at 10:00 P.M

Albert DeSanto called this evening inquiring about work. I gave him two dollars.

[On this day, Mr. Gault wrote a letter to Mr. Smith regarding the annual bulletin of the Audubon Society. Mr. Gault's letter is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

570 Anthony St.,
Glen Ellyn, Ills.

Dec. 16th. '32.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

Your letter of the 12th. inst. was recd. in due time. It's very fine of you to say that you look forward with pleasant anticipations in receiving anything I might write for our forthcoming annual bulletin.

To this will say, that my fond hope is that I have something worthwhile. At present am racking my head to see if there is anything that could possibly be made servicable.

Bailey suggested that a little something be said about our bird and wild-flower sanctuary. There might be a little, but not much.

Have thought a winter picture to accompany it might work in and add to the interest, so I've loaded my holders and am waiting for the opportunity. But the weather has been so frigidly cold there hasn't been an opportunity as yet. About Musselman, will try and get a letter off to him today.

Yes, I reckon they have missed you at the directors' meetings. Last month was the first I've attended this fall. Was away through the summer and up into Sept.

At least one Meadowlark lingers in our town.

Very sincerely,

Ben T. Gault

To -

Jesse L. Smith,
Supt. of Schools,
Highland Park, Ills.

Saturday, December 17

— 7°

Seven below at 7:00 A M Moderated much but was 7° above at 7:00 P.M.

Cold got much better during the day Stayed in all day Listened to two fine concerts Wrote some Audubon letters & overhauled my Audubon files.

Wrote a "genealogy" letter to Mrs Calhoun in Washington & to Mr. Marr at El Paso, et al.

[In addition to his genealogy letters, Mr. Smith wrote several letters on this day soliciting content for the Annual Bulletin of the Illinois Audubon Society. He wrote to Mr. R.B. Miller of the Department of Forestry at Springfield, Mr. James C. Plagge of Barrington, Illinois, Miss Sally Dawson of Marshall, Illinois and Miss Frances S. Dobson of Rockford, Illinois. Mr. Smith's letter to Mr. Miller and Mr. Miller's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

December 17, 1932.

Mr. R. B. Miller,
Department of Forestry,
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Miller :

I am tempted to try you out with the conventional greeting, "What do you know"?

I am in the market for news for the next issue of the Annual Bulletin of the Illinois Audubon Society and as you may recall almost anything is grist for our mill. If you have any reports from which I may crib material, or items that you may be able to contribute, it will be much to my liking. Have you something about Horseshoe Lake?

I hope things are all right in your Department.

With best wishes of the season, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

December 22, 1932

My dear Mr. Smith :

I will reply to your inquiry by saying what most people these days say around the State House--We don't know anything. In fact, that gets to be a habit on the part of us "payrollers." At least, it has been the safest way of getting along.

I sent you an article from the Prairie Farmer written by some of their representatives who was sent down here or to some of the places. Mr. Locke, Assistant Forester, had been delegated to write some sort of publication for them describing the different properties and has some good photographs with it. He is the most competent man to do this as he has been intimately connected with most of them and he tells me that this should be available about January first. The issue will be limited but I will try to see that you get a copy to use in the Bulletin. There will be something about Horseshoe Lake. Being in touch with him I can certainly get hold of a copy. It is an effort to show up what has been done by the Department and will be reliable.

Further than this we do not know what will happen and hear all sorts of rumors. One that Horner will improve Civil Service and another that the State House will be cleaned out thoroughly. Well, whatever happens Mr. Smith, I think you can say that I have tried to cooperate with others, have tried to give people service and have tried to give credit where the credit was due. What else can one say?

You have likely read the December 15 issue of the Conservation Council minutes. From this it would appear that nothing was done between August, 1926 and about 1930 when somebody put in some hard work. As to "the appropriations being spent by politicians" you need only to look in the Auditor's Report for those years to disprove that. It was no worse now than then, if you wish the truth of the matter. The Governor's nephew was on the payroll as an "Assistant Forester" but during this administration a man from Cairo who was not a forester at all drew down the same salary for the same position and only recently was put off the payroll. So, which was the worst? I can tell you all about it if you come down to the Principal's meeting.

We trust that Forestry will have a chance during the next administration. Some have proposed to put Forestry with Parks under Public Works and Buildings but it is perfectly all right where it is if they will give us a chance. Again Parks and Forests might be successfully administered under Public Works and Buildings, as it is in Indiana under the Department of Conservation. The organization, in my mind, is not as important as the kind of men who administer it. We want real conservationists rather than those interested in their own advancement.

Well, as you see I do not know anything and this is not for publication. The circular will be, when I send it to you. One thing, we have received our salary regularly and in this respect have been ahead of those in the Chicago Schools. A new budget has been made out and we propose to go ahead as long as they will allow us to stick around. Just what changes will be made in the budget or in the organization of the Department, I am not able to say. If I stay here I hope to be able to cooperate with you and all of the rest of my friends, as I have in the past.

Enclosed is a verse sent me by Dr. Hieronymus as a Christmas card which has a good thought that you may wish to use, by Edward Markham. Say hello for me to Mr. Shcntz if you see him as I have not heard from him for a long time.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

RB Miller

RBM/RBM

Sunday, December 18

0°

Just zero at 7:30 this A.M. Moderated.

My distemper had gone by this morning but I stayed in all day & so did M & E, of course
Heard Shannon over the radio this A.M, & this aft a fine concert by Stokowski's orchestra and a
noble sermon by Fosdick. This evening heard Sockman at the S.E.Club.

Monday, December 19

8° above at 6:00 A M. Mild Melting a little bit.
Morning ex.
Left on 11:32 for Chic. Shopped at Fields & back at 2:15.
Helped with rehearsals of Christmas Play this evening & during the day

Phone convers with Edgar Gurney. Advanced him an additional 14⁷⁵ for cost of advertising court
proceedings. See Dec. 8. entry.

Tuesday, December 20

Milder still. Thawing. Slippery roads.
At G.B.R.S at 10:30 for their Christmas program which was very successful.
At 2:00 this aft & at 8:00 again (this evening) our annual Christmas play A great success.
M. not able to go & E. stayed with her.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Christmas play program. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Christmase in Merrie Englande

Presented by the Eighth Grade Class

Elm Place School

Jesse Lowe Smith Auditorium

Tuesday Evening, December 20, 1932

Eight o'clock

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In order of appearance)

Prologue Milton Tillman

Bellmen –

Melvin Borgeson

Stewart Gail

Geno Ponsi

Albert Durment

Jack McCormick

Elmer Slack

	Russell Early	Vincent Meyer	
Minstrels –			
	Walter Borgeson	Franklin Fritsch	
Sprite			Alan Thorson
Butler			Stewart Gail
Squire Bracebridge			Walter Stuenkel
Frank			Ronald Lindsay
Julia			Frances Buhl
Master Simon			Milton Tillman
Claire			Betty Carlson
Frances			Olive Lindstrom
Other Ladies –			
	Marcella Bartlett	Nancy Kaufman	Dora Peterson
	Helen Hansen	Mary Ellen Okey	
Lady Tollinglower			Marjorie Shay
Maid Aubrey			Janet Carlton
Cook			John Rogan
Dame Skylark			Florence Patterson
Cedric			James Thomas
Maid Marian			Phyllis Udell
Pages –			
	Leonard Cote	Marc Law	
Herald			John Rogan
Trumpeter			Parliament Peabody
Spearsmen –			
	Craig Kugel	Richard Francis	
Clown			Jack Preus
Lord of Misrule			Mario Goffo
Keeper of the Rolls			Leon Drew
Dame Stipple			Sylvia Fisher
Small Folk –			
	Mary Alice Larson	Billy Low	Carol Mathis
Aged Athelstane			Bruce Cliffe
Oswald			George Stricker
Dame Heywood			Louise Shire
Master Launcelot			Geno Ponsi
Yule Log Crew –			
	John Duffy	Jack McCormick	Elmer Slack
	Albert Durment	George Olsen	Joe Toigo
	Daniel Lencioni		
First Candlebearer			Alan Thorson
Second Candlebearer			Herbert Zimmer
Leader of the Bearers of the Greens			Florence Rice
Bearers of the Greens –			
	Ruth Anderson	Dorothy Larson	Vera McCreadie
	Janet Carlton	Marcella Lolmaugh	Louise Miller
	Catherine Krohn		
Good Dick			Gordon Engels
Master Cheddar			Russell Early
Dame Quickly			Ruth Chalmers

Village Lassies –

Esther Brandt
Mary Fay
Verna Mae Gosswiller
Marian Koller

Honor Lanius
Elsie Plant
Margaret Riddle
Hazel Weaver

Master Aguecheek Albert Durment
Wielder of the rolling pin Louise Miller

Soloists for the Clown –

Catherine Krohn Vera McCreadie

Mistress Cicely Elsie Plant
Master Peascod Alvin Knaak

Morris Dancers –

Leonard Cote Richard Francis Jim Snobble
Jack Dayton Quentin Greene Alan Thorson
John Duffy Craig Kugel

Master Spud Jim Snobble
Jack Stipple Stedman Wolff
Sir Oliver Tollinglower Robert Black

Minuet –

Vincent Meyer Dora Peterson

Queen Elizabeth Dorothy Larson
Sir Walter Raleigh Maraino Dal Ponte
Dick Whittington David Aubrey
Lord Mayor of London Gordon Engels
Robin Hood Guido Dal Ponte
Master Wamba Marc Law
Grendel Sam Teri
Keeper of Dragon Leonard Cote
Master Peddler George Olsen
Master Peddler's Boy Alfred Stratford
Coachey Bill Tom Ullman
Mistress Rosalind Mary Fay
Head Wait John Duffy
Good Rupert Sam Teri

Other Waits –

Bruce Cliffe Arnold Johnson Geno Ponsi
Russell Early Jack McCormick

Grummer Herbert Zimmer
Father Christmas Vincent Meyer
Holly Berry Quentin Greene
King of Egypt George Stricker
Prince George Jack Dayton
Turkish Knight Ernest Glover

Doctor	Russell Early
Captain Slasher	Stedman Wolff
Jack Vinney	Jesse Sobey
Happy Jack	Alvin Knaak
Beelzebub	Arnold Johnson

“Good King Wenceslas” soloists –
 Albert Durment Leon Drew

Huntsman John Rogan

“Wassail Song” soloists –

Jack Dayton	Quentin Greene	Jack McCormick
Stewart Gail	Ronald Lindsay	Geno Ponsi

Stage Manager	Sam Teri
Electrician	Maraino Dal Ponte
Properties	Guido Dal Ponte

Wednesday, December 21 Close for the holidays

Very mild. Thawing

I attended a kg party at E.P. where Harry Weisbach played on the violin – for the children, his son being one of the pupils - - Visited other groups this A M

This aft – at 2:00 all met at the aud for carols and I told story of the Christ Child. Exercises went off well.

This evening M. & I went over her mailing list & I addressed 34 cards for her

Last day of school for Miss Kirkland who is to be married Saturday. Mrs Weaver is to fill out her work until Feb 1.

Thursday, December 22

Very mild. Muddy in places. Rain late in the evening.

Mailed Christmas cards. Worked at school this A M & some this P.M. Drove out to Mocogni’s on W. Park Ave & tramped in patches of woods. Cut a winter “offering” (bouquet). Marked two colonies of turk’s cap lilies for removal in the spring.

Got slides together for use tomorrow evening at U. of C. settlement.

Various Christmas cards came to M & me today.

Friday, December 23

Rained through the night & at intervals today

E & I went to Chic on 9:09. Shopped at Fields. Went to Dr Jaeger to order an arch supporter for Edith. Home at 3:00

I drove to “The Yards”, the U. of C. Settlement House near intersection of 47th & Ashland Blvd this evening. Picked up Miss Voss in her Rogers Park home. She played & sang, assisted by some volunteers – girls – while I told the story of the Christ Child with lantern slides. I prefaced it with some nature slides. This was under the auspices of the Unemployed Men’s Club. Five hundred in audience. “All nationalities” – Virginia Thomas there. She had suggested my coming. Settlement workers cordial

Saturday, December 24

Rained at intervals much of the day.

Went down on the 9:32 with Miss Kennedy to attend Miss Kirkland's wedding. Nearly all of the party met at the Midland Club on Adams near Wells & went by taxi to Hilton Chapel of W.T. Seminary near Oriental Museum. Simple ceremony, then 14 of us taxied back to the Midland Club for a fine dinner – then disbanded at 2:30. Mr & Mrs Kirkland & Miss Wallace left on C & A for Virden. Mr Anderson ("Andy") & Zana by taxi for Streator, Mr Anderson's brother and the latter's daughter, Mrs Linebarger & her husband for Joliet. Miss Kennedy for Detroit. Mrs Snyder & her daughter, Maxine (14 yrs) & Miss Snyder for Austin. - - I went shopping & at length home.

Clarence Smith arrived at 5:00 P.M

The Enders were to have come but Ruth's severe illness with the flu prevented

Sunday, December 25

Rather mild. Sunny at times. No snow in sight

M. & Clarence & I to Presb Church, this A M

Dan came in at 9:00.

At 5:00 we all got into my auto & drove as far as Wilmette on Sheridan Road to see the Christmas trees & detoured into Kenilworth before coming back

Monday, December 26

Clear. Sunny. Mild

I washed a few back windows of the house

Dan went home this aft. Later M., E., Clarence & I drove to Ev. & spent an hour with Mrs Nixon & her daughters, Lena & Blanche. Home at 7:00.

Tuesday, December 27

A very beautiful day.

Clarence went home today. I went in to Chic with him & we shopped at Fields, Rothschilds, & had lunch at the Palmer House I got home in time to take M., E, & Mrs Hesse for a ride out to the Wheeling Road during the late sunset.

Wednesday, December 28

Much as yesterday

This A M. spent some time at City Hall going over records of establishment of first school in H.P.

Luncheon with Mr. Jensen & discussion of various matters.

At 2:00 E & Mrs Hesse & I drove to Mrs Pattee's and got into her car with her and Lee Horning, a H-S boy, & drove to Lincoln Park. Mrs P & I took some Audubon slides there & classified them for general use, etc. The other folks visited the plant & animal houses, etc. Home by 6:20

I called on the Greenes' awhile this evening. Elizabeth & her husband there.

Thursday, December 29

A golden day.

Took 8:32 for Chic Got off at Chic Ave station & walked over to Drake Hotel to attend morning session of A L A.'s convention. Good program. – Then to Walton Cafe for lunch & by trolley to Acad of Sc. where I worked over Audubon slides.

Set A – ready to send out

Set B – needs 10 new slides which Mr Bailey is to provide

Set C – only 20 fair slides & about 40 more that are not of much value
Set D – the prairie chicken slides we purchased of Prof Gross
Home at 5:00. Callers – Mrs Denzel & Mrs Loewenstein.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the American Library Association Convention. – ed.]

[Regarding the Audubon slides, Mr. Smith sent a letter on this day to Mr. Bailey. It is transcribed as follows: - ed.]

Thursday evening, Dec. 29, 1932.

Oh, Mr. Bailey:

For Set B we wish the following slides if possible:

Brown Thrasher
Redheaded Woodpecker
W.B. Nuthatch
Chickadee
Bobolink
Kingfisher
Baltimore Oriole
Cardinal
Redwinged Blackbird
Horned Lark

When you find just what you can dig up for us, please send me the titles of the slides. I have the titles of all the other slides in set B and I will arrange the slides in order.

Please ask Miss (I have forgotten her name again) to get a box of round red seals and tag each slide. The number can be written on in good ink when I have the entire list at hand to arrange.

As I explained to Miss Clark, there are now four of the special carrying cases in use now. One contains Set A; one, set B (unfinished); one, contains all of the prairie chicken slides except six that I have included in sets A and B; and one that contains about sixty slides of which twenty or so can be used in building up a third travelling set, if this at any time seems necessary.

Yours,

Friday, December 30

Gray. Threatening. A film of snow late in day. Colder
Edith spent the day at her club meeting in Gary
Mr Leech & I scouted in Sweeney's Woods and dug up & brot home some specimens of skunk cabbage The frozen crust was from two to four inches thick only, & this a pick axe easily penetrated. We saw no tips above ground but pits betrayed the presence of plants.

This aft I set Frances Smigosky writing letters to each of the officials of the Geog Soc to accompany a four page memo I prepared nearly a year ago.

M & I went to Dr Fitzgerald after supper to consult him about her glasses. He thinks no change of glasses will help her but advises adjustment of what she has.

Saturday, December 31

Last of 1932!

Colder. Thermometer at 12° above at evening Clearing.

Spent a lot of time dissecting three specimens of skunk cabbage and writing up my notes. Other work in my office.

Called at school this aft. Found the work of installing an automatic stoker going forward Brod home some soil to pot a skunk cabbage

Worked on a letter with a memo to send out to officers of Geog Soc. & others.

[On this day, Mr. Smith wrote a letter to Clifford Gregory, editor of The Prairie Farmer. Mr. Smith's letter and the managing editor's reply are transcribed as follows: - ed.]

December 31, 1932.

Mr Clifford V. Gregory,
Editor, The Prairie Farmer,
1230 W. Washington St., Chicago

Dear Mr. Gregory :

I am collecting material for the Annual Bulletin of the Illinois Audubon Society, an illustrated bulletin of 48 pages, and I would like to quote from the edition of Prairie Farmer for August 20, 1932. An article by Dave Thompson entitled "Producing Wild Game and Fish" includes an excellent description of the wild life sanctuary at Horse-shoe Lake.

I would like to use Mr. Thompson's material in this fashion :

"In an article in Prairie Farmer for August 20 about the work of the Illinois Department of Conservation in restoring our natural life, Mr. Dave Thompson writes with enthusiasm about the development work on the Wild Life Sanctuary at Horse Shoe Lake near the Mississippi River in Alexander County.

'Here', writes Mr. Thompson, 'is a lake seven miles long, etc.'"

May I have permission to do this?

Very truly yours,

January 3, 1932 (sic)

Mr. Jesse L. Smith
334 Vine Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smith:

We will be glad to let you use the material from Mr. Thompson's story in the August 20 issue, in the manner you outlined in your letter of December 31.

Sincerely yours,

W. Floyd Keepers

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Managing Editor